

EMERGENCY!      EMERGENCY!      EMERGENCYEEEEEEEEEEEEEE !!!!! Pay close attention, now:

Destination for June 3-4 field trip is changed. Chinook Pass will be snowed in for a while, so INSTEAD, the weekend camp will be held at Lawiswis Forest Camp on White Pass - State Hiway 14, 7 mi. NE of Packwood. You can go either by State 410 thru Rainier Park or State 7 south thru Morton and Cosmos, according to Field Tripman First Class Paul Nestell.

PLEASE BRING DRY WOOD!

FURTHER: This Bulletin is a WEEK EARLY, so don't automatically show up next Monday night. Next meeting will be June 12, 8 p.m., Eames Theater.

Another reason the Bulletin is a week early is so those of you who took slides of any of our field trips (particularly the giant gathering on May 20-21) can get them to Ben Woo to show at the June 12 meeting. Write your name on the mounts, and identify whatever and whoever you can. If not, somebody will probably be able to.

TAKE OR MAIL YOUR SLIDES to:

Ben Woo  
4029 E. Madison, Seattle 98102

as soon as possible; at any rate by June 8.

We may wish to have some of them reproduced, so there may be some delay in returning. If you want them in a hurry, ask for them after the meeting. I'm looking for publicity shots again, yet, still. Color slides can be converted to b&w; or if you have b&w film, do bring for me to see, please.

The June meeting will be a double, possibly a triple feature - partly social - an Alcohol-less Happy Hour of coffee, ice tea and "A Surprise", production of which is being organized by indefatigable Lois Ohlson, who probably won't even get to be there because she is not allowed to be on her feet for quite a while yet.

Your Board will be there with name badges to shake your hands and introduce you to your neighbors. Just remember, everyone else feels shy and strange sometimes, too, so do some handshaking of your own - the Board never meets everyone, and sometimes only each other!

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If you turn up enough field trip slides, Ben Woo, the Chet Brinkley of slide time, will act as commentator.

OR, if slides are short, or perhaps even if they're not, George the Raffanelli will demonstrate use of the compass, which ought to reduce attrition among members.

HISTORICAL NOTES - Recent Field Trips:

April 22-23. 24 persons in all, 8 at potluck and overnight. We found *Helvella gigas*, *Verpa bohemica* and Morels, Dalles Forest Camp.

May 6-7. Scheduled at Crystal Springs Forest Camp, which was snowed in, so we camped at the Great Northern Tree Farm near Roslyn. 27 persons, 14 for our exceptionally delicious potluck supper. Lots of Morels and *Verpas*. A few *Boletus edulis* and others.

May 20-21. Tumwater Forest Camp. 239 people. 24 at potluck Saturday night. 48 different mushrooms identified by Dr. Stuntz. Hunting (and finding) was very good. Lots of *Clavaria* and Morels. Some *Boletus edulis*, puffballs and other edibles.

Fifty people may walk the same trail, and if all are keenly aware, each one will find something the other 49 missed.

We wish to thank the members and friends of PSMS for leaving a nice clean camp at Tumwater.

--Paul Nestell, Field Trip

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"It ain't the things we don't know that hurts us, it's the things we know that ain't so." --Artemus Ward (contributed by Dr. Morton Bassan, with special reference to identifying fungi, maybe?)

## POESY DEPARTMENT AGAIN...



We buried Phil  
Up on the hill,  
His earthly days finita:  
The agarics he ate  
From off his plate  
Turned out to be Amanita.

--G. Rafanelli



Lissen, all you poets, with the example set by Ben Woo and George the Raf, aren't you inspired to break into print? Let's hear it for the September Bulletin!

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FOOTNOTE TO HISTORY: I thought they were kidding, but they weren't - it's the truth. When Russ and George drove to Tacoma, and gave a 75-minute lecture/slide presentation to the Pierce County Poison Control Group, they also got to pay for their own lunches! We offer them this consolation:

"Most of the important experiences that truly educate cannot be arranged ahead of time with any precision..."--Harold Taylor.

George wrote them a brisk letter--no reply yet.

And since this Bulletin is being issued so hastily there hasn't been time for a message from the President, here is a reprint of his reply to an item in Mailway's column:

"Dear Mike, your unauthenticated statement pertaining to poisonous mushrooms in Alaska could easily affect the survival rate of future Mailway-reading tourists to the northland.

Extension Publication No. 6, entitled "Know Alaska's Mushrooms" is available from the U. of Alaska Cooperative Extension Service for 25¢. It indicates that several forms of Amanita muscaria occur there in abundance from spring to late fall, over large areas of that state. Also known to fruit there regularly are Clitocybe sudorifica, Russula emetica, and several dangerous species of Inocybe and Gallerina, all very toxic. Others could be mentioned.

Also growing in Alaska are many of the popular and delicious species generally sought after for consumption, some in prolific quantities. Positive identifica-

tion of any species desired as food is strongly recommended of any hunter. There are no other valid field tests for mushrooms and the responsibility must be borne by the consumer.

I have not checked the claims made in regard to poison ivy, but suggest that for these details you avail yourself of an authority closer to the field than a bar stool. Yours truly, G.R. Pres., PSMS."

The above may convey some idea of George's response when confronted with error. Poor old Pierce County Poison Control. Hurray For Our Defender of the Weak, Protector of the Poor.

## DIPLOMATIC NOTE:

All you virtuous members who paid your dues may be interested to know that because we had to communicate with the delinquent members so they wouldn't try to burrow through Chinook Pass, we did it like this: (on blue paper)

## THE LAST WORD

(information on cancellation given) (then)  
If you had paid your dues you would have got a whole Bulletin.

Farewell,

(signed) The Farewell Committee

We have a lot of fun down here, but isn't there somebody else who has a hankering to put out an issue or two? I just about bust a gasket with this one, and there's lots of quotations left to use. Here are some of them:

Goethe: "The history of science is science itself; the history of the individual, the individual." I don't think I agree with him. You can't separate causes from their effects or vice versa, but really he sounds like Marshall McLuhan. (Who?)

Joe Valachi: "In the circle in which I travel, a dumb man is more dangerous than a hundred rats." Joe sounds like a mycologist; actually he was a Chicago gangster.

Hippocrates: "Art is long, life short; judgment difficult, opportunity transient." Can't fault that - everything in life falls into one of those categories.

This is your Bulletin - and you've got all summer to think stuff up. C'mon, there. Have a good summer...

Connie Young, Editor