



Monthly Happenings

by Ray Ringgenberg

November and **December** are busy months for the Iowa BBQ Society and its members as we all start planning our big holiday meals and get prepared to host family or travel to see loved ones. It is the months that the Iowa BBQ Society is giving back to the community.

We kick off November with the Zoo-B-Que on Saturday the 7th. The IBS and Blank Park Zoo planned out a fun filled day for 25 Children coming from the Children & Family Urban Movement Group in Des Moines. We also have Cookies BBQ Sauces coming to feed the children as well as many other volunteers and supporters that make this event possible. Look for the next month's newsletter

for a write with thanks to all those that helped.

We then take a break to be with family during Thanksgiving. Hope you have that special recipe ready to go. If not, see the recipe section for some help.

During this month and next we are also collection new and gently used winter apparel for the upcoming Food and Christmas tree giveaway Which will be held in Des Moines on December 5th. Please collect as much as you can and meet us down at the Salvation Army Parking lot on 6th Ave for a day of giving and helping others.

Let's not forget about the Iowa BBQ Society Annual Banquet held on January 23rd at the Quality Inn and Suites in Ames, Ia. I hope many of you can make

it to this year's event. Keep a look out for more information and a sign-up sheet. The sign-up sheet will not hold you to coming but just to give us a rough idea for the meals. And if you know anybody that might have an item to donate to the door prizes or silent auction, please contact me.

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Don't forget your friends this Christmas. Get them a membership to the Iowa BBQ Society.

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Happy Thanksgiving

It's already November and the Midwest contests are all winding down, if not over. As we approach the end of another BBQ year, some of us are looking forward to some down time while others are eager to get the next year rolling. Whatever your situation, November and the upcoming holidays, allows us to slow down to reflect on the season and to give thanks for all we have accomplished, the new great friendships we established and the old friendships we retained.

Most of us will spend a lot of time with family in the next couple months and of course eat way too much great food, I couldn't ask for much more. Some of us will be traveling while others will be close to home or even hosting and as your relatives arrive, you might be wondering, what did I get myself into?

We all have those family members, you know the ones I speak of... crazy Aunt Mary chasing the kids around, grandpa George is asleep...again, Uncle Richard just wants someone to pull his finger, and grandma Joan got into the "recipe". After it all, we still give thanks and wouldn't change it for the world.

As I write this and think back on the past years events, it becomes evidently clear that we have one of the greatest hobbies in the world. We are lucky enough to enjoy great food and our BBQ families at each event whether we are competing, judging, volunteering or just passing by. Our BBQ families have become a part of us and we a part of them. The same goes for our BBQ family as with most, we too have that crazy Aunt Mary, Grandpa George, Uncle Richard and Grandma Jean, although the "recipe" is

Fireball. So, while you spend this next couple of months with your families, make sure to give thanks for all that they allow you to do for the art of BBQ.

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving, my BBQ family, and can't wait to see you at the next BBQ holiday.

Jay Ringgenberg

2015 Zoo-B-Que

by Sue Green and Ray Ringgenberg



Blank Park Zoo hosted the 3rd annual Iowa BBQ Society Zoo-B-Que on November 7th in Des Moines, Iowa.

The fun all started at 8:00 A.M. as students from the Iowa State University Meat lab and Iowa BBQ Society volunteers arrived to ready themselves for 25 children Moulton Schools that arrived with Miss Janelle from Children and Family Urban Movements. Each child earned a chance to come to Zoo-B-Que by meeting goals in personal responsibility to their school and family.

A fun and educational morning filled by animal presentations, scavenger hunts, demonstrations by I.S.U students on equipment handling, germs and food safety with questions and answers to follow leading up to nice lunch of BBQ Pork sandwich, baked beans and chips provided by Cookies Food Products.

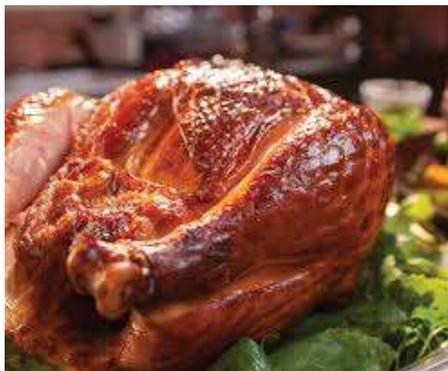
After lunch all volunteers and children walked to the Zooplex where the grills were set up for each child. The children were educated in BBQ and grill safety and were then set loose (with supervision of course) to grill their own championship hotdog or hamburger to be judged by our own KCBS judges. And we can't have bbq without dessert. Cakes, candies and frosting were slinging around the room as the children feverously built their cakes for judging. Thanks to Smokey D's BBQ for providing the supplies for the dessert category.

