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A Boy and His BBQ Named Reserve Grand Champion at Jack Daniels World Championship Invitational BBQ

Des Moines BBQ Restaurant Partners Continue Winning Streak and Prepare to go Head-to-Head

October 28, 2013 (Des Moines, IA) – Smokey D's BBQ is continuing their success on the championship BBQ circuit. On Saturday, Co-Owners Shad and Angie Kirton who compete under the name *A Boy and His BBQ* took 7th place in Ribs, 1st place in Brisket and Overall Reserve Grand Champions at the 25th Annual Jack Daniels World Championship Invitational BBQ in Lynchburg, TN. Otherwise known as "The Jack" most competitors view it as the holy grail of all BBQ Contests due the qualification process. In order to compete you must win a qualifying state championship and then be drawn out of pool of champions from each state. This year 97 teams from around the World converged on Lynchburg TN to compete.

The Kirtons are no strangers to winning big prizes. In 2010 they were crowned Kingsford BBQ Pitmasters on the popular Destination America show BBQ Pitmasters. "It's quite an honor to finish well at The Jack where the best of the best from around the world compete." Said Kirton. "It's everyone's dream in the BBQ world just to hear your name called once... let alone 3 times!" he added.

Their win is on the heels of their business partners Darren and Sherry Warth winning the American Royal Open BBQ Contest and Reserve Grand Champions in the Sam's Club National Championship a few weeks prior. These three top finishes in the Grand Slam of BBQ could very well give them the title of the winningest BBQ restaurant in the country.

Both teams hope their momentum continues as this weekend they will compete against each other at the USA Barbecue Championship in Laughlin, NV where \$100,000 in prize money will be awarded. The following week Shad and Angie will compete in the World Food Championships in Las Vegas, NV while Darren and Sherry will travel to New York City to compete in the Kingsford Invitational.



About Smokey D's BBQ

Smokey D's BBQ was founded in 2006 by Darren and Sherry Warth in a trailer in their driveway. Their success on the competition BBQ circuit yielded multiple requests from friends and businesses for caterings of smoked meats. Both having fulltime jobs, the catering operations quickly became overwhelming. In 2007 they partnered up with Chef Shad Kirton and his wife Angie to open their first carryout BBQ and catering operation. With an overwhelming response from customers in 2008 they opened up a remote location in the skywalk system of downtown Des Moines. In 2009 they opened up another remote location only 6 blocks away to service the Western Gateway of Des Moines. In 2010 Shad and Angie were named Champions of the BBQ Pitmasters TV Show as seen on Destination America at the same time Smokey D's was opening a 400 seat restaurant on Des Moines's North side. With a mission of providing Championship quality BBQ, made from scratch side dishes served quickly at an affordable price, restaurant and catering operations continue to grow. Smokey D's has become known as Central Iowa's place for Championship BBQ. Both owners compete against each other on the BBQ circuit (Darren and Sherry under Iowa's Smokey D's BBQ and Shad and Angie under A Boy and His BBQ) and have won a combined 600+ Category awards and over 40 State BBQ Championships including Darren and Sherry's recent win of the American Royal World Series of BBQ in Kansas City. For more information about Smokey D's BBQ visit www.smokeydsbbq.com or call 515-243-2747.

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