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BBQ Cooking Class with Johnny Trigg and Rod Gray

Just found out that a popular **BBQ cooking class** has been scheduled for **April 4th in Shannon, Illinois**.

Billed as '**Old School vs. High Tech**', the instructors, **Johnny Trigg of Smokin' Triggers** and **Rod Gray of Pellet Envy**, have over 100 championships between them. This class is limited in space and should be a fun, interesting, and informative class for all level of cooks.

Check out the [BBQ Classes](#) page for additional information and registration form!

KCBS Revamps Team of the Year Points System for 2008

From [KCBS.us](#) - December 23, 2007

This past week, the Board of Directors adopted a new team of the year points system that will start in 2008. The existing point structure of awarding teams points will be replaced with a new, exciting system. This new system will make for a very thrilling points chase and will virtually eliminate the possibility of ties. It will be utilized to calculate the overall team of the year as well as the overall four category winners. The teams top ten overall finishes and category finishes will be used to calculate points. There are plans to keep the point standings continuously updated on the KCBS website beginning sometime in the spring.

Every team at a contest will receive points, even the last place team. Additionally, every team participating in a contest will be awarded bonus points based on the number of teams at an event, up to a maximum of 100. There are no double and triple points, only the bonus points based on the number teams competing at each event. While teams will still be rewarded for doing well in large contests, this system helps to bridge the gap between the smaller and larger events, rewarding teams for their consistency on the competition circuit regardless of event size.

The following is a breakdown of the points awarded at each event to each placement. Take for example the third place overall finisher at a 47-team event. The team will receive 200 points plus 47 bonus points based on the number of teams competing, for a total of 247.

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| 1st---250 | 9th---110 | 17th--65 |
| 2nd---225 | 10th--100 | 18th--60 |
| 3rd---200 | 11th--95 | 19th--50 |
| 4th---175 | 12th--90 | 20th--45 |
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| 8th---120 | 16th--70 | 24th and down--25 |

KCBS Announces New Judging Procedures and Score Sheet for 2008

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9 – Excellent

- 8 – Very Good
- 7 – Above Average
- 6 – Average
- 5 – Below Average
- 4 – Poor
- 3 – Bad
- 2 – Inedible
- 1 – Disqualified

New State Championship Cook-Off in Des Plaines Coming Up...

Keith Engstrom (KRE Smokers) has been around the circuit long enough that when word got out of his little 'winter burn-off' last winter, the teams rolled in...in February...with a -19 wind chill...and it was worth it.

The 2007 contest ran with KCBS rules, had an all-star line up of what could have possibly been the most seasoned judges (all certified) that included the likes of **Mike Wozniak** (Quau) and **Scottie Johnson** (CancerSucksChicago.com), and had around 18 teams for the hey-let's-get-some-friends-together-for-a-little-cook-off event.

The contest proved successful enough (and fun enough) to bring it back in 2008 to the bowling alley parking lot in **Des Plaines** that shares a neighborhood with the very first McDonald's restaurant. Thanks to the ILBBS' deal with the State of Illinois, the Governor's Proclamation has been secured and Keith & Crew are working hard to make sure all the qualifications are met for this to be a **Jack Daniels World Invitational Qualifier**.

Dates are not yet set, but is looking to be in February or March. Keep an eye on ILBBS.com, and this [eNewsletter](#), for updates as they become available.

Holiday Thoughts...

With the holidays now upon us,
In this time of friendship and good cheer,
We hope you've found a way to celebrate
With those whom you hold dear.

With thanks and appreciation,
This simple message we send.
A heartfelt wish of good tidings,
To all our Members... to all our Friends.

Hoping this greeting finds you well,
As the end of the calendar draws near.
Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays,
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Here's the official announcement from Jack Daniel's website:

MOONSWINERS CROWNED GRAND CHAMPIONS OF JACK DANIEL'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP INVITATIONAL BARBECUE

LYNCHBURG, Tenn. (October 27, 2007) – **Moonswiners** from Taylorsville, Ky., claimed the title of Grand Champion at the 19th Annual Jack Daniel's World Championship Invitational Barbecue, held in Lynchburg (pop. 361), Tenn., on Saturday, October 27.

The **Moonswiners** not only earned the Grand Champion title, but also took top honors in two individual categories – beef brisket and chicken.

As Grand Champions, the **Moonswiners** received \$2,500, bragging rights to winning what competitors call the most prestigious barbecue contest in the world and the chance to come back and defend their title next year.

Habitual Smokers of Springdale, Ark., secured their place in barbecue history as the Reserve Grand Champions and a cash prize of \$1,500.

A record 60 champion teams from the U.S. and 21 teams from countries across the world including, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Estonia, Germany, Ireland, Norway, Poland, Puerto Rico, Switzerland, Turkey and the United Kingdom, fought for this year's title. The international field was the largest in all of competitive barbecuing's history.

To compete at "The Jack", domestic teams must have in the past year won a state championship with 25 teams or a competition of 50 teams, or have won an event considered an automatic to the event like the American Royal, Memphis in May or Houston World Championship Bar-B-Que.

More than 25,000 people descended on Lynchburg to bask in the aroma of award-winning barbecue and to celebrate 19 years of one of America's favorite pastimes.

"Being on the professional barbecue circuit is a way of life, and many people spend their whole lives trying to get to 'The Jack'," said Lynne Tolley, certified barbecue judge and great-grandniece of Jack Daniel. "After a long season of cooking and qualifying, just getting here is a reward in itself. Every year we are amazed at how the interest in this sport grows and we are delighted to host the best of the best here in Lynchburg."

In addition to honoring the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion, the Jack Daniel's event awards first place prizes in seven categories: pork ribs, pork shoulder, beef brisket, chicken, Cook's Choice (domestic)/Home Cookin' from the Homeland (international), sauce (which must contain a little of the hometown product) and dessert. The winners of these individual categories are:

- Pork Ribs --- Carcass Cookers, Pueblo, Colo.
- Pork Shoulder --- The Heat Is On, Welch, Minn.
- **Beef Brisket --- Moonswiners, Taylorsville, Ky.**
- **Chicken --- Moonswiners, Taylorsville, Ky.**
- Cook's Choice --- I Smell Smoke, Salem, Mass.
- Home Cookin' from the Homeland --- Captain Grill & The Queen of Smoke, Canada
- Sauce --- World BBQ Team Switzerland, Switzerland
- Dessert --- Swine Fellows, Canada

Side Note:

ILBBQS had several members who made the cut this year! Congrats to Moonswiners, Dr. Porkenstein, Ulcer Acres BBQ, and CancerSucksChicago.com for the HUGE accomplishment of 'Making the Jack'!

