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Winners of Rio Grande City's 9th Annual Chili Showdown at Freedom Fest

Rio Grande City, Texas (June 24, 2017) — The 9th Annual Chili Showdown took place on Saturday, June 24th in conjunction with Rio Grande City's Freedom Fest at Basilio Villarreal Municipal Park.

Winners from the Chili Showdown were for the following categories:

IBCA Meats Categories

Brisket:

- 1st – Pigs in the Hood, Tomas Garcia, Head Cook
- 2nd – Boot Co., Cruz Tijerina, Head Cook
- 3rd – Team SAS, Steve Shamlan, Head Cook
- 4th – O'so Gud BBQ, Arturo Rosales, Head Cook
- 5th – Texas Prime BBQ, Co., Mauro Pena, Head Cook

Pork Spare Ribs:

- 1st – Boot Co., Cruz Tijerina, Head Cook
- 2nd – Team SAS, Steve Shamlan, Head Cook
- 3rd – Texas Prime BBQ, Co., Mauro Pena, Head Cook
- 4th – Loaded Smoke, Jerry Cardenas, Head Cook
- 5th – O'so Gud BBQ, Arturo Rosales, Head Cook

Chicken:

- 1st - Team SAS, Steve Shamlan, Head Cook
- 2nd – Red Hot Chili Peppers, Cynthia Gonzalez, Head Cook
- 3rd - O'so Gud BBQ, Arturo Rosales, Head Cook
- 4th – Texas Prime BBQ, Co., Mauro Pena, Head Cook
- 5th – Boot Co., Cruz Tijerina, Head Cook

Overall:

Reserve Grand Champion: Boot Co., Cruz Tijerina, Head Cook

Grand Champion: Team SAS, Steve Shamlan, Head Cook

Jackpot Categories

Chili: Pigs in the Hood, Tomas Garcia, Head Cook

Pan de Campo: Red Hot Chili Peppers, Cynthia Gonzalez, Head Cook

Gourmet Burger: Red Hot Chili Peppers, Cynthia Gonzalez, Head Cook

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Photo caption: Grand Champion, Team SAS, Steve Shamlan, Head Cook