

## Arizona Invades Texas

Along about the third week in February an Arizona chili cook by the name of Chuck "Sarge" Ducan got into his motorhome and slipped into Terlingua, Texas with the silence equaled only by one of our best stealth aircraft. More specifically he ended up in La Kiva, a bar, restaurant, and RV Park in Terlingua, Texas. Then, with the accuracy of one of our newest laser guided missiles, he cooked a pot of chili that earned him a most coveted bronze roadrunner. The



Roadrunner Cookoff is held annually in the Terlingua area to benefit the Terlingua School System. According to Bob Wisdom, who finished in second place, Sarge nosed him out by one point. Bob has some rationalization story about Sarge gaining the edge with his use of cut chili meat, instead of the chili grind Bob used. To me this sounds like sour grapes and I believe that Sarge deserves all of the accolades that come with this victory. According to Richard Hinds, who also competed that day, Sarge was somewhat under the

weather before and during the cookoff, but as you can see he got well in a real big hurry. Since Sarge retired from the US Army, he is spending more and more time in his motorhome traveling across this great country of ours. It could be said that his appearance at a cookoff near you is not only unpredictable, but certainly possible. Originally from Sierra Vista, Arizona, and a past Great Pepper of the High Desert Pod, Sarge has become known as one of the more colorful and entertaining personalities in the chili world today. Once again hats off to Sarge and to all that helped raise money for the Terlingua School System.



## Mike McGarity Captures Texas Men's State Championship

On March 9, 2002, the 2002 Texas Men's State Championship was held in Grapevine, Texas. This years winner, shown lifting his trophy high above his head, was Mike McGarity of Houston, Texas. Mike is the son of CASI Board

member Mikie McGarity and I am sure that both his mother, and father Nick McGarity, are quite proud of him now. As the reigning Texas Men's State Champion Mike has automatically qualified to compete in the Terlingua International Chili Championship that will be held at Rancho CASI de los Chisos located in the Terlingua area of South Brewster County. On this day, Mike competed against over 300 men and with his win has defeated others who have not only previously won this cookoff, but have also won at TICC. In 1995, Mike's father Nick was the Texas Men's State Champion. Rumor has it that seven years later Mike cooked the same recipe his dad used to win this prestigious title. However he did it, this is a major accomplishment.



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If you have a cookoff coming up in the month of **June**, your cookoff information must be in the hands of the CASI Executive Director by **April 15th** to meet the 30 day cookoff advertising requirement.

## Pepperdean's Pondering

I've got some odds and ends this month, so here goes.

In last month's article, I invited everyone to come take a look at the Mason Dixon Pod website. Well, duh! Two days after I submitted the article, my internet service provider went belly up, and the website was homeless. If you came to visit, I'm sorry for the mix-up. I followed my own advice and went over to Tripod.com and found a new home. Please come see us at: <http://masdixpod.tripod.com/masdixpod>

Watch your local theatre listings for the movie about the 2002 Texas Men's State Cookoff. I hear that Hollywood just couldn't resist as the script wrote itself. Nick and Mikie McGarity, happy new grandparents, worked so hard making sure everything went smoothly for the cooks. They must have been about exhausted. I'm sure they were in need of an energy boost as awards got started. OK, 20<sup>th</sup> place, 19<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, ...and the winner is....Mike McGarity. Whoa! How do you spell excited? Those folks may still be walking a foot off the ground! Congratulations to new dad, Mike, who has been cooking for about 15 years and was once the Collegiate Winner at Chillympiad.

Speaking of Texas Men's State, we had a wonderful time in Grapevine. If you haven't been to this cookoff, you just have to go next year. Under the direction of Nick and Mikie McGarity with a strong assist from the Grapevine AMBUCS, Bob and Doris Coats, and

a cast of thousands, this cookoff weekend rocks from the Friday night social through the day after cookoff. Congratulations and thanks to all those who helped put on this event. They certainly know how to make the cooks welcome and how to show them a good time.

While in Grapevine, we enjoyed the hospitality and company of John and Sue Caffey. Boy, can that John talk when Sue gives him a chance. They even let us cook on the Bill Pierson Good Luck Table; didn't help though. None of us had a sniff of a point either day. Hope we don't get a reputation as a jinx.

While staying over Saturday night, we went to dinner with Jim Parker and his cousin, Carol, to a fine establishment called Esparzas. The food was very good and the margaritas were....hmm. John Montgomery would have been disappointed in us. Two margaritas and I was about on my butt. What do they put in those things?

Looking for a change of pace? Let me invite you to come East for your chili points. The groundhog has done his thing and springtime is on the way. We have a full schedule of cookoffs through the warm months, and we love to have visitors. We can help with stoves, pots, and the rest. Just bring your special spice blend.

That's it for now. See you next month.

*Alan Dean*

## CASI goes International with the Copenhagen Open

Congratulations! CASI is now Intercontinental! Through balloting in late February and early March, the Great Peppers approved granting International status to a cookoff in Copenhagen in August. Johnnie Sullivan will serve as Referee, and Johnnie has been helping me work with the promoter. Robert Bell advised at the Men's State that he would be going to the cookoff as well. What an exciting time in CASI's history!

*Johnye Harriman*

## On Site

It's spring! What a glorious time of year. The trees are budding, the birds are back and chili cookoffs are proliferating. The bluebonnets will soon be blooming. I love Central Texas.

What a terrific time we had at the Men's State in Grapevine. Many thanks to everyone associated with that event. It was most wonderful to visit with friends I hadn't seen in a while. My Oklahoma buddies, my Maryland buddies, and, of course, my Texas buddies! I look forward to Ladies' State in Seguin.


CASI Board of Directors elections are right around the corner. At the Great Peppers' Meeting in September, we will elect/re-elect four directors and the Executive Director. I will soon be issuing the Director Qualification forms. I really do believe it is a member's duty to consider elected office, either at the Pod or the national level. We each have unique viewpoints and ideas, and we are all so much more

enriched by sharing.

It is also time to start thinking about nominating your Great Pepper as Great Pepper of the Year. This prestigious honor is voted on by the Great Peppers at the meeting in September. Many times, Great Peppers don't know other Great Peppers or their accomplishments. So, again this year, I am asking for letters of recommendation from Great Peppers themselves or from Pod members nominating their Great Peppers. Voting will still be by the Great Peppers at the meeting, but we can help them make informed choices. More information will be forthcoming, but I wanted to give you a head start. I encourage all Great Peppers to submit their names; in my opinion, you all deserve it.

As always, feel free to email or call whenever you have questions or I may be of assistance to you.

*Johnye Harriman*



### HOWDY-ROO

## YA'LL COME

TO OUR 31st ANNUAL CASI CCO  
8th ANNUAL CTBA BAR-B-Q & BEANS  
5th ANNUAL LOCAL BUSINESS CCO

**WHEN: MAY 4, 2002**

**WHERE: JOHNSON PARK  
MARBLE FALLS, TX**

**AGENDA**

<p><b>FRIDAY</b> GOLF 1:00 PM COOKS PARTY</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY</b> HOWDY-ROO CCO BAR-B-Q &amp; BEANS LOCAL BUSINESS CCO</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY</b> BACKBONE CREEK CCO CHILI GRIND ONLY SUN</p>
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**ENTRY FORM: CHECK ITEMS ENTERING**

CHICKEN 1:00 PM \_\_\_ RIBS 2:30 PM \_\_\_ BRISKET 3:00 PM \_\_\_ ALL BAR-B-Q \_\_\_  
                   \$20.00                   \$20.00                   \$20.00                   \$50.00

GOLF 1:00 PM FRIDAY \$35.00 \_\_\_ GREEN FEES, CART, PRACTICE BALLS  
 BEANS 12:00 PM \$5.00 \_\_\_

HOWDY-ROO CHILI 2:00 PM \$17.00 \_\_\_ CHARITY: BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
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 BACKBONE CREEK CCO 12:00 PM SUNDAY \$17.00 \_\_\_ (GRIND ONLY) LOCAL  
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## GP Meeting Voting

At the recent Board meeting, concern was expressed that the CASI membership may not understand who is eligible to vote at the Great Peppers' Meetings. Let me address this issue, as I understand it.

CASIBylaws provide that Pods must be represented at the Great Peppers' Meetings, but the Bylaws make it easy on the Pods – representation may be by any of the following: seated Great Pepper, Pepper Popper, Secretary or Treasurer; incoming Great Pepper, Pepper Popper, Secretary or Treasurer; or a proxy. Prior to the Great Peppers' Meeting, each Pod submits to the Executive Director credentials paperwork that lists Pod officers and describes the Pod's activities throughout the year. Also on that form is a space for the name of the delegate to the GP Meeting. If a Pod names as delegate a person who is not a seated or incoming officer, a written proxy must be presented to the Executive Director before the Pod is eligible to vote. As a matter of policy, CASI requires incoming officers to have annual dues prepaid for the coming year before the Pod is able to vote at the GP Meeting; I have required all proxies to be members of CASI, as well. Each Pod and each Director casts one vote.

The 2001 Great Peppers' Meeting was unusual in that there were fourteen Great Peppers who were not able to attend and represent their Pods. Pod officers represented all but five of those Pods.

If you have any questions about voting at the Great Peppers' Meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Johnye Harrimann*

## 2002 TICC Update

The TICC Information Packet – which historically has been mailed only to qualified cooks and show team captains in September or October of each year – is making a change. Not only will it be available earlier this year, it will be posted to the CASI website. This will be a big help for our newer members and spectators who will be able to get information earlier than ever. The draft of the packet is out with the Board and event coordinators now; as soon as we have finalized a few details, the Info Packet will be posted. If you are planning to host an event at TICC, please let me hear from you as soon as possible so we may include your event on the schedule.

Watch in the coming months for more information on the Wings Competition. In the past, trying to estimate how many wings cooks there would be just hasn't worked, and it has resulted in a fair amount of excess wings after the competition (yes, they were donated to a good cause). This year, preregistration will be required for the Wings Competition. This approach will better enable us to accommodate those who want to cook wings without having excess. Watch for updates regarding this and all TICC events.

Thinking about hosting a raffle in TICC this year? With the increase of raffles and items being sold in Terlingua in recent years, the CASI Board believes it is necessary to institute a policy that any raffles planned for TICC must be approved by the Board no later than its September Board meeting (held at the Great Peppers' Meeting). A form has been developed to solicit the nature of the raffle, the recipient of funds, etc. and it will be mailed or emailed to anyone requesting it. Please help us spread the word about this. As always, let me hear your comments and concerns.

*Johnye Harrimann*



BY SPECIAL INVITATION:  
Gunpowder Chili was served at  
President Bush's Inaugural Ball

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

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Chili Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_

Check appropriate box(es):

<p><b>Sat April 27th</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chili \$20</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Salsa Off \$5</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Showmanship</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Junior Chili \$5</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Jackpot Beans \$5</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tonk or <input type="checkbox"/> 42 Tournament \$5 each</p>	<p><b>Sun April 28th</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast Casserole-Whole Dish</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chili \$17</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Showmanship</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hot Wings Fry-Off \$5</p>
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## Chili Bites

Congratulations to all of the winners at Nuevo Laredo! I understand that the pool was very cold. Marty Prasifka started the tradition of jumping in the pool when she won first place a few years back; quite a few years back. She had her reasons for jumping in but we will not go into that now. I believe that Marty has changed her ways and is now a respected member of the Jourdanton City Council. The top three chili cooks automatically qualify for Terlingua as does the top showmanship winner at this cookoff.

I would like to talk a bit about the showmanship that I got sidetracked by last month. When the Great Southwest Show Team did show, there were quite a few good show teams. Earlier on there were even more but after a while doing show (if you do it right), it gets tiring. You have to work hard if you want it to be good. I wish that I could remember all of the good show teams from way back, but my memory is not what it used to be. I do remember Roman Red (I believe that is the name of the team) with Ron Charlton. There also was the Motleys. Now there was a show team for you. There was King James and the Misfits. This team worked hard, too. In fact, they usually started before show time and were still going strong after show was over.

I think my point is that the show teams are not what they used to be. I was at one cookoff this year, and there was a team called Krackerpot Chili. I hope that I got the name right. The whole family was involved and a goodly portion of the people around.

## "Chinese Fire Drill"

In the 1968 Chili Wars, "Wino Woody" DeSilva was selected as a replacement for H. Allen Smith to cook against CASI's Wick Fowler. Woodruff DeSilva, former director of the Los Angeles International Airport was very partial to champagne and marinated and cooked his chili meat with his favorite beverage. During the contest, Woody began having problems with the flame under his giant Chinese cooking wok. The champagne marinade somehow saturated Woody's clothing and combined with the flames to provide Terlingua's first "Chinese Fire Drill." Woody went on to win the 1968 Terlingua Championship and later became the all-time pickle champion of the Los Angeles County Fair.

*Richard Knight*

There was a lot of laughter and a lot of participation. There is also the Bag Lady. She works hard at doing her show. If you can think of any more good show teams, let me know. I might mention that there are always good show teams at Nuevo Laredo.

Show, unfortunately, now often seems to be a booth display or something of this nature. I have noticed that there are times when people sign up for show and don't do very much. There are different criteria that each team is to be judged on. Many times the winning teams fit only one or two of these criteria. There are trophies to be given out and therefore, they have to be given to someone. I do hope that some of the younger chili teams will start taking an interest in showmanship and really work out something new. Hopefully we will get back to the way showmanship used to be. This is probably wishful thinking but I can wish, can't I? Since I can't cook all over the place, I know there are teams out there that are good show teams. I can only comment on the ones that I see.

Joyce Jowers informed me that we did have at least 100 cooks when the SAP-CASI Cookoff was held at Kirby Park. Since we left that location, we have had cooks in the 70's and at the last cookoff, we had 50 some. The cookoff this year is to be held at Boerne. I have been a member of SAP-CASI for many years, and I would like to see a lot of cooks there this year.

*Irene Duffield*

## We Need a Few Volunteers!

Halloween this year falls on the Thursday before TICC. Want to have a Halloween Party? Want to coordinate it? I'm looking for a few people who want to take on this party. Get together with your friends, talk about it and call or email as soon as possible!

Gate volunteers—INEED YOU! If your plans permit you to work a few hours at the gate at TICC, I need your help. We discovered last year that having CASI people at the front and secondary gates speeds the entry through the gates and cuts down on the amounts of questions holding up traffic.

As we approach TICC, I will be putting together a work schedule for the gates. If you can volunteer some time at TICC from Wednesday afternoon through Sunday morning, please let me know. Please also give your preferred working hours. A few weeks before TICC I'll confirm the working schedule.

As always, thanks for all you do for CASI.

*Johnye Harrimann  
rhjshow@aol.com*

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## *The Tejas Medicineman Presents: “Chili Chants” - Let’s talk about*

We measure with them, we stir with them, we cook with them, we taste with them, and we eat with them. And I would like to put a stop to certain chili cooks doing all of the above with the same spoon.

Oh, you mean someone actually does that? You bet, and about all of us at one time or another have been guilty of being a bit “unsanitary” with our spoons during a chili cookoff. I watched one cook carry a beat up old wooden spoon for many years. He would come to a cookoff and start cooking. All during the day he would stir his pot, then taste his chili and lick the spoon clean. He would then repeat the same actions several times in the same afternoon, never washing the spoon once. I was not happy knowing I might have to taste his chili during judging.

Having been a Medic in the Army many years ago and responsible for the health of my platoon while in the field, it washes hard over me when I see things as such. A Lieutenant tried to pull rank on me once when I made him go back and wash his steel food tray before eating, but I made him do it anyway; saved him a lot of time in the outhouse.

My first years on the Chili Trail (and there have been about 18 total of them) brought me in contact with the health department several times. There was a big crack down in Houston in the 80’s. Chili cooks were tormented by the City Health Department at every cookoff, but many of them really deserved it. Out of this came some good. CASI made it a rule to make sure we use one spoon for every taste during judging. Plastic spoons are cheap, and using one for a one-way trip certainly helps to prevent the spread of disease. People are being “socially conscious” about other people “double dipping” with Fritos. Why not with tasting spoons?

I took time to watch a few of the table monitors during Men’s State while I was making my photographer rounds. In the past, at a different

location, we were made to taste our own chili before we turned it in. The new location is not so exposed to college pranks, and an element of trust among the cooks allowed us to bypass the tasting process.

However, I watched Preston Nickle go to an effort that few if any of the other monitors did that day. A monitor is supposed to open each chili to check it before putting it on the table. Preston made his speech about “double dipping” and all the other procedures; he then opened each of the chilis, took a new spoon for each, and stirred the chili while checking it. He left the spoon in the chili under the lid and handed it to a judge. He repeated this action until every chili was checked. This took no real extra time, there were no spoons wasted in the process, and the letter of CASI monitoring procedures was followed. Most of the rest of the monitors just lifted the lid to check the contents.

So in closing, what can we do about OUR chili spoons? Bulk spoons can be bought at Sam’s or other discount stores. Grab a handful out of the big box, and put them in a zip lock bag to put in your chili box.

As far as your stirring/cooking spoon? Wooden spoons should be outlawed. Clorox and the dishwasher won’t even help. You would have to use a doctor’s autoclave to truly sanitize the wooden spoon once it has been used. If the spoon is ever put in your mouth, you have marked it forever. Use a good quality stainless spoon or a coated steel spoon if you must protect your Teflon type pot, just as long as the spoon is not made of porous material.

Subject for next month? Why don’t you send me a list of some of the items you always carry in your chili box? Let’s compare lists. Write to Tejas Medicineman, 8107 Lauren Way, Sugarland, TX 77479 or e-mail [tejasmed@ev1.net](mailto:tejasmed@ev1.net).

*Donn Shands*

## *The Chili Frontier - Part 4*

This month, we are looking for people to cook chili. They are all over the area; we just don’t know who they are and they don’t know about chili cookoffs. Just got to figure a way to get the word out to them. We could start by having a local newspaper do a story on the “Chili Appreciation Society” and a sanctioned chili cookoff coming to Anytown, USA.

I have found that most areas have a small local newspaper in addition to the major newspapers in the area. Call the newspaper and ask to speak to the “newest reporter” on the staff. When they get on the phone, introduce yourself and ask if they want the first chance to do a story on the Chili Appreciation Society International, Inc. which is coming to town to help a local organization raise money for a local charity. I have rarely been turned down. Let’s face it, the newest reporter on the staff is looking for news to write.

When you meet with the reporter, discuss the history of chili dating back to the cattle drives in the west, the history of chili cookoffs, and CASI. Tell them about TICC, the number of cooks who try to qualify each year and how many actually do. I have shown them pictures of cookoffs, some of the awards I have won, and yes, I always am wearing a “chili” shirt and hat. Seems like every time I have done this the reporter will ask if I have some secret ingredients I put in my chili. I

tell them I don’t and give them a copy of my recipe advising they are welcome to put it in the article along with a picture if they want. The reporter may now want to make this a “feature” story, because it has all the elements for one and not just an upcoming event.

Talking about newspapers—Let’s not overlook the value of having some extra copies of the Terlingua Trails and Goat Gap Gazette on hand.

Now we want to create some “competition” within the host organization. If the host is a membership type organization such as the Elks, VFW, American Legion, AMVETS, Rotary Club, Lions Club, etc., have them put out the challenge to other clubs in the area or district. Have them get a traveling trophy for the “club” that enters the cookoff in the “organization” category and places first. Sure you have added another division, but so what. Don’t you want as many cooks as possible? Besides, they then enter a second cup of chili in the CASI Division. Also have the cookoff chairman send out letters and flyers to all the other organizations in the area challenging them to enter the chili cookoff.

Next month, we will continue to look for people to cook chili – where we can find them.

*Ken Rodd*

## *A new Knee & a Thank You*

I would like to thank all my chili friends for the nice cards, phone calls, E-Mails, and plants. They certainly brightened each day, especially during the hospital stay.

I am home now, exercising and walking. Jim, Elisabeth, and Will are doing a great job with the cooking, cleaning, and errands. I have already been to a cookoff here in Comfort, and I hope to see all of you soon down the chili trail. Thanks for being such great friends.

