



NATIONAL CRAFT BUTCHERS COLLECT GOLD

National Craft Butcher (NCB) members Gordon Atkinson, Neil Curtis and David Lishman collected GOLD awards yesterday at the first ever British Charcuterie Awards held at Countryfile Live in the grounds of historic Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire.

Gordon Atkinson of Elite Meats, Harrogate collected Gold for his Chicken Liver Parfait with Caramelised Onion and two Silver awards for Beech Smoked Back Bacon and a Pickled Brisket.

Lincoln's Neil Curtis of A W Curtis Butchers & Bakers Ltd also collected Gold for a Lincolnshire Boneless Stuffed Chine as well as a Bronze award for a Lincolnshire Haslet.

David Lishman, keen 'charcutier' and National Chairman of the Q Guild from Ilkley in North Yorkshire collected two Golds. One for Yorkshire Coppa and another for Smoked Bath Chaps together with two Silvers for his Yorkshire Pork and Fennel Salami and a Smoked Back Bacon as well as two Bronze awards for Smoked Salami and Smoked Streaky Bacon.

Bringing the total to nineteen awards given to NCB members were entering but not attending the presentations Dales Traditional Butchers, Cumbria winning Bronze for a Baked Guinness and Chilli Black Pudding. Lakings of Louth, Lincolnshire winning two silvers for Smoked Back Bacon and Treacle Cured Back Bacon and a Bronze award for their Lincolnshire Stuffed Chine. While Primrose Herd in Redruth, Cornwall won Gold for Dry Cured Bacon, a Silver for Cornish Ham and two Bronze awards for Dry Cured Back Bacon and Cornish Hogs Pudding.

Beal's Farm with Magalitsa Air Dried Ham won Best Product while Tempus Foods with four products over four classes won Best Producer. Co-founders Henrietta Green and Charlotte Sharpe-Neal of British Charcuterie Live said they were delighted with the response and support that the British Charcuterie Awards had with 30 Gold, 53 Silver and 66 Bronze awards from 450 products in nine classes and over 100 entrants.

NCB members Angel Refrigeration and Bizerba alongside Harvey and Brockless and Weschenfelderdirect sponsored while NCB together with Q Guild, Humidity Solutions, Ink Readable Labels, RBST, Ross & Ross Food Co, Slow Food in UK, Taste of Game and WRAPLEX supported the event.

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