

# Big Daddy

# Rat-R-Rue

## HEARTLAND BBQ NEWS

### BBQ Contest-American Day of Cowboy

By Jim McCoin, Florida BBQ Association

Who would have thought, when we were little kids dreaming of being a fireman, superman, a doctor, and in my case a veterinarian, that one day my life and many of my best friends lives would revolve around BBQ.

I love to hunt, fish, ride ATV's, and do the beach thing, lobster, scallops, etc, but they all revolve around BBQ as well. I really don't think catching lobster would be so much fun if I couldn't cook it over the grill, watching the flames rise when I paint it with melted butter. And let it be known I would never get up early, stay up late, and never ever skin and gut a stinkin' hog if I couldn't inject it, rub it, salt it, and smoke it on my smoker late into the night, with my daughters Jamie and Carley and my nephews, and see the joy of my family when they pick it apart the next day and we feast like kings! This is a sport and family tradition as well.

This year at The National Day of the Cowboy in Okeechobee, Cowboys BBQ and Steak Co. put on its first annual BBQ contest. There were 12 teams and we raised \$1100 for Ms. Okeechobee, Alex Ming. Bill Parcel, of Eli's Trailer Sales, donated the grand prize, a large Green Egg with stand and all accessories, and Eddie Lehman of Lehman's Auto Body donated the reserve grand prize, a hitch. I really want to thank them both for being so generous and helping bring our town together.

We had all locals enter, with the exception of some skinny folks that came from Lake Placid. The team name was Smokin' In The Field, Matt Elliott and team. Other teams were Frank DeCarlo with American Drilling, Brian Vick and Jaime Mullis (Bassinger Boys), Charlie's Trees, Mike McCoin and Tommy Harden, 3-D Ice, Davie Altman and family, 57 Smokers, Tom McCoin, Tim Arnold, Fat Steve, Charmin Charlie Welch, and Rhonda Talley headed up this bunch! There was one team, I think they were called The Fat Guys or something, they were all Spanish except for one white guy named DJ. I think they were confused what was going on. I think they thought we were having a beer drinking contest and a taco eating contest! There were many local businesses there to support the cause and have fun with friends and family. All the contestants were allowed to vend their food to help pay for the expense of entering the contest. Most of them sold out shortly after the cattle drive arrived at the arena.

I had locals do the judging. I put on a little class so they

would all know what to expect. I asked that they score between 1 and 10 and to let me know if something was lower than 7 and higher than 9, they all did great!

#### Chicken

Third Place: Pork U - Lehman Auto Body, Patrick Lehman

Second Place: Eli's Trailer Sales, Bill Parcel

First Place: Mike McCoin and Tommy Harden, Charlie's Trees

#### Ribs

Third Place: Lehman Auto Body

Second Place: 3-D Ice, Davie Altman

First Place: Daryl Hampton and the crew of Five Star Construction

#### Brisket

Third Place: Smokin' In The Field, Matt Elliott and crew

Second Place: Eli's Trailer Sales, Bill Parcel

First Place: 3-D, Davie Altman

The reserve grand champion and winner of a hitch was Lehman Auto Body, Eddie Lehman and Jimmy Stiert. Eddie had originally donated the hitch, but after winning it, donated it back for an auction to benefit Alex Ming. David Hampton of Five Star Construction purchased the hitch.

The grand champion was 3-D Ice, Davie Altman. He won a Big Green Egg and a huge first place trophy.

Congratulations to all, I can't wait to do it again next year!

If you are interested in going to a BBQ competition, check out the Web site [fbbq.org](http://fbbq.org), go to contest and see when there is one near you.



