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Some GOBS members recently enjoyed "BBQ in the Ozarks." That is one of many ways that 'que fans are enjoying their passion this summer.

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the **QUE** FAMILY
By Jon Brooks

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August President's Message

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Have you been outside lately? It is HOT out there. Over the Fourth of July weekend, I was in Oklahoma — which gave new meaning to the word "hot" — yet I still sniffed a lot of smokers letting off the aroma of great smoked meats. Ya gotta love those folks who'll cook in soaring temperatures...question their sanity... but still love them.

June ended on a great note with word of the possibility of a fall barbeque competition in Omaha, thanks to some heads-up work by board member Ed Schwartz. More details coming soon.

We here at GOBS are full bore into planning the State Barbeque Championship of Nebraska as part of the Nebraska State Fair in late August.

Your Board of Directors

We have a great group of people on our board of directors. No matter what the challenge, our board is up to it. **Ed Schwartz** is an insurance salesman by trade, and the best salesman that GOBS could ever have. Ed has gone out and almost single-handedly put together a string of events designed to attract the public to our championship at the State Fair.

We are going to have competition cars, a poker run, a live radio broadcast with author and cook Judy Gilliard (perhaps better known as "Judy a la Carte"), a DJ, prize giveaways, grills, and so much more. If you run into Ed, be sure to tell him how much you appreciate his efforts for this great event.

Denny Lockman and **Butch Clark** are new to our board and they have taken on the task of coordinating a totally new event — The Kid's 'Que competition.

We wanted to expose a broader spectrum of people to barbeque — and what better way than to "start 'em young." Denny and Butch have grabbed the reins and are planning for a great event for participants and spectators. You can bring your youngsters out on Sunday morning to partake in our Kid's 'Que. Call or e-mail Denny or Butch for more information (see our back page for phone numbers and an e-mail addresses).

July 9th was definitely "Hot Fun in the Summertime" for GOBS members and their friends. Board member **Becky Weak** and her husband Larry hosted the annual GOBS picnic and pig roast at their Villa Springs home.

This traditionally GOBS member-exclusive event was opened to anyone interested in good barbeque who might

be interested in joining GOBS. It was a roaring success with lots of new faces. At least two of those I invited joined GOBS on the spot.

Tim's Wild West BBQ prepared the hog and it was more succulent than I could have possibly imagined. Many enjoyed second and third helpings of the pork (I know I did).

My grandchildren really enjoyed playing in the lake, and inspired several more people to jump on in. Larry Weak added a special touch with boat tours for those that wanted to get "up close and personal" with the water.

Bill MacKenzie will once again handle the People's Choice Sauce Contest in Lincoln. He is the information epicenter of GOBS. He's the "GOBS Gram" coordinator, editor of *Drippings*, KCBS rep for this area, and has ties with everybody that is anybody in barbeque. As a former GOBS president, his sage advice is always solid as a rock. Make sure that you acknowledge the tremendous contribution that Bill MacKenzie makes to our group.

Bill Clark is everywhere. Literally, he's everywhere. He's often in Vegas...and Phoenix...and Vegas. Our GOBS Treasurer (and my cohort for the sanctioned competition) is always available when he is in town to lend a helping hand.

You simply couldn't ask for more support than Bill gives — regardless of where he is. I will make sure he is not over-tasked at this year's contest, but have plans to tap his great business sense.

Nena Cooney is our secretary (and handles basically anything else that our group needs.) Nena has taken the reins of the brand-new Nebraska Midwest Regional Chili Cook-off — and this is no small undertaking. Working with Carol Hancock, the CEO of the International Chili Society (ICS), Nena has given us the opportunity to develop a wonderful new event as an addition to the State Barbeque Championship of Nebraska.

Nena acquired listings of past competitors and coordinated mailings in an attempt to make this a great inaugural year for ICS and GOBS.

Nena has taken the lead on the Booth Judging competition as well. I think she is looking forward to judging that event (and probably looking forward to all the bribes she'll receive!).

She's kept tabs on the rest of the board and initiated an action-item listing and follow-up to make sure we accomplish what we say we're going to accomplish.

Monty Hoyle has led the facilities effort for a couple of years and has now taken on the added responsibility of the non-sanctioned events competition at the State Barbeque Championship of Nebraska. He's always there to help — running a small competition, hauling trailers, whatever. You name it and Monty is there to help out (or put the task on his shoulders).

As GOBS vice-president, Monty adds a great deal of enthusiasm to our group. His enthusiasm is contagious and spreads like wildfire. I have benefitted so much from knowing and working with him that I've seen up-close-and-personal how GOBS benefits from his hard work.

I'll also say thank you also to our former President and Treasurer — **Tom Doll** and **Lowell Wilhite**. Tom has stepped up and is coordinating the registration for our contest (plus lending the guidance that comes from his years of experience). Lowell is in full swing wrangling the judges and he's currently accepting registrations KCBS Judging Class on Aug. 24 (see details on page 5).

