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42nd Annual VASA Pod Cook-off Weekend





VASA Pod Great Pepper April McDonald (right) presents 2023 Pod Champion Becky Allen '21 (left) with her trophy plaque and banner.

Cooks helping cooks! VASA Pod officers present a donation of \$4,000. Left to right: Linda McDonald, April McDonald, Sara Lee Anderson, Dianna Hoy, Lori Herries

The 42nd annual VASA Pod Cook-off got underway on Wednesday, November 22nd with a taco soup dinner enjoyed on a chilly night. Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, had Pod members frying turkeys and others fixing delicious side dishes. It was a small group for dinner, but the amount of food was far from small! As usual, so much delicious food was provided and enjoyed by those attending.

Friday brought the first of three days of cook-off competition. There were categories of beans, dessert, green chili and CASI chili. The Pod raised money for their college scholarship fund that is given to students at Victoria College. The winners of the categories were as follows: Dessert - Lisa Stone; Beans - Sara Lee Anderson; Green Chili - Keith Karaff; and CASI chili - Becky Allen. Saturday was the actual Pod Cook-off and an auto-qualifier for TICC 2024. Our beneficiary for that day was our own Sara Lee Anderson and the Pod was happy to raise \$4,000 for her medical expenses. Thanks to the 61 cooks who turned out to support Sara and the Pod. The winners that day were Beans - Lisa Stone; Margaritas - Brent Allen; and CASI Chili - Becky Allen. Yes folks, that's not a typo - Becky won 1st place chili two days in a row!

To meet the cook-off advertising requirement, all upcoming cook-offs must be publicized in the *Trails*

in the month prior to the event OR be approved and appear on the official calendar 30 days prior to the date of the cook-off. When a cookoff is cancelled, the Events Coordinator must be notified in order to keep the website current. **COOK-OFF COVERAGE Page No.** Final Reflections from the TICC Stage9 Quick Takes from the Chili Trails......10 NOB Pod Cook-offs......13 Sunday had cooks braving high winds and fighting to keep their canopies from blowing away! There was only CASI chili that day and Greg Lindsey came out on top.

If you haven't attended this cook-off, you need to put it on your calendar for 2024! It's a long, but so much fun weekend. One cook was overheard saying it's in her top five favorite cook-offs! Come join in on the fun next year and it will quickly become one of your faves too. The next VASA Pod cook-off will be the Spring Fling over Memorial Day weekend. Come join in on the fun! *Submitted by Becky Allen*

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Happy holidays, everyone, I hope all your holiday plans this season are joyous ones. Before looking forward into the new year, first I would like to reflect back on 2023. After experiencing the 2020 derailment by COVID, every year since then

keeps getting better and better and 2023 was no exception. This year we have seen more cook-offs, more chilis judged and an increase in the amount of money raised for the benefiting charities. There were more TICC qualified cooks in 2023 versus 2022 chili year. We also have seen several brand new cook-offs throughout America. We saw a greater turnout at TICC, not only in the number of participating cooks, but also in general attendance. Congratulations to all our winners of 2023 TICC and to René Chapa, your current Terlingua International Chili Champion. We thank all our current longtime sponsors and those sponsors joining us for the first time. Finally, a huge thank you to the numerous volunteers who made 2023 a grand success. CASI has several great accomplishments in 2023 to be proud of and I am very proud of each and every one of you who contributed to our successes in 2023.

As we look forward to welcoming 2024, let us strive to see many of the same great things achieved in 2023 and bring even more of it to 2024. There is already a great lineup of cookoffs across the country to choose from. I have heard of new cook-offs forming in 2024. This is fantastic. I do want to challenge everyone to introduce our hobby of chili cooking to one person this year. Mentor them and get them hooked. Let's all work together to bring new cooks into our chili family. The start of a new year also means the beginning of CASI's normal conduct of business. The first order of business will be the Winter Meeting of BOD. It will be held a little earlier this year than normal, to work

around some cook-offs during the January and February timeframe. The winter meeting will be at the Irving Elks in Irving, TX on January 7th. This is a two-day meeting with a workshop on Saturday followed by a formal meeting on Sunday. Anyone can attend this meeting. This meeting is not just for directors and there is nothing top secret unless an executive session is called. I will be announcing the acceptance of director applications in the next couple months. I have heard a few names who have expressed an interest in serving CASI in this capacity. Anyone interested in becoming a director of CASI can reach out to me or any directors for advice or answers to any questions one may have. Any of us would be thrilled to talk to you.

Another very important item that only occurs once every three years is the opportunity to open the rule book for potential changes. It is called a rules change year. Soon I will be sending out the rules change template, example template of a proposed change, general instructions, and deadline for submissions. All proposed changes will go out for Pod review during the summer months for consideration for approval by vote at the next Great Peppers Meeting. There have been some discussions over the last year on future changes to our rules. This is the time to start putting some real thought into what rules the Pods would like to see changed or needing clarification. The rule book is a policy document on how we conduct our cook-offs and anything associated with them down to points towards qualification. It should always be taken very seriously with strict care in the approach of how our rules are modified.

As I look into the lens of 2024, all I see is opportunity: chances to cook, qualify, have fun, meet up with friends and go to TICC. For me there are more opportunities to build and strengthen CASI and shape its future for all of us.

Thank you for all you do for CASI and Happy Holidays!

Brian Spencer, Executive Director

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Please join me in saying a big WELCOME and thank you to all our new annual, life, and corporate members. CHILI, CHARITY and FUN: That's what it's all about! New cooks are joining CASI every month and I want to encourage all cooks to make them feel at home within our chili family. Invite them to a cook-off, help with a recipe, support them to their first point or twelfth point. And, to all our members who have renewed their membership,

thank you for your continued support of CASI and the local charities.

Please note, you can pay your annual dues by PayPal without having a PayPal account. Just click on the "Join CASI Online" on our website www.casichili.net to join or renew your membership.

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If I can be of any assistance, please contact me by phone at: 979-530-5596, or email at: cyndicoyle@casichili.net, or mail at: PO Box 368, Round Top, TX 78954.

Cyndi Coyle, Membership Director

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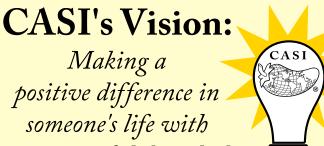
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As email server security gets tighter from Yahoo, Gmail etc., more and more trails are kicked backed each month. Last month, many of you received the first part of the Trails but never received the second part. This was due to the server screening the bulk emails. I only send to about 25 individuals at a time, but some servers only want individual emails. **Please remember** to mark kathryncavender@casichili.net as "not spam". Other reasons you may not be receiving the Trails: email is missing or wrong; your server security is set to where bulk emails cannot be delivered; your service does not allow large attachments. (CASI does

compress the Trails). If you don't get the Trails, please let me know and I can try to send it again. *Remember it is always available on the CASI website.*

Read the Trails. It does contain a lot of great information. What I often hear, "I love the pictures, look at the Upcomings and I make sure my name is listed in the qualified cooks section."

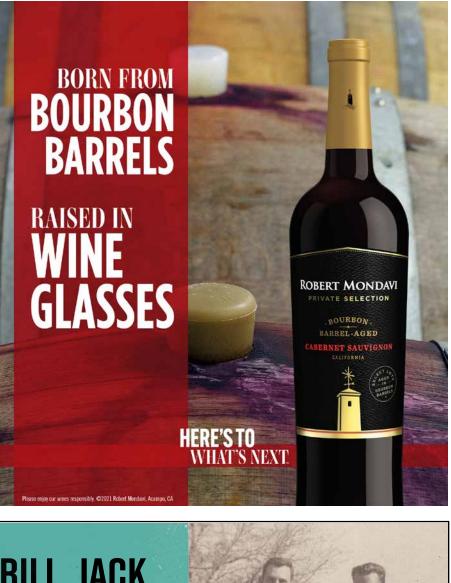
Send in those pictures! You can advertise your cook-off in the Trails for free as long as you submit an article or a group of pictures with captions. Advertising is not the same as having your cook-off in Upcomings! The cook-off must be on the CASI calendar.

A business card size ad is only \$50 a year. Larger ads are available and we will create an ad for you or help you with your artwork.

Social Media: Don't forget to tag *@casichili* on all your Instagram posts. You would be surprised how much using hashtags and a lot of sponsor and chili related tags has grown our social media presence.

Keep those articles and pictures (in high resolution) coming. *Kathryn Cavender*, kathryncavender@casichili.net





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Chili Year 2023–2024

Happy New Year to all! There is a correction from last month, event #4757 The Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Cook-off was actually held in Midland, TX, not in Hobbs, NM. You will notice that there will

be some changes to the State Cook-off totals if you are keeping track.

There are a lot of Regional and State Cook-offs being planned, so get yourself out there and get some points while the weather is not so hot. It's the perfect season for a pot of red. Hope to see you out on the chili trail. Melissa Pate, TallyMaster, casitallymaster@casichili.net

Cook-off Statistics for Chili Year 10/1/23-9/30/24

	REQ	COOKOFFS	CHILIS	MONEY
STATE/REGION	PTS	<u>HELD</u>	JUDGED	<u>RAISED</u>
Alabama	6	1	15	\$10,805.00
Arizona	6	1	19	\$677.00
Florida	9	2	38	\$11,231.00
Georgia	6	1	15	\$15,000.00
Illinois	9	2	37	\$1,215.00
Indiana	6	1	20	\$45,000.00
North Carolina	6	1	15	\$15,000.00
Oklahoma	6	1	15	\$1,300.00
Texas	12	48	1604	\$98,996.00
Virginia	6	1	15	\$550.00
Grand Total		59	1793	\$199,774.00

DELINQUENT COOK-OFFS: None this period

QUALIFIED for TICC 2024

COOKS

30 LeBouef, Donna Jacksonville TX 17 Sockaroo Marshall TX 31 Rankin, Carole Euless TX 32 Pate, Rolland Wimberley TX 33 Lewis, Dianne Boerne ΤX

SHOW TEAMS

Walker, Kelly 18 Hillbilly Chili Marble Falls TX Hill. Paul 19 Dr. Dave's Voo Doo Stew Hallsville TX Trice, David (Dave)





4 Selena Sierra Wimberley TX

6 Rolland Pate Wimberley TX

8 Vickie Hill Marble Falls TX

9 Melissa Pate Wimberley TX

S2 M-N-M Karnes City TX

Quintanilla, Sandra

12/09/2023 - Lufkin, TX 3rd

3 Miranda Turner Lufkin TX

4 Linda Whitten Diboll TX

Annual Golden Age Cookoff, 16

1 David (Dave) Trice Hallsville TX

2 Richard W. Wallace Jacksonville TX

5 Donna LeBouef Jacksonville TX

6 Kansa Cunningham Huntington TX

7 Dwavne Williams Livingston TX

8 Wayne Corcoran Huntsville TX

S2 Sidewinder Chili Huntsville TX

S3 Dr. Dave's Voo Doo Stew Hallsville TX

12/09/2023 - Spring, TX Antique

9 Patti Corcoran Huntsville TX

10 Crystal Swanzy Lufkin TX

S1 Sugar & Spice Diboll TX

Trice, David (Dave)

Gallery Houston, 27 Chilis

1 Lewis Garrett Houston TX

2 Jo Quist The Woodlands TX

3 Kent Cavender Missouri City TX

5 Amie Cavender Missouri City TX

4 Molly Truitt Friendswood TX

6 Bill Cook Conroe TX

7 Paul Hopson Houston TX

8 Keith Karaff Magnolia TX

9 Mandy Lindsey Houston TX

S1 Dad's Chili Missouri City TX

Cavender, Kathryn

S3 Hoodlum Houston TX

Krenek, Pat

Hopson, Paul

10 Michael A Mayorga Magnolia TX

S2 Lone Star Chili Chix Houston TX

Whitten, Linda

Corcoran, Patti

Hill, Paul

Chilis

10 Larry 'Doc' Kinnison Marble Falls TX

S1 Hillbilly Chili Marble Falls TX

7 Wesley Luckie Blanco TX

5 Kevin Foresman San Antonio TX



10/14/2023 - Amarillo, TX **Dalhart Elks Lodge Chili** Cookoff, 15 Chilis

- 1 Patrick Head Amarillo TX
- 2 Kayla Weaver Dimmit TX
- 3 Tiffany Messer Amarillo TX
- 4 Dana Head Amarillo TX
- 5 Vance Messer Amarillo TX
- 6 Sha Ebeling Dimmitt TX
- 7 JA Bridwell Amarillo TX
- 8 Sheryl Brown Dimmitt TX
- 9 Lucy Self Amarillo TX
- 10 Martha Richardson Dimmitt TX

10/21/2023 - Kerens, TX Kerens **Cotton Harvest Festival, 23** Chilis

- 1 Vicki Sanders Ennis TX
- 2 Gary Brignon Corsicana TX
- 3 Janet Nash Shreveport LA
- 4 Donna LeBouef Jacksonville TX
- 5 Cherry Powell Shreveport LA
- 6 Wavne Corcoran Huntsville TX
- 7 Sharon Goldstein Bedford TX
- 8 Mercedes Montgomery Corsicana TX
- 9 Carole Rankin Euless TX 10 Randy Rigg Tyler TX
- S1 Lagniappe 2 Shreveport LA Nash, Janet
- S2 Redneck Made Chili Kerens TX Hobbs, Trey
- S3 Good Guys Chili Kerens TX Kilcrease, Jacob

11/18/2023 - Dallas, TX FOE 3108 - DCAC 23rd, 27 Chilis

- 1 Todd Carey Burleson TX
- 2 Rick Swanwick Rowlett TX
- 3 Suzanne P. Sweet Dallas TX
- 4 Dennis Corley The Colony TX
- 5 Robert Delashaw Point TX
- 6 Tom Dozier Irving TX
- 7 James Burns Point TX
- 8 Steven Kleypas Keller TX
- 9 Nevin Mulvin Irving TX
- 10 Kelly Walker Marshall TX
- S1 Sockaroo Marshall TX Walker, Kelly
- S2 Dr. Ben's Chili Dallas TX Stewart, Benjamin D.
- S3 Puppy PJ Party The Colony TX Coats, Dani C.

Cook-off Winners

11/25/2023 - Irving, TX The Elks 1105 Kids Charity Cookoff, 20 Chilis

- 1 Gene Hoenig Gainesville TX
- 2 Jerry Burger Saint Jo TX
- 3 Barbara Larson Wichita Falls TX
- 4 Aida Larson Wichita Falls TX
- 5 Mel FitzHenry Wichita Falls TX
- 6 Aaron Larson Wichita Falls TX
- 7 April Story Holliday TX
- 8 Peggy Hoenig Gainesville TX
- 9 Janet Reynolds Wichita Falls TX
- 10 Diane FitzHenry Wichita Falls TX
- S1 Gene Hoenig Chili Team Gainesville TX Hoenig, Gene
- S2 Big Molar Chili Wichita Falls TX FitzHenry, Mel
- S3 TX Bluebonnet Wichita Falls TX Larson, Barbara

11/25/2023 - Irving, TX Irving Elks Sweetheart Cookoff, 42 Chilis

- 1 Robert Delashaw Point TX
- 2 Carole Rankin Euless TX
- 3 Sherry Burns Point TX
- 4 Sharon Neff Grapevine TX
- 5 Sharon Goldstein Bedford TX
- 6 Harvey West Telephone TX
- 7 Kelly Walker Marshall TX
- 8 David Manske Euless TX
- 9 Dani Coats The Colony TX
- 10 Beth Baxter Grand Prairie TX
- S1 Wild Woman Grapevine TX Neff, Sharon
- S2 Fat & Ugly Euless TX Barnes, Ron
- S3 D.J. Original Marshall TX Walker, Mack

12/02/2023 - Comfort, TX **Comfort Golden Age Center** Annual CASI Chili Cookoff, 20 Chilis

- 1 Samantha Simmons San Angelo TX
- 2 Chris Barge San Antonio TX
- 3 Larry Hodon Marion TX
- 4 Robert (Bob) Lisherness Schertz TX
- 5 Matt Simmons San Angelo TX 6 Kevin Foresman San Antonio TX
- 7 Ed Barge San Antonio TX

8 Dianne Lewis Boerne TX

- 3 Carol Knight Elgin TX 9 Albert 'Sam' L'Huillier Comfort TX
- 10 Larry 'Doc' Kinnison Marble Falls TX
- S1 Jokers Wild Marion TX
- Hodon, Jeanette S2 Sweat-It-Out Chili Comfort TX
- L'Huillier, Kathy S3 Chili Cheeseheads Comfort TX
- L'Huillier, Albert 'Sam'

12/02/2023 - Kemah, TX Toys for Tots, 30 Chilis

- 1 Terry Perkins Friendswood TX
- 2 Paul Hopson Houston TX
- 3 Vern Gilpin Katy TX
- 4 Erica Davison Alvin TX
- 5 Erin Satsky Friendswood TX
- 6 Kathryn Cavender Missouri City TX
- 7 Pat Krenek Houston TX
- 8 Molly Truitt Friendswood TX
- 9 Jo Quist The Woodlands TX
- 10 Ed Nesbitt Houston TX
- S1 Double R Chili Katy TX Gilpin, Vern
- S2 Lone Star Chili Chix Houston TX Krenek, Pat
- S3 Dad's Chili Missouri City TX Cavender, Kathryn

12/02/2023 - Wichita Falls, TX

Wichita Falls TX Arrowhead

Ranch Estates VFD, 17 Chilis

4 Dusty Hudspeth Irving TX

6 Doris Coats Irving TX

Larson, Barbara

FitzHenry, Mel

Reynolds, Janet

1 David Reynolds Wichita Falls TX

2 Clint Wooster Wichita Falls TX

3 Kris Hudspeth Wichita Falls TX

5 Cynethia 'Cindy' Noe Wichita Falls TX

7 Mel FitzHenry Wichita Falls TX

8 Barbara Larson Wichita Falls TX

9 Aaron Larson Wichita Falls TX

10 Shelley Stokes Wichita Falls TX

S1 TX Bluebonnet Wichita Falls TX

S2 Big Molar Chili Wichita Falls TX

S3 Half Ass III Wichita Falls TX

12/09/2023 - Johnson City, TX

2 Jessie Waguespack Lago Vista TX

Lights Spectacular, 22 Chilis

1 Richard Knight Elgin TX

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Final Reflections from the TICC Main Stage

By Ron Barnes

I just wanted to take this opportunity to convey my heartfelt appreciation to the entire CASI Family. When I was chosen to follow Boomer as the TICC Emcee, I was both excited and scared to death! I felt I could do the job, but I also knew I was following a legend and I had very high standards to maintain. I knew I couldn't fill his shoes, so I had to bring my own.

The CASI BOD, especially Keith Karaff, set me up with what I needed to get through that first year in 2017. You, the attendees, also had to get used to a new voice, different music, and my wise cracking. I was so afraid I was going to say something wrong, mispronounce names or cities, or God forbid call a number wrong – but we got through it!

I was once asked what I enjoyed most about being the emcee and I truly believe it is the new folks that I got to meet and interact with that I may not have been able to before. There are so many out of town and out of state cooks that I probably would not have met otherwise. And just as enjoyable was seeing the excitement in the faces of those that joined me on stage after I called their chili or show number. I felt like I shared in your excitement, and it was an honor to be there.

When I said that CASI cooks were the greatest people on Earth, I meant it. You go to cookoffs, in all types of weather and many travel long distances. Don't ever forget that every time you fire up that stove and cook a bowl of red, you are helping a charity



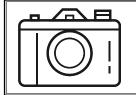
From the Editor: Ron Barnes takes a moment to soak in the view from the TICC Main Stage. Taken just before he announced his last set of TICC chili results.

somewhere. Yes, the points and the thrill of winning are nice, but the camaraderie and the charities are the true reasons. Otherwise, why do it?

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your support these

past seven years! I am leaving you in very capable hands with Lowell Neinast aka "Noley" taking over as your new TICC announcer. And guess what? I bought a new chili pot. 😊





Quick Takes from the Chili Trail



So who's that in Santa's lap?





VASA Pod Friday winners held November 24th (left-to-right) Front row: Kathryn Cavender '19, Aime Cavender, Greg Lindsey, Becky Allen '21 and Sandra Quintanilla Back row: Rolland Pate, Kent Cavender, Mel Burton, Sara Anderson, Butch Cielencki, Steve Herries.





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NOB Pod Members Making a Difference



NOB Pod Great Pepper, Cindy Noe (center) presents a check for \$1,045.00 from the proceeds of the ARE VFD Cookoff to Joe Fonseca (left) and Fire Chief Jim McDaniel (right).



Winners of the Elks Cooking for Kids held November 25th. **Front row:** Aida Larson, Diane FitzHenry, Janet Reynolds, Barbara Larson, Peggy Hoenig, Gene Hoenig and Jerry Burger. **Back row:** Kelly Story, Aaron Larson, April Story and Mel FitzHenry.



Winners of the ARE VFD Cookoff held December 2. Front row (left to right): Janet Reynolds, Barbara Larson, Cindy Noe, Kris and Harper Hudspeth.
Second row: Mel FitzHenry, David Reynolds, Shelley Stokes, Doris Coats, Dusty Hudspeth. Back row: Clint Wooster and Aaron Larson.



NOB Pod Great Pepper, Cindy Noe presents a check for \$300.00 to representative Jamie Pearson of the Wichita Falls Faith Mission.



Pictured left: NOB Pod Great Pepper, Cindy Noe presents a check for \$300.00 along with Christmas gifts for three families, to representative Mackenzie Splawn of the First Step Wichita Falls.





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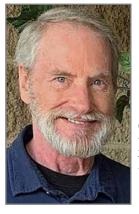
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Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.



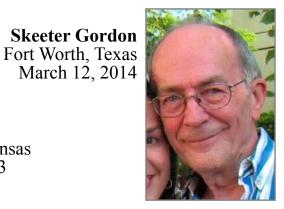
Dolores Sanders Arlington, Texas November 30, 2023



Gary Davis Fayettesville, Arkansas November 27, 2023

Peggy "Peg" Christian Amarillo, Texas

December 11, 2023





Jack Shephard Wichita Falls, Texas November 30, 2023

Jimmy Taylor Alpine, Texas December 20, 2023



Bill Brown Bedford, Texas May 30, 2018





Steven Snyder Claremore, Oklahoma September 18, 2023

> Mary Brown Bedford, Texas November 24, 2020







Kathy Plager Littleton, Colorado December 13, 2023

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Make No Mistake: Know Your Auto-Q's!



