



GP Meeting Delegates Elect Board Members

The CASI Board of Directors is made up of 10 directors and an Executive Director. Each year four of the director positions are up for consideration, and every 2 years the Executive Director must also be voted on. This year Alan Dean of Maryland was elected as the new CASI Executive Director. The four directors elected were Renee Moore, Dorothy Williams, Ken Rodd, and Garnier Albus. Alan is from Maryland, Renee is from Alabama, while Dorothy, Ken, and Garnier are all from Texas. Leaving the board this year were Johnye Harriman, Cindy Reed, Guy Smith, and Mike Strack. Renee Moore was elected to her second term as director, while the other four were elected to their first term.

CASI Scholarship Recipient Amber Goodall Meets Hut Brown



Thanks to Nancy Klug and her photographer daughter, Tanya Egger, Hut and Jackie Brown were able to visit the beautiful campus of Scottsdale Culinary Institute and meet the charming Amber Goodall, a new CASI scholarship recipient.

Since Nancy Klug is an alumnus of the famous chef's school, the visit was informative and inspiring. Hut Brown, CASI Scholarship Chairman, assured Amber that CASI members are confident of her success and will continue to support her in her endeavors.



Alan Dean



Renee Moore



Dorothy Williams



Ken Rodd



Garnier Albus

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President's Message

The big cookoff is drawing closer; November is just around the corner. The many people it takes to make TICC happen every year are working hard to have everything in place and ready to go.

We were fortunate to have a good group of CASI members make the trip to Terlingua for the recent Buzzard Cookoff. We usually always have something to do at the CASI Ranch, and this time it was moving the equipment and supplies into the new storage building built to replace the old trailer. The trailer, outgrown over the years, was emptied in February and moved to make room for the new building. All the equipment and supplies were placed in the concession building until the new building was completed.

I want to thank everyone who pitched in to help, but I especially want to thank my wife, Diane, Barbara Taylor, Sue Caffey and Dorathy Williams. These ladies loaded all the tables and chairs onto the new dollies and moved them into the new building. They also sorted through all the supplies and other materials that seem to gather each year and re-boxed, labeled, and put them away very orderly in the new building. They did a great job, as did everyone who pitched in while in the area. We have been blessed with some great CASI members, who always seem to be there when things need to get done. We still have some cleaning to do around the Ranch. You would be surprised what a little rain will do for the plant life around the Ranch buildings. Tom, Dorathy, Diane and I will take care of last minute clean up before the big event.

I want to say a big thank you to all those who have donated money this year to replace all the heavy old tables. Once again our members have answered the call and come through. Those handling the new tables this year will appreciate the donations.

I also want to thank David Manske for making it possible for CASI to acquire the new dollies for moving and storing the tables and chairs; the job has been made much easier for everyone.

I spoke with Grady Brown recently. For those of you who may not know Grady, he and his wife Janie are long time chili cooks from the Metroplex area. Grady has been providing TICC with the spoons and other items used for a number of years; just another member who quietly helps out almost every year. He told me he wasn't sure if they were going to be able to make TICC this year, but if we needed anything he could provide to just let him know and he would see it got to Terlingua one way or another. He is always willing to help where he can. Thanks, Grady.

It's such a pleasure to be a part of a great organization. CASI has so many members who do so much, some in a big way and many who quietly help where they can and go almost un-noticed. Please accept my sincere thanks to all of you for your help over the years. If I don't get a chance to say thanks in person, please know that our membership and I do not overlook your help. All of your Directors have been working hard throughout the year to see that this year's TICC is another great success. Please give them a pat on the back when you see them; they will appreciate it.

As many of you are aware, this was to be the year for addressing rule changes during the Great Peppers' Meeting. Regardless of the reason it happened - time, little interest or the thinking that our rules at present are doing a good job - the Great Peppers, by a vote of 68 for and 7 against, determined to defer the rules changes until next year in Little Rock. I know there are those who attended the meeting and those who didn't that are disappointed in this deferment, but the Great Peppers voted to defer the changes by, as you can see, a large majority. I would hope anyone having questions or concerns about what occurred during the GP Meeting would please contact their Great Pepper and discuss the issues with them. I will also ask that if your concerns are not satisfied, please contact me and I will attempt to address them. Let's try to get good information to those who request it and not rely on hearsay and rumors.



On Site

What a terrific time we had in Tempe. Heartfelt congratulations to the Host Pods for doing a superior job.

Congratulations to the new Board members. Garnier, Ken, Dorathy and Alan will be wonderful for CASI on the Board. I urge you to feel free to contact any Board member at any time with questions.

Many thanks to the "volunteers" on the Nominating Committee - David Richardson, Bill Garbutt and John Montgomery. The Nominating Committee worked hard to bring the delegates a quality forum within which to meet the candidates. I think it worked well.

A huge surprise at the meeting on Saturday was presentation by the Texas contingent of a certificate signed by Governor Perry commissioning me as a Yellow Rose of Texas. What an honor, and I thank you most sincerely.

Thank you all for your confidence and help over the last four years. I will be continuing as a Director Emeritus for one year to help with the transition of duties from me to Alan. Please feel free to contact me at any time or if you have any questions I may be able to answer.

Johnye Harriman

Diane and I had a great time at the Great Peppers' Meeting. Our thanks again to all those involved in putting this meeting together. I'm sure everyone attending had a good time.

While we were driving to the meeting on Wednesday, the air conditioning system in our pickup decided it was just too hot and decided to quit. We had it checked while at the meeting and was told the compressor was shot and needed to be replaced. We were not looking forward to the 750+ miles back to Terlingua without air, but due to time and not knowing just where to get it fixed, we were going to have a hot and windy trip home. We have always known that CASI has many wonderful and helpful members, and Diane found one of them during the social hours of the meeting. She was speaking with Dennis Huff, a member of the CASA Pod in Arizona, and telling him about our problems with the AC system and how we were not looking forward to the trip home without it. Dennis told her he worked for Sands Commercial Fleet Service, which is a Chevy dealership, as a service advisor. He told her if we would stay over until Monday, he would take care of our problem. We were at the dealership just after 6 am on Monday and, true to his word, Dennis really took care of us - coffee, donuts, a newspaper to read and a new compressor. The amazing part of this story is Dennis had us back on the road towards Terlingua by 7:30 am. We are very grateful to Dennis and the fine technicians at this dealership.

Dennis is a very active member of the CASA Pod and CASI. He has been at TICC for several years assisting with the Hot Wings Contest held on Friday and steps up to help where needed. Dennis and several members of the CASA Pod recently held a big dinner for almost 1000 firefighters and others who fought the forest fires in Arizona. CASI is truly proud of him and CASA and again, Dennis, Diane and I thank you for all you did for us in our time of need.

Diane and I look forward to seeing you in Terlingua during the upcoming TICC. Have a safe trip to the desert and on the chili trail.

Mel FitzHenry
CASI/President



Ponderings

It's been a week since the Great Peppers' Meeting, and I'm still really jazzed up. What a wonderful experience this annual event is. Being able to visit and share ideas with so many wonderful people is the best.

Compliments to the members of the CASA Pod and the Yavapai Chili Society. They were wonderful hosts, and Tempe was a great location. We even found time to sneak over

to the Teakwood Tavern and get our butts kicked by their hot wings.

The candidates' forum on Friday was the best ever. David Richardson and his nominating committee, Bill Garbutt and John Montgomery, devised a much-improved format for this session. Every candidate fielded questions from the committee and from the audience.

The results of the election are: Executive Director – Alan Dean; Director (3 year) – Renee Moore, Dorothy Williams; Director (2 year) – Ken Rodd, Garnier Albus. Many thanks to Bob Horan, Dixie Johnson, John Goforth, and Anne Roberts for their efforts and pledge to keep working hard for CASI. We'll be hearing a lot more from these people.

As I write this, we still have a couple of weeks to go in the chili year. Nevertheless, the Board reports indicate that CASI continues to flourish. We welcome the new Keystone State Pod from Pennsylvania and their Great Pepper, Chip Welsh. Mikie McGarity is taking over as Membership Chairman for the retiring Mike Strack. We currently have 1542 paid members. The new address for any membership transactions is: CASI, PO Box 92906, Southlake, Texas, 76092.

Jim Ezell has had a banner year with sponsorships. We're mighty happy to have the support of Ancira, Glazer Distributors (Sauza, Jim Beam, Corona), Bruce Foods, Novartis, Hill Country Software, Miller Brewing and Valley Distributing, Renfro Foods, Irving Elks, and Budweiser. Please give all these folks your business and show our appreciation.

Bob Horan will be the new editor of the Terlingua Trails. If you would like to receive the Trails by email, send a note to Jim Stateczny at: Jim@hillcountrysoftware.com. I highly recommend this type of delivery. I print it out, punch some holes, and keep the Trails organized in a binder for easy reference.

Dorothy Williams has taken over the job of Upcomings. Please send all upcoming information to her at: dorothy@brooksdata.net.

We now have a new CASI brochure that can serve as a great introduction to a prospective promoter or sponsor. It's colorful and informative and makes a wonderful first impression. Contact Mikie McGarity for copies.

There are ten CASI scholarship winners attending school. After TICC, the Board will make a determination of available funding for additional scholarships.

It was decided that for the protection of CASI and CASI members involved with cookoffs, general liability insurance will be required for each cookoff beginning October 1. The insurance will be paid for by a nominal increase in the per cook sanction fee. Board members and Great Peppers are working hard to finalize negotiations on the lowest cost insurance available.

Special congratulations to Ralph Hay, who was elected Great Pepper of the Year.

I'd like to invite all of you with computers to join the AiDE, the Almost instant Daily Email. Chili news from our electronic CASI community is published almost daily. If you'd like to join us, send me an email at: pepperdean@comcast.net, and we'll welcome you to the list.

Alan Dean - Executive Director



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Chili Bites

The "Chucky, Ducky and Bucky Show." It is nice to see that the SOT POD has such a distinguished group for their Nominating Committee. It is also nice to see that they are having fun while doing a very important job. Sometimes it seems that the fun has gone out of chili cooking. We are all so serious, although being around Norma makes being serious a hard job. She has so much joy in life since she came so near to losing it.

I do remember a few things about that group. Chucky being chased at Ladies' State by a bunch of our well-known male cooks dressed up in long dresses. I don't remember why and I am not mentioning names, but the majority came from North Texas. Chuck ran but the guys in the dresses ran faster and tackled him. Chuck is going to have to pick up some speed in case something like this happens again. They ran past where I was cooking, and Chuck was not traveling at the speed of light. I think I could have out run him; at least I could have in those days.

Ducky. What can you say about her? Well, there is a lot but this article is not long enough to go through it all. As her name implies, she is a duck nut. I think she is soon going to run out of room with all of the ducks that people give her. She is also a member of the Butt Sisters, even though one of the sisters is gone. Carolyn Hejtmancik was without a doubt the moving member behind (no pun intended) the idea of the Butt Sisters. Joyce Jowers was the third member. These gals would do anything for a free tab at the bar.

Bucky is the only person I know that when he wins, gets boos instead of applause. Good-natured boos, I must add. He is also the only person who didn't think Second Place at Marble Falls was what he wanted and said so. I would like to add that I was the person who came in First at the Cookoff by only 1 point. I think that Carolyn decided to take him home after that, and he lost his cook's pot money to charity. He helped me with my chili at a time when nothing would go right for me. What did he get in exchange? My beating him by one point at Howdy Roo.

I would like to offer my condolences to Norma and Elton on the death of Boots. Boots was a chili dog. He did not want to stay home but to go wherever Elton went. Elton belonged to Boots, and Boots belonged to Elton. At a Cookoff, you almost always saw them together. It will be hard to go to my next Cookoff and not find Boots there. He was not really a friend of mine, since I almost sat on him at a Cookoff. Needless to say, he never forgot. I was used to a dog called Blackie that you could see. Boots was small, the couch was big, and I just missed sitting on him. He always looked at me in a very strange manner after that. When he got older, he forgot and did let me pet him; he would sometimes come and lay beside me. I was glad that he didn't hold a grudge.

We have a lot of pets in the chili world and when they leave us, it hurts your heart. When we lost Blackie, it almost broke my heart. He was always there when he felt that I needed to be comforted. There was a time at Kerrville when we put chili dog T-shirts on several of the chili dogs. Blackie went under the motor home and wouldn't come out. He knew that he looked silly, and he wasn't about to let others see him dressed like that.

Ray King lost Cindy and Mandy. Cindy was my love. She adopted me when she was a puppy, and she always felt that I belonged to her. Mandy was Judie's dog. She dearly loved Judie, and Judie spoiled her rotten. They were both good dogs to people that they knew. Teased as puppies, they were very wary of people that they didn't know. They both hung around me, as they knew that I would give them things to eat but only what they were allowed. Well, almost always. Judie did look away now and then. They were never the same after Judie died, even though Ray and Pat loved them very much and took good care of them. Ray would come home if it was thundering, because Cindy, especially, was afraid of the noise. There was also the fact that once they couldn't get home, and Cindy tore up a door trying to get out. I know about that as we had a grease fire here and Blackie tore my curtains in the bedroom trying to get out of a closed window. They also had Susie before Cindy and Mandy. Their house was robbed, and Susie let the robbers in but not the Police. That dog had her priorities wrong.

There is also Bingo. I never knew that dog could walk until I was up very early at a cookoff and saw Winston taking him out for his morning trip. To my knowledge, the only other time Bingo walked was when Betty won Ladies' State for the second time in a row. She put him down to go on stage to present her yellow roses to herself.

And last but not least is Howdy Roo - a dog that Donna and Red Dillon found at the Marble Falls Cookoff. Howdy was another dog that didn't walk much. Donna carried her everywhere. That dog knew a good thing when she found it, and Howdy found that Donna was a soft touch for her. I think she was the Dillon's dog that wore sunglasses at times, and I don't remember if she rode on the motorcycle or not.

And there was CASI, short for Chili Appreciation Society International, who belonged to Tex and Helen. CASI seemed to enjoy cookoffs or just the fact that she was with Tex and Helen. I think she actually liked chili cookoffs though. She also liked hot peppers. Helen said that she would eat them if someone threw them on the ground. Chili cooks shouldn't throw things on the ground. Chili dogs will eat anything they find and sometimes what they find will make them sick. She also liked to have her picture taken. Does that remind you of the man who owned her? Tex never met a camera that he didn't like. CASI and Boots didn't like each other, probably because they both were spoiled and didn't like to share. If they had to share the same couch, they would sit with their backs to each other.

I think all of these dogs were teased or strange people seemed to think that all dogs at a cookoff were just begging to be petted, which wasn't so. Would you like a strange person coming up to you and patting you on the head? I think not. I think I will quit about the dogs now, as I don't want you to think this column has gone to the dogs. I know, not funny but hard to resist.

This is my birthday month. I am now officially 66. I caught up with Ray and Duff. I still am the youngest as their birthdays are in June and September. Speaking of birthdays and I was, I am way behind in birthday gifts. I have had Ruby's since April. I now have Ruby, Pat, Norma, Elton and Karin. The first four have been bought but I still am looking for something for Karin. That lady is hard to buy for, but something will pop up and it will tell me that it should be given to her. I hope that it pops up soon as Christmas is coming and another birthday and on it goes.

Congratulations to all of the new members of the CASI Board of Directors. For the brand new ones, you have a lot of hard work ahead of you. Part of the job of the Board is to promote chili, and I know that you all will do this and do it well. Those who have been on the Board for a while have been getting older, but they're still out there promoting chili.

This has been an especially bad month as we have lost so many of our good friends and their families. I would like to offer my condolences to them. Condolences also to Jan Windrow. Bob was an especially friendly person and to him, everybody was a friend. He always had a big hug for you and a big grin on his face telling you how glad he was to see you.

Tell your friends that you love them whenever you can. You never know when their number will be called, and they'll go to join the rest of your chili friends. Don't let anger linger or imagine hurts that are not there. We are here but a short time, and we need to make the most of it.

I am happy to see that Bob Wisdom is still with us. I am of the opinion that if you survive getting thrown over my back fence, seeing condolences on your death would hardly faze you.

I am also glad that Ray King is doing well after his triple bypass surgery. He is home and doing fine. Pat deserves a gold star for all of the time she spent with him at the hospital, from morning to night, doing for him what needed to be done. She is one fine lady and also a fine houseguest. We hardly ever saw her; she never ate here but I was glad when she was able to stop sleeping on those chairs at the hospital and come to our house to sleep in a real bed.

It's September and time is running out for getting those chili points. I can now say that I will be seeing you along the chili trail as the new season is just about upon us. I am not ready to start back cooking chili. I need to order spices, hunt up my cooking stuff, find out where I am going to buy meat (Albertsons closed), and get ready to hit the trail.

Get that recipe out, or better yet, try to con someone into getting theirs out and letting you use it, especially if they are qualified. It is very hot out there; so try to drink some water along with your beer. If you can't con someone into giving you a recipe (a winning recipe), you had better get busy and take a good, long look at your recipe and ask where you're going wrong. The recipe won't answer and your neighboring chili cooks will think you are crazy, but have another beer and help to keep the beer and spice company stock up.

**Take care,
Irene Duffield**

Memorial Contributions CASI National Scholarship Fund

Thanks to Jan Windrow and the Highland Lakes Pod for their recent contributions to the CASI National Scholarship Fund in memory of Bob Windrow.



The Tejas Medicineman Presents: "Chili Chants"

Well, it's time for another article. Last month I asked if everyone who was appointed a Regional Referee or an Area Referee was ready for their new year's chili activities, and requested some recommendations for improvements, or information on how they stock their Referee/Head Judge cases. Well, of the approximate 52 Regional Referees and all their charges, not one person responded. I guess they will once again forge ahead in the fog into the new chili year, blithely oblivious that they are making the same old mistakes or they don't understand the importance of sharing their hard earned experience with a newbie or the rest of CASI.

Johnye Harriman kept a journal of all the rulebooks since the beginning of chili cookoffs. The rules and guidelines we have today are the result of a long list of hits and misses, wars, and arguments; but the final results, if you follow the threads, were always set upon improvements to the existing system. Those improvements came from ideas and suggestions from those interested parties who were in the trenches of the front lines. I'm not talking about some of those rabid crazies who proposed some of those inane rule changes that had to be shelved for a while. I speak of those members who saw a need to improve on the system without disrupting it or making it more complicated.

I never knew whose idea it was to produce the CASI printed and numbered judging tickets we now use. I do thank them. It was a milestone in judging improvements. This was a thankless task where someone invented and handed over to us an idea to improve the system; something that was shared out of the pool of vast knowledge of our organization.

I know there is a lot more neat stuff that can be gleaned from our knowledge pool. For one, I would like to know just how some Pods select their Referees. I want to hear from someone out there who can tell me how they go about training table monitors. Do you have a program within your Pod that is dedicated to teaching the different duties required during a cookoff? We would like to hear about your approach to continuing education for Regional and Area Referees. I would also like to hear about what you feel it takes to be a Great Pepper (other than that person was the only one willing to do the job).

Well, I promised to talk about your Referee/Head Judge case, so here goes. First, find you an old brief case. If that is not suitable, then there are several water-resistant Rubbermaid snap top boxes that can be found. Some cases are ready made to accommodate hanging files, or you can insert your own file holders.

The size of the box will depend on how much you want to cram in it, or how much you can lift and store in the trunk of your car or RV. Whatever the container, make it convenient to move about and make it easy to get whatever you need in and out of conveniently. That part should be a no-brainer, however, I have seen some people who have lived happily out of a cardboard box for years.