*Shirley Stateczny*

## *Oh Yes, We are Making a Difference with Chili!*

# CASI COOKOFF WINNERS

## Jan 12, 2002-003 - Gulf Breeze FL 2nd Annual Zoo CCO, 15 CHILIS

### CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Jim Wyatt, Riva MD
  - 2 Eric Bernard, Pace FL
  - 3 April Frazier, Brewton AL
  - 4 Renee F. Moore, Gulf Shores AL
  - 5 John Alexander, Gulf Breeze FL
  - 6 Carolyn Oliver, Pace FL
  - 7 Randal D. (Randy) Moore  
Gulf Shores AL
  - 8 Kathleen Bernard, Pace FL
  - 9 Jimmy L. Maturro, Niceville FL
  - 10 Larry Joe Oliver, Pace FL
- ### SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Wisers Landing Chili, Niceville FL  
Jimmy L. Maturro
  - 2 Dr. Doubleshot Chili, Pace FL  
Larry Joe Oliver
  - 3 Simply Red, Gulf Shores AL  
Renee F. Moore

## Jan 19, 2002-002 - Converse TX Pokey's 1st Annual Special Olympics, 15 CHILIS

### CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Janet Cieliencki, San Antonio TX
  - 2 Fread E. Cieliencki Sr.  
San Antonio TX
  - 3 Happy Hinman, San Antonio TX
  - 4 Mary Ellen Gillen, San Antonio TX
  - 5 Dewey Lawhon, Kyle TX
  - 6 Larry Hodon, San Antonio TX
  - 7 James Gillen Jr., San Antonio TX
  - 8 Margo Smith, Bastrop TX
  - 9 David Richardson, San Antonio TX
  - 10 Rita Stateczny, San Antonio TX
- ### SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Big "D", San Antonio TX  
Duane Tompkins
  - 2 Roadrunner Chili, San Antonio TX  
Happy Hinman
  - 3 Hell Fire & Brimstone, Bastrop TX  
Margo Smith

## Jan 20, 2002-001 - Converse TX Pokey's 1st Annual CCO, 15 CHILIS

### CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Happy Hinman, San Antonio TX
  - 2 George K. Jowers III  
San Antonio TX
  - 3 Nadine Borgfeld, Yorktown TX
  - 4 Fread E. Cieliencki Sr.  
San Antonio TX
  - 5 David Richardson, San Antonio TX
  - 6 Jennifer Kosub, San Antonio TX
  - 7 Robert E. Schrade, San Antonio TX
  - 8 Sally Lee, San Antonio TX
  - 9 Barry Karnei, Weesatche TX
  - 10 Janet Cieliencki, San Antonio TX
- ### SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Windy's Chew Choo Chili  
San Antonio TX  
Robert E. Schrade
  - 2 Roadrunner Chili, San Antonio TX  
Happy Hinman
  - 3 Big "D", San Antonio TX  
Duane Tompkins

## Jan 26, 2002-002 - Las Cruces NM VFW 6917 Indoor CASI CCO, 21

### CHILIS

#### CHILI WINNERS

- 1 R.E. (Clem) Clement, Alamogordo NM
- 2 Bobby Elliott, El Paso TX
- 3 Carol Straughan, El Paso TX
- 4 Hal Etter, Alamogordo NM
- 5 Mark Barrick, Organ NM
- 6 Patsy Elliott, El Paso TX
- 7 Hut Brown, El Paso TX
- 8 Marion "Bud" Barrick, Organ NM
- 9 Earl Campbell, El Paso TX
- 10 Hugh "Cheech" Hughes, Alamogordo NM

#### SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 More Hal'acious, Alamogordo NM  
Hal Etter
- 2 Asheep At The Wheel, El Paso TX  
Carol Straughan
- 3 Texas Wrangler Chili, El Paso TX  
Donna Von Gentz

## Feb 2, 2002-003 - Nuevo Laredo MX 17th Annual Mexico Int'l Open CCO, 70 CHILIS

### CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Patricia K. Irvine-King, Seguin TX
  - 2 Carrie Kinnison, Marble Falls TX
  - 3 Bob Lanford, Austin TX
  - 4 Bert (Bubba) Reinke, Martindale TX
  - 5 Larry Kinnison, Marble Falls TX
  - 6 Jackie Ralston, Wichita Falls TX
  - 7 Shirley Stateczny, Boerne TX
  - 8 John Caffey, Rockdale TX
  - 9 Chuck Spishock  
Clear Lake Shores TX
  - 10 Raymond Pilchick, Bluffton TX
- ### SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Texas Chili Company, Houston TX  
Kevin Foley
  - 2 Texas Madman, Montgomery TX  
Earl W. "Who?" Gorhum
  - 3 Whiskey River Show Team  
Clear Lake Shores TX  
Chuck Spishock

## Feb 3, 2002-001 - Little Rock AR Fox 16 SuperBowl Watch Party & CCO, 20 CHILIS

### CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Lee Jackson, Little Rock AR
  - 2 Preston Nickle  
North Little Rock AR
  - 3 Bob Cagle, Cabot AR
  - 4 Ralph Sheffield, Jacksonville AR
  - 5 Paul A. Rowlan, Bryant AR
  - 6 Bruce Smith, Little Rock AR
  - 7 Allen Light, Little Rock AR
  - 8 Susan Hammack, North Little Rock AR
  - 9 Donna Jones, Roland AR
  - 10 Ellen Garrett, North Little Rock AR
- ### SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Jamaica Spice, Little Rock AR  
Debbie Blanks
  - 2 Heifer's Chili, Little Rock AR  
Sharon Skinner
  - 3 Cowboy Chili, Cabot AR  
Bob Cagle

## Feb 9, 2002-001 - Kingsland TX American Legion Post 473 CCO, 32 CHILIS

### CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Jessie Elshick, Austin TX
  - 2 Ronelda Wendler, Marble Falls TX
  - 3 Mike Monte, Cedar Park TX
  - 4 Wendell Carnes, Marble Falls TX
  - 5 Sandy Moshier, Whitney TX
  - 6 Tamara Dees, Midland TX
  - 7 Jean H. Barkley, Weimar TX
  - 8 Bill Dees, Midland TX
  - 9 Sue Caffey, Rockdale TX
  - 10 Jessie Wagvespack, Austin TX
- ### SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Doc's Backbone Chili  
Marble Falls TX  
Larry Kinnison
  - 2 Chingale Chili, Austin TX  
Jessie Elshick
  - 3 Rock And Roll Chili, Crawford TX  
Mavis Nelson

## Feb 9, 2002-002 - Tucson AZ Old Tucson Studio's Cookoff, 31 CHILIS

### CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Jim Tomlin, Sierra Vista AZ
  - 2 Janita Hinds, Del Rio TX
  - 3 Guy Tennison, Sierra Vista AZ
  - 4 Peter J. Braly, Tucson AZ
  - 5 Charles C. (Chuck) Dugan  
Sierra Vista AZ
  - 6 Jim Sicard, Phoenix AZ
  - 7 Leo Lemelson, Sierra Vista AZ
  - 8 Dick Bruce, Tucson AZ
  - 9 Kathy "Kat" Tomlin, Sierra Vista AZ
  - 10 Bill Gorzenski, Sierra Vista AZ
- ### SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Roadrunner Chili, Tucson AZ  
Nancy Coultas
  - 2 Sarge's Mess Hall, Sierra Vista AZ  
Charles C. (Chuck) Dugan
  - 3 Wacky Wild West, Tucson AZ  
Jewel Cardenas

## Feb 9, 2002-003 - Homosassa FL 1st Manatee Mania CCO, 16 CHILIS

### CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Dave Noake, Lakeland FL
- 2 George "Rocky" Rockwell  
Berryville VA
- 3 Tom Ince, Lakeland FL
- 4 Becky Noake, Lakeland FL
- 5 Ken Rodd, Austin TX
- 6 Mike France, Homosassa FL
- 7 Myrna Ince, Lakeland FL
- 8 Rose Hunter, Homosassa FL
- 9 Reggie Misciogna, Homosassa FL
- 10 Don Seifert, Lakeland FL

## Feb 9, 2002-004 - El Paso TX 12th Annual Int'l Livestock Show CO, 21 CHILIS

### CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Carol Straughan, El Paso TX
- 2 Dorothy Williams, Terlingua TX
- 3 Patsy Elliott, El Paso TX
- 4 Norman Wilke, El Paso TX
- 5 Marion "Bud" Barrick, Organ NM
- 6 Hut Brown, El Paso TX
- 7 Baltazar Vizciano, El Paso TX
- 8 Eloy Salamanca, El Paso TX

### 9 Rick Hanson, Las Cruces NM

#### 10 Earl Campbell, El Paso TX

### SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Que Bueno, El Paso TX  
Kathy Clark
- 2 Los Chileros, El Paso TX  
Margie Chavez
- 3 Vagabonds, El Paso TX  
Norman Wilke

## Feb 9, 2002-006 - Southlake TX McChili McHog-in, 43 CHILIS

### CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Roy Harper, Garland TX
  - 2 David Manske, Arlington TX
  - 3 Chris Cook, Dallas TX
  - 4 Neta Rohr, Garland TX
  - 5 Bert Paine, Keller TX
  - 6 Jimmy Harper, Ennis TX
  - 7 Jeff Miller, Southlake TX
  - 8 Linda Harper, Ennis TX
  - 9 Tina Barnes, Euless TX
  - 10 Charles Breeden, Alvarado TX
- ### SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Ain't Yo Mama's Chili, Southlake TX  
Lisa Andazola
  - 2 Bite Me II, Ennis TX  
Jimmy Harper
  - 3 Southside Foggy Mountain  
Grand Prairie TX  
Jim Johnson

## Feb 9, 2002-007 - Fort Smith AR BELCH Amateur CCO, 50 CHILIS

### CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Debbie Gardner, Springdale AR
  - 2 Dixie Johnson, Lamar MO
  - 3 Tim McGuire, Fort Smith AR
  - 4 Stuart Frye, Little Rock AR
  - 5 Stephen O. Moore, Farmington AR
  - 6 Gary Holmes, Springdale AR
  - 7 Jami Gregory, Tulsa OK
  - 8 Joe Spears, Shawnee OK
  - 9 Bruce Smith, Little Rock AR
  - 10 Guy E. Smith, Fort Smith AR
- ### SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Pirates Chili Beans, Fort Smith AR  
Hollis Scott
  - 2 Line Gang Chili, Fort Smith AR  
Guy E. Smith
  - 3 Pharter Starters, Broken Arrow OK  
Mike Hallenbeck

## Feb 9, 2002-008 - Medina Lake TX Valentines On Medina Lake CCO, 26 CHILIS

### CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Pat Dreibrodt, Comfort TX
  - 2 Sally Lee, San Antonio TX
  - 3 Jennifer Kosub, San Antonio TX
  - 4 Dusty DeBerry, Leander TX
  - 5 George K. Jowers III  
San Antonio TX
  - 6 Karl F. Buechler Jr., Kerrville TX
  - 7 G E Kitts, Canyon Lake TX
  - 8 John Goforth, Comfort TX
  - 9 Sharon Roy, Fredericksburg TX
  - 10 Irene Duffield, San Antonio TX
- ### SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Buzzard Back Chili, Harper TX



Traci Nix  
 2 Iron Horse Chili, Kerrville TX  
 Karl F. Buechler Jr.  
 3 Cracked Pot Chili, San Antonio TX  
 Bob Steinle

**Feb 9, 2002-009 - Lancaster TX  
 Lancaster Chili Cookoff, 33 CHILIS**

**CHILI WINNERS**  
 1 Greg Goodwin, Waxahachie TX  
 2 Kevin Wooster, Wichita Falls TX  
 3 Nick L. Roberts, Red Oak TX  
 4 Rob Higgins, Dallas TX  
 5 Hulen Hanson, Lancaster TX  
 6 Johnnie L. Sullivan, Ennis TX  
 7 Glyn Gaines, Wichita Falls TX  
 8 Mary Lee Wooster, Wichita Falls TX  
 9 Jo Ann Gaines, Wichita Falls TX  
 10 Jason Ezell, Dallas TX  
**SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS**  
 1 Red Robin Roadshow, Waxahachie TX  
 Robin Goodman  
 2 Wild Willie's Chili, Lancaster TX  
 Hulen Hanson  
 3 No Name Yet Chili, Lancaster TX  
 Frank Gadberry

**Feb 9, 2002-010 - San Angelo TX  
 Valentine's Day Massacre CCO, 40 CHILIS**

**CHILI WINNERS**  
 1 B.J. McDonald, Odessa TX  
 2 Wesley W. (Wes) Watson, Midland TX  
 3 Billy Hutson, Granbury TX  
 4 Sue Yates, San Angelo TX  
 5 Pat Timmons, Crane TX  
 6 Pat Holland, San Angelo TX  
 7 Louis Gonzales, Odessa TX  
 8 Bob Psencik, Laguna Park TX  
 9 Laura L. Coad, San Angelo TX  
 10 Al McDonald, Odessa TX  
**SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS**  
 1 Sug's Shack Chili, San Angelo TX  
 LaVerne Boswell  
 2 Pot Bellies Chili, San Angelo TX  
 Sue Yates  
 3 Rockin' D, San Angelo TX  
 Donna Hill

**Feb 10, 2002-001 - Kingsland TX  
 American Legion Auxillary CCO, 26 CHILIS**

**CHILI WINNERS**  
 1 Jessie Elshick, Austin TX  
 2 Gretchen Kaveney, Cedar Park TX  
 3 Jean H. Barkley, Weimar TX  
 4 Wendell Carnes, Marble Falls TX  
 5 Bert (Bubba) Reinke, Martindale TX  
 6 Mike Monte, Cedar Park TX  
 7 Ronelda Wendler, Marble Falls TX  
 8 John Caffey, Rockdale TX  
 9 Karen Reinke, Martindale TX  
 10 Greg Martin, Cedar Park TX  
**SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS**  
 1 Royal Flush, Weimar TX  
 Keith Barkley  
 2 Doc's Backbone Chili  
 Marble Falls TX  
 Larry Kinnison  
 3 Rock And Roll Chili, Crawford TX  
 Mavis Nelson

**Feb 10, 2002-003 - Medina Lake TX  
 Valentines on Medina Lake II, 25 CHILIS**

**CHILI WINNERS**

1 Sally Lee, San Antonio TX  
 2 Terry L. Tenery, Kerrville TX  
 3 Irene Duffield, San Antonio TX  
 4 H. Ray King, Seguin TX  
 5 Honey K. Jones, Canyon Lake TX  
 6 Steve Nadeau, Boerne TX  
 7 Mary Ellen Gillen, San Antonio TX  
 8 Karl F. Buechler Jr., Kerrville TX  
 9 R. Bruce Jones, Canyon Lake TX  
 10 Barbara C. Taylor, Johnson City TX

**SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS**  
 1 Buzzard Back Chili, Harper TX  
 Traci Nix  
 2 Iron Horse Chili, Kerrville TX  
 Karl F. Buechler Jr.  
 3 Cracked Pot Chili, San Antonio TX  
 Bob Steinle

**Feb 16, 2002-001 - El Paso TX  
 American Legion Post 58 CCO, 22 CHILIS**

**CHILI WINNERS**  
 1 Lynn Hejtmancik, Round Rock TX  
 2 Richard Hinds, Del Rio TX  
 3 Carol Straughan, El Paso TX  
 4 Hugh "Cheech" Hughes, Alamogordo NM  
 5 R.E. (Clem) Clement, Alamogordo NM  
 6 Norman Wilke, El Paso TX  
 7 Janie Owen, El Paso TX  
 8 Dorothy Williams, Terlingua TX  
 9 Earl Campbell, El Paso TX  
 10 Bobby Elliott, El Paso TX  
**SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS**  
 1 Surf Chili, El Paso TX  
 Jason Douglass  
 2 Queen Bee, Winnebago MN  
 Phyllis Salic  
 3 Vagabonds, El Paso TX  
 Norman Wilke

**Feb 16, 2002-002 - Mineral Wells TX  
 Crazy Chili Showdown CCO, 66 CHILIS**

**CHILI WINNERS**  
 1 David Manske, Arlington TX  
 2 Billy Hutson, Granbury TX  
 3 Jo Ann Gaines, Wichita Falls TX  
 4 John Perry, Fort Worth TX  
 5 Tina Barnes, Eulless TX  
 6 Bert Paine, Keller TX  
 7 Johnnie L. Sullivan, Ennis TX  
 8 Arvol Hodge, Wichita Falls TX  
 9 Kathy Wyatt, Wichita Falls TX  
 10 Frances Sullivan, Ennis TX  
**SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS**  
 1 Barely There, Mineral Wells TX  
 Strawberry Jordan  
 2 Buck N Chili, Fort Worth TX  
 Carl LeClaire  
 3 Palo Duro Co Fairgrounds  
 Mineral Wells TX  
 Reggie Stone

**Feb 16, 2002-003 - Spring TX  
 Old Town Spring Association CCO, 29 CHILIS**

**CHILI WINNERS**  
 1 Barry Karnei, Weesatche TX  
 2 Dee Hay, Pasadena TX  
 3 Kemah Blair, Katy TX  
 4 Ralph Hay, Pasadena TX  
 5 Jackie Ralston, Wichita Falls TX  
 6 Bruce Wilkins, Houston TX  
 7 Marilyn Caldwell, Baytown TX  
 8 Keith Karaff, Houston TX

9 Diane Spence, Crosby TX  
 10 Ronald D. Charlton, Houston TX  
**SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS**  
 1 Bag Lady, Wichita Falls TX  
 Jackie Ralston  
 2 Whiskey River Show Team  
 Clear Lake Shores TX  
 Chuck Spishock  
 3 UNCLAIMED

**Feb 16, 2002-004 - Jacksonville TX  
 Jacksonville Jaycees 6th Annual CCO, 24 CHILIS**

**CHILI WINNERS**  
 1 Jenny Causey, Wylie TX  
 2 Jamie Rohr, Carrollton TX  
 3 Dottie Brooks, Kemp TX  
 4 Vicki Sanders, Ennis TX  
 5 Candy Schultz, Quinlan TX  
 6 Wayne Thompson, Bullard TX  
 7 Dennis Cox, Kemp TX  
 8 Andy Causey, Wylie TX  
 9 Jack Schultz, Quinlan TX  
 10 Tom Megason, Hugh Springs TX  
**SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS**  
 1 Tex Appeal Chili, Lufkin TX  
 Jimmy Moore  
 2 No Brag Chili, Longview TX  
 Betty Arnold  
 3 Grand Prize, Waxahachie TX  
 Ray Calhoun

**Feb 16, 2002-005 - Apache Junction AZ  
 4th Annual Superstition Mountain CO, 28 CHILIS**

**CHILI WINNERS**  
 1 Nancy Klug, Gold Canyon AZ  
 2 B. Wayne Scott, Glendale AZ  
 3 Sylvia Demski, Phoenix AZ  
 4 Frank Head, New River AZ  
 5 Dick Smith, New River AZ  
 6 Tom J. Klug, Gold Canyon AZ  
 7 Pat Robertson, Phoenix AZ  
 8 Dennis Huff, Glendale AZ  
 9 Jim Sicard, Phoenix AZ  
 10 John Banas, Queen Creek AZ  
**SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS**  
 1 Gunpowder Cowboy, Anwatukee AZ  
 Bruce Pinnell  
 2 Rev-Rind Will-I Chil-I, Phoenix AZ  
 Willie Raven  
 3 Alchemist Chili, Peoria AZ  
 Jerry D. Lee

**Feb 16, 2002-007 - Odessa TX  
 Odessa Riding Club CCO, 29 CHILIS**

**CHILI WINNERS**  
 1 Barbara Herrin, Odessa TX  
 2 B.J. McDonald, Odessa TX  
 3 Al McDonald, Odessa TX  
 4 Doretta (Dodie) Simpson, Odessa TX  
 5 Patsy Childress, Midland TX  
 6 Gary Brant, Odessa TX  
 7 Darrell Hopper, Odessa TX  
 8 Bill Dees, Midland TX  
 9 Wendell Carnes, Marble Falls TX  
 10 Joann Scott, Odessa TX  
**SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS**  
 1 Red Savage, Odessa TX  
 B.J. McDonald  
 2 Frank's Follies, Midland TX  
 Bill Dees  
 3 DJ's Darling, Hobbs NM  
 "Wild" Bill Henderson

**Feb 16, 2002-008 - Kokomo IN**

**2nd Annual Red Hot & Wild Kokomo CO, 23 CHILIS**

**CHILI WINNERS**  
 1 Wes Carlson, Loves Park IL  
 2 Jeff Netser, Seymour IN  
 3 Melissa Hammett, Indianapolis IN  
 4 Charlie Rickey, Fishers IN  
 5 Charles (Bill) Thomas  
 Naperville IL  
 6 Jennifer Uhrin, Indianapolis IN  
 7 John Olsen, Addison IL  
 8 Cheryl L. Pierson, Batavia IL  
 9 Bert Centers, Lisle IL  
 10 Dave Giangiordano, Kokomo IN  
**SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS**  
 1 Why Soitenly, Indianapolis IN  
 Tom Bruhn  
 2 Working Man Blues, Indianapolis IN  
 Jim Lorhman  
 3 Diamond Coyote Chili, Batavia IL  
 Cheryl L. Pierson

**Feb 16, 2002-009 - Pensacola FL  
 Escambia High School Band Boosters, 15 CHILIS**

**CHILI WINNERS**  
 1 Larry Joe Oliver, Pace FL  
 2 Jimmy L. Maturro, Niceville FL  
 3 Billy J. Munneryn, Troisdorf GE  
 4 Eric Bernard, Pace FL  
 5 Carolyn Oliver, Pace FL  
 6 Randal D. (Randy) Moore  
 Gulf Shores AL  
 7 Jim Wyatt, Riva MD  
 8 Kathleen Bernard, Pace FL  
 9 Dana Mackie, Pensacola FL  
 10 Don Stegman, Pensacola FL  
**SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS**  
 1 Wises Landing Chili, Niceville FL  
 Jimmy L. Maturro  
 2 Home Depot, Pace FL  
 Eric Bernard  
 3 Great Desire, Pensacola FL  
 Dana Mackie

**Feb 16, 2002-011 - Nacogdoches TX  
 21st Annual Hot-to-Trot Chili, 43 CHILIS**

**CHILI WINNERS**  
 1 Bill Bishop, San Augustine TX  
 2 Helen Simmons, San Augustine TX  
 3 Kent Reed, Edgewood TX  
 4 LaDon Whitton, Nacogdoches TX  
 5 Phil Greenlees, Houston TX  
 6 George E. French III, Minden LA  
 7 Brenda Bishop, San Augustine TX  
 8 Sheldon Gildrey, Youngsville LA  
 9 Mike Whitten, Huntington TX  
 10 Paula Simmons, San Augustine TX  
**SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS**  
 1 Sugar & Spice, Huntington TX  
 Linda Whitten  
 2 Cast Iron Cookers, Lufkin TX  
 Steve Collins  
 3 KTRT Mendois Chili Cooks  
 Nacogdoches TX  
 Yvan Bedard

**Feb 17, 2002-001 - Spring TX  
 Old Town Spring Association CCO, 25 CHILIS**

**CHILI WINNERS**  
 1 Jackie Ralston, Wichita Falls TX  
 2 Chuck Spishock  
 Clear Lake Shores TX  
 3 Diane Spence, Crosby TX

4 Keith Karaff, Houston TX  
 5 Bruce Wilkins, Houston TX  
 6 Tommy Blache, Houston TX  
 7 Ava Horan, Cypress TX  
 8 George D. Ralston, Wichita Falls TX  
 9 Marolyn Blair, Houston TX  
 10 Barry Karnei, Weesatche TX  
**SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS**  
 1 Bag Lady, Wichita Falls TX  
 Jackie Ralston  
 2 Club Chili, Houston TX  
 Angie Blache  
 3 Whiskey River Show Team  
 Clear Lake Shores TX  
 Chuck Spishock

**Feb 23, 2002-001 - Terlingua TX  
 La Kiva CCO, 46 CHILIS**

**CHILI WINNERS**  
 1 Charles C. (Chuck) Dugan  
 Sierra Vista AZ  
 2 Bob Wisdom, San Antonio TX  
 3 Pat Dreibrodt, Comfort TX  
 4 Bill Dees, Midland TX  
 5 Janita Hinds, Del Rio TX  
 6 Barbara Schueler, Leander TX  
 7 Chuck Taylor, Cedar Park TX  
 8 Sharon Roy, Fredericksburg TX  
 9 Richard Hinds, Del Rio TX  
 10 Lynn Hejtmancik, Round Rock TX  
**SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS**  
 1 TLC, Odessa TX  
 Joann Scott  
 2 Cherokee Lady, Odessa TX  
 Joyce Yarbrough  
 3 Sarge's Mess Hall, Sierra Vista AZ  
 Charles C. (Chuck) Dugan

**Feb 23, 2002-003 - San Antonio TX  
 1st Annual VFW 7108 CCO, 30  
 CHILIS**

**CHILI WINNERS**  
 1 Betsy Schulze, Yorktown TX  
 2 Steve Nadeau, Boerne TX  
 3 John Goforth, Comfort TX  
 4 Dewey Lawhon, Kyle TX  
 5 Sally Lee, San Antonio TX  
 6 Robert E. Schrade, San Antonio TX  
 7 Ron W. Black, Somerset TX  
 8 Eldon Hiley, George West TX  
 9 Margaret Nadeau, Boerne TX  
 10 Marvin Schulze, Yorktown TX  
**SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS**  
 1 Sr. Buzzard Back Chili  
 Kerrville TX  
 Terry L. Tenery  
 2 Iron Horse Chili, Kerrville TX  
 Karl F. Buechler Jr.  
 3 Copenhagen Lady, San Antonio TX  
 Connie Sue Schrade

**Feb 23, 2002-004 - Edmond OK  
 Mid-Winter Classic CCO, 20 CHILIS**

**CHILI WINNERS**  
 1 Kerri Buck, Norman OK  
 2 Tammie Buck, Norman OK  
 3 Robert Nelson, Crawford TX  
 4 Tom (Tucker) Snyder, Tulsa OK  
 5 David Curtis Sr., Guthrie OK  
 6 Mike Mayenschein, Tulsa OK  
 7 Mavis Nelson, Crawford TX  
 8 Mark Bass, Skiatook OK  
 9 Jerry D. Dickerson, Shawnee OK  
 10 Mike Hallenbeck, Broken Arrow OK  
**SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS**  
 1 Rock And Roll Chili, Crawford TX

Mavis Nelson  
 2 Pharter Starters, Broken Arrow OK  
 Mike Hallenbeck  
 3 UNCLAIMED

**Feb 23, 2002-006 - Amarillo TX  
 3rd Annual Holy Cross Catholic Acdy,  
 21 CHILIS**

**CHILI WINNERS**  
 1 Pam Matheson, Amarillo TX  
 2 Scott Campbell, Amarillo TX  
 3 Chance Mogg, Amarillo TX  
 4 Carol Lilly, Amarillo TX  
 5 Mark Goldston, Amarillo TX  
 6 Chris Virden, Amarillo TX  
 7 Rodney Lilly, Amarillo TX  
 8 Steven A. Lopez, Rio Rancho NM  
 9 Brian Williams, Amarillo TX  
 10 Dusty Walker, Amarillo TX  
**SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS**  
 1 Spice Boyz, Amarillo TX  
 Chris Reed  
 2 Hawg Wild, Amarillo TX  
 Rodney Lilly  
 3 Bekins Best, Amarillo TX  
 Pam Matheson

**Mar 2, 2002-001 - Austin TX  
 20th Annual Lions Sightfest 2002, 37  
 CHILIS**

**CHILI WINNERS**  
 1 James Bauer, Leander TX  
 2 Chuck Taylor, Cedar Park TX  
 3 Mike Monte, Cedar Park TX  
 4 Marvin Schulze, Yorktown TX  
 5 Kay Hutson, Granbury TX  
 6 Greg Martin, Cedar Park TX  
 7 Steve Nadeau, Boerne TX  
 8 Margaret Nadeau, Boerne TX  
 9 Don Causey, Seguin TX  
 10 Larry Otto, Austin TX  
**SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS**  
 1 Chingale Chili, Austin TX  
 Jessie Elshick  
 2 Bite Me II, Ennis TX  
 Jimmy Harper  
 3 UNCLAIMED

**Mar 2, 2002-002 - Casa Grande AZ  
 Arizona State Open Championship, 72  
 CHILIS**

**CHILI WINNERS**  
 1 Kimberly A. (Kim) Dunn  
 Sierra Vista AZ  
 2 Wayne R. Jolliffe, Tucson AZ  
 3 Virgil Johnson, Ottumwa IA  
 4 Kathy "Kat" Tomlin, Sierra Vista AZ  
 5 Greg Monger, Sierra Vista AZ  
 6 Pat Rau, Hereford AZ  
 7 Nancy Coultas, Tucson AZ  
 8 Karen Banas, Queen Creek AZ  
 9 Corinne Myers, Glendale AZ  
 10 Nancy Klug, Gold Canyon AZ  
**SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS**  
 1 Hang 'em High, Sierra Vista AZ  
 John C. Johnson  
 2 Rattlesnake, Sierra Vista AZ  
 Douglas L. (Doug) Thuma  
 3 Hubby Bear, Sierra Vista AZ  
 Leo Lemelson

**Mar 2, 2002-003 - Irving TX  
 Irving Elks Annual CCO, 26 CHILIS**

**CHILI WINNERS**  
 1 Dale Reinecker, Bedford TX  
 2 R. Bruce Stewart, Hurst TX

3 Dani C. Medlin, Rowlett TX  
 4 Beth Moon, Hurst TX  
 5 Jimmy Moon, Hurst TX  
 6 Ray Medlin, Rowlett TX  
 7 Michelle Bennett, Irving TX  
 8 Charles Breeden, Alvarado TX  
 9 Scott Buschel, Irving TX  
 10 Drucella (Dru) Stewart, Hurst TX  
**SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS**  
 1 Bull Rush, Irving TX  
 Ginny Williams  
 2 Hen House, Irving TX  
 Kary Fieseler  
 3 Hard Hat Chili, Grand Prairie TX  
 Darrell Baxter

**Mar 2, 2002-005 - Pearsall TX  
 Pearsall Potato Fest CCO, 15 CHILIS**

**CHILI WINNERS**  
 1 Fread E. Cielencki Sr.  
 San Antonio TX  
 2 Connie Sue Schrade, San Antonio TX  
 3 John Goforth, Comfort TX  
 4 Robert E. Schrade, San Antonio TX  
 5 Lonnie Herrera, Pearsall TX  
 6 Janet Cielencki, San Antonio TX  
 7 Ron W. Black, Somerset TX  
 8 Jason Brown, Lytle TX  
 9 Cecil R Bragg, Pearsall TX  
 10 Jose Pepe Trevino, Pearsall TX  
**SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS**  
 1 Lonnie's Chuckwagon Chili  
 Pearsall TX  
 Lonnie Herrera  
 2 Shining Star Ranch, Pearsall TX  
 Brad Stautzenberger  
 3 Shoot-A-Mile, Comfort TX  
 John Goforth

**Mar 2, 2002-006 - Houston TX  
 22nd Annual American Legion CCO,  
 20 CHILIS**

**CHILI WINNERS**  
 1 Donna Leird, Houston TX  
 2 Dee Hay, Pasadena TX  
 3 Chuck Spishock  
 Clear Lake Shores TX  
 4 Karin Barnes, Houston TX  
 5 Ronald D. Charlton, Houston TX  
 6 George Thompson, Houston TX  
 7 Marolyn Blair, Houston TX  
 8 Meier Mathis, Houston TX  
 9 Pete Little, Houston TX  
 10 Ava Horan, Cypress TX  
**SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS**  
 1 Club Chili, Houston TX  
 Angie Blache  
 2 Whiskey River Show Team  
 Clear Lake Shores TX  
 Chuck Spishock  
 3 Murphy's Magic, Houston TX  
 Annie K. Murphy

**Mar 2, 2002-009 - Little Rock AR  
 14th Annual VFW 9095 CCO., 29  
 CHILIS**

**CHILI WINNERS**  
 1 Dallas Gipson, Jacksonville AR  
 2 Richard Jones, Roland AR  
 3 Terri Powers, Cordova TN  
 4 Greg "Oz" Iosbaker, Little Rock AR  
 5 Brian Powers, Cordova TN  
 6 Bruce Smith, Little Rock AR  
 7 Debbie Blanks, Little Rock AR  
 8 James Mosley, Little Rock AR

9 Linda Nickle, North Little Rock AR  
 10 Maria (Chudy) Swicegood  
 North Little Rock AR  
**SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS**  
 1 Jamaica Spice, Little Rock AR  
 Debbie Blanks  
 2 Real Thing, Little Rock AR  
 Linda Secrest  
 3 Golf Lovers Chili, Little Rock AR  
 Greg "Oz" Iosbaker

**Mar 3, 2002-001 - Austin TX  
 Austin Lions Sightfest., 31 CHILIS**

**CHILI WINNERS**  
 1 Jessie Elshick, Austin TX  
 2 Dusty DeBerry, Leander TX  
 3 Sue Caffey, Rockdale TX  
 4 Barbara Schueler, Leander TX  
 5 Dan Grannan, Waxahachie TX  
 6 Greg Martin, Cedar Park TX  
 7 Larry Otto, Austin TX  
 8 Douglas (Bucky) Seelig, Austin TX  
 9 Ronelda Wendler, Marble Falls TX  
 10 Jan Windrow, San Antonio TX  
**SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS**  
 1 Busy Bee, Weimar TX  
 Keith Barkley  
 2 Tall Girl Frog, Rockdale TX  
 Sue Caffey  
 3 Chingale Chili, Austin TX  
 Jessie Elshick

**Mar 10, 2002-002 - Tulsa OK  
 Choo-Choo Chili Cookoff., 24 CHILIS**

**CHILI WINNERS**  
 1 Ivan Crosley, Tulsa OK  
 2 Tom (Tucker) Snyder, Tulsa OK  
 3 Toni Langston, Tulsa OK  
 4 Mark Bass, Skiatook OK  
 5 Joe Giles, Farmington AR  
 6 Debbie Gardner, Springdale AR  
 7 Mike Mayenschein, Tulsa OK  
 8 Mike Hallenbeck, Broken Arrow OK  
 9 Gary Holmes, Springdale AR  
 10 Bob Mchauer, Tulsa OK  
**SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS**  
 1 Uncle Sam's Favorite Chili  
 Tulsa OK  
 Toni Langston  
 2 Pharter Starters, Broken Arrow OK  
 Mike Hallenbeck  
 3 Boot Hill Chili, Tulsa OK  
 Cliff Taylor

**Mar 10, 2002-003 - Sweetwater TX  
 13th Annual Sweetwater Jaycees, 66  
 CHILIS**

**CHILI WINNERS**  
 1 Jimmy Don (Goober) Lloyd, Snyder TX  
 2 Gary Shook, Lamesa TX  
 3 Wesley W. (Wes) Watson, Midland TX  
 4 Karen Bains, Rankin TX  
 5 Fred Lazarus, Mertzen TX  
 6 Chad Pierce, Sweetwater TX  
 7 Gwyn Brackeen, Lamesa TX  
 8 Mark Thompson, Snyder TX  
 9 Keith Coffman, Odessa TX  
 10 Michael W. Watson, Midland TX  
**SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS**  
 1 Red Wolfe Cookers, Hobbs NM  
 Suzanne Wolfe  
 2 UNCLAIMED  
 3 UNCLAIMED



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By Richard Knight

## “Prim and Proper”

George Wright, the New York State Chili representative at Terlingua in 1971, was originally from Henderson in East Texas, but was then the chili culinary artist for Clint Murchinson, Jr.'s, *Dallas Cowboy* restaurant on Forty-Ninth Street in New York City. George's chili was chosen by the judges as the best in the Terlingua Championship that year. After celebrating his win, George and a friend drove off into the desert night in his rented car. After a wrong turn in the Big Bend countryside and after losing a wheel on the car, they left the car with a bottle of Tequila and started walking along the desolate desert road. A rancher in a beat-up old Ford truck drove by catching something strange in his headlights that he could not believe. There stood George Wright, the CASI Champion, in the middle of nowhere, thumbing a ride. The strange part was that George was still in his “Prim and Proper” cookoff attire. George always cooked in a silk top hat and tails. After a lot of fast talking George and friend got a ride back to civilization. George moved back to Dallas and worked as a semi-retired restaurant designer/consultant. George said a good way to meet new neighbors in a high rise apartment was to cook a big pot of chili and leave your front door open for the smell to saturate the floors above.

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## *The Social and Cultural Aspects of Chili Cookoffs*

By Glenn Dickey

Have you ever been to a chili cookoff? Ever wondered what goes on there besides chili so hot it kills your taste buds? What kind of people enter these culinary competitions and why? According to author and illustrator Jean Andrews (1999), "A cuisine is one of the most characteristic and least complicated expressions of a culture" (p. 34). A good hot bowl of steaming Texas chili certainly expresses the chili culture, with cooks demonstrating their culinary skills every weekend in competition for trophies and bragging rights throughout the United States and other countries as well. After repeated attendance over a period of twenty years and making many friendships with these cooks, I feel I am qualified to report on the social and cultural aspects of this phenomenon of ethno methodology

First, we must explore the central object of all this activity, which is a food called chili. In his book, Morton G. Clark (1970), says, "... it is of meat - generally chopped or ground beef but sometimes beef and pork in combination and sometimes beef and venison." He goes on to say, "It usually contains both cumin (comino) and garlic and often has oregano and bay leaf as well. Its characteristic red color comes from tomatoes" (p.58). Chili gets its main flavor and its name from various chile peppers, which grow wild and are cultivated in the southwestern United States and Mexico. These are mildly hot, with cayenne and jalapeno peppers being commonly used to add more heat. This dish was first served up somewhere in Texas, its exact origin the subject of considerable debate. The late Frank X. Tolbert (1972), columnist for the *Dallas Morning News* and co-founder of the Chili Appreciation Society International, said, "Almost all the real chili heads agree on the superiority of the original bowl of Texas-style red" (p. 13). And indeed, by far most of the competing chili cooks are Texans, with many excellent cooks coming from other states and countries as well.

So, who are these cooks? Chili cooks and chiliheads come from all walks of life. Some rich, some poor, most somewhere in between, but it doesn't matter; they all get together as friends to share in a celebration of chili and to see who makes the best at these cookoffs. Many of them enter another competition called showmanship, in which they act out various comic roles, adding to the fun of a cookoff. They often form teams with several cooks and support staff for more elaborate shows. In their book, Phil Brittin and Joseph Daniel (1982), wrote, "Cookoff teams include competitors from as far away as Hawaii, Guadalajara and Anchorage. Doctors, lawyers and politicians join in the fun dressed in diapers, tuxedos and hula skirts, and carry fire extinguishers just in case some poor soul exceeds the jalapeno limit" (p. 48). They later state, "Frank Tolbert once put it this way: 'Chilimania is an international subculture with thousands of chiliheads all striving to promote one simple culinary idea with its infinite variations'" (p. 51)

On the opening weekend of the State Fair of Texas, 2001, I attended a cookoff at the Fair with an acquaintance I shall, for purposes of simplicity, call George. George has been a chili cook for twenty five years or more, and is world famous (in chili circles), for his one-man show team called "Alamo Chili," another fictitious name, of course. During our early morning trip to Dallas in George's pickup, he explained to me all of the ingredients that went into his spices that he mixed up the night before. He does that so he won't have to bother with it at the cookoff, when timing is crucial. He blended together three "dumps" of spices, using mainly dried, powdered onion, garlic, three different kinds of chili powder, and some particularly hot little orange peppers I had given him some weeks before. He calls them "dumps," as do the other cooks, because he dumps them into his pot of chili at precisely timed intervals. When we got to the gate at the State Fair, the guards waved us through because we were participants, and we drove up to the cookoff site. The first order of business was finding a suitable place to park and set up George's Coleman stove. This event included a barbecue cookoff as well, and it was important to us to park up wind from the smoke, yet close enough that when the barbecue was ready we might get some free samples.

Once we were parked, George lowered the tailgate on his pickup and set up his Coleman stove to start cooking. This cookoff was liquid fuel only because of some highly intelligent law in Dallas that does not allow contestants to use the much safer and convenient propane that chili cooks are more accustomed to. This kind of throws a different twist on things, as George is not used to using Coleman fuel and needed help getting his lit without it blowing up in his face. He said it's still two hours before show starts, so that wouldn't have been of any benefit to him.

Seeing that George needed help, I walked another cook and good friend, whom I shall for simplicity's sake call Chris, from Southside Foggy Mountain Chili. I might point out that all of the chili cooks and showteams have names for their chili, some of which are quite imaginative. While Chris was helping with the stove, George mentioned that he puts out a yearly newsletter giving his cooking schedule for the year, and asked if Chris had received his. He had. George turned his portable radio on to a local rock and roll station, and asked Chris if he was going to Terlingua this year.

Terlingua is the chili capitol of the world. It is a small ex-mining town in West Texas in the Big Bend area, about seven miles from the Rio Grande River, in one of the most desolate, mountainous, rocky desert areas on Earth, eighty miles from the nearest town of any size. There is nothing out there but peace and quiet until the first weekend in November of every year, when about sixty thousand people show up for the Terlingua International Chili Championship put on by the Chili Appreciation Society International, Inc., the world's largest chili cookoff sanctioning body. CASI has a 320-acre ranch just outside of Terlingua named Rancho CASI de los Chisos after the nearby Chisos Mountains in Big Bend National Park. This is the world championship, the granddaddy of all cookoffs, with over three hundred qualified cooks competing for the much coveted first place trophy. And it's a week-long party. Everyone who is anyone in the chili world goes to this mass celebration of the State Dish of Texas, but Chris said he was not qualified to cook or show there this year, so he would not be going. Which is a shame, since he and

his partners a few years ago won first place there in show. Chris is a former world champion showman.

