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Juliet Lee captures World Tamale Eating Championship Saturday, September 26, 2009

Juliet Lee, ranked eighth in the world by Major League Eating, downed 48 tamales in 12 minutes to capture the 2009 World Tamale Eating Championship today in Lewisville. Her total was the fifth-highest in event history, and by far the record for a woman eater.

The competition was organized by the Lewisville Convention and Visitors Bureau and held in conjunction with the Western Day festival in Old Town Lewisville. Dallas Tortilla & Tamale Factory in Lewisville donated the tamales for contest.

“Nasty” Nate Biller was second with a personal-best 42 tamales, Bryan “Big Sexy” Beard was third with 26, and Brent Ricord of Keller was fourth with 25. The world record of 71 tamales held by Tim “Eater X” Janus of New York City at the 2007 championship was not seriously challenged.

For her efforts, Lee took home a \$1,500 cash prize. Biller won \$1,000 for second place, Beard won \$500 for third and Ricord won \$250 for fourth. Others finishing in the money were 5th place Zack Alvarado (\$150), and 6th place Steve Larson (\$100).

The IFOCE (also known as Major League Eating) is the governing body of all stomach-centric sports, conducting more than 70 events annually including the Nathan’s Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog Eating Contest in Coney Island, N.Y. The competitive eating community, which numbers more than 3,000 veteran and rookie athletes, travels the nation in search of top titles and the glory that they provide.

2009 World Tamale Eating Championship – final results

48	Juliet Lee, Germantown, MD
42	Nathan Biller, Briarwood, NY
26	Bryan Beard, Aurora, CO
25	Brent Ricord, Keller, TX
23.5	Zack Alvarado, Lewisville, TX
21.75	Steve Larson, Wichita, KS
21	Kevin Hill, Waxahachie, TX
20.5	Homer Flores, San Antonio, TX
20.5	Adrean Owen, Denton, TX
20.5	Patrick Owen, Corinth, TX
20	Tony Martinez, Dallas, TX
16.5	Craig Reed, Ferndale, MI
16.5	Oscar Salceda, Lewisville, TX
16	Arial Garcia, Lewisville, TX
16	Marc Laureys, Dallas, TX
11.5	Jaime Flores, Lewisville, TX
10.25	Robert Salinas, Lewisville, TX

Champions – World Tamale Eating Championship

2005	– Levi Oliver, Austin, Texas
2006	– Tim “Eater X” Janus, New York City, NY
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2008	– Patrick Vandam, Eagan, Minn.
2009	– Juliet Lee, Germantown, Md.

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