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## Nipomo team places in barbecue competition

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A team from Nipomo took a second and a third place in the first-ever "Wild West BBQ Bash" held last Saturday in Santa Maria's Preisker Park.

A Grover Beach team also placed in the competition in five categories — pork spare ribs, chicken, beef brisket, pork shoulder/butt and beef tri-tip.

A cadre of 23 barbecue teams from the Central Coast, throughout California and Arizona faced off for the title. After the smoke settled, the Smokin' Yankees team from Stockton won the grand champion award in the International Barbecue Cookers Association-sanctioned contest. The Rub Co. team from Buena Park claimed the reserve champion title.

Team Nipomo Style claimed second place in ribs and third place in tri-tip, Central Coast Smokers of Grover Beach finished seventh in ribs and Oak Pit BBQ of San Luis Obispo took fourth in tri-tip.

Among the Santa Maria-based teams, Santa Maria BBQ Outfitters placed third in ribs, Outlaws Chow Line took fifth in tri-tip and R&R catering placed seventh in chicken.

The event drew more than 2,000 spectators for a day of competitive grilling and live entertainment while raising money and awareness for the Family Care Network, a provider of support services to foster and high-needs children and families in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties.