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Downers Grove Moose Family Center's Rod & Gun Club Holds Annual Chili Cook-Off.

A Staple of the Downers Grove community, the Downers Grove Moose Family Center's Rod & Gun Club held the Annual Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, January 25th. Back in Fall, Evan Fitzgerald, Club President, asked, "Is there an event the Rod & Gun Club could sponsor to raise funds for The Sgt. Thomas M. Gilbert Memorial Foundation?" Roy A. Brown III, Governor, suggested a Chili Cook-Off.

Fitzgerald and Rich Murrow, Club Treasurer, planned the Chili Cook-Off and sent the eVite challenges to membership. Nine members brought their "Best Chili to be judged against the Rest". All assembled in the Lodge at 2:00 PM and it was a GREAT turnout. Thank you to all who attended, participated and especially to our judges.

Brown stated, "1st prize was awarded for Best Overall Chili and Hottest Chili." Murrow pointed out that the winner has "Bragging rights for the next year, a fantastic medal and great trophy as prizes."

The five judges tasted all the Chili's following official CASI rules and selected member **Jeff Orris as the 2009 Chili Cook-Off Winner!** Congratulations Jeff, and yes, he won both prizes.

After the judging, all members attending were invited to sample the Chili's entered into the Cook-Off. Fitzgerald thanked all in attendance for being so generous with their donations.

Moose International is an organization of 900 thousand members that are active in four nations dedicated to bettering the lives of children and the elderly in need, and helping to make communities better places in which to live. Along with other units of Moose International, the Loyal Order of Moose supports the operation of Mooseheart Child City & School, a 1,000-acre community for children and teens in need, located 40 miles west of Chicago; and Moosehaven, a 63-acre retirement community

for its members near Jacksonville, FL. Additionally, Moose Lodges conduct approximately \$90 to \$100 million worth of community service annually.

The Downers Grove Moose Rod & Gun Club has been a big part of our Downers Grove Moose Family Center since the 1950s. The Club is a group of approximately 60 members who meet twice a month, on Wednesday nights, to discuss hunting issues, fishing issues and habitat management. The Rod & Gun Club sponsors youth events such a Little League Baseball Team, host Hunter Safety Education Classes and Co-Sponsor the Fishing Derby with the Downers Grove Park District.

For more information on the Downers Grove Moose Family Center #1535, visit **www.dgmoose.org** or contact us at 630-968-4550.

For more information on the "The Sgt. Thomas M. Gilbert Memorial Foundation," please visit **www.sgttommyskids.org**

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