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State Barbecue Champion Named at Commissioner’s Cup BBQ Cook-off and Festival

COLUMBIA – The 8th annual Commissioner’s Cup BBQ Cook-off and Festival named a new State Barbecue Champion on Saturday, March 23. The South Carolina Department of Agriculture hosted this competition at the State Farmers Market, where over 25 cook teams competed for the Grand Champion title.

2019 Winners and awards:

Grand Champion (\$600): Smokin’ Gringos – Mike Bastin, Charleston, SC

Reserve Champion (\$300): Ultimate Tailgaters BBQ- Chris Fulmer, Aiken, SC

Boston Butts:

1st Place (\$1,000): Smokin’ Gringos – Mike Bastin, Charleston, SC

2nd Place (\$600): Ultimate Tailgaters BBQ - Chris Fulmer, Aiken, SC

3rd Place (\$300): Cedar Creek ‘Cue Crew – Tommy Page, Bishopville, SC

Pork Ribs:

1st Place (\$1,000): Butts R Us – Butch Kelly, Waxhaw, NC

2nd Place (\$600): Smokin’ Gringos – Mike Bastin, Charleston, SC

3rd Place (\$300): Smoke by Day, Fire by Night – Jim Bennett, Rock Hill, SC

People’s Choice Award: Daddy Blues BBQ – Desmond Goines, Columbia, SC

In addition to a cash prize, winners in all categories of the Commissioner’s Cup received a trophy. The cook-off was sanctioned by the Southern Barbecue Network. For more information on next year’s competition, contact Kate Daly at kdaly@scda.sc.gov or 803-766-0283.



Smokin' Gringos of Charleston, SC was presented the Grand Champion title by SC Agriculture Assistant Director of Marketing Chad Truesdale at the 2019 Commissioner's Cup BBQ Cook-off.