



# SPORE PRINTS

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APRIL 1969 #52

APRIL MEETING-MONDAY APRIL 14, EAMES THEATER PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER  
8:00 PM

PROGRAM- "The Morels of Washington", slides and narration  
by our new prez - Morrie Gatcomb  
AND--- "The Flora and Fauna of Washington", first of a series  
by Bob Ramsey - which we hope will make  
you a better mushroom hunter

## IDENTIFICATION SESSIONS BEFORE AND AFTER MEETING

FIFTH ANNUAL SURVIVORS' BANQUET: For those who could not attend we report the fifth annual banquet as being a huge success, in all respects; our inimitable Ben Woo exceeded in his usual manner. It was heartily enjoyed by 371 persons (just a little under the maximum seating capacity of 400) all of whom, at the last count, still survive.

We were fortunate in our choice of guest speaker, Dr. Alexander Smith, Professor of Botany and Director of Herbarium, University of Michigan. Dr. Smith's talk was on the genus boletus and boletinus, illustrated with a vast collection of excellent color slides. The dinner served by the Washington Athletic Club was superb and, in the tradition of the society, included mushrooms in all courses.

Dr. Smith had voiced a wish to meet some of the club personally in addition to the banquet and on the following night Morrie and Elsie Gatcomb hosted a party of about 40. From the number of forgotten items which Morrie had to lug to the board meeting (we won't go into detail, but it was quite an assortment of books, pots and pans, silver, etc) the party was a huge success.

Some afterthoughts on Dr. Smith's Discourse:-

### THE BOLETES

The descriptions of most species  
ended

With an ominous  
"Not recommended!"

The number of species  
incredulous  
But for me, I'll eat nothing but  
Edulis

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Here are your 1969 Officers and Board of Trustees:

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Ruth Bell Al Crosetti Tom Imori  
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\*Due to the increase in membership and extensive plans for expanding Society activities in 1969, it has been decided we need two secretaries (How's that for a sneaky way of settling a tie vote?) Also if there are any typists in the club it would be much appreciated if they would contact either secretary and volunteer your services; there is a tremendous amount of typing coming up (the new roster is only part of it.) Many hands make light work.

Get acquainted with your Board Members - they are your representatives (and obedient servants) They welcome suggestions and gripes.

**SOCK IT TO 'EM!**

FIELD TRIPS Paul Nestell, our veteran tripmaster, has volunteered to put up with our stupid questions again this year. Here are the first five trips scheduled:

<u>APRIL 12 &amp; 13</u>	Rockport State Park	East of Concrete-about 40 Mi. east of Sedro Wooley
<u>APRIL 26 &amp; 27</u>	Falls Creek Forest Camp	On Lake Quinault
<u>MAY 3 &amp; 4</u>	Dalles Forest Camp	30 Mi. east of Enumclaw on Rte #410
<u>MAY 17 &amp; 18</u>	Tumwater Forest Camp	Stevens Pass Highway
<u>MAY 31-June 1</u>	Crystal Springs Forest Camp	10 Mi. east of Hyak on Rte #10- turn right on Stampede Pass Rd.

NOTE ALL YE PSMS'RS on the Rockport State Park - the first of the season we are going to have guests. The Bell-Vue-Deers Trailer Club have been invited to join with us - so keep out a watchful eye for our visitors - and mind your manners.

All of the above scheduled trips are two day events, with pot luck at (tentatively) 5 o'clock on Saturday evenings.

Additional special hunts may be scheduled if any of our flock run across a "strike" of morels - you'll be notified.

BRING FIREWOOD! A roaring fire is always a must and if each member will bring a few chunks, it imposes no burden on anyone. In fact, anyone not bringing firewood will be fed an amanita salad (it could happen to you.) BRING FIREWOOD!

IDENTIFICATION is usually at 4:00 PM on Saturdays; 1:00 PM on Sundays  
Remembering our earlier field trips, we feel that perhaps a few words on just what goes on during these forays will enhance the enjoyment of the neophyte.

So read on, Mc Duff, for Timely Tips for Field Trips

(Did we mention firewood??) Woodn't you know?? If we haven't-  
**FIREWOOD IS A MUST - WET WOOD DOESN'T LEND  
ITSELF TO THE FRIENDSHIP FIRE.**

## FIELD TRIP TIPS (cont)

Show up at the designated shelter at any time on the day or days designated and sign in on the log. If a potluck is scheduled, indicate whether you will participate and how many in your party. If you have food to be re-heated, it is well to have your own stove.

If you are completely new at this activity, inform the field trip chairman (or one of his cohorts) and ask for information on best hunting areas. (might ask for best areas for hunting wood also) Most members will invite you to accompany them to choice areas if they know you are inexperienced.

