

Chowdermania

Best of the clam set strut stuff at competition

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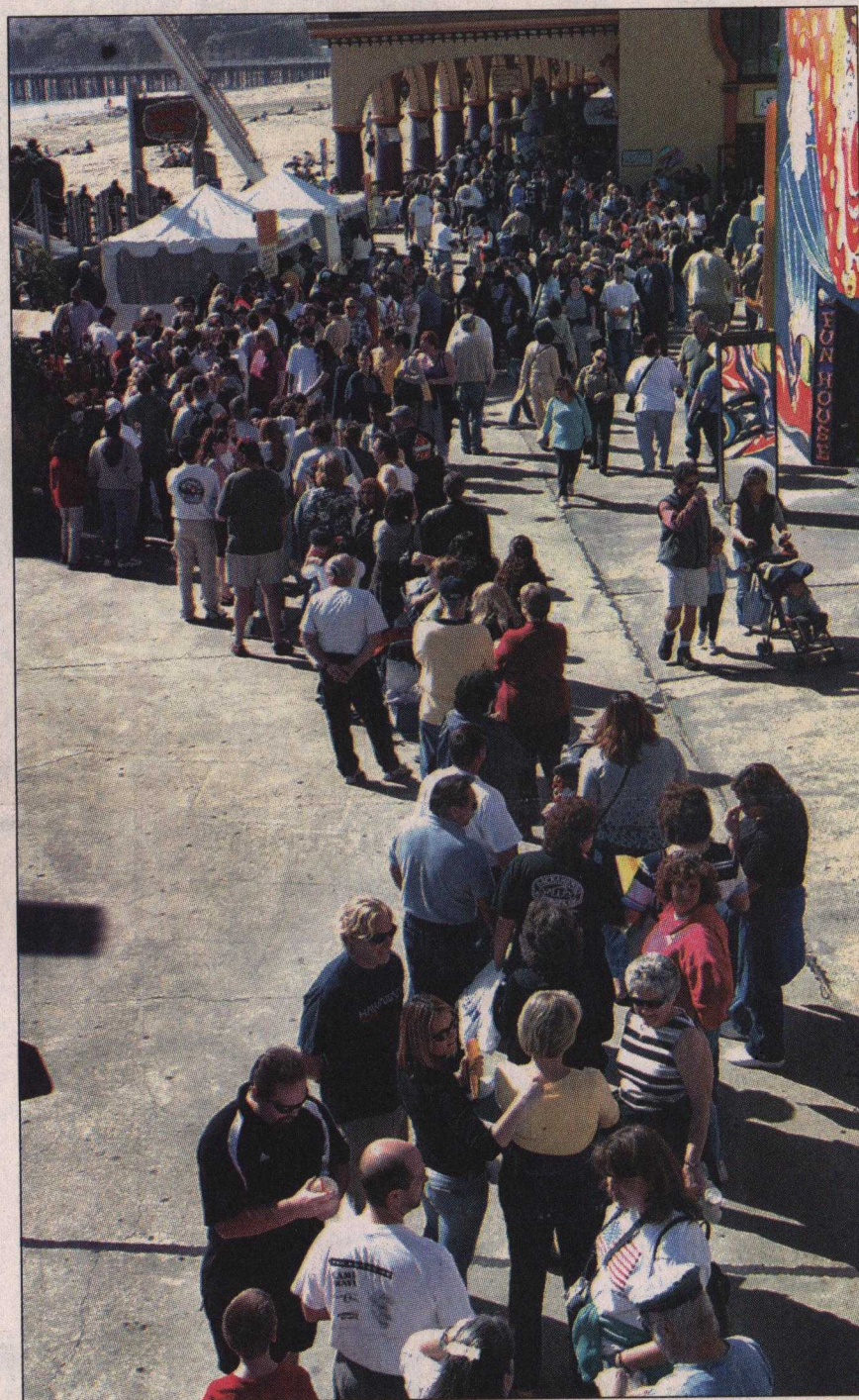


SANTA CRUZ — Chowder connoisseurs from the area had a chance to sample the area's best during Saturday's 21st annual Santa Cruz Clam Chowder Cookoff, held at the Boardwalk.

ABOVE: Kerry Mancarella, Patrice Fernald and Steve White, of the Mount Hermon Conference Center, display one of their wares, which garnered them the People's Choice honors in the cookoff.

RIGHT: Hundreds of people line up at the Mount Hermon Conference Center's booth.

BELOW: Sourdough rolls are filled with New England clam chowder.



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Winners of the 21st annual Santa Cruz Clam Chowder Cookoff

Most tasted - Individual: Stinkin' Clams, Gilroy.

Most tasted - Restaurant: Mount Hermon Conference Center, Mount Hermon.

Most tasted - Fire station/corporate media: Albany Fire Station, Albany.

Most tasted overall: 1st, Albany Fire Station, Albany; 2nd, Elliot Labs, Sunnyvale; 3rd, Dominican Hospital, Santa Cruz.

Most original costumes/booths: 1st, Mount Hermon Conference Center; 2nd, Cocoonut Grove; 3rd, Dominican Hospital.

Sal DiNapoli Special Spirit Award: Dannettee Shoemaker, Parks and Recreation director.

Best Boston - Restaurant: 1st, Cabrillo College Culinary Arts, Aptos; 2nd, Ivars Restaurant, San Jose; 3rd, Ideal, Santa Cruz.

Best Manhattan - Individual: 1st, Manhattan Mama,

Sacramento; Best Boston - Individual: 1st, The Kid, Santa Clara.

Best Manhattan - Restaurant: 1st, Severino's Grill, Aptos; 2nd, Seabright Brewery, Santa Cruz; 3rd, Cocoonut Grove, Santa Cruz.

Best chowder - Corporate/media: 1st, Sutter Cafe, Santa Cruz; 2nd, Cruz Brothers, Scotts Valley; 3rd, Elliott Labs, Sunnyvale.

Best chowder - Fire station: 1st, Santa Cruz Firefighters; 2nd, Albany Fire Station.

People's Choice (wins 2 Continental Airlines tickets to Manhattan): Mount Hermon Conference Center.

Grand prize drawing all of teams for \$200: Ivars Restaurants, Santa Clara.

Grand prize drawing of top six chowder teams (wins 2 Continental Airlines tickets to Manhattan): Santa Cruz firefighters.