The Dollar Store is one of America's gifts of the 20th Century. There you can find cheap pencils and stationery supplies for those who value their jobs more than pilfering the company storeroom. Sam's, the other phenomenon, is another reasonable source, especially for markers.

Do yourself a favor and purchase a REAL pencil sharpener, one with a hand crank. Mount it in the garage by the workbench. The secret is to have a really large Ziploc bag of pencils, more than would ever be needed at even three cookoffs. Then one slow evening between cookoffs, you can grab the bag of pencils and go to the workbench and actually accomplish something useful instead of piddling.



The Chili Frontier Part 10

The letters have been sent inviting chili cooks, regular cooks and those who think they can cook to come and enter the "First Annual Chili Cookoff" at the XYZ Lodge benefiting their Community Action Programs.

Letters are also sent to other organizations in the community inviting them to come and enjoy the event and support the community. I suggest that a "chili challenge" be included in these letters in hopes of various organizations having some cooks compete for bragging rights among these clubs.

Flyers have been put up around town, along with press releases sent to the local media. I try to arrange for interviews with the local media explaining the purpose of the cookoff and a little history about CASI and what has been done for charities around the U.S.

The organization, itself, needs some fine tuning concerning the chili cookoff, so everyone knows what is happening. Even though months have passed helping the organization get ready, there are still a lot of people who have no idea what to expect. When your cookoff is held at a fraternal organization such as the American Legion, VFW, Elks, Moose, etc., you need to make sure that all the bartenders know the 5 W's of the event - Who, What, Where, When and Why. They are the ones talking to the membership, taking telephone calls, and pretty well known in smaller towns. They can really be a big asset to the chili cookoff, IF they have the information and IF you sell them on the importance of the event.

Have a few informal meetings about the cookoff with members of the organization. You have seen the regulars come and go during the past few months. Get them involved by providing them with information. They come to the club all the time, so they will probably be at the cookoff. You will be surprised at how they may be willing to help, IF YOU ASK THEM.

Ken Rodd

Buy some manila folders. You will need them to separate the different sheets needed to run a cookoff. I know it seems like such a waste, but once again I ask you to get rid of those old copies of smudgy judging sheets and get new ones. However, don't make a lot of copies just yet. There will be a new official judging sheet issued soon with a notation about food allergies that the table monitor must bring to the attention of the table judges.

Stapler - most important during tallying. Receipt book. No, I did not say recipe book. A receipt book with carbon inserts is a valuable item to carry. It is to be used when the promoter and you settle up for the day, and you get the money for CASI (at least 20% of the time I have been given cash money from the entry box). I protect myself by writing a receipt and having it signed by the promoter. The little narrow booklet costs less than \$3.00 and will save you a lot of grief in litigation.

Since this article has grown too long for this issue, I will give you guys and gals one more chance to tell me what you have in your Referee/Head judge box. What great idea can you share? What item did I not yet mention that concerns showmanship?

Donn Shands

Bess's Best



Hello to all from beautiful Lamar where the temperature is a crisp 54 degrees this evening as I write, and believe me that is a lot different than what we have been experiencing. In fact, it was more comfortable at the Great Peppers' Meeting in Tempe than it has been here; the high humidity makes it so uncomfortable.

I want to congratulate our 4 new Directors. I wish them the best, and I know they will serve us well.

The Great Peppers' Meeting was A+++ all the way! The Arizona people were super, and The Fiesta Inn bent over backwards for all attending.

One item on the Friday agenda was a forum on Junior Chili Cooks. Starting with the new Chili Year, a point system will be maintained on the Junior Chili Cooks much the same way as the Adult Cooks. Cookoffs that hold a Junior Cook-off and wish to participate in the program can send a list of Juniors signing up to cook and a list of the winners.

Points will be awarded for 1st thru 10th places in cooking, and all cooks will receive points for participation. Junior Johnson will serve as Tallymaster, and additional information on the program can be supplied to anyone writing Bob Horan of the Piney Woods Pod or Dixie Johnson of the Mo/Kan Pod.

A Board consisting of Johnye Harriman, Dixie Johnson, Bob Horan, and Junior Johnson has been established to oversee and guide this program. The main goal is to recognize every Junior Cook that participates in a Junior Cookoff and see each gets recognition for their efforts, regardless of where they place in the standings, and to create and build interest in Junior Chili Cooking.

It is the hope of all involved that if this works, somewhere down the line in the future all cooks earning points would be rewarded at the end of the cooking year. How or what has not been discussed in detail, depending on the results of the program. **BUT IN NO WAY WILL THE JUNIORS BE INVOLVED IN TERLINGUA OR BE IN ATTENDANCE.**

During my reign as TICC 2000 Champion, I started making available and presenting handmade items for Junior Cooks, and I will continue to do this at no charge. Being a mother, I understand and feel the disappointment a child feels when they go and try, do the best they can, and come up empty handed. This way everyone wins - the Juniors and the Adults.

If anyone reading this and interested in having a Junior Cookoff will notify me, I will make items for your cookoff. All that I ask is that you give me at least 2 months notice and the approximate number of Juniors you might expect to enter. I will make items and either send them to you or try to attend your cookoff and present them to the Juniors.

I mentioned that I would try to attend your cookoff. You need not fear, I am not a Terrorist or at least not in the eyes of the Airlines. When we went to Tempe for the Great Peppers' Meeting, we flew out of Kansas City (as I have mentioned previously, since Harry is not in office any more we do not have access to Presidential One and have to fly commercial).

Yep, you guessed it; I was the lucky one that got the complete search. On the way out, I was searched both in Kansas City and Denver. Coming home, I was searched in Phoenix and Denver again. I think they took one look at Harry and the thought was he was too slow to be dangerous. The thought has gone through Harry's and my minds many times since this all started with the increased security of what I would have done when I traveled as TICC Champion, because everywhere we went I took the Pepper???????????

As the Sun starts to move into the southern sky in the location where Harry and I live, that means Terlingua is near. This is a time for joy and a time for sorrow. The joy being the reuniting of friends and the telling of all that has happened to us over the past year, and then the sorrow when, during that first few minutes, Boomer starts reading the names of those who are no longer with us. We all have lost friends and family this past year, and that is another reason I want to see the Junior Cooks move up and take over; so we will be able to have a Terlingua for many years to come.

My how Terlingua has changed over the years. I still recall our first trip to Terlingua, 17 years ago, when we took everything we could think of (or someone told us to take) and then stopped in Alpine and bought more. Harry was able to talk his boss at the time into letting us take his conversion van to Terlingua. We crammed 6 of us into the van and headed out. The van was one of the most expensive that could be bought at the time with a TV and all the other little extras. We thought we were in "Tall Cotton", but we didn't count on the unexpected.

I don't recall exactly what happened now, but Harry changed the oil on the van before we left and by the time we got to Abilene, Texas, decided to check the oil again. We had oil all over the motor. After about 6 mechanics looked at the van and we lost half a day, it was decided that Harry had not put the oil stick back in correctly, and it was blowing oil. With that taken care of, off we went. Somewhere west of Abilene, we stopped at a rest stop and found that the van had 3 tires with big knots on them that had to be replaced.

Our son was driving and when we got to Alpine (and you know the law enforcement down there), he got on a one-way street and was stopped by one of the locals. Well, he tells them that we are on our way to Terlingua and are late. Never mind, I won't go any farther with that, but we did get to Terlingua and we got out of a ticket in Alpine. Then when we got to Terlingua, WOW did we get our eyes opened! For all who have been there, I am sure you recall those magic moments of your first trip. We weathered the storm and hope that God will let us return for many more years.

I'm not going to ramble on about Terlingua but I want to share one more short story with you. After about 3 years of driving down, we decided to fly into Midland-Odessa and rent a car to drive down. That particular year, Chevrolet had some type of a fancy sports car, and Harry decided that was what we had to rent. We made it to Terlingua just fine. Harry decided he had to have some more beer. Study Butte did not have beer for sale, so we traveled east of there somewhere, got his beer and were returning to the cook-off site which was at the Old Mine at that time.

I was driving (as I do almost all of the driving) and Law Enforcement was everywhere. We almost made it to The Mine, and I met a Texas Highway Patrolman who made a fast U-Turn and stopped me. To make a long story short, the rental car had been involved in an accident prior to us renting it and when they replaced the windshield, it did not have a Texas Vehicle Sticker on it. I told him it was a rental car and that I was down for the cookoff. He informed me that when I rented a car, I was responsible for the car as if I owned it and issued me a ticket. Well, when I got home I notified the car agency and was refunded.

Harry just came in and told me it is starting to rain outside, so I am going to finish my part and go look to see if it is really rain. We haven't had enough rain to speak of or measure since we got flooded in the spring. Please take care and hope to see many of you in Terlingua or someplace down the road.

Hello all, Harry here. I see Bess has been talking to you about Terlingua. I still can't get used to that country. After all the years we have been there, I still look for the Lone Ranger and Tonto or Roy Rogers or Gene Autry to come riding up any minute; but I still think that each year is going to be the year that the Chicago Cubs are going to win the World Series.

Looking at the big clock on the wall, I see it is fast approaching the time this column must end. We live on the side of the street that has the odd house numbers, and they turn off our electricity at 10:00 pm. I want to share this with you before I leave.

I look back on pictures we took over the years at Terlingua, and how BIG a part CASI has played in the development of the area. I have belonged to many organizations, many larger and many smaller, but I have never been more proud to say I am a Chili Cook and belong to CASI.

Thank you for your time till next time, and Remember to Start Slow and Then Taper Off!

Bess & Harry

Open Letter to CASI Members

I would like to thank the CASI membership for affording me the opportunity to participate in our political process as a candidate in our Board of Directors' elections. I appreciate the support and encouragement offered to me both before and after the election.

I congratulate those candidates who were selected and vow to stand by my statement that I will be more than willing to help at TICC this year, wherever possible, even if I was not

elected. I hope that during this upcoming chili year, we will all stand united behind the leadership of our Board of Directors and work to make the year one of the best and most productive in the history of our organization.

Thank you again.

John Goforth



A View From the Top of an Old Chilihead

We had looked forward to the Labor Day weekend for a long time. We were going to have some quiet time together. We planned to go to the Johnson City cookoff on Friday night and visit with chili friends, then go to the coast on Saturday to fish and visit some of our favorite seafood restaurants. We were going by the Aransas cookoff and visit. We were going to celebrate my birthday on Monday and go back home to get ready to go to the Great Peppers' Meeting in Phoenix. The only thing that worked out was some quiet time together. Twelve days in ICU at Methodist Hospital was not in the plans.

This was the first Great Peppers' Meeting I have missed. I still don't know what kind of meeting we had. If it was the greatest ever, I did not contribute to its success. If it was the sorriest meeting ever, I can't be blamed for that either. I was not there. I really enjoy the Great Peppers' Meetings and hate to miss one. It leaves a big blank spot in your chili year.

We had more new directors elected this year than I can remember ever being elected before. Our board is becoming very diverse with new and experienced directors. This can be good. They will need our positive help.

Some observations I made during my confinement.

There are more people looking for God in the hospitals than there are in our churches. From some of the miraculous things I observed, I think He spends more time in hospitals than churches. My rehab nurse was in and out a half dozen times the day I was dismissed to tell me the things I could do and not do, things I could eat and not eat, etc. Pat took some things to the car after noon and ran into the nurse outside having a cigarette. The nurse never did come back to see me. Speaking of cigarettes. I talked to a lot of people walking the halls with their redesigned chest by Dr. Frankenstein. Seventy five percent had never smoked. They thought they were in good health. There's a big message here for everyone.

On the way home I picked up some pain and sleeping pills. On the sleeping pills they stuck one of those little labels that say "Don't drive or operate machinery- may cause drowsiness".

So, what does all this rambling have to do with chili? Not much. Except to say that by the grace of God and some excellent doctors I am still an active member of the chili world. I have some more time to devote to writing and cataloging chili history.

It's almost time to start over on getting points, so I know I will see you on the trail to Terlingua.

Ray King



From the Alcalde

Well, TICC 2002 is almost here. It's been a great year for me, and I hope the same for all of you. I hope everyone got all the points they need, and I look forward to seeing you in Terlingua.

Until then, be safe and have fun!

Robert Schrade

Free Quarter Page Ad to CASI Pods

As a CASI Pod you are required to put on a pod cookoff once a year. To help you advertise your pod cookoff we allow each pod to place one quarter page ad in the Terlingua Trails, each year, free of charge. This ad should run the month before your cookoff occurs. Should you decide that you need an ad larger than a quarter page we will simply bill you for the difference in price. This ad should not be confused with the article advertising your cookoff in the "Cooking with CASI Calendar" section in the Terlingua Trails. That article will start to run as soon as you request your cookoff packet and will run until your cookoff occurs. Remember that every CASI member receives a monthly issue of the Terlingua Trails and this is

Terlingua Trails Ad Rates

At the Board of Directors meeting, on July 13th, in Irving, Texas, the subject of Terlingua Trails Ad Rates was discussed. Over the last few months we have looked at rates of other papers similar to ours in size and circulation. We have also talked to people who are in the newspaper printing business. As a result of these studies we determined that we are currently charging about one third of the average going rates. The board then voted to double our ad rates effective January 1, 2003. The Editor of the Terlingua Trails was also given the authority to negotiate lower rates when long term advertising is involved.

CASI Board of Directors

CASI Cookoff Liability Insurance

At the Great Peppers' Meeting in Tempe, the voting delegates looked at the issue of liability insurance for CASI cookoffs. The eye-opening event that prompted the discussion was the case of a spectator falling and being injured at a cookoff in Marble Falls.

We find ourselves living in an increasingly litigious society. People sue everyone in sight for any reason. It is not just a question of liability, because if anyone makes a claim, with or without merit, the costs of defense could be phenomenal. The CASI treasury could not begin to fund the response or defense of an uninsured claim against us. A serious claim would put us out of business. If it were determined that we had liability for a claim, the settlement could take all of CASI's assets, including the ranch, plus money and possessions of the referee, head judge, Pod members, etc. For this reason, the delegates voted to require liability insurance for all CASI cookoffs, starting October 1.

At the time of the meeting in Tempe, the only premium estimate in our possession for a blanket policy, that would cover all CASI cookoffs, was \$50,000. We decided that we would fund the cost of this policy by charging an additional sanction amount for each cook at a cookoff. We also approved an additional maximum sanction fee increase of \$4.00 per cook to pay for the Insurance and asked everyone to search for the lowest cost insurance we could find. In addition, the Board of Directors was charged with finding the best possible solution to the dilemma.

As CASI luck would have it, a source I had been working with for several weeks came back the week after the Great Peppers' Meeting with phenomenal news: a much lower premium with an A-rated company. The cost per cook added to the sanction fee for each cookoff will only be one dollar (\$1). This will be a comprehensive general liability policy with upgraded limits and zero deductible. It will include host liquor liability and product liability insurance as well. I type this after the deadline for this issue of the Terlingua Trails has passed, and the Board has finished its review and approval of the policy. Implementation details will be coming out very soon.

What this means in practical terms:

A cookoff with 25 cooks:

No insurance \$55 (\$2 per cook, plus packet fee \$5)

A cookoff with 25 cooks:

With premises liability insurance:

\$80 (\$3 per cook, plus \$5 packet fee)

Even using the example of the Arizona Pods of obtaining insurance at \$50 per cookoff, the insurance will bring each cookoff in under their costs:

A cookoff with 25 cooks

\$2 per cook, plus insurance of \$50, plus packet fee = \$105

This equitable distribution of the insurance premium is the best possible coverage at the best possible price.

The Board members and other contributors have worked very hard searching out and considering various options. Thanks to their efforts, we will all be protected at a cost well below that authorized by the Great Peppers. Thank you.

Alan Dean

Letter of Thanks

Dear fellow Chili Cooks, Voting Delegates and Directors:

It is a great honor to be elected to your CASI Board of Directors. I appreciate your vote of confidence in my ability to help the Board provide the leadership to keep CASI running smoothly. I will perform my duty to you with sincerity, open mindedness and willingness to be your representative.

The continuing input of the Cooks is critical to the progress of the organization. Please feel free to call me at anytime.

Without the Cooks, there would be no CASI.

Thank you one and all.

Sincerely

Dorathy Williams

Rulebook Unchanged Well, Mostly

In Tempe, the Great Peppers voted to postpone consideration of the submitted rule change proposals until next year. Also, several of the proposals were withdrawn. What this means is next year's meeting will have discussion and voting of this year's proposals; 2005 will be a full rule change proposal year. Confusing, but doable.

As a practical matter, each CASI member is to receive a new rulebook and lists of Officers and Directors, Great Peppers, and Area and Regional Referees each year. Since the rules themselves are unchanged - except for the address for the Upcomings listing, the phone number for the Executive Director, and the Judging Sheet (to incorporate "food allergies" in the instructions) - it is my plan not to mail a full rulebook to each member unless so requested by that member. Each member (and I hope I can get these out by the end of September) will receive new covers and new insert pages.

If you would like an entirely new rulebook, please let me know. Otherwise, we'll be saving CASI quite a bit on printing and postage by reusing our 2002 rulebooks. Thanks for your help!

Johnye

Letter of Invitation

Dearest Chili Friends,

Once again I will be having a chili cookoff at my home. It has been such a long time since I have seen any of ya'll! As our lives grow busy, we all tend to get in a rut of normal everyday routine. I think it is time to get together and visit with each other. I really miss each of ya'll. I would like to take this time to personally invite each and every one of ya'll to come. This cookoff will be held at my home in Jacksonville, Texas. I have advertised in the Trails. This

will benefit the children of our area. The cookoff will be October 19, 2002. If you need directions, you can call me or mom (Mary Moore) at (903) 589-5063, (903) 589-0553 wk., Mom (903) 586-4191. I am looking forward to seeing ya'll. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to let me know.

Your chili friend,
Cheri Sullinger Reynolds

School Supplies

Just a reminder for everyone who is coming to Terlingua to not forget school supplies for the kids at the Terlingua School. They can use a lot of stuff. Here are some of the items: crayons, washable watercolors, pencils, pens, rulers, notebook paper (wide rule), spiral notebooks, folders, Elmer's glue, Kleenex, markers (also washable ones, too), and any other school supplies that you may find. If you bring it, they will use it. Also, I understand that any time you are in the Terlingua area, you are invited to stop by the school and visit.

Vickie Childers

Christmas Toys

PLEASE don't forget your Christmas Toys. These may be the only toys some of these kids will receive. After visiting with Tom Williams about the toys, he advised they are needed for children ages 4 to 10; they don't need expensive toys. These toys only go to the children who need them.

Want to put a smile on a kid's face who may not have a Christmas? **DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR TOYS TO TERLINGUA.**

Vickie Childers

Trash Pickup in Terlingua

We will be picking up trash along the Highway on Thursday morning, October 31, 2002, at 10:00 AM. This doesn't take long if a lot of people come to help. You get a chance to visit with old friends and to meet new ones. It really is fun. Some have even found money.

We will meet in front of the judging area. Remember to wear walking shoes or hiking boots and bring your gloves. Some even bring sticks to pick up things. Come have fun with a bunch of trashy people!

Vickie Childers

Tales from the Ranch

Hello everybody! I had the opportunity to break away from the Ranch and travel to Arizona to attend the Great Peppers' Meeting in Phoenix.

Yo, Rita, what an event for a Concho County boy to behold! Names are too many to mention, but the Arizona folks involved are to be commended for an outstanding job. The accommodations and hospitality were the best. There was never a lack of someone to assist with anything we might have needed. Food, spirits, sightseeing, and resort staff were outstanding. Thanks, Arizona. You made my 4 days there an everlasting memory.

