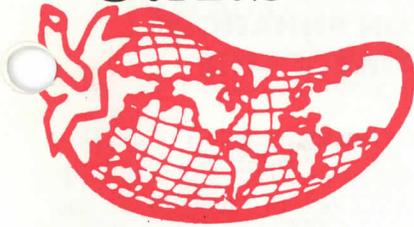


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Things have not changed a lot since the last Trails, but we are making progress on our new site in Terlingua. It looks good, it's flat, and I am positive that everyone will like it.

Our membership in CASI is growing. We may consider sending out statements when your membership comes up for renewal. This should make it easier for everyone to renew when their year's membership expires.

I have always had the opinion that new blood brings new ideas. Therefore,

at the next Great Peppers meeting I will submit a rule change that no Director can serve more than two three-year terms in a row. At that time they would have to be off the board for at least one year before running for the board again.

I have seen both sides of this issue and know from experience that new blood brings some good ideas and questions as to how and why things are done.

Cook good, have a good time and be willing to work for our causes of raising money for charities, and promoting Chili.

Rex Jones

TALLYMASTER'S REPORT

The cook-off results are coming in good and steady. I have managed to catch up and stay caught up by burning a little midnight oil. The days of watching a ball game or playing a round of golf on a Sunday afternoon is just about a thing of the past for me. Most Sunday afternoons are now spent recording tally sheets.

Speaking of tally sheets; I don't want anyone to think that I am complaining, I just want to ask a favor of the referees. Please, before you send the results into me, check the spelling of the names on the tally sheet - try to make sure it is the correct spelling so that I won't have but one card on a participant.

As of this article, we have 183 cook-offs that have been sanctioned, 57 cooks qualified, and 13 show teams qualified. I don't know if that is any comparison with this time last year, but it looks good

to me. We also have some cook-offs on probations but with the cooks getting their points. I have set a goal that while I am Tally Master, I would love to have a year go by without any cook-offs on probation, and no cook-offs that are non-sanctioned. With help from each cook, referee, Great Pepper, and promoter, perhaps I can reach this goal.

Keep those tally sheets coming-stay safe, stay dry, stay sober, and have a good cook-off!

*Ralph Hay,
Tally Master*

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS SOAR

From January 1, 1990 to April 10, 1990 we went from 69 life members of CASI to 107 life members. Thirty-eight new life time members in 100 days is great. If you haven't become a life time member of CASI think about joining the rapidly expanding ranks.

RANCHO CASI de los CHISOS GROUNDBREAKING

This last weekend, I made a long trek out to the Big Bend area for the ground breaking of Rancho CASI de los Chisos and I am very glad I did. It was the most beautiful weekend I have ever seen in that part of the country. The only thing wrong was that it is so dry, the wild flowers had not yet started to bloom.

The sky was bluer than blue and the stars so bright at night that you felt you could reach up and pluck one.

I am sorry that more CASI cooks could not attend this momentous occasion. The ceremony was very well done and I think Pat Irvine deserves a big hand in putting this all together. The local folks were just great in their enthusiasm and support of this venture. They turned out in force and were just wonderful. Some of them were snow birds from the north and they wanted to know why we didn't do something in the winter when they were out there.

The site will be great! It is very flat, surrounded on almost three sides by hills. To the south, you can see the mountains, and in the afternoon at sunset, this is a beautiful sight to see. By Sunday afternoon, all the roads were cut and the arena cleared. Ken Large, Billy Simpson and Jerry King did a splendid job on this and I believe they should be commended highly by all of us.

I hope more people get to go out during the year to contribute time and energy to making this venture work for all of us. CASI needs everyone's support and remember, this is for the COOKS... Thanks to everyone!

*Sharon Roy, Great Pepper
Purgatory Creek Pod
San Marcos, Tx*

A CHILI COOK IS ...

by Darrell D. Baxter

A CHILI COOK IS SOMEONE WHO WORKS ALL WEEK
AND NEEDS TO RELEASE SOME TENSION
SO WE LOAD UP THE CAR, THE TRUCK OR THE BUS
WITH NOT ONE THOUGHT OF ABSTENTION.

AFTER OUR DRIVE, BE IT LONG OR SHORT,
IT SURE FEELS GOOD TO BE THERE.
WE UNLOAD OUR STUFF AND SET UP OUR CAMP,
AND GRAB A BOTTLE OF SOMETHING TO SHARE.