It does not require a knowledge of mushrooms to make yourself woodful (oops, helpful) and at the same time become acquainted with other members. It is quite necessary that someone be at the shelter to greet the folks, see that they sign in the register, introduce them to any other members who might be around - make coffee, keep the fire going, etc. This gives the Nestells a chance to go with beginners - or to do some hunting on their own. In greeting a new comer, a good opening line is "Did you bring dry wood for the fire?"

Keep your specimens separated. Do not bring in mixed bags for identification. Also damaged, crushed or overage specimens are impossible to identify. Do not mix the wood and the mushrooms.

To save time on the part of our identifier, first compare your find with those already identified on display. This will help you learn the points of comparison. (You'll feel damn smug if you guess right the first time.)

### ABOVE ALL-ASK QUESTIONS OF EXPERTS. BE SURE!

NEVER, NEVER take a chance on eating wild mushrooms without positive identification.

REMEMBER "A little knowledge is dangerous." (If you disregard this warning, we'll mourn you at the next banquet.)

Don't forget to bring "you-know-what"

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From the Feb 1969 issue of the Mycophile (Bulletin of No. Amer Myco Asso):-  
THE TRIALS OF A TOADSTOOL PICKER: The following words of woe were received by this office along with a membership application late last year. Quote, "My introduction to a new world began with a kindergarten exercise by learning to pronounce mycology as My College, Gee! This made a substantial contribution to my new love life. I had just learned about the Fairy ring and was thinking of it as a Wedding Ring because of its togetherness and beauty. I had hoped to find one someday until I read that the Amanitas sometimes grow in circles. How's that for a quick divorce?..On page five of the Mycophile I found a truism which stated that nobody would ever pick up a tough, leathery fungus and call it a Russula. I surely wouldn't pick up a leather fungus and call it a Russian. I might call it a waste of time or a toadstool..Something that stumped me was a statement in one of my books that said a five year old child could learn the difference between deadly Amanitas and edible fungi. There must be hope for adults. They say this child was very beautiful. I'll bet they miss her around the house. Another truism was, if the fungus stinks, don't eat it. I had already made up my mind about that and have also stopped eating garlic, certain cheeses and blind robins..Now I am astounded about the things I have learned about fungi. I know about Stumpies, Livers, Pinees, Red Caps, Spongus, Honey Dews, Leathers, Hoggies, Shaggies, Hickory Jacks, Bears Heads, Cauliflowers, and Inkies. How's that for two weeks? When I rattle all these off my friends think i'm another Einstein...One thing shakes me up though is about Boletus epicures. Everyone knows you can eat it, it is easy to find, easy to cook, and easy to identify. BUT, there are others you should be careful of. They are Homo sapiens endura, Corona corona, Meprobanate fungitis, Polyartorides nodosa, and Hyperglobulin perfectus.

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We need volunteers to chair or serve on the following committees - we are helpless without you. Remember, it's your efforts that make the Society.

COMMITTEES

Bulletin  
Annual Exhibit  
Education  
Library  
Photography  
Membership

House  
Banquet  
Identification  
Meeting Programs  
Field Trips  
Publicity

If you have any special skills in any of these activities (or are just plain eager and willing) make yourself known.

George Rafenelli, our little 'ole connoisseur of fine wines and fat boletes will chair the Publicity Committee. Tom Imori will continue as Membership Chairman (bless him!). They both need help-please volunteer.

NAME PLATES

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If you wish your own name plate, Joy Spurr is ready to take your orders at each regular meeting. \$1.00 if delivered at meeting-otherwise a small postage charge. These are very easily read and it needs no special identifier to know you when you wear it- a good get-acquainted gimmick.

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Words are halfway between thought  
and action  
But too often substitute for both

STAN REED

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For a more fluent description of our banquet refer to the Wednesday, April 9th edition of the P-I, page 9, Stan Reed's column "Gourmet Spoken Here." If you do not have a copy available, there is one at the speaker's table tonight. To be read only - not carted away.

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The friends of Joe and Peggy Deyling have long known that they were planning a trip to Oregon as soon as they could get away around the first part of April. This is a sort of an exploratory trip to see if they might like to live down there. I'm sure I speak for all the membership and their many friends when I say how much their professional and imaginative publishing of the bulletin is appreciated.

Not only was it put out promptly and efficiently, but new ideas were injected to speed up the operation. We wish them God-speed and best wishes.

All that we can say is - "Seattle's loss is Oregon's gain." If they do settle in other parts, we'll look forward to their return trips.

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This copy of the bulletin has been presented for your decoding by the Nolans. We took it over because the Deylings were running short of time. However, it is our first, last and only attempt.

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The Moving Finger writes;  
and, having writ,  
Moves on: nor all your Piety nor  
Wit  
Shall lure it back to cancel half  
a Line,  
Nor all your Tears wash out a  
Word of it.