As for the meeting itself, I feel the Board and the Great Peppers and other voting delegates stayed within the boundaries of a very good outcome. Although all may not agree with the outcome of the meeting, professional and rational decisions were made with which I feel we can all live.

It would be nice to have more members attend the GP meetings. The GP's and the Board are representing us as cooks. Our ideas and thoughts are what are running CASI today. We have eleven months to decide how CASI is going to operate. So if you can, let your GP hear what you think and drop the Board members a line every now and then. They really do want to hear from us.

Well, gotta go. My cluckers are hungry and gotta check on the deer, too. If my grammar did not cotton to yours, let me "splain" to you that, after much discussion between Sue Caffey and me, yes, there is an "r" in Washington.

See ya'll in November!

Louis Gonzales

Black Gold Pod, Odessa, Texas

Thanks

Words can never express my feelings when you saw fit to re-elect me to the CASI Board. It is a great honor to serve as one of your CASI Board members.

I appreciate your vote of confidence. As I have stated to you many times - I want to be YOUR voice and present YOUR opinions and concerns to the Board. I can't do this, however, without your input. Please feel free to call, write, or e-mail me at any time.

You as cooks and members are what make CASI the great organization it is!

Renee Moore

CASI COOKOFF WINNERS

Jun 15, 2002-002 - Grove OK
Smoke on the Water BBQ & Chili, 15
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Mike Barber, Tulsa OK
 - 2 David Brown, Catoosa OK
 - 3 Loida Mayenschein, Tulsa OK
 - 4 Mike Mayenschein, Tulsa OK
 - 5 Toni Langston, Tulsa OK
 - 6 Scott Lamons, Shawnee KS
 - 7 Don Boone, Belton MO
 - 8 Colleen Lintner, Shawnee Mission KS
 - 9 Ed Jones, Grove OK
 - 10 Steve Dowdy, Kansas City MO
- ## SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Red Hot Pop, Mission KS
Mary Geyer
 - 2 Duck Blind Chili, Kansas City MO
Steve Dowdy
 - 3 Toad Chokin' Chili
Shawnee Mission KS
Colleen Lintner

Jul 20, 2002-006 - Cheyenne WY
Cheyenne Lion's Club 23rd Annual, 15
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Hank Wedemeyer, Littleton CO
 - 2 Judy Wedemeyer, Littleton CO
 - 3 Greg Reese, Cheyenne WY
 - 4 Deb Raupins, Longmont CO
 - 5 Maxine Reed, Schertz TX
 - 6 Jeannie Reese, Cheyenne WY
 - 7 John Montgomery, Golden CO
 - 8 David J.(MadJack) Garner, Mesa AZ
 - 9 Ray Wright, Cheyenne WY
 - 10 Teresa Lake, Cheyenne WY
- ## SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Coyote Red, Cheyenne WY
Anna Westergren
 - 2 Hobo Bob, Cheyenne WY
Bob Herder
 - 3 UNCLAIMED

Jul 27, 2002-007 - North Little Rock AR
Arkansas Social Society Pod, 19 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Debbie Blanks, Little Rock AR
 - 2 Bo Prewitt, North Little Rock AR
 - 3 Tim Swicegood, North Little Rock AR
 - 4 Linda Nickle, North Little Rock AR
 - 5 Clifton Nickle, Philadelphia MS
 - 6 Allen Light, Little Rock AR
 - 7 Wanda Cassini, Collierville TN
 - 8 Lesa Hamm, Sherwood AR
 - 9 Bruce Smith, Little Rock AR
 - 10 Judi Cassini, Memphis TN
- ## SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Jamaica Spice, Little Rock AR
Debbie Blanks
 - 2 Cock O'the Walk, Jacksonville AR
Dallas Gibson
 - 3 Panda Chili, North Little Rock AR
Susan Hammack

Jul 27, 2002-009 - Moulton TX

Moulton Town and Country Jamboree, 58
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Linda J. McDonald, Victoria TX
 - 2 Robert Lowery, Victoria TX
 - 3 Lisa Banks, Houston TX
 - 4 Pete Drake, Houston TX
 - 5 Kima Blair, Katy TX
 - 6 Curtis Bennetsen, Yoakum TX
 - 7 Ronnie Technik, Moulton TX
 - 8 John Meisetschleager, Moulton TX
 - 9 Vikki Evans, Katy TX
 - 10 Larry Burruss, San Marcos TX
- ## SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Lone Star Ladies, Katy TX
Vikki Evans
 - 2 Beer Hunters, Moulton TX
Kathy Haikenwaelder
 - 3 R & B Rocking Ranch, Moulton TX
Robert Schockley

Aug 3, 2002-003 - Zuehl (San Antonio) TX
3rd Annual ACES Pod CCO, 31 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Ron W. Black, Somerset TX
 - 2 Clyde Rogers, San Antonio TX
 - 3 Robert E. Schrade, San Antonio TX
 - 4 Jan Windrow, San Antonio TX
 - 5 Gilbert Strzelczyk, Marion TX
 - 6 Connie Sue Schrade, San Antonio TX
 - 7 Danny Jenkins, Marion TX
 - 8 Terry L. Tenery, Kerrville TX
 - 9 Nora Casias, Somerset TX
 - 10 Monroe E. Stewart, Adkins TX
- ## SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Too Weird For Words, San Antonio TX
Claire Martin
 - 2 Bad Boy, St. Hedwig TX
John Silver
 - 3 Almighty's Chili, Marion TX
Danny Jenkins

Aug 3, 2002-006 - North Vancouver BC
Lonsdale Quay Public Market CCO, 16
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Fred Roycroft, Port Coquitlam BC
- 2 Colleen Wallace, Plano TX
- 3 Betty Duff, Port Coquitlam BC
- 4 Julie Wallace, Grapevine TX
- 5 Ken Peach, Tacoma WA
- 6 Steve Burnfield, Vancouver BC
- 7 Bill Thorne, Maple Ridge BC
- 8 Paige Nysoe, Seattle WA
- 9 Grier Goldsby, Port Coquitlam BC
- 10 Lynne Brokaw, Seattle WA

Aug 4, 2002-001 - Zuehl (San Antonio) TX
ACES Pod Sunday CCO, 16 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Laura McDaniel, San Antonio TX
- 2 Jan Windrow, San Antonio TX
- 3 Monroe E. Stewart, Adkins TX
- 4 Terry L. Tenery, Kerrville TX
- 5 Janet Cielencki, San Antonio TX
- 6 Ron W. Black, Somerset TX

- 7 Charmaine Rogers, San Antonio TX
 - 8 Fread E. Cielencki Sr.
San Antonio TX
 - 9 Happy Hinman, San Antonio TX
 - 10 Larry Hodon, San Antonio TX
- ## SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Flaming-O, San Antonio TX
Laura McDaniel
 - 2 Joker's Wild, San Antonio TX
Jeanette D. Hodon
 - 3 GB Chili, San Antonio TX
Mary Ellen Gillen

Aug 4, 2002-002 - Alvarado TX
American Legion Pos 426 CCO, 32 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Vicki Sanders, Ennis TX
 - 2 John Perry, Fort Worth TX
 - 3 Suzie Manske, Arlington TX
 - 4 Charles Breeden, Alvarado TX
 - 5 Mark Sanders, Ennis TX
 - 6 J.D. Duggan, Whitney TX
 - 7 Nick McGarity, Southlake TX
 - 8 Shirley Sexton, Dallas TX
 - 9 Tina Barnes, Euless TX
 - 10 Ron Barnes, Euless TX
- ## SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Puzzle Time Chili, Hurst TX
Bill Sweigart
 - 2 Rock And Roll Chili, Crawford TX
Mavis Nelson
 - 3 Scrubboard Chili, Cleburne TX
Mabel (Willie) Griffin

Aug 10, 2002-001 - Lewisville TX
Texas Open CASI Chili Championship, 197
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Jan Frisch, Allen TX
 - 2 Kathy LeGear, Dallas TX
 - 3 Lynette Roberson, Irving TX
 - 4 Mark Foster, Corinth TX
 - 5 Jimmy Harper, Ennis TX
 - 6 Mack Walker, Arlington TX
 - 7 Dan Grannan, Waxahachie TX
 - 8 Kristi Walker, Arlington TX
 - 9 Doris Greenlees, Houston TX
 - 10 Frances Sullivan, Ennis TX
- ## SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Bag Lady, Wichita Falls TX
Jackie Ralston
 - 2 Ain't Yo Mama's Chili, Southlake TX
Noella Candelaria
 - 3 Southside Foggy Mountain
Grand Prairie TX
Jim Johnson

Aug 10, 2002-002 - Odessa TX
The ARC of Ector County Cookoff, 28
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Patsy Childress, Midland TX
- 2 Keith Coffman, Odessa TX
- 3 Joann Scott, Odessa TX
- 4 Pat Timmons, Crane TX
- 5 Al McDonald, Odessa TX
- 6 Robin Crain, Crane TX

- 7 Darrell Hopper, Odessa TX
 - 8 Dorothy Williams, Terlingua TX
 - 9 Tim Collier, Snyder TX
 - 10 Connie Collier, Snyder TX
- ## SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Texas Chili & Tattoo Parlor
Odessa TX
Phyllis Patton
 - 2 Market Gord Head Chili, Odessa TX
John Conley
 - 3 TLC, Odessa TX
Joann Scott

Aug 10, 2002-003 - Bel Air MD
CASI Eastern Regional Chili, 26 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Donna Corley, North Springfield VA
- 2 Steve Corley, North Springfield VA
- 3 Michael(Mike) Massarelli
Bel Air MD
- 4 Janie Bauer, Alexandria VA
- 5 Mary Beth Maahs, Abingdon MD
- 6 Charlie Walstrom
Fort Washington MD
- 7 Ghon Eckley, Frederick MD
- 8 Debbie Henderson, Forest Hill MD
- 9 Kim Eckley, Frederick MD
- 10 Jim Parker, Alexandria VA

Aug 10, 2002-004 - Tombstone AZ
Vigilante Days Chili Cookoff, 35 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Guy Tennison, Sierra Vista AZ
 - 2 Ron Phillips, Sierra Vista AZ
 - 3 Carson Smith, Tucson AZ
 - 4 Mary Heinen, Boerne TX
 - 5 Myrl Coultas, Tucson AZ
 - 6 Dick Bruce, Tucson AZ
 - 7 Shirley Stateczny, Boerne TX
 - 8 Greg Monger, Sierra Vista AZ
 - 9 Sunny Fichtl, Sierra Vista AZ
 - 10 Ben Berry, Sierra Vista AZ
- ## SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Ol' Miner Chili, Bowie AZ
Larry Areingdace
 - 2 Jack-O-Lantern Chili
Sierra Vista AZ
Guy Tennison
 - 3 Chief Chili Catcher
Fort Huachuca AZ
Tom Esford

Aug 10, 2002-005 - East Grand Forks MN
Friends of the Greenway CCO, 20 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Roy Ployhar, Brainerd MN
 - 2 Shawn McCauley, Grand Forks ND
 - 3 Jaci Anderson, Grand Forks ND
 - 4 Soizik Laguette, Grand Forks ND
 - 5 Louis Hodgson, Grand Forks ND
 - 6 Jon Dornier, Grand Forks ND
 - 7 Robert Whicker, Grand Forks ND
 - 8 Dale Look, Grand Forks ND
 - 9 Mike Pokrzywinski
East Grand Forks MN
 - 10 Doug Olsen, Grand Forks ND
- ## SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Acme Labs, Grand Forks ND
Soizik Laquette
- 2 The Twins, East Grand Forks MN
Peggy Grimes
- 3 The Vikings, Grand Forks ND
Doug Olsen

Aug 11, 2002-001 - Olympia WA
Washington State CASI Championship, 18
CHILIS

- CHILI WINNERS
- 1 Judie Anderson, Olympia WA
 - 2 Ken Peach, Tacoma WA
 - 3 Hans Person, Kirkland WA
 - 4 Sharon Yarbrough, Lynnwood WA
 - 5 Amy Anderson, Everett WA
 - 6 Arnie Guadalupe, Renton WA
 - 7 Mack Yarbrough, Lynnwood WA
 - 8 Paige Nysoe, Seattle WA
 - 9 Gordon Forbord, Portland OR
 - 10 Joe Canavan, Seattle WA

Aug 11, 2002-002 - Lewisville TX
Day After Texas Open Cookoff, 39 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Dawn Martin, Addison TX
 - 2 Mary Martin, Quinlan TX
 - 3 Mary Lee Wooster, Wichita Falls TX
 - 4 Chuck Hawthorne, Wichita Falls TX
 - 5 Nan Strickland, Alvarado TX
 - 6 Jan Hodge, Wichita Falls TX
 - 7 Terri Edge, Wichita Falls TX
 - 8 Reed Strickland, Alvarado TX
 - 9 Glenn Martin, Quinlan TX
 - 10 Ed Pierczynski, Carson City NV
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Nurse Ophilya Good
Wichita Falls TX
Jan Hodge
 - 2 Red Robin Roadshow, Waxahachie TX
Robin Goodman
 - 3 Hot Rodd Chili, Austin TX
Ken Rodd

Aug 17, 2002-001 - Alpine AZ
Four Corners Regional Open CCO, 50
CHILIS

- CHILI WINNERS
- 1 Louis Gonzales, Odessa TX
 - 2 Ted Fichtl, Sierra Vista AZ
 - 3 Mary Ellen Scott, Glendale AZ
 - 4 Mike Parker, Trinidad CO
 - 5 Hal Etter, Alamogordo NM
 - 6 Hope Evans, Alamogordo NM
 - 7 Guy Tension, Sierra Vista AZ
 - 8 Laurie Parker, Trinidad CO
 - 9 Tom J. Klug, Gold Canyon AZ
 - 10 John Banas, Queen Creek AZ
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Cowboy Chili, Fountain Hills AZ
Travis Tonzi
 - 2 Jack-O-Lantern Chili
Sierra Vista AZ
Guy Tension
 - 3 Ring The Bell, Chandler AZ
Bob Bell

Aug 17, 2002-002 - Will's Point TX
7th Annual CASI CCO, 32 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Tina Barnes, Eules TX
- 2 Jim McGraw, Colleyville TX
- 3 Jaimie Palmer, Mansfield TX

- 4 Steven Smith, Wichita Falls TX
- 5 Dusty Sweet, Irving TX
- 6 Darrell Johnson Tubb, Tyler TX
- 7 Jim Taylor, Dalworthington Gardn TX
- 8 Beth Moon, Hurst TX
- 9 Coby Davis, Garland TX
- 10 Johnnie L. Sullivan, Ennis TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Bag Lady, Wichita Falls TX
Jackie Ralston
- 2 Puzzle Time Chili, Hurst TX
Bill Sweigart
- 3 Grin N Bare It, Little Rock AR
Mike Graves

Aug 17, 2002-003 - Lamesa TX
Mike Blakeley - Jimmy Sanders, 31 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Wesley W. (Wes) Watson, Midland TX
 - 2 Darrell Hopper, Odessa TX
 - 3 Connie Collier, Snyder TX
 - 4 Dennis Brackeen, Lamesa TX
 - 5 Tim Collier, Snyder TX
 - 6 Roxana Patton, Odessa TX
 - 7 Rodney Lilly, Amarillo TX
 - 8 Al McDonald, Odessa TX
 - 9 Sissy Hill, Odessa TX
 - 10 Michael W. Watson, Midland TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Picnic Table, Hughes Springs TX
Tom Megason
 - 2 No Brag Chili, Longview TX
Betty Arnold
 - 3 Udderly Ridiculous, Snyder TX
Connie Collier

Aug 17, 2002-004 - Owego NY
3rd Annual Great New York State, 22
CHILIS

- CHILI WINNERS
- 1 Alan Dean, Bel Air MD
 - 2 Faith Williams, Winchester VA
 - 3 Nora Allard, Owego NY
 - 4 Mike Williams, Winchester VA
 - 5 Scott Brown, Owego NY
 - 6 Gary Beebe, Endicott NY
 - 7 Susan Dean, Bel Air MD
 - 8 David G. Grossman, Corning NY
 - 9 Ann Grossman, Corning NY
 - 10 Robert Griffin, Endicott NY
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Stateline Roadkill Chili, Vestal NY
Wayne Clark
 - 2 Hiawatha Engine Company, Owego NY
Teresa Henning
 - 3 Working Man's Chili, Owego NY
Nora Allard

Aug 17, 2002-005 - Oklahoma City OK
Tony Newcomb's 22nd Annual Chili, 45
CHILIS

- CHILI WINNERS
- 1 Bettie Spears, Shawnee OK
 - 2 Sylvia Riordan, Wichita Falls TX
 - 3 David Brown, Catoosa OK
 - 4 Mike Mayenschein, Tulsa OK
 - 5 Don Walker, Wichita Falls TX
 - 6 Chuck Hawthorne, Wichita Falls TX
 - 7 Reed Strickland, Alvarado TX
 - 8 Kevin Wooster, Wichita Falls TX
 - 9 Gene Bond, Jones OK
 - 10 Jan Frisch, Allen TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Pig Pen Chili Team, Jones OK
Gene Bond
- 2 Rock And Roll Chili, Crawford TX
Mavis Nelson
- 3 Crusin' Chili, Allen TX
Jan Frisch

Aug 17, 2002-006 - Oshkosh WI
Great Outdoors Wilderness Cookoff, 16
CHILIS

- CHILI WINNERS
- 1 Don Weber, McHenry IL
 - 2 Cheryl L. Pierson, Batavia IL
 - 3 Eric Shepherd, Aurora IL
 - 4 Roylene Johnson, Ottumwa IA
 - 5 John Gastaldello, Downers Grove IL
 - 6 William C.(Bill) Pierson
Batavia IL
 - 7 Larry Patnoe, Beloit WI
 - 8 Susan (Suzy) Weber, McHenry IL
 - 9 Jennifer Shepherd, Aurora IL
 - 10 Dan Grannan, Waxahachie TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Tee-Pee Chili, Beloit WI
Theresa Patnoe
 - 2 Cowboy Bill Show Team, Batavia IL
William C.(Bill) Pierson
 - 3 Gosto's Chicago Chili
Downers Grove IL
John Gastaldello

Aug 17, 2002-007 - North Little Rock AR
AOOB Bash Chili Cookoff, 18 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Phil Ward, Little Rock AR
 - 2 Lesa Hamm, Sherwood AR
 - 3 Preston Nickle
North Little Rock AR
 - 4 Maria (Chudy) Swicegood
North Little Rock AR
 - 5 Donna Jones, Roland AR
 - 6 Linda Nickle, North Little Rock AR
 - 7 Bo Prewitt, North Little Rock AR
 - 8 Paul A. Rowlan, Bryant AR
 - 9 Bruce Smith, Little Rock AR
 - 10 Matt Zimmerman, Clarksville AR
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Timbo Chili, North Little Rock AR
Tim Swicegood
 - 2 Panda Chili, North Little Rock AR
Susan Hammack
 - 3 Jamaica Spice, Little Rock AR
Debbie Blanks

18, 2002-001 - Chicago IL
Windy City Cookoff, 15 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Susan (Suzy) Weber, McHenry IL
 - 2 Mike Stevens, Lockport IL
 - 3 Gloria Stevens, Lockport IL
 - 4 Bert Centers, Lisle IL
 - 5 William C.(Bill) Pierson
Batavia IL
 - 6 John Gastaldello, Downers Grove IL
 - 7 Valerie Jo Castritis
South Barrington IL
 - 8 Jim Weller, Bloomfield Hills MI
 - 9 Cheryl L. Pierson, Batavia IL
 - 10 Don Weber, McHenry IL
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Hart Burn Chili, Ottawa IL
Amanda Enke
 - 2 Brother Righteous, Lockport IL

