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2008 World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest Winners Announced

Memphis, TN... After a full weekend of cooking and competing, the 2008 World Barbecue Cooking Champion was announced at the 31st annual contest. **Natural Born Grillers of Olive Branch, Mississippi took the title with the grand prize of \$26,000** and the grand champion trophy standing five feet tall, specially crafted by the National Ornamental Metal Museum. This is the first world championship win for Natural Born Grillers.

"For some, Memphis in May is all about this competition and when you factor the time each team takes to perfect their craft plus the intensity of judging day, the results are simply amazing," says President/CEO of Memphis in May Jim Holt. "We're absolutely thrilled for the grand champions, and congratulate all 261 teams for their efforts."

The finalists and winners of Memphis in May World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest for the categories of whole hog, ribs, shoulder and patio porkers are as follows:

Whole Hog

1 st Place	Natural Born Grillers – Olive Branch, MS
2 nd Place	Gwatney BBQ – Cordova, TN
3 rd Place	Yazoo's Delta Q – Nesbit, MS

Ribs

1 st Place	Rib Ticklers – Batesville, AR
2 nd Place	Sassy Sows – Brandon, MS
3 rd Place	Smokin' Razorbacks – Little Rock, AR

Shoulder

1 st Place	Sweet Swine O'Mine – Olive Branch, MS
2 nd Place	Southeastern Smokers – Cumming, GA
3 rd Place	Ques Brothers – Memphis, TN

Patio Porkers

1 st Place	Got Pig? – Memphis, TN
2 nd Place	Smokin' Spiders – Memphis, TN
3 rd Place	Here for the Beer – Little Rock, AR

People's Choice

1 st Place	Rhoda Brown's Smokin' Fatties	Sample # 31
2 nd Place	Rock N' Roll BBQ	Sample # 55
3 rd Place	Wizards of Que	Sample #14

Ms. Piggie, best team shirt, anything but (poultry, beef, exotic and seafood) and ancillary awards were given on Friday night of the competition. The finalists and winners are as follows:

Ms. Piggie

1st Place	Sons of Bacchus – Germantown, TN
2 nd Place	Swine & Dine – Memphis, TN

Best Booth

1st Place	The Shed – Ocean Springs, MS
2 nd Place	All Star Ten Pin Porkers – Bartlett, TN
3 rd Place	Harrah's Hog – Robinsonville, MS

Best T-Shirt Competition

1st Place	Swine & Dine – Memphis, TN
2 nd Place	Bodine – Collierville, TN
3 rd Place	All-Star Ten Pin Porkers – Bartlett, TN

Beef Category

1st Place	The Shed – Ocean Springs, MS
2 nd Place	Harrah's Hogs – Robinsonville, MS
3 rd Place	Crispy Critters – Cordova, TN

Poultry Category

1st Place	Tangled Up In Que – Memphis, TN
2 nd Place	Any Pork In A Storm – Millington, TN

3 rd Place	King's Cooking – Shelby, NC
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Hot Wings Competition

1st Place	Swinebucks BBQ Team – Germantown, TN
2 nd Place	Charside Pos Barbecue Team – Memphis, TN
3 rd Place	Smoke Shack BBQ – North Augusta, SC

Exotic Category

1st Place	The Best Little Boar House in Memphis - Collierville, TN
2 nd Place	Sicilian Smokers – Memphis, TN
3 rd Place	Tom & Jerry's Global Porkers – Collierville, TN

Anything But – Seafood

1st Place	Jack's Down Home Barbecue – Philadelphia, PA
2 nd Place	Tennessee Boar-B-Que – Lakeland, TN
3 rd Place	Curley Tail Smokers – Bartlett, TN

Baked Beans Competition

1st Place	The Count Bastie Porkestra – Bartlett, TN
2 nd Place	Parrothead Porkers or Hogaritaville – Memphis, TN
3 rd Place	The Bastey Boys – Templeton, MA

Tomato Sauce

1st Place	Rub Down South – Collierville, TN
2 nd Place	Jack's Down Home Barbecue – Philadelphia, PA
3 rd Place	Curley Tail Smokers – Bartlett, TN

Mustard Sauce

1st Place	Barefoot In The Pork – Atlanta, GA
2 nd Place	Fossil Fueled Porkers – Memphis, TN
3 rd Place	Slap Yo 'Mama' – Memphis, TN

Vinegar Sauce

1st Place	Barefoot In The Pork – Atlanta, GA
2 nd Place	LVOB – West Memphis, AR
3 rd Place	Memphis BBQ Society – Memphis, TN

Honoring Turkey in 2008, Memphis in May International Festival is a month-long celebration. In addition to producing such premiere events as the Beale Street Music Festival, the World Championship Barbecue Cooking contest, and the AutoZone Sunset Symphony, Memphis in May produces extensive education, economic and international programs. For additional information about any aspect of the Memphis in May International Festival, please visit the official Memphis in May website at www.memphisinmay.org or call the Memphis in May office at 901-525-4611.

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