



SPORE PRINTS

Puget Sound
Mycological
Society

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-Meets SECOND MONDAY of every
month, except July & August
Eames Theater-Pacific Science
Center 8:00 P.M.-

MAY MEETING
MAY 12-8:00 PM
PROGRAM-

May 1969 Bulletin #53

Vice President's Nite -
An educational presentation by
Bob Ramsey- with slides and some
other stuff- come and be surprised.

IDENTIFICATION SESSIONS BEFORE AND AFTER MEETING.

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APRIL MEETING: Due to a computer malfunction the April membership meeting splashed down in the Science Center Spaccarium instead of the planned target area in the Eames Theater. However, recovery was made without undue incident.

Untruffled, our Commander, Morrie Gatcomb, donned his space suit and launched into a slide lecture on "The Morels of Mars" which surprisingly, closely resemble those found in the northwest regions of the earth. Morrie stressed the point that there exists a vast void in reliable data regarding the various species of the genus *Morchella*, the *Verpa Bohemica* and the *Helvellas*. He requested all members to submit all pertinent data on the survey forms recently furnished. It is one of the long range plans of P.S.M.S. to publish a paper on the species which hopefully will be recognized as the "Bible *Morchella*"- (vast projects always begin with half-vast ideas).

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Next to mount the launching pad was our intrepid Education Chairman, Bob Ramsey, with an informative talk on "Know Your Forest Trees" illustrated with some excellent color slides. The Ramseys also furnished a display of branches, bark, cones and leaves of native north-west trees to aid in identification. As Recommended by Dr. Alexander Smith at our spring banquet we are trying to obtain more authentic information on the association of certain mushrooms with specific families of trees - if you have factual information on this subject, please let us know.

The Ramseys said we could touch, smell, and even take home the above display - did anyone pack some up and take it home with the idea of bringing the bark to the next field trip (?) Bark not only burns beautifully, but makes a delightful noise. (Perhaps you wish we would stop barking about wood for the fire, but supply at one trip does not a cord make.)

The large conical object in the front of the spacearium has been identified as a giant specimen of the *Morchella Apollo*, frequently found at Cape Kennedy, Florida, and occasionally in the vicinity of the moon.

Bring
paper & pencil
for notes

FIELD TRIP INFO

ROCKPORT STATE PARK
APRIL 12/13

128 persons; 52 at potluck; 17 mushrooms identified,
including 6 good edibles.

ACADEMY AWARDS, by "Sharp Barb" (Lansinger) cub reporter
All the following characters are living; any similarity to fictional characters
is purely coincidental.

Note: All parenthetical notes are snide asides by ye editor, RN.

For those of you that missed the April 12-13 field trip - so you
shouldn't feel left out, here are our own Academy Awards, just recently dis-
covered under a rock where they have been kept secret all this time by some
enterprising gopher.

MOST CONFUSING WEATHER: - Credit the elements for arranging things so we had
had sunshine, changing to sultry, changing to windy, changing to light
rain, changing to cold, changing to rain again at the end of the day.

(As they say in Chicago "If you don't like the weather, wait a minute.)

"GOOD THINKING" - Everybody - we had plenty of DRY WOOD. (TIMBER-R-R-
our impassioned and tearful pleas for field trippers to bring firewood
to the outings apparently did not go unheeded. In a lengthy statement
to the press, Tripmaster Nestell commented, "Wood?****Good".
(Zo, thanx and let's keep it up.)

BEST ACTOR- Paul Nestell, for his portrayal of an interested chief identifier
after the 39th bag of verpas came rolling in.

BEST SUPPORTING ROLE- Carol Nestell for her diligent and patient tending of
home base.

GRETA GARBO AWARD- Verpa Bohemica for disguising herself to look just like her
surroundings when she wasn't hiding under a leaf - she "wants to be
left alone."

EARLY BIRD AWARD- Ed Laurence, whose group arrived at 8:00 AM and picked
around 150 verpas. Hope this early bird didn't find too many worms.

