

SPORE PRINTS



Puget Sound
Mycological
Society

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

200-2nd North
Seattle Wa
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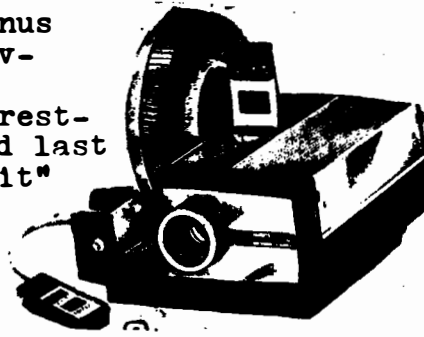
IDENTIFICATION SESSIONS BEFORE AND AFTER MEETINGS

DECEMBER MEETING
DEC. 8, 1969 8:00 PM

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Bulletin #57

PROGRAM - Slide show and discussion on the genus
Aragaricus by Paul Nestell. Cancelled in Nov-
ember because of illness.

Also, our Education Chairman, Bob Ramsey will have an interest-
ing announcement regarding the beginners' classes mentioned last
month. Watch for the January bulletin and "Read all about it"
First class will meet on January 12, 1970 at
6:45 PM - more details later



"The Leaning Tower leaned a little
farther south and said:
"I wouldn't be so famous if I had
a level head!"



NOVEMBER MEETING -

Pres. Morrie Gatcomb expressed his concern
about self-appointed "experts" advising novices on the edibili-
ty of certain mushrooms. He reminded the membership that this
dangerous practice is not authorized by the P.S.M.S.

Morrie then gave a demonstration of recommended survival
gear and practices. Best part of this feature was straight man
Clarence Bates' attempts to re-wrap Morrie's security blanket
and force it back into the mini packet.



BOB RAMSEY- Education Chairman, gave an informative talk on mycological
nomenclature. We hope that this presentation furnished an answer
to the familiar question "Why don't you guys use English?"
The absence of Paul and several other of our top identifiers caused some prob-
lems on classification. But Howard Melson, Harold Helterline and Ron Brougham
jumped in and hung tags on most of them. Another example of the talents that
come to the fore in an emergency. Thanks, fellas. There were a surprising
number of specimens brought in and a good crowd at the meeting - about 250.

From necessity it was a different kind of meeting, but a most
successful one. Several newcomers were heard to remark on the friendliness of
the club and how the people stayed around and visited. Several factors con-
tributed to this - the shortness of the meeting and the fact that the next
day was a holiday. Let's try staying a few minutes extra after meetings and
make these newcomers feel like old-timers.

NEWS FROM EAST OF THE MOUNTAINS

At Easton we have a couple of enthusiastic members. We mean Rex and Peggy Fay, owners of "Rex's Cafe & Tavern."



On the week-end of November 8th & 9th an amateur mushroom exhibit was held at the tavern. Peggy Fay, Mrs. Evelyn Thielen and Cherie Graham, members of the P.S.M. S. were hostesses for the exhibit.

Hunters, loggers and week-end mushroom enthusiasts, who have depended on Peggy to identify their collections for several years contributed many specimens in addition to those gathered for display.

Some 40 specimens bearing identification and labeled either "edible" or "poisonous" were attractively arranged in native soil and mosses by Evelyn. The enthusiasm of the general public seems to warrant both a spring and a fall exhibit for the coming season. With this year's experience, the ladies are looking forward to many plentiful mushroom seasons in the future.

(Ed's note) Peggy is a very knowledgeable myco and while Rex doesn't know much about mushrooms, he does know where the fish and game are. He also serves good beer - so whenever you're crossing over Snoqualmie Pass stop in for a social hour and say "hello" to our good members in Easton.



? WHO WANTS TO GET SMART ?



"Hello! What's this?"

The Society is in need of an assistant field trip chairman to help Paul Nestell on outings. This is a real opportunity for someone to get a real education in mushroom identification -- in addition to having a lot of fun.

Don't just stand there -

VOLUNTEER

I don't know whether it's my love of mushrooms
or the gamble which make mushroom hunting
so interesting

Banquet 1970

Now that the exhibit is over, the next big event which demands our attention is our annual Survivors' Banquet. Immediately following the one last year, your committee got busy and we'd like to report the progress to date. This year the day has been changed from the traditional Friday to Saturday. Fortunately for us, it is the first day of spring.