By *Bill Pierson* Senior Referee Volume 8, Number 1

CASI Rules (VII.E.1g) allow the winner of a Pod cook-off to receive an automatic qualification to TICC. The rules (VII.E.1h) also provide for an automatic qualification to the winner of a regular cook-off with a

prescribed number of chilis judged. That number being determined by a state's point requirement. So, what happens when a Pod cookoff exceeds the automatic qualification level of its state? Make no mistake, the quick answer is, **nothing.** The rule defining an automatic qualification for the winner of a cookoff based on the number of cooks, specifically excludes qualifying cook-offs such as a Pod cook-off. These two rules were

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situations. The automatic qualification for a Pod cookoff was intended to boost participation in Pod cook-offs. The automatic qualification for a cook winning a cook-off that attained a high number of cooks is a reward for winning a cook-off of that stature.

Open championships that reach a high number (150) of chilis judged are permitted additional automatic qualifications. Considering these three rules and what they mean, brings to mind two questions:

1. Should a Pod cook-off that attains the number of chilis

judged, that are prescribed for their state in rule VII.E.1h, get an increased number of automatic qualifications?

2. Should the open championship threshold number of chilis judged for additional qualifiers be adjusted to reflect the requirements of the state in which it is held?

Make no mistake, a six or nine point state will never see a cook-off of 150 cooks!

Okay Great Peppers, it is in your hands, what do you think?

Bill Pierson, Senior Referee







UPCOMING EVENTS



Some people have contacted me about their cookoffs not being in the Trails. Cookoffs must be submitted before the 15th of the month in the month before the Cookoff date to be listed in Upcoming Events. Remember, to meet the cookoff advertising requirement, upcoming cookoffs must be publicized in the Terlingua Trails in the month prior to the event OR be approved and appear on the official calendar 30 days prior to the date of the cookoff. The website always is the most current list of events.

You may enter your information at www.casichili.net or you can complete the Upcoming Cookoff Information form found in the Trails and send it by mail to me at CASI Events, 802 Horizon Dr., Murphy, TX 75094 or by email to casievent@casichili.net.

If you have any questions you can reach me at 214-802-8194. Be sure to use the form online to submit or the form located in the Trails. The older versions do not have all the necessary information. Often email addresses, telephone numbers and addresses are left off and I must have them.

When you do not request a rule book or tickets, you will not be mailed a packet. You will instead receive an email with the necessary forms for the cookoff. Please print out the forms and be sure to fill in your event number, date, name and place.

Nancy Hewlett, Incoming Events Coordinator

ALL COOKOFFS ADVERTISED HERE ARE SANCTIONED BY CASI, AND <u>ONLY</u> CASI RULES APPLY.

1/12/2024-4952-Amarillo TX Tall in Texas POD Cookoff. 3301 SE 10th Amarillo TX 79104. AQ Turn in: 7pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: POD Charities. To be held at the Rex Baxter Building on TriState Fairgrounds. Live music and cooks meal starting at 6ish for \$7 donation benefiting Make-A-Wish North Texas and POD Charities. Junior Cookoff on Friday night, fee \$10, turn in 7pm. 1st place chili is automatically qualified for TICC 2024. Doors open at 1pm for set up. Multiple hotel options to include: Four Points, 1911 E Interstate 40 East, Amarillo, TX Contact: Tiffany Messer 806-433-8181 tiffanymesser@casichili.net

New Date 1/13/2024-4703-Hobe Sound FL 7th Annual Hobe Sound Early Learning Center Chili Cook Off. 11580 SE Gomez Ave Hobe Sound FL 33455. Turn in: 12pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Hobe Sound Early Learning Center. 2022 Returning CASI Cooks No Entry Fee! CASI Turn In 12pm. Open Turn In 1pm. Salsa Turn In 1:30pm. Contact: Erin Smith 772-349-4772 erin@ januspi.com

1/13/2024-4890-San Angelo TX Tilted Mug CCO. 3620 Knickerbocker Rd San Angelo TX 76904. Turn in: 2pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Concho Valley Chili Pod. Come join us for a Winter Time CCO.

It will be held at the Tilted Mug at 3620 Knickerbocker Rd. Chili Grind only. Turn in time is 2pm. Entry Fee \$25. There will be a 50/50 pot. Contact: Keeva Stone 325-423-4732 <u>kfrazier6047@</u> yahoo.com

1/13/2024-4953-Amarillo TX Tri-State Open. 3301 SE 10th Amarillo TX 79104. AQ Turn in: 1pm. Fee: \$35. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Multiple charities to include Make a Wish. This year is the 40th Tri State Open that will Auto Qualify 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Chili as well as 1st Place Show for TICC 2024. Silent auction/ raffle drawings and Live music. Please bring give away chili for the public. Multiple Hotel Options to include: Four Points, 1911 E I-40 East, Amarillo TX Please Join us for Friday, January 12 for Tall in Texas POD cookoff that is an Auto Qualifier also. Contact: Pam Gonzalez 806-674-8423 awamarillo@hotmail.com

1/13/2024-4974-Arlington

TX Never on New Years Chili Cook off. 2625 South Cooper St Arlington TX 76015. Turn in: 1pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: St Judes. Bean turn in at 12noon. Contact me for campsite availability. Ability to cook indoors if desired. Contact: Todd Boyles 817-789-5063 tboyles52@gmail. com

1/14/2024-4975-Arlington

TX Never on New Years Chili Cook off. 2625 South Cooper St Arlington TX 76015. Turn in: 1pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: St Judes. No Beans, See previous day for details. Contact: Todd Boyles 817-789-5063 tboyles52@gmail.com

1/20/2024-4819-Converse TX



John Orf Memorial. 326 Legion Dr W Converse TX 78109. Turn in: 2pm. Fee: \$22. Meat: Open. Charity: American Legion Post 593 Veteran's Programs. There will be room for RV Parking but without hook ups. There is a large pavilion to cook under. Friday night dinner will be available. Breakfast is available. Burgers and Fries are able to be purchased for lunch/dinner. Beans cookoff is offered. Entry \$5. Turn in is noon. Silent Auction is 11am until just after announcements. 50/50 raffle starts at noon and ends before announcements. See info for Sunday CCO on following day. CASI contact is Charmaine Wilson, 210-215-2009 with an email address of chilitime2(a) sbcglobal.net Contact: Mikey Wilson 573-619-8767 micknet31@ yahoo.com

1/20/2024-4859-Irving TX

Knights Of Columbus day 1. 2906 Rock Island Rd Irving TX 75061. Turn in: 1pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: KOC charities. Plenty of RV space no hookups. Cook inside if weather is bad Contact: Rene Rodriguez 469-850-0782 rene.rodriguez@hotmail. com

1/20/2024-4957-Ocala FL Olaf's Chili Challenge. 801 SE 25th Ave (McPherson Complex) Ocala FL 34470. Turn in: 12pm. Fee: \$20. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Sheltering Hands, Inc. 5th Annual CCO. Open turn-in: 1pm, Salsa (anything goes) turn-in: 2pm. Come join us for a fun day with Free admission, wristbands can be purchased for \$7.50 to taste award winning chili from competitors. There will be craft & food vendors, bounce houses,

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music, bake sale, games & prizes and raffles Contact: April LeSage 352-362-3370 <u>chilicookoff@</u> <u>shelteringhands.org</u>

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TX Georgia Horner Memorial Cookoff. 326 Legion Dr W Converse TX 78109. Turn in: 1pm. Fee: \$22. Meat: Open. Charity: American Legion Post 593 Auxiliary Veteran's Programs. RV parking is available but with no hook ups. Large Pavilion to cook under. Breakfast is available. Burgers and Fries are available for purchase for lunch. Casi contact is Charmaine Wilson 210-215-2009 and email chilitime2@sbcglobal. net Contact: Mikey Wilson 573-619-8767 micknet31@yahoo.com

1/21/2024-4860-Irving TX

Knights Of Columbus day 2. 2906 Rock Island Rd Irving TX 75061. Turn in: 12pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: KOC charities. Plenty of RV space no hookups. Cook inside if weather is bad Contact: Rene Rodriguez 469-850-0782 rene.rodriguez@hotmail. com

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1/26/2024-4891-Terlingua TX

Terlingua Ghostown CCO. 100 Ghostown Road Terlingua TX 78840. Turn in: 3pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: BBCA Ghostown Charities. Terlingua TX West Texas Regional will be held at the High Sierra located at 100 Ghostown Road Terlingua TX 78840. Day 1 of a 3-day CCO. See also Sat 1/27/2024 and Sun 1/28/2024. This is the Birthplace of Chili Cookoffs, celebrating 56 years of CASI Chili cooking!! Dry camping available. Contact: Janice Miller 325-650-1854. garjans@ suddenlink.net

1/27/2024-4892-Terlingua TX West Texas Regional CCO. 100 Ghostown Road Terlingua TX 78840. **AQ** Turn in: 1pm. Fee: \$35.



