## **Strawberries with Black Pepper**

10-12 servings

## Ingredients:

- 8 tbsp unsalted butter
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 cup fresh orange juice
- 4 pints strawberries, hulled
- 4 tbsp Cointreau
- 5 tsp coarsely ground black pepper
- 2 cups well chilled heavy cream
- 6 tbsp confectioner's sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla

## Preparation:

Melt butter, add sugar and orange juice and cook, stirring for 3 minutes, or till sugar is dissolved.

Add strawberries and cook mixture for 2-3 minutes.

Add Cointreau, heated, ignite it, and shake the skillet till the flames go out.

Add Black pepper and mix gently to combine.

Whip cream with the sugar & vanilla till soft peaks form.

Serve with the strawberries.