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Racing Fans Get A Taste For The Race Through Tailgating

(NAPSA)—America's oldest major soft drink is getting behind the wheel with the nation's fastest growing sports craze for a combination that adds up to pure racing excitement.

Dr Pepper is a big hit on the NASCAR Busch Series Grand National Division circuit. Not only does the company sponsor a car in the Busch Series, but the soft drink remains a popular favorite at tailgate parties—both as liquid refreshment and in flavorful recipes.

NASCAR races are thrilling family spectacles that readily lend themselves to tailgating. Packing up a cooler full of sandwiches, snacks, slaw and soda—or more adventurous fare—and heading to the track with the family in tow, it's a great way to get in the mood for the thrill of the raceway.

Not only does tailgating give people a chance to spend quality time with the family, but it also provides a way of meeting fellow racing fans, especially when the food is good and the aroma fills the parking lot. For example, this delectable dish was created by Randy Bray, executive chef at Dr Pepper/Seven Up, Inc.

Pit Crew Ka-Bobs

Makes 8 servings

4 lbs. chicken or beef of choice, cut into 2-inch cubes
1 pineapple, cut into 1-inch



These succulent “ka-bobs” earn a checkered flag for their winning flavor.

dice
2 large red peppers, cut into 1½-inch dice
2 large green peppers, cut into 1½-inch dice
1 large onion, cut into 1½-inch dice
2 yellow squash, cut into ½-inch crescents
1 pint of mushrooms, whole, washed

Marinade:

2 cans (12 oz. each) Dr Pepper
2 cups teriyaki sauce
1 cup pineapple juice
½ cup honey
4 garlic cloves, minced
½ cup water
1 tsp. black pepper
1 tsp. thyme

Skewer vegetables and meat. Combine marinade ingredients. Allow skewers to

marinate for at least 1 hour, more for additional flavor. Discard marinade after use. Grill skewers to perfection.

When tailgating, be sure to follow a few food safety guidelines to make sure a good time is had by all:

- Make sure you have enough space in the cooler to keep all perishables—meat, dairy, anything made with mayonnaise—cold until they're ready to be cooked and/or eaten.
- Keep used dishes away from uncooked or uneaten food to prevent the spread of bacteria.
- Where possible, use disposable containers. Not only is this safer, but it can make cleanup a lot easier.
- Stock up on non-alcoholic beverages, such as Dr Pepper and Diet Dr Pepper, as a refreshing option, especially for designated drivers and children.

Since 1997, Dr Pepper has demonstrated its commitment to stock car racing, the fastest-growing spectator sport in America. NASCAR has enjoyed unprecedented growth, with a fan loyalty unmatched by any other professional sport. To add to that growth, three new tracks—Chicago, Kansas City and Kentucky (Cincinnati)—will be on the Busch Series schedule, producing a total of 33 races for the 2001 season.

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