

# CONTEST RECAP

## 2006 SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS MASTERS BBQ CHAMPIONSHIP—WICHITA, KS

Friday, June 16 and Saturday, 17, 2006, at the Lawrence-Dumont Stadium parking lot were perfect days for a great South Central Kansas Masters BBQ Championship in Wichita, KS! –a benefit for the Center for Health and Wellness(CHW), a primary care health facility that serves the uninsured and underinsured citizens of Wichita. The days were sunny, bright, windy, cool with abit of overcast skies—but no rain during the days to dampen spirits, only a stormy night on Friday night that challenged the cooks to keep the temperature of their smokers at the right temperature for smoking those delicious bbq meats for the competition the next day. Twenty-five(25) professional cooks from Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas competed in this Kansas City Barbecue Society sanctioned event for the \$10,000 cash prizes honoring the Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion and the top winning 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> places in all meat categories. Three amateur cooks also tested their barbecuing skills for the cash prizes in the People’s Choice contest. The paved cooking area was filled with tents of all sizes and shapes, American flags were flying, and other adornments gave a very festive feel to this barbecue festival. Friday evening, around 6:00p.m. Carl Brewer, an avid supporter of this BBQ event and a winning BBQ competitor who had been smoking his meats all day, invited all the cooks/families/ guests and the CHW staff and volunteers to enjoy a delicious barbecue dinner(hot links, brisket, pork ribs, pulled pork, chicken) complete with fixin’ of potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls, lemonade, tea. Beer and soda were available for purchase to complete the wonderful evening. Jazz music also provided a festive atmosphere to the entire evening. John Fontana and Bill Norman, KCBS representatives arrived about 5:00p.m. to visit with the cooks and to hold the scheduled official cooks meeting at 7:00p.m. where the cooks received an overview of the competition and the containers distributed to them for their samples for judging on Saturday.

After a night of rain, Saturday morning found the cooks/ families/CHW staff and volunteers enjoying a hot breakfast of eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, orange juice and coffee—again compliments of Carl Brewer. Throughout the day the general public enjoyed the jazz/blues musical entertainment provided by Juke Joint Jumpers, The Regents, Blues Heaven, and Made From Scratch, all bands from The Blues Society of Wichita. A silent auction, display of beautiful low rider cars from Jus Calm Down Custom Car and Truck Club, a KIDFUN with inflatable games, hot dogs/ hamburgers/beer/soda/ bottled water were available for sale for those who came to enjoy the day as well as “tastings” of the barbecued samples available from the People’s Choice contest participants located in Amateur Alley including 3<sup>rd</sup> place

**winner: New Age Outlaw 2(Brian Patterson), 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner: Milk Man BBQ(Terry Milke) and 1<sup>st</sup> place winner: 2 Little Guys BBQ(Tyrell Brewer and his friend, Jom'teil).**

**Suspense mounted as time drew near for the meat samples from the professional contestants to be presented for official judging within a 10 minute window starting at 11:55a.m. and each half hour thereafter until the last meat samples were received at 1:35p.m. The Awards Ceremony held by the stage at 3:00p.m. saw the Grand Champion title for the \$1500 prize presented to Paul Schatte from Ponca City, OK (Head Country II); Reserve Grand Champion winner was Richard Burton from El Dorado, KS (Roughnecks BBQ). In addition, the overall rankings of the other top winners for cash prizes in all meat categories included: 3<sup>rd</sup> place--Mark Grieco ( Four Men And a Pig), 4<sup>th</sup> place—Derek Cochran (Pig In! Pig Out!), 5<sup>th</sup> place—Carl Brewer (Brewers' Smokin' and Chokin'), 6<sup>th</sup> place --Todd Cox(TC Smokehouse BBQ), 7<sup>th</sup> place—Rick Tillery( Flying Pig BBQ Crew), 8<sup>th</sup> place—Gary Thompson( Pok N Da Ribs), 9<sup>th</sup> place—Scott Webb (Smokin & Jokin), and 10<sup>th</sup> place—Donny Teel( Buffalo's BBQ).**

**Other contestants in rank order included: David Roberts ( Rib Daddy's LLC), Mike Cody(Smokin' Leprechauns), Mike Ayers( Smoke Meisters), John Patty(J P Custom Smoke), Tom Rodgers (Blue Collar BBQ), Mike Simpson (Firebreathers BBQ), Dennis Rees(Big Rick's BBQ), Richard Dobbeleare (No Clue BBQ), Dennis Basye(Roadkill Café), Taylor Johnson ( Twiztid BBQ), K.J. Huelsman (Capitol Punishment), Mike Swigart (JDS BBQ), Hulon C. Turner( Turner's BBQ), Jeff Campbell (J.& B. BBQ), and Troy Bolden (T-Roy BBQ).**

**A popular display at the event was the champagne-gold 2005 Chevy Malibu from Davis-Moore Car Dealership in partnership with the Center for Health and Wellness. Mike Swigart from Greensburg, KS held the winning ticket for this drawing. A portable grill from Coleman Company was won by Robert Thompson, a member of the Wichita Fire Department, and many items were won by the highest bidders in the Silent Auction. So, many happy folks went home from this event!**

**Congratulations to all the winners and for all the BBQ teams that participated in this 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual South Central Kansas Master's BBQ Championship. It was great to see all of you and we look forward to you coming back to enter the competition next year. Plans are already underway for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Championship for summer, 2007. Check the website [www.wichitawellness.org](http://www.wichitawellness.org) for details and entry forms in the near future! Happy Barbecuing!!**