

# CALIFORNIA BBQ ASSOCIATION

## Smokin' Times

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# CBBQA

### OUR MISSION

The mission of the California Barbecue Association is to teach, enjoy, preserve, and promote barbeque as a true American food. To help various children's charities in California by conducting barbeque events throughout the state of California.

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## 8th Annual Santa Anita Racetrack Winner's Circle Double BBQ Competition

By Sylvie Curry

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**Santa Anita Winner's Circle day one Grand Champion with 709.1428 points, 1st place chicken with 180 points, 1st place brisket with 180 points and day two Grand Champion; Burnin and Lootin**

It was proclaimed that the show must go on! A few weeks before the event Santa Anita Racetrack was the focus of an investigation on why there was an increase in accidents over the past three months related to a number of million-dollar horses on the track. Horse racing did resume over the same weekend as the SAWC8 BBQ competition. One of the best venues for a BBQ Competition in Southern California is the Santa Anita Racetrack in Arcadia, CA. The promoters, Ben Lobenstein and Ric Gilbert brought the event back for the 8th year with the support of Santa Anita Racetrack administrators and sponsors MAK Grills and Snake River Farms. The only major difference was that the

teams this year were relocated to the parking area near the public entrance to the track. This was understandable because of the prior month events track officials chose to minimize access to the in-field. The teams were overjoyed that this double header (two day) competition was not cancelled.

The \$15,000 cash prize package in addition to a Snake River Farms Brisket Challenge with an additional \$500 to each days first place brisket winner and a Gateway Drum Smoker to the overall cumulative score brisket winner prompted many teams to sign up in addition to the fantastic venue. This event would be limited to no more than eighty





**Santa Anita Winner's Circle day one  
Reserve Grand Champion; Papa La Rue's BBQ**



**Santa Anita Winner's Circle day two  
Reserve Grand Champion; Big Poppa Smokers**

teams including seasoned competitors as well as rookie teams wanting to experience cooking at the racetrack with access to the track to view of million-dollar horses exercising during the early morning and racing during the day.

Jerry Aguilar of Burnin and Lootin was cooking solo this weekend, running his own boxes and traveling each day to his home to take care of family returning during the early morning hours to start cooking. He managed back to back Grand Championships (Day 1 and 2) while taking a big lead day 1 in the SRF Challenge with a 180 brisket and finalizing

the highest cumulative score in brisket to win the Gateway Drum Smoker.

Special thanks to MAK Grills and Snake River Farms for their sponsorship of this event, Woodford Reserve, Ric and Ben for bringing us the 8th Annual Santa Anita Winners Circle, KCBS judges, our KCBS Reps and the Santa Anita Race Track staff for making this venue something to remember.



**Santa Anita Winner's Circle day one 1st place pork  
and day two 1st place brisket with 180 points;  
2LiveQ**



**Santa Anita Winner's Circle day one and day two  
1st place ribs;  
7-8-9 BBQ**



**Santa Anita Winner's Circle day two  
1st place chicken;  
Smoked Seduction BBQ**

## 2019 CBBQA ToY Point Standings

As Of 4.1.2019

- 1) Ridge Route Boys BBQ
- 2) Lady Of Q
- 3) Big Poppa Smokers
- 4) Simply Marvelous BBQ
- 5) Burnin And Lootin
- 6) Smokin It Up BBQ
- 6) Mudville BBQ
- 8) Old Town Franklin BBQ
- 9) Toot & Stinky's Cali-Q
- 10 )2LiveQ



**Santa Anita Winner's Circle day two  
1st place pork with 180 points;  
Big B's Down N Dirty BBQ**