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**Montana Q Bar-B-Que House Takes the First Place Trophy at the
31st Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off**

Reno/Sparks, Nevada –In an unprecedented outcome at the 2019 Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off in Sparks, Nevada, both First and Second place winners repeated their wins from the year before. First place went to Montana Q Bar-B-Que House from Frenchtown, MT. Second place went to Checkered Pig BBQ from Martinsville, VA. Large volume barbecue teams from all over the country competed for the highly regarded first place prize at the event. The 23 cookers at this year’s event submitted their ribs to judges in a “double-blind” contest to see which competitor would take home the coveted prize. In its 31st consecutive year, the six-day event is heralded as the most prestigious and popular rib cooking competition in the nation.

The back-to-back wins follow Fourth place and People’s Choice wins in 2016 for owner, Tom Moua and his family. When asked what the secret to consecutive wins is, Moua said, “You gotta cook with love and give your ribs time!”

Once again for the third year in a row, Back Forty Texas Barbecue from Pleasant Hill, CA won the People’s Choice award and in their first year of competition at the Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off, Git-R-Smoked from Fernley, NV took the prize for Best Sauce.

The top five, People’s Choice and Best Sauce winners for 2019 are:

First place: Montana Q Bar-B-Que House, from Frenchtown, MT, \$10,000

Second place: Checkered Pig BBQ, from Martinsville, VA, \$5,000

Third place: Hole In The Wall BBQ from Eugene, OR, \$2,000

Fourth Place: Austin’s Texas Lightning, from Burr Ridge, IL, \$1,000

Fifth Place: Famous Dave’s Barbeque, from Reno, NV, \$500

People’s Choice Award: Back Forty Texas Barbecue, from Pleasant Hill, CA, \$500

Best Sauce: Git-R-Smoked, from Fernley, NV, \$500.

Winners usually see increased sales at the event the next year and the bragging rights, trophy and prize money are all highly sought after due to the popularity of the event.

The 32nd annual Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2 through Monday, September 7, 2020 on Victorian Avenue at the Nugget.

For more information, visit NuggetRibCookOff.com and NuggetCasinoResort.com.

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