George then began to tell me about a concoction to brown his meat in, but that he probably won't use it. He said another cook he knows uses olive oil to brown his meat, and then began telling me about an olive oil ranch in California he saw on TV. As he was browning his meat in Crisco, he said he got a secret to browning meat from another cook, modified it, and it works great. I have observed on many occasions that chili cooks help each other out, even though they are competing against each other. If someone's stove won't work, for instance, not to worry. Someone there will have a spare stove and be glad to share. Need help with a recipe? Chili cooks are always more than willing to help new cooks get on the right track, thereby perpetuating the enculturation process.

George continued talking about how, when mixing his spices, he accidentally put seasoned salt in his first dump, but compensated for it in a later dump. He began telling me some of his much-guarded secrets at this time, about thickening with Fort Worth Light, a chili powder blend, and his plans on how he'll cook his chili today, then walked off to talk to another cook.

About this time I asked some friendly passersby about chili, whether they liked it, and if they were going to be judges at this cookoff. Three college age girls said they like chili a lot, but they were afraid to judge because they didn't know what to do and they thought the chili might be too hot. This seemed to be the general consensus among those of the unknowing public whom I had asked, and a nearby cook, upon hearing our conversation, assured them that most cooks try to keep the spicy heat to a mild level so as not to offend the judges. As stated by Jenny Kellner and Richard Rosenblatt (1995), "... great chili doesn't mean incendiary chili. Any chucklehead can make super-hot chili just by throwing in a few habanero peppers or a tin of cayenne, in which case all you get is a nuclear meltdown in your mouth instead of the exquisite treat for your taste buds you were looking for in the first place. There should be some spiciness and heat. How much? It's up to you, but in the words of 1993 World's Champion (ICS) Cathy Wilkey, 'a perfect bowl of red should leave you with a nice, smooth wave of warmth from the front of your mouth to the back of your throat' " (introduction). I have heard repeatedly from chili cooks how hot their chili is, seemingly to create an illusion of very hot chili. Show teams often capitalize on this idea, stirring a big cauldron of red colored liquid over an open campfire, then pulling out the remains of a melted down spoon, but this is all in fun. The truth is that their chili is just not all that hot. They tell me that chili has to have some heat or it's just not chili, but that when it gets to the judging table, it had better not be too hot or points will be taken off.

Later, I found George at Chris' booth. Chris has a stand he made from plywood, painted red, and has room for his stove, some cooking utensils, and spices. On the front in carved wooden letters it has the name of his chili team. Many of these cooks have similar stands set up so they can stand and cook while talking to people, similar to the way a bartender works behind a bar while talking to his customers. Some of

these stands are elaborately painted, many with desert scenes, cactus, coyotes, and chili peppers painted on them. Some are beautiful and some are funny with comic characters saying humorous things.

It's now showtime, and George is wearing blue shorts and an American flag shirt. Another cook is wearing American flag pants, sleeveless shirt, and sandals. Chris is wearing an Afro wig and shouting off the wall comments through a bullhorn at people walking by. An older man is walking around in a tattered suit and top hat holding a sign reading "Will work for Viagra." This is when the cooks and spectators alike start having fun. Show lasts for only a couple of hours, and there are many sights and sounds to behold.

During all of this, Chris showed me some picante sauce he mixed up. It smelled good. He said he put some habanero in it, so I knew it must be plenty hot. I met a guy named Paul from Dallas. He started talking in Dutch and German after Chris told him he was over there last July. Paul was demonstrating to me how similar the Dutch language is to English. George walked up and asked Chris why he was putting spices in his chili already. Chris said because he is doing show, and it's all in the timing. George said he understood about that, being a showman himself, and ran off to go stir his chili. He came back, explaining the hard time he was having controlling the flame on his stove because of the fuel he was having to use, both of them nodding and agreeing on how smart the city of Dallas is for being the only place anyone is aware of that has such a law. Chris pulled out a bottle of olive oil he got when he was in Italy last July, and started telling about the ancient castle where these olives are grown. The consensus among cooks seems to be that olive oil is light, has no grease, and rinses off well. It is quickly catching on at cookoffs.

Most cooks seem to agree that charity is the biggest common denominator at these events. Every CASI cookoff has at least one charity, with over 1.2 million dollars being raised annually by the organization as a whole, with only a little over two thousand members. Chili cooks are helping lots of people, and having lots of fun doing it. Doris Coats, the 1991 Terlingua Champion, told me about one of the local charities, Kash for Kids. This is an all volunteer organization that provides children with clothes, school supplies, medical care, and other needs when their parents are not able. They also offer training on abuse in an effort to keep kids from becoming wards of the court. This is a very worthy charity, with local cookoffs contributing thousands of dollars every year.

At a cookoff in Southlake, Texas on November 24, I had the opportunity to talk to a very fine lady and chili cook about the fact that she brings her two children to events, even though the entertainment is mostly for adults, with alcohol and language which may not be suitable for kids being common. She told me that she and her husband are very selective about which cookoffs the kids can go to. They do not go to Terlingua or the nudist colony cookoffs because of the nudity and lewd behavior they would encounter there, but that some of the events are much more tame and even have divisions for junior cooks. Her children are told which groups of people to stay away from, and which are permissible. They are not allowed to go off alone, and not to go very far. This lady says she doesn't drink alcohol when the kids are there,

and that most of the cooks they are allowed to be around are respectful and don't use bad language around them. Her husband said he knows the kids will hear some bad language, but feels that some exposure helps them to grow and learn to make their own choices between right and wrong. Besides, he says, they hear all that at school anyway.

There are some commonality factors among the cooks, some of which are regional. What the showteams do as they vie for points is one example. Here in Texas, they commonly wear ridiculous outfits, tell jokes, and do funny things just for laughs. In other states, such as Arkansas and Tennessee, it is more common to see booths set up as displays, using perhaps several dolls in elaborate dresses, or a model farm scene with miniature cows and other farm animals to look at. The spices that go into the chili are another example. Here in the Dallas-Ft. Worth metroplex, cooks commonly use a recipe that utilizes Ft. Worth Light, RT Red, and Gebhardt's chili powders. The cooks in the Houston area have their own way of making chili, as do the cooks in the San Antonio area. Some cooks have even told me they can tell where a cook lives by tasting his chili. In the Arkansas-Tennessee area, they put ketchup in their chili, and not just any ketchup will do. It must be ketchup from McDonald's, the fast food company, and it has to be the ketchup in the little packs they give with your order. In Georgia, they use ketchup and a little bit of honey for a sweeter, milder chili. These regional patterns of behavior occur because that is what the public, who are the judges at cookoffs, think chili tastes like and that is what they want. The cooks adjust their recipes accordingly, or design their show, all of them focusing on what wins. At Terlingua, though, about ninety percent of cooks use Texas recipes, according to a Terlingua champion I interviewed. Chili that tastes like spaghetti sauce won't win there.

It is estimated that the average cook attends these events about twenty five to thirty times each year, spending about fifty dollars or more per cookoff. Since CASI is a registered non-profit organization, all expenses are tax deductible. This attendance can affect families in different ways. Many married couples go together, cooking side by side, enjoying the same friends, and look forward to traveling to other cities and meeting new people on a regular basis. Some cooks attend without their spouses, who never go to cookoffs, and don't mind at all that their husband or wife is interested in this type of activity. Some spouses do mind, and it can cause much friction at home.

Alcohol is commonly ingested at these meets, with beer and tequila being the favorites, and I don't think I have met a chili cook yet who doesn't like margaritas. I couldn't find anyone who admitted to having alcohol related family problems, but it is known that many cooks are alcoholics. Not much trouble breaks out at the cookoffs, and when people do disagree, they usually settle it in a civilized manner. With the use of alcohol, and especially at cook's parties the night before a cookoff, many inhibitions get dropped, and fairly promiscuous behavior is permitted, as long as it doesn't go too far.

Another area where chili cooks exhibit definite patterns of behavior is superstition. They generally seem to be a very superstitious lot, with few exceptions. Good luck charms are everywhere. Many cooks have a

horseshoe hanging on their Coleman stove. Some wear a lucky shirt, pants, boots, or even underwear. One man I talked to at the Southlake cookoff said he mixes his spices at a certain time, loads his gear in a certain way, uses the same stove, same burner, and a separate pot from his wife's. He said most of the cooks do the same thing and won't let their wives wash their pots or spice containers. They are superstitious and repetitious, many having certain rituals that they perform. A woman told me how she and her husband have a "garlic dance" they do just before they turn in their chili for judging. They put mashed garlic in their cups, and shake the cups like rattles as they do a bit of synchronized dancing. I have observed this particular behavior pattern before, with as many as ten cooks in a circle performing various gyrations, following a pre-selected leader, all this being done before a crowd of spectators.

One particularly interesting and common behavior pattern is in the way the cooks handle their judging tickets. At the beginning of each cookoff, each cook is issued a styrofoam cup in which they will put their chili to be judged at a predetermined time. Each cup has a ticket with a number taped to it in such a way that no one can see the number, and the cook tears off the ticket stub with that corresponding number and puts it someplace safe. In this way, the judges do not know who's chili they are tasting, as all cups look exactly the same. Trophies are given for the top ten chilies, and when the winning cups are determined and the trophies are being handed out, the tape on each winning cup is finally pulled off and the number read aloud so that the cook holding the corresponding ticket stub may claim his or her prize. And they are kept in some very safe places. Like down a woman's bra, in a shoe being worn by a spouse or lover, or in someone's underwear for good luck. These cooks get very imaginative with the safe places they find to keep their tickets, and most of them won't even look at the number beforehand, believing that would cause them to lose. Some numbers are believed to be lucky, with sequences of numbers like 4747 being a sure thing. When I won at Terlingua, my number ended in 333. How could I lose?

From what I have observed, chili cooks are mostly easygoing people, always willing to help, and love to laugh. They participate in cookoffs for the fun of it all, for charity, and because they believe this activity sets them apart as a unique group of individuals. And so they are.

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## Tales from the Pub

A wedding occurred, just outside Cavan in Ireland. To keep tradition going, everyone got pissed and the bride's and groom's families had a storming rage and begin wrecking the reception room and generally kicking the crap out of each other.

The police get called in to break up the fight.

The following week, all members of both families appear in court. The fight continues in the court room until the Judge finally brings calm with the use of his hammer, shouting "Silence in Court."

The court room goes silent and Paddy (the best man) stands up and says, "Judge.. I was the best man at the wedding and I think I should explain what happened."

The Judge agrees and asks Paddy to take the stand. Paddy begins his explanation by telling the court that it is traditional in a Cavan wedding that the Best Man gets the first dance with the Bride.

The judge says "OK."

"Well", said Paddy, "After I had finished the first dance, the music kept going, so I continued dancing to the second song, and after that the music kept going and I was dancing to the third song.. when all of a sudden the Groom leapt over the table, ran towards us and gave the Bride an unmerciful kick in her privates."

The Judge instantly responded... "Wow.. that must have hurt!"

Paddy replies "HURT!.. He broke three of my fingers!"

Renfrew was the most absentminded altar boy Father O'Malley had ever seen. But Renfrew meant well, and the clergymen decided to give him one more chance to prove himself. "At mass tomorrow, I will come to a point where you'll hear me sing, "And God's angels lit the candles." When I say that, you're to light the candles in the back of the church. Is that understood?" Renfrew said it was, and that night both the priest and Renfrew prayed for his success. The next day Father O'Malley conducted mass in front of a full congregation. At last his rich baritone sang out, "And God's angels lit the candles!" Nothing happened and he said again, "And God's angels lit the candles!" Still the candles remained unlit, and once more he boomed, "And God's angels lit the candles!" From behind the last pew Renfrew's small voice carried across the room. "And your dog pee'd on the matches!"

As soon as Mrs. Jones arrived in Heaven she sought her husband, who had died several years before. "Excuse me," she said, approaching St. Peter, "but I'm looking for my husband. I wonder if you can help me." What was his name?" St. Peter enquired. "William... William Jones." St. Peter stroked his chin. "There are many here who have that name. What else can you tell me about him?" Blurring out the first thing that came to mind, she said, "Well, the last thing he said before he died was that if I were ever unfaithful to him, he would turn in his grave." "Ah!" said St. Peter, "you're looking for Whirling Willy!"

Sister Mary Catherine and Sister Mary Elizabeth are walking through the park when they are jumped by two thugs. Their habits are ripped from them and the men begin to sexually assault them. Sister Mary Catherine casts her eyes heavenward and cries, "Forgive him Lord, for he knows not what he is doing!" Mary Elizabeth turns and says, "Mine does..."

## CASI Treasurer's Report

### Financial Statement

**January 1, 2002 thru March 15, 2002**

#### Income Statement

Revenues	
Terlingua International Chili Championship .....	40.00
Membership Dues .....	2,420.00
Money Received from TICC Sponsors .....	5,000.00
Terlingua Trails .....	260.00
Cookoff Sanctioning Fees .....	2,764.00
CASI Cookoff Packets .....	385.00
Interest Earned .....	180.06
Miscellaneous .....	40.00
Transfer from GP Meeting Fund .....	0.00
Great Pepper's Meeting Reserve Fund Revenues	
Cookoff Sanctioning Fees .....	2,764.00
CASI Scholarship Fund	
Transfer from General Fund .....	0.00
Contributions .....	0.00
Interest Earned .....	0.00
Total Revenues .....	13,853.06
Disbursements	
Terlingua International Chili Championship .....	755.07
Terlingua Trails .....	4,484.43
Charitable Contributions .....	0.00
CASI Director's Expenses .....	1,142.64
Chilicity Expenses .....	24.00
Membership Expenses .....	276.52
Tallymaster Related Expenses .....	150.42
Rancho CASI de los Chisos Expenses .....	1,081.87
Printing of CASI Rule Books .....	148.80
Director's Liability Insurance .....	0.00
Old 320 Expenses .....	0.00
Old 320 Monument Expense .....	0.00
TICC Memorial Board Expense .....	0.00
GP Meeting Fund Transfer to General Fund .....	0.00
GP Meeting Money Paid to Sponsoring Pods .....	0.00
GP Meeting Directors Expense .....	0.00
Transfer to Scholarship Fund .....	0.00
CASI/Tex Schofield Scholarships .....	0.00
CASI National Scholarships .....	0.00
Miscellaneous .....	14.67
Total Disbursements .....	8,078.42
Net Income .....	5,774.64

#### Balance Sheet

Assets	
General Operations Fund - Cash in Bank .....	31,666.63
Great Peppers Meeting Reserve Fund - Checking .....	9,941.69
CASI Scholarship Fund - Checking .....	34,128.29
Life Membership Reserve Fund - Cash in Bank .....	15,000.00
Total Cash in Bank .....	90,736.61
LMRF Loan to CASI .....	45,000.00
Office Equipment .....	6,854.00
Trailer and Sign 1 .....	500.00
Land and Land Improvements .....	102,523.48
Building at Rancho CASI de los Chisos .....	98,360.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation .....	23,045.00
CASI Trademark Fees .....	2,070.00
Total Non-Cash Assets .....	233,262.48
Total Assets .....	323,999.09
Liabilities	
LMRF Loan to CASI .....	45,000.00
CASI Scholarship Fund - Funded by CASI, Inc.	
CASI/Tex Schofield Scholarship .....	12,500.00
National Scholarship Program .....	21,500.00
Combined Fund Balancing Account .....	239,224.45
Total Liabilities .....	318,224.45
Net Income .....	5,774.64
Balance Sheet Total .....	323,999.09

Jim Stateczny  
CASI Treasurer & Web Editor

## Bess's Best

Hello to all from Harry and Bess!

After spending 35 years of my life behind a desk for The United States Department of Agriculture, the topic of agriculture was not discussed a lot at home. I did not have anything against agriculture or the people involved in it, but much of my job couldn't be discussed outside the office.

Several years back when we became road cooks and started traveling, every Saturday morning Harry would make sure he was up and had the television on to a farm program out of Chicago. Sometimes I used to think that he did that just to get me riled up. It has been seven years since I retired, and on occasion I will watch a part of the program to sort of keep up with what is going on.

This past week there were two programs that aired that Harry recorded about the growing of chili peppers, but I haven't gotten to look at them yet. From what Harry told me, it was about the increasing problems facing the growers in the Southwest United States and part of Mexico of having a labor force to harvest the chili peppers.

The agriculture labor force has declined to where there are not enough people to hand pick the peppers, and a functional mechanical picker has not been developed that is economical to produce and operate. A couple of the growers were interviewed and said that research was started in 1994 on a mechanical picker, but if something is not done right away that in three years many growers will be out of business.

Better save your Old El Paso and other cans with the labels on them. Who knows, items relating to chili peppers grown and processed in the United States may be collector's items on E Bay.

Several years ago when we attended the Great Peppers Meeting in Las Cruces, New Mexico, we had the opportunity to tour a portion of the pepper facilities at the University of New Mexico. It was very interesting to see what is being done with the pepper and how they are handled. It was sure a lot different than the way Harry takes care of his peppers, but Harry doesn't do things like normal people, and after 40 years sometimes I wonder if Harry is normal.

Like the time Harry decided to fix our own chili powder, or when he got the idea to clean the tile floor in the kitchen. I had to take off work 4 hours and clean up the mess! I am sure most of you have heard of Murphy's Law .....I think Harry has his own law. Don't let it get back to Harry that I wrote about him. It might make him feel bad and turn normal.

Today is the 6-month anniversary of the terrorist attacks on The Twin Towers and the Pentagon .....how fast we forget! Lamar, Missouri, where we live is located 75 miles west of the geographical center of the United States. Six months ago you could not buy an American flag; now you go in a store and they ask how many you want.

Six months ago, over one-half of the cars and pickup trucks had American flags flying from the radio antennas. Now the flags you see are faded, torn and should be replaced. "God Bless America" and "We Will Remember" were written in shoe polish on the side and back windows of vehicles. That has now been replaced with "Go Tigers" or "Beat Hillcrest". When you turn on the television instead of hearing about Bin Laden or the al-Qaida, it seems like Enron is all that is in the news.

Recently Harry and I attended an event where God Bless America was played, and the audience was asked to join in the Friendship Circle and sing. Well, I won't go into detail but the amount of people in the circle was a lot less than the people that did not join. I have said enough on this, and I will get off the subject. I'll close with this one thought. When the local coffee shop and doughnut crowd turn the conversation from what happened six months ago to the price of gasoline increasing 20 cents in the last three weeks, I guess you can see where our priorities are.

In five months many of us will be making the trek to Phoenix, Arizona, as Great Peppers and followers of CASI for the 2002 Great Peppers Meeting. This year, the Great Peppers will have the difficult task of selecting a new Executive Director with the retiring of Johnye Harriman.

I want to speak - not as Bess but as Dixie Johnson. Johnye and I go back to 1986 when Junior and I went to the Great Peppers Meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas. That was when the Mo/Kan Pod was seeded, and we met a fiery little lady named Johnye. She got my feet wet in CASI by asking for my support on a rule change. Together we got the rule changed, and a bond of friendship was formed which has only grown stronger over the years. The position of Executive Director is not an easy job. If you think differently, just ask any of the past Executive Directors.

Regardless if you are a past TICC Champion, as I was in 2000, or the Executive Director of CASI, your lifestyle changes. After the e-mails, telephone calls, mail and requests for appearances, comes your family and your personal life. Being an Executive Director is a job that doesn't start on the Friday night before or the Saturday morning of the cookoff and end when winners are announced. It is a day and night job, seven days a week.

I know how big a part Junior played in my reign as TICC 2000 Champion and that was only for one year. Thank you, Russ, for letting us have Johnye for four years. Who knows, Russ, maybe some day some of us will buy you a cool one!

I cannot say enough about the organizing, updating and the milestones that Johnye has made in working with the CASI record keeping, past and present. Over the years Johnye and I have laughed, cried and fussed together, but the final outcome was correct because Johnye knows CASI and has always been fair and a straight shooter.

Next time you talk to Johnye on the telephone, just tell her "Thank You" for all she has done; or if you see her at a cookoff go give her a big hug. If you don't have

the chance to do either, dig down in your pocket and go buy a nice card and send her. Her address is in the Trails.

Hey girlfriend, the support you gave me through my surgery and the advice you gave me through my reign will always be remembered. I hate to see you retire, but maybe your lifestyle will slow down to where we can cook and show in the rain again someday.

Hello all - Harry here, ambassador of the gift of gab and the best bellhop & "go for" in the Midwest. I am not sure how long I will be with you as I've had company for the past few days. Arthur has come to visit in my hands, and it looks like he is going to stay a while - Arthur being Arthritis.