It is great to have skilled veterans in charge of such critical parts of the program.

We Need Your Help

There are those of you who receive this newsletter who might want to participate. And we want you to participate!

Believe me, it is tons of fun! It is a lot of work, but it is such a rewarding experience.

I am currently on a diet, but I will do my best to practice willpower when faced with all the tasty treats I'll be exposed to at the rest of GOBS' great summer lineup of events. There are a number of great events in store. Please read the pages of this issue for more information and plan to attend as many events as you can!

We have a winning environment and it is all due to the people that support our organization and come each month to our dinner meetings. We'd really love to have you there.

We thrive because individuals like you are willing to come out and participate in these great events.

Let's keep the support high as we make our final turn en route to the State Barbeque Championship of Nebraska and Nebraska Midwest Regional Chili Cookoff at the Nebraska State Fair!

See you there!

— *Sonny Ashford*

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SUMMER FUN!

By Becky Weak

The 2006 GOBS Summer Picnic/Membership Drive on Sunday, July 9 turned out to be a fun afternoon of food and fellowship.

Attendees had the opportunity to fish, swim, win prizes and devour some tasty treats — including a smoked hog by Tim's Wild West BBQ!

My summer has been busy, but it was nice to be able to relax and make some new friends. Larry and I were happy to be able to host this great event.

I need to send some special "Thank You's" out to some very special individuals who helped make this event a success.

First off, I'd like to thank my husband Larry — I couldn't have pulled things off without you.

Brian Zimmerman and the Nebraska Pork Producers came through in a big way by providing us the hog to smoke. Thanks, Brian!

Tim Bazar once again prepped the hog wonderfully — the meat was tasty and delicious!

Jason Dworak and Boulevard Brewing deserve some major "kudos" for donating some mighty fine beer for our thirsty crew.

Thanks go out to Terry O'Hallaran for arranging the keg and tapper.

Jason Churchill and Craig Balderstone did a great job with the live music.

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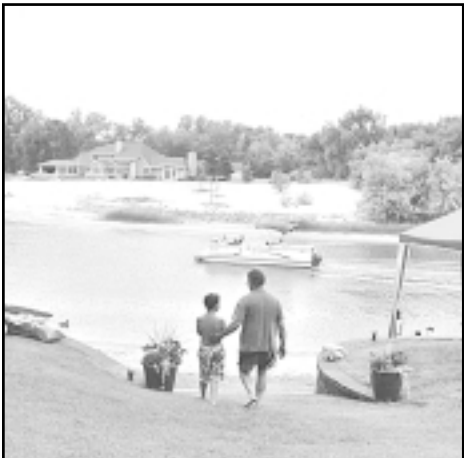
Pat and Steve McCollister Enjoy Some Tasty Treats.



Tim Bazar Carves Up the Hog



Larry and Becky Weak Graciously Opened Their Home To GOBS Members and Guests.



Annual GOBS Picnic – Hot Fun in the Summertime

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I'd like to thank my sis — Barb Young — for helping with food prep and clean-up at the picnic. I am also going to give a "shout out" to my dear friends Lynda and Mark Grubbs for their assistance.

I'd like to give props to Jim Miyeno — GOBS member and good friend — for help in taking down the canopies, tables and chairs.

And finally, I'd like to thank the GOBS members (and guests) who attended. The event proved to be a fun diversion from the typical routine.

The GOBS Annual Picnic really has evolved into a wonderful event. I can safely say that I am looking forward to next year's event.

Once again, "thank you" to everyone who contributed and attended this year's event.



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Prepayment is required to secure a slot in the class. The registration deadline is Aug. 14, 2005.

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Make check payable to: GOBS
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Contestant check-in is Friday, Aug. 25, giving teams plenty of time to socialize while preparing award-winning Chicken, Pork Ribs, Pork Butt/Shoulder, Brisket and Smoked Meat Pizzas for judging on Saturday. In addition to the meat categories, the contest features separate side dish, BBQ sauce (hot & mild), beans and dessert contests, plus a Booth Showmanship contest. Special awards are given for Best of Beef, Best of Pork and Best Bean entries.

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 Chief Cook (Please Print): _____
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 Phone Number _____ E-mail: _____

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Signature of Chief Cook: _____

State Capitol to Feature State Barbeque Championship and More in August

By *Sonny Ashford*

The Nebraska State Fair is an opportunity for all the people within the State of Nebraska to get together and celebrate the heritage of the great agricultural and industrial opportunities that exist within this beautiful state.