A PEACH SCHNAPS THERE, A TEQUILA OR TWO AND
SOON WE FORGET WHY OUR JOB MADE US BLUE.

WE WALK FROM CAMP TO CAMP AS WE SHARE
ALL THE NEWS WE'VE HEARD THE PAST WEEK.
LAUGHING, TALKING, KISSING AND HUGGING, THIS
FEELS JUST LIKE WHAT WE NEED.

THE MORNING COMES WITH SLEEPY EYES AND
SOMETIMES A HEADACHE IF WE OVER DO.
WE SET UP AND LIGHT UP, DOES THIS
SMELL LIKE CHILI TO YOU?

WE HELP OUT OUR FRIENDS EVEN
GIVING OUR SECRET RECIPE AWAY.
CHILI IS THE REASON WE LIVE
BUT THE FRIENDS ARE WHY WE STAY.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS IS KILLING OUR KIDS
AND MAKE-A-WISH NEEDS OUR SUPPORT,
SPECIAL OLYMPICS, HOMELESS PEOPLE AND
MILLIONS OF CASES OF MD TO REPORT.

WE DO A LOT AND YOU KNOW WE CARE
WE RAISE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS EACH YEAR.
REMEMBERING ALWAYS THE CHILDREN, THE
FAMILIES AND THE FEELING OF GOOD CHEER.

SO I RAISE MY GLASS UP IN THE AIR
AND TOAST THE CHILI COOKS EVERYWHERE.
YOU'RE THE BEST THERE IS AND THAT'S NO JOKE
SO HERE'S TO ALL US CHILI FOLK.

GAVISON ENHANCES CASI SPONSORSHIP

Gaviscon Antacid, sponsor of the Terlingua International Chili Championship and other CASI Cook-offs nationwide, has announced its 1990 sponsorship to CASI. Gaviscon pledged its continued commitment to the Terlingua International Cook-Off with a \$10,000 donation. In addition, Gaviscon will sponsor 20 state and regional cook-offs in 1990 including Chilimypiad, the Texas Men's State Championship.

Gaviscon Antacid, manufactured and distributed by the newly merged company of Marion Merrell Dow, is based in Cincinnati, Ohio. Bob Kemp, product manager, confirmed Gaviscon's commitment to CASI and the chili cook-offs in February. The Boasberg Company, a Kansas City based marketing and public relations company will direct all aspects of Gaviscon's sponsorship.

Since 1985, Gaviscon has supported CASI and the Terlingua cook-off through financial contributions, support of state chili cook-offs, logistical and equipment support at Terlingua, as well as including the chili theme in its marketing and sales promotions.

In 1990, Gaviscon will sponsor a national advertising campaign offering consumers the chance to win prizes by submitting their favorite chili recipe. The advertising ads will appear in Good Housekeeping magazine's September, October, and November editions.

Beginning in April and running through November, Gaviscon will sponsor 20 state cook-offs throughout the country, contributing cash donations, Gaviscon samples, chili aprons, t-shirts, banners, tasting cups and judging materials. The 20 cook-offs were chosen based upon locations, number of spectators and time of year.

Through its sponsorship of CASI cook-offs, Gaviscon has been able to deliver a strong medicine message to consumers in a creative and entertaining method. In 1990, Gaviscon continues its support of CASI, and looks forward to the many years ahead with this fine organization.

**If you don't want to run with the big dogs...
Stay on the porch!**

CASI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In response to the recent request of Beverly King for all Pods to reply to our Executive Board regarding unification efforts, the Pod of the Pass would respond as follows.

It is the position of the Pod of the Pass that, although unification of the Championship Chili Cookoffs is a desirable goal, CASI has expended enough time, effort, and money in this regard. By a majority, this Pod would welcome unification on an "it will happen when it happens" basis.

*Johnye J. Bayer
Great Pepper, Pod of the Pass*

JUNIOR SPEAKS OUT

The views expressed in this memo are of my own feelings and not that of the Mo/Kan Chili Pod or any of its members.

If you have watched television, listened to a radio, or glanced at a newspaper in the last few weeks you know that some major changes are taking place in this world of ours.

We have seen the Berlin Wall come down, we have seen the barbed wire removed in Czechoslovakia, and for the first time in many years we have seen people unite with one cause in mind.

After 40 years of the Communist type of leadership these people are uniting and coming together as one - all with the same thought in mind.

