

Famous Dave's Takes 1st Place and People's Choice Award at the Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-off in Nevada

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MINNEAPOLIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--FAMOUS DAVE'S OF AMERICA, INC. (NASDAQ:[DAVE](#) - [News](#)) announced today that Famous Dave's BBQ took 1st Place on the judges ballots for the second straight year and also won the People's Choice Award at the 19th annual Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-off in Sparks, NV.

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Mike Bowar, Leader of Famous Dave's Rib Team, displays the 1st Place and People's Choice awards at the Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-off (Photo: Famous Dave's). [View Multimedia Gallery](#)

The Famous Dave's Rib Team is based in Plymouth, MN and is led by Mike Bowar. The Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-off, one of the largest and most prestigious rib-grilling competitions in America, hosted 24 of the best barbeque teams in the country in the double-blind competition that ran from August 29 to September 3, 2007. In addition to repeating as champion in the judged competition, it was also Famous Dave's second People's Choice win at Best in the West. Famous Dave's was named People's Choice in 2005, their first year competing at the Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-off.

Mike Bowar, leader of the Famous Dave's Rib Team, said, "Winning first place at Best in the West for a second straight year is an honor that exceeds my wildest imagination. To be a multiple winner in a field of such outstanding barbeque masters is a dream come true."

Famous Dave's Rib Team travels throughout the country each summer, competing in the nation's premier rib cook-offs. There are 153 Famous Dave's Legendary Pit Bar-B-Que®

restaurants in 35 states.

In Phoenix, AZ, Famous Dave's has been recognized multiple times in the media as the Best BBQ restaurant in Phoenix and John Erlandson, owner of the Phoenix Metro Famous Dave's, was recently named 'Franchisee of the Year' by Famous Dave's of America.

Year to date, Erlandson and his Famous Dave's restaurants in Phoenix captured BEST BBQ – 2007 in "Phoenix" Magazine's "Best of the Valley" issue, as well as BEST BBQ-2007 in azcentral.com's first annual readers' poll.

Erlandson's first Famous Dave's opened September 2004 in Chandler at 3250 West Frye Road and the second location in Peoria at 16148 North 83rd Avenue in September 2005. His third unit will open November 5th at Mesa Riverview, adjacent to Bass Pro.

For more information, go to www.famousdavesbbq.com or call Charlotte Risch at (602) 418-8534

Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que features award-winning hickory-smoked St. Louis-style spare ribs, Texas beef brisket, Georgia chopped pork and a variety of Famous Dave's regional BBQ sauces. Additionally, the menu offers barbeque and country roasted chicken, BBQ sandwiches, burgers and salads. Plus, the restaurant prepares and serves up such down home classics as coleslaw, potato salad, Wilbur Beans, corn bread muffins and Famous Fries. Famous Dave's delectable home-style desserts include its award-winning bread pudding and hot fudge Kahlua brownie.