- Mike Stevens
- 3 Diamond Coyote Chili, Batavia IL
Cheryl L. Pierson

Aug 23, 2002-001 - Houston TX
Sweetheart Chili Cookoff, 28 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Meier Mathis, Houston TX
 - 2 Pete Drake, Houston TX
 - 3 Earl W. "Who?" Gorhum
Montgomery TX
 - 4 Lil Drake, Houston TX
 - 5 Nigel Delgado, Houston TX
 - 6 Chuck Spishock
Clear Lake Shores TX
 - 7 Dorothy Spishock
Clear Lake Shores TX
 - 8 Bob Horan, Tomball TX
 - 9 Marolyn Blair, Houston TX
 - 10 Beverly Caldwell
Clear Lake Shores TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Katy Cookers, Katy TX
Vikki Evans
 - 2 Hot Rodd Chili, Austin TX
Ken Rodd
 - 3 UNCLAIMED

Aug 24, 2002-001 - Timonium MD
3rd Annual Fire on the Midway CCO, 18
CHILIS

- CHILI WINNERS
- 1 Susan Dean, Bel Air MD
 - 2 Alan Dean, Bel Air MD
 - 3 Brian W. Smith, Pylesville MD
 - 4 Ghon Eckley, Frederick MD
 - 5 Dick DeiTos, Fairfax VA
 - 6 Steve Corley, North Springfield VA
 - 7 John Rhyne, Mooresville NC
 - 8 Adrienne Grant, Durham NC
 - 9 Jim Parker, Alexandria VA
 - 10 Robert Cooper, Baltimore MD

Aug 24, 2002-002 - Cedar Rapids IA
19th Annual Iowa State Championship, 26
CHILIS

- CHILI WINNERS
- 1 Roylene Johnson, Ottumwa IA
 - 2 R.E. (Clem) Clement, Alamogordo NM
 - 3 Erin Holmes, Cedar Rapids IA
 - 4 Steve Dowdy, Kansas City MO
 - 5 Shari Bertling, Cedar Rapids IA
 - 6 Casey Holmes, Dysart IA
 - 7 Virgil Johnson, Ottumwa IA
 - 8 Dennis Bertling, Cedar Rapids IA
 - 9 Cody Wade, Cedar Rapids IA
 - 10 Mark Zimmerman, Cedar Rapids IA
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Chiligan's Island, Cedar Rapids IA
Jerry Christensen
 - 2 MBM Choo-Choo, Waterloo IA
Mike Anderson
 - 3 Gosto's Chicago Chili
Downers Grove IL
John Gastaldello

Aug 24, 2002-003 - Terlingua TX
Bronze Buzzard Cookoff, 57 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Jessie Waguespack, Austin TX
- 2 R. Bruce Jones, Canyon Lake TX
- 3 Barbara Taylor, Cedar Park TX
- 4 Barbara C. Taylor, Johnson City TX

5 Larry Kinnison, Marble Falls TX
 6 Tom Cook, Marble Falls TX
 7 Diane FitzHenry, Whitney TX
 8 Tamara Dees, Bulverde TX
 9 Sally Lee, San Antonio TX
 10 Carolyn Seelig, Austin TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

1 Nakid Brothers Pawn & Loan
 Monument NM
 Gary Reid
 2 Doc's Backbone Chili
 Marble Falls TX
 Larry Kinnison
 3 Tall Girl Frog, Rockdale TX
 Sue Caffey

Aug 24, 2002-004 - Houston TX
 Auxiliary Chili Cookoff 151, 33 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

1 Meier Mathis, Houston TX
 2 Ronald D. Charlton, Houston TX
 3 Pete Drake, Houston TX
 4 Ken Rodd, Austin TX
 5 Nick McGarity, Southlake TX
 6 Brenson Abbott, Houston TX
 7 Lynn Delgado, Houston TX
 8 Joel Nichols, Taylor TX
 9 Larry Otto, Austin TX
 10 Don Meehan, Houston TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Whiskey River Show Team
 Clear Lake Shores TX
 Chuck Spishock
 2 Faded Love, Houston TX
 Joe Braden
 3 Hot Rodd Chili, Austin TX
 Ken Rodd

Aug 24, 2002-006 - Conway AR
 CAP-CASI Pod CCO, 19 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

1 Phil Ward, Little Rock AR
 2 Richard Mueller, Little Rock AR
 3 Linda Nickle, North Little Rock AR
 4 Tim Swicegood, North Little Rock AR
 5 Susan Hammack, North Little Rock AR
 6 Stuart Frye, Little Rock AR
 7 Dallas Gipson, Jacksonville AR
 8 Richard Jones, Roland AR
 9 Maria (Chudy) Swicegood
 North Little Rock AR
 10 Donna Jones, Roland AR
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Cock O' the Walk, Jacksonville AR
 Dallas Gibson
 2 Single Man Chili
 North Little Rock AR
 Tim Swicegood
 3 Homeless Chili, Little Rock AR
 James Mosley

Aug 24, 2002-007 - Denton TX
 Golden Triangle Pod Cookoff, 28 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

1 Suzie Manske, Arlington TX
 2 Glenn Martin, Quinlan TX
 3 Bert Paine, Keller TX
 4 Bill Buschel, Irving TX
 5 Jim McGraw, Colleyville TX
 6 Lisa R. Duggan, Whitney TX
 7 David Manske, Arlington TX
 8 Judy Walker, Wichita Falls TX
 9 Dean E. Reynolds, Grand Prairie TX

10 Frank Gadberry, Lancaster TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Maverick Chili, McKinney TX
 Andrew (Andy) Hardin
 2 Pepper Dance, Quinlan TX
 Glenn Martin
 3 No Name Yet Chili, Lancaster TX
 Frank Gadberry

Aug 25, 2002-001 - Tacoma WA
 Puget Pod Cookoff, 19 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

1 Fred Roycroft, Port Coquitlam BC
 2 Betty Duff, Port Coquitlam BC
 3 Hank Jones, Kirkland WA
 4 Norma Forbord, Portland OR
 5 Gordon Forbord, Portland OR
 6 Judie Anderson, Olympia WA
 7 Larry Mayer, Lakebay WA
 8 B.J. Mayer, Lakebay WA
 9 Perry Sigler, Woodland WA
 10 Al Ruskin, Spanaway WA

Aug 31, 2002-001 - Aransas Pass TX
 2nd Annual ICW RV Park Chili, 31 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

1 Healani Bethke, Weesatche TX
 2 Nadine Borgfeld, Yorktown TX
 3 Lynn Delgado, Houston TX
 4 Walter Caldwell
 Clear Lake Shores TX
 5 Kim Hiley, George West TX
 6 Pete Little, Houston TX
 7 Eldon Hiley, George West TX
 8 Robert Lowery, Victoria TX
 9 Kay Hutson, Granbury TX
 10 Dianna Hoy, Cuero TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

1 Danger Men Cooking
 Clear Lake Shores TX
 Walter Caldwell
 2 Hell Fire & Brimstone, Bastrop TX
 Margo Smith
 3 Damn Yankee, Yorktown TX
 Nadine Borgfeld

Aug 31, 2002-002 - Paris TX
 Red River Valley Pod Cookoff, 24 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

1 Bo Prewitt, North Little Rock AR
 2 Jackie Grose, Quinlan TX
 3 Jack Schultz, Quinlan TX
 4 Harvey West, Parker TX
 5 Frank Gadberry, Lancaster TX
 6 Colleen Wallace, Plano TX
 7 Jim McGraw, Colleyville TX
 8 Chad McGraw, Colleyville TX
 9 Carl L. Grose, Quinlan TX
 10 Ginny Williams, Irving TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

1 Da Chief, Quinlan TX
 Jack Schultz
 2 Knot Tamales, Paris TX
 Kim Robinson
 3 UNCLAIMED

Aug 31, 2002-003 - Johnson City TX
 Labor Day Weekend in Johnson City, 49
 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS
 1 Steve Nadeau, Boerne TX
 2 Larry Hodon, San Antonio TX

3 John Goforth, Comfort TX
 4 Karl F. Buechler Jr., Kerrville TX
 5 Sissy Hill, Odessa TX
 6 Sue Caffey, Rockdale TX
 7 Phil Greenlees, Houston TX
 8 Doug Hill, Odessa TX
 9 Mike Monte, Cedar Park TX
 10 Ruby Ross, Marble Falls TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Spine Tingling Chili
 Marble Falls TX
 Carrie Kinnison
 2 Pink Barbarita, Blanco TX
 Barby Harris
 3 Framers Bar B Chew, Canyon Lake TX
 Randy Evans

Aug 31, 2002-005 - Pittsburg KS
 15th Annual Kansas State Open CCO, 24
 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS
 1 Michelle McClellan, Gardner KS
 2 Paul Mendicki, Frontenac KS
 3 Larry Velasquez, Mission KS
 4 David Brown, Catoosa OK
 5 Steve Robinson, Overland Park KS
 6 Richard McGuire, Pittsburg KS
 7 Joe Giles, Farmington AR
 8 Debbie Gardner, Springdale AR
 9 Steve Shepherd, Pittsburg KS
 10 Stephen O. Moore, Farmington AR

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Pickled Pete's Chili, Frontenac KS
 Paul Mendicki
 2 Heat Master, Pittsburg KS
 Leslie Chatman
 3 Chili Puercos, Mission KS
 Larry Velasquez

Aug 31, 2002-006 - Chino Valley AZ
 Cup of Chino Chili Cookoff, 15 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

1 Guy Bailey, Chino Valley AZ
 2 Pamela (Pam) Diffin, Camp Verde AZ
 3 Evelyn Perhne, Cottonwood AZ
 4 Louis Starkey, Campe Verde AZ
 5 Tim Wasik Sr., Hualapai AZ
 6 Steven (Steve) Smith, Glendale AZ
 7 Patricia M. (Pat) Jones
 Chino Valley AZ
 8 Doyle Dancy, Tonopah AZ
 9 Jerry D. Lee, Peoria AZ
 10 Sandy L. Lee, Peoria AZ
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

1 Smokin' Bowl, Chino Valley AZ
 Guy Bailey
 2 Freedom Chili, Camp Verde AZ
 Pamela (Pam) Diffin
 3 Snake Bit, Chino Valley AZ
 Patricia M. (Pat) Jones

Sep 1, 2002-001 - Hanover PA
 PA State CCO, 47 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS
 1 Bryan J Wasylk, Gettysburg PA
 2 Laurie Altland, Hanover PA
 3 Jim Riser, McSherrystown PA
 4 Melissa Bloom, Hanover PA
 5 Glenn Lippy Jr., Hanover PA
 6 Mike Williams, Winchester VA
 7 Tony Schuman II, New Oxford PA
 8 Monica Parker, Alexandria VA
 9 Mary Beth Maahs, Abingdon MD

10 Lew Wheeling, Reading PA
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Bareback Chili, Spring Grove PA
 Andy Stauffer
 2 Chilly Billy Chili, East Berlin PA
 Dan Messinger
 3 Fire in the Bowl, Hanover PA
 Duke Allen

Sep 1, 2002-002 - Arlington TX
 25th Annual Arlingua Chili Cookoff, 83
 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS
 1 Jason Ezell, Dallas TX
 2 William E.(Bill) Riordan
 Wichita Falls TX
 3 Jennifer Suddeth, Arlington TX
 4 Anne Gager, Iowa Park TX
 5 Jenny Causey, Wylie TX
 6 Dusty Sweet, Irving TX
 7 Bill Cook, Garland TX
 8 David E. Baker, Richland Hills TX
 9 Johnnie L. Sullivan, Ennis TX
 10 Arvol Hodge, Wichita Falls TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Stardust Cowboy, Dawson TX
 Bill Pruitt
 2 Smurf Chili, Iowa Park TX
 Dennis H. Jackson
 3 Nurse Ophilya Good
 Wichita Falls TX
 Jan Hodge

Sep 1, 2002-003 - Aransas Pass TX
 2nd Annual ICW RV Park Day After, 19
 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS
 1 Glen Volkmer, Victoria TX
 2 Barry Karnei, Weesatche TX
 3 Kay Hutson, Granbury TX
 4 Walter Caldwell
 Clear Lake Shores TX
 5 Lynn Delgado, Houston TX
 6 Kathy Uresti, Pasadena TX
 7 Lynn Hejtmancik, Round Rock TX
 8 Jean H. Barkley, Weimar TX
 9 Alice Reynolds, Rockport TX
 10 Gay Hejtmancik, Rockport TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Brand X Chili, Clear Lake Shores TX
 Beverly Caldwell
 2 Damn Yankee, Yorktown TX
 Nadine Borgfeld
 3 UNCLAIMED

Sep 1, 2002-004 - Bisbee AZ
 15th Annual Brewery Gulch Daze, 29
 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS
 1 Pat Rau, Hereford AZ
 2 Roy Fisher, Hereford AZ
 3 Dara Hannon, Sierra Vista AZ
 4 Carson Smith, Tucson AZ
 5 Bill Gorzenski, Sierra Vista AZ
 6 Dimas Cabello, Tucson AZ
 7 Kimberly A. (Kim) Dunn
 Sierra Vista AZ
 8 Denise Cabello, Tucson AZ
 9 Cindy Dunn, Cornville AZ
 10 Kevin Tomlin, Sierra Vista AZ
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Casa Loco, Bisbee AZ
 Tom Wheeler

- 2 Pablo's Chili, Bisbee AZ
Paul R. Hetrick
- 3 Hair In Your Chili, Bisbee AZ
Luis Ruiz

- Sep 1, 2002-005 - Johnson City TX
Pod on the Pedernales Pod Cookoff, 18
CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
- 1 Doug Hill, Odessa TX
- 2 Tamara Dees, Bulverde TX
- 3 Greg Martin, Cedar Park TX
- 4 Barbara Benold, Dripping Springs TX
- 5 Darlene Evans, Canyon Lake TX
- 6 Julie Darley, Canyon Lake TX
- 7 Randy Evans, Canyon Lake TX
- 8 Nora Casias, Somerset TX
- 9 Sissy Hill, Odessa TX
- 10 Jim McKee, Canyon Lake TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Framers Bar B Chew, Canyon Lake TX
Randy Evans
- 2 Frank's Follies, Bulverde TX
Bill Dees
- 3 Rock And Roll Chili, Crawford TX
Mavis Nelson

- Sep 1, 2002-006 - Gulf Shores AL
State of Alabama Pod Cookoff, 16 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
- 1 Carolyn Oliver, Pace FL
- 2 Janita Hinds, Del Rio TX
- 3 Jimmy L. Maturo, Niceville FL
- 4 Danny R. Cannon, Marietta GA
- 5 Richard Hinds, Del Rio TX
- 6 Vann Jones, Warwick GA

- 7 Eric Bernard, Pace FL
- 8 Melanie Sutton, Gulf Shores AL
- 9 Michael Hart, Gulf Breeze FL
- 10 Jimmy Kitchens, Guntersville AL
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Bama Slammer - Roll Tide
Guntersville AL
Jimmy Kitchens
- 2 Hobos, Marietta GA
Danny R. Cannon
- 3 Bonsai Chili, Gulf Breeze FL
Michael Hart

- Sep 2, 2002-001 - Arlington TX
Arlingua MDA Chili Cookoff, 53 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
- 1 Jenny Causey, Wylie TX
- 2 Jim Taylor, Dalworthington Gardn TX
- 3 Steve Frisch, Allen TX
- 4 Andy Causey, Wylie TX
- 5 Terry Graves, Wichita Falls TX
- 6 William E.(Bill) Riordan
Wichita Falls TX
- 7 Jim McGraw, Colleyville TX
- 8 Kelly Brignon, Ferris TX
- 9 Kyle Adams, Iowa Park TX
- 10 Sherree Duncan
North Richland Hills TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Inedible Chili Society
Southlake TX
Nick McGarity
- 2 Hot To Trot
North Richland Hills TX
Sherree Duncan
- 3 Crusin' Chili, Allen TX
Jan Frisch

YEAR-TO-DATE COOKOFF STATISTICS

STATE	REQ PTS	COOKOFFS HELD	CHILIS JUDGED	MONEY RAISED
ALASKA	6	2	30	720.00
ALABAMA	6	4	70	2,650.00
ARKANSAS	12	20	553	44,207.00
ARIZONA	12	32	850	47,773.50
BRITISH COLUMBIA	6	4	82	1,700.00
CALIFORNIA	6	1	20	10,000.00
COLORADO	6	4	67	6,900.00
DELAWARE	6	1	19	1,000.00
FLORIDA	9	6	82	2,660.00
GEORGIA	6	2	62	100.00
IOWA	9	6	115	6,015.00
ILLINOIS	9	9	201	3,447.00
INDIANA	6	1	23	2,500.00
KANSAS	6	2	72	5,160.00
LOUISIANA	6	1	39	1,522.00
MARYLAND	9	13	218	5,710.00
MINNESOTA	6	1	20	1,113.00
MISSOURI	6	3	82	6,680.00
MISSISSIPPI	6	4	73	200.00
MONTANA	6	1	15	0.00
MEXICO	6	4	263	5,374.00
NORTH CAROLINA	9	6	119	24,394.00
NORTH DAKOTA	6	1	15	300.00
NEBRASKA	6	2	45	4,000.00
NEW MEXICO	12	14	352	25,255.00
NEW YORK	6	1	22	3,000.00
OKLAHOMA	12	15	369	41,923.00
OREGON	6	1	16	719.00
PENNSYLVANIA	6	2	66	26,000.00
TENNESSEE	12	15	438	22,240.00
TEXAS	12	274	10,149	493,172.30
VIRGINIA	6	2	33	525.00
VIRGIN ISLANDS	6	1	18	12,000.00
WASHINGTON	9	10	198	7,345.00
WISCONSIN	6	1	16	1,500.00
WEST VIRGINIA	6	1	15	350.00
WYOMING	6	2	36	7,000.00
GRAND TOTAL		469	14,863	825,154.80

From the Tallymaster

The state of Maryland has reached a milestone in CASI. Beginning with the 2003 Chili Year, it is the seventh 12-point state. Congratulations to Alan Dean and the Mason-Dixon Pod.

I want to emphasize to the Referees the importance of getting the remaining September cookoff results to me as quickly as possible. There are many cooks and show teams who qualify in the last two weeks of September. We want to make sure they get invited to participate in TICC.

Bill Pierson

Condolences

Heartfelt condolences are extended to the following in their recent losses.

Ruthann Newman Curtis, at the loss of her husband, David

Doris Greenlees, at the loss of her father, Houston Norwood, Sr.

Joyce Jowers, at the loss of her mother, Hilda Jung

Beverly King, at the loss of her companion, Jerry Hutcherson

Wayne & Mary Ellen Scott, at the loss of their son, Beryl Wayne Scott, Jr.

Jan Windrow, at the loss of her husband, Bob

DELINQUENT COOKOFFS - These are Cookoffs held before 08/01/02 that results have not been received for!

Jul 14, 2002-004 - Eagle River AK
2nd Annual Bear Paw CASI

Mild Bill's Hits the Internet

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye...

Our website <http://www.mildbills.com> is on the internet!

Take a look and let me know what you think. Please be kind - it is my very first attempt at website design. I welcome your comments and suggestions since this a work in progress.

