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Glowing Reviews for New Seaside Pinball Parlor

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Matthew Talley and Nikki and Cary Carmichael opened pinball parlor Lynn's Arcade in Seaside. The establishment has a menu that includes kombucha and beer.

After co-launching a league that bounced between locations, pinball player Matthew Talley spotted an opportunity.

"Pinball people kept finding us, and when the league grew from four people to 40, we realized this really could work," says Talley, who teamed up with friends Cary and Nikki Carmichael to open Lynn's Arcade in August.

The all-ages destination, which calls itself a "pinball parlor and can slangery," greets guests with around 30 regularly rotating machines. A flat-rate fee of \$15 for adults, or \$10 for children, covers unlimited, all-day play plus in-and-out privileges. Outside food is welcome, and an in-house menu features canned craft soda, kombucha, water and beer releases from Humble Sea, Nightmare, Moonraker and other

small breweries.

The Lynn's team delivers machines for local special events, and the Monterey Flipper Pinball League meets at the arcade twice a week.

Whether they're experienced competitors perfecting their skills or new players tackling the basics, patrons find engaging challenges in each new game.

"It's especially fun to see families come in," says Talley. "The grandparents talk about playing a machine at this or that place, their kids and grandkids get excited, and suddenly everyone is smiling and doing this together."

Lynn's Arcade is located at 1760 Fremont Blvd., Suite D1, in Seaside. Please visit www.facebook.com/lynn sarcade to learn more.