

# Minnesota Barbeque Society

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## Minnesota team crowned World Champions of BBQ!

Minnesota BBQ Society's own Shiggin & Grinnin team claimed the prestigious Grand Championship at the American Royal Open BBQ Championship on October 7th. There were 525 teams in the contest, making it the largest BBQ field in history. With their win, they get an automatic entry into the 2012 Kingsford Invitational, the 2012 World Food Championship in Las Vegas, the 2013 Houston Livestock Invitational, the AMR Invitational, & into The Jack.

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Jeff Vanderlinde, Derek Schansberg, and Ted Moonen have been cooking together for four years and thought last year's fourth place finish at The Jack was likely as high as they would ever go. Now they are part of BBQ history.

They have been friends for over 30 years, all graduating from Delano High School. Before founding Shiggin and Grinnin, they were part of the Subtle Smoke team. When Subtle grew to con-



Congratulations to Minnesota's Shiggin and Grinnin, American Royal Open Grand Champions.

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Shiggin and Grinnin

tain too many cooks, they split off and formed the future world champion team.



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It was cold smokin at the Royal.

The team cooks on an Old Hickory CTO and two Traegers. Jeff's advice to newcomers is first take a class to get the big picture down. Jeff took a class from Johnny Trigg and Rod Gray six years ago. Since then, there has been a lot of trial and error to get them to where they are now. The team pays a lot of attention to detail and has their cook schedule down to the minute and second. If there is something to be done at 9:15, that doesn't mean 9:14 or 9:16. Jeff, Derek, and Ted are elated and

kind of shocked. Overall, they feel grateful to be involved in the hobby. What could be better than camping, cooking, and cocktails with your best friends of 30 years?

Minnesota's Team Dipstix also competed and came in a respectable 127th place out of 525 teams, with a 42nd in chicken and a 46th in ribs. Thanks to Tony Korthaus and Steve Bennett for the photos of the Shiggin team.



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Team Dipstix