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WORLD NO.1 JOEY CHESTNUT DEFENDS WORLD RIB EATING TITLE AT THE 23RD ANNUAL BEST IN THE WEST NUGGET RIB COOK-OFF

Reno/Sparks, NEV – Joey Chestnut, the world’s No.1-ranked competitive eater is slated to defend his World Rib Eating title today at the 6th annual Nugget World Rib Eating Championships during the 23rd annual Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-off.

The competition begins at 6 p.m. at the main stage on Victorian Avenue near 10th street in Sparks.

Chestnut has won the event four times in the past and is expected to challenge Pat Bertoletti, the No.2 –ranked competitor for the title. In 2009, Bertoletti defeated Chestnut, taking the title by only one-tenth of a pound.

John Ascuaga's Nugget is one of the few family-owned casino resorts left in the country. Founded as a coffee shop with a few slot machines on March 17, 1955, John Ascuaga has built the Nugget into a world-class, full-service gaming resort destination.