The afternoon was drawing to a close so awards were announced with trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Hamburger, Hotdog and dessert. All children received a participation ribbons and were proclaimed winners. Thanks to Larry Halbrook for providing the awards this year.

At the end of the day children awaited outside for their parents to arrive. Some were wearing their new Zoo-B-Que t-shirt provided by Larry Dietrich of Slim D's BBQ and SSI Digital Printing services. Some were eating their cake, or talking with a friend sitting beside them as they all held close their new grills they would be taking home.

This was yet another wonderful event put on by the Iowa BBQ Society. Thanks go out to all that helped out and donated to this event.





RECIPE ROW!

I compiled a list of links below with some great ideas and recipes. I have not tried any of these but I hope they make your Thanksgiving that much more special.

These sides and extras look amazing!
All found at the amazingribs.com link.

- [Bread & Butter Stuffing with Cranberries](#)
- [The Mythical White Castle Stuffing](#)
- [Drunken Cranberries](#)



- [Soused Apple Sauce](#)
- [Warm French Potato Salad](#)



- [Garlic Mashed Potatoes](#)
- [Sweet Potato Steak Fries](#)
- [Potato Pancakes](#)
- [Crunchy French String Beans](#)
- [Italian Vinaigrette Salad Dressing](#)

- [Green Salad With Grilled Apple](#)



- [Pecan Tassies](#)



- [Swedish Glögg](#)

Links to some sites.

[http://amazingribs.com/recipes/chicken_turkey_duck/ultimate smoked_turkey.html](http://amazingribs.com/recipes/chicken_turkey_duck/ultimate_smoked_turkey.html)

<http://www.weber.com/weber-nation/blog/how-to-smoke-a-turkey>

Iowa BBQ Society Bios

by Ray Ringgenberg

You're Iowa BBQ Society board had 6 openings to serve 2 year terms. We are happy to say we had 6 bios submitted so there will be no need for a vote this year. Congrats to all off these people for stepping up to be a part of the Iowa BBQ Society.

Come to the Annual Banquet this year to welcome all the board members.



Hello, my name is Ray Ringgenberg. I am submitting my bio for your consideration for election to the Iowa BBQ Society board for my 3rd straight term. I have been a BBQ Society member since 2000 and on the board since 2012. The terms from 2012-2014 were spent learning the ins and outs of the IBS board while 2014 to present I have held the office of Vice President.

I have had the luck of growing in the bbq world in Iowa with a very supportive family of my wife of 24 years, Wendy and my 3 children Frances, Jackson and Winter. Without their support and love I would not be able to do what love and that's competition BBQ and helping people with the use of BBQ and spreading the word throughout the state.

Not only am I running for a spot on the IBS board, would I gladly accept a nomination to be your next Iowa BBQ Society President. Please consider me to help guide this organization to greater things as you look over the other well qualified individuals.

Thank you.
Ray



Hello, my name is Jay Ringgenberg and I would like your continued support as board member of the Iowa BBQ Society. I am a current member of the IBS, KCBS, and co-chief cook for Smokehouse 72 Competition BBQ Team.

I have been involved with BBQ for some time now and have met a lot of great people. I am a cook as well as a judge. Along with team Smokehouse 72, we have created a training contest (Frostbuster) for both cooks and judges going into its 7th year.

My wife, Michelle, and I have been married for 24 years and have 2 children that are currently in college or working. We have lived in Colo, IA for the past 18 years, where I have served as City council member and recreation director. I work at Electric Wholesale in Ames, IA where I do quotations for commercial and residential electrical projects throughout central Iowa.

I would like your vote to continue serving the members of the Iowa BBQ society and would like to see us grow enough to be able help causes all over the state.

Thank You,

Jay



Hello, my name is Francis Dutton and I am submitting my bio for your consideration. I am seeking re-election to the Iowa BBQ Society board for a 3rd straight term to continue my position as board secretary.

I have been a member of both the *Kansas City BBQ Society & the Iowa BBQ Society* since 2007. I have also been a KCBS Certified BBQ Judge since 2008. My wife Christine & I have been competing in BBQ competitions since 2007. Together we own *SMOKIN' BONZ BBQ*, a Catering and Competition BBQ Team. We are very involved in many local Cedar Rapids charities and we are proud to be a part of "bradenshope.org". I am a co-founder of the Marion Kiwanis BBQ Rendezvous held in Marion, IA & "Smokin' Up Main Street" BBQ Competition held in Center Point IA.

There is nothing I love more than BBQ and everything associated with it. As board secretary I will continue to my mission to recognize, help and promote the Iowa BBQ Society and bring the love for BBQ to all our Iowa communities.

I will continue my mission be a "Membership" advocate. This means listening to each and every member of our society while searching out great ideas that will help make our society greater and stronger. I am dedicated to helping sustain & grow yearly membership.

