

Green River Toastmasters - Club 92

Extraordinary Dessert Contest



Official 2006 Contest Rules

- 1) Eligibility: Contestants must be a member in good standing of Green River Toastmasters Club #92 at the time of the scheduled contest, or anyone else who shows up with an entry.
- 2) Judging:
 - a) Chief Judge: A chief judge shall be elected, appointed or conscripted at the sole discretion of the Green River Club President. The duties of the chief judge shall be to 1: appoint a panel of 5 or 7 judges 2: assure that all contestants and judges adhere to the rules and 3: count the votes. The chief judge shall not vote, shall not be allowed to cast a 'tie breaker vote' and shall wait in line for dessert just like everybody else.
 - b) Judges Eligibility: Contestants are prohibited from acting as judges. All other persons are eligible to be appointed as a judge at the sole discretion of the chief judge. Being related to, married to, a business partner of, blackmailed by or having any other social attachment to a contestant, in no way shall disqualify that person from being a judge.
 - c) Influencing Judges: Influencing judges through blackmail or treats; bribes through the promise of money, lewd and lascivious advances or promises of more proactive forms of "stress management" will not only be allowed but encouraged.
- 3) Voting:
 - a) Points and Counting: Judges shall vote for a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place entry, then sign and date their ballot. Any incomplete ballots shall be thrown out, along with the judge. Votes shall be counted by the chief judge and a 1st place vote will receive three (3) points, 2nd place votes will receive two (2) points and 3rd place votes shall receive one (1) point. The winner shall be the entry with the highest total points.
 - b) Tie Breaker: In the rare case of a tie, the contestants whose entries have tied shall recite the words to the *Twelve Days of Christmas*, and the first to miss shall be deemed the loser.
- 4) Entries
 - a) Qualification: In an effort not to stifle creativity, entries need not conform to a traditional or socially acceptable definition of 'dessert'. Entries need only fit into the categories of 1: edible and 2: nontoxic. (See rule 4b - Exceptions for Qualification) Entries must be 'substantially' made by the contestant. The word 'substantially' may be interpreted as opening all of the boxes, actually making the trip to Costco or convincing a friend or relative to 'put a few things together' for the contestant.
 - b) Exceptions for Qualification: If it is discovered that an entry contains any or all of the following items, 1: tofu 2: okra or 3: sauerkraut, both the entry and the contestant shall be disqualified and immediately ejected from the premises.
- 5) Presentation: Entries will be assigned a number by the chief judge and will be on display prior to judging. Immediately prior to the judges sampling, each contestant shall have two (2) minutes to slice, dice, skewer, wrap, unwrap or use any method deemed necessary or appropriate by the contestant to display his or her creation in the most favorable light. The contestant shall also use this time to describe the virtues of their creation and make any last minute promises or threats to the judges.
- 6) Trophy: Whereas: a tradition has been established to present a traveling trophy to the winner that they may keep and display for one year, then surrender to the new winner, and;
Whereas: said trophy has spent half it's life at the Restis residence;
Therefore: the trophy shall henceforth and in perpetuity be know as "*The Restis Trophy*"