Ulcer Acres BBQ Launches New Website

Word has gotten out that The Carp (Randy Twyford) and his bride (Marla) have recently launched a brand new website for their BBQ Catering and Competition Team. Be sure to check it out at www.UlcerAcresBBQ.com.

John Stevenson's Hogs-N-Heat BBQ team took top honors at the first ever [Maschoff Pork Farms](#) BBQ Contest on October 14th!

A tough field of competitors (mostly new and unknown) made for an interesting, and fun, one day cook-off held near **Carlyle, Illinois**.

CONGRATS to John & team! Visit his website at www.HogsNHeat.com to find out more about this award winning team.

New KCBS Website Listing 2008 Schedule

For those of you who have not visited the all new [KCBS](#) website...Go Check It Out! It is completely redesigned, easy to navigate, and features a cool new area for members to post information about their team. You can even upload a picture to attach to your profile.

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MOONSWINERS CROWNED GRAND CHAMPIONS OF JACK DANIEL'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP INVITATIONAL BARBECUE

LYNCHBURG, Tenn. (October 27, 2007) – **Moonswiners** from Taylorsville, Ky., claimed the title of Grand Champion at the 19th Annual Jack Daniel's World Championship Invitational Barbecue, held in Lynchburg (pop. 361), Tenn., on Saturday, October 27.

The **Moonswiners** not only earned the Grand Champion title, but also took top honors in two individual categories – beef brisket and chicken.

As Grand Champions, the **Moonswiners** received \$2,500, bragging rights to winning what competitors call the most prestigious barbecue contest in the world and the chance to come back and defend their title next year.

Habitual Smokers of Springdale, Ark., secured their place in barbecue history as the Reserve Grand Champions and a cash prize of \$1,500.

A record 60 champion teams from the U.S. and 21 teams from countries across the world including, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Estonia, Germany, Ireland, Norway, Poland, Puerto Rico, Switzerland, Turkey and the United Kingdom, fought for this year's title. The international field was the largest in all of competitive barbecuing's history.

To compete at "The Jack", domestic teams must have in the past year won a state championship with 25 teams or a competition of 50 teams, or have won an event considered an automatic to the event like the American Royal, Memphis in May or Houston World Championship Bar-B-Que.

More than 25,000 people descended on Lynchburg to bask in the aroma of award-winning barbecue and to celebrate 19 years of one of America's favorite pastimes.

"Being on the professional barbecue circuit is a way of life, and many people spend their whole lives trying to get to 'The Jack'," said Lynne Tolley, certified barbecue judge and great-grandniece of Jack Daniel. "After a long season of cooking and qualifying, just getting here is a reward in itself. Every year we are amazed at how the interest in this sport grows and we are delighted to host the best of the best here in Lynchburg."

In addition to honoring the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion, the Jack Daniel's event awards first place prizes in seven categories: pork ribs, pork shoulder, beef brisket, chicken, Cook's Choice (domestic)/Home Cookin' from the Homeland (international), sauce (which must contain a little of the hometown product) and dessert. The winners of these individual categories are:

- Pork Ribs --- Carcass Cookers, Pueblo, Colo.
- Pork Shoulder --- The Heat Is On, Welch, Minn.
- **Beef Brisket --- Moonswiners, Taylorsville, Ky.**
- **Chicken --- Moonswiners, Taylorsville, Ky.**
- Cook's Choice --- I Smell Smoke, Salem, Mass.
- Home Cookin' from the Homeland --- Captain Grill & The Queen of Smoke, Canada
- Sauce --- World BBQ Team Switzerland, Switzerland
- Dessert --- Swine Fellows, Canada

Side Note:

ILBBQS had several members who made the cut this year! Congrats to Moonswiners, Dr. Porckenstein, Ulcer Acres BBQ, and CancerSucksChicago.com for the HUGE accomplishment of 'Making the Jack'!

Ulcer Acres BBQ Launches New Website

Word has gotten out that The Carp (Randy Twyford) and his bride (Marla) have recently launched a brand new website for their BBQ Catering and Competition Team. Be sure to check it out at www.UlcerAcresBBQ.com.

John Stevenson's Hogs-N-Heat BBQ team took top honors at the first ever [Maschoff Pork Farms](#) BBQ Contest on October 14th!

A tough field of competitors (mostly new and unknown) made for an interesting, and fun, one day cook-off held near **Carlyle, Illinois**.

CONGRATS to John & team! Visit his website at www.HogsNHeat.com to find out more about this award winning team.

New KCBS Website Listing 2008 Schedule

For those of you who have not visited the all new [KCBS](#) website...Go Check It Out! It is completely redesigned, easy to navigate, and features a cool new area for members to post information about their team. You can even upload a picture to attach to your profile.

At last check, there were already several [KCBS](#) sanctioned events listed for the 2008 season in Illinois. There will surely be more listed as time goes by, but if you're already planning next season, be sure to check the site out. We will be posting that information on this site in the near future.

For additional information, visit KCBS Online at www.KCBS.us.

Lion Bout The Q, (Peter Wright, Kerry Kvorka and Mike Spann, a Pittsfield, Illinois Team) **Took 1st in Brisket, 3rd in Brats, and 7th in Chicken at Hermann, Missouri on September 29th.** It was only their 3rd sanctioned event ever!

They must be doing something right...their children scored well in the kids Q also. **Zoe** was 3rd in chicken and **Maggie** was 6th! They report that the Hermann is a great family event.

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August 31, 2007 ~ Weee'rrre Baaacck...

Holy mackerel...lesson of the year when it comes to dealing with computers...

back-up, Back-Up, BACK-UP!

As many of you have noticed, the updates on here slowed to near nothing in the past few weeks...all thanks to the computer Gremlins that took over my notebook pc, and wrecked havoc with my hard drive. Long story short, my trusty Dell bit the dust for good and I'm now running with a new notebook.

The absolute toughest part of this whole ordeal has been trying to recover information lost to the crash. Though I have not been able to completely recover all the files lost during the mayhem, I have been able to assemble (mostly through content found online) quite a bit of the long lost info.

I can most assuredly tell you that any and all membership information that was involved with the crashed computer is completely safe. The family and I had a PC BBQ last night...I felt it was only right to give the notebook a funeral by fire.

CALL FOR HELP...

1. Due to the recent loss, if you have had any unanswered emails recently (from me or ILBBQS) please re-send them for immediate response.
2. If you had signed up to Judge, or know someone who signed up to judge, the [Southern Illinois Bluegrass & BBO Festival](#) next weekend, and have not heard back from me (since I organize that contest and that information was on the computer too), please **contact me ASAP...**we have **42 teams from 7 states** coming in and will need all the CBJ's we can get for the contest!