Don't you think now after some 20 plus years we should open our eyes, forget the past, *unite*, get with our leaders and tear down this *damn Terlingua Wall!*

I don't care who you are or how long you have been cooking chili, deep in your heart you will always have a feeling for the *store* or the *mine*. These thoughts and memories should never be erased.

I think it is time for us to place who is best aside and *think very hard about the future of chili cooking.*

As in any organization that I belong to I have always pledged my support and always will. Our new board has a rough road to travel and there are going to be a lot of rocks in the road. For 9 people to remove all the rocks is going to be rough, but with help the road can be made clear a lot faster.

The Board made a giant step when they purchased the land in Terlingua. CHILI now has a home of its own. Not an area where we use it 5 days out of 365, and someone else benefits the other 360 days of the year.

Who knows, maybe some day there will be a Chili Hall of Fame in Terlingua, Texas. A building constructed of material from the area, a giant flag pole flying the American Flag, with rows of flags displaying the states cooking on each side.

Just think on this for a minute. If we were a *united organization* and everyone that had cooked for the last 10 years in Terlingua donated at least one item how big a building this would require.

As I close I wish to impress to you the motto on the Missouri state Flag:
"United We Stand, Divided We Fall"

Junior Johnson

Dateline EARTH 3090 AD

Archaeologists, while exploring the Rio Grande great river canyon near the ancient townsite of Lajitas, Texas, made an amazing discovery of a religious site believed to once be dedicated to the god Chiligua. Devoted pilgrims would travel great distances to sacrifice little cubes of protein substance on metal altars. Aluminum containers played another strange part of the ceremony as the substrata was totally layered with them. While on site a huge sandstorm unearthed a strange temple layered with many colors, each of the building stones was covered with hieroglyphics still undeciphered.....

Well, the old Medicine man has been talking to Jose Cuervo again.

Of course the wonderful temple is the yet unbuilt brick outhouse/shower on the new C.A.S.I. Old 320 site.

In the last Terlingua Trails, Bob Whitefield put out the call for help to build the new site. Has anyone thought how much it will cost for building materials? A brick, board, or a nail will cost 3 to 5 times the price delivered to such a remote location. Remember, the nearest real hardware store is 60 to 80 miles away. What can each of us do? Donating or raising money would be an easy way to get someone else to do it all. It will be absolutely essential, but we can all donate materials and time to this labor of love in another way. Let's call it "The Three Bricks to Terlingua" campaign. On our next pilgrimage to the Big Bend let's each bring 3 cinder blocks. These blocks can be painted and graffitied to match your wildest nightmare. They will be used as the foundation of a comfort center in our oasis home in the desert. So you have to trip over a few building materials in the motorhome for a couple of days, just keep remembering what they are for and how long they will stay when they get there.

Don Shards

CHILI TRIVIA QUIZ

This quiz is intended for cooks that started cooking during 1982 or after. Answers will be accepted from you ole timers but no prizes.

The first correct answers to these questions will receive a fabulous, almost unique, very non-expensive prize and recognition as a maintainer of non-important facts.

1. Who won the first cookoff in 1967?
Clue: Kiss your sister.
 2. Who was granted the title of "Mayor of Terlingua" in 1967?
Clue: Post holder.
 3. How were chili cookoffs sanctioned prior to the rules that went into effect in 1979?
Clue: God and his scribe.
 4. How were winners usually announced prior to 1978?
Clue: John Doe.
 5. Who devised the first point system?
Clue: Hot stuff.
 6. Who discovered and named Chiligua, the god of chili?
Clue: Hollywood.
 7. How did Jose Sierra, chief cook of the Tiguas Indians settle his chili?
Clue: Heavy bombardment.
 8. Who founded the Goat Gap Gazette?
Clue: Bad news.
 9. Other than the cookoff, what event happened in Terlingua in 1978?
Clue: Lester was not there.
 10. Who coined the word "Chilympiad"?
Clue: Small by visible.
- Bonus: What was Yellow Dog's name and where is he today?
Clue: Jeane Dixon.
- Please send your answers to:
Chief Blue Cloud
3326 Wimbledon Cibolo, Tx 78108

