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RED CROSS ANNOUNCES 'THRILL OF THE GRILL' BBQ RESULTS

BOISE, ID – July 27, 2003 – The first-ever American Red Cross of Greater Idaho 'Thrill of the Grill' Bar-Be-Que Cook-Off Sunday July 27, 2003 was a tremendous success. Professional and amateur Bar-Be-Que chefs from the Treasure Valley squared off in the BBQ competition held on the grounds of Albertsons General Offices in Boise. Competitors were required to submit samples of four different kinds of meat; chicken, pork ribs, beef ribs and tri-tip. In order to qualify for the title of Grand Champion the competitors had to enter all four categories. The highest cumulative score won the title of Grand Champion. Here are the results:

Chicken (sponsored by ReMax Advantage)

- 1st Place – Santa Maria BBQ (174 points)
- 2nd Place – Eagle Rib Shack (170 points)
- 3rd Place – *No prize awarded*

Pork Ribs (Sponsored by Petra Construction)

- 1st Place – Sizzler (183 points)
- 2nd Place – Santa Maria BBQ (181 points)
- 3rd Place – Eagle Rib Shack (165 points)

Beef Ribs (Sponsored by the Idaho Beef Council)

- 1st Place – Eagle Rib Shack (173 points)
- 2nd Place – Santa Maria BBQ (156 points)
- 3rd Place – *No prize awarded*

Tri-tip Sirloin (Sponsored by the Idaho Beef Council)

- 1st Place – Eagle Rib Shack (176 points)
- 2nd Place – Santa Maria BBQ (170 points)
- 3rd Place – *No prize awarded*

Grand Champion (Sponsored by the Modern Woodmen of America)
Eagle Rib Shack (684 total points)

In an extremely close competition first-time competitor and long time home BBQ chef Andrew Petrehn edged out one of Boise's most popular BBQ restaurants for the title of Grand Champion. Petrehn's 'Eagle Rib Shack' scored a cumulative total of 684 points compared to the more experienced Santa Maria chefs with 681 points.

Net proceeds from the 'Thrill of the Grill' BBQ Cook-Off event went to the programs of the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho.

The Greater Idaho Chapter would also like to thank the following business for their support of this event: Idaho Beef Council, Albertsons, Coors, Boise Weekly, Coca-Cola, Bogus Basin Mountain Resort, 6 On Your Side, Select-A-Seat, Petra Construction, Mac Ladd Creative Arts, ReMax Advantage, A-1 Fireplace, KHITS,. The Chapter would also like to extend thanks to the volunteers who helped to make the event possible as well.

The American Red Cross is dedicated to helping make families and communities safer at home and around the world. A humanitarian service organization, the American Red Cross annually mobilizes relief to the victims of more than 67,000 disasters nationwide and has been the primary supplier of lifesaving blood and blood products in the United States for more than 50 years. The American Red Cross also trains more than 11.7 million people in vital lifesaving skills, provides direct health services to 2.5 million people, provides more than 24 million locally relevant community services, assists international disaster and conflict victims in more than 50 countries, and transmits nearly 1.4 million emergency messages between members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families. To learn more about your local American Red Cross go to www.redcrossidaho.org.

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