I am seriously thinking about giving up chili cooking and starting to mow yards. It has to pay better, and since Terlingua I have not placed any higher than final table and that was just once. I am just about to give up. Changed recipes several times but just can't seem to break the slump. Bess keeps telling me to quit wandering around so much and to do less blabbing.

Perhaps this is the year I am not supposed to be cooking to win, but to look out for the other cooks; maybe like a Doctor Do Good with his emergency chili kit. So far this year I have been called on by the "forgetful cooks" to supply them with everything but meat, and that includes a stove and gas. There is nothing that makes a cook feel any worse than to start to cook a pot of chili for turn in and find out you left something at home, especially after driving a long distance to get to the cookoff.

Keep your eyes and ears open for what I think is some of the BIGGEST news to break in the chili world in several years. I would just love to say more, but I also feel that the people responsible should be the ones to make this public to the chili world. When this does become public, I think that you will agree with Ole Harry - this is a big step forward in chili!

As I told you when I started, the hands are a little stiff today so I want to close with a little thought for everyone to keep in the back of your minds.

In the fire service, we have a term called Mutual Aide. If a neighboring town has trouble and needs help, they call and we go because we know if we need help they will respond. Miles are never considered.

I think everyone of us needs to apply this to our chili cooking. We put on a cookoff and want everyone to attend, but when the request is made for us to attend someone else's cookoff it is too far to travel. We've got to remember it is just as far from Point A to Point B as it is from Point B to Point A.

In my younger days I used to play pro baseball, and it was always a lot more fun to play to a packed park than one half full.

Thank you for your time this time, and until next time remember To Start Slow and Then Taper Off!

*Harry & Bess aka Dixie & Junior Johnson*



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## “COOKING” WITH CASI CALENDAR



**Apr 6, 2002-001 - The Colony TX CASI. The Colony Lions Club Annual CCO.** Held at Lions Club Park, 6016 Turner. Benefits The Colony Lions. Chili: Entry: \$20, turn-in 2:00 p. Beans: Entry: \$5, turn-in 12:00 noon. Preregistration by March 15 insures goody bag. Info: Brenda Stefancik, (469)766-3421.

**Apr 6, 2002-002 - Clovis NM CASI. BPOE 1244 CASI CCO.** Held at Third and Sycamore Streets in Clovis. Entry: \$15, payable to the NMCS. Benefits BPOE charities. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Info: cblakeley@yucca.net.

**Apr 6, 2002-003 - Granbury TX CASI. Canyon Creek CCO.** Held at 2300 Club Drive, Canyon Creek (Highway 144 between Granbury and Glen Rose; turn on Williamson Road by Don Ayala's Mexican Rest.; approx 2 miles to Canyon Creek on left). Entry: \$17, payable to Canyon Creek POA. Benefits Indian Harbor VFD. Turn-in 2:00 p. 50/50 Jackpot beans - \$5 entry, 12:00 p turn-in. Cooks' Party Friday night. Info: Kay and Billy Hutson at 817-279-0465 or 817-573-3371; or Canyon Creek POA Office.

**Apr 6, 2002-004 - Gulf Shores AL CASI. Alabama State Chili Cookoff.** Held at the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo, Highway 59. Benefits Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Entry: \$17, turn-in 1:00 p. Checks payable to State of Alabama Pod. Info: Renee Moore, (251)949-7000 or rmoore@ci.gulfshores.al.us.

**Apr 6, 2002-005 - Odessa TX CASI. 4th Annual MCM Elegante Hotel Chili and Barbeque Cookoff.** Held at the MCM Elegante Hotel (formerly the Radisson Hotel), 5200 E University. Benefits SafePlace of the Permian Basin. CASI chili entry: \$20. WTBA barbeque: \$25 per category, 50% payback with added money in chicken, pork spare ribs and brisket. Corporate categories: \$50 per category. Special \$49 room rate and other special events for cooks and families. Info: Marca Washburn at MCM Elegante, (915)368-5885 or Boomer Kingston, (915)563-5499.

**Apr 6, 2002-006 - Weesatche TX CASI. 2nd Annual Vol. Fire Dept. CCO.** Held at the Weesatche Community Center, Highway 119 South and FM 884 East (35

miles west of Victoria). Benefits Volunteer Fire Department. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Jackpot beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: Noon. BBQ brisket: entry: \$15, turn-in: 4:00 p. Checks payable to Weesatche Vol. Fire Dept. Info: Healani Bethke, PO Box 240, Weesatche, TX 77993, (361)564-9606.

**Apr 6, 2002-007 - Muskogee OK CASI. 18th Annual Muskogee Exchange Club Chili & BBQ Cookoff.** Entry: \$15 preregistration per event; \$25 on-site registration per event. Turn-in: CASI chili- 12:00 Noon; Open BBQ-12:30 p.; ribs- 1:15 p.; brisket-2:00 p. Cooks' party Friday, April 5, 8:00 p. at the Civic Center. Benefits E. Oklahoma Hospice and Kids Space. Info: Eric Fleak, (918)682-7788, PO Box 2488, Muskogee, OK 74402.

**Apr 6, 2002-008 - Kingman AZ CASI. Arizona Veterans Open CCO and Arizona State Salsa Championship.** Held at VFW Post 3516, 2826 Wikieup Avenue. Benefits VFW. Entry: \$10, turn-in: 2:00 p. Info: Tim Wasik, (928)681-2567, PO Box 8202, Hualapai, AZ 86412.

**Apr 6, 2002-009 - Kingsland TX CASI. Kingsland/Lake LBJ Chamber of Commerce Cookoff.** Held at Fuzzy's Corner, Highways 1431 and 29, Buchanan Dam. Benefits Kingsland/Lake LBJ Chamber of Commerce, checks payable to same. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Info: Sharon McCall, (915)388-6211, PO Box 465, Kingsland, TX 78639.

**Apr 7, 2002-001 - Granbury TX CASI. Canyon Creek CCO.** Held at 2300 Club Drive, Canyon Creek (Highway 144 between Granbury and Glen Rose; turn on Williamson Road by Don Ayala's Mexican Rest.; approx 2 miles to Canyon Creek on left.) Entry: \$17, benefits Pecan Plantation VFD, checks payable to Canyon Creek POA. Turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Chili Grind only. Info: Kay and Billy Hutson at 817-279-0465 or 817-573-3371; or Canyon Creek POA Office.

**Apr 7, 2002-002 - St. Croix VI CASI. United Way of St. Croix 1st Annual Chili Cookoff.** Held at the Divi Carina Bay Report, 25 Estate Tuner Hole in St. Croix! Benefits United Way of St. Croix.



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**Apr 7, 2002-003 - Kingsland TX CASI. Kingsland/Lake LBJ Chamber of Commerce Cookoff - Day II.** Held at Fuzzy's Corner, Highways 1431 and 29, Buchanan Dam. Benefits Kingsland/Lake LBJ Chamber of Commerce, checks payable to same. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Info: Sharon McCall, (915)388-6211, PO Box 465, Kingsland, TX 78639.

**Apr 7, 2002-004 - Grand Prairie TX CASI. 27th Annual Prairie Dog Chili Cookoff and World Championship of Pickled Quail Egg Eating.** Held at Traders Village, 2602 Mayfield Road, just off Highway 360 between I-20 and I-30. Chili: \$30, turn-in 2:00 p. Showmanship 11:30 a - 1:30 p. (Bean cookoff on Saturday, April 6; entry: \$10, turn-in: 2:00 p.) Registration cuts off when 130 teams have registered. Info: Trader's Village, (972)647-2331. \* Must be pre-registered - no walkups. Thanks!

**Apr 13, 2002-001 - Del Rio TX CASI. First of 2002 Chili Cookoff.** Held at Elks Lodge, Highway 90 East. Preregistration: \$15 before April 10; \$17 thereafter. Checks payable to D.R.I.P., benefits Elks Lodge. Turn-in: 2:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. 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. Cooks party Friday night, April 12. Limited RV hookups.

**Apr 13, 2002-002 - Amarillo TX CASI. Elks Lodge #923 Chili & Bar-B-Que Cookoff.** Benefits Elks Lodge charities. Children's activities. More info to follow. Info: Leesa Penland, mudflap@nts-online.net.

**Apr 13, 2002-003 - San Angelo TX CASI. 6th Annual Cooking for Hospice Chili and BBQ Cookoff.** Held at Water Valley Park. Benefits Hospice of San Angelo. Chili: \$17, jackpot beans: \$10. BBQ brisket, chicken and pork spare ribs: \$20 entry for each. Pays back 80%, plus \$2,500 added money to top ten places. WTBA Rules on BBQ. Junior chili cookoff, also. Sponsored by SACA Chili Pod and the Harley Riders of the Concho Valley. Info: Sammie Plant, (915)655-2147, Shelby, (915)653-6426, or Renee (915)653-7597.

**Apr 13, 2002-004 - Phoenix AZ CASI. 5th Annual North Valley Festival CCO and Arizona State Hot Wings Championship.** Held at 1501 West Bell Road at TurfParadise Race Track. Benefits Deer Valley Pride Scholarship Fund. Entry: \$10, plus large pot of People's Choice chili. Great prizes for 1-3 in People's Choice, 1-10 CASI chili and 1-10 in hot wings. Goodie bags to first 25 cooks. Dry camping Friday and Saturday nights. Cooks' party Friday night - bring a side dish, meat will be furnished. Info and parking passes: Lylah Raven, (623)445-6633 (days) or (623)934-7143 (evenings).

**Apr 13, 2002-005 - Odessa TX CASI. American Legion Post 430 Chili Cookoff.** Held at 2701 East 8th, American Legion Post 430. Info: Larry Patton, 2846 Cambridge, Odessa, TX 79761, (915)362-3585.

**Apr 13, 2002-006 - Comfort TX CASI. Annual Horseshoe Pub Cookoff.** Held at the Horseshoe Pub & Pizza, 429 Front Street. Benefits the Senior Center of Comfort, TX. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to the Horseshoe Pub & Pizza. Cooks' party Friday night. Raffle following judging. Info: you can just call Dennis or Mickey, (830)995-5150, 429 Front St, Comfort, TX 78006 mickey\_standefor2001@yahoo.com.

**Apr 13, 2002-007 - New Braunfels TX CASI. ROAM's Red Hot Chili Cookoff.** Held at ROAM Open Air Market, I-35 Exit 182, Engle Road. Entry: chili: \$20, turn-in: 2:00 p. Entry: beans: \$5. Checks payable to ROAM Open Air Market. Benefits New Braunfels Lions Club. Saturday kick-start breakfast; showmanship; tasting cups; live music; great awards; participant gift bags. Overnight parking (Friday or Saturday - no hookups). Info: Melissa Krause, ROAM, (830)620-4600, 5513 I-35 S, New Braunfels, TX 78132, mkrause@ROAM-markets.com. See ad for more information.

**Apr 13, 2002-008 - Beaver OK CASI. 8th Annual Cowchip Chili Cookoff.** Held at the Beaver Fairgrounds. Entry: CASI: \$20, open: \$25, or both for \$40. Turn-in: 12:00 N. The Log Cabin Boys will provide musical entertainment after showmanship. People's Choice and Best Decorated Booth awards. Clearly "one of the best kept secrets in the five-state area". Info: Bill Greenfield, (580)625-4499, PO Box 954, Beaver, OK 73932-0954.

**Apr 13, 2002-009 - Parsons TN CASI. St. Jude - World Largest Coon Hunt CCO.** Held at the Decatur County Fairgrounds, 2 miles south of Parsons on Highway 69/641. Benefits St. Jude Research Hospital. Entry: \$20, turn-in: 1:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks

payable to HOT Pod - CASI. Info: Preston Shaw, (731)847-7208, PO Box 176, Parsons, TN 38363.

**Apr 13, 2002-010 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Chi Omega Hot To Trot Chili Cookoff.** Held at Wichita Falls Museum #2 Eureka Circle. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Benefits Chi Omega charities and Make-A-Wish. Info: Roy Huston, (940)691-5643.

**Apr 13, 2002-011 - Alvarado TX CASI. 17th Annual Chilihead Soiree and Cookoff.** Held at Alvarado VFW, Highway 67. RV parking after 10:00 p Friday night due to bingo.) Benefits Cancer Aid and Research. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to LA VFW Post 9299. Breakfast served 8:00 - 9:00 a. Info: Jo Watson, (817)790-3112 or (817)556-2130, 817 Lakewood Drive, Alvarado, TX 76009.

**Apr 13, 2002-012 - San Antonio TX CASI. 5th Annual Brush Fire CCO.** Held at Tylers Tavern (formerly Antler Bar & Gameroom), 12023 Potranco Rd (1 mile west of Loop 1604W). Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Friday night cooks' party, plenty of parking (no hookups). Info: Bob Steinle, (830)931-2125.

**Apr 14, 2002-001 - El Paso TX CASI. Annual Pod of the Pass Cookoff.** Held at the Lariat Lounge, 8601 Dyer. Benefits Pod Charities. Entry: \$12, turn-in 2:00 p. Checks payable to Pod of the Pass. Info: Carol Straughan, (915)852-3599, 3608 Buxton, El Paso, TX 79928, or Earl Campbell, (915)755-1041, 4617 Tumbleweed, El Paso, TX 79924.

**Apr 14, 2002-002 - San Angelo TX CASI. SACA Pod Cookoff.** Held at Water Valley Park. Chili: \$17, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Info: Sammie Plant, (915)655-2147 or Shelby, (915)653-6426.

**Apr 20, 2002-001 - Tucson AZ CASI. CHOA Pod CCO.** Held in conjunction with the Junior Dragster Open at SIR at the Pima County Fairgrounds, 11300 S Houghton Road. Benefits CHOA Pod. Entry: \$15, turn-in: 2:00 p. Junior Chili for kids up to 18 years of age. Chili must be prepared from scratch by the Junior at the site. CHILI GRIND ONLY FOR JUNIORS. Junior entry: \$5, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Checks payable to CHOA. Info: Peter Braly, 8401 S Kolb Road #433, Tucson, AZ 85706, (520)574-0197, peterjbraly@compuserve.com.

**Apr 20, 2002-002 - Seguin TX CASI. Texas Ladies State Cookoff.** Held at Starcke Park. Friday night dinner by Harvey West and crew. Beautiful park full

of pecan trees. Open to cooks Thursday. Golf course within walking distance. Chili judging run by Glyn Gaines and Roy Huston. Fun-filled weekend for the ladies. First, second and third places in chili and first place in show win stoves and qualify for Terlingua. Info: Terry Massey, (817)558-8922 or (214)366-8461, email: tmassey@ars.com.

**Apr 20, 2002-003 - Fayetteville AR CASI. 10th Occasional Springfest CCO.** Held at the Walton Arts Center parking lot, Dickson and West Streets. Benefits Meals on Wheels. Entry: \$15 (anything more personally offends us), payable to "Joe Giles - Loose Stool Chili". Turn-in: 1:00 p. Info: Joe Giles, 12576 Highway 170, Farmington, AR 72730, (479)267-2655.

**Apr 20, 2002-004 - Hiwassee GA CASI. Hiwassee Cookoff.** Held at Sensity Cove, Lower Bell Creek Road. Entry: \$20, payable to GCCA Pod. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Info: JT Pittman, 121 Bradshaw Rd, Hiwassee, GA 30546, (706)896-4093.

**Apr 20, 2002-005 - Charlottesville VA CASI. 2nd Annual Dogwood Blues Festival Chili Cookoff.** Held Downtown Charlottesville. Benefits Habitat for Humanity. Entry: \$20, turn-in: 1:00 p. Info: Roger Koltz, 53 Ponderosa Ln, Palmyra, VA 22963, (434)589-5387, cowboychili@cs.com.

**Apr 20, 2002-006 - Pawnee OK CASI. Pawnee Folk and Springfest Chili Cookoff.** Held at Pawnee Bill Ranch and State Park. Prizes for top three places in chili and show. Entry: \$15, turn-in: 12:30 p. No alcoholic beverages allowed. Info: Theodore Morgan, (918)762-2493.

**Apr 20, 2002-007 - Odessa TX CASI. Patti Pearson Memorial CCO.** Held at South Fork Ranch (from I-20 in Odessa, take East Loop 338 south for 6 miles. Right through gate to South Fork Ranch.) Benefits Patti Pearson Memorial. Entry: \$20, turn-in: 2:00 p. Info: Sam or Suzette Holloman, (915)335-0278.

**Apr 20, 2002-008 - Goodyear AZ CASI. Hillbilly Extravaganza Ho Down And Chili Cookoff.** Held at the Avondale Moose Lodge, 1575 S. Cotton Lane. Benefits Moose charities. Entry: \$10, turn-in: 2:00 p. Also the Arizona State Menudo Championship; Salsa competition as well. Info: Tim Wasik, (928)681-2567, PO Box 8202, Hualapai, AZ 86412.

**Apr 21, 2002-001 - Seguin TX CASI. Classic CASI's Pete Armstrong, Carol Roy, Pop Roth Memorial Cookoff.** Held at Starcke Park East. Benefits: Christian Free Clinic. Entry: \$17, turn-in:

1:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to Classic CASI. Info: Pat Irvine-King, 165 Alexander Dr, Seguin, TX 78155, (830)303-1755.

**Apr 21, 2002-002 - Miles City MT CASI. St. Patrick's Day Chili Cookoff.** DATE CHANGE. Benefits local cancer patient. Info: Mick Joplin, (406)232-1742.

**Apr 27, 2002-001 - Houston TX CASI. 31st Annual Houston Pod Hal John and Judy Wimberly Memorial Cookoff.** Held at Trader's Village, 7979 N. Eldridge Parkway. Benefits the Houston Food Bank. Friday night cooks' party. Saturday Kick-start breakfast, 100% payback on jackpot beans, Junior chili cookoff - chili grind only, Junior showmanship, CASI chili, CASI showmanship, salsa cookoff, tasting cups, silent auction, Mexican Fiesta pot luck dinner, Tonk tournament, 42 tournament, live music. Entry: Beans: \$5; Junior chili: \$5, CASI chili: \$20; salsa: \$5; Tonk: \$5; 42: \$5. RV parking (no hookups). Stay for the Sunday cookoff. Info: Keith Karaff, (281)955-2603, kdkone@aol.com - use subject line: HPCCO 31.

**Apr 27, 2002-002 - Sierra Vista AZ CASI. Paul's Pub 2nd Annual Chili Cookoff** Held at 1805 Paseo San Luis (one block behind Donovan Dodge on Highway 92 S). Cooking in the field right behind Paul's Pub. Dry camping on Friday. Entry: \$10, payable to High Desert Pod - 1st time cooks not required to pay entry! Benefits the Greater Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Register by March 1 to get your name printed on your shirt. Info: Chuck Dugan, PO Box 2571, SV AZ 85636, (520)803-2065, Duganc1@msn.com, or Jim Kuriger, 1805 Paseo San Luis, SV AZ 85635, (520)459-2254.

**Apr 27, 2002-003 - Cleburne TX CASI. 5th Annual American Legion Post 50 CCO.** Held in conjunction with Cleburne's Springfest (activities all day Saturday). 313 W Chambers - one block from all the activities! Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: Noon. Friday night supper and cooks' party with live entertainment. More live entertainment on Saturday night. Benefits Cancer Research. Overnight camping (no hookups) on coosite in large fenced parking lot. Top winners merchandise awards. Don't miss this weekend of fun earning points! Info: Ken or Willie, PO Box 141, Cleburne, TX 76033, (817)645-6053 or (817)641-0814. Preregister at Attn: Cookoff, PO Box 141, Cleburne, TX 76033. Mark your calendars now!

**Apr 27, 2002-004 - Meridian TX CASI. Larry Joe Taylor's 14th Annual TX Music Fest & Chili Cookoff.** Benefits Bosque County EMS. Camping available (254-435-6113 for camping reservations). Chili entry included with festival pass. Advance tickets (per person): \$25 for three-day pass; \$18 for two-day pass (Friday & Saturday only). Advance ticket requests must be received by April 12, payable to: Larry Joe Taylor, 4217 CR 423, Stephenville, TX 76401. Info: (254)968-8505, www.larryjoetaylor.com, or ljt@2-cool.com. (On advertising probation per CASI Rule V.B.5.)

**Apr 27, 2002-005 - Stanton TX CASI. 6th Annual Martin County Museum Chili Cookoff.** Held at 301 N St. Theresa at the Martin County Community Center. Benefits Martin County Museum, checks payable to Martin County Museum. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Info: Barbara Conaway, (915)756-2669, PO Box 1143, Stanton, TX 79782.