I REALLY appreciate all your help in getting things back to normal (whatever normal is) in this crazy BBQ world!

For additional information, comments, suggestions, please contact me at bbq@ilbbqs.com or call me directly (on my cellular) at 618-407-3300.

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Southern Illinois Bluegrass & BBQ Festival Hits Goal and RAISES Prize Purse

After the August 1st announcement by [The Salem Tourism Board](#) (contest sponsors) that a challenge was presented by a local businessman to reach 40 teams, the volunteers pulled all the stops to make sure that goal was hit...even though they only had 29 teams signed up at the time.

An **ILBBQS sponsored 'backyard' contest** was held, flyers were sent out, people were buzzing about the **success of the 2006 contest**, and within two weeks of the announcement they **hit their cap of 42 teams**...nearly tripling the size of last year's contest. The only reason for the cap was to assure they would be able to accommodate the increased number of teams with the same high level of hospitality as last year.

Stepping up, as promised, local business owner **Leon Chapman of Chapman's Home Furnishings**, will be donating the cash for the **Reserve Grand Champion Award**. With the additional cash infusion from **Chapman's Home Furnishings**, the rest of the prize pool has risen as well...making the cash and prize package worth **nearly \$8,000!**

Here's a breakdown:

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| Grand Champion..... | \$2,000 | (TourSalem!! Award) |
| Reserve Grand Champion..... | \$1,000 | (Leon Chapman's Award) |
| 3rd Place Overall..... | \$500 | |
| 1st in Each Category..... | \$250 | |
| 2nd in Each Category..... | \$175 | |
| 3rd in Each Category..... | \$100 | |
| 4th in Each Category..... | \$75 | |
| 5th in Each Category..... | \$50 | |
| 6th - 10th Each Category... | \$25 | |

In addition to the cash purse, there will be a **'New' Team Award** presented to the top scoring 'New' team of the year. **To qualify** as a 'new' team, you must turn-in an entry for each of the KCBS meat categories, and must not have competed in more than 5 KCBS events. The prize for the winning 'new' team is a brand new **Patio Smoker made by The Good-One**, and presented by [Ace of Hearts BBQ Specialties](#) of Topeka, Kansas.

For additional information, check out the [Events](#) page or visit the contest website at www.BluegrassBBQ.com .

National BBQ Rankings ~ KCBS Point System

If you haven't seen it yet, be sure to surf over to check out the [National BBQ Rankings](#) website!

The site is basing their ranking on KCBS point total, and there are many ILBBQS members & Illinois teams making the list.

Quau (formerly Bar-B-Quau), **Ulcer Acres**, **Dr. Porkenstein**, and **CancerSucksChicago.com**, to name just a few, are all on the list and working hard to continually improve their rank.

Several of the top teams will be duking it out with one another at the upcoming



[Southern Illinois Bluegrass & BBQ Festival](#); the weekend after Labor Day.

For additional information, check out the [National BBQ Rankings Online](#) at www.NationalBBQRankings.com.

Southern Illinois Bluegrass & BBQ Festival Challenged

[The Salem Tourism Board](#) (contest sponsors) announced they will be **extending the early bird deadline** thanks to a challenge posed to them by a local businessman.

Sitting at 29 teams as of August 1st, the [Salem cook](#) has been challenged to hit their **cap of 40 teams for 2007**. When they get to the magic 40th team, a local businessman has offered an extra \$1,000 to the **cash purse**...making the prize package worth **More Than \$7,000!**

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Governor Recognizes ILBBQS Contests as State Championships

With the Iowa BBQ Society paving the way for other states, I am pleased to announce that the Governor of Illinois has issued a blanket **proclamation for all ILBBQS recognized BBQ Contests/Festivals/Events in the state of Illinois to be a State Championship**.

To cut through the hoop jumping often required for obtaining a proclamation through the Governor's Office, there is **only one requirement** for a contest to be recognized as an **Illinois State Championship** from the ILBBQS...Be an ILBBQS Member (easy enough).

We can now provide a PDF of the proclamation to KCBS or MIM, on your behalf, to show State Championship status for your KCBS or MIM Sanctioned Event. [Contact Us for Details!](#)

This is just one more way **ILBBQS is working to make it easier** for contest/event/festival organizers to produce a quality contest and focus on the cooks needs.

ILBBQS Membership Reaches 7 States and 2 Countries

As of **July 12, 2007** the **Illinois BBQ Society** has hit another milestone... membership in the USA, Germany, Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri, Michigan, Texas, Iowa, and now **KENTUCKY!**

Thanks to our newest member, **Moonswiners of Taylorsville, Kentucky**, our membership continues to grow and expand with knowledge.

Chad Haydon, Pit Boss of **Moonswiners**, says "I know a lot of (ILBBQS) members,



and I have competed in Illinois a number of times, and plan to keep doing so."

Welcome Chad and Moonswiners to (what I think just may be) the fastest growing BBQ association in the country!

Heads Up...

Early Bird deadlines for late summer KCBS contests are coming up.

[Southern Illinois Bluegrass & BBQ Festival](#) early bird sign-up is **July 27th**;

[Central Illinois Bragging Rights](#) early bird sign-up is **August 25th**.

Check out the **[Events](#)** page for more information.

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Clinton, Iowa Report...

The full results for ***Smokin' On The River*** have not been sent to me yet, but it is being reported that **4 of the top 5 spots have gone to Illinois teams!**

Grand Champion: Joey Mac's Smoke Stax (Illinois Team)

Reserve Grand Champion: Smokin' Clones

Third Place Overall: Ulcer Acres (Illinois Team & ILBBQS Member)

Fourth Place Overall: Bar-B-Quau (Illinois Team & ILBBQS Member)

Fifth Place Overall: Broken R Ranch, BBQ Division (Illinois Team)

I'll get the link to full results on KCBS as soon as it is posted.

CONGRATS TO ULCER ACRES & BAR-B-QUAU and all the Illinois teams who competed in Clinton, Iowa...**Way to Represent Illinois BBQ!**

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Elk Grove's Styx, Stones & Bones BBQ Contest PICTURES...

I finally remembered to post the pictures from **Elk Grove's** first every KCBS cook-off; the **Styx, Stones, & Bones BBQ Contest**.