For more information contact: Pam Gonzales • (806) 674-8423 or Tiffany Messer • (806) 433-8181 Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: BBCA Ghostown Charities. Terlingua TX West Texas Regional will be held at the High Sierra located at 100 Ghostown Road Terlingua TX 78840. AQ Day 2 of a 3-day CCO. See also Fri 1/26/2024 and Sun 1/28/2024. This is the West Texas Regional CCO. It will be held at the High Sierra Bar and Grill which is located at 100 Ghostown Road Highway 170, Terlingua TX. This is the Birthplace of Chili Cookoffs, celebrating 56 years of CASI Chili cooking!! 1st prize for chili is a Bronze Warrior. Dry camping available. Contact: Janice Miller 325-650-1854. garjans@ suddenlink.net

1/27/2024-4949-Elm Mott TXAmerican Legion Post 121.722 Leroy Parkway Elm Mott

TX 76640. Turn in: 2pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: American Legion 121. Chili Grind Only!!!! Beans \$10, Turn In @11am. 100% top 3. Kitchen will be open Friday & Saturday 5-9pm Breakfast Saturday, Silent Auction, Raffles, much more so come on out to enjoy great company ! Plenty of room for ezee ups ! Dry Camping Only!!! Contact: Dianne Stimson 254-855-2767 winksintexas@aol. com

1/27/2024-4962-Reidsville NC School Buddies Reading Program. 6052 Hey 65 Reidsville NC 27320. Turn in: 1pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Bethany Elementary Reading Buddies Program. Freestyle \$20. %50 payout. Freestyle and Jr turn in 1:30. Tables and chairs provided.



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All proceeds go to purchase of books for Reading Buddies Program. Cooking indoors... Contact: Kenny Jones 346-951-2705 jacobandkacie@gmail.com

1/28/2024-4893-Terlingua TX

Terlingua Ghostown CCO. 100 Ghostown Road Terlingua TX 78840. Turn in: 12pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: BBCA Ghostown Charities. Terlingua Ghostown CCO Day 3 of a 3-day CCO is held at the High Sierra located at 100 Ghostown Road Terlingua TX 78840. See also Fri 1/26/2024 and Sat 1/27/2024. This is the weekend of the West Texas Regional CCO. It is the Birthplace of Chili Cookoffs, celebrating 56 years of CASI Chili cooking!! Contact: Janice Miller 325-650-1854 garjans@suddenlink.net

1/28/2024-4950-Elm Mott TX American Legion. 722 Leroy Parkway Elm Mott TX 76640. Turn in: 12pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: American Legion 121. Chili Grind Only !!!!! Kitchen will be open Friday & Saturday 5-9P Breakfast Saturday, and silent auction, raffles, and much more so come out and enjoy great company! Plenty of RV Parking Dry Camping Only !! Plenty of room for ezee ups. Contact: Dianne Stimson 254-855-2767 winksintexas@aol.com

2/2/2024-4991-Hobbs NM Day 1 of NM State. 2920 W Marland Blvd Hobbs NM 88240. Turn in: 7pm. Fee: \$20. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: TBD. Come join us in HOBBS! 2920 W Marland, Hobbs NM 88240. (Hobbs Moose Lodge) Day 1 of NM State!!! We will have 3 days of Chili, Charity and FUN!!! We can cook inside. Table and chair provided. Plenty of dry camping. Turn in 7pm. Entry \$20. Please no alcohol in the parking lot. (NM Law) Meal provided. For more information call Brandy 575-390-4835 Contact: Brandy Rather 575-390-4835 brandy1321@aim. com

2/3/2024-4894-San Angelo TX Ms Patty's Pub CCO Day 1.26 N Main San Angelo TX 76903. Turn in: 2pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Women's and Children's Shelter. Start your February with a fun CCO at Ms. Patty's Pub at 26 N. Main in San Angelo, TX. This is Day 1 of a 2 Day CCO. Chili grind only; Chili Entry Fee \$25; Chili Turn in 2:00 PM. There will be a 50/50Pot The Charity is the Women's and Children's Shelter. For more information, Keeva Stone 325-423-4732 kfrazier604@yahoo.com

2/3/2024-4983-Wichita Falls

TX Sheriff's Academy Cookoff. 4205 Seymour Hwy. Wichita Falls TX 76308. Turn in: 1pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Citizens Alumni Memorial Project. Cook off to be held at the Elk's Lodge 1105 honoring the fallen deputies and volunteer fireman of Wichita County. Beans \$5, Turnin 12p.m. There will be hotdogs, chilidogs and drinks with all the trimmings from 10am to 2pm. Silent auction and raffle items throughout the day. This cookoff has been held for many years and raises money for a great cause, come out and support those that serve to protect us. Contact: Melvin Joyner 940-781-2740 melvinjoyner@cowichita.tx.us

2/3/2024-4992-Hobbs NM New Mexico State Open. 2920 W Marland Hobbs NM 88240. AQ Turn in: 2pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Open. Charity: TBD. New Mexico State Open to be held at Hobbs Moose Lodge 2920 W Marland Blvd Hobbs NM. AQ For Top 3 New Mexicans. Turn In 2pm Entry \$25. We can cook inside, table and chairs provided. Painted stove by local artist for 1st place chili! 3 days of Chili, Charity and Fun! The Moose will be cooking steak, salad, baked potato and beans for \$15 at 6pm. Plenty of dry camping. For more information call Brandy 575-390-4835. Contact:

Brandy Rather 575-390-4835 brandyl321@aim.com

2/4/2024-4895-San Angelo TX Ms Patty's Pub CCO Day 2.26 N Main San Angelo TX 76903. Turn in: 12pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Women's and Children's Shelter. Start your February with a fun CCO at Ms. Patty's Pub at 26 N. Main in San Angelo, TX. This is Day 2 of a 2 Day CCO. Chili grind only; Chili Entry Fee \$25; Chili Turn in 12noon. There will be a 50/50 Pot The Charity is the Women's and Children's Shelter. For more information, contact Keeva Stone 325-423-4732 kfrazier6047@ yahoo.com

2/4/2024-4993-Hobbs NM Day 3 of NM State. 2920 W Marland Blvd Hobbs NM 88240. Turn in: 12pm. Fee: \$20. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: TBD. All the fun has been had but there are still points up for grabs! 2920 W. Marlin Blvd., Hobbs, NM 88240. This will be the third and final day of New Mexico state cookoff. Turn in time 12noon entry fee \$20. For more information contact Brandy 575-390-4835! See you all down the chili Trail, and hopefully Hobbs!!! Contact: Brandy Rather 575-390-4835 brandyl321@aim.com