MAKE CASI THE BEST

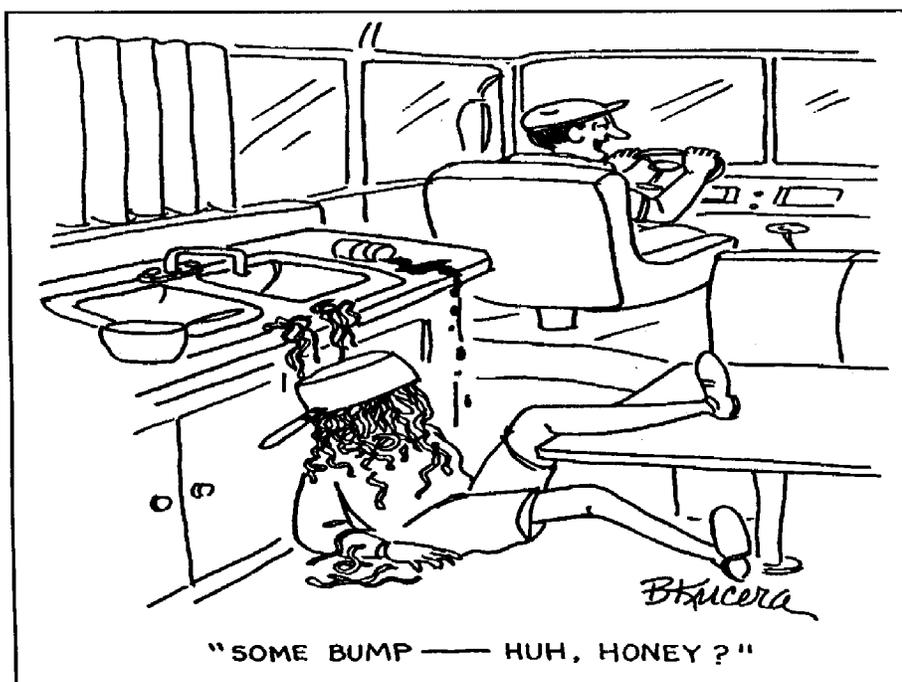
I have been involved with chili cook-offs since 1973. In those days there was about one cook-off a month. Everyone that liked chili cook-offs went. Now there can be as many as nine cook-offs in one weekend and politics is everywhere.

We need to make decisions affecting CASI that will be for the benefit of all CASI Pods. We seem to be too worried about other chili groups instead of working to make sure that CASI is the best chili group around. We must quit worrying about what those other groups will be or are doing and worry about what CASI is doing or should be doing.

Someone said that you should never look over your shoulder because someone could be gaining on you. Unfortunately, we seem to be spending most of our time looking over our shoulder. If we keep it up, someone will be gaining. These other groups are working to make their group effective and there are not spending their time worrying about what we might be doing.

We need to work on CASI and all CASI Pods. We need to work to make CASI strong. That is the only way that we can keep ahead of all those other groups that are behind us. We are the leaders. They are not. We need to act like leaders and not keep looking over our shoulders to see how close another group may be. They are there; they will always be there, but if we stick together and work together, we can never be caught.

*Irene Duffiela
Great Pepper
SAP-CASI*



THE EARLY YEARS OF CHILI COOKING

The following article is based upon the recollections of Ron Charlton after 17 years on the chili trail. Ron has the distinction of having CASI lifetime membership number 1.

In 1967 there was really no organization of the Chili Appreciation Society International (CASI) with local chapters and an official international office. In fact there was no official at all, no great peppers, no PODs, or no directors.



The Dallas Press Club had a group that gathered at one of the area country clubs for an occasional chili appreciation dinner and after the '67 Terlingua Cook-Off these dinners were more about what went on at Terlingua and what was going to happen at the next year's cook-off. It was basically a bunch of good old boys with some real great old stories.



In 1972 Mr. Fred McMurry of Houston returned from one of these Dallas wing-dings and related several of the old stories to his friends in Houston. From this gathering of friends the first CASI Pod or chapter was born. A charter of incorporation from the State of Texas was applied for and on August 26, 1972 the first Houston Pod Chili Cook-off was presented. Fred McMurry was appointed the first Great Pepper and with the help from his friends Tex and Janie Schofield, and Richard and Joann Horton the various names of the officers of the Organization were named. The Organization was

known as The POD. The President was named The Great Pepper. The Vice-President was named the Pepper Popper. The Treasurer was known as The Chili of The Ex-Checker, the Secretary was The Chili Scribe and the Publicity Secretary was named Chilistry. These names were later adopted by various chili pods that followed in the foot steps of the Houston organization and eventually they developed into the CASI Inc. we know today.



The 1968 Terlingua Cook-Off was supposed to be a rematch between H. Allen Smith and Wick Fowler. H. Allen Smith was reported ill a week before the cook-off

The first three cook-offs were let's get together and pick a winner and who cares about the chili.

and was replaced by an individual named Woodruff De Silva reported to be the California Champion. De Silva was declared the winner although there was no official tally of the judges ballots.



