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Local Smoke BBQ becomes 4-time Grand Champion at the New Jersey State BBQ Championship and Anglesea Blues Festival in North Wildwood this past weekend.

RED BANK, NJ- Local Smoke BBQ was awarded the 2017 Grand Champion at the New Jersey State BBQ Championship and Anglesea Blues Festival in North Wildwood this past weekend. They also won 2nd place in ribs, 2nd place in pork and 10th place in brisket. There were 67 teams participating from all over the east coast.

Local Smoke BBQ is honored to be the only 4-time Grand Champion in the 19-year history of the NJ State BBQ Championship in Wildwood. They previously won in 2009, 2011, and 2013.

"It's an incredible feeling to have come this far. We couldn't have done it without our hard-working staff and supporting sponsors," said Steve Raab, owner of Local Smoke BBQ. "I look forward to seeing Local Smoke BBQ continue to grow and am already looking forward to next year's competition."

As the Grand Champions, Local Smoke BBQ automatically qualifies to compete in the World Food Championships in Orange County, AL in November (www.worldfoodchampionships.com) and the American Royal World Series of Barbecue in Kansas City in September (<http://www.americanroyal.com/bbq>). Local Smoke BBQ will also be entered in the draw to represent New Jersey in the Jack Daniel's World Championship Invitational BBQ in Lynchburg, TN in October (<http://www.jackdanielsbarbecuemedia.com>).

The competition is sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbecue Society (KCBS), the world's largest association of barbecue enthusiasts. You can read more about their credentials here: <http://nibbq.com/whatsitallabout.html>.

About Local Smoke BBQ

Starting as a BBQ competition team named Fat Angel BBQ in 2007, the team entered contests throughout the Northeast dominating the scene. After a successful inaugural season, owners Steve and Loren Raab, and Eric Keating opened Local Smoke BBQ, a full-service catering company. In 2011, Local Smoke BBQ opened its first two restaurants in Cookstown and Neptune NJ. In 2016, Local Smoke opened its third location in Red Bank, NJ.

The team has won over 100 awards throughout the years and invite you to stop in any one of our three locations.

Feel free to contact either Zoe Sorrentino or TJ Egan, managers of the Red Bank location for any further information.

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