

C.A.S.I.



TERLINGUA TRAILS

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Directors Meeting held in Denton in February was very productive and many of the Terlingua plans were finalized. 1991 should be our best year ever!

Pat Irvine of Sequine will head the judging for Chili and Doug Beich of Grand Prairie has agreed to do the honors for the Show Teams. The charities will be the Terlingua Medics and the Terlingua Volunteer Fire Department. These are a repeat from last year and we feel that they deserve our support.

There will be two bands this year. One will play on Thursday and Saturday nights with a different one playing for the Friday night festivities. Although both have made a commitment to us, the contracts have not been signed and we are not releasing the names. Watch for the announcement!

The admission price for spectators has changed to \$10.00 for the three days and nights. How much of it you remember is up to you!

The Great Peppers Meeting will be in Washington, D.C. this September and I hope many of you are planning to attend. The pods of the area are working diligently to provide entertainment, parties and tours in the D.C. vicinity. This should be an outstanding affair.

Last year's Terlingua gathering was attended by a London reporter, Rodney Tyler, who wrote an article for the Sunday magazine section of the London Daily Mail. I have received a letter from a chili cooking group in England in which they detail their activities in rural Yorkshire.

The Silly Chili Challenge in June is the Brits answer to our yearly madness of the first weekend of November. The world gets smaller through chili!

Good luck and good health. May your chili make the winners circle and remember to keep your ticket in your hand and not in your cup!

Rex Jones

NOTICE

Those wishing to run for **Board of Directors of C.A.S.I.** at the 1991-92 Great Peppers Meeting must contact:

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or

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By August 24, 1991

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Closing out the 1990 Terlingua WCC did not mean that your Board of Directors could sit back and take it easy for a while. We immediately went to work (Sunday morning at Terlingua) on plans for 1991. Your C.A.S.I. board

also met in Denton, Texas on February 23, 1991 for a day-long board planning meeting. Plans are well on the way toward making the 25th anniversary a truly memorable occasion for all dedicated chiliheads. Committee assignments, site improvement, logistics, and entertainment are but a few of the important items discussed.

Plans for the annual Great Peppers meeting in D.C. were presented by Bruce Pinnell. From all indications, we are in for a real treat in September. Everyone planning to attend should be making hotel and airline reservations well in advance.

I need to insert a little official business at this point. Great Peppers will receive an official letter in July from the Ed, but it's not too early to be planning your annual credentials packet: Pod officers (who must be members of C.A.S.I.), a membership list with addresses, a copy of your ad for your annual pod cookoff, etc.

Pods should also be thinking of any proposal rule changes that they wish to submit.

Nominations for Directors' positions will also be by mail, and the procedures will be sent to all pods, plus being printed in the GGG prior to the deadline. Keep the fires burning under those pots, get those points, have fun, but above all, keep making money for the many charities that we are dedicated to! More details in the next issue.

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★BULLETIN★

**TEXAS LADIES STATE COOKOFF
HAS BEEN MOVED**

According to Rex Jones, it will be held in Seguin, Texas on September 28, 1991 at the City Park. Co-Chairmen of the event will be:

**Pat Moriarty
Larry Otto
Andy Faber**

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Bob Whitefield, C.A.S.I. Treasurer

Here is a breakdown of what we did at Terlingua this year. First, the purchase of Rancho CASI de los Chisos has allowed us to control the revenues generated at the cookoff which, in the past, has gone in the hands of our former host. The money generated at the cookoff, coupled with the sponsors' money, and more important than anything is the money generated by each of you fabulous old 320 members, has allowed us to do things we've not done before. Buying the land was paramount for C.A.S.I. to control our Terlingua Championships. We did the site development, grading, road improvements and access, brought in power, and telephone -- all this plus incidentals like wire, paint and nails cost us \$44,000, which is paid for free and clear! We owe \$32,000 on the land. We will be able to pay the land off with ease.

The gross numbers are: we made \$6,387 at the gate; \$3,088 from beer; \$200 from the bean off and Halloween Party; \$2,400 from the Calcutta and store raffle; \$210 from jackets; \$675 from Red Coldwell book sales and \$11,501 from T-shirt, tote bag and apron sales. The gross profit was \$24,661. Our cost was \$1,632 for the beer, \$475 for the books, \$7,618 for the T-shirts, etc. which totals \$9,725. We netted \$14,936.