1969 Terlingua Championships had a total of four Cooks. Wick Fowler represented Texas, Woodruff De Silva and C. V. Woods represented California and Joe Defrates represented Illinois. C. V. Woods was declared the winner and the judging had improved but not much. The first three cook-offs were let's

get together and pick a winner and who cares about the chili.



The 1970 contest found an ever growing number of cooks wanting to participate in the Terlingua Championships. There were three ways to get in these championships. One way was to place in the top three in a cook-off recognized by the Dallas organizers or by invitation as a personal friend or recommendation of the Dallas organizers and the last but not least method was by showing up at Terlingua and BS-ing enough to get your chili judged.



This system worked until 1975, although not too well at times. 1970 is a good example of this system. Wick Fowler cooked as a representative of Texas. The first Republic of Texas Chilympiad (Texas Men's State Championship) 1970 was won by Albert S. Agnor. Fulton Battice represented the indian nations although he lived in Irving, Texas. Joe Defrates of Illinois, Chelio Salis of Mexico, and Dick Wilcox of Arkansas were all invited to represent their states without a cook-off. Were as Janis Constantine, Pat Beck, and Amber Cree, the first ladies to cook at the event, just showed up and were granted permission to cook. The 1970 Champion was Wick Fowler and at this point it was decided that all past Champions would be invited to cook at Terlingua.

The 1971 Terlingua Championships had more than twenty cooks

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participate. It was still described as an invitational cook-off with the judging improving from the early events. The judges even tasted some of the chilis, but the judging system was not exactly what one would expect under today's standards. The 1971 champion was George Wright of Dallas with Wick Fowler and C.V. Woods cooking against one another in what they called the Super Bowl of Champions. C.V. Woods was judged to be the better of the two.



One of the greatest events of 1971 was the first Ladies State Texas Championships at Lukenbach. Hondo Crouch was owner of this little town and invited the ladies over after they were refused entry in the Republic of Texas Chilympiad. The first place winner was Cindi Craig followed by Allegheny Janie Schofield with a tie for third place. This created a tradition that the fourth place winner of Ladies State at Luchenback be invited to the Terlingua Championships. This invitation was made several times by Frank Tolbert until the CASI system of qualification was developed in the late '70's. The Second Men's State Championship Chilympiad was held in San Marcos with the winner being Fulton Battise of Irving, Texas.



1972 was considered a growth year for cook-offs with the development of the first Houston Pod Cook-Off, Marble Falls Cook-off, and Flatonias Czhilspiel. The winners of these cook-offs would be invited to Terlingua. The third Men's State

Cook-off and Second Ladies' State Cook-off gave five cook-offs that sent cooks to the Terlingua Championships. Howard Winsor of Colorado was selected champion in 1972 and the event had grown into quite a spectator sport with some estimated 5,000 people watching the cooks. The cook-off was still controlled by the group in Dallas and Frank Tolbert emerged as one of the individuals to write and acquire an invitation to cook. 1973 is the year that California is said to have started the International Chili Society (ICS). This or-

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ganization was founded by Carroll Shelby, C.V. Wood and Jim West. It was basically put together to decide the California cooks that would go to Terlingua in as much that CASI was ill organized outside the state of Texas.



It will be 1976 before CASI will start to organize into the international system we know today. At the 1973 Terlingua championships started having their first differences both with the judging and the selection of cooks at the event. Joe De Frates of Springfield, Illinois took first place honors. There was bickering between the ICS group; which wanted more say in how the cook-off was put together, who could cook, and more representative in judging; and the Dallas Group that controlled the

affair. The Dallas Group wanted the cook-off to be the good old boy affair with no changes. ICS wanted more organization, better judging, and a limit on who could cook.



It was not until after the 1974 Terlingua championships that the war of the chili groups really got going. The 1974 championship saw the first lady winner with Alleghani Janie Schofield of Houston, Texas taking first place. Judging was improving with the judges actually tasting the chilis, writing the scores, and tallying the results. It was not a completely blind system of judging, but it was getting close. It was believed most of the judges didn't know who's chili was who's. After the Terlingua Cook-off, Frank Tolbert wrote the ICS group a letter in that he states that he no longer wants them at the Terlingua Cook-off and in fact he is not sure that there will be a 1975 Terlingua Championship Cook-off. He also states that if they want they can take the cook-off to California and continue it out there. ICS did just that with the 1975 Cook-off being known as The ICS World Champion Chili Cook-Off. ICS started selling memberships, becoming better organized, developing it's own system of judging and promoting cook-offs in California and many other states. This started the first split in the chili world and the first year that there were two cook-offs claiming to be championships. The 1975 Terlingua champion was Susie Watson (Houston, Texas.