INTELLECTUAL SUPERIORITY- The fella who hollered "MUSHroom- follow the man
in the red hat. By strange coincidence, that man in the red hat was our
own fearless hunter and prez, Morrie Gatcomb, who seemed to know just
where those verpas were hiding.

FICKLE FINGER OF FATE- the man or beast who picked all the tops off a huge
grove of verpas thus spoiling John Lansinger's only big find and thereby
just ruining his day. (Howzat, John, you don't like 'em topless?)

MOST ORIGINAL DESSERT- the Proctors. For their yummy bread pudding - see what
you missed? (How come, no ice cream with mushrooms?)

CONSUMER CONTENTMENT- all Ye Other Good Cooks who provided such a lavish
spread at the potluck and made even those who didn't get many mushrooms
feel it was worth the trip. I kid you not - any who have not attended
these potlucks should do so. You have to see this sumptuous repast to
believe it. This was my first P.S.M.S. potluck and I was impressed -
also was one stuffed mycologist. (I have news for you, Barbara, they
get better as the season progresses. You'll see!)

DUM DUM AWARD- All those who don't take our advice and come to all the trips.

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I know you believe you understood
what you think I said; however, I'm
not sure you realize that what I
think you heard is not what I meant

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FOUND: In Spacearium after April
meeting:

Either a folding umbrella or small
parachute - Call Howard or Fay Melsen
will be released upon proper identi-
fication and payment of small fine.

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SEE NEXT PAGE FOR IMPORTANT FIELD TRIP CHANGES IN MAY!!!

In case we forget to mention it again, potluck on Saturdays,
about 6:00 PM as usual.

Make notes

WEAR
NAME TAG

Bring
sharp pen-
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FALLS CREEK FOREST CAMP
APRIL 26/27

159 signed in; about 30 didn't
103 at potluck

Pot luck dinner consisted of everything you can think of and some dishes you can't even pronounce properly (and some I can't spell, like Sukiyaki and Pizza - we wondered afterward why Terry Duewer didn't bring Teriyaki instead; but the Sukiyaki was delicious; we must get her recipe) It was impossible to find out who brought what, but kudos are being awarded to everyone - will the one who brought the Pizza please tell us how it was kept so fresh and not the least bit soggy. We may not have gotten a lot of mushrooms, but we sure got acquainted with a lot of members.

FIELD TRIPS IN MAY (Revised schedule)

Disregard May trips as listed in April Bulletin
Now hear this:

- May 17/18 CRYSTAL SPRINGS FOREST CAMP----- about 15 mi. east of Hyak over
(bring dry wood) Snoqualmie Pass Rte 10- turn
right on Stampede Pass Rd
- May 30/31 MEMORIAL DAY WEEK END ----- Wenatchee Natl Forest Hiway #2
& June 1 SILVER FALLS CAMP over Stevens Pass to Hiway #97
Headquarters-Community kitchen Entiat Valley Rd #317 to camp

I know this is a long haul, but last summer there was a big burn on Fourth of July Mountain which SHOULD produce morels like the Evergreen Mt. burn did last year. We had no count of the people who went to the Evergreen burn but Carol and I took home over 300 pounds of morels. Those I talked to who went were bragging; those who didn't go were crying!
Potluck on Saturday nites about 6:00 P.M.

Paul Nestell, Field Trip Chairman

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The club is fortunate in having two members of our club at Lake Quinault who deserve some special sort of mention for devotion to duty beyond reasonable call. IRENE & BILL O'CONNOR. They have a lodge and cottages at Lake Quinault named the Lochaele (some of our members stayed there overnight). Not only do they come to the shelter and make us welcome but they guide the cars to the best hunting spots and also see that we get publicity in the Aberdeen newspapers and radio. (Incidentally someone from the press attended the outing.) Watch for Irene at the book counter next October and you may be interested in some of her unusual post cards. Thank you, Bill and Irene. You contributed much to the outing. Besides all this, you're such nice folks.

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DAFFYNITIONS

- Mush-Room A Co-ed dormitory
- Verpa Bohemica Tibetan mountain dweller
with a beard
- Wood A hard fibrous substance composing
most of the trunk and branches of a
tree - flammable when dry.

