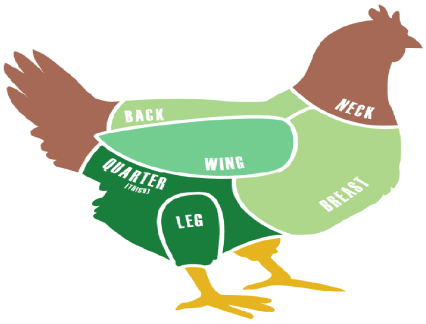
3rd Annual Leg Quarter Cookoff
Rules and Judging Criteria
April 11, 2021



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The 3rd Annual Leg Quarter Cookoff (LQC), which attracted almost 60 people, on Sunday, April 11, was a tremendous success. The weather was beautiful as was sight of smoke surrounding the event site at 236 Ridgewood Drive in Metairie. The LQC continues to have year over year of double-digit growth given the outpouring of support and entries into the friendly BBQ competition.

Eric Vocke, the winner of the 2019 LQC, won his second green jacket by placing first overall in this year's event despite not winning the golden chicken. Eric displayed his grilling expertise with a 1st overall in the appetizer portion and coming in 3rd place for the chicken segment. The surprise winner of the BEST CHICKEN was no other than Jarred Loftus. Jarred has struggled the past two years to present an entry void of salmonella but submitted a fully cooked entry in 2021. Over the course of the last year, Jarred practiced vehemently and turned to his mentor and father in law for guidance. The practice and mentorship paid off as he brought home the golden chicken trophy.

One could argue the best grill artist is no other than Brad Goodson. He has been a very consistent contestant in the competition. He won the golden chicken trophy in 2020 and placed second this year in the chicken portion. His real limitation over the years has been the appetizer portion, which placed 5th overall in 2021.

Some new contestants this year were Greg Unger and self-proclaimed BBQ expert, Sam Eaton. Unger had a very large team helping him and had some creative entries like Lobster ravioli. He seemed more apt to win a James Beard Foundation Award than the LQC. Sam seemed to struggle in his first year in the competition. Although the scoring sheets were not made available to the public, event host Chris Brown indicated that Sam's entry looked a "little dry".

Event host, Chris Brown, continues his struggles in the competition despite being on his home turf. Chris selects all the judges but sure did not get any "home cooking". In a statement released last night, Chris Brown stated: "My grill let me down this year and I was a little intimidated by the competition. You have some very skilled grillers in Eric and Brad that you know are going to bring their best to the LQC."

The 3rd Annual Leg Quarter Cookoff is scheduled to take place Sunday, April 10, 2022. I would register early given the popularity and potential additions to next year's event.