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BRITISH BBQ BATTLE 2016: Finalists Announced!

8 finalists have now been accepted to compete in the 5th annual British BBQ Battle, which will be held at the prestigious Blenheim Palace in 2016.

The chefs competing to win the title of British BBQ Battle champion 2016 are:

Leisure & Contract Caterers:

- Logan Lloyd - Baxterstorey
- Simon Rapkin – Food Events Ltd

Pubs, Bars & Restaurants:

- Phillip Hunt – Marston's Inns & Taverns
- Dave Alebon - Stonegate

Universities:

- Ash Spencer – Westminster Kingsway College
- Martin Wheeler – University of Reading

Hotels:

- Gerald Quadros – The Lensbury
- Martin Baker – Ston Easton Park

The finalists have had to submit a description of a 3-course meal that can all be prepared on a BBQ and that they can cook within the specified 1 hour time frame at the final event.

The chefs will be cooking their dishes on Crown Verity BBQ's supplied by UK exclusive distributor for the brand, R H Hall. All dishes cooked will include at least one Lion sauce from the choice of BBQ, hot sauces, salsas and chutneys, mustards, mayonnaise and dressings. These dishes will then be handed over to our expert panel of judges – Ben Bartlett, BBQ Champion & President of the British BBQ Association; Bill Verity, President of Crown Verity; Gareth Finney, 2015 BBQ Battle Champion and Jim Eaves of the British Culinary Foundation. On the day, Ben Bartlett and his co-judges will be scoring the chefs not only on the taste and appearance of their final dishes, but for BBQ cooking techniques too. So the heat will be on!

All 8 finalists will be rewarded with a Sharp Commercial Microwave, Smeg Mixer, Simply Stainless Professional Chef's table and exclusive British BBQ Battle chef's whites. The overall

winner will also walk away with a top of the range Crown Verity BBQ and accessories pack, plus £100 One4All vouchers. All prizes, worth over £15,000 are kindly provided by leading foodservice equipment supplier RH Hall (along with their co-sponsors Crown Verity, Sharp, Smeg, Simply Stainless and Lion Sauces) who are the exclusive distributor in the UK for Crown Verity, Sharp and Simply Stainless. They will also receive a full set of Lion Sauces and BBQ utensils.

New for 2016 will be The People's Vote – allowing guests at the event to select their favourite chef of the day – on whatever criteria they choose!

If you are interested in attending the final and seeing the live cook-off and demonstrations by Ben Bartlett, then contact emma.smith@rhhall.com, visit www.britishbbqbattle.co.uk, or follow the event on twitter: #bbqbattle

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Notes for editors

This is the 5th year of the British BBQ Battle. Main competition sponsors since the first BBQ Battle are RH Hall, Crown Verity, Sharp and Simply Stainless – with Lion Sauces joining the growing event in 2014 and Smeg Foodservice in 2015

2015 Winners:

Overall BBQ Battle winner: Gareth Finney of the Albion Taverna

Gareth's winning menu:

Starter

Jazzy Barbecued Scallops

Main

Delicious Mexican Lamb

Dessert

Sweet Gooey Burritos

2015 Category Winners

Hotel category: David Hart, Mandeville Hotel

Pub category: Gareth Finney, The Albion Taverna

University category: Mathew Shropshall, College of Food

Golf Club & Event Catering category: Mark Williamson, Sodexo

For more information visit:

www.britishbbqbattle.co.uk / www.rhhall.com / www.crownverity.com / www.lionsauces.co.uk /

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