Ron Charlton

DEATH SENTENCE 1881

The following, submitted by Reggie Graves of Shreveport, LA, is a verbatim transcript of a sentence imposed upon a defendant convicted of murder in the Federal District Court of the Territory of New Mexico many years ago by a United States Judge setting at Taos in an adobe stable used as a temporary courtroom:

“JOSE MANUEL MIGUEL XAVIER GONZALES, in a few short weeks it will be spring. The snows of winter will flee away, the ice will vanish, and the air will become soft and balmy. In short, JOSE MANUEL MIGUEL XAVIER GONZALES, the annual miracle of the years will awaken and come to pass, but you won't be there.

“The rivulet will run its soaring course to the sea, the timid desert flowers will put forth their tender shoots, the glorious values of this imperial domain will blossom as the rose. Still, you won't be there to see.

“From every treetop some wild woods songster will carol his mating song, butterflies will sport in the sunshine, the busy bee will hum happy as it pursued its accustomed vocation, the gentle breeze will tease the tassels of the wild grasses, and all nature, JOSE MANUEL MIGUEL XAVIER GONZALES, will be glad, but you. You won't be here to enjoy it because I command the sheriff or some other officers of the county to lead you out to some remote spot, swing you by the neck from a knotting bough of some sturdy oak, and let you hang until you are dead.

“And then, JOSE MANUEL MIGUEL XAVIER GONZALES, I further command that such officer or officers retire quickly from your dangling corpse, that vultures may descend from the heavens upon your filthy body until nothing shall remain but bare, bleached bones of a cold-blooded, copper-colored, blood-thirsty, throat-cutting, CHILI-EATING, sheep-herding, murdering son-of-a-bitch.”

U.S v. GONZALES (1881)

United States District Court

Territory of New Mexico Sessions

BRING A BRICK TO TERLINGUA

The ole Medicine man didn't have the honor of being at the ground breaking ceremony at the Old 320, but was privileged to view a video tape while visiting the Aldridge motorhome during the Tyler cookoff. What impressed me most was that there was absolutely nothing on the site except some new cut roads and some cleared area where cacti and yucca plants had been.

Bob Whitefield's plea for help in building our new site should not be ignored. What is to be built and remain on site has to be bought and/or brought by someone.

Let's think for a second about some first things needed on site. It's

a given we're going to need porta-pottys. We can raise money and have them on site like we did last year. How about a guard shack? Well, a tent or sunscreen on poles will do for this year. Registration and judging area... more tents and tarps? When we turn in our chili at 12 we will have to loan our cooking tables and lawn chairs to the judging area. Eventually we will need some permanent seats and tables.

Your brain ought to be in gear now thinking about the rest of the items and how we're going to solve them. Hope so anyway.

Don Shands

WANTED FOR HOWDY-ROO XIX

All past winners to cook May 5, 1990 compliments of Highland Lakes POD (no entry fee).

- * 1972 Gary Hahne (mens),
San Antonio?
Mary Griffin (womens),
Marble Falls
- * 1973 Gary Hahne (mens)
Sharon Villeret (womens),
Wimberley?
- * 1974 George Lovett (mens),
address unknown
Laura Leatherland (womens),
San Antonio
- * 1975 Sherman Durst,
Fredericksburg?
1976 Jo Watson, Houston
- * 1977 Ruth and Ken Murphy,
Dallas.
We're looking for Ruth.
Know about Ken.
1978 Van York, Cibolo
- * 1979 Carol Risz, San Antonio?
1980 Kasey Kirbey, Houston
- * 1981 Carol Risz
1982 Barbara Fox, Houston
1983 Judie King, San Antonio
1984 Candi McGraw, Irving
1985 Lynn Weber, Killeen
1986 R. V. Turney, Marble Falls
1987 Ronnie Moore, Austin
1988 Jannie Burrus, San Marcos
1989 Nina Bennett, Carrollton

*We need help in locating these missing chili cooks. Rewards (we won't say what) for information leading to the location and apprehension of these past winners.