2/9/2024-4970-Concan TX Chili on the Frio - Fri. 1996 County Road 348 Concan TX 78838. Turn in: 8pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Concan Volunteer Fire Dept. Come join us at the Frio Country Resort for 3rd annual multi-event CASI chili cookoff in support of the Concan Volunteer Fire Department. Come Fri (2/9) night and enter margaritas, elote and CASI chili. Margarita turnin time 6pm, elote turn-in time 7pm, and chili turn-in time 8pm. On Saturday (2/10) Bean turn in is 1pm with CASI chili turn-in at 2pm. The chicken wings turnin will be at 3pm. Frio Country Resort has 43 cabins - cabins sleep anywhere from 2 - 12 people and

living space, bed linens and towels provided. Go to <u>www.friocountry.</u> <u>com</u> to make reservations. Please use discount code chili2024 to receive a 30% discount off your stay. Additionally, we have 14 full hook-up 50 AMP sites available. Unfortunately, the RV sites are not subject to the discount code. For more information go to <u>https://friocountry.com/chili-onfrio/#content</u> Contact: Cassandra Perry 830-232-6625 <u>cassandra@</u> <u>friocountry.com</u>

2/10/2024-4971-Concan TX Chili on the Frio - Sat. 1996 County Road 348 Concan TX 78838. Turn in: 2pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Concan Volunteer Fire Dept. Come join us at the Frio Country Resort for 3rd annual multi-event CASI chili cookoff in support of the Concan Volunteer Fire Department. Come Fri (2/9) night and enter margaritas, elote and CASI chili. Margarita turnin time 6pm, elote turn-in time 7pm, and chili turn-in time 8pm. On Saturday (2/10) Bean turn in is 1pm with CASI chili turn-in at 2pm. The chicken wings turnin will be at 3pm. Frio Country Resort has 43 cabins – cabins sleep anywhere from 2 - 12 people and are fully furnished with a kitchen, living space, bed linens and towels provided. Go to www.friocountry. com to make reservations. Please use discount code chili2024 to receive a 30% discount off your stay. Additionally, we have 14 full hook-up 50 AMP sites available. Unfortunately, the RV sites are not subject to the discount code. For more information go to https://friocountry.com/chili-onfrio/#content Contact: Cassandra Perry 830-232-6625 cassandra@ friocountry.com

2/10/2024-4973-Pattison TX Pattison VFD Baby It's Cold Outside. 2950 FM 359 Pattison TX 77423. Turn in: 1pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Open. Charity: Pattison

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VFD/Houston POD. One Day cookoff; in Pattison right outside of Katy Texas, Open Meat; CASI rules apply, Jr Cookoff, ages 6-17, Turn in at 1:30pm. Last year we were able to cook inside the bays and judge inside. Give me a call with any questions, Great cookoff for new cooks! Contact: Kathryn Cavender 713-818-9013 ohmybucket@yahoo.com

2/10/2024-4979-Palos Park IL It's Chili in the Park. 8901 W 123rd Street Palos Park IL 60464. Turn in: 1pm. Fee: \$20. Meat: Open. Charity: Palos Park Beautification Committee. This event is to be held inside at the Parks and Recreation building with table and chairs provided. Entry fee is \$20 and there is a pre-registration deadline of Feb 5, 2024. Make checks payable to Village of Palos Park. Mail to Palos Park Recreation Dept. 8901 W 123rd Street, Palos Park IL 60464. Same day entry fee is \$30. People's Choice Award \$100 to the winner! Contact: Stephen DeFalco 708-671-3762 sdefalco@palospark.org

2/17/2024-4862-Garland TX

DFW Regional At Garland Shriners. 2121 Rowlett Rd 75040 Garland TX 75040. AO Turn in: 1pm. Fee: \$30. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Shriners Charities. Beans fee \$10,turn in noon, held at the top patio area. This is a Regional CCO event where the winner will be auto qualified plus the 2nd and 3rd chili winner and the top show winner. There will be about 10-15 RV spots available for a small fee. Contact Hugh for reservations. Cooking spots no hook ups will be available in the west parking lot where RVs can pull in the west entrance and back in the lot at an angle .for easy park and leave. The day cookers can park in the other parking lot and along the large, covered patio area and on the hill top on the grass area as directed by the Shriners team. The lodge will offer burgers and dogs plus

fries for sale at lunch time for a fee. Judging will be in the lodge building and the set up will be done by the Shriner. They do not sell beer so bring your own. Judges will be supplied the condiments and drinks. We will have a Junior CCO event, handled by Sharon Neff: sharmel1941@gmail.com Turn in at noon and fee for \$10. There will be a casino night at 7 pm by the lodge. There will be a baked potato bar offered until 7 pm including the burger and hot dog and fries available. Contact: Hugh McCraw 214-507-9078 hughbobmc@live.com

2/17/2024-4939-Ocoee FL Central Florida Chili Cookoff. 125 N Lakeshore Dr Ocoee FL 34761. Turn in: 12pm. Fee: \$20. Meat: Open. Charity: Legacy Events for Education. Categories will be CASI, Open, Vegetarian and Restaurant. Turn in for CASI at noon. Public sampling starts at noon. <u>Requesting cooks provide</u> 2 gallons of chili for public sampling. Contact: David Terry 315-450-0518 davidterry@ legacyeventsfored.org

2/17/2024-4959-Shreveport LA Taste Of Blanchard. 5939 Old Mooringsport RD Shreveport LA 71107. Turn in: 2pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Northwood High School. Cook in the school covered area or by your RV. Cooks supper Friday Night, Plenty of RV parking, No hookups. Contact: Janet Nash 318-218-8357 janet-nash1@att.net

2/17/2024-4977-Comstock

TX 19th Annual Richard Hinds Memorial Scholarship CCO. Desert Hills RV Park, Hwy 90W Comstock TX 78837. Turn in: 12pm. Fee: \$18. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Comstock School Scholarship. Call 830-317-4336 for RV reservations. Call 432-292-4484 for motel reservations.1st place chili receives Lloyd Goldwire Bronze Panther trophy and Richard Scott Memorial Bronze Indian Maiden traveling trophy. Traditional trophies for chili and show. Dessert and Art Auction 1pm Saturday. Cooks supper furnished Friday night. Sunday CCO same location. Contact: Janita Hinds 830-703-0096 rjhinds@gmail.com

2/17/2024-4984-Wichita Falls

TX Friendly Door Cookoff. 5396 Seymour Hwy Wichita Falls TX 76305-6205. Turn in: 1pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Eagles Charites. Cook off to be held at the Eagles Lodge. Jackpot Beans Fee \$5. Turn in 12pm. Can cook inside or out. Limited RV hook-ups. Full bar, pool tables and dominoes. Come join the fun and get a point or two. Contact: Dale Gorman 940-632-7322 aaronlarson25@hotmail.com

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2/18/2024-4863-Garland TX Garland Shriners. 2121 Rowlett Rd 75040 Garland TX 75040. Turn in: 1pm. Fee: \$30. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Shriners Charities. There will be about 10-15 RV spots available for a small fee. Contact Hugh for reservations. CCO will be down in the directors building. The lodge will offer burgers and dogs plus fries for sale at lunch time for a fee. Judging will be in the lodge building and the set up will be done by the Shriner. They do not sell beer so bring your own. Judges will be supplied the condiments and drinks. Contact: Hugh McCraw 214-507-907 hughbobmc@live.com

2/18/2024-4960-Shreveport LA Taste Of Blanchard Day 2. 5939 Old Mooringsport RD Shreveport LA 71107. Turn in: 1pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Northwood High School. Cook in the school covered area or by your RV. No Hookups. Come for a great time. Contact: Janet Nash 318-218-8357 janet-nash1@att.net