In 2004, the Nebraska State Fair Board asked the Greater Omaha Barbeque Society (GOBS) to host their annual State Barbeque Championship of Nebraska at the fair, beginning in 2005. We return again this year, but there is a twist. They asked that we make it a three-day event, and we agreed. Now we were faced with what we could do that would attract people. Let me give you a written tour:

Friday, Aug. 25

Cooking teams will arrive to start the

setup of their assigned cooking spots and, as usual, we have some that want to come in on Thursday. If you are one of those folks, Monty Hoyle IS THE MAN (402-968-8922) when it comes to making those arrangements.

Friday has always been the "PARTY" portion, with friends and relatives encouraged to make reservations. Food abounds on Friday.

While people party, we will be conducting the Booth Judging, and Nena Cooney assures me that her team of judges is up to the task.

Ed Schwartz has been busy setting up a car show that will bring people close to the smoke and smell of great barbeque.

There will be a DJ in the afternoon, and a live band in the evening, to provide additional festivities to the whole area.

We are adding a People's Choice BBQ Meat event to spice up the festivities and bring in more cooking teams on Friday around suppertime.

On Friday afternoon, we will start our People's Choice Barbeque Sauce Contest. This year it will be a bit different in that the two categories will not be mild and hot. Rather, the categories will be "tomato-based" and "other." Bill MacKenzie will head up this portion and looks forward to sampling all of the entries.

We are also privileged to have Judy a la Carte — a very popular cooking show host on KFAB AM in Omaha. She will be visiting with contestants in preparation for a live broadcast on Saturday morning. We also expect Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman to join the festivities on Friday evening.

Saturday, Aug. 26

"Contest Saturday" is a busy time as everyone readies themselves for the meat, sides and dessert competitions. Judy a la Carte will start her live broadcast at 10 a.m. and will be doing various interviews on her show.

The prize money up for grabs at this year's championship totals \$14,000 — and it is sure to be a spirited competition.

Rich and Bunny Tuttle and Lew Miller are planning on being our KCBS reps, so we know that it will be a very well-run competition.

Bill Clark and I are managing the event, and our fifth category this year is BBQ pizza. We think we are the first contest to do this, and we are really looking forward to the creativity of the cooks.

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State Barbeque Championship Expanded to Increase its Appeal

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Monty Hoyle is dual-hatted as the facilities manager and he'll also oversee our sides contest.

While contestants receive their awards, our crack crew will be setting up for our first BBQ Poker Run.

It is estimated that at least 500 motorcycles will be participating for cash awards, prizes and a delicious barbeque dinner.

We are also planning to have either a DJ or live band on Saturday to spice up the atmosphere.

Sunday, August 27th

We are holding our Inaugural Kid's 'Que Contest in the morning. We have 50 grills and hope each contestant will be able to have his or her own grill. We are also looking for individuals interesting in judging this event. Denny Lockman and Butch Clark are in charge of this event.

We are adding some spice with an International Chili Society (ICS)-sanctioned Nebraska Midwest Regional Chili Cookoff. It is our inaugural year, but we are incredibly excited about this event. Because it is a regional competition, our champion will be eligible to compete in the World Championship held in Omaha this October.

Last year was the first time the ICS World Championship was held in Omaha, and over 13,000 people attended the event. If you are interested in competing, please contact Nena Cooney at (402) 934-5848, or Tom Doll at (402) 558-9084, for more information and registration.

The awards for the chili cookoff will be handed out late in the afternoon.

The State of Nebraska and the Greater Omaha Barbeque Society are really looking forward to this year's contest being one to remember!

Governor's Feast!



GOBS members feasted with Gov. Dave Heineman on Sunday, July 23 at the Governor's Mansion in Lincoln, NE. The dinner serves as the Annual Summer Celebration for the Greater Omaha Barbeque Society.

Full coverage of the event will appear in the Sept. issue of Drippings.

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IS THIS BBQ JOINT?



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Six-Month Calendar of Events

Events within 200 miles of Omaha and select other events are listed.
More events will be added as they are confirmed.

- Aug. 8 GOBS Monthly Dinner Meeting. Big Horn Mountain.
- Aug. 24 GOBS/KCBS Judges Training Class. Details on Page 5.
- Aug. 25-26 15th Annual State Barbeque Championship of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE.
- Sept. 8-9 Third Annual Big Blue BBQ. Fairbury, NE.
- Sept. 12 GOBS Monthly Dinner Meeting. Ozark Smoked Meat Co.
- Sept. 15-16 Last Fling 'Til Spring BBQ Contest. West Point, NE.
- Oct. 6-7 American Royal BBQ Contest. Kansas City, MO.
- Oct. 9 GOBS Monthly Dinner Meeting. McKenna's Blues, Booze, and BBQ. (Note: Event is on a Monday)
- Nov. 14 GOBS Monthly Dinner Meeting. Islamorada Fish Co. in Council Bluffs.
- Dec. 12 GOBS Monthly Dinner Meeting. Famous Dave's - Old Market location.

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