Thanks,
Tamara Dees
Spice Queen and Web Master

COOKS QUALIFIED AS OF 09/15/2002

335 Donna Corley, North Springfield VA
 336 Michael(Mike) Massarelli, Bel Air MD
 337 Debbie Henderson, Forest Hill MD
 338 Cheryl L. Pierson, Batavia IL
 339 Susan (Suzy) Weber, McHenry IL
 340 Mike Barber, Tulsa OK
 341 Ron W. Black, Somerset TX
 342 Terry L. Tenery, Kerrville TX
 343 Jan Windrow, San Antonio TX
 344 Linda Nickle, North Little Rock AR
 345 Roy Ployhar, Brainerd MN
 346 Hans Person, Kirkland WA
 347 Jan Frisch, Allen TX
 348 Kathy LeGear, Dallas TX
 349 Lynette Roberson, Irving TX
 350 Tom Wolfe, Hobbs NM
 351 Sisario Romos, Clovis NM
 352 Vicki Sanders, Ennis TX
 353 John Perry, Fort Worth TX
 354 Ron Barnes, Euless TX
 355 Ted Fichtl, Sierra Vista AZ
 356 Mary Ellen Scott, Glendale AZ
 357 Tim Collier, Snyder TX
 358 Darrell Hopper, Odessa TX
 359 Connie Collier, Snyder TX
 360 Rodney Lilly, Amarillo TX
 361 Earl W. "Who?" Gorhum, Montgomery TX
 362 Bob Horan, Tomball TX
 363 Barbara Taylor, Cedar Park TX
 364 Norma Forbord, Portland OR
 365 Meier Mathis, Houston TX

366 Pete Drake, Houston TX
 367 Larry Otto, Austin TX
 368 Glenn Martin, Quinlan TX
 369 Bert Paine, Keller TX
 370 Judy Walker, Wichita Falls TX
 371 Linda J. McDonald, Victoria TX
 372 Larry Burruss, San Marcos TX
 373 Erin Holmes, Cedar Rapids IA
 374 Steve Dowdy, Kansas City MO
 375 Shari Bertling, Cedar Rapids IA
 376 Pat Rau, Hereford AZ
 377 Carolyn Oliver, Pace FL
 378 Jimmy L. Maturro, Niceville FL
 379 Jackie Grose, Quinlan TX
 380 Colleen Wallace, Plano TX
 381 Michelle McClellan, Gardner KS
 382 Paul Mendicki, Frontenac KS
 383 Larry Velasquez, Mission KS
 384 David Brown, Catoosa OK
 385 Doug Hill, Odessa TX
 386 Sissy Hill, Odessa TX
 387 John Rhyne, Mooresville NC
 388 Larry Hodon, San Antonio TX
 389 Bryan J Wasylyk, Gettysburg PA
 390 Laurie Altland, Hanover PA
 391 Jim Riser, McSherrystown PA
 392 Arvol Hodge, Wichita Falls TX
 393 Healani Bethke, Weesatche TX
 394 Nadine Borgfeld, Yorktown TX
 395 Kay Hutson, Granbury TX
 396 Nora Allard, Owego NY
 397 Scott Brown, Owego NY
 398 Gary Beebe, Endicott NY
 399 Rodney A. Jones, Walls MS

SHOW TEAMS QUALIFIED AS OF 09/15/2002

123 Puzzle Time Chili, Hurst TX
 Sweigart, Bill
 124 Cowboy Chili, Fountain Hills AZ
 Tonzi, Travis
 125 Picnic Table, Hughes Springs TX
 Megason, Tom
 126 Hot Rodd Chili, Austin TX
 Rodd, Ken
 127 Cock O'the Walk, Jacksonville AR
 Gibson, Dallas
 128 Maverick Chili, McKinney TX
 Hardin, Andrew (Andy)
 129 Chiligan's Island, Cedar Rapids IA
 Christensen, Jerry
 130 Gosto's Chicago Chili
 Downers Grove IL
 Gastaldello, John
 131 Hobos, Marietta GA
 Cannon, Danny R.
 132 Pickled Pete's Chili, Frontenac KS
 Mendicki, Paul
 133 Spine Tingling Chili
 Marble Falls TX
 Kinnison, Carrie
 134 Framers Bar B Chew, Canyon Lake TX
 Evans, Randy
 135 Bareback Chili, Spring Grove PA
 Stauffer, Andy
 136 Smurf Chili, Iowa Park TX
 Jackson, Dennis H.
 137 Stateline Roadkill Chili, Vestal NY
 Clark, Wayne

TICC Sponsorship Sets New Record

BIG is the standard for Sponsorship this year, and we are proud to not only announce the upgrade of ANCIRA to the GOLD SPONSORSHIP LEVEL, but also proudly bring in GLAZER'S DISTRIBUTORS at the GOLD level. SAUZA TEQUILA, JIM BEAM BOURBON, and CORONA BEER will represent Glazer's.

At the SILVER SPONSORSHIP LEVEL, we want to thank BRUCE FOODS for their upgrade. BRUCE will be represented this year by ORIGINAL LOUISIANA HOT SAUCE and MEXENE CHILI POWDER. We also thank MILLER BREWING CO. and VALLEY DISTRIBUTING for SILVER representation of MILLER LITE and GENUINE DRAFT. NOVARTIS returns at the SILVER LEVEL with MAALOX and GAS X. Remaining SILVER is HILL COUNTRY SOFTWARE with CUSTOM PROGRAMMING, SERVER, and WEB SERVICES to CASI.

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Please join us in thanking these sponsors for their generosity and support, representing over \$50,000.00 in cash contributions, product donations, and services provided to our organization. TICC and SCHOLARSHIP DAY will break from the starting gate with some added momentum this year.

THANKS AGAIN!

Jim Ezell, Vice President and Sponsorship Chair
 Cindy Reed, Sponsorship

CASI Scholarship Fund Raising Day

Friday - October 31, 2002 @ Rancho CASI de los Chisos

3 Cooking Contests

Beans
Wings
Salsa



Event Prizes Money

1st - \$500.00
2nd - \$400.00
3rd - \$300.00
4th - \$200.00
5th - \$100.00



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2002 Great Pepper's Meeting



**Johnye Harriman Receives Award
From The Governor of te State of Texas**



Delegates Hard at Work



**He might be sleeping
But I'm paying attention**



**Cindy Reed & Jim Ezell
\$50,000.00 - That aint too bad!**

Hospitality Room & More



Kansas State Chili Championship

The Kansas State Open Chili Championship, held August 31, 2002 in Pittsburg, Kansas, was a success for the Little Balkins Festival. There was no prediction of rain in the forecast, and waking up Saturday morning to fog and drizzling rain was somewhat of a surprise. We were lucky that the 'chili gods' ended the rain while we were cooking and left some lingering clouds until the awards were presented. The public got a chance to taste our chilis before the sun broke out and the heat and humidity returned. As the day progressed, there were 24 cooks, representing Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas, working their magic. Fifteen of the chilis went to the final table.

The cooks' party on Friday night proved to be well received by all that attended. Thanks to Paul Mendicki for all his efforts to make it such a success! We would also like to thank the Little Balkins Festival Committee for all that they did to make our cooks feel welcome. A couple of cooks took advantage of the opportunity to camp. We hope to be able to offer that again. We hope everyone had a good time and to see everyone again next year.

The results were:

- 1st Michelle McClellan, Gardner, KS
- 2nd Paul Mendicki, Frontenac, KS
- 3rd Larry Velasquez, Mission, KS
- 4th David E Brown, Catoosa, OK (Q)
- 5th Steve Robinson, Overland Park, KS
- 6th Richard McGuire, Pittsburg, KS
- 7th Joe Giles, Farmington, AR
- 8th Debbie Gardner, Springdale, AR
- 9th Steve Shepherd, Pittsburg, KS
- 10th Steve Moore, Farmington, AR

Showmanship

- 1st Pickled Pete's Chili, Paul Mendicki, Frontenac, KS
- 2nd Heat Master Chili, Leslie Chatman, Pittsburg, KS
- 3rd Chili Puercos, Larry Velasquez, Mission, KS

Congratulations to Michelle McClellan, Paul Mendicki, and Larry Velasquez on earning the honor to represent Kansas at the 36th Annual Terlingua International Chili Championship on November 2, 2002. They sure must have known what the judges liked. This was Larry's first chili point ever! Way to go, guys!

Sam Essner
Secretary, Mo-Kan Pod

Salsa

- 1st Melissa Ambrose, Iowa, KS
- 2nd Pam Jackson, Kansas City, MO
- 3rd Sylvia Musser, Frontenac, KS

Buffalo Wings

- 1st Chad McCauley, Pittsburg, KS
- 2nd Steve Dowdy, Kansas City, MO
- 3rd Jarrod Mendicki, Frontenac, KS

Final Table

- Travis McCauley, Pittsburg, KS**
- Larry Holmes, Springdale, AR**
- Colleen Lintner, Shawnee, KS
- Tim Short, Pittsburg, KS
- Bob McCauley, Pittsburg, KS

Thanks to Russell Ritchey

August 23, 2002

Mrs. Renee Moore
Secretary
CASI

Dear Renee,

I have been busy organizing and promoting our first chili cookoff in Jackson, Tennessee to be held September 14th and we have had wonderful responses for donations, goody bag items and merchandise/products given to us for a silent auction we're having.

I write to you to publicly share a huge thanks to Russell Ritchey and the EZ Fixin's Spice Co. Russell was kind enough to send cookbooks, spices and postcards for catalogs as donation items.

I'm recommending cooks contact Russell and check out the following websites and his products, recipes and chili accessories.

EZ Fixin's Spice Company
Russell Ritchey
416 Rice Ave.
Waco, Texas 76708
(254) 714-1744

russell_ritchey@ezfixins.com
www.ezfixins.com

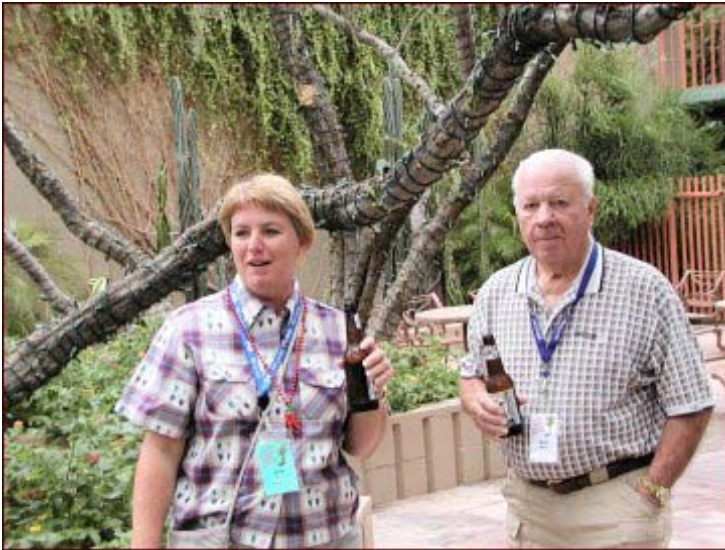
His mother, Dorene, is a four time "behind the store" Terlingua champion, and I'm sure you know Russell has a lot of chili heritage in his family.

Please publish his kind generosity and give his company a good word in the Terlingua Trails as he deserves special recognition for his chili spirit and his participation with the chili folks participating with us on the upcoming STAR Center Cookoff.

Thanks for sharing this with the directors, chili cooks and our friends in the Terlingua Trails.

George Tubb
"GI Joe Chili"
Jackson, Tennessee

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GOLF TOURNAMENT AMBUSH at LAJITAS

Friday, November 1, 2002

All Proceeds go to Terlingua Schools

4-Person Net Scramble

(make up your own foursome or we can pair you up)

9:00 am Shotgun Start

Practice facility available at 8:00 am

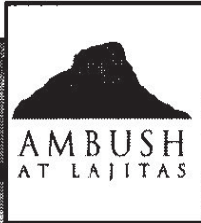
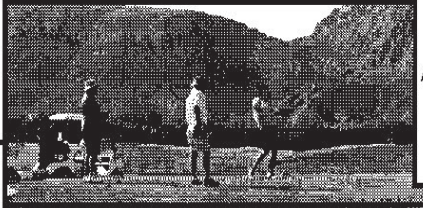
\$250 per player

Included in cost: Practice balls, tee-gift, golf cart, ball repair tool, bag tag, yardage book, prizes, lunch and limited drinks. Caddie fees additional.

Limited number of Openings

Please contact Kathy Vaughn for more information or to register. 915-424-5168 or kvaughn@lajitas.com

When calling, please be prepared with the first and last names of all players and a handicap for all players



Dues Reminder Post Card

We will be mailing the reminder post cards (sample below) soon. Renewing your membership early is a good thing.

Please note the address change:

2001 -- 2002 CASI DUES

Dear CASI Chili Cook:

It's that time of the year again. Your CASI annual membership dues are due. Annual membership dues are \$15.00 and Lifetime membership dues are \$225.00. We hope you don't want to miss out on the chili news in the Terlingua Trails, this year's Official CASI Rule Book, and the love and respect of your chili friends. Please take a minute - write a check and mail it with this card to:

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Southlake, Texas 76092

Or go to www.chili.org and join with your Credit Card

Should you forget,

your last issue of the Terlingua Trails will be
November -- so hurry, Thanks

MEMBERSHIP NOTE: TO ALL ANNUAL MEMBERS:

Your 2002 DUES are due

Now is a good time to renew your ANNUAL membership

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or

Complete the membership form in the *Terlingua Trails*

and mail it to the address listed. - *Thank You*



“COOKING” WITH CASI CALENDAR



Oct 5, 2002-001 - New Waverly TX CASI. Fourth Annual Gulf Coast Trades Center Chili and Back Yard Bar-B-Que Cookoff. Held at Citizens Bankparking lot. Benefits Gulf Coast Trades Center - Youth Leadership program. Entry: \$17, payable to Gulf Coast Trades Center. Turn-in: 2:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Competitions in beans, bar- b-que beef, pork and chicken. Bar- b-que can be any part of a cow, pig or chicken, cooked on gas, charcoal or wood on site and outside. Anyone wishing to bring an item for silent auction, please feel free to do so! Info: Marcia Headrick, (936) 291-1928 or (936) 344-6677, email: marcia.headrick@tyc.state.tx.us.

Oct 5, 2002-002 - Fort Worth TX CASI. Make-A-Wish Fort Worth Cookoff. Held at the Back Forty in the Stockyards, Exchange Avenue. Benefits Make-A-Wish. Chili: entry: \$22, turn-in: 2:00 p.

Beans turn-in at 12:00 Noon. Checks payable to Stockyards CASI. Info: Jim Luhn (817) 763-8813.

Oct 5, 2002-003 - DeLand FL CASI. Red Hot & Blue Chili Con Carnage! Held at the Billy Hester Building of the Volusia County Fairgrounds. Benefits West Volusia Historical Society and Community Outreach Services. Entry: \$20, turn-in: 2:00 p. Info: Sally Landis Bohon, (386) 736-9494, email: SalBohon@aol.com.

Oct 5, 2002-004 - Denton TX CASI. 4th Annual Eagle Fire Chili Cookoff Held at the University of North Texas, next to Fouts Field on North Texas Boulevard. (Exit Avenue D/North Texas Boulevard in Denton off 35-E. Follow signs to Fouts Field.) Registration: 11:30 a. Entry: \$15, turn-in: 4:00 p. T-shirt to each team captain. Info: Amie White, (940) 565-2254, email: amie@hsl.admin.unt.edu.

Oct 5, 2002-005 - Blytheville AR CASI. Chickasaw Chili Cookoff. Held on Main Street. Benefits Main Street Blytheville. Entry: \$25, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Blytheville. Preregistration deadline: September 30. Info: Bret Sparks, (870) 763-2525, 210 W. Main Street, Blytheville, AR 72315. Advance checks payable to Main Street Blytheville.

Oct 5, 2002-006 - Austin TX CASI. First Points Cookoff for Sight. Held at the Travis County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Arena, S Highway 183 (just south of 812 - 183 intersection). Benefits Austin Lions Sight Conservation. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Beans: entry: \$5, turn- in: 1:00 p. (60/40 payback). Cooks' party Friday night, potluck Saturday night, cookoff Sunday with cooks' breakfast. Bring your old

eyeglasses. Info: John Caffey, (512) 446-2364 or email: caffeycasa@msn.com. Come one and all, and we will feed you!

Oct 5, 2002-007 - Dewey AZ CASI. Young's Farm Pumpkin Festival CCO. Held at Corner of Highway 69 and Highway 169. Benefits Central Arizona Land Trust. Entry: \$12, turn-in: 12:30 p. People's choice turn-in at 11:00 a. Checks payable to YCS. Friday night cooks' party with live music. Goody bags to first 30 cooks to sign in. Raffles, hay rides, crafts, pumpkin picking and more. Car and truck show on Sunday. Info: Guy Bailey, (928) 636-1578.

Oct 5, 2002-008 - Fort Collins CO CASI. 12th Annual Sundance Chili Cookoff. Held at Sundance Steakhouse, Mulberry Avenue. Benefits Fort Collins Senior Center. Entry: \$15 for CASI red or green; \$5 for green when entering



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CASI competition. Turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Checks payable to Colorado Chili Pod. Info: Lyman Wilkinson, (720) 890-9600 or John Montgomery, (303) 831-5000.

Oct 5, 2002-009 - Ruidoso NM CASI. New Mexico State Open Chili Cookoff. Held at Tall Pines RV Park. Benefits Ruidoso Rotary Scholarship Fund. Entry: \$20, turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to Ruidoso Rotary Club. Please preregister by September 14. Info: Paul Crown, (505) 257-0171, PO Box 280, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

Oct 5, 2002-010 - Port Aransas TX CASI. South Texas Music Fest & Chili Cookoff. Held at Sharkey's Beach Club, 2600 Highway 361. Benefits Port Aransas Youth Association. Entry: \$20, turn-in: 3:00 p. Checks payable to Port Aransas Youth Association. RVs welcome (no hookups). Friday night cooks' party at Sharkeys. Live music all day and all night! Info: Victoria, (361) 749-4254 (weekdays until 7:00 p). Cooks' meeting 10:00 a Saturday.

Oct 5, 2002-011 - Odessa TX CASI. Chili for Kids (Boys & Girls Club). Held at the Market Grill & Bar, 1806 E 7th Street. Benefits Boys & Girls Club. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to Boys & Girls Club. Info: Nora Pointer, (915) 580-3060.

Oct 5, 2002-012 - Hallsville TX CASI. 6th Annual Hallsville Western Days Cookoff. Held at Hallsville City Park. Benefits East Texas Angel Network. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 1:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Checks payable to Hallsville Chamber of Commerce. Cooks' supper. Info: David Trice, (903) 668-3974.

Oct 5, 2002-013 - Pryor OK CASI. Green Country Chili Pod Chili Cookoff. Held at the Mid-America Industrial Park. Benefits Green Country Chili Pod. Entry: \$20, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Info: Mike Mayenschein, email: mikes2ndwind@geotec.net.

Oct 5, 2002-014 - Dubuque IA CASI. Tri-States' Largest Chili Cookoff 2002. Held in Cable Car Square. Benefits America's River Project, and sponsored by the Cable Car Square Association. CASI chili: \$15. Open chili: \$10. Cook both CASI and Open for \$20. Salsa: \$5. Great prizes, live entertainment, demonstrations, food vendors and

kids' games. Info: Jan Feltes, (563) 582-3320.