2/18/2024-4976-Comstock TX 19th Annual Comstock Library CCO. Desert HIlls RV Park, Hwy

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90 W Comstock TX 78837. Turn in: 12pm. Fee: \$18. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Comstock Library. RV reservations 830-317-4336. Motel reservations 432-292-4484. Sat CCO at same location. Contact: Janita Hinds 830-703-0096 rjhinds@gmail.com

2/24/2024-4896-San Angelo TX DESK CCO Day 1. 3301 Arden

Rd San Angelo TX 76904. Turn in: 2pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: DESK. This DESK CCO is a 2-day event. Fiddle Strings at 3301 Arden Rd will be CCO Location Chili Entry Fee is \$25. Entry fees payable to Concho Valley Chili Pod. Day 1 turn in time is 2pm; Chili Grind Only. There will be a 50/50 Pot. DESK provides School supplies to the teachers to be used for those children who need them. For more information. contact Janice Miller at 3214 Oak Mountain Trail, San Angelo, TX. 325-650-1854 garjans@suddenlink.net

2/24/2024-4981-Quinlan TX Lady Hawk Private Club. 8806 FM 751 Quinlan TX 75474. Turn in: 1pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Hunt County Volunteer Fire Departments. Come enjoy the fun! Silent auction, 50/50 raffle, drink and food specials, all while supporting our own local participants in the Firehouse Polar Plunge. Contact: James Burns 903-445-2954 JamesBurns@CASIchili. net

2/24/2024-4987-San Antonio TX Texas Open Chili Championship. 9333 SW Loop 410 San Antonio TX 78242. AQ Turn in: 1pm. Fee: \$40. Meat: Open. Charity: Sara Anderson Medical Fund. All cooks must follow CDC and Traders Village safety precautions when under the pavilion.. San Antonio fire department requires a fire extinguisher every 10 square feet. Please bring a fire extinguisher. Junior cookoff, fee \$15 turn-in 12pm, age 7-17. RVs allowed on property at 12noon on Thursday

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2-22-2024. No hookups. All asphalt parking. Nice cooks gift. There will be a great Friday night meal. Contact: Steve Herries 210-639-3729 steveherries@casichili.net

2/24/2024-4995-Powhatan

VA Powhatan Lions Club Chili Cook-off. 3920 Marian Harland LN Powhatan VA 23139. Turn in: 2 pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Open. Charity: Powhatan Lions Club. Get out of the house and join us for an afternoon of fun at the Inaugural Powhatan Lions Club Chili Cook-off. Corn Hole Tournament. Music provided by DJ. Beer and wine will be for sale. Covered cooking area, so canopy not required. Public chili tasting from Noon-4pm. Bathrooms and kitchen available. In the Village of Powhatan, Virginia at the site of the Powhatan Volunteer Rescue Squad. Loaner equipment for

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new or traveling cooks. New cooks welcome. Contact: Michael Watkins 240-328-4020 fun@mdchilipod.org

2/25/2024-4897-San Angelo TX

DESK CCO Day 2. 3301 Arden Rd San Angelo TX 76904. Turn in: 12pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: DESK. This DESK CCO is a 2-day event. Fiddle Strings at 3301 Arden Rd will be CCO Location Chili Entry Fee is \$25. Entry fees payable to Concho Valley Chili Pod. Day 2 turn in time is 12noon; Chili Grind Only. There will be a 50/50 Pot. DESK provides School Supplies to the teachers to be used for those children who need them. For more information, contact Janice Miller at 3214 Oak Mountain Trail, San Angelo, TX. 325-650-1854 garjans@suddenlink.net 2/25/2024-4988-San Antonio



TX Day After Texas Open. 9333 SW Loop 410 San Antonio TX 78242. Turn in: 1pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Future Texas Open. See Saturday's cook off for information. Contact: Steve Herries 210-639-3729 steveherries@casichili.net

3/2/2024-4850-Walnut Grove

GA 2nd Annual Walton County Masonic Chili Cook-off. 1211 Industrial Parkway Walnut Grove GA 30052. Turn in: 12:30 pm. Fee: \$30. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Walnut Grove Masonic Lodge #703. This cook-off will include both CASI and Open Divisions. Contact: Damon Anderson 404-983-5030 wda0617@gmail.com

3/2/2024-4910-Tyler TX Tyler Sharon Shriners CCO. 10027 Hwy 31 East Tyler TX 75705. Turn in: 1pm. Fee: \$30. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Shriner's Charities. 15 RV hook-up sites available to CASI cooks, \$15 per night, first come basis, MUST call Shriners office (Open Mon.-Fri. 9am – 1pm) at 903-566-2151 to reserve. Beans \$10 turn in at 12noon. Please Bring Throwdown for the People's Choice bragging rights award. Stay tuned for more info. Contact: Randy Rigg 419-345-8342 randyrigg@suddenlink.net

3/2/2024-4923-Glen Rose TX

US National Championship. 1099 Park Road Glen Rose TX 76043. AQ Turn in: 1pm. Fee: \$35. Meat: Open. Charity: Somervell Cancer Support Group. Friday night registration will be from 5-7p Saturday registration will be from 8-10am Beans are \$10. Turn in time 11am 100 % payback top 3, Chili Entry Fee \$35. Turn in time 1pm The Somervile Cancer Support Group is providing the meal to be served @ 6:30pm. Much more to come. For RV SPOTS and Cabin Information contact Teena at (817)726-2723 For Cook off information contact Dianne Stimson @ winksintexas@aol.com or (254) 855-2767 stay over and cook for the next day Proud of Texas POD AQ Cook OFF !!!! See next day cook off Contact: Dianne Stimson 254-855-2767 winksintexas@aol.com

3/3/2024-4911-Tyler TX Rose City Pod Twice is Nice CCO. 10027 Hwy 31 East Tyler TX 75705. **AQ** Turn in: 12pm. Fee: \$30. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: POD Charity. See cookoff previous day. 15 RV hook-up sites available to CASI cooks, \$15 per night, first come basis, <u>Must</u> call Shriners office (Open Mon.-Fri. 9am – 1pm) at 903-566-2151 to reserve. Stay tuned for more info. Contact: Randy Rigg 419-345-8342 <u>randyrigg@</u> <u>suddenlink.net</u>

3/3/2024-4924-Glen Rose TX Proud of Texas. 1099 Park Road Glen Rose TX 76043. **AQ** Turn in: 12pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Proud of Texas. Sunday registration will be from 8- 10 am. For RV Spaces and Cabin Rental Information contact Teena @ (817)726-2723 for Cook off information contact Dianne Stimson @ <u>Winksintexas@aol.com</u> or (254)855-2767 See previous day The US National Championship Chili Cook Off AQ

3/3/2024-4968-Masaryktown FL Greater Tampa Bay Chili Championship. Masaryktown Community Center 539 Lincoln Av Masaryktown FL 34604.

