

UOYAKUTEI: PACIFICA'S NEWEST JAPANESE RESTAURANT

Readers rate the new Japanese restaurant, Uoyakutei:

“This new addition to Pacifica is great. Quality of food and service is great, too. Much better than Go Sushi and Pacific Manor ones. Ambiance is nice, too.” (B.J. Bunce)

“I went last week & ordered two rolls for takeout for lunch. The hostess was pleasant, the wait was short, and the rolls were delicious. As I waited I asked her how to pronounce the restaurant's name -- still unable to, but I told her I call it 'Sushi U'. She laughed! Would be great if whoever's responsible for the area north of the building to have the weeds cut down. Less fire danger from cigarettes discarded by Highway 1 drivers, easier to see that the restaurant's there & open.” (name withheld by request)

“A friend and I ate there on their first week of opening. My friend, a lifelong Pacifican, informed me that the location has had a terrible reputation, with a series of restaurant failures. He cited a KFC, Boston Bill's, and Prime Dip as examples and bemoaned the loss of the KFC. I would venture that most people who come to a Japanese restaurant like Japanese food. Initially, I had to be dragged to one kicking and screaming, vowing I would NEVER eat raw fish. “IT BETTER BE CLEAN,” I vowed. Well, the food at Uoyakutei was just fine. It tasted fresh and clean. I ordered a sampler, which is the way to go. Food was freshly prepared and tasted good. (On a scale of 1 to 5, I'd give the food a solid 4.) The staff was new

and it was obvious they were ironing out some initial issues. I had questions about the menu and the first waiter couldn't speak English, which was a problem as I speak no Japanese, but he got someone who could speak English and she became our waitress. Still, she didn't volunteer a lot of information, but she was sweet and semi-attentive. The place was packed! I could only imagine that, when they ironed out the initial GRAND OPENING problems, the service was bound to improve. (Service rating: 3.5.) Having been there when it was Boston Bill's and Prime Dip, it was hard for me to imagine anything else and the place hasn't undergone a major revision that would make it a Japanese restaurant -- not that it needed to. Mainly, it was clean! Plus, I think since Pacificans have such a limited choice in restaurants, we have VERY low standards, with the Surf Spot being a notable exception. This is a sad commentary on our dining choices. I didn't go into Uoyakutei with any expectations of decor. I noticed things like the front window was dirty. (Ambiance rating: 2.) Parking was excellent. No liquor license yet, but the waitress said it is coming. Staff was making an effort, but hadn't worked out all the problems yet. Customers seemed to be happy." (David Ruettiger)

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"All cruelty springs from weakness." (Seneca)

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