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

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A HARMONIUS SMOKIN' GOOD TIME!

By **Holly Holliday**

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The tiny town of Harmony, California (Population 18) became BBQ Town on July 5th and 6th for the inaugural Smoke & Hops. The historic town, located just 9 miles north of Cayucos, California on Highway 1, Harmony was a dairy town and frequent stop for celebrity visitors to Hearst Castle in its heyday. The town now hosts galleries, and a scoop truck featuring Harmony Valley Creamery Ice Cream, and is still a frequent stop for travelers on the 1.

With 26 competitive teams, 35 judges, and over 500 spectators, Harmony's population surged! Organizer Holly Holliday, on behalf of the Town of Harmony organized the holiday weekend event. This brand new event, held on the Central Coast of California combined a KCBS Master Competition, Hop Festival featuring 18 breweries, Pork Rib tasting, live music and an ice cream eating contest for the kiddos! Attendees enjoyed walking among the team's cook sites and witnessing the turn-ins. They were also given the opportunity to break bread with judges, and cook teams at the Kick-Off Dinner, Smoke'd, featuring 4 courses of smoked meats, beer pairing, and a finale cigar.

Winners of the event included Grand Champion, Big Poppa Smokers, and Reserve Grand Champion, Bar-B-Q's-2Go. Taking first in chicken was Burnin and Lootin, and champ of the Pork Ribs was 7Sins BBQ. Bar-B-Q's-2go took top pork shoulder, with Code7 Smokehouse coming in first with their brisket. One

winning team of note, 15 year old Hailley Criqui of Smokin' Hot Babe BBQ took 5th Place with her brisket!

Smoke & Hops is a benefit for Rita's Rainbows, a San Luis Obispo County based 501c3 non-profit. Serving the economic and health compromised kids of San Luis Obispo County, Ritas Rainbows works to provide key items of need, and cheer to these kids with an all-volunteer corps- 100% of all funds raised goes right back out to those they serve! Smoke & Hops will be back bigger in June of 2020, for more information or to put your team on the information list, please visit www.smokeandhops.com

2019 Team Of The Year Standings

As Of 7/13/2019

- 1) Burnin And Lootin
- 2) Big Poppa Smokers
- 3) Simply Marvelous BBQ
- 4) Ridge Route Boys BBQ
- 5) Rad Fondo BBQ
- 6) Mudville BBQ
- 7) Lady Of Q
- 8) SMOKEY HOG ISLAND LUV
- 9) Toot & Stinky's Cali-Q
- 10) TEAM WOODSHED



Smoke & Hops Grand Champion; Big Poppa Smokers



Smoke & Hops 1st place pork and Reserve Grand Champion; Bar-B-Q's-2Go



Smoke & Hops 1st place chicken; Burnin and Lootin



Smoke & Hops 1st place ribs; 7 Sins BBQ



Smoke & Hops 1st place brisket; Code 7 Smokehouse



First time KCBS Pro competitor, 15 year old Pitmaster Hailey Criqui of Smokin Hot Babe BBQ with a 5th place brisket at the Smoke & Hops.