Check them out via the **[Event's Page](#)** or simply **[Click Here!](#)**

Kewanee Hog Days Jacking Up Prize Money

[Janie Metscaviz](#), contest organizer, has announced that the [Kewanee Hog Days BBQ Contest](#) has upped the prize money for **1st place to \$250 for EACH of the 3 Meat Categories!**

The **Pork Cook-off Showdown for Kewanee, Illinois..."Hog Capitol of the World"** is scheduled for **Sunday, August 26th**.

As an added bone-o-fun, they will be **raffling off a Half Hog!** Tickets will be available for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

"Things are falling in place pretty good and already have a few entries from last year, so that is encouraging." reports Janie.

They have plenty of room, and are really excited to meet, new teams from around the Midwest!

For additional information, check out the [Events](#) page or visit the cook-off site at www.KewaneeHogDays.com .

New Backyard Cook-Off in Salem on August 11th

It's Official! [Salem, Illinois](#) just may be the hottest, most smokin' city to be this summer for good BBQ.

The [Holy Smoke BBQ Cook-Off](#), scheduled for **Saturday, August 11th**, will be held in conjunction with a **Washer Tournament at St. Theresa's Catholic Church**. It is designed as a pre-cursor to the [Southern Illinois Bluegrass & BBQ Festival](#). The **ILBBQS is co-sponsoring** this backyard contest with [TourSalem!!](#) as a way for **'new' and 'local' teams** to get familiar with cooking in contest situation, and as a practice ground for **'seasoned' teams** to try out **new recipes and techniques**.

This **one-day cook will feature three meat categories** and follow KCBS standards for rules and presentation. Each team must cook the three categories of **Chicken, Ribs and Sausage** in order to qualify for the Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion prizes.

There is a **\$50 Entry Fee**, and the purse has been set \$100 + Free Entry to the SIBBBQ for Grand Champion; \$75 + 1/2 price entry into the SIBBBQ; and \$50 for each of the winners of the three meat categories.

For additional information, check out the [Events](#) page or visit the cook-off site at www.qosalem.com/holysmoke .

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Three ILBBQS Members Get Calls in Marshalltown, Iowa

Getting calls over the weekend in Marshalltown, Iowa were...

Bar-B-Quau: 6th OVERALL; 1st- Turkey; 5th - Dessert; 9th - Chicken;
4th - Brisket

Ulcer Acres: 8th OVERALL; 10th Dessert; 7th - Pork; 5th - Brisket

Doctor Porkenstein: 6th - Ribs

CONGRATS AND WAY TO REPRESENT ILLINOIS BBQ!

McHenry County Fair BBQ Cook-Off August 5, 2007 in Woodstock

The **McHenry Kiwanis Club** will host its **second annual BBQ cook-off** at the **McHenry County Fair in Woodstock** starting at 8:00 on Sunday, August 5th,

2007. There are adult and junior divisions for the cook-off. Proceeds go to local **children's' charities**. Registrations must be in by July 31st.

Junior class competitors may participate starting at age 9, but require adult supervision from a parent or guardian for safety reasons.

Weekend lounge chair barbequers are also welcome.

Contact event superintendent **Angela Morrison at 847.452.7749** for details.

Ulcer Acres & Bar-B-Quau take Reserve Grand & 3rd Place at LPQue

What is being called by some a 'New Era' in the **KCBS 'Championship Series'** has proven to be quite **successful for two ILBBS BBQ Teams**.

The first ever KCBS Sanctioned Contest to allow the use of propane cookers went off without a visible hitch last weekend in **Mt. Pleasant, Iowa** at the Old Threshers campgrounds.

Competition was tight as the **Grand Prize** package grew to a whopping **\$35,000** value; **Reserve Grand Prize** package to an **\$11,650** value; and **3rd Place Overall to \$2,500**.



The well known Smokin' Triggers BBQ Team ended up edging their way to victory, but **Reserve Grand Champion and 3rd Overall** were solidly sealed by **Randy & Marla Twyford** (Ulcer Acres) and **Mike & Beth Wozniak** (Bar-B-Quau) respectively...all of whom are ILBBS members!

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to these fine teams who continue to help spread the **gospel of good 'Que** and **amazing teams in Illinois!**

<-Randy & Marla Twyford of Ulcer Acres, from Jacksonville, Illinois, at the LPQue in Iowa.

Styx, Stones & Bones BBQ Contest Deemed a Success!

40 teams converged in Elk Grove Village for the 1st Annual Styx, Stones, and Bones Kansas City BBQ Society Cook-Off. We were blessed with 90 degree temperatures, sunny skies, and some of the best BBQ the Chicagoland area has ever seen.

On Friday night the Peoples Choice competition began and earned over \$2,500 for WINGS charitable organization. The Church Of Swinetology finished 1st among the teams, winning \$250 and a plaque.

On Saturday the contest started with the Chicken category. The last entrant in the contest, D'Lo's Pitters of Naperville, captured the \$500 First Prize. The Ribs competition was hot and fierce with Mickys Sticky Haws of Perrysburg, Ohio claiming the top prize and \$500. The cooking then moved into the Pork category and Joey Mac's Smoke Stax, with some of the best pork I have ever tasted, taking the cash. The Final category went to three guys that cook flat out "Q", Porkrastinators, of Woodstock .

This year's Grand Reserve Champion and winner of \$1,500 and an exemption to pay at next year's cook-off, was the popular Joey Mac's Smoke Stax.

The Grand Champion and winner of \$2,500, a Green Egg Cooker, and an exemption to pay next year was **Porkrastinators**, who became the first champion of the Elk Grove Rotary Styx, Stones, and Bones BBQ competition.

Reserve your spot early for next year on Father's Day weekend for the 2nd Annual

Elk Grove Rotary Ribfest.

For contest results, [see below](#) or visit the '[Results](#)' page...or, [click here](#) to download the full results in PDF format.

Little Sauce on the Prairie on Hold for 2007

Tom Pankonen, the 2006 contest organizer, has reported that this year's **Little Sauce on the Prairie in Bloomington, Illinois** will not be happening. Despite uncontrollable weather conditions last year, the contest was a good one; but rounding up sponsors for this year's event (to make the purse worthwhile) has proven to be a little challenging.

Tom is toying with the idea of getting backyard event together for 2007, the possibly **coming back strong in 2008** with a full-blown contest.

Stay tuned for details.

New BBQ Association & Backyard Events in Central Illinois

Word came in today from **Peter Wright** (Pittsfield, Illinois) that the **Two Rivers BBQ Association** has been created to serve the Central region of the state. The purpose of the group is to **promote local barbeque contests**, and to award a 'season champion' at the end of the year.

This year will see **four new backyard contests** as qualifiers for the group:

- **June 2nd** in Jacksonville
- **July 7th** in Pittsfield
- **August 25th** in Winchester
- **September 15th** in Beardstown

For additional information, be sure to check out the '[Events](#)' page.

