

# Throw a January Soup-er party

Party soups are an elegant yet economical way to entertain for several reasons.

First, consider the elegance of main dish soups that are brimming with good ingredients and presented in handsome tureens on a neatly arranged buffet. The cook can enjoy the party too, because all of the work has been done beforehand.

Prepared ahead and served buffet style, party soups don't require additional hands in the kitchen or the dining room either, for that matter.

Chili Corn Carne has tiny ears of corn and bite-sized meatballs floating in Bean with Bacon Soup and Tomato Soup. The meatball is made of ground beef, rice, egg and chili powder, then browned with chopped onion and cubed green pepper. Soup seasonings include ground cumin seed.

T 'N' T Chicken Soup gets its name from two of the seasonings: tumeric and thyme. The base is a combination of Chicken Gumbo Soup and Tomato Rice Soup — both canned and condensed. Sliced zucchini and cubed cooked chicken are added, with a splash of pungent vinegar.

### CHILI CORN CARNE

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 cup quick-cooking rice, uncooked
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1/2 cup chopped onions
- 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
- 1 large clove garlic, minced

### \*\*\*\*\* How to solve your tax delays

Have you repeatedly contacted the Internal Revenue Service to correct a billing? Do form letters keep on coming even after you have written? Are refunds still missing after many contacts?

Oregonians who meet delays or red tape in solving their federal tax problems can get help from IRS's Problem Resolution Program (PRP) office. This office serves as IRS's ombudsman to help taxpayers who have already had unsuccessful contacts with IRS. The taxpayer deals with one person and is kept informed of the case's progress until the problem is resolved.

This last fiscal year, Portland's PRP office handled 4,000 cases. The percentage of cases that are handled through PRP is small compared to the millions of Oregon contacts that are handled successfully each year without additional assistance. However, to an individual with a seemingly unresolvable problem, an ombudsman in Internal Revenue Service is the answer.

Problem Resolution should not be used as a substitute for normal procedures because most problems can be resolved through regular channels. PRP criteria are:

(1) You have contacted IRS regarding the status of a refund at least 90 days after filing an original or amended return. Subsequently a second inquiry is necessary.

(2) You requested information or assistance more than 45 days ago and have received no acknowledgement or final response.

(3) You previously responded to a billing notice and now have a third or subsequent notice indicating incorrect action or a lack of action by IRS on your earlier response.

(4) You notice repeated problems in a particular area that may be corrected with an initial contact but could indicate an internal or processing problem.

There are some areas, however, that do not qualify for PRP assistance. These areas include criminal cases, tax protesters, non-tax administrative matters, problems with other agencies, refusal to pay, or cases where an established administrative or formal appeal procedure should be used.

PRP can be contacted by telephoning 221-3960 in Portland or 1-800-424-1040 elsewhere in Oregon. A written summary of the problem and efforts made to correct it, including copies of any correspondence, may be mailed to Problem Resolution Office, P.O. Box 3341, Portland, OR 97208.

- 1 teaspoon ground cumin seed
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 can (11 1/2 ounces) Condensed Bean with Bacon Soup
- 1 can (10 1/4 ounces) Condensed Tomato Soup
- 1 1/2 soup cans water
- 1 can (about 16 ounces) baby ears of corn, drained
- 1. In medium bowl, mix thoroughly beef, rice, egg and chili powder; shape into 24 meat balls.
- 2. In 3-quart saucepan over medium high heat, in hot oil, brown meatballs and cook onion and green pepper with seasonings until tender; spoon off fat.

- 3. Add remaining ingredients. Cover; heat to boiling. Reduce heat to low; simmer 20 minutes or until done, stirring occasionally. Makes 8 cups or 6 servings.
- Canned Corn:** Substitute 1 can (about 16 ounces) whole kernel golden corn, drained for baby ears of corn.

### T 'N' T CHICKEN SOUP

- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 1/2 cups sliced zucchini
- 1/2 cup chopped onions
- 1 large clove garlic, minced
- 1 small bay leaf

- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed
- 1/2 teaspoon ground tumeric
- 1 can (10 1/4 ounces) Condensed Chicken Soup
- 1 can (11 ounces) Condensed Tomato Rice Soup
- 1 1/2 soup cans water
- 2 cups cubed cooked chicken
- 1 teaspoon vinegar
- 1. In 2 1/2-quart saucepan over medium heat, in hot butter, cook zucchini and onions with seasonings until tender.
- 2. Add remaining ingredients. Heat; stir occasionally. remove bay leaf. Makes 6 1/2 cups or 4 servings.



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