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Smokey D's BBQ wins National Championship at Sam's Club Competition

Only team in the Nation to win all 4 BBQ Majors on the KCBS Circuit

October 4, 2016 (**Des Moines, IA**) – Smokey D's BBQ team continues to dominate on the BBQ circuit as they claimed 1st Place in Chicken, 5th place in Ribs, 2nd place in Pork and 9th place in Brisket and Overall Grand Champions over the weekend at the Sam's Club National BBQ competition in Bentonville, Arkansas. Their final score of 711.9772 was the highest score ever recorded at the National Championship, outscoring Reserve Grand Champion Lucky's Q out of Denver, IA by 8 points. The combined prizes added up to \$59,000 for the husband and wife team who own Smokey D's BBQ in Des Moines.

The Sam's Club series started with 750 teams at local events from which 150 qualified for regional competitions. From there 50 advanced to the National Championship in Sam's Club hometown of Bentonville, Arkansas. Smokey D's took Grand Champion in the local event in Fort Collins, CO and 3rd Overall in the Regional event in Las Vegas in April.

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 and the 2016 Sam's Club National Championship. In addition they won the 2013 Kingsford Invitational in New York City.



Pictured Left to Right are Michael McDearman, Sam's Club National BBQ Tour Director, Darren and Sherry Warth, owners of 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 600+ Category awards and over 50 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-Ins and Dives. For more information about Smokey D's BBQ visit www.smokeydsbbq.com or call 515-243-2747.

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