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New Backyard Event in Southern Illinois

June 23rd, 2007 - Breese, Illinois

"**Breese Farmer's Market**" is having a competition. This is going to be a non-KCBS event, but will follow KCBS rules in **two divisions**...BBQ and Backyard. **Chris Hamilton** is the organizer and has reported that for this year's event charcoal/wood cookers and propane cookers will be allowed. Turn in times are on Saturday evening. For additional information, call **618-526-8870**.

Hopedale's Backyard Event Cancelled

The Hopedale Lions Club 3rd & 4th of July BBQ Cook-Off has been cancelled due to a lack of response. Although the barbeque portion of the event will not happen, the

rest of the event will go on as planned, and the Hopedale Lion's Club is hoping for a great turn out of visitors. For a complete list of events and times please visit the Hopedale website at www.Hopedale.net and click on the current events.

Ever dream of owning your own chain of BBQ restaurants?

Springfield Illinois SJ-R ~ Published Tuesday, May 08, 2007

Springfield's Smokey Bones Barbeque & Grill is not one of dozens being closed by parent company Darden Restaurants, but it is up for sale, a spokesman confirmed Monday.

Darden, which also operates Red Lobster and Olive Garden, announced last weekend it is closing 54 of the chain's locations and putting the remaining 73 up for sale.

"Unfortunately, in some markets our restaurants have not enjoyed consistent, lasting success," said a message on the Smokey Bones' Web site.

"We made the difficult decision to close 54 of these Smokey Bones restaurants after dinner on Friday, May 4. ... In these markets, you may see some familiar Smokey Bones faces at local Red Lobster, Olive Garden and Bahama Breeze restaurants. That's because, where possible, we give employees of a closing restaurant opportunities to transfer to our other company restaurants."

Orlando, Fla.,-based Joe Chabus, a Darden spokesman, said the Springfield Smokey Bones at 2660 S. Dirksen Parkway is "definitely open and serving guests lunch and dinner."

He said the company chose to sell the remaining 73 Smokey Bones because there are too few left to be supported by national advertising.

"When Smokey Bones was originally developed, it was to be a company with a national scale to support national TV advertising. The frequency that people are served in those restaurants is not as strong as Olive Garden or Red Lobster," he said. "So we're putting them all up for sale. We can't cherry-pick."

Among Smokey Bones in Illinois, those in Champaign, Aurora and Schaumburg are closing. Besides Springfield, the Fairview Heights location will remain open but on the auction block.

The first Smokey Bones Barbeque & Grill opened in Orlando in 1999. Most are in the Eastern and Midwestern United States.


News Submitted by: **Hannah Cwik**

Mt. Vernon Contest A Success!

The dust is just about settled...**Troy Heitmeyer**, contest organizer, did another great job with the **Mt. Vernon**, Illinois barbeque contest! It's no reason why this contest continues to grow each and every year.

In it's 5th year, this contest had **47 teams** signed up. Competition was strong, but smiles and friendship could be found around every pit!

The top 10 finishes in each category, and top 10 overall, results have been posted below in the [contest results](#).

If you have any pictures from the event, send them over! In the mean time, here are a few that I was able to shoot from the contest...  [Check 'em out!](#)



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The latest **ILBBQS Newsletter** went out yesterday afternoon. If you didn't receive it, be sure you have signed up by entering your name and email address in the box above. It's free and is sent out weekly(ish).

Packed with information sent in by our members, this week's newsletter features contest updates for **Mt. Vernon, Illinois; LeRoy, Illinois; Alsip, Illinois; and Elk Grove, Illinois**...not to mention an article on how all ILBBQS Members can have use of an awesome smoker/grill combo provided by [Ace of Hearts BBQ Specialties](#) of Topeka, Kansas!

Be sure to sign-up for future newsletters; in case you missed yesterday's mailing, check out the "[News Archive](#)" page to download a copy today!

Elk Grove's Styx, Stones, & Bones BBQ/Music Festival

June 15-16, 2007 - "One week away and we have a fantastic agenda for all that attends. Carnival rides, 12 bands, **40 of the best BBQ teams** the Midwest has to offer. We are catering to the show, our KCBS cooks, don't miss this one, **40,000 - 50,000 people** expected through the gates ending in awards, a twilight parade, 3 bands and a **Fireworks** display that only Elk Grove Village can provide." - **Ron Nunes**, Contest Organizer



Let us know what you think...



We're thinking of adding a **Free Online BBQ Classified Section** to this site. What do you think? Would you find this useful? **Would you actually use it?**

WGN Radio Interview...*SUCCESS!*

As most of you know, the call came in to shout the glories of barbeque on [Chicago's #1 News & Talk Radio Station - WGN AM 720](#).

We're proud to say that the interview went well, and traffic to this website has increased more than 1,000% since interview last Saturday night!

[Nick Digilio](#) and [Jim Rhino](#) talked extensively about the **ILBBQS**, upcoming barbeque events in the state, and even had time to take calls from listeners.

In case you missed it, be sure to click the [Podcast Button](#) to download the interview. There was even a surprise visit from **BBQ Ben** (Jim's 10 month old son who decided to chime in about halfway through the interview).

All-in-all, it was a **very good interview** that shed a nice light on both the ILBBQS and outdoor cooking in general.



[Styx, Stones, & Bones BBQ Competition](#)

June 15-16, 2007 - Word has been received from [Ron Nunes](#) that there is **only room for 12 to 15 more teams** for this **State Championship Event**.

If you haven't yet signed up, be sure to check out the [Events Page](#) or the [Contest Website](#) for additional information. Be sure to let Ron know that you read about the event on the ILBBS.com website!

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Westmont's Red, White & BBQ Contest Wraps-up to Rave Reviews...

Sounds like this first year sanctioned event was a success!

Here's what one contestant (Steve 'Burnt Food Dude' Abrams) had to say about the contest...

"Jim Addington (contest organizer), the **Westmont Lion's Club, Westmont Jaycees, the Village of Westmont** are the

greatest. I found this to be the most cooker friendly contest I've entered so far.

This was a Saturday / Sunday contest instead of the usual Friday / Saturday contest. Those of us that had to work, didn't have to take an extra day off. Then we were allowed to start pulling in after 6pm on Friday. Electric was up and running Friday evening but they didn't have the water hooked up until Saturday but when it was ready, in most cases, you didn't have far to go. If there was anything you wanted or needed you would get it. I just made a comment to one of the "helpers" that I forgot something at home. **Right away the Lions Club & Jaycees had someone ready to drive me to the local food store.** I thanked them but said I'd do without.