Partial cost of the cookoff was: trophies \$4,755; official T-shirts \$3,756; band \$3,000; patties \$2,400; posters \$1,330; buttons \$716; printing \$700; wrist bands \$612; GGG ad \$525; ice \$238; walking tour; \$88; and gas \$8. The total \$17,948 does not include costs like insurance, the announcer, the donations we made to the Terlingua Fire Department and Medics.

In summary, our cost was more to put on the cookoff than we brought in from retailing. The shoot of it is, we must have sponsors. Thanks even more to Wolf Brand, Garrison, and McCormick Company. I'll have a full audited report at the Great Peppers Meeting.



501c(3) APPLICATION

The Internal Revenue Service has asked for more information in our application for 501c(3) recognition. Would each of you please send me

any information you have in reaction to the following IRS questions?

(1) Please provide copies of all brochures, pamphlets, booklets, newsletters or any other educational materials which you prepare and make available to members and the public.

(2) Please provide a list of charities and the amounts of money that they have received from you.

(3) What, if anything, have you done to have chili declared as the national food of the U.S.?

The IRS has given a deadline of May 15 for our responses to be in Washington, D.C. Would you please compile your information and send it to me quickly? Check with your Pod members, old timers, X-Great Peppers. We need help right now. The more information we provide will enhance our application. I want to send a ton of stuff.

Bob Whitefield
C.A.S.I. Treasurer

REPORT FROM YO OLE' 320 ALCALDE

To date, my records show we now have 173 members in our fold. Over one-half of the memberships are now sold. From the rumors I'm getting from the chiliheads, all the ole' 320 memberships will soon be gone, so if you are planning to be one of the ole' 320 members, you best come on down and send in your \$200 soon.

Your Alcalde attended the C.A.S.I. Board of Directors Meeting held in Denton, Texas on February 23, 1991. Along with Doug "Buckie" Seelig (C.A.S.I.'s designated official Texas certified surveyor). I carried all the concerns of the ole' 320 members that had returned an answer to my request letter prior to the director's meeting.

The original site plan as laid out to us in Terlingua 1990 just will not fit as described in my request letter. It was the consensus of the C.A.S.I. Board of Directors to redesign the site with 320-8' x 8' cook sites in the arena. This concept would not include showmanship sites in the arena.

Showmanship sites will border the outside perimeter of the arena on two sides. This will

unofficially give you 50 show sites around the arena.

My plans is to go to Terlingua late April or early May (1991) along with Buckie (C.A.S.I. designated official Texas surveyor) to layout and permanently "peg" (steel pegs) all corners of the ole' 320 cook sites and showmanship sites.

My top priority is to work out a solution to let everyone keep their original sites as set up in the 1990 site selection, but in the event this does not work out, - - - - - we will have to re-select sites at Terlingua 1991. - - - - -
- - Hold it! Whoa! Your Alcalde and C.A.S.I. Board of Directors will do every thing we can to prevent a re-selection!!

But if it cannot be avoided, we will promise you the site plan will be laid out on stage and all ole' 320 members will have a hand out of the site plan with all sites numbered so you can stand at stage and make a fast selection of your site and be on your way to another fun cookoff at Rancho CASI de los Chisos.

Thank you for taking time to read your Alcalde Report. I know this will work out because I have experienced the fantastic cooperation of C.A.S.I. Chili Cooks so many times.

Good Cooking
Your Ole' 320 Alcalde
John "Hike'n" Fire Caffey

Criterion Productions of Dallas is in the process of finalizing the video tape of our 1990 Terlingua International Chili Cookoff which will be aired on National Travel Channel. I hope our C.A.S.I. members and friends will have an opportunity to see it.



C.A.S.I. NEWS
By Nancy Spinks
Chilicity Chair

The C.A.S.I. Board of Directors held a day-long meeting in Denton, Texas on February 23rd. Plans are underway for making 1991's 25th Annual Cookoff the biggest and best ever. More of this to follow. Many volunteers are needed. If you or someone you know want to help at Terlingua, please let Hut Brown know so he can put you in touch with the appropriate person.