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Turn in: 12pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Pasco-Hernando Kiwanis Club Childrens Charities. CASI Chili Cookoff and Community Chili Contest Fun filled day of tastings, corn hole tournament, food trucks, vendors, 50/50 raffle, Kidz Zone, silent auction, entertainment, free admission and much more. Bring extra throw down chili. Dry camping available on site, (limited), Bingo Saturday night. Gates open 7am. Cooks meeting 9:00-9:30. For registration and additional information contact

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3/9/2024-4925-Kemah TX

46th Annual Pasadena Pod AQ CCO. 623 Hanson Rd Kemah TX 77573. AQ Turn in: 2pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Elks National Foundation. Come celebrate our 46th Annual Pasadena POD AQ CCO. We will be at the Elks Lodge 2322 in Kemah again with plenty of parking for cook set-ups. Limited RV spots are



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MARCH 8

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MARCH 9

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3/9/2024-4940-Arlington

TX Arlington Masonic Chili Cookoff. 1415 W Abram Arlington TX 76013. Turn in: 1pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Texas Scottish Rite Hospital. Contact: Richard Gaddis 817-274-7591 <u>arl438@</u> <u>sbcglobal.net</u>

3/10/2024-4926-Kemah TX Day After Pasadena AO CCC

Day After Pasadena AQ CCO. 623 Hanson Rd Kemah TX 77573. Turn in: 1pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Elks National Foundation. Join us for our Day After Pasadena AQ CCO at the Kemah Elks Lodge 2322 in Kemah TX. Lots of room for parking and limited RV hook-ups. Contact for info. See 3/9 for our POD AQ CCO on Saturday Contact: Bobby Griffin 281-786-9771 pasadenapepper@yahoo.com

3/16/2024-4864-Garland TX

Garland Elks. 3825 Duck Creek Garland TX 75040. Turn in: 1pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: ELKS charities. Beans \$5 turn is noon. Contact: Denise Cain 972-345-1014 aquaholic52@yahoo.com

3/16/2024-4898-San Angelo, TX Suez Shrine CCO, Day 1. 2915 W Loop 306 San Angelo, TX 76904. Turn in: 2pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Shrine Children's Hospital. This CCO benefits Suez Shrine Children's Charities. The Suez Shrine is located at 2915 W Loop 306 (It is on the Frontage Road of 306) in San Angelo, TX. Limited camping is available. This is a 2-day event. On Day 1, there will be a Bean Competition. Entry Fee is \$5. Turn in time is 12Noon. Chili Entry Fee is \$25. Turn in time is 2pm. Chili Grind Only. Entry fees payable to Concho Valley Chili Pod. There will be a 50/50 Pot and a Dessert. For more information, contact Janice Miller at 3214 Oak Mountain Trail, San Angelo, TX. 325-650-1854 garjans@suddenlink.net

3/16/2024-4927-Bastrop TX 5th Annual John & Sue Caffey Memorial Cookoff. 3003 TX-150 Loop Bastrop TX 78602. Turn in: 2pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: American Legion Post 533. New Location **!! Back To Bastrop** Post 533 Jackpot Beans \$10, turn in at Noon. Plenty of RV Parking (no hook ups). Large area for day-trippers. No outside alcohol allowed in. Please support the AL bar. Bring \$1 scratch offs for games on Friday and Saturday nights. Stay for Sunday's AQ'er! Contact: Rolland Pate 713-842-0131 rollandpate@gmail.com

New Date 3/16/2024-4989-St. Hedwig TX San Antonio Pod Spring Fling CCO. 14290 FM 1346 St. Hedwig TX 78152. Turn in: 2pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Open. Charity: Pod Charities. Also: Green Chili, \$10 entry, 11am turn-in and Beans, \$10 entry, noon turn-in. Plenty of dry camping available and covered cooking area for day cooks. Friday evening get-together with snacks provided. Saturday nite potluck. See also Sunday cookoff. Contact: Bob Steinle 210-294-0326 crackedpotchilia

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3/17/2024-4865-Garland TX Dam POD CCO. 3825 Duck Creek Garland TX 75040. **AQ** Turn in: 12pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: ELKS Charities. AQ CCO for DAM POD Contact: Dave Hewlett 214-695-3806 <u>davehewlett@</u> <u>msn.com</u>

3/17/2024-4899-San Angelo,

TX Suez Shrine CCO, Day 2. 2915 W Loop 306 San Angelo, TX 76904. Turn in: 12pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Shrine Children's Hospital. This CCO benefits Suez Shrine Children's Charities. The Suez Shrine is located at 2915 W Loop 306 (It is on the Frontage Road of 306) in San Angelo, TX. Limited camping is available. This is a 2-day event. On Day 12, there will be Chili Entry Fee is \$25. Turn in time is 2pm Chili Grind Only. Entry fees payable to Concho Valley Chili Pod. There will be a 50/50 Pot. For more information contact Janice Miller at 3214 Oak Mountain Trail, San Angelo, TX. 325-650-1854 garjans@suddenlink.net

3/17/2024-4928-Bastrop TX 44th Annual SOT Pod Cookoff. 3003 TX-150 Loop Bastrop TX 78602. AQ Turn in: 1pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: American Legion Post 533. **NEW LOCATION -- BACK TO** BASTROP POST 533 -- AUTO QUALIFIER!! -- Plenty of RV parking-no hookups. Large area for day trippers. 1st place chili winner will receive a "Milton" - Bronze Armadillo Trophy. See Saturday's cookoff for all the fun events, sure to make the weekend fun for all! Contact: Rolland Pate 713-842-0131

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New Date 3/17/2024-4990-St. Hedwig TX SAP-CASI Day After CCO. 14290 FM 1346 St. Hedwig TX 78152. Turn in: 1pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Pod Charities. Contact: Bob Steinle 210-294-0326 crackedpotchili@juno.com

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San Angelo TX Meltdown for Autism. 10 W Harris Ave San Angelo TX 76903. Turn in: 2pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: San Angelo Autism Alliance. Melt Down for Autism CCO will be held at Blaine Pub at 10 W Harris Ave. It is a 2 day CCO. Day 1 of 2 Day CCO will benefit San Angelo Autism Alliance. There is a bean competition. Entry fee for Beans is \$5. Turn in time is 12noon. Entry fee for chili is \$25. Turn in time is 2pm. CASI rules apply. Chili Grind Only. No hookups available. There will be a cake auction and 50/50 pot. Pot Luck dinner on Saturday night. Also see Sun 03/24/2024 for day 2. For information, contact Laura Coad 325-374-8800; cibij1946@ gmail.com

3/23/2024-4904-San Angelo

TX Meltdown for Autism. 10 W Harris Ave San Angelo TX 76903. Turn in: 2pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: San Angelo Autism Alliance. Melt Down for Autism CCO will be held at Blaine Pub at 10 W Harris Ave. It is a 2 day CCO. Day 1 of 2 Day CCO will benefit San Angelo Autism Alliance. There is a bean competition. Entry fee for Beans is \$5. Turn in time is 12noon. Entry fee for chili is \$25. Turn in time is 2pm. CASI rules apply. Chili Grind Only. No hookups available. There will be an auction and 50/50 pot. Also see Sun 03/24/2024 for day 2. For information, contact Laura Coad 325-374-8800; cjbjj1946@gmail.com

3/23/2024-4920-Garland TX

Texas Men's State Cookoff. 2121 Rowlett Road Garland TX 75043. **AQ** Turn in: 1pm. Fee: \$40. Meat: Open. Charity: Shriners. More info to come. Save the date, Contact: Sabrina Swanwick 830-534-8224 <u>sabrinakz614@gmail.com</u>

3/24/2024-4905-San Angelo

TX Cooking for Alzheimer's. 10 W Harris Ave. San Angelo TX 76903. Turn in: 12pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: San Angelo Alzheimer's. Cooking for Alzheimer's CCO will be held at Blaine Pub at

10 W Harris Ave. It is a 2 day CCO. Day 2 of 2 Day CCO will benefit San Angelo Alzheimer's. Entry fee for chili is \$25. Turn in time is 12noon. CASI rules apply. Chili Grind Only. No hookups available. Also see Sat 03/23/2024 for Day 1 activities. For more information, contact Laura Coad 325-374-8800;

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3/24/2024-4921-Garland

TX Day After Men's State. 2121Rowlett Rd Garland TX 75043. Turn in: 12pm. Fee: \$25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Shriners. More info to follow... Save the date. Contact: Sabrina Swanwick 830-534-8224 sabrinakz614@gmail.com

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