**Apr 27, 2002-006 - Seguin TX CASI. Buffalo Roam's Third Annual Ultimate Cookoff Event.** Held at 8301 FM 20. Benefits Buffalo Roam/A Sanctuary. Entry: \$15 for one event; \$27 for two events; \$38 for 3; and \$48 for 4 (save 20%!). Showmanship included in entry fee. Turn-in: chili-1:00 p.; beans-1:30 p.; chicken-2:00 p.; brisket-2:00 p.; ribs-3:00 p. Checks payable to Buffalo Roam/A Sanctuary. Overnight camping on Friday, check in beginning at 4:00 p. Restroom facilities available, but no hookups. Cooks' party Friday night. Preregistration until April 7. Info: Judy Savage, (830)372-4747, 8301 FM 20, Seguin, TX 78155, buffaloroam@the-cia.net.

**Apr 27, 2002-007 - Macon GA CASI. Georgia State Chili Cookoff.** Held at Shrine Park. Benefits Shrine's Children's Hospital. Entry: \$35 per category - CASI chili, open chili, Brunswick stew. 10x10 booth space with each entry. RV parking at cooking site (no hookups). Mandatory head cooks' meeting at 10:00 a. All categories turn-in at 2:00 p. Live entertainment all day. Cooks' party Friday night. Info: Beth Edmundson, (478)746-6286 x 223; or Larry Oliver, (850)995-9517, doubleshotchili@aol.com.

**Apr 27, 2002-008 - Gladewater TX CASI. East Texas Gusher Days Chili CO.** Held in Downtown Gladewater, off Highway 271. Benefits Gusher Days Scholarship Fund. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Jackpot beans: entry: \$5. People's choice and showmanship, too! Checks payable to East Texas Gusher

Days. Info: Glenda Grubbs, (903)636-4351, PO Box 897, Big Sandy, TX 75755, bshjournal@aol.com.

**Apr 27, 2002-010 - San Angelo TX CASI. Lonesome Dove Chili Cookoff.** Held at 3300 N. Chadbourne. Benefits Meals for the Elderly. Chili: \$17, jackpot beans: \$10. Info: Sammie Plant, (915)655-2147.

**Apr 27, 2002-011 - George West TX CASI. 1st Annual George West Chili Fest.** Held at Smith's Trailer Village and RV Park, Highway 281 N, 1/2 mile north of George West (phone: 361-449-1498). Benefits Live Oaks Lions Club Outreach. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. RV hookups available. Cooks' party Friday night. Jackpot beans: \$10, turn-in: 12:00 n. Raffle. Potluck on Saturday night. Info: Eldon or Kim Hiley, (361)449-1903, or email: khiley@yahoo.com.

**Apr 27, 2002-012 - Cedar Rapids IA CASI. 2nd Chili N Blues CCO at 3rd Street Live. Iowa Chili Appreciation Assn Pod CCO.** Held at 1202 3rd St SE. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 12:30 p. Checks payable to ICAA. Info: Gary Christensen, (319)365-2944, 1222 10th St NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405.

**Apr 27, 2002-013 - Little Rock AR CASI. Little Rock Zoo Earth Day CCO.** Held at #1 Jonesboro Drive. Benefits the Little Rock Zoo. Entry: \$20, turn-in: 1:00 p. Checks payable to Little Rock Zoo, mail to Peri Doubleday, #1 Jonesboro Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205. GROUNDMEAT ONLY. Info: Peri Doubleday, (501)666-2406 x 108, email: pdoubleday@littlerock.state.ar.us; or Bruce Smith, email: hbchili@aol.com.

**Apr 28, 2002-001 - Houston TX CASI. Annual Houston Pod Trader's Village Cookoff.** Held at Trader's Village, 7979 N. Eldridge Parkway. Benefits Houston Area Women's Center. Sunday Breakfast Casserole-off, CASI chili - CHILI GRIND ONLY, CASI showmanship, Hot Wings Fry-off, silent auction, live music. Entry: Breakfast Casserole-off: whole dish; CASI: \$17; Hot Wings: \$5. Info: Keith Karaff, (281)955-2603, kdkone@aol.com - please use the subject line HPCCO 31.

**Apr 28, 2002-002 - Cleburne TX CASI. 5th Annual American Legion Post 50 Day After CCO.** Held at 313 W Chambers. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 1:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Saturday night live entertainment. Benefits Boys' State. Overnight camping (no hookups) on coosite in large fenced parking lot. Cookoff previous day - same location.

Top winners merchandise awards. Don't miss this weekend of fun earning points. Info: Ken or Willie, PO Box 141, Cleburne, TX 76033, (817)645-6053 or (817)641-0814. Preregister at Attn: Cookoff, PO Box 141, Cleburne, TX 76033. Mark your calendars now!

**May 4, 2002-001 - Pyote TX CASI. 12th Annual Aunt Jackie's Place Chili & Barbeque Cookoff.** Held at Aunt Jackie's Place, 111 Highway 80 East, Pyote. CASI Chili: \$17. WTBA barbecue: \$17, 50% payback. Beans: Jackpot with \$10 entry. Raffles, auction, cooks' party Friday night and dance Saturday night. Benefits Christmas in July. Contact: Aunt Jackie's Place, (915)389-5569, Mark Zocher, (915)389-5722, or Connie Zocher, (915)580-0541.

**May 4, 2002-002 - Aransas Pass TX CASI. Smoke on the Water Chili Cookoff.** Held at Johnson Community Park, 200 E Johnson off Commercial St (State Highway 361). Sponsored by Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce and City of Aransas Pass, and benefits Aransas Pass for Youth, Inc. Cooks' meeting 10:00 a. CASI Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Outlaw chili: entry: \$3, turn-in: 3:00 p. Show judging at Noon. People's choice award from "tastes" sold to benefit AP for Youth - separate competition. Special Friday Night Shrimp Gumbo Cookoff, \$5 entry (minimum of 5 entries needed for this event). Info: Brian Bondy, (800)633-3028 or info@aransaspass.org. Celebrate this new event in South Texas!

**May 4, 2002-003 - Midwest City OK CASI. Springin' Into Summer Chili Cookoff.** Held at Joe B. Barnes Regional Park, 8700 East Reno (Exit I-40 at Douglas Blvd., North on Douglas 2 miles to Reno; West (left) on Reno. Park is on south side of Reno). Entry: \$15, turn-in: 1:00 p. Registration: 8:00 - 8:30 a., showmanship 12:00 p. Checks payable to MWCAF. Info: Amy Evans, (405)739-1293 or (405)739-1288, PO Box 10570, Midwest City, OK 73140-1570.

**May 4, 2002-004 - Garland TX CASI. Elks Lodge #1984 First Annual Chili Cookoff.** Held at the Elks Lodge, 3845 Duck Creek, 1/8 mile south of Centerville Road. Benefits Elks' Charities. 25 RV spaces with full water & electric hookups -\$5/day. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Jackpot beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: 12:00. Cooks' party on Friday, May 3. Raffles, silent auction. Reservations and info: Roy Harper, (972)226-6989; Neta Rohr, (972)495-3305; or Gary Kennedy, (214)868-5112. Checks to Elks Lodge #1984, 3825 Duck Creek, Garland, TX 75043, Attn: Kay Watson. Goody bags to



first 20 cooks signed up. Sunday morning Bloody Marys and breakfast. Elks Lodge, (972)278-5300, overnight camping allowed.

**May 4, 2002-005 - Accokeek MD CASI. 3rd Annual Watch Your Step CCO.** Held at Hard Bargain Farm. Entry: \$17, payable to Mason Dixon Pod. Benefits Alice Ferguson Foundation. Turn-in: 2:00 p. For info and directions: Charlie Walstrom, (301)292-5403, email: walstrom@comcast.net.

**May 4, 2002-006 - Marble Falls TX CASI. 31st Annual Howdy-Roo Chili Cookoff & Jackpot Bean Cookoff. 7th Annual CTBA Bar-B-Q Cookoff (ribs, brisket, chicken). 5th Annual Business Chili Cookoff.** Held at Johnson Park. Limited hookups. Cooks' party Friday night. Potluck Saturday night. Entertainment Friday and Saturday nights. Potluck Thursday night for early arrivals. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Bar-B-Q: entry: \$20 each meat, or \$50 for all three, turn-in: Chicken: 1:00 p, ribs: 2:30 p, Brisket: 3:00 p. Golf tournament at 1:00 p. on Friday (must sign up before 11:00 a. Friday). \$35 includes cart, green fees, and practice balls. Contact Larry Kinnison for golf (830-693-5502); fees paid to Larry Kinnison. All other event fees payable to Highland Lakes Chili Pod (HLCP). Charity is the Marble Falls Boys and Girls Club. Arts & Crafts - \$25 for booth space. Info: Larry Kinnison, (830)693-5502, PO Box 78, Marble Falls, TX 78654.

**May 4, 2002-007 - Memphis TN CASI. Variety Club Cookoff.** Held at the Variety Club, 3294 Poplar. Benefits Children's Charities. Entry: \$25, payable to Variety Club. Chili turn-in: 2:00 p. Hot Wings contest (wings furnished): \$10, turn-in: 1:00 p. Friday night cooks' party, 7:00 - 11:00 p., with live music. Some RV parking, or contact Tanna or George for more info on RV parking. 1st place chili - TV; 2nd - 10th unusual trophies. Info: Tanna Jones, (662)781-1414 or George Kunkle, (901)327-9674.

**May 4, 2002-008 - Angleton TX CASI. Brazoria County Fair Spring Fair.** Held at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds on Downing Road. Benefits Brazoria County Fair Assn. Chili: entry: \$20, turn-in: 2:30 p. Gumbo: entry: \$20, turn-in: 3:00 p. Cooks' meeting at 10:00 a. RV parking available at site (no hookups). Boiled crawfish - \$6 per plate. Entertainment from Noon until 10:00 p - 4 different groups. T-shirts to first 25 entries. Info and registration available at www.BCFA.org. Info: Jerry Powell, (979)848-8333 or chile@mastnet.net.

May 4, 2002-009 - Pasco WA CASI. 13th Annual Preston Premium Wines CCO. Held at 502 E Vineyard Drive. Benefits Tri-Cities Hospice Center. Entry: \$12, turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to Preston Premium Wines. Info: Cathy Preston-Mouncer, (509)545-1990, 502 E Vineyard Dr., Pasco, WA, or email: cp@prestonwines.com.

**May 4, 2002-010 - Amarillo TX CASI. 12th Annual Goodwill CCO.** Held at 4600 South Georgia, South Georgia Shopping Center. Benefits Goodwill Industries. Entry: \$20, turn-in: 2:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Info: Larry, (806)654-5155 or Pam, (806)353-3578.

**May 4, 2002-011 - Castroville TX CASI. J & J Rihn's Third Annual CCO.** Held at 2405 Highway 90 West (2 miles west of Castroville). Benefits Medina County Disaster Relief Fund. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to Country Bumpkin. Cooks' Party Friday night. RV parking (no hookups). Info: Bob Steinle, (830)931-2125 or Jody Rihn, (830)931-2973.

**May 4, 2002-012 - Saint Charles, IL CASI. Tenth Annual Chillini Pod Chili Cookoff.** Held at St. Charles VFW Post 5036, 119 Third Street. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 1:00 p. "Jackpot" salsa: entry: \$5, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Checks payable to the Chillini Pod. Info: Bill Pierson, (630)879-7934 or Larry Gabriel, (630)406-1949, email: chillinipod@aol.com.

**May 5, 2002-001 - Garland TX CASI. Elks Lodge #1984 Morning After Chili Cookoff.** Held at the Elks Lodge, 3845 Duck Creek, 1/8 mile south of Centerville Road. Benefits Sweethearts Children's Diagnostic Center. Full water and electric hookups for RVs \$5/day. Breakfast and Bloody Marys. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 12:00. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to Elks Lodge #1984, Attn: Kay Watson, 3825 Duck Creek Rd., Garland, TX 75043. Info: Roy Harper, (972)226-6989; Neta Rohr, (972)495-3305; or Gary Kennedy, (214)868-5112. Elks Lodge, (972)278-5300.

**May 5, 2002-002 - Marble Falls TX CASI. Backbone Creek Chili Cookoff.** Held at Johnson Park. Benefits local charity. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to Highland Lakes Chili Pod. Info: Larry Kinnison, (830)693-5502, PO Box 878, Marble Falls, TX 78654.

**May 5, 2002-003 - El Paso TX CASI. KBNA Cinco de Mayo Chili Cookoff.** Held at 4100 E Paisano. Benefits St.

Jude's. Entry: \$12, turn-in: 1:00 p. Info: Earl Campbell, (915)755-1041, 4617 Tumbleweed, El Paso, TX 79924.

**May 5, 2002-004 - Scottsdale AZ CASI. 2nd Annual Cinco de Mayo CCO.** Held at West World. More details to follow. Info: Mad Jack, (480)726-3849, email: azmadjack@prodigy.net.

**May 5, 2002-005 - Amarillo TX CASI. Annual Hotter Than Fire Chili & BBQ Cookoff.** Held at Club 26, 26th Street and Paramount. CASI chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Beans entry: \$5. Brisket, ribs or both, \$15 each. Info: Larry, (806)654-5155.

**May 11, 2002-001 - Odessa TX CASI. Black Gold Pod CCO.** Held at Becky Sam's Tropical Bar & Grill, 2458 FM 1936. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. More info to follow. Info: Wes Watson, 4904 Melville Dr, Midland, TX 79705, (915)687-2170.

**May 11, 2002-002 - Greensboro NC CASI. TRIAD County Cookoff.** Held at Farmer's Market, Exit 208, I-40, Sandy Ridge Road. Benefits Epilepsy Foundation of N.C. Entry: \$15 for Pod members, \$20 for non-members and restaurants; payable to Piedmont Pepper Pod. Turn-in 1:00 p. Info: Dick Steinert, (336)292-6580 (home) or (336)335-6930 (business), 3221 Forsyth Dr., Greensboro, NC 27407.

**May 11, 2002-003 - Gulf Shores AL CASI. 2nd Annual Mo's Landing Cookoff.** Held at Mo's Landing, 18068 Highway 182. Benefits local charities. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 1:00 p. Checks payable to State of Alabama Pod. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Info: Renee Moore, (251)949-7000 or rmoore@ci.gulf-shores.al.us.

**May 11, 2002-004 - Victoria TX CASI. Colet Inn Chili Cookoff.** Held at the Colet Inn on Camp Colet Road (call for detailed map, or visit www.coletinn.com.) Benefits Pod expenses to GP Meeting and Victoria County Go-Texan Committee. Chili entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Jackpot beans (dry pintos only): entry: \$5, turn-in: 11:00 a. Pork spare ribs: \$15, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. BBQ brisket - "Go Texan brisket" and "Open", \$15 each, both turn-in: 4:00 p. Junior chili: entry: \$5, turn-in: 1:00 p. Checks payable to VASA Pod. Info: Linda McDonald, (361)578-2575, 619 Springwood, Victoria, TX 77905; Robert Lowery, (361)575-6066; Colet Inn, (361)578-1360.

**May 11, 2002-005 - Winthrop WA CASI. 16th Annual CCO and BBQ.** Held at City Park, benefits local charities. CASI entry: \$22, and \$5 for People's Choice.

Turn-in: 2:05 p. Checks payable to PNWBA. Info: Bob Lyon, (425)643-0607, 4244 134th Avenue SE, Bellevue, WA 98006, email: bslyon@att.net.

**May 11, 2002-006 - Cholla Bay MX CASI. JJ's Cantina's Santa Claus Club Chili Cookoff.** Cooks' party Friday night, Fish Fry Saturday. Entry: \$10, turn-in: 2:00 p. Goodie bags, Tequila, Bikinis, Sun, Ocean, Beach. Good public turnout. Road has been mostly paved. Info: Mad Jack, (480)726-3849, email: azmadjack@prodigy.net.

**May 11, 2002-007 - Tahlequah OK CASI. Send Them Back Home Cookoff.** Held at the Cherokee Heritage Center, 21672 S Keeler Road (two miles east of Hwy 62). Check out the website at www.cherokeeheritage.org or call (918)456-6007 for directions. Benefits travel fund for Eastern Band of Cherokees' Fall Festival in Cherokee, NC - the original home of the Cherokee Nation before the Trail of Tears. Entry: \$20, turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to Cherokee Heritage Center (and we take credit cards, too). Fry bread and corn bread available. Info: Kathy Harmon or Curtis Dirteater, (918)456-6007, PO Box 515, Tahlequah, OK 74465-0515.

**May 11, 2002-008 - Denton TX CASI. 8th Annual Elks Cookoff.** Held at the Denton Elks Lodge, 228 East Oak. Benefits Aubrey Youth Sports. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Jackpot beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Info: Robert Bell, (940)382-5360-day or (940)365-2504 - evenings.

**May 17, 2002-001 - Sierra Vista AZ CASI. Relay for Life Cookoff.** Held at Veterans' Memorial Park on Fry Boulevard. Benefits American Cancer Society. Entry: \$10, turn-in: 8:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to High Desert Pod. Info: Trudy Berry, (520)378-3692, PO Box 1298, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636.

**May 18, 2002-001 - Kemah TX CASI. 2nd Annual FOE Eagles Lodge 4175 CO Benefits FOE charities.** Chili Grind only. Entry: \$17. Sorry, no RV parking available. More information to follow. Info: Bob Horan, (281)376-4817 or email: pineywoodspod@mindspring.com.

**May 18, 2002-002 - White Sands MR NM CASI. WSMR Sizzler CASI CCO.** Held at Highway 70. Entry: \$15, payable to the NMCS. Benefits Army Morale charities. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Info: Teamorgan@zianet.com.



**May 18, 2002-003 - Manchaca TX CASI. 2nd Annual Giddy-Ups Chili Cookoff.** Held at Giddy-Ups Saloon, Manchaca Road. Entry: chili only, \$17; chili and showmanship: \$14. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Turn-in: 2:00 p. RV parking (no hookups). Info: Nancy, (512)280-4732 or Ken Rodd, (210)887-8827. Chili cookoff same location next day.

**May 18, 2002-004 - Sierra Vista AZ CASI. Sierra Vista West End Fair CCO.** Held in the parking lot next to the VFW parking lot (behind the World Famous Sorry Gulch Saloon), 549 West Harvey Drive. Entry: \$15, turn-in: 1:00 p. Checks payable to High Desert Pod. First-time cookoff. First-time cooks' entry waived. This is the second of back-to-back cookoffs in Sierra Vista - first is Friday night at Veterans Memorial Park for the Walk for Life. Space limited, so arrive early!! Benefits the Sierra Vista Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Info: Greg Monger, (520)417-9948, mongo@theriver.com, 4930 Marconi Dr, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635.

**May 18, 2002-005 - Ennis TX CASI. Top of Texas Pod Annual Cookoff.** Held at Knights of Columbus Hall, 850 S Interstate 45. CASI chili: entry: \$25, turn-in: 2:00 p. Local chili: \$20, turn-in: 1:00 p. Junior chili: \$5, turn-in: 1:00 p. Jackpot beans: \$5, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Salsa: \$5, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Friday night cooks' party, entertainment, raffle, morning after cookoff, goody bags to first 100 registered cooks. Plenty of RV space (no hookups). Benefits Knights of Columbus charities. Directions: From I-45 in Ennis, Exit #251-A (Creechville Rd). Get on service road going north (east side). Knights of Columbus Hall is on service road approx. 1/4 mile north of Creechville Road. Mail entries to: Top of Texas, 1254 Hidden Ridge, #1012, Irving, TX 75038. Info: Coby Davis, (214)727-7445, coby\_davis@hotmail.com.

**May 18, 2002-006 - Cloverdale, BC CN CASI. Canadian International Chili Championship.** Held at the Cloverdale Rodeo Grounds, 176 Street. Benefits Surrey Association for the Mentally Handicapped. Entry: \$15 (US) or \$20 (CDN), turn-in: 4:00 p. Contact: Fred Roycroft, (604)464-3472, email: chili4fred@telus.net.

**May 18, 2002-007 - Yarnell AZ CASI. Yarnell Chili Cookoff.** Held at 22857 S Highway 89 (lot next to doctors' offices). Benefits Yarnell Chamber. Entry: \$10, turn-in: 1:00 p. Cooks' meeting: 9:00 a. Checks payable to Yavapai Chili Society. Parade starts at 10:00 a. People's choice chili starts serving at 11:00 a. Info: Jerry D.

Lee, (623)486-4515, 7832 W Canterbury Dr, Peoria, AZ 85345.

**May 18, 2002-008 - Kingston TN CASI. The Chamber Chili Cookoff.** Held on the historic Roane County Courthouse lawn, 119 Court St. (I-40 to Exit 352 - Kingston; south on S. Kentucky to the Courthouse.) Benefits Roane County Chamber of Commerce. Entry: \$20, payable to the Chamber Chili Cookoff. Turn-in: 1:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. This is the first annual Chamber Chili Cookoff, which will be a countywide event to promote fun, food and entertainment on Armed Forces Day. Info: Mike Smith, Beth Sams or Jan Fleming, (865)376-5572, Roane County Chamber of Commerce, 1209 N Kentucky St, Kingston, TN 37763.