Again, I am asking all Pods to furnish me with a list of T.V. and radio stations, as well as, newspapers and magazines of the Pod's cookoff area. I would appreciate names of contact persons, telephone and Fax numbers as well as the addresses. I will be sending out several news releases on a scheduled basis and would like to know I'm reaching the best person to get coverage. To date I have only heard from Pepie Pod. Please let me hear from your Pod!

Several news articles covering the 1990 Terlingua Cookoff have been forwarded to me. I would appreciate receiving any that the readers have copies of so I can keep composites for future use. A British article "Boys Just Want to Have Fun" is one of the most colorful. Maybe we can get the Terlingua Trails to publish it in full.

If your Pod publishes a Newsletter, put me on the mailing list. If I don't know what is happening, I can't tell about it. Write to Nancy Spinks, 10516 Adel Road, Oakton, VA 22124.

Nancy Spinks



Wolf Brand Products has agreed to renew its sponsorship commitment for another year. In addition to their major support of the Terlingua International Chili Championship, Wolf Brand provided extensive support to many other cookoffs throughout the year.

Coleman Outdoor Products has just agreed to be a sponsor in Terlingua in 1991. They have offered to provide some products to be given as prizes and to be raffled off since chili cooks use Coleman Products almost exclusively. They will send a representative to Terlingua to participate in the festivities.

We still need help developing a beer and soft drink sponsor. If any of you have a factory or major distributor contract that might be interested in sponsoring C.A.S.I. and the TICC, call me (301) 557-8549.

Bruce Pinnel

LA C.A.S.I. LOUISIANNE STATE CHILI CHAMPIONSHIP HEATS UP

The 9th Annual C.A.S.I. State Chili and Bar-B-Que Championship is just a few short days away. The Annual event is slated for May 3rd

and 4th in Shreveport on the Riverfront. Cooks are expected to come from Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and of course, Louisiana.

Registration will begin at 11:00 A.M. on Friday and will continue all day. A Gumbo Dinner will be served to cooks and teams that evening. The finale of the evening includes a dance and the Ms. Chili Pepper Contest. Turn in for Chili will be at 1:00 on Saturday.

This year's proceeds will go to the Willie Burns trust fund and to LSUS Alumni. Raffle tickets are on sale now for \$1.00. Prizes include a weekend getaway at Residence Inn by Marriott-Market Center, Dallas, \$100 cash, a custom painted cookstove, a fish cooker, plus many other items.

Several Louisianne Pod Members have already qualified for Terlingua. They are Bobby Aldridge, Gail Aldridge, Jerry Hunt, Sherry Stuckey, for chili and Reggie Graves has qualified for showmanship. Congratulations to all and good luck to everyone else!

We hope to see you all in Shreveport on the 3rd!!! Happy Chili Trails to You!



LETTERS TO TERLINGUA TRAILS

LET'S DO IT IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER

For many years, people in South-Central Texas held to the misconception that all C.A.S.I. rules infractions, misrepresentations, procedural errors, etc. originated from north of the Brazos River. In the past few years it has become painfully obvious that this was not isolated to a specific area or areas.

Reports of errors of omission as well as errors of commission have been verified. Win-

ners' names have been announced before the winning numbers have been verified, chilies have been turned in without an official there to accept them, publication rules have been "bent," wrong numbers have been verified for winners, tally sheets and entry lists have been submitted late, more than one cookoff per TICC year, without prior approval have been held, and the list could go on and on. Although, for the most part, these are deemed minor infractions -- they should not continue.

Come on people, **LET'S DO IT RIGHT**. The people committing these errors and infractions, for the most part, have been elected or appointed as C.A.S.I. officials and are, therefore, representatives of our organization. Too many times the actions of these representatives have reflected poorly on the cookoff itself, when, in fact, it has been the failure of the sanctioning body.

It is time that the referees and officials of C.A.S.I., who present us at cookoffs, be more than someone who has won a popularity contest. We should expect, no, we must demand that these people have full knowledge of the existing rules as well as be able to implement them and represent C.A.S.I. in a professional manner. While most of C.A.S.I.'s representatives have conducted themselves in an exemplary manner, we have progressed too far to accept anything less than 100% compliance.

