

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL WORLD CHAMPIOSHIP BISON COOKOFF UNBEATEN BY INCLEMENT WEATHER

Neither rain nor wind nor mud up to the ankles could keep forty-two of the best barbecuers in Texas from throwing down their succulent offerings to the gods of barbecue in Santa Anna, Texas last Saturday. The silver anniversary twenty-fifth edition of the bison cook-off put together one of the strongest fields of competitors in many years.

After the teams met in the center of the Old Armory Civic Center for the awards ceremony at the end of the festival, John Truesdell from Andice, the winner of the bison category, asked at the Judging Coordinator's table, "Will I get my name on a plaque on the big trophy? I want my name up there. **There are some names up there!**"

Forty-two teams took home \$4000 in prize money with Bobby Haggerton from Lake Brownwood the big winner of the day. Haggerton racked up places in every category: first in ribs, second in bison, third in brisket, and fifth in chicken, outcooking his competition to score the Overall Points Champion and earning invitations to the Jack Daniels Cook-off in Memphis and the American Royal Invitational in Kansas City this fall.

Other winners of the day were Truesdell in bison, Tommy Dougherty from San Saba in beef brisket, and Aletha Patterson from Comanche in chicken. With third place ribs and ninth place brisket, Patterson pulled down enough points for Reserve Champion Overall as well.

Nineteen Coleman County wood-burners notched ten places in the four categories, with Josh Daniels walking up three times-- seventh in chicken, eighth in ribs, and fifth in bison. Cindy Pelton came up twice for seventh in brisket and fourth in chicken. Mitch Guthrie notched eighth in brisket, Luann Saverance tallied third place chicken and David Strickland held eighth chicken. In the bison competition, Tom Guthrie racked fourth and Shelby Guthrie placed ninth.

While the rain, wind, and threats of tornado held down the size of the Funtier Day crowd, the unequivocal success of the event proved that Texans are serious about their barbecue, and a little ole tornado ain't gonna get in the way of some wood burning. Visitors chowed down on plates of buffalo meat with all the trimmings, while all across the park and armory, craft vendors, artisans, and cornhole competitions brought smiles to faces all around.

Winners are listed below:

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5-18-2019 **WORLD CHAMPIONSIP BISON COOKOFF, Santa Anna, Texas**

Judging Coordinator: Debbie Williams, Bangs, Texas

42 teams

CHICKEN

1. \$400 Aletha Patterson, Comanche
2. \$200 Eddie Williams, Bangs
3. \$150 Luann Saverance, Coleman
4. \$100 Cindy Pelton, Santa Anna
5. \$50 Bobby Haggerton, Lake Brownwood

PORK SPARE RIBS

1. \$400 Bobby Haggerton, Lake Brownwood
2. \$200 Don Kerns, Menard
3. \$150 Aletha Patterson, Comanche
4. \$100 Paul Knight, Goldthwaite
5. \$50 Eddie Williams, Bangs

BEEF BRISKET

1. \$400 Tommy Dougherty, San Saba
2. \$200 John Truesdell, Andice
3. \$150 Bobby Haggerton, Lake Brownwood
4. \$100 Paul Knight, Goldthwaite
5. \$50 Charles Tant, Wichita Falls

BISON BRISKET

1. \$500 John Truesdell, Andice
2. \$250 Bobby Haggerton, Lake Brownwood
3. \$200 Steve Carrigan, Abilene
4. \$100 Tom Guthrie, Goldthwaite
5. \$50 Josh Daniels, Santa Anna

\$200 OVERALL POINTS CHAMPION: BOBBY HAGGERTON



WINNERS LIST

EVENT Santa Anna World Championship Bison Cookoff **DATE:** May 18, 2019 **# OF COOKS:** 42

JUDGING COORDINATOR: Debbie Williams

GRAND CHAMPION: Bobby Haggerton, Bo Diddley's **RESERVE CHAMPION:** Aletha Patterson,

Brisket	Points	Ribs
1 Tommy Dougherty, Buckin Good BBQ	10	1 Bobby Haggerton, Bo Diddley's
2 John Truesdell, Little John's BBQ	9	2 Don Kerns, No Leftovers BBQ
3 Bobby Haggerton, Bo Diddley's	8	3 Aletha Patterson, Pit Stop BBQ too
4 Paul Knight, Smoke Happens	7	4 Paul Knight, Smoke Happens
5 Charle Tant, Bury Da Bone	6	5 Eddie Williams, Buzzard Bait BBQ
6 Dale Patterson, Pit Stop BBQ	5	6 Kemper Croft, Lucky Penny
7 Cindy Pelton, 3 B's	4	7 Tommy Dougherty, Buckin Good BBQ
8 Mitchell Guthrie, Round 4 Gang	3	8 Josh Daniels, Nice Rack BBQ
9 Aletha Patterson, pit Stop BBQ too	2	9 Charles Tant, Bury Da bone
10 Scott Evans, Goathead & Get U some	1	10 David Keller, Dave's Cooking
Chicken	Points	Bison Bone
1 Aletha Patterson, Pit Stop too	10	1 John Truesdell, Little John's BBQ
2 Eddie Williams, Buzzard Bait BBQ	9	2 Bobby Haggerton, Bo Diddley 's BBQ
3 Luann Saverance, Hell's Kitchen # 2	8	3 Steve Carrigan, The Knarly Mesquite
4 Cindy Pelton, 3 B's	7	4 Tom Guthrie, Cousin's BBQ
5 Bobby Haggerton, Bo Diddley's BBQ	6	5 Josh Daniels, Nice Rack BBQ
6 David Keller, Dave's Cooking	5	6 John Gibson, Hill Country Cookers
7 Josh Daniels, Nice Rack BBQ	4	7 Dale Patterson, Pit Stop BBQ
8 David Strickland, Double D Cookers	3	8 Landon Patterson, Heritage BBQ
9 Charles Tant, Bury Da Bone	2	9 Shelby Guthrie, GG's BBQ
10 Jim Crammer, Lone Wolf BBQ	1	10 Larry Allen, Back Roadin' BBQ

Top 10 Winners

	Name	Chicken	Ribs	Brisket	Bison	Total
1	Bobby Haggerton, Bo Diddley's	6	10	8	9	33
2	Aletha Patterson, Pit Stop, Too	10	8	2	-	20
3	John Truesdell, Little John's BBQ	-	-	9	10	19
4	Eddie Williams, Buzzard Bait BBQ	9	6	-	-	15
5	Tommy Dougherty, Buckin Good BBQ	-	4	10	-	14
6	Paul Knight, Smoke Happens	-	7	7	-	14
7	Josh Daniels, Nice Rack BBQ	4	3	-	6	13
8	Cindy Pelton, 3 B's	7	-	4	-	11
9	Charles Tant, Bury Da Bone	2	2	6	-	10
10	Dale Patterson, Pit Stop BBQ	-	-	5	4	9

