

## Top 10 Shine as Mid-Atlantic's Largest Culinary Competition Continues in Baltimore

*Baltimore, MD, July 7, 2015* - The field of 16 top area chefs has been narrowed to the top 10 as the Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament prepares to complete Round 1 of competition next week.

After just three weeks of competition and six matches, the field of chefs competing in The Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament ([www.MDMasterChef.com](http://www.MDMasterChef.com)) is starting to dwindle, while the money raised for Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland (the Tournament's charity partner, who receives 10% of the proceeds) continues to rise.

### Remaining chefs include:

Christopher Vocci, **Alexandra's at Turf Valley**

Wilbur Cox, Jr., **Bistro Rx**

Cole Whaley, **Café Rue**

Lanydre Christ Pandzou, **Colony South Hotel**

Rick Koplau, **Duke's Grocery**

Sean Praglowski, **Luckie's Tavern**

Jirat Suphrom-In, **My Thai**

Melissa Fordham, **Personal Chef Services**

Bill Kelley, **Renditions Golf**

Jeff Keeney, **Tark's Grill**

With Battle Backyard BBQ, Battle Breakfast and Battle Chocolate over, the remaining chefs are looking forward to Battle Comfort Food next week to finish off Round 1. The Tournament was dark this week in observance of Independence Day, but will resume on Monday, July 13 and Tuesday, July 14 with the following match ups:

### Monday, July 13

**Melissa Fordham**

**Personal Chef Services/Blue Bistro & Catering/Gourmet Again**

*versus*

**Wilbur Cox, Jr.**

**Bistro Rx**

### Tuesday, July 14

**Sean Praglowski**

**Luckie's Tavern**

*versus*

**Cole D. Whaley**

**The Cafe Rue**

Competition will continue with Round 2 beginning July 20 and 21.

### Tournament Details

Tickets for all dates of this summer-long single-elimination chef competition are available for purchase at: <http://www.MDMasterChef.com>. Tickets for most matches are \$25 for general admission and \$45 for judging experience (including all taxes). In addition, the Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament donates 10% of the net proceeds of each ticket sold directly to their charity partner Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland (<http://www.mealsonwheelsmd.org>).

### Remaining Competition Dates (6:00pm – 9:00pm); Doors open at 5:30pm:

July 13, 14, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28

August 10, 11, 16

**Event Timeline:**

5:30 p.m. – Happy Hour with Complementary passed Hors d'oeuvres and Wine Tasting by Boordy Vineyards, plus Drink and Food Specials  
6:30 p.m. – Cold Prep Begins for the Competition  
7:00 p.m. – Chef Competition  
8:00 p.m. – Judging Begins, Complementary Dessert and Coffee Served

**Partners and Sponsors:**

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Baltimore Restaurant Examiner, CityPeek, Dining Dish, Downtown Diane, JL Waldera, Minx Eats, Savory Experiments, The Umbrella Syndicate

**Interviews:** Chefs are available for in-studio demos and phone interviews as well as on-site interviews pre or post competition. To set up an interview or receive a press pass to a specific event, please contact Karen Folkart, [Karen@masondixonmasterchef.com](mailto:Karen@masondixonmasterchef.com).

*About The Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament*

*This multi-week event is a single-elimination tournament designed to showcase some of the area's finest executive chefs and restaurants. Guests attending this exciting event will be more than just spectators, as they enjoy the unique experience of witnessing two spectacular area chefs battle it out in the prep kitchen right on the main floor. Each evening two chef teams go head-to-head to prepare an appetizer, entrée and dessert for each of three expert judges, as well as amuse bouche portions of their entrees for up to 30 audience member judges. Their creations are scored on creativity, presentation and taste, and only one chef advances to the next round. At the end of this tournament only one of the 16 competing chefs will emerge as THE Mason Dixon Master Chef! 10% of the net proceeds of each ticket sold directly to Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland. More information available at [www.MasonDixonMasterChef.com](http://www.MasonDixonMasterChef.com), on Twitter @MDMasterChef, and Facebook at Mason Dixon Master Chef.*

*About Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland*

*Meals on Wheels' mission is to enhance quality of life through the provision of nutritious meals, personal contact and related services to homebound individuals. Last year, over 740,000 home-delivered meals were prepared and delivered to more than 2,900 homebound clients through the coordinated efforts of Meals on Wheels staff and some 2,000 volunteers. Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland currently serves the following areas: Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, Montgomery and Prince George's counties.*