Please contact Carolyn Hejtman-cik, GP, 114 Cedar Lane, Spicewood, Tx 78669 or Clyde Griffin, 22 Fairway Lane, Marble Falls, Tx 78654.

All old timers are urged to come back and cook or just lay back and enjoy!

Yours for a great 1990.

*Highland Lakes POD
Carolyn Hejtman-cik, GP
Clyde Griffin, Comm. Chairman*

“WHAT’S IN A NAME”

Many of you have asked how our new site came to be named “Rancho CASI de los Chisos.” Here’s what it means:

Rancho - means ranch in Spanish.

C.A.S.I. - of course, it’s our CHILI APPRECIATION SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL.

de los - means “of the” in Spanish.

Chisos - is the name of the mountain range which can be seen so clearly from our site. The name of the mountains comes from the Castillian word ‘hechizos’ meaning enchantment.

Thus our name - RANCHO CASI DE LOS CHISOS -- the CASI ranch in the Chisos Mountains.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that I report to you the death of Malvin Prasifka, a C.A.S.I regional referee, a great chilihead and a true friend. Malvin passed away on April 10, 1990 in San Antonio following a long battle with cancer. Funeral services were held in Jourdanton at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 13. Members of SAP-CASI and Classic CASI were honorary pallbearers.

Malvin and his wife, Marty, have been on the chili trail for many years as members of the Bo-Mex chili team. You could always count on Malvin and Marty for the first cup of coffee in the morning, generally any time after 5:00 a.m. You could always count on their pitching in and helping with whatever needed to be done whenever it needed to be done. Malvin was a loyal and vocal CASI member. He served for many years as a director of SAP-CASI. He was an area referee for the San Antonio region for several years, and was the Regional Referee for the 1989-90 chili year. He loved participating in chili cookoffs--he cooked his last “bowl of red” on March 24 at the Kirby cookoff.

Malvin is survived by his wife, Marty, his daughter, Sandra, his two sons, David and Rusty, and his much-loved grandson, Michael. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Those wishing to send a memorial may send it to the American Cancer Society, the Jourdanton Volunteer Fire Department or the charity of your choice.

Pat Irvine

UPDATE CASI OLD 320

As of April 4, we have 121 "Old 320" share owners. Our ground breaking ceremonies were a tremendous success with all roads cleared and in place as well as the stage, arena, and emergency services areas. In March, another crew led by Lynn Hejtman-cik went out to do a lot of tidying up by picking up roots, rocks, and general debris around the area. This week contracts with the power people in Marathon were signed. The stage and judging buildings are being designed and will be constructed later this year. Everything is working very smooth and we are on schedule. I can't tell you how much we owe to Ken Large and Bill Simpson from the Black Gold Pod in the continuing help they have given us in developing our site. Their contribution have been outstanding in helping me design the site, coordination with the equipment operators, installing poles, etc. These two guys deserve all the praise CASI can give them for the number of trips they have made there at their own expense.

On Friday, November 2, we will have the cook site selection activities. It is at this time that you shareholders get to pick your life time 10'x10' cook sites. Remember, the camping sites are first come first served and are not permanent. Don't get the campsites confused with the cooksites. You are all going to be greatly impressed with Rancho CASI de los Chisos. Buy a share and help us grow!

Bob Whitefield
CASI Director/Treasurer

GETTING A PIECE OF THE ROCK

Barbara just mailed a check to C.A.S.I. for \$200.00 from the Black Gold Chili Pod to purchase a "piece of the rock" that C.A.S.I. is buying at Terlingua. At our last Pod meeting we had ten people volunteer to take a week of vacation and take tools and equipment to do any chores or help in any way we can to make the site ready for this years cookoff. More information on this later from Bill Simpson, our Great Pepper. Bill's phone number is (915)381-2222.

