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2009 PIGS & PEACHES BBQ FESTIVAL CROWNS CHAMPIONS

Kennesaw, Ga. (August 18, 2009) - Bill Anderson and the Chatham Artillery BBQ cooking team from Savannah, Georgia bested 41 other professional teams to claim the title of Grand Champion at the City of Kennesaw's Pigs & Peaches BBQ Festival held on August 14 and 15.

Anderson and his team won \$2,000 in cash, a Big Green Egg cooker, a one-of-a-kind ceramic trophy and bragging rights as State Champions in the Georgia State Championship Barbeque Cookoff and Kansas City Barbecue Society (KCBS) sanctioned competition. The team also took home over \$1,000 in cash and prizes in other judging categories, including 1st place in the pork ribs category, 2nd place in the chicken category, 3rd place in the beef brisket category and 4th place in the pork category.

Pop's Blazin Smokers of Livingston, Louisiana garnered the Reserve Grand Champion award of \$1,500 in cash, a trophy, and over \$400 in cash and prizes.

A total of 34 other cooking teams competed in amateur (non-KCBS) categories, including a Peach Dessert, Backyard BBQ and Anything Butt contest. Complete contest results are listed below.

KCSB CategoriesOverall

Grand Champion: Chatham Artillery BBQ, Team Captain: Bill Anderson, Savannah, Georgia, \$2,000

Reserve Champion: Pop's Blazin Smokers, Team Captain: John Zeigler, Livingston, Louisiana, \$1,500

Chicken

1st place - Pop's Blazin Smokers, Team Captain: John Zeigler, Livingston, Louisiana, \$400

2nd place - Chatham Artillery BBQ, Team Captain: Bill Anderson, Savannah, Georgia, \$300

3rd place - Team Bobby Q, Team Captain: Bobby Cresap, Atlanta, Georgia, \$200

4th place - Deep South BBQ, Team Captain: Randall Bowman, Cumming, Georgia, \$100

5th place - Zeigler's Pit Crew, Team Captain: Al Zeigler, Acworth, Georgia, \$50

Pork Ribs

1st place - Chatham Artillery BBQ, Team Captain: Bill Anderson, Savannah, Georgia, \$400

2nd place - Daddy Pat's BBQ Company, Team Captain: Lawrence Patton, Stone Mountain, Georgia, \$300

3rd place - Magnificent Red-eyed Smoker, Team Captain: Steve Stolk, Branden, Mississippi, \$200

4th place - Jack's Old South, Team Captain: Myron Mixon, Vienna, Georgia, \$100

5th place - TNT Southern BBQ, Team Captain: Tim Thomas, Emerson, Georgia, \$50



Pork

- 1st place - Johnny Mitchell's Smokehouse, Team Captain, Jonny Mitchell, Euharlee, Georgia, \$400
- 2nd place - Carpet Capitol Smokers, Team Captain, Chet Calhoun, Dalton, Georgia, \$300
- 3rd place - Team Bobby Q, Team Captain: Bobby Cresap, Atlanta, Georgia, \$200
- 4th place - Chatham Artillery BBQ, Team Captain: Bill Anderson, Savannah, Georgia, \$100
- 5th place - Character's Famous BBQ, Team Captain: Michael Character, Adairsville, Georgia, \$50

Beef Brisket

- 1st place - TNT Southern BBQ, Team Captain: Tim Thomas, Emerson, Georgia, \$400
- 2nd place - Jack's Old South, Team Captain: Myron Mixon, Vienna, Georgia, \$300
- 3rd place - Chatham Artillery BBQ, Team Captain: Bill Anderson, Savannah, Georgia, \$200
- 4th place - Carpet Capitol Smokers, Team Captain: Chet Calhoun, Dalton, Georgia, \$100
- 5th place - Wicked Pig, Team Captain: Jeff Walker, Canton, Georgia, \$50