We arrived Friday night and luckily got a spot close to, well actually right next to, the registration / Judges tent. Setting up at our leisure and **didn't have to rush Saturday morning.** We were in Ty Warner Park's parking lot on asphalt. At first I thought the asphalt would be bad and wanted the grass. There were no grass sites. I don't know if they were planning ahead in case of rain but it turned out to be a good thing at 3:30am. At 3:30am Saturday morning the rains came. It rained off and on, mostly on until 8am Sunday. If we were on grass we would have been in a mud hole. Also, we didn't have to leave until the music was finished. That was after 9pm.

I can't say enough how great the people of Westmont are. The event organizers held a people's choice chili contest Saturday night. The great people of Westmont came out, in the rain, for the chili contest. You saw people in rain coat, carrying umbrella and some getting wet just to sample chili. On Sunday when the weather cleared they came out in mass.

There were 29 teams from 6 states." - Steve Abrams

If anyone would like to send **pictures** from the contest, please do! **I'll get them posted on the site!**

As always, please send any suggestions, comments, ideas, or questions to bbq@ilbbs.com .

ILBBS Interview on Chicago's #1 Talk/News Radio...WGN 720

Just got confirmation that I'll be on **WGN Radio's [Nick Digilio Talk Show](#) on May 26th...that's a Saturday Night!**

Nick and I will be talking about food, grilling, smoking and good BBQ in the region.



I'm scheduled to hit the air just after the **9:00pm** news. If you can get the signal, tune your dial to **AM 720**...it should be a lot of fun. [WGN Radio 720](#) is Chicago's #1 News/Talk Radio Station!

If any of you have updates on specific contests, events, or BBQ News, **SEND THEM MY WAY!**

The interview should last at least 20 minutes, so hopefully there will be time to discuss upcoming contests, events, festivals, and perhaps mentions for our ILBBQS sponsors!

As always, please send any suggestions, comments, ideas, or questions to bbq@ilbbqs.com.

Oklahoma Joe World Brisket Open ~ Kansas City Speedway

News recently came in that **Randy & Marla Twyford** (Ulcer Acres) are continuing their roll through the BBQ universe. Their latest accomplishment came at the **Oklahoma Joe's World Brisket Open** held recently at the **Kansas City Speedway**.

THEY GOT 3rd OVERALL!!

There were **over 90 briskets entered** and once you turned in your entry they were judged. At that point, the top ten were asked to submit another 6 slices for round two.

The top brisket cooks in the country were there competing for \$2,500...needless to say, **Randy & Marla are pretty excited with their finish.** (and so are we!)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ULCER ACRES ON THEIR 3RD OVERALL!

Way to represent ILBBQS!!

Southern Illinois Bluegrass & BBQ Festival

After a successful meeting with the [Salem Illinois Tourism Board](#) last Monday night, a challenge has been thrown to the ILBBQS and the **Salem contest**.

One Southern Illinois business owner has offered an **Additional \$1,000 to the Cash Purse** for the [Southern Illinois Bluegrass & BBQ Festival](#), scheduled for **September 7th & 8th**, when they hit their **max of 40 teams** for this year. This will pad the payout even more than the expected **\$1,500 for Grand, \$800 for Reserve, and Payouts through 10th Place in Every KCBS Category!**

Team count is beyond the quarter mark and picking up weekly. If you haven't already sent in your application for this **Illinois State Championship & Illinois Cup Qualifier**, you may want to get on your pony and go!

More information, and **online registration**, is available on the ['Events'](#) page and on the contest's website at www.BluegrassBBQ.com.

NEW! Illinois Cup Award

An **Illinois Cup Award** is being added to the October [Central Illinois Bragging Rights BBQ \(CIBR\)](#) competition in **Arthur, Illinois**. The highest combined point totals earned in 2007, for **KCBS sanctioned events in Illinois**, as recorded by [KCBS](#), will be tallied to determine the winner.

The 2007 **Barn Burner BBQ in Libertyville, Illinois**, since it falls after the CIBR, will be counted as the first entry in the 2008 points standing.

Currently [KCBS](#) lists **8 events as sanctioned in Illinois:**

Westmont, [Mt. Vernon](#), [Elk Grove](#), Shannon,



Salem, Carbondale, **Arthur**, and **Libertyville**.

Due to the **Libertyville** contest coming after the **CIBR**, it will be the first scoring event for the **2008 Illinois Cup Award**.

If more contests are sanctioned by **KCBS**, in Illinois, they will be added to the chase. **CIBR** will use the overall standing points in each event.

The more events a team enters the better chance to win the cup. Although it would be nice, **the winning team is not required to compete in Arthur in order to win the Illinois Cup Award**.

The **CIBR** is underwriting the award for 2007, with hopes of finding a sponsor with state wide reach who can benefit from the year long exposure. If anyone has contacts or ideas **please let us know!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

ILBBQS Members **Smokin T's** and **It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere** for their HUGE FINISHES at the **Dust Off Your Grill Backyard BBQ Cook-Off** on May 5, 2007! **GREAT JOB!**

The first ever BBQ Cook-Off at the **Sarah Bush Lincoln Health System**, in **Mattoon**, Illinois, was held and the reviews from both cooks and judges have been great! This first year event has its sights set on becoming a **KCBS sanctioned event in 2008** and, according to **Kim Lockart** (event coordinator), plans are already underway.

Check out the **'Events'** page for details and **RESULTS**.

BBQ Vendors Needed!!!

This might be a little on the 'short notice' side, but a transitioning craft fair-turn-**BBQ & Blues Festival**, in **Taylorville, Illinois** has had their barbeque vendor drop out at the last minute. They are in need of BBQ vendors to feed the crowds of this one day event on **May 19th**. Set-up will be May 18th with events getting underway at 9am on the 19th.

Additional information will be sent out to the mailing list soon!
(Make sure you're on the list to get the latest updates!)

Southern Illinois Bluegrass & BBQ Festival ~ Sept. 7 - 8

It's rumored that **Ace of Hearts BBQ Accessories** & **The Good-One Cooker** has signed on as sponsors for the **Southern Illinois Bluegrass & BBQ Festival**. It has been reported that a **brand new cooker** by **The Good-One** (valued at a whopping \$800) will be added to the prize package...an **interesting twist** is expected to be announced for this portion of the prize package...stay tuned for details!

In the mean time, **BBQ Contestants and BBQ Vendors** are being sought to help make this premier event one of the biggest, and best, festivals in the state. **Online Applications** and **Printed Applications** are available, and have already been received from as far away as Lawrence, Kansas. The event offers an **Early Bird Discount** for those **teams and vendors** that sign-up **by July 27, 2007**.