Oct 5, 2002-016 - Springfield VA CASI. Hard Times Octoberfest Cookoff. Held at 6362 Springfield Plaza. Charity TBD. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to the Capital Pod. Info: Jim Parker, (703) 683-8545 ext. 399 (A.M.) or (703) 765-8123 (P.M.).

Oct 5, 2002-017 - North Little Rock AR CASI. Great River Cookoff. Held at Riverfront Park. Benefits Heaven's Loft. Chili: entry: \$20, turn-in: 1:00 p. Hot wings: entry: \$10, winner takes all (wings not provided). Checks payable to Junior League of North Little Rock. Info: James Mosley, (501) 307-8106 (cell) or (501) 227-0631.

Oct 6, 2002-001 - New Waverly TX CASI. Fourth Annual Gulf Coast Trades Center Chili and Back Yard Bar-B-Que Cookoff - Day II. Held at Citizens Bank parking lot. Benefits Raven School Athletic Program. Entry: \$17, payable to Gulf Coast Trades Center. Turn-in: 12:00 Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Info: Marcia Headrick, (936) 291-1928 or (936) 344-6677, email: marcia.headrick@tvc.state.tx.us.

Oct 6, 2002-002 - Anamosa IA CASI. Pumpkinfest Chili Cookoff. Held at the WalMart parking lot, Highways 151 and 64. Benefits Hospice. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 12:30 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Info: Dennis Bertling, (319) 298-9413.

Oct 6, 2002-003 - Austin TX CASI. 2nd Points Lions' Cookoff. Held at Travis County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Arena (see Saturday, Oct. 5 listing for directions). Benefits local Lions' charities. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Building for inside judging and cooks' party. Potluck Saturday night, cooks' breakfast on Sunday. Info: John Caffey, (512) 446-2364 or caffeycasa@msn.com.

Oct 6, 2002-004 - Ruidoso NM CASI. Ruidoso Chili Society Cookoff. Held at Tall Pines RV Park. Benefits Ruidoso Rotary Club. Entry: \$10, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to Ruidoso Rotary Club. Please preregister by September 14. Info: Paul Crown, (505) 257-0171, PO Box 280, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

Oct 6, 2002-005 - Welches OR CASI. Oregon State Chili and Grilling Championships. Held at Mt. Hood

RV Village. Grilling on Saturday. Chili: \$15 and two gallons of people's choice chili for charity. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Discounted RV sites for cooks. Info: Steven Price, (503) 252-1897. Cookoff held on the slopes of beautiful Mt. Hood - the only place in North America with skiing every day of the year, yet only minutes away at the cooksite will be a balmy 70 degrees! Benefits Cascade Geographic Society.

Oct 6, 2002-006 - Wylie TX CASI. 7th Annual Long Star Cajun Buzzard Chili Cookoff. Held at 3030 Troy Road (directions available at www.topoftexaschili.org, or call Jenny or Andy Causey). Benefits Sachse and Wylie Fire Departments. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 1:00 p. People's Choice: 11:00 a. - 2:00 p. Show: 12:30 p. Plenty of RV space (no hookups). Bring your throwdown chili! Info: Jenny or Andy Causey, (972) 442-4025 or (214) 912-3654, email: andrew.causey@thyssenkruppelevator.com.

Oct 12, 2002-001 - Homosassa FL CASI. Southeast Regional Chili Championship. Held at Nature's RV Campground and Resort, West Halls River Road. Entry: \$20. Cooks' goody bag guaranteed to first 60 entries. "First Southeast Regional Championship" golf shirts to first 25 paid entries. Cooks' party Saturday night. Rental cabins (sleep 6) and full hookup RV sites available. Early registration recommended for cabins (call 800-301-7880). Info: Bill Garbutt, (941) 235-1303, email: chilibill@comcast.net or Ken Rodd, (210) 887-8827, email: sgmken@aol.com. Cookoff next day at same location.

Oct 12, 2002-002 - Rodanthe NC CASI. 6th Annual Outer Banks Chili Cookoff. Held at the Cape Hatteras KOA Campground, Route 12. Free camp sites for cooks, and reduced cabin rates for cooks (25% off). Benefits Chicama-Comico Vol. Fire Dept. Entry: \$15 for Pod members, \$20 for non-members, \$20 free-style chili. Turn-in: 1:00 p.m. Checks payable to Piedmont Pepper Pod. Info: Dick Steinert, (336) 292-6580, 3221 Forsyth Dr, Greensboro, NC 27407, or KOA Campground - Norma or Leonard Thompson, (800) 562-5268 or (252) 987-2307 to reserve camp site or cabin. Cooks' party Friday night, Oct 11, 6:30 p. Enjoy a cookoff on the North Carolina beautiful beach. Great fishing and sightseeing.

Oct 12, 2002-003 - Big Lake TX CASI. 4th Red Neck Chili, Beans and Brisket Cookoff. Held at Reagan County Park (Corner of 12th and Plaza Streets, on north side of Big Lake, near the high school). Benefits Voice of Democracy. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. CHILI GRIND OR GROUND MEAT ONLY. Beans: entry: \$10, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Brisket: entry: \$10, turn-in: 3:00 p. Checks payable to VFW L.A. Info: Sandy Armstrong, (915) 884-2982; Evelyn Ammons, (915) 884-2511, email: bglkcty@wcc.net; or Nancy Jackson, (915) 844-2633.

Oct 12, 2002-004 - Cedar Hill TX CASI. Country Day on the Hill 11th Annual Chili Cookoff. Held in historic Downtown Cedar Hill. Set up begins at 7:00 a, cooks' meeting: 10:00 a. Entry: \$17, payable at registration, turn-in: 2:00 p. Goodie bags to first 30 Cooks. Benefits Cedar Hill Food Pantry. Throwdown/tasting cups at 2:00 p. Info: Christie Williams, (972) 293-2604, email: eluv@prodigy.net.

Oct 12, 2002-005 - Rohnert Park CA CASI. 5th Annual Spice Up The Night. Held at Crusher Stadium on Labath Avenue in Sonoma County (as in great wine!). Benefits the Education Foundation of Cotati-Rohnert Park. Turn-in: 3:00 pm (tentative - events still evolving). Checks payable to Education Foundation of Cotati-Rohnert Park. Preregister by October 1. Throwdown chili deeply appreciated - we get a large crowd! Info: Bonnie Black, Education Foundation, (707) 584-5452, PO Box 2736, Rohnert Park, CA 94927, email: spiceuppp@aol.com. Check out the website at spiceupthenight.org.

Oct 12, 2002-006 - Whitney TX CASI. 14th Annual Hot Pepper Chili Cookoff. Held at Thousand Trails Preserve - five miles north of Whitney on FM 933. Benefits Christmas for Kids. Chili: \$17. turn-in: 2:00 p. Jackpot beans: \$5. Checks payable to Thousand Trails. Free RV parking, hookups and rental trailers available. Pool and hot tub! Info: Walt Moshier, (254) 694-3893.

Oct 12, 2002-007 - Kerrville TX CASI. Kerrville County Fair Cookoff. Held at Hill Country Youth Exhibit Center, Highway 27 East. Benefits Scholarships for

- Kids in Kerr County. Entry: \$18, turn-in: 2:30 p. Info: Jaime Rodriguez, (830)257-6833, email: jrodrigu@ctesc.net.
- Oct 12, 2002-008 - West Memphis AR CASI. Main Street Chili Cookoff. Held at Union Planters Plaza, 231 E Broadway (Broadway is Highway 70). Benefits Main Street West Memphis. Entry: \$25, turn-in: 2:00 p. Info: Toby Steele, (870)735-2850 or (870)735-8814, email: mswm@usit.net.
- Oct 12, 2002-009 - Marshall TX CASI. Fire Ant Festival Chili Cookoff. Details to follow. Info: Phyllis Bryan, (903)935-7868.
- Oct 12, 2002-010 - Cuero TX CASI. Cuero Turkeyfest CCO. Held at Cuero City Park, directly across from WalMart on Highway 87E. Benefits Cuero Turkeyfest. Entry: \$17, turn-in 2:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Info: James Ogg, (361)275-3311, jmogger@cs.com.
- Oct 12, 2002-011 - Golden CO CASI. Genesee Fire Fighters Chili Cookoff. Held at the Genesee Fire House. Benefits various Mountain charities. Entry: \$15 for CASI red or green; \$10 for green when entering CASI competition. Turn-in: 1:00 p. Checks payable to Colorado Chili Pod. Info: Lyman Wilkinson, (720)890-9600 or John Montgomery, (303)831-5000.
- Oct 12, 2002-012 - Medina Lake TX CASI. 10th Annual Alamo Area Pod Cookoff. Held at Pop's Place. Entry: \$20, or \$35 for both Saturday and Sunday. Cut meat or chili grind - your choice. Cooks' party Friday night. Info: Sally Lee, (210)490-4436 or Ray King, (830)303-1755.
- Oct 12, 2002-013 - Hockley TX CASI. D & D Scholarship Cookoff. Held at D & D Farm and Ranch Superstore, 33402 Hempstead Highway (SH 290). Benefits D & D Scholarship Fund. Entry: \$20, turn-in: 3:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to D & D Farm & Ranch. Info: Vickie Lambuth, (281)255-1020 x 168, email: lambuthv@rush-enterprises.com.
- Oct 12, 2002-014 - St. Charles IL CASI. Great Pepper's Chili Cookoff at St. Charles' Scarecrow Fest. Held at St. Charles VFW Post 5036, 119 N. Third Street (SW corner of Third and State Streets). Benefits Chillini Pod charities. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 1:00 p. Jackpot beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to the Chillini Pod. Info: Bill Pierson, (630), 879-7934.
- Oct 12, 2002-015 - Hawkins TX CASI. Chili Cookoff at Oil Fest. Held in Downtown Hawkins, Highway 14. Benefits Hawkins Veterans Memorial. Checks payable to Hawkins Veterans Association. Chili: entry: \$15, turn-in: 2:00 p. Jackpot beans: entry: \$5. People's Choice and Showmanship, too! Info: Glenda Grubbs, (903)636-4351, (903)725-6921 or email: bshjournal@aol.com.
- Oct 12, 2002-016 - Love Valley NC CASI. 7th Annual Love Valley Chili Cookoff. Held on Ponder Lane in Love Valley. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 1:00 p. Benefits Love Valley Horseman's Association. Checks payable to Piedmont Pepper Pod. Info: Linda Jolly, (704)876-1508 or Ralston James, (704)539-4273.
- Oct 12, 2002-017 - New River AZ CASI. 7th Annual Grandpa Horny Fart Blossom Cookoff. It's back!! Held at New River Station. Red chili and ARIZONA STATE GREEN CHILI CHAMPIONSHIP. Info: Dick Smith, (623)465-9353 or Nancy Klug, (480)288-4375.
- Oct 12, 2002-018 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. VFW Post 8878 Ladies Auxiliary Cookoff. Held at VFW Post 8878, 4005 Seymour Highway. Benefits Post 8878 Ladies' Auxiliary, Entry \$17, turn-in: 2 PM. Jackpot beans: turn in 12 Noon. Limited RV Parking (no hookups). Cooks party and entertainment Friday night. Info: Annie Nickerson, 940-691-7138 or Scott 940-696-6989.
- Oct 13, 2002-001 - Homosassa FL CASI. 2nd Annual Sunshine State Pod CCO. Held at Nature's RV Campground and Resort, West Halls River Road. Entry: \$12. Cooks' party Saturday night. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Info: Bill Garbutt, (941)235-1303, email: chilbill@comcast.net, or Ken Rodd at (210)887-8827, email: sgmken@aol.com. Cookoff previous day at same location.
- Oct 13, 2002-002 - Whitney TX CASI. 14th Annual Hot Pepper Chili Cookoff and Pod Cookoff. Held at Thousand Trails Preserve - five miles north of Whitney on FM 933. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 1:00 p. Info: Walt Moshier, (254)694-5226.
- Oct 13, 2002-003 - Lemont IL CASI. Best of the Midwest Chili Cookoff. Held at Centennial Park, 16028 127th St. Benefits Special Playground Equipment. Entry: \$18, turn-in: 2:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to Lemont Park District. Info: Fred Stephani, (630)257-6787.
- Oct 13, 2002-004 - Medina Lake TX CASI. Alamo Area Pod Charity Chili Cookoff. Entry: \$20, or \$35 for both Saturday and Sunday. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Benefits Animal Defense charity. Cooks' party Friday night. Info: Sally Lee, (210)490-4436 or Ray King, (830)303-1755.
- Oct 13, 2002-005 - Havre de Grace MD CASI. 2nd Annual Swanfest Chili Cookoff. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Wonderful fall festival in a beautiful setting. Great awards and a fun time. Info: Susan Dean, (410)879-6410, email: pepperdean@comcast.net.
- Oct 13, 2002-006 - Keyport NJ CASI. 6th Annual Country Jamboree & Food Festival. Take Garden State Parkway Exit 117. After toll plaza, merge left toward Route 36/Keyport/Hazlet. Take Route 36 East, bear right to Broad St. jughandle. Cross Route 36 and take Broad St. to West Front St. to downtown district where jamboree will be held. Benefits Keyport Business Alliance. CASI Chili entry \$29. Turn in 1 PM. Event begins Oct.12 and includes country and western music, dancing, live entertainment, food, crafts, contests, country bid and buy, kiddie rides. Make checks payable to Allen Consulting, Inc. On advertising probation CASI Rule V.A.2.
- Oct 19, 2002-001 - San Angelo TX CASI. Water Valley Chili Cookoff. Held at Water Valley Park. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Dry pinto beans and BBQ, too! Entry: Chili: \$17, beans: \$5, BBQ: \$15 each category, 80% payback on BBQ. Info: Sue Washburn, (915)655-2546. Charity to be determined. More info to follow.
- Oct 19, 2002-002 - Eden NC CASI. CASI Chili Chowdown. Held at Eden Mall on Meadow Road. Benefits Eden Fire Department Auxiliary. Entry: \$15 if Piedmont Pepper Pod member, \$20 if not Pod member. Free-style entry: \$5. Turn-in: 1:00 p. Checks payable to Piedmont Pepper Pod. Preregistration deadline: September 22, 2002. Info: Judy McCrickard, (336)623-4851, 209 Bedford Dr., Eden, NC 27288, or Brent Lundy, (704)876-2681.
- Oct 19, 2002-003 - Midland TX CASI. 2nd Annual Breast Cancer Research Chili and Bar-B-Que Cookoff (name change). Held at Kelly's Welding, 1700 S Midkiff. Plenty of room for RVs, trailers and pits (no hookups). Set up Friday, October 18. CASI chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Trophies 1-10 chili, 1-3 in show. WTBA bar-b-que in beef brisket, 1/2 jointed chicken, pork spareribs; \$20 each category. Turn-in chicken: 12:00 Noon, pork spareribs: 1:00 p.; brisket: 3:00 p. Prizes include 50% payback + \$300 1st - 3rd. Trophies for 1st through 4th and Grand Champion. Special room rates at Days Inn (\$51), 1003 S Midkiff, (915)697-3155. 50/50 pot; raffle; quilt and afghan raffle. Benefits Breast Cancer Research and Allison G.I.F.T. fund. Cooks and judges needed! Info: Patsy Childress, (915)520-4433, email: patsy@geospectrum.com, 1400 McDonald, Midland, TX 79703.
- Oct 19, 2002-004 - Fredericksburg TX CASI. Skooter's Roadhouse Second Annual Chili Cookoff. Held at Skooter's on Highway 87 West, 1/4 mile past the Post Office. Benefits HUNAB. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to HUNAB. Plenty of RV parking (no hookups). Info: Sharon Roy, (830)990-9198 after 6:00 p.
- Oct 19, 2002-005 - Columbia TN CASI. Tennessee State Women's Championship. Held in Historic Elm Springs on the Mooresville Pike. Benefits March of Dimes. Entry: \$25, payable to Junior Auxiliary of Columbia. Turn-in: 12:00 Noon. 18th Annual Maury County Chili Cookoff will have children's activities, arts and crafts, live entertainment and public tasting. Info: Anita DuBois, (931)380-1450, or email: jennifer.b.graham@gm.com; or Preston Shaw, (731)847-7208
- Oct 19, 2002-006 - Columbia TN CASI. Tennessee State Men's Championship. Held in Historic Elm Springs on the Mooresville Pike. Benefits Junior Auxiliary of Columbia. Entry: \$25, payable to Junior Auxiliary of Columbia. Turn-in: 12:00 Noon. 18th Annual Maury County Chili Cookoff will

have children's activities, arts and crafts, live entertainment and public tasting. Info: Anita DuBois, (931)380-1450, or email: jennifer.b.graham@gm.com; or Preston Shaw, (731)847-7208.

Oct 19, 2002-007 - Boerne TX CASI. Kendall County Fair Association Pre-Holiday Cookoff. Held at the Kendall County Fairgrounds, Highway 46 East. Benefits Kendall County Fair Association Queens Scholarship Fund. Entry: \$17. turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to Kendall County Fair Association. RV parking (no hookups); people's choice - bring extra chili. Info: Lyndon Moore, (830)249-7885, 102 W Highland, Boerne, TX 78006.

Oct 19, 2002-008 - Conroe/Willis TX CASI. Piney Woods Pod Christmas in October. Held at Thousand Trails - Lake Conroe, 11720 Old Montgomery Road, Willis. Benefits Thousand Trails Christmas Fund. Juniors Chili Challenge CCO: entry: \$5. turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Jackpot beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: 1:00 p.m. CASI chili (CHILI GRIND ONLY): entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Thousand Trails chili (TT members only): entry: \$5, turn-in: 3:00 p.m. Rental trailers available for \$40/ night, RV spaces available for \$20/weekend. For reservations, contact Margaret at Thousand Trails, (936) 856-7888. Checks payable to Piney Woods Pod, 14242 Turnervine, Tomball, TX 77375-4049. Info: Bob Horan, (281)357-0175, (713)705-3784, email:shelty246@houstonton.rr.com. Info at: www.pinewoodspod.com. Thousand Trails info at: www.thousandtrails.com.

Oct 19, 2002-009 - Ashdown AR CASI. Hometown Festival Chili Cookoff. Held at East Main and Frisco Streets. Benefits Railcar Restoration. Entry: \$20, turn-in: 1:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Parades, antique cars and tractors, duck calling contest, photo contests, live music, antique and gift shops. Info: Clayton Castleman, email: ccastleman@arkansas.net.

Oct 19, 2002-010 - Bowie TX CASI. Harmony Ranch Cookoff. Held at 4202 State Highway 59 North. Charity: TBD. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to Harmony Ranch. Come celebrate Jimmy Moon's and Mikie McGarity's last ever birthday. Friday night cooks' party. Hookups available.

Info: Mikie McGarity, (817)975-2200, email: mikiem@flash.net.

Oct 19, 2002-011 - Meyersville TX CASI. David & Sons' 2nd Annual Chili Cookoff. Held at David & Sons' Store, at the crossroads of US Highway 185 and FM 237, 13 miles south of Cuero. Benefits 4H Club. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Jackpot beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Barbeque: entry: \$15, turn-in: 4:00 p. Info: Dianna or Don Hoy, (361)277-8687.

Oct 19, 2002-012 - Electra TX CASI. Pumpkin Center Volunteer Fire Department Annual Chili Cookoff. Held at the Pumpkin Center VFD Hall, 4719 State Highway 25 North. CASI and novice: entry: \$20, turn-in: 2:00 p. Jackpot beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Cooks' party Friday. Benefits Hospice of Wichita Falls. Please confirm for cooks' party by sending in your entry! Info: Maxie Collins, 5484 S Highway 25 N, Electra, TX 76360, (940)495-2513. Come out and join the fun while supporting the Hospice! Plenty of RV space (no hookups).