Non-KCBS categories

Peach Dessert

- 1st place - Oink2Tail BBQ Team, Team Captain: Mark Pearson, Calhoun, Georgia, \$300
- 2nd place - Sweet Rack BBQ, Team Captain: Chris Dickens, Kennesaw, Georgia, \$200
- 3rd place - Smokin J's BBQ, Team Captain: Jeff Rittman, Acworth, Georgia, \$100

Backyard BBQ Overall

- Grand Champion - P's and Ques, Team Captain: Patrick Geist, White, Georgia, \$500

Backyard BBQ Chicken

- 1st place - P's and Ques, Team Captain: Patrick Geist, White, Georgia, \$200
- 2nd place - The Right Stuff BBQ, Team Captain: Craig Cardell, Griffin, Georgia, \$150
- 3rd place - Have Smoke Will Travel, Team Captain: Bill Dowd, Woodstock, Georgia, \$100

Backyard BBQ Pork Ribs

- 1st place - Smokin J's BBQ, Team Captain: Jeff Rittman, Acworth, Georgia, \$200
- 2nd place - Blowing Smoke, Team Captain: Todd Wiedman, Acworth, Georgia, \$150
- 3rd place - Big Bad BBQ Daddies, Team Captain: Dale Hatcher, Cumming, Georgia, \$100

Backyard BBQ Pork

- 1st place - Big Mac's Cooking, Team Captain: Josh McDonald, White, Georgia, \$200
- 2nd place - Que'n, Stew'n, and Brew'n, Team Captain: Mark Rasmussen, Acworth, Georgia, \$150
- 3rd place - The Right Stuff BBQ, Team Captain: Craig Cardell, Griffin, Georgia, \$100

Anything Butt

- 1st place - Mrs. T's BBQ, Team Captain: Stan Thompson, Norcross, Georgia, \$300
- 2nd place - Backyard Sergeants, Team Captain: Andrew Smilie, Sandy Springs, Georgia, \$200
- 3rd place - Pig Pokers, Team Captain: Mark Miller, Douglasville, Georgia, \$100

Ninety-two judges, most of them certified KCBS judges, rated the award winning entries. Kennesaw's Mayor Mark Mathews announced the contest winners in an awards presentation on Saturday afternoon.

The cooking contests were just some of the many activities that took place during the festival which attracted an estimated crowd of 45,000 people to Adams Park and the Ben Robertson Community Center in Kennesaw.

In addition to food vending, giant inflatables, a climbing wall, helicopter rides, parachuting daredevils and live music, on Friday, a total of 322 avid dodgeball enthusiasts "ducked, dove and dived" as they broke the Guinness World Record's largest dodgeball game ever played. The game was co-sponsored by the City of Kennesaw and Kennesaw State University.



After the game, nine teams competed in a 6-on-6 dodgeball tournament. The winning team, Night Train, was comprised of players Denise Botelho, Keith Botelho, Ben Casella, Darren Crouitz, Mike Defusco, Michael Lipai, David Tatum, Cory Thomason and Brian Watkins.

Two new events were also part of this year's festival, both conducted by Kennesaw WiFi. The Guitar Hero challenge competition was won by 13-year-old Elijah Strobeck. He defeated runner-up Jacob Zimmerman in the final round to claim the grand prize of a PS3 game console.

In the KenneSong talent competition, six contestants were chosen by the judges to advance to the final round. They are Amy Sepke, Richard Benson, Grant McCloud, Jason Turner, Emily Priborkin and Sydney Wender. Each of their auditions is posted on the city WiFi site, www.kennesawwifi.com, where visitors to the site will vote for the winner. Five music professionals judged the competition: singer/songwriter Slim, dancer/rapper Tekaboo, singers NatStar and Sekay, and the CEO of Push Management, veteran music industry manager/producer DeWayne Martin.

For more information visit www.kennesaw-ga.gov/pkrec or contact the City of Kennesaw Parks & Recreation Department at (770) 422-9714.

Digital photos included

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