

Sale e Pepe Pastry Chef Wins 1st Place at the American Culinary Federation's Sugar & Chocolate Centerpiece Competition

MARCO ISLAND, FL – September 2008 - Chef Emmanuel Boscherel, Pastry Chef for Sale e Pepe Fine Italian Cuisine, has placed first for the second consecutive year in the Sugar & Chocolate Centerpiece Competition. This competition is part the larger American Culinary Federation Challenge Expo held annually in Orlando each September.

The American Culinary Federation (ACF) Challenge Expo is one of the largest culinary competitions in the country. Each year, for the past 15 years, the ACF has hosted chefs and cooks from all around the world who come to Orlando to participate.

Overlooking the Gulf of Mexico on Marco Island, Sale e Pepe is located at the Marco Beach Ocean Resort, a Gulf Bay hotel property with AAA Four-Diamond and Preferred Hotel designations. Under the direction of native Italian Executive Chef Alberto Varetto, Sale e Pepe presents authentic Italian cuisine in surroundings of aged stone, marble floors and hand-painted frescoes.

Experience both Chef Varetto and Chef Boscherel's expertise monthly at The Tarpon Club's popular *Taste of Tarpon* events where their creativity is showcased within an entertaining and instructional format.

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