Larry Burras

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST COAST

It's never too early to plan for the next Terlingua cookoff. Since this will be the 25th, it has been suggested that we take a look back at all of the fun-filled previous years. I have been asked by Nancy Spinks to put together a pictorial history (of the past 24 years) to display at Terlingua. I **desperately** need your help. Please send me a picture or two (or negatives) of past years with dates and people indicated. I will have copies made and return originals when requested. I will need these treasurers as soon as possible and can hardly wait for your response. Don't let us down!

Meanwhile, there are still just a few of those beautiful (9 color & "Cooking up a Storm") 1990

Terlingua T-shirts available. Don't forget Mother's Day, Father's Day, Fourth of July and YOU deserve a break today-day. Buy now and avoid the rush. Call or write Susan Pinnell: (301) 557-8549; 2521 Tally Ho Drive, Fallston, MD 21047.

Susan Pinnell

GOOD NEWS FROM ARIZONA

I have fantastic news from the great state of Arizona. Two things happened in January that I'm sure you have been waiting to hear.

First, January was a red letter month. For the very first time we held three cookoffs in this state on the same day. All have met the sanctioning criteria. We held one in Carefree (Chili Appreciation Society Arizona), one in Tucson (Chiliheads of Arizona), and one in Douglas (High Desert Pod). I should note that on that day, 74 cooks met the challenge. That success was party due to the 15 cook rule. This rule change was the impetus of our efforts and I'm not sure we would have tried to run three cookoffs in the state on the same day without it. That has to be good for CHILI!!!!

Second, and of equal note, I might say we have begun to uncover evidence that Chili was a staple of early life in Cochise County. You'll remember that Cochise County is the home to the High Desert Pod. We have not been able to pinpoint the exact time before the noted date used by most Texans. At this point, we are not prepared to provide any more evidence, but it is clear that the archeological digs along the San Pedro River suggest that our claim may have some foundation. I'm only bringing it up now so you can be prepared for the possibility that we must totally rewrite the history of chili. Also, you might help us select the High Desert Pod slogan. Maybe something like "The home of the first bowl of American chili" or "The origin of all chili life" or maybe simply, "First in Chili." All have some merit. As this saga begins to unfold, you'll hear more. Now isn't that special?

**Mike Strack, Great Pepper
High Desert Pod**

Hi there CHILI COOKS of all ages. This chili year has been a great one, there are so many who have already qualified. Congrats to all of you. There are still a lot of us struggling

for points and having a great time trying. When it ceases to be for fun and becomes a **must win** situation, then it is time to step back and look at what we're doing. We have to learn to relax and enjoy every minute of our chili lives, so we can share our laughs, dreams and a glass of bubbly together. Don't worry, be happy.

Another great time was had by all at the Tyler Rose City Pod Chili Cookoff. Joann Audas and all the Pod Members who worked so hard to make it such a wonderful chili cookoff deserve a big **THANK YOU** from all of us.

Hope to see many of you signing up for the Jack Tar International Chili Cookoff in Puerto Plata this year. You will not be sorry if you go. Good food, good times and lots of good drink to be had by all.

I saw some pictures in Tyler of a new grand-baby. What a head of hair and what a beautiful baby. Congrats to the grandparents **Bobby and Gail Aldridge**.

What's this we hear "you can't ever find a plumber when you need one"...ask **Harvey West** about the stink he stirred up in Tyler when the drain pipes fell off both of his holding tanks at the same time. It ran right through the middle of Bob's and Doris' camp. It sure didn't smell like *ROSES*.

Jerry Hunt, our C.A.S.I. **CHAMPION** is still proving he has what it takes and he cooks a mean first place brisket.

Ralph Hay, our C.A.S.I. Director/Tally Master, seems to be counting points for himself lately. First place every other year and second the opposite year ain't bad for Tyler statistics.

Happy trails to all of you.
Great Pepper D.A.M. POD,
Beth Baxter

C.A.S.I. SITE OR "A SIGHT"



The condition in which I found the Rancho CASI De Los Chisos should be unacceptable to all Chili Cooks. I have never seen cooks leave a site in the condition that I found the Rancho in. To compound the problem, I understand that an agreement was made by C.A.S.I. to have the site cleaned after the Cookoff.