**May 18, 2002-009 - Jourdanton, TX CASI. 12th Annual Jourdanton VFD - Malvin Prasifka Memorial Cookoff.** Held at the Catholic Church parking lot, next to City Park. Benefits Jourdanton Volunteer Fire Dept. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 3:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to Jourdanton VFD. Info: Marty Prasifka, (830)769-3147, 110 Chaparral Cir., Jourdanton, TX 78026.

**May 19, 2002-001 - Manchaca TX CASI. Giddy-Ups Saloon Chili Cookoff.** Held at Giddy-Ups Saloon, Manchaca Road. Benefits "Friends of Texas Ladies State". Entry: \$10, turn-in: 1:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Info: Nancy, (512)280-4732. Cookoff previous day same location.

**May 19, 2002-002 - Berryville VA CASI. Berryville Barns Festival.** Held adjacent to Rose Hill Park, Downtown Berryville. Benefits Barns of Berryville Restoration Project. Entry: \$25, checks payable to Downtown Berryville, Inc. Features a \$200 Terlingua expense "IOU", payable at Terlingua this November to the winner or highest placed finisher from Berryville cookoff. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Hot Rod Car Show, 5K Run, Home Beer Contest, Music, Arts & Crafts, and Children's Activities. Info: Jim Kelly, (540) 955-4632; Downtown Berryville, Inc., (540)955-4001 or DBI@shentel.net.

**May 19, 2002-003 - Ennis TX CASI. Top of Texas Pod Morning After Cookoff.** Held at Knights of Columbus Hall, 850 S Interstate 45. CASI chili: \$17, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Plenty of RV space (no hookups). Benefits Knights of Columbus charities. Directions: From I-45 in Ennis, take Exit #251A (Creechville Road). Get on service road going north (east side). Knights of Columbus Hall is on service road approx. 1/4 mile north of Creechville Road. Mail

entries to: Top of Texas, 1254 Hidden Ridge, #1012, Irving, TX 75038. Info: Coby Davis, (214)727-7445, coby\_davis@hotmail.com.

**May 19, 2002-004 - Amarillo TX CASI. Tall In Texas Annual Pod Cookoff.** Held at 3609 Doris - Larry Guffey's backyard. Benefits local charities and Tall In Texas Pod. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to Tall In Texas Pod. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Info: Randy Reese, (806)373-0393, 1036 Sunrise, Amarillo, TX 79104.

**May 19, 2002-005 - Cloverdale, BC CN CASI. Rodeo Roundup Chili Cookoff.** Held at the Cloverdale Rodeo Grounds, 176 Street. Entry: \$15 (US) or \$20 (CDN), turn-in: 2:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Charity to be announced. Info: Fred Roycroft, (604)464-3472, email: chili4fred@telus.net.

**May 25, 2002-001 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Southwest Open Chili Championship.** NEW LOCATION: Near downtown, with RV hookups (fee for electricity and water). More details to follow. Info: Don Walker, (940)691-0108 or Glyn Gaines (940)767-2273.

**May 25, 2002-002 - Spicewood TX CASI. Cast Off Chili Cookoff.** Held at Krause Springs, Highway 71 to Spur 191 North. Benefits local charities. Entry: \$15, turn-in: 1:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Cooks' party Saturday night. Checks payable to Highland Lakes Chili Pod. Info: Larry Kinnison, (830)693-5502, PO Box 878, Marble Falls, TX 78654. For camping reservations, call Jane Krause, (830)693-4181.

**May 26, 2002-001 - San Angelo TX CASI. Chili Legends Memorial Chili CO.** Held at Water Valley Park. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Chili: \$17, Beans: \$5, Junior chili: \$5. Info: Sue Yates, (915)944-1403. Charity to be determined. More info to follow. On Saturday, May 25, BBQ cookoff - brisket, ribs, chicken -80% payback plus \$250 additional payout. Open category - desserts and whatever. Entry: BBQ: \$15 each category, Open: \$5.

**May 26, 2002-002 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. NOB Pod Annual Chili Cookoff.** Follows Southwest Open. New location: Near downtown. Details to follow. Info: Don Walker, (940)691-0108 or Glyn Gaines, (940)767-2273.

**May 26, 2002-003 - York PA CASI. 13th Annual York Jaycees CCO.** A great cookoff with a large corporate division. Lots of fun for the whole family. Entry: \$17, payable to Mason Dixon Pod.

Turn-in: 2:00 p. Info and directions: Alan Dean, (410)879-6410, email: pepperdean@comcast.net.

**May 26, 2002-004 - Spicewood TX CASI. Laid Back Chili Cookoff.** Held at Krause Springs, Highway 71 to Spur 191 North. Benefits Great Peppers' Meeting. Entry: \$15, turn-in: 1:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to Highland Lakes Chili Pod. Info: Larry Kinnison, (830)693-5502, PO Box 878, Marble Falls, TX 78654. For camping reservations, call Jane Krause, (830)693-4181.

**May 26, 2002-005 - Tombstone AZ CASI. Wyatt Earp Days Chili Cookoff.** Held at 4th Street, between Allen and Toughnut. Benefits Tombstone Lions Club. Entry: \$10, turn-in: 3:00 p. Checks payable to High Desert Pod. Cooks' party Saturday the 25th at the Helldorado Building - dinner, beer and sodas. T-shirts to the first 40 cooks. Info: Ron Phillips, (520)378-6519 or (520)678-3915, 4273 S Kino Road, Sierra Vista, AZ 85650-9142.

**Jun 1, 2002-001 - Alamogordo NM CASI. VFW Post 7686 CASI CCO.** Held at 700 Highway 70 West, Alamogordo. Entry: \$15, payable to the NMCS. Benefits VFW charities. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Info: rec@zianet.com.

**Jun 1, 2002-002 - Houston TX CASI. Space City Pod 25th Annual CCO and BBQ.** Held at 3406 W Alabama (Blanco's). Benefits Houston Food Bank. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: 12:00 noon. Pork ribs: entry: \$10, turn-in: 1:00 p. Brisket: entry: \$10, turn-in: 3:30 p. Payable to Space City Pod. Raffle and silent auction. Plenty of parking (no hookups). Info: Sandy McIntosh, (281)931-9157, email: sandymac@ev1.net, 915 Mierianne St., Houston, TX 77088.

**Jun 1, 2002-003 - Greer AZ CASI. Arizona Men's Open.** Held at Snowy Mountain Inn. Entry: \$15, payable to Alpine Chili Society. Dry camping. Info: Dick Seehusen, PO Box 77, Alpine, AZ 85920, (928)339-1840. More info to follow.

**Jun 1, 2002-004 - Greer AZ CASI. Arizona Women's Open.** Held at Snowy Mountain Inn. Entry: \$15, payable to Alpine Chili Society. Dry camping. Info: Dick Seehusen, PO Box 77, Alpine, AZ 85920, (928)339-1840. More info to follow.

**Jun 1, 2002-005 - College Park MD CASI. Maryland State Championship.** Entry: \$17, payable to Mason Dixon Pod. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Info and directions: Alan

Dean, (410)879-6410, email: pepperdean@comcast.net.

**Jun 1, 2002-006 - Adair OK CASI. Adair's Dalton Days Celebration.** Held at Sam's Town USA. Chili: entry: \$20, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. BBQ: entry: \$50 for three events; open turn-in: 12:30 p.; ribs turn-in: 1:00 p.; brisket turn-in: 1:30 p. Car show, tractor pull, music and much, much more. Benefits Adair Chamber of Commerce. Info: Diana Kennedy, (918)785-4242. Preregistration to: Adair Chamber, PO Box 377, Adair, OK 74330-0377.

**Jun 1, 2002-007 - Tyler TX CASI. 22nd Annual Rose City Chili Cookoff.** Held at East Texas Fairgrounds. Benefits Smith County Sheriff K-9 Unit. More info to follow. Info: Denning Key, (903)596-9061 or Steve Tonjes, (903)566-9146.

**Jun 1, 2002-008 - Loves Park IL CASI. Loves Park Backyard Cookoff.** Held at 6613 Buckhorn. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to Ginny Carlson. Info: Wes and Ginny Carlson, (815)885-3470, 6613 Buckhorn, Loves Park, IL 61111.

**Jun 1, 2002-009 - Floris IA CASI. Annual Flag Day Event on Main Street CCO.** Turn-in: 1:00 p. Info: Virgil or Roylene Johnson, (641)684-4525, email: roylene1@prodigy.net.

**Jun 1, 2002-010 - Miles City MT CASI. Montana State Open Championship, The Big Sky Chili Cookoff Classic.** CASI chili, green chili, beans, Junior red chili. Benefits R.S.V.P. COPS program. Cooks' party Friday night. Info: Mick Joplin, (406)232-1742.

**Jun 2, 2002-001 - Houston TX CASI. Space City Pod 25th Annual Day After Cookoff.** Held at Blanco's, 3406 W Alabama. Benefits various charities. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 1:00 p. Omelets: entry: \$8, turn-in: 10:00 a. Omelet judging: \$10. Open BBQ: \$10, turn-in 12:00 Noon. Payable to Space City Pod. Info: Sandy McIntosh, (281)931-9157, email: sandymac@ev1.net, 915 W Mierianne St, Houston, TX 77088.

**Jun 7, 2002-001 - Parkers Cross Roads TN CASI. Cannons and Cookpots CCO.** Held at Exit 108 on I-40 (same site as 6/8/2002 cookoff). Benefits PCBA - Ladies Auxiliary. Entry: \$15, turn-in 8:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to HOT Pod - CASI. Info: Preston Shaw, (731)847-7208 or Richard Knight, (615)449-6676.

**Jun 8, 2002-001 - Parkers Cross Roads TN CASI. Battleground - Mid South**

**Regional** Held at Parkers Cross Roads Battlefield, Exit 108 on I-40 (halfway between Memphis and Nashville). Entry: \$20, benefits Parkers Cross Roads Battlefield Assoc.; advance checks payable to HOT Pod. Chili turn-in: 1:00 p. TICC 2002 expense money to Top 3 chilis and Top Show. Civil War reenactment, Saturday night cooks' dinner. Music & dancing. RV space (no hookups). See ad for more details. Info: Preston Shaw, (731)847-7208, or Richard Knight, (615)449-6676. HOT Pod, PO Box 176, Parsons, TN 38363.

**Jun 8, 2002-002 - Iraan TX CASI. Alley Oop Chili & BBQ Cookoff.** Held at Iraan County Park. Benefits Ex-Students Association. Chili entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to Ex-Students Association. CHILI GRIND ONLY. WTBA BBQ, too! 1/2 jointed chicken, pork spareribs, brisket: \$15 each, 80% payback. Dry pinto beans: \$5 entry. Info: Venetia Smith, (915)639-2761 (h) or (915)639-2543(w), PO Box 933, Iraan, TX 79744.

**Jun 8, 2002-003 - Trinidad CO CASI. Santa Fe Trail Days CCO.** Held at the Fairgrounds. Benefits AADA and Hope Pregnancy. Entry: CASI chili: \$20; green chili: \$15; beans: \$5; salsa: \$5; or all four for \$40. Checks payable to Trinidad Chamber of Commerce. Turn-in times to be announced. Info: Mike or Laurie Parker, (719)846-0494, parkerprop@adelphia.net, 922 Aitchison, Trinidad, CO 81082.

**Jun 8, 2002-004 - Longview TX CASI. Hundred Acres of Heritage CCO.** Held in Downtown Longview. Benefits Hundred Acres of Heritage. Entry: \$25, turn-in: 1:00 p. (Set up at 8:00 a.) Preregistration deadline: May 1. Three-day arts and crafts festival. Info: Stacey Marino, (903)236-0051, email: smarino@fox51.com or Casey Boone, (903)237-4040, email: casey@longviewpartnership.org.

**Jun 8, 2002-005 - McDade TX CASI. First Ever Star Ranch CASI CCO.** Held at Star Ranch Nudist Resort (clothing optional), 166 Eely Road (32 miles east of Austin off Highway 290; turn on Waco Street, go .25 mile, cross a railroad track and turn left on Brown; 1.9 miles, turn left on Eely Road, bear to your right and follow signs to gate.) Benefits Neighbors for Neighbors. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Camping and RV space, hookups available. Clubhouse, beautiful grounds; swimming pool and hot tub (must be nude for these). Cooks' party Friday night. CASI and local chili. Head cook and one assistant, four members per show team get free ground fees; others \$30 each for weekend. For RV and

camping reservations and info: (866)705-5978, email: staranch@onr.com, www.starranch.net/starranchinfo.html; Misty Timms, (512)273-2257.

**Jun 9, 2002-001 - Parkers Cross Roads TN CASI. HOT Pod Cookoff.** Held at Parkers Cross Roads Battlefield, Exit 108 on I-40 (same site as 6/8/2002 cookoff). Entry: \$15, payable to and benefiting HOT Pod. Turn-in: 12:00 Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Info: Preston Shaw, (731)847-7208 or Richard Knight, (615)449-6676. HOT Pod, PO Box 176, Parsons, TN 38363.

**Jun 9, 2002-002 - Issaquah WA CASI. 2nd Annual Wildfire Ranch CCO and BBQ.** Held at Wildfire Ranch, Gilman Village. Benefits local charities. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:30 p. Checks payable to PNWBA. Info: Ken Peach, (253)537-4591, 3125 148th St E, Tacoma, WA 98446, email: kmpeach@aol.com.

**Jun 14, 2002-001 - Fort Smith AR CASI. Miss Laura Friday Nite Social.** Held at Columbus Acres, Highway 71 South and Broken Hill. Benefits BELCH Pod. Entry: \$10, turn-in: 7:00 p. Checks payable to BELCH Pod, mail to Guy Smith, PO Box 5211, Fort Smith, AR 72913. Info: Guy Smith, (479)646-9444.

**Jun 15, 2002-001 - Las Cruces NM CASI. BPOE 1119 CASI CCO.** Held at 1119 Elk Drive, Las Cruces. Entry: \$15, payable to the NMCS. Benefits BPOE charities. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Info: Teamorgan@zianet.com.

**Jun 15, 2002-002 - Grove OK CASI. Smoke on the Water BBQ & Chili Blast.** Held at the Grove Civic Center, benefits Grove Area Chamber of Commerce. Chili entry: \$20, payable to Grove Area Chamber of Commerce. BBQ, too - sanctioned by KCBS and will include brisket, pork ribs, chicken and pork shoulder/butt. Info: Doris Trospen, (918)786-5980 (home) or (918)786-2223 (work), 25351 S 603 Road, Grove, OK 74344.

**Jun 15, 2002-003 - Fort Smith AR CASI. 20th Annual Judge Issac C. Parker Memorial Cookoff and Arkansas State BBQ Championship.** Held at Columbus Acres, Highway 71 South and Broken Hill. Benefits Fort Smith Boys' Shelter. Entry: \$20, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Checks payable to Fort Smith Boys' Shelter; mail to Guy Smith, PO Box 5211, Fort Smith, AR 72913. Info: Guy Smith, (479)646-9444.

**Jun 15, 2002-004 - Austin TX CASI. 22nd Annual SOT Pod Cookoff.**

Benefits Central Texas Food Bank. Held at Lago Vista. CASI chili: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Junior chili: \$5, turn-in 1:00 p. Beans: \$5, turn-in: 1:00 p. Salsa: \$5, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Tonk and 42 tournaments Saturday night. Cooks' party Friday night, Pod breakfast Saturday, potluck dinner Saturday night. Stay for the Sunday CCO! Info and directions: Greg Martin, (512)257-9799, email: greg@swsystems.com.

**Jun 16, 2002-001 - Austin TX CASI. SOT Pod Day After Cookoff.** Held at Lago Vista. Benefits local area charities. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Info and directions: Greg Martin, (512)257-9799, email: greg@swsystems.com.

**Jun 22, 2002-001 - Grand Lake CO CASI. 19th State of Colorado Championship** Held in Grand Lake, Colorado. Benefits Grand Lake Dive Team. Top ten CASI places, top 3 Green places and top 3 Showmanship awards. Entry fee \$25.00 for CASI/red or green, or both for \$35.00. Cook at 9,000 feet in the town park. All cooks who sign up and pay their entry fee by June 01, 2002 will receive a special memento. Info Donnie Kern (970)672-8428, Lyman Wilkinson (720)890-9600 (w), or John Montgomery (303)831-5000 (w). Entry to Colorado Chili Pod, c/o John Montgomery, 1600 Broadway, Suite 1600, Denver, CO 80202.

**Jun 22, 2002-002 - Conroe/Houston TX CASI. 2nd Annual Piney Woods Pod Chili Cookoff.** Information to follow. Contact: Bob Horan, (281)376-4817.

**Jun 22, 2002-003 - Bastrop TX CASI. River Runners Chili Cookoff.** Held at the Bastrop American Legion. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Entry: \$17. Benefits Bastrop American Legion. Free cooks' dinner and dance Saturday evening. RV parking (no hookups). Info: Fred Mertink, (512)253-6335 or Crystal, (512)321-5555. Cookoff next day same location.

**Jun 22, 2002-004 - San Angelo TX CASI. Rolling Thunder Racetrack Chili and BBQ Cookoff.** Benefits Hospice of San Angelo. More info next month. Info: Sammie Plant, (915)655-2147.

**Jun 22, 2002-005 - Alsip IL CASI. Chilin' Out at Summerfest CCO.** Held at Summerfest Grounds, 119th Street and Kostner. (Take 57 to 127th Street W to Pulaski; Pulaski N to 119th, West to Kostner OR take 294 to 127th Street E to Pulaski, turn North to 119th St, West to Kostner). Benefits American Cancer Society. Entry: \$17, payable to Alsip Park



District. Turn-in: 3:00 p. Tasting is open to the public, and we'll have a People's Choice Award. Info: Meghan Fenlon, (708)389-1003, 12521 S Kostner, Alsip, IL 60803.

**Jun 22, 2002-006 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. American Legion Post 169 Auxiliary Cookoff.** Held at 4605 Lake Shore Drive. 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. Cooks' party Friday night, June 21. RV parking (no hookups). Indoor cooking available. Info: Glyn Gaines, (940)767-2273, #7 Bandera Circle, Wichita Falls, Texas 76302.

**Jun 22, 2002-007 - Ottumwa IA CASI. Annual Pro-Balloon Race CCO.** Held in Ottumwa Park. Benefits Hospice. Turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Info: Virgil or Roylene Johnson, (641)684-4525, email: roylene1@prodigy.net.

**Jun 23, 2002-001 - Conroe/Houston TX CASI. Morning After PWP Chili Cookoff.** Information to follow. Contact: Bob Horan, (281)376-4817.

**Jun 23, 2002-002 - Bastrop TX CASI. River Runners II Chili Cookoff.** Held at Bastrop American Legion. CHILIGRIND ONLY. Entry: \$10, benefits River Runner charities. Cookoff previous day same location. Info: Fred Mertink, (512)253-6335 or Crystal, (512)321-5555.

**Jun 23, 2002-003 - Rochester WA CASI. Lucky Eagle Casino CCO.** Held at Lucky Eagle Casino. Benefits local charities. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to Ken Peach, 3125 148th St E, Tacoma, WA 98446. Info: Ken Peach, (253)537-4591, email: kmpeach@aol.com.

**Jun 29, 2002-001 - Stanton TX CASI. 2nd Annual Cookin for Kids Chili Cookoff.** Held at 301 N St. Theresa, Martin County Community Center. Benefits Martin County School Activities, and checks payable to same. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Info: Kim Conaway, (915)756-2669, PO Box 1143, Stanton, TX 79782.

**Jun 29, 2002-002 - Flanders NJ CASI. 2nd Annual CCO and Microbeer Festival.** Entry: \$17, payable to Mason Dixon Pod. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Info and directions: Alan Dean, (410)879-6410, email: pepperdean@comcast.net.

**Jun 29, 2002-003 - Tulsa OK CASI. 5th Annual All American BBQ & Chili Cookoff.** Held at American Legion Post 1, 1120 E 8th Street. Benefits Veterans'

charities. Chili: entry: \$20, turn-in: 1:00 p. BBQ \$20 per category. Turn-in: poultry: 12:00 Noon; ribs: 1:45 p.; brisket: 2:30 p. Register for all four events -\$70 (10 savings!) BBQ by IBS rules. Prize money paid to top 5 BBQ cooks. Info: Jan Barber, (918)599-0386, email: jnbrbr@yahoo.com.