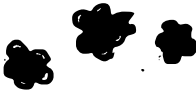
Date	SATURDAY, March 21, 1970
Place	San Juan Room - Seattle Center
Time	Attitude Adjustment hour from 6:00 to 7:00 Banquet promptly at 7:00 o'clock
Food	Mushrooms in every dish - choice of two entrees

This year when you make your reservation, you will receive a ticket - it will be so printed that you will designate your preference of Cornish Hen or roast beef.



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THANKS TO STAN REED for his very fine article in the P-I Friday, November 21 in the column "Gourmet Spoken Here" (page 9) Many of you will remember the author of this column as our speaker at our banquet two years ago and his very interesting talk on truffles.

In the above mentioned article, he devoted his whole column to our cook book "Oft Told Mushroom Recipes". He not only spoke highly of it, but actually printed several of our recipes.

His concluding line gives you an idea of his enthusiasm throughout the whole article - "A truly fine book that guides the reader every step of the way from source to kitchen to table."

We have felt that we were prejudiced in favor of our own book, but an unbiased opinion from a gourmet such as Stan Reed makes us think it would be a good idea to give several of these for gifts at Christmas - really, it's later than you think. THANKS, Stan.

We also believe a kudo is due our publicity chairman for knowing where to place our cook book where it would be most appreciated - so we add our thanks to GEORGE RAFANELLI.



THIS 'N THAT

SPECIAL! WINTER OUTING AND FIELD TRIP - January 17/18, 1970

at Lake Arrowhead: 14 miles west of Shelton or 10 miles north of Elma. Crabfeed with trimmings - all you can eat and all the beer you can drink (if this is taken literally we may have mushroom reactions) \$7.50 per couple - Send check to Nimrod Club
420 Poplar St.
Shelton Wa 98584

If you plan on this trip get your reservation in early as it is limited to 200 people (100 couples) Cut off date will be the 10th of January or when the limit is reached.

Wood furnished - no limit on field trip (hopefully that something may be found) plenty of parking and camping space. NO POTLUCK - crabfeed instead - at 6 PM Saturday. Identifications at 3 PM Saturday and noon on Sunday. Mushroom slide show Saturday night.

SORRY - To announce the resignations of Connie Young and Ruth Bell from the board. This was due to circumstances beyond their control. Replacements from the alternates - Belle Swaffield and Dave Schmitt.

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We are glad Tom Imori - our efficient and thorough membership chairman is back from vacation. Elsie Gatcomb did a real bang-up job while he was gone; with her efficient management and cheerful helpers, the great amount of work at the exhibit was done with a minimum of effort. Elsie, take a bow and go back and rest on your morels.

Speaking of members - WELCOME to the youngest and newest member who arrived in time for Christmas - on November 5, 1969, weighed in at 6-13 and will make her home with the proud parents, Henry & Barbara Regeth, and her sister, Becky. Welcome Jennifer Lynn - be sure and order your name tag.



FROM OUR PREZ AND FIRST LADY



Merry Christmas, mycologists everywhere. Elsie and I, the board, officers and advisors of PSMS send our best wishes and thanks to all of you for making this one of the best years ever for us and the PSMS.

When you start reminiscing about the choice discoveries you made this year, remember well and don't trust to luck. Jot the information down in your collector's notebook so in the coming years all will not be left to luck but will be based on a well-educated guess.

Again to all of you who have associated with the PSMS this year, have the best holiday season ever.

Morrie and Elsie

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After this beautiful message, we hate to bring up mundane matters,

BUT -- USE ENCLOSED RENEWAL SLIP -

PAY

THOSE DUES NOW! If you joined since July of this year this notice does not apply to you. It is difficult to sort out the bulletins when mailing so if your dues are paid, disregard this.

Only members whose dues are paid thru 1970 are eligible for the banquet. Also, because of the fast growing membership, a new roster of members is going to be printed immediately following the January meeting. It is our hope to have these ready to distribute at the February meeting. So here are two good reasons to fill in the enclosed renewal slip and mail right now.

We know that you intend to do this, but remember that old adage - "The way to hell is paved with good intentions."

We do want to thank all of you who responded to the message in last month's bulletin and mailed in your renewals. There is an unbelievable amount of detail connected with the clerical work, so they all thank you; the membership chairman and his cheerful little helpers, the treasurer and the mail man for not making a big load when he is also over-burdened.

Last call - if not heeded, the January bulletin will be your last.

WE WISH

YOU

MERRY

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HILPAH



KHONDIKE



KISKA



SAM



RANPA

To be an editor these days
One has to be a hero
If we're not careful what we say
We may get speared by Spiro