There is everything from pull tabs to a metal chair left on or around the site. If an equal

amount of trash is left after each cookoff, you will have a junk pile within the next five years.

There should be a concerted effort to communicate to the cooks that this is their site and please treat it with at least as much respect as they treat other sites that they cook on. C.A.S.I. should also consider the site clean-up as a cost of the cookoff and contract with someone to clean it up to C.A.S.I.'s specifications.

The great news is that the desert is in fantastic bloom. The Chisos Bluebonnets are waist high and have been in bloom for over two months and along with the Torrey Yuccas, Rock-nettle, Cowpen Daisy and others too numerous to mention. The Big Bend's desert scape is a blaze of color and I wish each of you were here to enjoy it.

Until next time, adios,
"El Vaquero Vagar"

Dear Editors:

Several negative letters have appeared in the Terlingua Trails and the GGG about the rule to reduce the number of cooks required for sanctioning from 25 to 15. As one of those who argued for this rule, I'd like to respond in part to some of those letters.

The rule came about because some of us are concerned with how best to help our Pods promote our own organizations, promote C.A.S.I., promote Chili Cookoffs, and be more fair to everyone. At Galveston, in the wisdom of the majority, the arguments that we made for the change were found to have more merit than those arguments which were opposed.

I suggest that those Pods which have actually been negatively impacted should present that information at the next Great Pepper's Meeting. Hopefully, with new information and greater collective wisdom, we can then make a "better" rule. Pre-emptive speculative fears don't count, and deliberate attempts to sabotage shouldn't either.

While I've yet to understand how those Pods which have more advantages than problems are going to be damaged by this rule, I was not surprised that some individuals chose to try to discredit it. At Galveston, some unhappy souls promised me that it would be discredited. Logically, however, that kind of effort doesn't detract from the arguments we made for the

change nor from the need for a change in the first place.

In the meanwhile, for the record, my Pod has not been hurt at all by this rule change. We've had more sanctioned cookoffs, the number of cooks at our cookoffs are up, and the dollars we've sent to C.A.S.I. are up.

Our membership is up by 17 over what it was last year at this time, and every cookoff we hold brings in a couple new members. This seems to point towards having more cookoffs and not waiting to develop some mythological base as our proper approach to growth.

So far this year, our biggest take for a charity occurred at a cookoff where we had only 15 cooks. This happened last year also. The difference is that last year we didn't get the cookoff sanctioned, so none of the cooks got points.

My Pod and C.A.S.I. offers only our own camaraderie and qualifying points for Terlingua as substantial rewards. Those cooks which earn their points one at a time are the backbone of our cookoffs and of this Pod. I need to reward them in every way I can. To me, the promise of Terlingua is more important as a reward for those who support C.A.S.I.'s goals by cooking frequently in C.A.S.I. cookoffs, than it is as a reward for cooking excellence. A bigger Terlingua will be a better Terlingua and if more cooks qualify, it will mean that I have done a better job of promoting chili, my Pod, and C.A.S.I..

Lastly, about the proposals that would progressively award points based upon the size of the cookoff. Prior to last year's GP meeting, I mailed two letters and a return address pre-stamped questionnaire on this and the eventually-adopted rule to every GP. The majority failed to respond. As one Texas GP told me, "I didn't read them." Why not? Because "I'm always getting letters and yours were too long and boring."

Anyhow, if the current rule is demonstrated to be unworkable, and if we can find someone to champion a progressive point system, we could consider something like that as an alternative. In the meantime, we enjoy success with the current rule, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

**See ya next cookoff,
Dave "Mad Jack" Garner, President CASA**

Dear Rex,

I was fascinated to read in You Magazine (one of Britain's foremost Sunday journals) on Sunday 13th January the article "Boys just want to have fun" which covered events at the Terlingua Festival. Actually, I was amazed!!

For some years now a bunch of us have been running "The Silly Chili Challenge" in the wilds of rural Yorkshire. Although this is comparatively small beer (or tiny tinnies) compared to the Terlingua Chili Cookoff, we were astonished that grown men on that side of the Atlantic are dedicated to so many of the same idiocies that we practice once a year.

