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Competition BBQ Returns To Maine

The Raitt Homestead Farm Museum will host the "Mainely Grillin' & Chillin' Country BBQ State Competition" www.mainelybbq.com for the second year in conjunction with the 2010 Celebrate MAINE Festival August 7-8 from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

The contest will attract competition-level BBQ teams from throughout the region and across the country. It has been sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society (www.kcbs.us), and the New England Barbecue Society (www.nebs.org). The Grand Champion will qualify for the Jack Daniel's World Championship Invitational in Lynchburg, Tennessee, and the American Royal Invitational in Kansas City, Missouri. Last years Grand Champion IQUE went on to win "The Jack" in Tennessee. "We are looking forward to returning to Maine and the Raitt Homestead Farm Museum in August to defend our title" stated Chris Hart of IQUE.

"This really is an exciting event for anyone," said Kathie Dakai, Contest Representative of the Kansas City Barbeque Society. Everyone who competed last year really liked the contest and other teams have said they are planning on coming this year. "I think it will be a fantastic contest! In addition to the competition, the teams will have the opportunity to participate in the People's Choice Contest on Saturday August 7th as well as the Wymans Wild Blueberry Dessert Contest (www.wymans.com) where teams will compete to win cash prizes. This is a new contest for the teams this year.

Professional barbeque competitions have gained widespread popularity. The immensely popular BBQ Pitmasters show on TLC is an example of the growth in BBQ interests. "Each year over 7,600 members from 102 countries log onto an online forum, www.bbqbrethren.com to check the competitions and converse with other BBQ enthusiasts" stated forum founder Phil Rizzardi. "The competition BBQ circuit in New England has more than quadrupled in the past six years," he said.

"We're all invested in promoting BBQ at the grassroots," said Alex Caisse, NEBS Maine representative and owner of Buck's Naked BBQ (www.bucksnaked-bbq.com) in Freeport who has offered to help out for the second year of the Mainely Grillin' & Chillin' State BBQ Competition. "The camaraderie of the BBQ teams is an example of how much fun you can have while competing with each other."

Live entertainment will be on stage throughout the event. “We are super excited about coming back to play during the 2010 BBQ Competition” stated Tonya Shevenell from the Don Campbell Band www.doncampbellmusic.com . We were so happy to read that the RHF 2009 BBQ winners went on to take the big competition in Tennessee!

The Celebrate MAINE Festival is an authentic family festival that honors the people, places and products that make Maine so attractive to visitors from around the world. Premium sponsor of the event is JP’s Shellfish; Supporting sponsors are Shipyard Brew Pub, Jasper Wyman & Son, Cabot Creamery Cooperative, Piscataqua Landscaping, Raitts Signs, Bob’s Trophies & Awards, Rousseau Excavating, and The Tire Loft. The print media sponsor is Taste of the Seacoast. The festival will also highlight many Maine BBQ products including Wicked Good Charcoal and Maine Grilling Woods.

Only \$5 per person and children 12 and under get in free. Plenty of onsite free parking. The Raitt Homestead Farm Museum (www.raittfarmmuseum.org) is a 501c3 non profit organization dedicated to educating future generations about farming history. 100% of the proceeds from the CMF/MGCB go to the restoration and preservation of the beautiful 33-acre farm. Located on Route 103 in Eliot it is only five miles from the Kittery Outlets and I-95.



IQUE takes home Grand Champion Title!



Peoples Choice - 250lbs of chicken wings sold out in 28 minutes!