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Smokey D's BBQ wins the World Series of BBQ (Again!)

Only 2 weeks after winning National Championship

November 2, 2016 (**Des Moines, IA**) – Smokey D's BBQ team continues their domination on the National BBQ circuit as they claimed 4th Place in Chicken, 11th place in Ribs and 1st place in Brisket with a Perfect 180 Score and Overall Grand Champions over the weekend at the American Royal Open BBQ Contest in Kansas City. Their final score of 706.3084, out of a possible 720 points, outpaced Reserve Grand Champion Montana Outlaw BBQ by over 9 points.

The American Royal BBQ presented by Smithfield, the largest BBQ Contest in the world, is divided into 2 separate contests. The Invitational Contest on day 1, where 180 championship teams competed for bragging rights and \$30,000 in prize money, In the Invitational contest Smokey D's finished 15th in Ribs and 11th overall. The Open Contest on day 2 paired all the Invitational teams in addition to 377 additional open teams (including 11 International teams) for a total team count of 557 teams competing for over \$60,000 in Prize Money.

Smokey D's is the only team to complete the Grand Slam of KCBS BBQ Competitions. They have won the 2013 American Royal Open, the 2014 Jack Daniels World Championship, the 2014 King of the Smoker, the 2016 Sam's Club National Championship and now the 2016 American Royal Open. In addition, they won the 2013 Kingsford Invitational in New York City.



Pictured Left to Right Emily Detwiler, Smithfield, Sterling Ball, Big Poppa Smokers, Darren Warth, Smokey D's BBQ, Taylor Davis, Smithfield, Tuffy Stone, Q Barbeque and Cool Smoke BBQ Team, Dedra Berg, Smithfield and Sherry Warth, Smokey D's BBQ.

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 opened up 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 they opened a 500 seat restaurant on the North side of Des Moines off of I-80. 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. Darren and Sherry competing under Iowa's Smokey D's BBQ have won a combined 700+ Category awards and over 75 State BBQ Championships including Darren and Sherry's recent win of the Sam's Club National Championship in Bentonville, AR. Smokey D's was featured in 2013 on Food Network's Diners, Drive-In's and Dives. For more information about Smokey D's BBQ visit www.smokeydsbbq.com or call 515-243-2747.

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