For additional information, visit their online home at **www.BluegrassBBQ.com**

New ILBBQS Mail List



Hi gang! For those who stop by the site pretty regularly, you have probably noticed the 'Mail List' box at the top of the screen. This is new as of April 26, 2007. Due to spam cops filtering out announcements that periodically go out, we have implemented this system as way for you to have better control over your email account.

With the **booming interest in BBQ in Illinois**, this is the best way for us to get the latest and greatest information to you...our members.

I have already added the email addresses of our current members, but each of you will still need to confirm the listing through an email that was sent to you. If you did not get the email, or deleted it, you may still get on the list for ILBBQS updates by typing in your name and email address in the box above.

If you have any questions about this mail list, please contact Jim at bbq@ilbbqs.com.

\$10,000 Purse in Steeleville, Illinois ~ Limited Spots Still Available! ~

[Curt Jeffers](#), co-organizer of the [Randolph County Pig Party](#), has announced that they are half-way to their goal of **20 teams** for this year's **\$10,000 cook-off**.

The event is scheduled for **May 11th & 12th** in Steeleville, Illinois. Cook sites will be at least 20'x25', there has been a **wine tasting tent** added to the event, and did I mention that there is a **\$10,000 CASH PURSE** up for grabs!?!?

Although this event is a non-sanctioned cook-off, they are following the normal rules with anticipation of making it a KCBS event next year.

Check out the [Member's Only Section](#) for additional information! Better yet, contact [Curt Jeffers](#) or [Jason Vallett](#) ASAP if you'd like to pit your meat against the pack for a cut of the **\$10,000 CASH PURSE!**

Attention Members...

ILBBQS Member **Peter Cravath** (The Rib Rubbers Cook Team) has submitted an Excel file called the [Cook-Off Cooking Time Calculator...check it out!](#)

Check out the [Member's Only Section](#) for additional information!

Barn Burner BBQ at Lambs Farm in Libertyville, Illinois

Friday & Saturday, **October 19 & 20** - Fri 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Sat 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

The **Barn Burner BBQ** will feature a sanctioned Kansas City Barbeque Society Competition and a community Chili Challenge cook-off sponsored by Comcast.

Along with the **spicy food fest**, guests can partake in BBQ and fixin's, **refreshments**, a **hot pepper eating contest**, BBQ demonstrations, a **smoker raffle** and more.

Call **Kate at 847.990.3816** to enter the competition.

Check out the [Events Page](#) for additional information!

LeRoy, Illinois - 3rd Annual Smokin' In The Park (Backyard Event)

The **3rd Annual Smokin' in the Park** is scheduled for **June 9, 2007**. **Mitch Hardesty** (ILBBQS Member) reports the entry fee is \$25.00 per category. Categories are chicken, pork ribs (no country ribs), pork (shoulder butt or picnic) and new this year beef brisket.

Awards to the top 5 places per category and a **1st place showmanship award** will be awarded at this year's event. You can download an entry form, and contest rules, from their

website at www.LeRoyBiz.org.

This event is held in conjunction with the **LeRoy Summerfest** in the downtown park.

Contact people are **Hap & Becky Zook** at 309-266-5078 or **Jim & Anita Allen** at 309-962-9388; you may email jaallen@msn.com or bjzook@verizon.net.

Check in and set up times for this **backyard event** is Friday between 6:00-8:00 pm and Saturday 6:00- 8:00 am (all team must be checked in no later than 8:00 am on sat.). The team meeting will be Saturday at 8:30 and at least 1 team member must attend.

Check out the [Events Page](#) for additional information!

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HOT! \$10,000 Purse in Steeleville, Illinois HOT!

The **Randolph County Pig Party** will be held **May 11th and 12th in Steeleville, Illinois**. The purse will be **\$10,000.00** and limited to the first **20 teams**. **Jason Vallett**, co-organizer, is a member of ILBBQS, and is looking for strong event this year...with hopes of KCBS sanctioning next year. Word has it that they are working hard to put on a cook friendly event, and are **looking for CBJs** to help make this event even more cooker friendly.

Check out the [Events Page](#) for additional information!

New Backyard Contest - Alsip, Illinois

Our very own **Burnt Food Dude** has sent word that the **Alsip Illinois Park District** is having their "**First Annual BBQ Cook-Off**" **Saturday, June 16th 2007**.

Here are the details...

Location: Aquatic Park 119th & Kostner, Alsip Illinois. **Entry Fee** \$15 for each cut of meat. Cook's meeting 12 noon and turn in is 5:30pm. "**The Boss**" **Sauce Contest** \$5 turn in 5:30pm

This is a fund raiser for the South Suburban Chapter of the Illinois Autism Society.

Contact Alsip Park District at (708) 389-1003 for more information.

HOT! [Championship BBQ Trailer FOR SALE](#) HOT!

This just in...Alex (**Doctor Porkenstein**) has his **Competition BBQ Trailer for sale!** With the amazing BBQ career they have had using this trailer, it's sure to come with an abundance of **BBQ Mojo** too! [Click Here](#) to see some pictures, get a description, and [contact Alex for more information](#).



[Styx, Stones, & Bones BBQ Competition](#)

(June 15-16, 2007) Word has been received that the Elk Grove Rotary's BBQ Contest this year will be sponsored by **Sweet Baby Ray's BBQ**...Congrats to Ron & Crew on a job well done! According to Ron Nunes, contest organizer, they have added a public **Rib Eating Contest**, and a Pit Boss Eating Contest on Saturday, along with two BBQ Cooking Demos on Thursday & Sunday!

February 27, 2007 1st ever BBQ Contest held on Ice - Fire on Ice BBQ Championship

The first of it's kind BBQ Contest on Ice was held February 24th on frozen Mille Lacs Lake in Isle Minnesota. Appropriately named Fire on Ice, the competitors heated up the frozen lake with some great Barbecue. 19 teams from 5 states entered the contest where Chicken, Pork Sausage, Pork Loin and Pork Ribs were cooked in 20 degree weather with lots of wind and snow to make things interesting. The contest was held at Buzzies on the Bay resort which



provided a warm place for teams to dash in from the cold for Warm Drinks and a break from the cold. Teams arrived on the lake in the early morning hours where setup was hampered by the driving wind and snow. There were 10 acres plowed off for the competitors, however all 19 teams fit into about 2 acres as everyone tried to setup down wind of the next team for some wind blockage. By daylight the cooks had settled into their warm clothes and began to cooking.

