

## \$200 winner Mediterranean Chicken Salad

Camilla Sorenson, Ada, Minn., in the Chicken Salads Category, May 2002

- 1 lb. cooked chicken, shredded or cut into bite-size pieces or strips (3 cups)
- 1/2 of a medium cucumber, halved lengthwise, seeded, and sliced
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 cup sliced pitted kalamata olives
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 13.75-oz. can artichoke hearts, drained and quartered
- 1/3 cup sliced green onions

- √₂ of a small lemon, seeded and cut in 6 wedges
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 4 cup sherry vinegar or white wine vinegar
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 2 cups spinach leaves

Snipped fresh parsley (optional)

In a very large bowl combine chicken, cucumber, celery, olives, walnuts, artichokes, and green onions. Set aside.

In a blender container or food processor bowl combine lemon (including peel), olive oil, vinegar, sugar, salt, and pepper; cover and blend until nearly smooth. Pour dressing mixture over chicken mixture; toss to combine. Cover and chill up to 2 hours.

Serve salad on spinach leaves and sprinkle with parsley, if desired. Makes 6 servings. Nutrition facts per serving: 451 cal., 32 g total fat (5 g sat. fat), 67 mg chol., 628 mg sodium, 17 g carbo., 5 g fiber, and 25 g pro. Daily Values: 18% vit. A, 25% vit. C, 7% calcium, and 18% iron.