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES

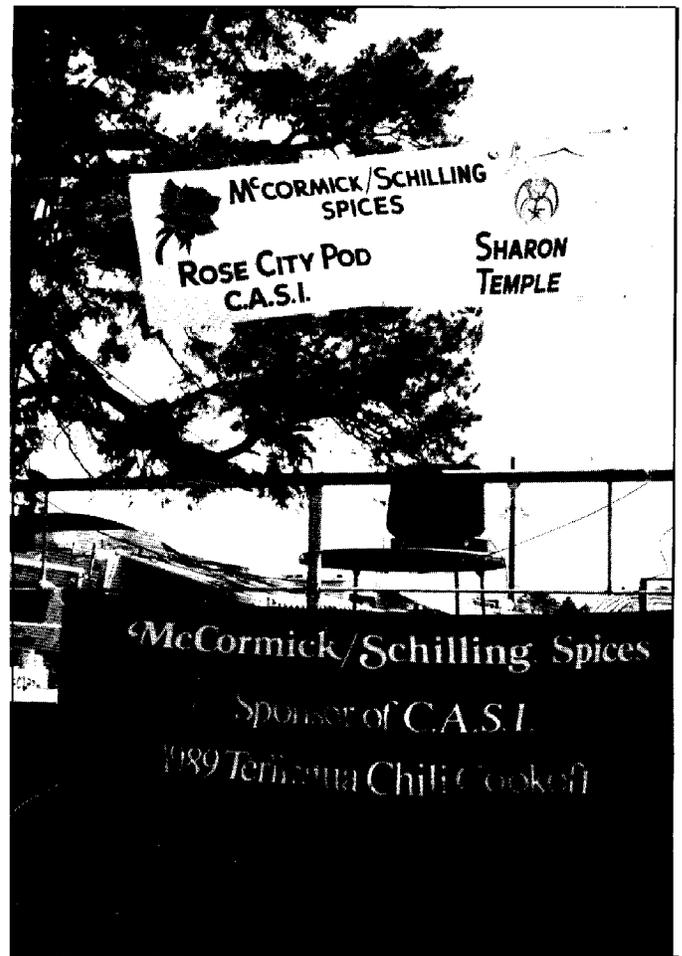
At ceremonies held at high noon in Terlingua, Texas on February 17, 1990, ground was broken by the CASI Board of Directors for the new site of our Terlingua International Chili Championship--Rancho CASI de los Chisos. The site, consisting of 320 acres, is located 9.2 miles west of Study Butte and 6 miles east of Lajitas, Texas. Attending were the C.A.S.I. Board, numerous chiliheads, and many residents from the Terlingua/Lajitas/Study Butte area.

The day dawned bright and sunny, and heavy equipment operators were at the site early to cut in roads for the ceremony participants. By 11:00 a.m., the area was easily accessible, and Bobby and Gail Aldridge rolled in to the groundbreaking area in their motor home.

Ray King began the ceremonies with an invocation. Rex Jones, C.A.S.I. President, welcomed the guests to the groundbreaking. Pat Irvine, Executive Director, introduced the Board of Directors to the attendees. Vann York then gave a brief history of chili and the Terlingua International Chili Championship. Groundbreaking followed. Circled by the remainder of the Board of Directors, Pat Irvine and Rex Jones broke the ground using a gold shovel gaily decorated with red, white and blue ribbon and red chili peppers. Bob Whitefield concluded the ceremonies by explaining the plans for site development. Many took advantage of the beautiful day to walk back into the arena area.

Following the ceremonies, participants and guests enjoyed chili, beans, soft drinks and cold beer. A big thanks to all who assisted in the success of the event. It was a great beginning for the site of our new Terlingua home.

*Pat Irvine
Executive Director*



McCormick/Schilling Spices, besides sponsoring the Great Peppers' Meeting in Galveston this year as well as Terlingua for the second year, has also been sponsoring some regional cook-offs such as the Rose City Pod Cook-Off (photo) held in Tyler, Texas, on March 17th. Some other recent or upcoming cook-offs sponsored by McCormick/Schilling include Prairie Dog/Traders Village, Louisiana State Championship, T.O.T. Cowtown, Chilympiad, Washington Heritage Festival, and the Houston Pod Cook-Off. Local McCormick/Schilling people have enthusiastically embraced the C.A.S.I. organization as well as the worthy charities.

Comments & Reports

Articles to be included in the next newsletter must be received no later than August 15, 1990. Please, *please!*, submit your articles typed.

ALLIGATOR FARMING COMES TO BIG BEND

Gators in the Big Bend? Well why not? Besides, they make good chili. (Let me amend that: their meat makes good chili; I have yet to hear of an alligator cook!) At any rate, alligator chili and even gator-burgers are items that have been added to the menu at Aunt Roberta's Restaurant in Study Butte and the decor there has come to include some pretty impressive gator relics such as a hide and some toothily grinning gator skulls.

The alligator farming is for real. Warren Lynch claims he has the only alligator farming license west of the Pecos and maybe beyond. Don't look for the grown monsters that go into the supper, though; the resident live one is just bitty.

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