**Jul 6, 2002-001 - San Angelo TX CASI. 4th of July Blowout Chili Cookoff.** Held at Water Valley Park. CHILIGRIND ONLY. Entry: Chili: \$17, Jackpot Beans: \$5. Charity to be determined. Info: Laura Coad, (915)944-7715. More info to follow.

**Jul 6, 2002-002 - Statesville NC CASI. Big Yankee Day Cookoff.** Held at 2646 Old Mocksville Road. Benefits Piedmont Pepper Pod. Entry: \$15 for Piedmont Pepper Pod members, \$20 for non-members and \$5 for free-style chili. GROUND BEEF ONLY. Turn-in: 1:00 p. Checks payable to Piedmont Pepper Pod. Info: Charlie Salem, (704)546-2935 or Brent Lundy, (704)876-2681.

**Jul 13, 2002-001 - Ft. Washington MD CASI. 5th Annual Up The Creek CCO and Party.** Entry: \$22, payable to Mason Dixon Pod. Turn-in: 3:00 p. Info and directions: Charlie Walstrom, (301)292-5403, email: charles@comcast.net. (Please note revised turn-in time.)

**Jul 13, 2002-002 - Schertz TX CASI. Summer Heat.** Held at 1000 FM 78. Benefits VOD Scholarships. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Cooks' party Saturday night, July 13. Showmanship: 11:00 a - 1:00 p. Checks payable to VFW Post 8315. Info: Peggy Hale, (210)659-1107, 10312 Flatland Tr, Converse, TX 78109.

**Jul 13, 2002-003 - Odessa TX CASI. 8th Annual West Texas Barbeque Association Championship and Chili Cookoff.** Held at Becky Sam's Tropical Bar & Grill, 2458 FM 1936. CASI chili: \$20. WTBA Barbecue: brisket, pork spare ribs, and chicken: \$25 per category. Benefits Make A Wish Foundation of West Texas. Great cash prizes for barbecue winners! Info: Boomer Kingston, (915)563-5499 or Becky Dixon, (915)385-1908.

**Jul 13, 2002-004 - Gering NE CASI. Nebraska State Open CASI Championship Cookoff.** Held at Oregon Trail Park. Benefits Oregon Trail Days. Entry: \$15, turn-in: 3:00 p. Checks payable to Oregon Trail Days Association. Info: Paul Snyder, (308)632-6131, email: chili@oregontraildays.com.

**Jul 14, 2002-001 - Schertz TX CASI. Summer Heat Sunday.** Held at 1000 FM

78. Benefits Youth Activities. Entry: \$15, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Checks payable to VFW Post 8315. Showmanship: 10:30 a. Info: Peggy Hale, (210)659-1107, 10312 Flatland Tr, Converse, TX 78109.

**Jul 20, 2002-001 - Vaughan NM CASI. 1st Ever Vaughan CASI CCO.** Highway 54 N in Vaughan. Entry: \$15, payable to the NMCS. Benefits local charity. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Info: Teamorgan@zianet.com.

**Jul 20, 2002-002 - Greenville TX CASI. 4th Annual Greenville Elks Lodge Chili Cookoff.** Held 6 miles south of Greenville and 8 miles north of Quinlan on Highway 34 (Cash, Texas area). Benefits local improvements. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 1:00 p. Jackpot beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: 12:00 Noon, 50/50 (1st place only). Goodie bags to first 30 paid entries. Limited hookups. Checks payable to Greenville Elks Lodge. Mail checks to or info: Carl and Jackie Grose, 5640 Highway 34 South, Quinlan, TX 75474-3228, (903)883-4916 (days and evenings until 9:00 p). See Sunday cookoff, also.

**Jul 20, 2002-003 - Golden City MO CASI. Missouri State Open Chili Cookoff and Second Annual Junior Chili Cookoff.** Held at City Park - Golden City. Entry: CASI: \$20, Junior: \$5. Turn-in: 12:00 p. GROUND MEAT ONLY. Checks payable to Golden Harvest Days. Goody bags to first 25 cooks. Overnight camping available (no hookups). Info: Dixie Johnson, (417)682-5432, jrj8@ipa.net, 601 Truman, Lamar, MO 64759.

**Jul 20, 2002-004 - Staples TX CASI. 19th Annual Purgatory Creek Pod Chili Cookoff.** On the San Marcos River. Overnight camping (no hookups). Move in after Noon on Friday, July 19. Friday night cooks' party. Benefits local charities. \*Please - no 4 wheelers or all terrain vehicles. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 1:00 p. CHILIGRIND ONLY. Info: Mike Benold, (512)894-0873 or Karen Reinke, (512)357-6633.

**Jul 21, 2002-001 - Greenville TX CASI. 4th Annual Morning After Greenville Elks Lodge Chili Cookoff.** Held 6 miles south of Greenville and 8 miles north of Quinlan on Highway 34 (Cash, Texas area). Benefits Children's Hospital charities. Chili: entry: \$13, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. CHILIGRIND ONLY. Checks payable to Greenville Elks Lodge. Mail checks to or info: Carl and Jackie Grose, 5640 Highway 34 South, Quinlan, TX 75474-3228, (903)883-4916 (days and evenings until 9:00 p).

Jul 21, 2002-002 - Fair Hill MD CASI. 2nd Annual Cecil County Fair CCO. Entry: \$17 payable to Mason Dixon Pod. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Info and directions: Alan Dean, (410)879-6410, email: pepperdean@comcast.net.

**Jul 21, 2002-003 - Staples TX CASI. 19th Annual Purgatory Creek Pod Chili Cookoff Day II. On the San Marcos River.** Overnight camping (no hookups). Move in after Noon on Friday, July 19. Friday night cooks' party. Benefits local charities. Entry: \$12, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. CHILIGRIND ONLY. Info: Mike Benold, (512)894-0873 or Karen Reinke, (512)357-6633.

**Jul 27, 2002-001 - Cloudcroft NM CASI. New Mexico Men's State Open CCO.** Get a break from the heat! Come and cook in the high pines of New Mexico. Held at Ski Cloudcroft, Highway 82. Entry: \$20, payable to the NMCS. Benefits NMCS and local charities. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Potluck Friday night. Dry camping only (unless it rains). Motels available close to cookoff site. Info: hcheechhughes@hotmail.com.

**Jul 27, 2002-002 - Cloudcroft NM CASI. New Mexico Women's State Open CCO.** Get a break from the heat! Come and cook in the high pines of New Mexico. Held at Ski Cloudcroft, Highway 82. Entry: \$20, payable to the NMCS. Benefits NMCS and local charities. Turn-in: 1:00 p. Potluck Friday night. Dry camping only (unless it rains). Motels available close to cookoff site. Info: hcheechhughes@hotmail.com.

**Jul 27, 2002-003 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. American Legion Auxiliary Post 120 Fairway Cookoff.** Held at Lake Wichita. Benefits Veterans' Programs. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Inside cooking available. Friday night cooks' feed. Saturday morning breakfast donation. Info: Peggy Gahagan, (940)691-3798.

**Jul 27, 2002-004 - Batavia, IL CASI. Tenth Illinois State Championship Chili Cookoff™.** Held at the Batavia Riverwalk and Peg Bond Center, Island Avenue and Houston Street. Benefits the Batavia Teen Center. CASI competition chili: entry: \$22, turn-in 12:00 Noon. Green chile: entry: \$10, turn-in: 1:00 p. Checks payable to Windmill City Chili Cookoff. Info: Bill or Cheryl Pierson, (630)879-7934, 411 Illinois Ave, Batavia, IL 60510, email: WCCCO@aol.com.

**Aug 3, 2002-001 - Bel Air MD CASI. Mason Dixon Pod CCO.** Entry fee includes Pod membership dues, party, unique awards. Entry: \$17, payable to Mason Dixon Pod. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Info



and directions: Alan Dean, (410)879-6410, email: pepperdean@comcast.net.

**Aug 3, 2002-002 - Fort Smith AR CASI. Fun in the Park.** Held at 1 Belle Point, Belle Point Park (under Garrison Avenue Bridge). Benefits Great Peppers' Meeting. Entry: \$20. Checks payable to BELCH Pod, mail to: Guy Smith, PO Box 5211, Fort Smith, AR 72913. GROUND MEAT ONLY. Info: Guy Smith, (479)646-9444.

**Aug 3, 2002-003 - Zuehl (San Antonio) TX CASI. 3rd Annual ACES Pod CCO.** Held at Bexar Social Club, Bexar Bowling Lane, off Trainer Hall Road. Benefits St. Hedwig VFD. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to ACES Pod. Info: Laura McDaniel, (210)805-9740; Janet Cieloncki, (210)661-3365; or Jeannie Brogdon, (210)661-3137; mail: PO Box 39033, San Antonio, TX 78218.

**Aug 4, 2002-001 - Zuehl (San Antonio) TX CASI. ACES Pod Sunday CCO.** Held at Bexar Social Club, Bexar Bowling Lane, off Trainer Hall Road. Benefits Lavernia Food Pantry. Entry: \$15, turn-in: 1:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to ACES Pod. Info: Laura McDaniel, (210)805-9740; Janet Cieloncki, (210)661-3365; or Jeannie Brogdon, (210)661-3137; mail: PO Box 39033, San Antonio, TX 78218.

**Aug 10, 2002-001 - Lewisville TX CASI. Texas Open CASI Chili Championship** Held at Lewisville Lake Park. Chili: \$25, turn-in: 1:00 p. Local chili: \$25, turn-in: 1:00 p. Junior chili: \$10, turn-in: 1:00 p. RV reservations: \$17 (Friday & Saturday nights). Charity to be determined. Goodie bag deadline: June 15, 2002. Mail entries to: Texas Open, 2050 N Shady Oaks Dr, Southlake, TX 76092. Info: Doris Coats, (972)254-5920 or Mikie McGarity, (817)975-2200.

**Aug 17, 2002-001 - Alpine AZ CASI. Four Corners Regional CASI CCO.** Let's go to the Cool Pines of Alpine, Arizona! CASI chili, backyard brisket (don't care about a smoke ring) and jackpot beans. Entry: Chili: \$20, brisket: \$10, beans: \$10, payable to the NMCS. Benefits Alpine, Arizona and New Mexico charities. Dry camping only (unless it rains). Motels close by (book early!). Info: alpineinn@cybertrails.com; teamorgan@zianet.com; or hcheechughes@zianet.com.

**Aug 17, 2002-002 - Will's Point TX CASI. 7th Annual CASI CCO.** Held at B.B.'s Hideaway Nudist Resort (clothing optional), 3.2 miles north of I-20 on Highway 64, left on CR 3403. Camping and RV hookups available. Rooms also.

Clubhouse, swimming pool, jacuzzi, beautiful grounds. Benefits the Myrtle Springs VFD. Entertainment Friday and Saturday nights. Chili: CASI and/or local: entry: \$20, turn-in: 2:00 p. Jackpot beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: 1:00 p. Free ground fees for head cook plus one assistant, 4 members on Showteams. Guests: \$30 each for the weekend. For RV, camping, room reservations: (903)873-3311, b.b.s.hideaway@airmail.net, or www.bbshideaway.com.

**Aug 17, 2002-003 - Lamesa TX CASI. Mike Blakeley - Jimmy Sanders Memorial Cookoff.** Held at Old Weaver Gin, west of Lamesa on Highway 180 1/4 mile. Benefits Crime Victims Assn. Chili: entry: \$20, turn-in: 2:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. BBQ: \$20 per category; beans: \$5. Checks payable to Crime Victims Association. Info: Dennis or Gwyn Brackeen, (806)872-2376 or (806)759-7268, 202 N 13th, Lamesa, TX 79331.

**Aug 24, 2002-001 - Timonium MD CASI. 3rd Annual Fire on the Midway CCO.** Held at the Maryland State Fair. Entry: \$22, payable to Mason Dixon Pod. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Info and directions: Alan Dean, (410)879-6410, email: pepperdean@comcast.net.

**Aug 24, 2002-002 - Cedar Rapids IA CASI. 19th Annual Iowa State Championship Chili Cookoff.** Held at Hawkeye Downs Fairgrounds (new location). Chili: \$20, Junior Chili: \$5, Salsa: \$5. Turn-in: 3:00 p. Proceeds to Tanager Place, an organization for abused children and their families. Hot air balloons in nearby Amana Colonies. Cooks' party following announcements. Checks payable to ICAA Pod, mail to: Jerry Christensen, 374 Cambridge Dr. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. Info: Jerry, (319)373-4804, email: jerrychris10sen@juno.com.

**Aug 24, 2002-003 - Terlingua TX CASI. Bronze Buzzard Cookoff.** Held at La Kiva. Benefits Terlingua School Activity Fund in memory of Carolyn Hejtmancik. Bronze Buzzard for first place chili and BBQ champion. Entry: Chili: \$17; BBQ: \$20 per category (chicken, ribs, brisket), 50% payback, 1st - 3rd. WTBA BBQ. Turn-in: Chili: 2:00 p.; Chicken: 12:00 Noon; Ribs: 1:00 p.; Brisket: 3:00 p. Checks payable to Sotol Pod. Info: Dorothy Williams, (915)371-2595 or Boomer Kingston, (915)563-5499.

**Sep 7, 2002-001 - Edgerton WI CASI. Chilimania.** Held in Downtown Edgerton. CASI chili and "traditional" or open. CASI: entry: \$15, turn-in: 1:30 p., showmanship 11:30 a. Trophies and goody bags. Site open at 7:00 a.; registration and coffee and

donuts: 9:00 - 10:30 a.; Cooks' Meeting: 10:00 a. Salsa: turn-in Noon. Traditional: turn-in: 4:30. Cash prizes to traditional, best theme, people's choice and salsa winners. Info: Jennifer Kersten, Chilimania, 1002 S Main St., Edgerton, WI 53534, email: gkersten@charter.net. More info and printable entry form at www.chilimania.com.

**Sep 14, 2002-001 - West Tawakoni TX CASI. 8th Annual Chili by the Lake Chili Cookoff.** Held at Tawakoni City Park, 9 miles east of Quinlan on Highway 276. Benefits Tawakoni Park Board for park improvements. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 1:00 p. Jackpot beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: Noon, 50/50 (1st place only). Goodie bags to first 30 paid cooks. Cooks' party Friday night, 7:00 - 9:00 p. Limited paid electrical hookups - first come, first served. Free camping (no hookups). Info: Carl or Jackie Grose, 5640 Highway 34 South, Quinlan, TX 75474-3228, (903)883-4916. See Sunday cookoff.

**Sep 14, 2002-002 - Tucson AZ CASI. Old Tucson Chili Cookoff.** Held at 201 South Kinney Road. Charity to be determined. Entry: \$10, turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to CHOA. Info: Mike Haskins, (520)748-7464, 6501 E Fordham Dr., Tucson, AZ 85710.

**Sep 15, 2002-001 - West Tawakoni TX CASI. Morning After 8th Annual Chili by the Lake Chili Cookoff.** Benefits Merchants' Association for merchants' local charities. Entry: \$13, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to the City of West Tawakoni. (No bean cookoff on Sunday.) Info: Carl or Jackie Grose, 5640 Highway 34 South, Quinlan, TX 75474-3228, (903)883-4916. See Saturday cookoff.

**Sep 15, 2002-002 - Cornudas TX CASI. Annual Cornudas Chili Cookoff.** Held at Cornudas, 63 miles east of El Paso on Highway 62-180. Benefits Reach for a Star. Entry: \$12, turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to Reach for a Star. Info: Earl Campbell, (915)755-1041 or Carol Straughan, (915)852-3599.

**Sep 21, 2002-001 - Del Rio TX CASI. Dave Stichler Memorial Cookoff.** Held at Elks Lodge, Highway 90 East. Preregistration: \$15 before September 19; \$17 thereafter. Checks payable to D.R.I.P., benefits local charities. Turn-in: 2:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. 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. Cooks party Friday night, September 20. Limited RV hookups.

**Sep 21, 2002-002 - Lake Zurich IL CASI. Barn Burnin' Chili Cookoff.** Held at Paulus Park, off Route 12, 1/2 mile north of Route 12 and Route 22. Entry: \$20, turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to Village of Lake Zurich. Preregister by September 18, 2002. Benefits Recreation Programs and events. Info: Karen Meyers, (847)438-5146 ext. 10, meyers@volz.org, 400 Whitney Road, Lake Zurich, IL 60047

**Sep 22, 2002-001 - Oklahoma City OK CASI. Oklahoma State Women's Championship** Held at the Oklahoma State Fair, Gate 26 off May Avenue (I-40 west to May, north on May to Gate 26 - same gate as last year). Benefits C.A.R.E. Entry: \$20, turn-in: 1:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to HOOCH Pod. Goody bags for first 15 entries. Info: Ruthann Newman, (405)282-3082 or Jerry Dickerson, (405)214-9395.

**Sep 22, 2002-002 - Oklahoma City OK CASI. Oklahoma State Men's Championship.** Held at the Oklahoma State Fair, Gate 26 off May Avenue (I-40 west to May, north on May to Gate 26 - same gate as last year). Benefits City Rescue Mission. Entry: \$20, turn-in: 1:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to HOOCH Pod. Goody bags for first 15 entries. Info: Ruthann Newman, (405)282-3082 or Jerry Dickerson, (405)214-9395.

**Sep 28, 2002-001 - Columbus NM CASI. Last Chance CASI CCO.** Held at Pancho Villa State Park. Need a point? Come on down! The best potluck in CASI Friday night. We'll eat leftovers Saturday night. Entry: \$15, payable to NMCS. Benefits NMCS charities. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Info: Teamorgan@zianet.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)391-1303, email: chilibill@comcast.net or Ken Rodd, (210)887-8827, email: sgmken@aol.com. Cookoff next day at same location.

**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)391-1303, email: chilibill@comcast.net, or Ken

Rodd at (210)887-8827, email: sgmkcn@aol.com. Cookoff previous day at same location.

**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 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 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.

**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! Info: Johnye Harriman, 1-888-CASI-HOT or rhjshow@aol.com.

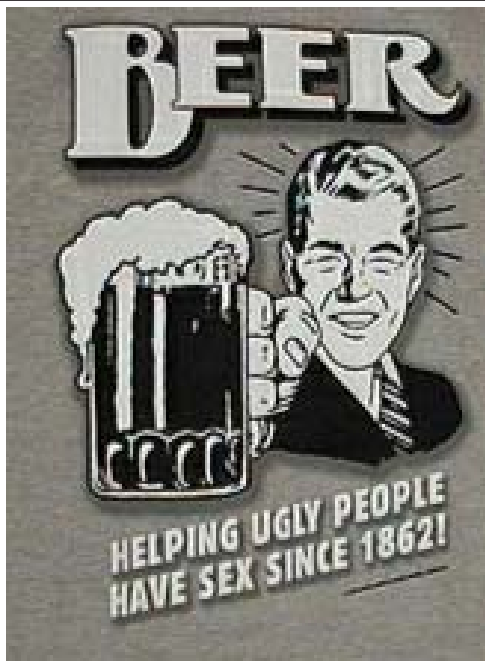
**Nov 9, 2002-001 - Odessa TX CASI. Veterans' Day CCO.** Held at Becky Sam's Tropical Bar & Grill, 2458 FM 1936. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Benefits TPRC. Info: Vic Silvester, PO Box 1712, Odessa, TX 79760.

**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.

**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.

***To be Sanctioned, your Cookoff must First be Listed Here  
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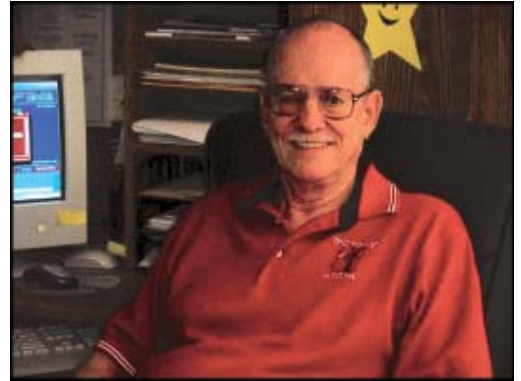
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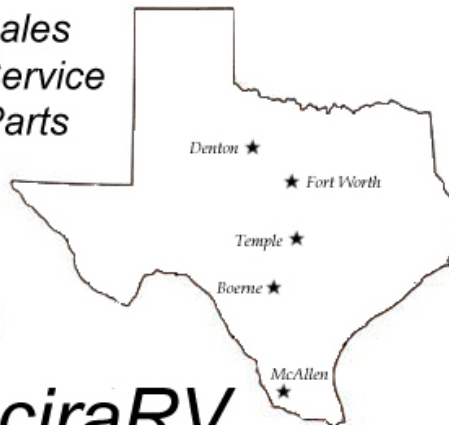
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