Oct 19, 2002-013 - Jacksonville TX CASI. Reynolds Ranch Chili Cookoff. Held at Reynolds Ranch. Benefits Children's Bus Fund. CASI: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Juniors' cookoff: entry: \$5, turn-in: 1:00 p. Beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Friday night dinner; BYO covered dish. Info: Mary Moore, (903)586-4191 or Cheri, (903)589-5063

Oct 19, 2002-014 - Carruthersville MO CASI. 5th Annual Carruthersville Cookoff. Held at Reynolds Park, Riverfront, Downtown. Benefits and checks payable to the Carruthersville Chamber of Commerce. Registration at 9:00 a., cooks' meeting at 10:00 a. Entry: \$20, turn-in: 1:00 p. Crafts, kids' games, train rides, car and motorcycle show. Ray Price at the Casino. October 18 preregistration, please. Info: Beth Price, (573)333-1222 or (573)333-5623, email: chamber@shelton.bbs.com.

Oct 19, 2002-015 - Castroville TX CASI. 2nd Annual J & J Rhns Country Bumpkin CCO. Held at the Country Bumpkin, 2 miles west of Castroville on US 90. Benefits 19th St. Community Home. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to Country Bumpkin. Info: Bob Steinle, (830)931-2125.

Oct 19, 2002-016 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. VFW Post 8878 Ladies' Auxiliary Cookoff. Held at VFW Post 8878, 4005 Seymour Highway. Benefits Post 8878 Ladies' Auxiliary. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Jackpot beans: turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Limited RV parking (no hookups). Cooks' party and entertainment Friday night. Info: Annie Nickerson, (940)691-7138 or Scott, (940)696-6989. CANCELLED see Oct. 12

Oct 19, 2002-017 - Bagdad AZ CASI. 3rd Annual Bagdad Chili Cookoff. Held on Main Street. Benefits Boys and Girls Club. Chili: entry: \$10, turn-in: 1:00 p. Salsa and People's Choice chili. Checks payable to YCS. Info: Pam Diffin, (928)567-9311, 2425 Arturo Circle, Camp Verde, AZ 86322.

Oct 19, 2002-018 - San Antonio TX CASI. Red Hot Chili Cookoff. Held at Fort Sam Houston at old BAMC at Stanley Rd and Harry Wurzbach. Turn-in 2 PM. Entry fee \$15. Children's events, entertainment, food vendors, moonbounces, car show, arts and crafts, 10K/5K run/walk. Mini marathon for kids. Contact Brian Chambers or Margaret McKenzie. Phone 210-221-0404, or 221-2926. Checks payable to IMWRP. On advertising probation per CASI Rule V.A.2.

Oct 19, 2002-019 - Lenexa KS CASI. 16th Annual Williams Foods Chili Challenge. Old Town Lenexa, Sante Fe Trail Drive & Pflumm Rd, Lenexa, Kansas. Entry chili \$35., Homestyle, \$35. Salsa & Buffalo too Info at cooks meeting 9 AM. Benefit Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Chec payable Williams Foods Chili Chal enge. Turn-in 12 Noon. Contact Jim Finlen Lenexa Parks & Recreation 13420 Oak St. Lenexa, KS 66215-3652 Cookoff on Advertising Probation due CASI Rule V.A.2.

Oct 20, 2002-001 - Conroe/Willis TX CASI. Piney Woods Pod Chili in the Pines. Held at Thousand Trails - Lake Conroe, 11720 Old Montgomery Road, Willis. CASI chili (CHILI GRIND ONLY): entry: \$17, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. See 10/19 listing for trailer and RV space information. Checks payable to Piney Woods Pod, 14242 Turnervine, Tomball, TX 77375. In fo: Bob Horan, (281)357-0175, (713) 705-3784, email: shelty246@houstonton.rr.com or greatpepper@pinewoodspod.com. Info/entry form at www.pinewoodspod.com. Thousand Trails info at www.thousandtrails.com.

Oct 20, 2002-002 - Berkeley Springs WV CASI. West Virginia State Chili Championship - "Cookin' CASI at Coolfront Resort". Benefits Morgan County Humane Society. Top 3 placing West Virginians qualify for the 2003 TICC. Entry: \$10 each: CASI turn-in: 2:00 p. Freestyle turn-in: 12:00 Noon (three categories for freestyle: mild & delicious, hot & tasty, and mouth-watering meatless). Info: Jackie Lewis, (304)258-5254, email: cozycriterstoo@earthlink.net, or Beverly King, (703)492-6194. Additional information on lodging and Wild and Wonderful West Virginia at www.BerkeleySprings.com or www.coolfont.com.

Oct 20, 2002-003 - Meyersville TX CASI. David & Sons' 2nd Annual Day After Chili Cookoff. Held at David & Sons' Store, at the crossroads of US Highway 185 and FM 237, 13 miles south of Cuero. Benefits St. John's Lutheran Luther League Convention. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 1:00 p. Info: Dianna or Don Hoy, (361)277-8687.

Oct 25, 2002-001 - Del Rio TX CASI. Friday Terlingua Bound CCO. Held at Holiday Trav-L Park, Highway 90 West. Preregistration: \$15 before October 23; \$17 thereafter. Checks payable to D.R.I.P., benefits Great Peppers' Meeting. Turn-in 8:00 p. Info: John J. Burns, john.j_burns@magna.on.ca, (830)703-3618 (days), HCR 3, Box 25, Highway 90 West, Del Rio, TX 78840-9201. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Cooks party Friday night, October 25, during cookoff. RV hookups available - (830)775-7275.

Oct 25, 2002-002 - Odessa TX CASI. 11th Annual Guess Where Caravan To Terlingua CCO. Held at Becky Sam's Tropical Bar & Grill, 2458 FM 1936. Benefits Terlingua Memorial Board Fund. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 4:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Info: Dodie Simpson, (915)381-2222, or Wes Watson, (915)687-2170.

Oct 26, 2002-001 - Del Rio TX CASI. Saturday Terlingua Bound CCO. Held at Holiday Trav-L Park, Highway 90 West. Preregistration: \$15 before October 23; \$17 thereafter. Checks payable to D.R.I.P., benefits local charities. Turn-in 2:00 p. Info: John J. Burns, john.j_burns@magna.on.ca,

(830)703-3618 (days), HCR 3, Box 25, Highway 90 West, Del Rio, TX 78840-9201. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Cooks party Friday night, October 25, during cookoff. RV hookups available - (830)775-7275.

Oct 26, 2002-002 - Flatonía TX CASI. Flatonía Czhilispiel. Check out the website at www.flatonia-tx.com. Lots of festivities all weekend! Chili: entry: \$20 before 10/15, \$25 thereafter. Turn-in: 3:00 p. Showmanship Noon until 2:00 p. Info: Flatonía Chamber of Commerce, (361)865-3920, PO Box 610, Flatonía, TX 78941.

Oct 26, 2002-003 - Kaufman TX CASI. 12th Annual American Legion Post 165 Chili Cookoff. Held at 100 S Shannon, at the corner of Grove and Shannon. Benefits Veterans' Programs. Entry: \$10, turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to American Legion Post 165. Info: American Legion (attention: Ugly), (972)932-6083.

Oct 26, 2002-004 - Cassville MO CASI. 2nd Annual Cassville Fall Festival Cookoff. Held on the Square. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Checks payable to Cassville Chili Cookoff. Info: Dixie Johnson, (417)682-5432, 601 Truman, Lamar, MO 65759, email: jrj8@ipa.net.

Oct 26, 2002-005 - Russellville AR CASI. Arkansas State Men's Chili Championship. Held in Downtown Russellville. Entry: \$25, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Benefits and checks payable to Mainstreet Russellville, PO Box 694 Russellville, AR 72812. Info: Betsy McGuire, (479)967-1437.

Oct 26, 2002-006 - Russellville AR CASI. Arkansas State Women's Chili Championship. Held in Downtown Russellville. Entry: \$25, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Benefits Downtown Association. Checks payable to Mainstreet Russellville, PO Box 694, Russellville, AR 72812. Info: Betsy McGuire, (479)967-1437.

Oct 26, 2002-007 - Anthony TX CASI. First Ever Paso Del Norte Ingredients, Inc. Chili Cookoff. Held at Paso Del Norte Ingredients, Inc. Cooks' meeting: 9:00 a. Charity TBD. Entry: \$15, turn-in: 1:00 p. Dry camping available Friday and Saturday nights. Checks payable to Paso Del Norte Ingredients, Inc. Info: Earl Campbell, (915)755-1041, 4617 Tumbleweed, El Paso, TX 79924.

Oct 26, 2002-008 - Pawnee OK CASI. Pawnee Speed, Spice & Spook Event. Benefits the Pawnee Lake Bathhouse Restoration Fund. Entry: \$20, turn-in: 2:00 p. Info: Sandy Beaudoin, (918)762-3205, email: sandyb@cimtel.net.

Oct 26, 2002-009 - Timpson TX CASI. So So Fest Chili Cookoff. CANCELLED. Held at So So Park (Highway 59 to Timpson; go through Town Square; right on Bear St - Park is at the end of street on left). Benefits Historical So So Park. Checks payable to So So Fest & Chili Cookoff. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Cooks' appreciation dinner Friday night. Info: Marilyn Corder, (936)254-2603 or Margie Phillips, (936)254-2076. CANCELLED

Oct 26, 2002-010 - McCamey TX CASI. 16th Annual Chamber of Commerce Chili Cookoff. Location change. Now held in downtown McCamey, 100 Block East 5th St. RV Parking permitted, no hookups. Entry fee \$17. For further info contact Jamie at Chamber of Commerce in McCamey. 915-652-8202. On Advertising probation per CASI Rule V.A.2. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Turn-in 2 PM. Benefits the Scholarship Fund.

Oct 26, 2002-011 - Hare TX CASI. Fernando's 2nd Annual Chili Hot Salsa and Pot Luck Bean Cookoff. Directions from IH-35 in Round Rock, go east on Hwy 79 thru Hutto, Taylor and Thrall turn left on FM 1063 six miles north to Hare. From Temple go south on Hwy 95 thru Granger turn left on FM 1331 go 10.3 miles to Hare. Friday night dance. This cookoff is held conjunction with King's Custom Car and Hot Rod Show. Entry fee chili \$15. Salsa \$10., Beans \$10. Enter all 3 categories for \$30. Benefits Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund. Teams wearing Fernando Igloo shirt receive \$5 off entry fee. Contact Cookoff info 512-862-3270. On advertising probation per CASI Rule V.A.2.

Oct 26, 2002-012 - DeLeon TX CASI. DeLeon Chamber of Commerce Chili cookoff held at the Peach & Melon Festival grounds on Hwy 6 E. Entry fee \$20. Beans \$5. Benefits the Chamber of Commerce. Check payable to DeLeon Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture Vintage Auto Show. Other events planned for Fri and Sat nights. Contact Mary at 254-893-2083 or chamber@cctc.net. Turn-in 2 PM.

Oct 29, 2002-001 - Terlingua TX CASI. Sotol Pod Cookoff. Held at Rancho CASI de los Chisos. Benefits Terlingua Area Medics. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 3:00 p. Info: Dorothy Williams, (915)371-2595, PO Box 39, Terlingua, TX 79852.

Oct 31, 2002-001 - Rancho CASI TX CASI. TICC Halloween Costume Party and Contest. Judging categories: Most Original, Scariest, Sexiest, Best Couple, Best Group, Ugliest. Flyer and more information at: www.pineywoodspod.com. Party starts at 7:00 p.'til the witching hour. Info: Bob Horan, (281)357-0175, (713)705-3784 (cell out of range after 10/26), or email: shelty246@houston.rr.com.

Nov 2, 2002-001 - Terlingua TX CASI. 36th Annual TICC. This is the big one! Must qualify to earn invitation to cook, but plan on being at the party! National Scholarship Day on Friday, November 1, with hot wings, beans and salsa competitions - open competition. Saturday chili turn-in is 12:00 Noon. Check out www.chili.org for more details and the schedule of events. Info: CASI at 1-888-CASI-HOT, or Johnye Harriman, (254)780-4220, email: rjhshow@aol.com.

Nov 9, 2002-001 - Odessa TX CASI. Veterans' Day CCO. Held at Becky Sam's Tropical Bar & Grill, 2458 FM 1936. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Benefits TPRC. Info: Vic Silvester, PO Box 1712, Odessa, TX 79760.

Nov 9, 2002-002 - Corona AZ CASI. Veterans' Day Chili Cookoff at American Legion Post 109, 15921 S Houghton Road. Benefits Veterans at VA Hospital. Entry: \$10, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Checks payable to Chiliheads of Arizona. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Info: Peter J. Braly, (520)574-0197, email: peterjbraly@compuserve.com.

Nov 9, 2002-003 - Edgewood TX CASI. Log Cabin Chili Cookoff. Held in Downtown Edgewood. Benefits the Historical Society Park. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 1:00 p. People's Choice competition, too! Park will be open for tours; kids games, arts & crafts and other activities. Info: Bobby Phillips, (903)896-4807.

Nov 9, 2002-004 - Edna TX CASI. Texana Chili Spill. Held at Brackenridge Park and Campground, 891 Brackenridge Parkway (7 miles southeast of Edna on State Highway 111.) Benefits and checks payable to Brackenridge Park and Campground. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Beans (dry only): entry: \$5, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Festival includes live music and entertainment, dominoes, Children's games, food and drinks, TPW Nature/Wildlife display, Veterans' program, square dance performance. Info: Jaime Tobola, (361)782-5456 or Karen Gregory, (361)782-5229.

Nov 9, 2002-005 - Culpeper VA CASI. OLD HOUSE VINEYARDS Chili Cookoff held at Old House Vineyards, benefiting the Museum of Culpeper History located 18351 Corkys Lane. Turn-in 2 PM Entry fee \$22. Payable to CASINOVA POD Contact Dick DeiTos, 703-273-5075. chilicago@aol.com.

Nov 16, 2002-001 - Bethany OK CASI. Bethany Chamber of Commerce. Held at 39th & College St. Benefits Bethany Christmas Light Fund. Checks to Bethany Chamber of Commerce. Turn-in 12 Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Entry fee \$23. Contact Scoop Green 405-789-2478.

Nov 16, 2002-002 - Lebanon TN CASI. National Sheepdog Finals Chili Classic. Held at Ward Ag Center (east on I-40 from Nashville; take Exit 239B; go north 1.5 miles on right). Benefits Humane Association of Wilson County. Entry: \$20, turn-in: 1:00 p. GROUND MEAT ONLY. Held in conjunction with the 2002 National Sheepdog Finals. Checks payable to Humane Association of Wilson County. Info: Carol Knight, (615)449-6676, (615)444-1383, 106 Bluegrass Parkway, Lebanon, TN 37090.

Nov 16, 2002-003 - Glendale AZ CASI. 1st Annual Viet Nam Veterans' Chili Cookoff. Held at Big D's Sportsbar and Grill, 4494 W Peoria Avenue. Turn-in: CASI chili: 2:00 p., salsa: 1:00 p. People's Choice starts serving at 11:00 a. Showmanship times TBD. Info: Dennis Huff, (602)789-1963 - hor (602)526-0900 w.

Nov 16, 2002-004 - Seguin TX CASI. Pecan Festival Chili Cookoff.

Held at the Seguin-Guadalupe County Coliseum, 810 S. Guadalupe Street. Benefits Christian Free Clinic. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Info: Pat Irvine-King, (830)303-1755.

Nov 16, 2002-005 - Indian Springs TX CASI. Indian Springs 6th Annual Chili Cookoff benefiting the Indian Springs Volunteer Fire Department. Held at 1 block off Hwy. 190 between Livingstone and Woodville. Chili grind only. Turn-in: 2 PM, Showmanship at 2:30 PM. Entry \$17. Auction at 11 AM. Craft Show. Dance at 7 PM. For more information, contact Pat Quinlan at 936-327-3544, 936-563-4420 or hairlady11@yahoo.com or Stan at 936-563-2615.

Nov 16, 2002-006 - El Paso TX CASI. VFW Post #812. Held at 2400 McKelligan Canyon Rd. Indoor cooking. Benefits VFW charities. Turn-in 2 PM Fee \$15. Make checks payable to VFW Post #812. Contact Carol Straughan 915-852-3599.

Nov 16, 2002-007 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Fraternal Order of Eagles. Held at 5396 Seymour Hwy. Wichita Falls, Tx. RV parking, no hookups. Benefits Eagles Benefit Fund. Turn in 2 PM. Entry fee Chili \$17. Beans \$5. Cooks party Fri night Saturday morning breakfast \$3. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Dennis Green at 940-438-2253.

Nov 16, 2002-008 - Little Rock AR CASI. Branding Iron Bar & Grill Cookoff. Held at the Branding Iron bar and Grill on Arch St. Benefits Toys for Tots. Entry \$20. Turn-in 1 PM ***Fire extinguisher required. Info: Kathy Sites, 501-568-2504, or 501-590-5714-cell.

Nov 23, 2002-001 - Irving TX CASI. Wendell Rankin First Ever Chili Cookoff. Held at the Irving Elks Lodge, 2015 N Britain. All donations and proceeds will go to Glenda Williams' mother, whose house burned and she had no insurance or money to rebuild. Asking for any kind of donation from Pods or anyone who would like to sponsor a stove. As of now, at least the three top chili places and the first show place will receive hand-painted stoves - and up to 10 places if sponsorship is available. Two stoves will be raffled. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-

in: 2:00 p. Jackpot beans: \$5, turn-in: 1:00 p. Checks payable to Ruth Messina. BBQ Dinner Friday night cooks' party. Info: Wendell Rankin, (972)880-7117 or Bruce Stewart, (817)282-6678.

Nov 23, 2002-002 - Katy TX CASI. 4th Annual Katy Elks Lodge CCO & Turkey Shoot. Held at 1050 Katy Fort Bend Road. Benefits Children's Prosthetic Devices. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Checks payable to Katy Elks Lodge. Info: Larry Arnold, (281)392-6073, email: resumes@dacojobs.com.

Nov 23, 2002-003 - Green Valley AZ CASI. Green Valley/Basha's CCO. Held on Duval Mine Road and I-19. Benefits Asthma Foundation. Entry: \$10, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Checks payable to CHOA. Info: Cheryl Pennington, (520)822-5545 (between 8:30 and 10:30 p).

Nov 23, 2002-004 - Rowlett TX CASI. 5th Annual Texas Holiday Chili-bration Cookoff. Benefits downtown Rowlett Assn. Held at Farmers Market, 3900 Main St., Rowlett, Tx. Holiday parade, arts and crafts, food vendors, 5k turkey trot. Jackpot beans turn in 12 noon, entry \$10. 100% payback top three beans. CASI and local chili turn-in 1 PM, entry fee \$20. Info: Tom Fulton 971-475-4330 or mail entries and check to: DRA, c/o Tom Fulton, 3805 Main St. Rowlett, Tx 75088

Nov 23, 2002-005 - Marble Falls TX CASI. Rodeotown Chili Cookoff. Held at RODEOTOWN, 6000 N Hwy 281. Entry \$17. Turn-in 2 PM CHILI GRIND ONLY. Benefits Heather Brooks, granddaughter of Fred and Melba Westerman, who lost her home to fire and has no insurance. Checks payable to Highland Lakes Pod. Plenty of RV parking. 30 Electric hookups available at \$15. per night. Contact Nick Valles at Rodeotown for hookups 830-693-0668 No glass containers please. Friday night cook's party with live music.