Chicken turn in started the at 12:30 and the judges were treated to some fantastic entries as 4 of the KCBS top 10 year end cooks were here. Pork Sausage was next up and the variety of meats and preparation made for some interesting entries. Pork Loin was next followed by Pork Ribs. All competitors were required to turn in 7 samples and no garnish was allowed which was a change from normal for most of the teams.

The Awards Ceremony for the Fire on Ice BBQ Championship sponsored by Hawgeyesbbq.com was held in the dining room of Buzzies on the Bay. The teams were treated to a beautiful buffet dinner and a festive atmosphere shined as the teams thawed out from the cold outside. Contest organizer Jeff Turcotte was joined by International Ice BBQ Society representatives Art McClaren and Ken Nelson who did a great job all day. Chicken was up first and the team of Bavarian Outcasts BBQ took top honors, followed by Toad Hollar BBQ from Missouri. In the Pork Sausage category 3 Guys and a Grill, a rookie team from Mora Minnesota won top spot followed by Big Bubbas Roadhouse. Pork Loin was won by Everybody Loves Raymonds BBQ and second place was claimed by A Boy and His BBQ. The final category, Ribs found Smack Talk BBQ winning followed by A Boy and His BBQ.

The final awards were for the Reserve Grand Champions, 3 Guys and a Grill, a first time team of Brother in laws Dave Endicott of Mora, Minnesota and Dave Stiens who normally cooks with Toad Hollar BBQ form Marysville, Missouri. The Rookie team placed in all 4 categories.

The **2007 1st Annual Fire on Ice BBQ Grand Champions** were Smack Talk BBQ a team formed between Darren Warth of Smokin Clones and **Randy Twyford of Ulcer Acres (an Illinois Team)**. The Smack Talk BBQ team were proclaimed Official City of Isle BBQ Champions and will have a spot in the Annual Isle Daze parade reserved for them this summer. Congratulations to them and all the teams that braved the cold weather and made this a great event. Plans are already underway for the 2008 event to be a full sanctioned KCBS Minnesota State Championship.

Top 5 in each category -

Chicken 5, A Boy and His BBQ - 4, Smack Talk BBQ - 3, Two Fat Bikers - 2, Toad Hollar - 1, Bavarian Outcasts BBQ.

Pork Sausage 5, Toad Hollar - 4, Smokin Moose BBQ - 3, Top Shelf BBQ - 2, Big Bubbas Roadhouse BBQ - 1, 3 Guys and a Grill.

Pork Loin 5, BBQ Council - 4, Ponderosa BBQ - 3, Smack Talk BBQ - 2, A Boy and His BBQ - 1, Everybody Loves Raymonds BBQ.

Pork Ribs 5, Bavarian Outcasts BBQ - 4, Top Shelf BBQ - 3, 3 Guys and a Grill - 2, A Boy and His BBQ - 1, Smack Talk BBQ.

Top 5 Overall - 5, Toad Hollar BBQ - 4, Hawgeyes Original BBQ - 3, A Boy and His BBQ - 2, 3 Guys and a Grill and 1st Smack Talk BBQ.

Styx, Stones, & Bones BBQ Competition (June 15-16, 2007)

Ron Nunes has sent word that due to inquiries, and growth of the contest, ALL cook sites have been **upgraded to 35'x35' sites**...they have moved the contest to a 5 acre baseball complex!

2007 Des Plaines, Illinois Winter Burn Off - RESULTS

Grand Champion
Dr. Porkenstein

Reserve Grand Champion
Porkrastinators

Sausage

1. Porkrastinators
2. Rib's Racing Ribs
3. [Dr. Porkenstein](#)
4. KRE Smokers
5. Swiney Happy People

Chicken

1. [Dr. Porkenstein](#)
2. Smokey Joel
3. We Won't Get Smoked Again
4. Backyard BBQ Store
5. Joey Mac's Smoke Stax

Ribs

1. Dr. Chuckie
2. Porkrastinators
3. [Burnt Food Dude](#)
4. [Dr. Porkenstein](#)
5. Joey Mac's Smoke Stax

Congratulations to all the teams!

2007 Central Illinois Bragging Rights

This state championship cook-off in Arthur, Illinois is scheduled for **October 12th & 13th**. Check out the [Events Page](#) for additional information.

New KCBS Sanctioned Contest

KCBS has now listed a newly sanctioned event in Northern Illinois. The **Westmont BBQ** is scheduled for **May 26th & 27th**. Check out the [Events Page](#) for additional information. (Thanks to [Da Burnt Food Dude](#) for the heads up!)

2007 Winter Burnoff

Word has been received (thanks [Dr. Porkenstein](#)) of the **2007 Winter Burnoff** in **Des Plaines, Illinois**. This annual event is looking for around 20 teams (they have 12 at last word), and should be a real **fun one day event!**

CALL FOR JUDGES...Check out the [Events Page](#), or visit [their website](#), for additional information.

[Click Here for directions to the event!](#)

KCBS Team of the Year for 2006

The results are in and more than one Illinois BBQ team made the top 10 on KCBS' Team of the Year for 2006!

Although tied in points, with a whopping 75, ILBBQS Member **Bar-B-Quau** took **2nd Overall!** Check out the KCBS website for all the details...[click here!](#)

Elk Grove Ribfest

The [Styx, Stones, & Bones BBQ Competition](#) / [Elk Grove Ribfest](#) has added a new website with information about their KCBS Sanctioned event. Check it out to [download your application](#) for this soon-to-be-state-championship-recognized event in the northern part of the state.

~UPDATE~ This event is now a State Championship Barbeque!

HOT! Southern Illinois Bluegrass & BBQ Festival **HOT!**

Illinois) has updated the information on their website for the 2007 KCBS Sanctioned event. After a very successful first year contest in 2006, this State Championship event is looking to be a triple-point (50+ team) contest; it will be held in conjunction with the [17th Annual Bluegrass Festival](#). Musicians already booked for this event include 2007 GRAMMY Nominated groups, local favorites, and 'jammers' from all over the U.S.A. for impromptu Pickin' & Grinnin' sessions.

BBQ Contestants and Vendors are being sought to help make this premier event one of the biggest, and best, festivals in the state. [Online Applications](#) and [Printed Applications](#) are available, and have already been received from as far away as Kansas, the event offers an earlybird discount for those teams and vendors that sign-up by July 27, 2007.

For additional information, visit their online home at www.BluegrassBBQ.com

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Certified Judging Class

Word is in that the Chicagoland area will be host to the first, and next, [KCBS Certified Judging Class](#) of 2007. Check the '[Classes](#)' page for more information!