Our festival involves a June camp on the weekend nearest to the shortest night, two days of unashamed drunkenness and debauchery (a few stalwart young ladies dare to join us), the eating of a vast chili and other hot specialties (this year it's Cajun sausages) plus the weekend's main event...the Silly Chili Challenge itself.

The competition involves all the macho chiliheads (of both sexes) lining up for the race with a big, raw, green chili in hand.

At the end of the field, and opposite each contestant, is an ice cold beer sitting tantalizingly on the fence.

As a retort from Chief Farter, all contestants start to chew their chilies. Weaker and inexperienced participants are soon running down the field to reach their cold beer. The winner is the last to arrive.

Amongst our number are the heads of several advertising agencies (well, two), an otherwise highly respectable solicitor, a millionaire restaurateur, several students and some people who always come up from London specially for the Challenge, but nobody really knows who they are. Altogether there are usually 25 of us, but this year (June 22 & 23) more are threatening to turn up.

This all takes place in a field in the charming village of Markington near Ripon, and in several of the local hostelries. We suspect that the Terlingua boys smell only marginally better than us when the whole thing's over.

The SCC is now so firmly established in the Yorkshire Social Calendar that a Mid-Winter

Steering Committee has been formed that meets in a pub between Christmas and New Year to discuss plans and rules that will be totally ignored at the next summer's meet (last year the whole event got so out of control that we even forgot to hold the chili eating contest, the raison d'etre of the whole thing. We were enormously proud of this later).

Those attending the mid-winter meet have to walk at least 8 miles to the pub, whereupon they are known as VCSCC's (Very Chilly Silly Chili Challengers).

The reason I'm telling you all this is that we are keen to get in touch with the Terlingua team. We would be delighted to invite any of your guys who may be on vacation in the UK around the time of the Silly Chili Challenge to attend our party. Of course, it's a very modest affair compared to yours, but there's masses to drink, loads to eat and a lot of fun to be had. It would be great if any of you could join us.

If this is feasible, please write and I'll send further information as to when, where and how.

**Kind regards,
Tim Gill
Bananas Advertising
9th Floor Dudley House
Albion St, Leeds, LS28PN**

Dear C.A.S.I. Cookers:

As a Great Pepper of the Houston Pod, I would like to invite you to the 20th Annual Hal John Wimberly Memorial Chili Cookoff. The cookoff will be held Saturday, April 27, 1991 at Traders Village, 7979 N. Eldridge Parkway, Houston, Texas. You can start checking in after 12 Noon on Friday, April 26th and there are some hookups available on a first come - first serve basis. The Pod is hosting a cooks' party on Friday evening. On Saturday we will have a raffle and rooster roulette game to benefit our charities. Good and beverages along with arts and crafts are available at Traders Village. The Pod would like to ask you to bring any extra chili you might have to serve to the public on Saturday.

Also, the Pod is sponsoring a Juniors Cook-off on Saturday. If you have a Junior Cook, please bring them along.

If you have any questions, please contact me (Karen Inmon at (713) 682-4264).

The Houston Pod looks forward to seeing all you cooks - April 27th.

**May Chiligula Bless You!
Karen Inmon, Great Pepper
Houston Pod**

Open letter to C.A.S.I. Members

Each month that are more and more cook-offs that are advertised in a manner which is not in the best interest of all chili cooks. There were six cook-offs in the Goat Gap Gazette this month (April) that were under 30 days. I Realize the GGG may not be an official C.A.S.I. newspaper, but it is read by most of the chili-heads. It seems that more people are trying to see how far they can bend C.A.S.I. rules and what is worse, C.A.S.I. members are helping. What good does it do to have C.A.S.I. rules if C.A.S.I. members don't follow them. I don't like the new C.A.S.I. rules, but I will do my best to follow them. There are so many cookoffs now that you can lose money putting one on. I was under the impression that the most important part of promoting chili was raising money for charities, now some of the cooks want to have backyard cookoffs for easy points. I asked a member where a certain cookoff had been advertised and was told that flyers had been sent out. Mine must have gone to the dead letter box. I asked another pod officer why they ran a cookoff that had not ben advertised. The answer was something like this, "Oh, I knew it had not been properly advertised, but they asked me to run it, what else could I do? What you can do is say no and explain the C.A.S.I. rules. If you can't back C.A.S.I. rules, then get out.