Nov 23, 2002-006 - Lake Gunterville AL CASI. Covenant Cove Marina and Resort Cookoff held at Covenant Cove Marina & Resort www.covenantcove.com. 1700 Val Monte Dr. Lake Gunterville. Benefits Hope Place. Open Chili

and Salsa Competitions all for the entry fee of \$25. Chili Turn-in 2 PM. Info Big Jim Kitchens, bamaslammer@bellsouth.net or 256-505-0831.

Nov 23, 2002-007 - El Paso TX CASI. El Paso Trans Mountain Optimist's Chili Cookoff held at 5500 Trans-Mountain Rd. off Railroad St. next to Tobin Park. Benefits Trans-Mountain Optimist's Charities. Turn-in 1 PM Entry fee \$15. Cook's meeting 9 AM. Contact Earl Campbell 915-755-1041.

Nov 29, 2002-001 - Victoria TX CASI. Day After Thanksgiving CCO. Held at the Colet Inn, 3023 Camp Colet Road. (Call for detailed map, or visit Colet Inn's website at www.coletinn.com.) Benefits Mission Valley Grocery. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 4:00 p. Jackpot beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: 3:00 p. Info: Linda McDonald, (361)578-2575 evenings; Dianna Hoy, (361)277-8687; Robert Lowery, (361)575-6066 days; or Colet Inn, (361)578-1360 evenings. Checks payable to VASA Pod.

Nov 30, 2002-001 - Victoria TX CASI. 21st Annual VASA Pod Cookoff. Held at the Colet Inn, 3023 Camp Colet Road. (Call for detailed map, or visit Colet Inn's website at www.coletinn.com.) Benefits Josh & Jordan Goodner Benefit. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Jackpot beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: 12:00 Noon (dry pinto beans only). Jackpot salsa: entry: \$5, turn-in: 1:00 p. BBQ Brisket: entry: \$15, turn-in: 4:00 p. Info: Linda McDonald, (361)578-2575 evenings; Dianna Hoy, (361)277-8687; Robert Lowery, (361)575-6066 days; or Colet Inn, (361)578-1360 evenings. Advance checks payable to VASA Pod.

Nov 30, 2002-002 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. 40-8 Voiture 939 Cookoff. Held at 4605 Lake Shore Drive, American Legion Post 169. Benefits Nurses Training Fund. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Beans: entry: \$5. Checks payable to Voiture Locale 939. Info: Don Barfield, (940)322-5057.

Nov 30, 2002-003 - Southlake TX CASI. Gobbler Gathering Chili Cookoff. Saturday after Thanksgiving at McGarity's Pepper Top Farm, 2050 N. Shady Oaks Drive, Southlake, Tx. Chili turn-in 2 PM. Charity: TBD Checks payable to Pepper Top Farm. Contact Mikie or

Nick McGarity at 817-975-2200 or 817-975-0484. Entry fee \$20. Overnight parking, no hookups. Friday night hospitality. Bring your Thanksgiving leftovers.

Nov 30, 2002-004 - Ahwatukee AZ CASI. 1st Annual Festival of Lights CCO. Held at West Chandler Blvd. Call Bruce or Sharon Pinnell for details 480-753-5558. Turn-in 2 PM entry fee \$10. Details to follow. spicyone@bigbruce.com.

Nov 30, 2002-005 - San Angelo TX CASI. SACA POD Chili Cookoff. Held at Foster Park, off hwy 67 South on FM 2335. Entry fee \$20. Jackpot beans \$10. Open, anything you want to cook. Contact Sammie Plant 915-655-2147 or Pat 7463.

Dec 1, 2002-001 - Victoria TX CASI. Morning After Chili Cookoff. Held at the Colet Inn, 3023 Camp Colet Road. (Call for detailed map, or visit Colet Inn's website at www.coletinn.com.) Benefits VASA Pod. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 1:00 p. Pork spare ribs: entry: \$15, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Info: Linda McDonald, (361)578-2575 evenings; Dianna Hoy, (361)277-8687; Robert Lowery, (361)575-6066 days; or Colet Inn, (361)578-1360 evenings. Advance checks payable to VASA Pod.

Dec 1, 2002-002 - Wickenburg AZ CASI. 11th Annual Rancher Bar Great Grill Chili Cookoff. Held at Rancher Bar 910 W. Wickenburg Way. Red Chili, Salsa, Hot Wings, People's Choice and Showmanship. Cook's meeting 10 AM. Salsa turn-in 11 AM. Hot Wings turn-in 12 noon. Red Chili turn-in 2 PM. Winners announced right after Red Chili judging is completed. Contact Nancy Klug 480-288-4375. chiliklug@msn.com or Stub Hill at 928-684-5957.

Dec 6, 2002-001 - Angleton TX CASI. 3rd Annual Christmas on the Square Chili Cookoff. Benefits Angleton Chamber of Commerce. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 8:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Use Christmas theme since it's that time of year! IBCA on Saturday. Info: Angleton Chamber of Commerce, (979)849-6443, email: chamber@angletonchamber.org or www.angletonchamber.org.

Dec 7, 2002-001 - Golden CO CASI. 2nd Annual Downtown Golden

Chili Cookoff. Held Downtown along Washington Street. Benefits various Golden charities. Entry: \$15 for CASI red or green; \$10 for green when entering CASI red competition. Turn-in: 1:00 p. Checks payable to Colorado Chili Pod. Info: Lyman Wilkinson, (720)890-9600 or John Montgomery, (303)831-5000.

Dec 7, 2002-002 - Houston TX CASI. 12th Annual Special Olympian Boosters Chili, Bean and Bar-B-Que Cookoff. Held at the North Shore Rotary Pavilion, 14350 Wallisville Road. Benefits Special Olympian Boosters. CASI chili: Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Breakfast casserole: entry: \$5, turn-in: 10:00 a. 50/50 Jackpot beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Junior chili: entry: \$5, turn-in: 1:00 p. Showmanship: 2:30 p. Bar-B-Que (open - anything cooked on a bar-b-que grill - fajitas, ribs, brisket, chicken, sausage, etc.): entry: \$10, turn-in: 3:00 p. Checks payable to Special Olympian Boosters. Don't miss the Spaghetti Cookoff December 6. Info: Craig Hopper or Betty Sausage, (713)453-7473 or (713)453-3446. Followed by the Annual Houston Area Tri-Pod Christmas Party. Bring a covered dish.

Dec 7, 2002-003 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Elks' Lodge Chili Cookoff. Held at the Elks Lodge, 4505 Seymour Highway. Benefits Hospice. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Friday night fish fry, Saturday breakfast. Info: Glyn Gaines, (940)767-2273.

Dec 7, 2002-004 - Sierra Vista AZ CASI. Sierra Vista Christmas Parade CCO held at K-Mart parking lot, 2011 E. Fry Blvd. Benefits High Desert Pod. Entry fee \$15. Turn-in 12:30. Dry camping, no hookups. Cook where you camp. Potluck dinner Friday night (hot soup at 6 PM). Contact Jim Tomlin, 520-458-9559.

Dec 7, 2002-005 - San Angelo TX CASI. TOYS FOR TOTS Chili Cookoff. held at 33rd and N. Chadbourne. Entry fee is one new toy and \$10. Brisket \$10. Jackpot beans \$5. Open, anything you care to cook, no desserts \$5. Contact 915-486-1315 or Sammie 915-655-2147.

Dec 8, 2002-001 - Houston TX CASI. 3rd Annual Galena Park ISD Special Olympics Cookoff. Held at the North Shore Rotary Pavilion, 14350 Wallisville Road. Benefits: Galena

Park ISD Special Olympics. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to Galena ISD Special Olympics. Info: Craig Hopper or Betty Sausage, (713)453-7473 or (713)453-3446.

Dec 8, 2002-002 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Elks' Lodge Day After Chili Cookoff Held at the Elks Lodge, 4505 Seymour Highway. Benefits Terlingua Van Fund. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Free breakfast. Info: Glyn Gaines, (940)767-2273.

Dec 14, 2002-001 - Irving TX CASI. Irving Elks 14th Annual Cookoff. Held at the Irving Elks Lodge, 2015 N Britain Road. Benefits various charities. Chili: entry: \$20, turn-in: 2:00 p. Beans: turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Checks payable to Irving Does 201. Plenty of camping spaces, some with electrical hookups - first come! TOT Christmas party Friday night, Dec. 13, 7:00 p. Does will supply the turkey and ham; please bring a covered dish. Silent auction, raffles & good times. Please join us. Info: Linda Buschel, 2620 Quail Valley, Irving, TX 75060, (972)986-6211.

Dec 14, 2002-002 - Tucson AZ CASI. La Mesa RV Chili Cookoff. Held at 3255 East Irvington Road Tucson. Charity TBA. Turn-in 2 PM Entry fee \$12. Checks Payable to CHOA. Contact Peter Braly 520-574-0197.

Dec 15, 2002-001 - Cash TX CASI. Elks National Foundation Cookoff. Located Hwy 34, 6 miles So. of Greenville, 8 miles No. of Quinlan Benefits Elks National Foundation. Turn-in 12 noon. Entry fee \$17. Contact Carl or Jackie Grose 903-883-4916. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Make checks payable to Greenville Elks Lodge.

Dec 28, 2002-001 - Kingsland TX CASI. Kingsland American Legion Post 473. Turn-in 2 PM Entry fee \$17. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Benefits Kingsland Scholarship Fund. Info: Pat Pilchick 915-379-1407. Also, cookoff on Dec. 29, 2002.

Dec 29, 2002-001 - Kingsland TX CASI. American Legion Auxiliary Cookoff at American Legion Post 473. Turn-in 12 Noon. Benefits Youth Activity Fund in Kingsland. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Entry fee \$17. Contact Pat Pilchick 915-379-1407 or Cloe 915-388-5220.

Dec 31, 2002-001 - Denton TX CASI. 15th Annual Dam Pod New Year's Chili and Black-Eyed Pea Cookoff.

Held at the North Texas Fairgrounds, 2217 N. Carroll Blvd. Jackpot Peas: entry: \$5, turn-in 8:00 p, with 100% payback. Chili: entry: \$20, turn-in: 9:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Registration begins at 4:00 p. Plenty of parking for campers (no hookups). Cook inside building. You can sleep inside, but there is no heat. Come help us bring in the New Year. Info: Bruce Stewart, (817)282-6678, email: brudrustu@aol.com.

Jan 4, 2003-001 - Bastrop TX CASI. 2nd Bastrop American Legion Chili Cookoff. Held at Post Home on Loop 150 and Route 21 (across from Bastrop State Park Golf Course). Benefits Legion Charities. Entry: \$17. CHILI GRIND ONLY. RV parking on solid ground. Cooks' party Saturday night. Info: Crystal, (512)321-5555. Cookoff next day same location.

Jan 5, 2003-001 - Bastrop TX CASI. 2nd Bastrop American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Chili Cookoff. Held at Post Home on Loop 150 and Route 21 (across from the Bastrop State Park Golf Course). Benefits Auxiliary charities. Entry: \$10. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Cooks' party Saturday night. Info: Crystal, (512)321-5555. Cookoff same location previous day.

Jan 11, 2003-001 - Houston TX CASI. 14th Annual Cy-Fair Metro-Go Texan Chili & BBQ Cookoff. Held at Traders Village, 7979 N Eldridge Parkway. Benefits the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Scholarship Fund. BBQ on Sunday. Details to follow. Info: Suzanne Bush, (713)820-2523, (713)417-8227, email: txpurplelady@hotmail.com.

Jan 11, 2003-002 - Amarillo TX CASI. TRI STATE OPEN. Cook inside the Rex Building on the Tri-state Fairgrounds. Benefits MAKE-A-WISH of the Texas Plains. Top 3 cooks and 1st show from Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas will qualify. Vickie Childers 806-355-3787 or Gariner Albus 806-353-0500. More info to follow.

Feb 1, 2003-001 - Waxahachie TX CASI. 2nd Annual "N.O.W." POD Chili Cookoff. Ellis Co. Expo.Center. Benefiting Children's Advocacy Center. 50/50 Beans Turn-in 12 noon. Entry \$5. Novice Chili Turn-in 1 PM \$15. CASI Chili turn-in 1 PM \$20. Saturday night "Barn Bash" \$15 per couple. Contact Dan Grannan 972-938-3409 or Robin Goodman

972-938-8500. Also, Sunday Cookoff next day.

Feb 1, 2003-003 - Nuevo Laredo, MX CASI. 18th Annual Mexico Int'l CCO. Neuvo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mx. Held at Fiesta Inn (formerly Hacienda) ***Chili grind-furnished***. Entry fee \$50./person. Benefits CASA HOGAR a home for girls in Nuevo Laredo. Cookoff entry deadline is post marked by Jan.27, 2003. Rooms and a bus trip are available Contact Larry Burruss for more information. 512-353-8895 or 1004 Crepe Myrtle, San Marcos, Tx. 78666.

Feb 2, 2003-001 - Waxahatchie TX CASI. First Annual "N.O.W." POD, Too. Benefiting "N.O.W." POD and Children's Advocacy Center. CASI Chile (Grind Only) \$17. Turn-in 1 PM. See Saturday Cookoff same location. Contact Dan Grannan 972-938-3409 or Robin Goodman 972-938-8500.

Feb 15, 2003-001 - Spring TX CASI. Old Town Spring Frontier Days CCO. Held at Preservation Park in Old Town Spring, Hardy Road at Schoolhouse Road. Benefits Old Town Preservation League. Entry fee \$17. Checks payable to OTS Preservation League. Turn-in 2 PM See next day cco 2/16/03. Contact Bob Horan 773-705-3784 evenings at 281-357-0175. CHILI GRIND ONLY. email:shelty246@houston.rr.com

Feb 22, 2003-001 - Edmond OK CASI. Mid-Winter Classic. Held at Edmond Elks Lodge, I-35 and Waterloo (north on I-35 to Waterloo, east on Waterloo 3/4 mile, then left into Lodge). Benefits HOOCH Pod and various Elk charities. Entry: \$20, turn-in: 1:00 p. Checks payable to HOOCH Pod. CHILI GRIND ONLY. No alcohol permitted, but cash bar provided. Elks' division - entry: \$5, turn-in: 1:00 p.; may bring from home and enter Elks' division. Info: Ruthann Newman, (405)282-3082 or Jerry Dickerson, (405)214-9395.

MAR 1, 2003-001 - Irving TX CASI. Irving Elks Annual Cookoff. Held at the Elks Lodge, 2015 N Britain. Benefits Elks charities. CASI chili: \$17. CASI and Elks turn-in: 2:00 p. Beans turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Checks payable to Elks Lodge # 2334. Cooks' party Friday night. Info: Horace Jones, (972)579-0005. This Lodge is a big supporter of CASI and its members - let's return its kindness and have a big turn-out for this cookoff.

MAR 22, 2003-001 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. 4th Annual Elks Children's Hospital. Located 4205 Seymour Hwy. Friday night catfish. All you can eat breakfast \$3. Inside cooking. Benefits Children's Hospital. Turn-in 2 PM CASI entry fee \$17. Jackpot beans \$5. Turn-in 12 noon. Checks to Elks Lodge #1105. Chili Grind Only. Contact Glyn Gaines 940-767-2273 or Ray at Cell 781-5262.

MAR 23, 2003-001 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Elks National Foundation. Entry \$17. Turn-in 12 Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Glyn Gaines or Ray 940-767-2273 or 781-5262. Benefits Elks National Foundation. Same location as Saturday cookoff.

Apr 5, 2003-001 - Gulf Shores AL CASI. Alabama State Chili Cookoff held at the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo, Highway 59, Gulf Shores.

CASI and open categories. Chili grind only. Benefiting zoo. Turn in 1 PM. Entry fee \$20. Checks payable to State of Alabama Pod. For more information contact Renee Moore, 251-949-7000 or moore@ci.gulf-shores.al.us.

Apr 12, 2003-001 - Seguin TX CASI. Texas Ladies' State Chili Championship. Held at Starcke Park. *This is a change from the usual 3rd Saturday in April due to Easter. More info to follow.

Apr 26, 2003-001 - Houston TX CASI. 32nd Annual Houston Pod's Hal John and Judy Wimberly Memorial Cookoff to be held at Trader's Village, 7979 N. Eldridge Parkway, Houston. Multiple events. Details to follow. Contact Keith Karaff, 281-955-2603. Stay over for the cookoff on Sunday.

Apr 27, 2003-001 - Houston TX CASI. Houston' Second Day Chili Cookoff. Come for the Houston Pod's Hal John and Judy Wimberly Memorial CCO on Saturday and stay for more Chili cooking on Sunday. Details to follow. Keith Karaff 281-955-2603

Jun 14, 2003-001 - Chugwater WY CASI. Chugwater Cookoff 18th Annual State of Wyoming Chili Championship. Located town park. Entry fee \$15. Turn-in 1 PM. Benefits Chugwater Economic Dev., Ambulance, Community Center and Historical Group. Contact Krista West 307-422-3493 M-W-F.

Jun 21, 2003-002 - Grand Lake CO CASI. 20th Annual State of Colorado CASI Chili Championship. Held in Town Park. Benefits Grand Lake Dive and Rescue Team. \$25 for CASI red or green chili; \$10 for green when entering red competition.

Cook at 9,000 feet - all cooks who register and pay their fee by June 2, 2003 will receive a special 20th year momento. Checks payable to Colorado Chili Pod. Info: Lyman Wilkinson, (720)890-9600 or John Montgomery, (303)831-5000.

Jun 21, 2003-003 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. American Legion Post 169 Auxiliary Chili Cookoff. Held at 4605 Lake Shore Drive. RV parking (no hookups). Indoor cooking available. Benefits Legion charities. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Jackpot beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Checks payable to American Legion Post 169. Info: Glyn Gaines, (940)767-2273.

Oct 18, 2003-001 - Willow Park TX CASI. First Ever in Lake Dallas Held at Willow Park. More info to follow. RV parking available, some hookups.

CASI Cookoff Promoters New Place to send Upcoming Cookoff Info Effective Immediately

Send Upcoming Information to:

***CASI Upcomings
P O Box 39
Terlingua, Texas 79852-0039***

***Telephone & Fax - Toll Free Number: 888 CASIHOT
E-Mail: dorathy@brooksddata.net***

Membership Note

It is time to learn the new CASI Membership Address. It is CASI, Post Office Box 92906, Southlake, Texas 76092.

Mikie McGarity will OFFICIALLY begin her duties at the end of September but getting a head start on the new address is a good thing. Mikie and I will work closely, so whether you use the old address or the new one your membership update will still happen.

Now on to the past two-month's business. You may have noted that there were no Membership Notes last month; just one of those things. It is all here now.

CASI Corporate Members – Please welcome our newest Corporate Members:

Arlington Elks Lodge #2114 (Renewal for 2003)
Main Street West Memphis – West Memphis, AR
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Whenever you see any of our Corporate Sponsors – SAY THANKS!!!! They have invested in us – we should do the same for them.

CASI Life Members – Please welcome our newest Life Member:

Charles K. Welsh – Red Lion, PA

Annual Members – We would like to WELCOME these new annual members and some of our past members who have joined us again. A whole bunch of these used our Credit Card Option. Hint. Hint. (This is still a good hint!)

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We hope you enjoy every day as a CASI Member.

Mike Strack, Membership Chairman (1994 – 2002)



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Please welcome and thank these CASI Members. They have invested in our Society as Annual Corporate Members. If you live in their areas, **please** stop by and thank them personally.

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