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Hungry Monk's Hoptoberfest & Chili Cook Off Draws Hundreds of Beer Aficionados Benefiting Breast Cancer Awareness.

Chandler, AZ (November 7, 2011)—The Hungry Monk's Hoptoberfest & Chili Cook Off celebration – which took place on Saturday, October 29 – was deemed a huge success by proprietor Jim Lolli. The event drew hundreds of beer aficionados as the Hungry Monk tapped more than 40 India Pale Ales (IPAs) and raised \$3,500 for breast cancer awareness.

The Hungry Monk in Chandler staged several fund-raising events including the "Bosom Buddies" competition, where male patrons wore colorful bras and walked around the event asking for cash donations to be stuffed into their bras. Festival goers also enjoyed the inaugural Chili Cook Off, dubbed the "Chili Wars." The winning chili was prepared by Scott Swanbery, who took home the championship trophy. Swann's Chili, which competed in the Texas Red category, was highlighted by ground round beef, tomatoes, chili powder, and a mix of habanero and serrano chiles.

"What I created was my personal interpretation of what I envision a traditional chili to be," Swanbery said. "It is not a complicated dish. There were no secret ingredients. Just some fine tuning as the chili cooked to perfection."

Second place went to Matt's Chili, submitted into the "Anything But" category by Matthew Sullivan from Gilbert. Matt's Chili was highlighted by chunky vegetables including tomatoes, onions and corn. Third place went to Pittsburgh Willy's, submitted in the "Anything But" category by Randy Walters from Chandler. Pittsburgh Willy's chili was a meaty chili with a sweet and spicy sauce.

The Hungry Monk is a sports-themed, family friendly pub in Chandler offering an expansive range of craft beers with 28 varieties on tap, a menu packed with pub-style sandwiches, burgers, salads and the house specialty wings. Patrons enjoy delicious food, drinks, charm and live sporting events broadcast on 18 HD flat panel televisions. The Hungry Monk is located at 1760 West Chandler Boulevard in Chandler and open daily from 10:30 a.m.-1 a.m. For more information, call 480-963-8000 and visit online at www.hungrymonkaz.com or on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/thehungrymonk>.

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