

Golden Bowl

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Golden Bowl fresh pick for Chinese cuisine

■ Largo restaurant offers inexpensive lunch buffet, convenient delivery

If you're trying to get your children to eat their vegetables, perhaps you should take them over to the Golden

Behind the Plate

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Bowl in Largo. Their string beans are one of the most popular items on the menu of the seven-year-old Chinese restaurant on Largo Center Drive.

One of the owners, Malaysian-born Chinese Waipeng Wong, said the string beans are her favorite and that customers sometimes come especially for them. The string beans are covered in an oyster, soy and garlic sauce and have an almost snack-like crunch. But the beans aren't the only menu item that brings in customers.

Walking back to work to the Shoppers grocery store after picking up takeout from Golden Bowl, Tonia Page of Washington, D.C., said she "got a little bit of everything" off the lunch buffet. The lunch buffet is affordable at \$6.50 and is available from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

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Wai Wong, owner of the Golden Bowl Restaurant in Largo, holds a plate of General Tso's chicken. The restaurant also serves a weekday lunch buffet.

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"The buffet is not expensive — everybody can afford the price," assures Wong, who shares ownership with her husband, Xiaotan Chen. The buffet runs the gamut from beef and broccoli to fried crabsticks and sweet bean-stuffed sesame balls.

There is a taste and price to suit every palate and wallet. The most expensive item on the menu is the 1-pound steamed spiced shrimp for \$15, and the least expensive items are the eggrolls and spring rolls for \$1. You can also get Chinese cuisine staples such as chicken, beef, vegetables, rice, noodles and soup, as well as seafood such as shrimp, crab and scallops.

"I like the seafood buffet," said patron Shirley Courtney of Largo. While waiting for her carryout order, Courtney commented that the "food is always fresh."

If you don't want carryout and are in the mood to eat-in, there are plenty

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buffet, Mondays to Fridays
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service, 4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Previously, the owners operated a carryout restaurant in the District but found that only making deliveries was too demanding and decided to make a change.

In addition to their restaurant's tasty beans, the General Tso's chicken is another customer favorite, Wong said, because "the sauce is very good and different from other restaurants, with many different spices inside."

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