I try to live each day by the motto "*Paying it Forward*"! Paying it forward is done with a selfless spirit. This means that one person helps another; helps another and helps another without hope" for repayment or good deeds in return. "*Paying it Forward*" will help make a stronger Iowa BBQ Society.

Thank you for time and I appreciate your vote!



Hello - my name is Larry Dietrich, and I am submitting my bio for your review and consideration for the 2016-2017 election to the Iowa BBQ Society Board.

While I may be new to membership within IBS and KCBS (joined both in 2014), my passion and love for BBQ goes back to 2008 when I participated in my first competition in Leon, Iowa. From there I was hooked into the camaraderie, spirit and drive that we have all strive for, in all things BBQ.

My background includes being the owner of Slim D's BBQ Company where we bottle our own BBQ sauce, and have the privilege of creating catering and vending events, in addition to BBQ competitions. We are proud sponsors of People for Pets Organization, Relay Iowa, Iowa Winter Games and Okoboji Bike Rally. We are blessed and lucky to do what we do - and strongly believe in giving back!

My day job, I am superintendent for United Bridge Company which helps me support my BBQ addiction. I am also lucky and grateful to have the support of my wife Lisa, and daughter Isabella, as we continue to grow within this passion and sport. I am also a KCBS Certified BBQ Judge and Table Captain.

I am asking for your time, sincere consideration and support to be a Board member. I want to reignite the commitment and stewardship, promote leadership and teamwork, as well as continue to generate positive experiences and interactions for everyone who comes in contact with our BBQ world.

Part of our mission statement for Slim D's is to give back and be a positive force for good. I want to be a part of the IBS board - to support the team, increase awareness for the IBS mission and promote the positive impacts we are making in the BBQ world!

Thank you for reading and please consider me as that positive force for good for the Iowa BBQ Society.

Thank You,

Larry



My name is Kevin Brown and I am submitting my bio for your consideration for election to the Iowa BBQ Society board. I have been an Iowa BBQ Society member and a KCBS member for 3 years. My wife, Mari Anne, and I are both certified bbq judges. We have been married for 12 years and live in Ankeny with our two boys, Sam and Jack.

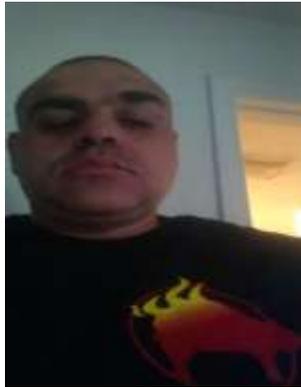
We started Tree Frog BBQ 3 years ago and have been competing around Iowa and Wisconsin ever since. We enjoy the competition, but what we value most is the friendships that we have been able to build with the other teams. The camaraderie of the BBQ world is unmatched and we enjoy being a part of such a great community.

I have been attending some of the Iowa BBQ Society's charitable events and really enjoy helping with the causes supported by the IBS. I feel that as an organization, we can do so much to help those less fortunate.

I would appreciate your vote so that we can grow and strengthen the Iowa BBQ Society together. Thank you for your support!

Thank You

Kevin



Hello, my name Mark Meier and I am contacting you because I would like to be a part of the IBS board.

I am 45 years old. I am originally from Garnavillo. I moved to Perry, Iowa in 1996 with my family for jobs. I am married with 3 children, two boys and a girl. I work at Woodward Resource Center. Between 2000-2007 I was a member of the Perry Little League Board of Directors.

Three years ago I started teaching myself the art of barbeque as a hobby. This last year many people asked me to smoke whole hogs and Boston Butts for parties in the area. I make my own rubs, injections, and barbeque sauces. It has grown into more than just a hobby, now it's a way of life.

This past 2 years I joined the Iowa Barbeque Society. I started a competition team called Baby Powder BBQ. Along with continuing being an IBS member, I plan on joining the KCBS, and competing. My Philosophy of Barbeque is three words Educate – Procreate – Respect.

Starting with Educate: open the eyes to other people about how barbeque is an art using the knowledge from other barbeque members, and what I have learned. Procreate: using a person's imagination and personal instinct. Respect: be able to help, support, and acknowledge other members and competitors accomplishments big or small. I believe in stepping out of the box and creating the best barbeque at any level.

Thank You,

Mark

As I conclude this month's issue of the Iowa BBQ Society newsletter and come to the end of the first year I want to thank those that have provided me with articles and pictures of events around the state. It would be hard for us to get information out to all the IBS members without you.

I really hope you have all enjoyed the past issues and it has brought you some much needed information. As I look forward into the next year I would like to see some additions to the newsletter, what those additions are will be determined by you the readers. Please submit any ideas to me for the 2016 newsletter year. What do you want to see, what can you do without?

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To make this newsletter better in the future I need help from all of you. If you have article you want published, please send it to me. If you could write one during the year that would be awesome! I want to fill these pages.

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