



Subject: Sign Up Now – 2025 Mike DeMars Memorial Mater Contest!

Hello GVGO Members,

It's time to get growing! We're now accepting sign-ups for the 2025 Mike DeMars Memorial Mater Contest, held in honour of our good friend and fellow grower, Mike "Zeke" DeMars.

This fun and friendly team-based tomato contest is open to all paid GVGO members at no extra cost. Just send an email to Bob MacKenzie at mackenzi@bmts.com before May 17th to get your name on the list.

Here's how it works:

- Teams of 3 growers will be assembled by Bob, based on past growing results, to keep things competitive and fair.
- Each grower can submit multiple tomatoes, but only their biggest two will count toward the contest, for a maximum of 6 tomatoes per team.
- Tomatoes must be weighed on electronic digital scales and be accompanied by clear photos showing all sides and the weight.
- Tomatoes over 7.5 lbs must be weighed on a certified 3rd party scale (e.g., a local business) with photographic evidence.
- Tomatoes entered at GPC-sanctioned weigh-offs are also eligible, but results must still be sent to Bob.
- All entries must be submitted by the contest deadline (to be announced later in the season).

Prizes: The team with the heaviest combined weight of eligible tomatoes wins \$50 per team member.

The grower who submits the single heaviest tomato overall will receive an additional \$150 prize!

It's a great way to challenge yourself, connect with fellow growers, and honour Mike's legacy. Let's make this year the biggest one yet!

If you have any questions or want to sign up, contact Bob MacKenzie at mackenzi@bmts.com by May 17th. If you're new to the contest, please include your personal best tomato weight (if you have one) in your email. If you competed last year, Bob already has your info.

Good luck and happy growing!

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