**Life time C.A.S.I. Member and Supporter,
Bruce Stewart**

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To all the Folks at TERLINGUA TALL TALES, Dear Folks:

Again, I'm writing to keep y'all posted on chili happenings in the trend setting Great Pacific Northwest, Official Hosts for the 1989 Great Peppers Convocation and suppliers of more non-competitive Terlingua competitors than any other region of our od U.S. of chili-loving A. You regular readers of the TERLINGUA TALL TALES already know that our Puget Pod has always been the avant garde of Chilidom. It was our own Rev. Dixie-Bob Blackacres who germinated, fertilized and reaped the red harvest of the Old 320 Plantation scheme of which we're all so proud. To prepare himself for this mighty endeavor, the Rev. Dixie-Bob went into the wilderness, alone, and for 3 whole days and nights did not know himself. Not even once, not even in a dream. Several of our more understanding and compassionate lady members offered private prayer and counseling sessions immediately thereafter.

A year later, the Rev., as he's affectionately known by some of our ladies and hairless young boys, bestirred himself again to compose, orchestrate and conduct the overture leading into the 25 to 15 cook rule change song and dance. A clear-cut victory for right and reason over emotion and provincial sentimentality.

Naturally, the new leadership of our Puget Pod has reveled in the Rev's reflected glory. Several have been divinely motivated by his words and deeds. In fact they have been inspired to recognize that Satanic Smut is eating away at the moral foundations of our temple of chili worship. Their eyes have been opened to the infiltration of our membership by persons whose interest in capsicum knowledge is equalled or exceeded by their interest in carnal knowledge. The first incident to be uncovered was actually in the Pod's own newsletter if you can believe it. The Editor, and I'm not making this up, actually allowed to be printed a phrase which stated that one of our members might be "lusting after the private parts" of another member. You can well imagine the horror which ran through the Stirring Committee at this discovery, along with the paralyzing fear that such filth might be seen by a non-member. Think of the damage that would be done to the public image of Chilicooks everywhere. We

plainly cannot tolerate the possibility of the general public perceiving us as persons who would ever even have such smutty thoughts let alone permit them to appear in print.

Once the light was allowed to shine, smut was discovered everywhere. Sometimes out in the open, thick as flies in the barnyard, sometimes hidden, like Coors in the trunk at a Baptist Convention. There were printed references to chili cooks actually photographing "nekkid" female body parts at Terlingua and, I'm not making this up either, actually telling other cooks where to see these smutty pictures.

Then it was remembered that some of our own lady members of our Puget Pod had once adorned their own bodies with suggestively placed smutty bananas. IN PUBLIC! AT A SANCTIONED COOKOFF! Furthermore, our male members wore imitation snitches of hair furnished to them by the Rev. Dixie-Bob. This was of course in those lost days before his conversion.

Well, something needed to be done and our new, opened-eyed and fearless leaders were the ones to do it. A SMUT SQUAD has been formed. Its mission is to make chili 100% smut free. Absolutely pure and "G" rated. A C.A.S.I. event should be a place where you are not ashamed to bring your mother, your minister, your under 13 child, your sister, the cloistered nun or even your own spouse, if you so desire.

This revival campaign for purity in chili is off to a whirlwind start in our own Puget Pod and will soon suck in the whole Pacific Northwest. Then its onward and upward to salvation for all C.A.S.I. sinners. But y'all needn't wait for the arrival of the PUGET POD MISSIONARY SMUT SQUAD at your cookoff. Y'all can start right now on the high road to glory by sending in examples and photos of smut in your Pod, the ~~best~~ worse and most. Send in plain brown wrappers to: The Old Windbreaker, c/o WCC, 1411 First Avenue, Seattle, Washington, 98101. Marked "Personal."

Remember, constant vigilance is the price for purity, or you may find yourself, or worse, a loved one on the rose scented, goose greased road to degradation, which lies down hill, down stream, and down wind from yours truly, **The Old Windbreaker** (named after his favorite garment, you smut thinker.)

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