*Jim McCoin (left), Davie Altman with Team 3-D Ice, and Alex Ming, Miss Okeechobee at the American Day of the Cowboy even in Okeechobee, FL.*

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**LUNCH SPECIALS DAILY**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Fried Soft Shell Crab Sandwich served with one side \$8	Coconut Dolphin Sandwich served with one side \$9	Southern Chipotle seared Shrimp Salad \$9	Yellow Tail Snapper sandwich ... served with one side \$8	Fish and Chips served with coleslaw \$8	All You Can Eat Snow Crab Legs all day and night! Served with 2 sides \$18	Skipjacks Seafood Alfredo! Grilled Shrimp, Scallops, and steamed broccoli served over linguini- all covered in our creamy Alfredo Sauce \$15

**DINNER SPECIALS**

MON 31	TUE 1	WED 2	THU 3	FRI 4	SAT 5	SUN 6
Seared, Fried, or Blackened Yellow Tail Snapper served with asparagus and one side \$15	Garlic & Parmesan Cheese Crusted Grouper served with steamed broccoli and one side \$15	Soft Shell Crab Dinner- 2 Soft Shell Crabs Fried, Seared, or Blackened served with 2 sides \$17	All You Can Eat Shrimp! Seared, Fried, or Blackened served with 2 sides \$17	Surf and Turf! 8 oz NY Strip and 6 LG Shrimp Seared, Fried, or Blackened served with steamed broccoli and baked potato \$22	All You Can Eat Snow Crab Legs all day and night! Served with 2 sides \$18	Lobster Stuffed Yellow Tail Snapper served with steamed asparagus and one side \$17
MON 7	TUE 8	WED 9	THU 10	FRI 11	SAT 12	SUN 13
Jumbo Coconut Shrimp Dinner served with 2 sides \$14	Skipjacks Chobee Platter- Fried Gator, Catfish, Frog Legs served with 2 sides \$19	Soft Shell Crab Dinner- 2 Soft Shell Crabs Fried, Seared, or Blackened served with 2 sides \$17	All You Can Eat Shrimp! Seared, Fried, or Blackened served with 2 sides \$17	Seafood Platter- Seared Scallops, Shrimp, Dolphin, and Crab Stuffing served with 2 sides \$21	All You Can Eat Snow Crab Legs all day and night! Served with 2 sides \$18	All You Can Eat Frog Legs! Served with 2 sides \$18
MON 14	TUE 15	WED 16	THU 17	FRI 18	SAT 19	SUN 20
Skipjacks Fried Seafood Platter- Scallops, Clams, Shrimp, Dolphin, Crab Stuffing served with 2 sides \$21	Citrus Marinated Grouper served with 2 sides \$14	Soft Shell Crab Dinner- 2 Soft Shell Crabs Fried, Seared, or Blackened served with 2 sides \$17	All You Can Eat Shrimp! Seared, Fried, or Blackened served with 2 sides \$17	Sesame Crusted Tuna served with 2 sides \$17	All You Can Eat Snow Crab Legs all day and night! Served with 2 sides \$18	Fried Flounder served with 2 sides \$14
MON 21	TUE 22	WED 23	THU 24	FRI 25	SAT 26	SUN 27
Seared or Blackened Salmon served with 2 sides \$15	Strawberry Vinagrette Glazed Mahi Mahi served with 2 sides \$14	Soft Shell Crab Dinner- 2 Soft Shell Crabs Fried, Seared, or Blackened served with 2 sides \$17	All You Can Eat Shrimp! Seared, Fried, or Blackened served with 2 sides \$17	Surf and Turf! 8 oz NY Strip and 6 LG Shrimp Seared, Fried, or Blackened served with steamed broccoli and baked potato \$22	All You Can Eat Snow Crab Legs all day and night! Served with 2 sides \$18	Blackened or Seared Scallops with Sweet Balsamic Reduction Drizzle served with 2 sides \$15
MON 28	TUE 29	WED 30	<b>DON'T MISS 'EM</b>			
Jumbo Coconut Shrimp Dinner served with 2 sides \$14	Skipjacks Chobee Platter- Fried Gator, Catfish, Frog Legs served with 2 sides \$19	Soft Shell Crab Dinner- 2 Soft Shell Crabs Fried, Seared, or Blackened served with 2 sides \$17				