(Aren't we the subtle ones???)

***** The trouble with the person who has
"the gift of gab" is that he never
wraps it up -*
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If any of you have dramatic talent, or are musical, or such, please write in to the editors of the bulletin
WE CAN USE YOU.

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A jolly Mycologist, Cletus
Couldn't tell a morel from Boletus
Nor a gill from a pore
Nor a cap from a spore
But at potluck he always outeat us.(RN)

Alert Be
meetings-
Stay awake

THE PREZ SEZ: Beginning with this issue and hopefully in each one from now until the year 2000, all future alphas will find time to jot down goodies and tales of edible fungi, submit them on time for publishing to the most honorable commissioner of the monthly bulletin. If he doesn't have anything worthwhile to say (don't say anything) he'll recite at the next monthly meeting the stories gallerina-autumalis, chant when he passes them up instead of dragging them in for Paul to identify. Past alphas have told me they go through this ritual only on week-ends that Paul schedules field trips. "I've often wondered how they know too,"- the next time anyone sees an up-to-date mailing list, look for their Zip numbers. I've been told it's different from others in the northwest. They have to get their spores on one of those bulletins somehow.

This brings up my point. Some people are having a blast in P.S.M.S. You don't have to get as familiar with those crazy mushrooms as some of those queer mycologists - and you can quote me. If one of those flippy fungi speaks to you before he's spoken to, tell him to be quiet or he'll wind up on the drying rack in Dr. Stuntz's mushroom parlor (or in the cage with the iguana.)

Now in case you want to really, really get close to those fruiting bodies, it's best you show up at the field trip pavilion on week-ends listed under field trips; dates and times in your old bulletin. I've seen many new members at these week-end safarais and I'll bet those junior spore spotters will get a great deal more out of their organization than those that do not participate so much. In other words, the more active you get, the more you'll get out of the P.S.M.S. - for your stomach, your freezer, your drying rack. Try meeting us each week-end on the field trips. (Do bring DRY wood)

Morrie Gatcomb



CORRECTION:Last month we stated that Reed's article on our banquet was April 9, page 9. Actually we just did this to see if you were paying attention; one person sent in for the paper and discovered it was not in that edition. It should have been April 2 - page 9. We had it at the meeting, but you couldn't have seen it in the dark of the Spacearium anyhow. 'Sorry bout that.

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The rest of this bulletin is being thought and typed by HN(How do you like that for a change from RN?) It is written after due consideration

JUNE MEETING The next meeting on June 9 is going to be "Ladies Night"

We don't know what's cooking yet, but if you are a ventriloquist or can do card tricks or magic; if you can play a trumpet or a trombone (please, no drums) if you can recite (my only poem is "Let me live in a house by the side of the road and be friendly to men") we ask, implore and beg you to get in touch with any member of the board. If you are tired of seeing the same names in print, the same faces on committees and hearing the same voices at meetings - here's your chance to GET IN THE ACT.

Which reminds me - we again make an urgent appeal for someone to take over the bulletin. We took it last month and it was to be a one shot deal. We have plenty of volunteers who say they will help us stuff envelopes, mail, etc

We want someone to take over the planning, thinking, typing and printing of same. We'll be glad to help stuff and mail. With the exception of new members who keep insisting on joining we have labels typed, ready to affix to envelopes for the next 10 months. We also have envelopes ready for the next mailing. All any volunteer has to do is type, print and we'll help mail. You'll be sorry if come next fall you don't have any monthly reminder of your dues being overdue, reports on the field trips and all these other little gems of wisdom we've been pouring into this project. These foregoing paragraphs are not necessarily the policy of the editor; due to previous commitments I find the bulletin is making me nervous, irritable and difficult to get along with. HELP! Somebody - won't somebody save Ralph?
HN

In addition to getting out the bulletin you keep a card index of cards up to date; the mail just came and here are some more from Tom Imori.
Not discouraging you - just telling it the way it is. SELAH