



# Monthly Happenings

by Ray Ringgenberg

June already and things are heating up in Iowa with the weather and in BBQ.

Iowa has already had 4 KCBS BBQ contests starting in April with the double header in Boone then BBQ in the Bluffs and Smokin' in the Junction in May.

Four contests is that magic number to make your team eligible for the Iowa BBQ Society team of the year awards. Of course that is not the only requirement. You must also be a current IBS member at the time of the contest. If you have not signed up to be a member and want to be eligible for Team of the Year, please sign up today. There is still time but your time is running out fast.

<http://www.iabbq.org/signuprenewal.html>

While on the website, check out the all the backyard contests in Iowa. We get

more and more each week added to the list. If you or somebody you know are having a backyard style contest or would like to have a contest, please contact us. We would love to help you make your contest great.

Some things you will find in this month's edition.

- IBS Grants
- Contest reviews

Happy Q'n!

If you have an event you would like featured in the IBS newsletter please send to:

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Great Opportunity from IBS



Smokers Purgatory wins VJ!

# IBS Grants

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Did you know the Iowa BBQ Society has grant opportunities?

- IBS Events Grant
- IBS Scholarship Grant

## IBS Events Grant

This grant is available to any Iowa BBQ Society member that may need help with a backyard BBQ contest in the state of Iowa. We select a few contests a year to receive help in the form of money and or help with organization with their contest.

To be considered, fill out the form which includes questions about your contest. How will your contest benefit Iowa BBQ? How will you promote your contest and the IBS? Are a few questions you might find in the form.

Look at the IBS website for more info and to submit your event. The earlier you are, the better chances you'll have to receive the grants.



## IBS Scholarship Grant

The scholarship grants has been around for some time and we are pleased to still provide this scholarship to our members. If you look at the scholarship form you will see we opened it up to our members and their children.

We felt it is the best interest of the society to give back to our dedicated dues paying members. If you have a student looking to go to college or you are a student and could use some help, sign up for the IBS Scholarship and hopefully we can help you out.

Grant applications are due by **October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015** and the recipients will receive their grant money at the Annual Banquet in January (date to be announced).

Click on the link below for both of these great grant opportunities.

<http://www.iabbq.org/ibsggrantapplication.html>



# Smokin' in the Junction

by Mike Green

The Valley Junction did a turn around this year with a new organizer, Katie Rooney. Katie did a great job in her first year as contest organizer. This will be looking up for this contest in the future with her at the helm.

The weather was mild with morning rain that was over by turn in time.

37 teams competed this year with a lot of the regulars, the seasoned vets, the newbies and the teams that you see only from time to time that rounded out a very diverse field of teams.

A cook called me and said that the team list was up and that he did not recognize many of them. I looked at the list and saw many good teams that only do a few each season. Kev's Chew Chew BBQ, Albino Rhino BBQ, 4 Mile Smokin Crew, Smokin Chicken BBQ, Woo Hoo BBQ, Iowa State Grill Team, and Smokin The Night Away are teams that compete only a few times in a year and all of these teams got top ten calls.

If these teams could cook more during the season, BBQ would be even tougher in Iowa and in the points chase.

Your winners for the weekend are:

**Grand Champion - Smokers Purgatory**

**Reserve Grand Champion – True Bud**

With a \$10,000 purse that paid down 10 places in cash, a lot of teams walked away with a smile.

Contest organizer Katie and Contest Reps, Tom and Cindy Juhl made sure there were few problems and worked hard to make the teams happy as Katie went to greet each team.

With the changes this year at this contest, this is one to go back to next year.



# Iowa Teams Place Well @ BBQ in the Bluffs

by Francis Dutton

May 8th what a wonderful weekend for a BBQ contest. This was the 11th year for the BBQ in the Bluffs BBQ Contest, which is held in conjunction with "Celebrate CB" community pride week. It was the 3rd year holding the contest at the beautiful Tom Hanafan River's Edge Park, just behind Harrah's Casino and Golf Course.

This year's major sponsor for the event was Veridian Credit Union along with Doll Distributing and Leach Camper Sales. Local Council Bluffs native and Iowa BBQ Society member Rick Guill was the host for this event along with KCBS Contest Representatives Kim Collier and Ralph Weller Jr.

33 Teams from Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota were all vying for shot at \$8300.00 in Cash, Trophies and Certificates at the KCBS sanctioned contest. The top seven teams in each category received cash prizes & either a certificate or trophy.

The BBQ in the Bluffs Grand Champion was Parrothead Smokers. This was the second year in a row for Parrothead Smokers to claim grand champion at this event. The Iowa BBQ Competition Teams finished as follows:

Reserve Grand Champion: Oversized Load BBQ

3rd Overall: Iowa Wild Hogs

4th Overall: Pigskin BBQ

7th Overall: Bubba Q's

8th Overall: Smokin' Bonz BBQ

11th Overall: Dig In Cookers

15th Overall: Woodward BBQ

16th Overall: Black Dog BBQ



Congratulations to all who heard their name called. Here are the results for the top seven places in each of the four required categories:

Chicken: Dig In Cookers, Iowa Wild Hogs, Oversized Load BBQ, Parrothead Smokers, black dog BBQ, Porky Butts BBQ and Bubba Q's

Pork Ribs: Parrothead Smokers, Oversized Load BBQ, Spitfire BBQ, Smokin' Bonz BBQ, Bubba Q's, Pigskin BBQ and Iowa Wild Hogs BBQ

Pork Butt/Shoulder: Pork Patrol BBQ, Bubba Q's, Oversized Load BBQ, Tattoo Bob's, Smokin' Lefty's BBQ, Parrothead Smokers, Hot Grill on Grill Action

Brisket: Twisted Q, Iowa Wild Hogs BBQ, Smokin' Bonz BBQ, Skunk River BBQ, Parrothead Smokers, Tattoo Bob's, Oversized Load BBQ

TOP 10 OVERALL: Parrothead Smokers, Oversized Load BBQ, Iowa Wild Hogs BBQ, Pigskin BBQ, Tattoo Bob's, Pork Patrol, Bubba Q's, Smokin' Bonz BBQ, Hot Grill on Grill Action and Spitfire BBQ

Rick Guill hopes to see everyone back next year. If you have not competed in this event, tell all your BBQ friends that this is a great event and they have places for even more teams!!

*(Pictures provided by Kris Gates)*

