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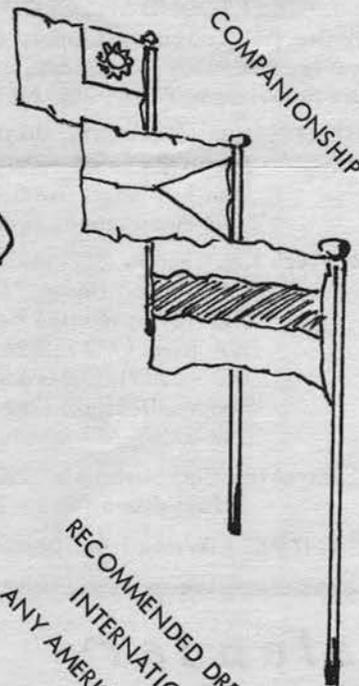
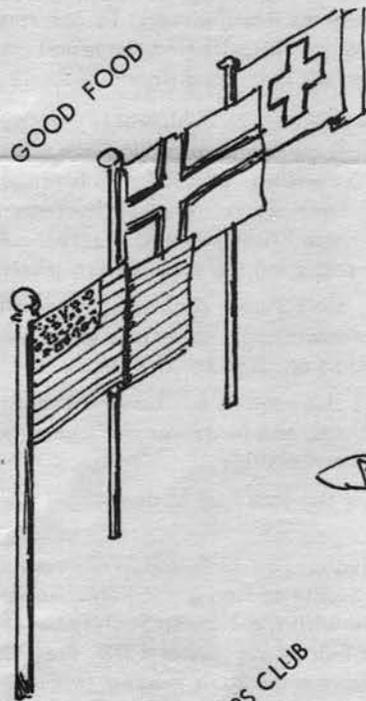
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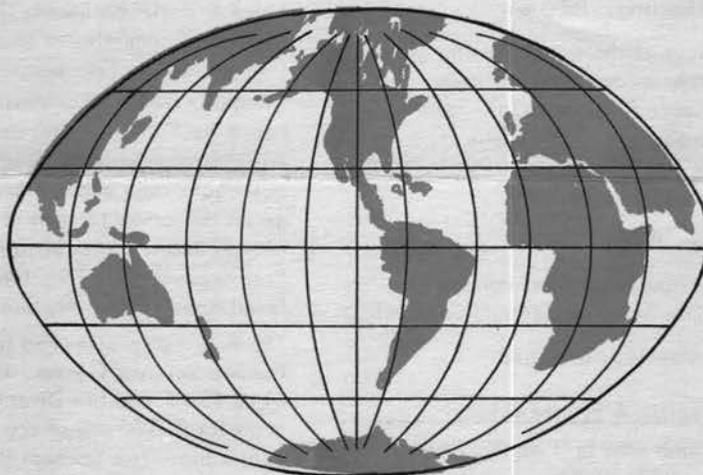
Your Heritage in Costume

DANCING



PLACE :
SAND POINT OFFICERS CLUB

RECOMMENDED DRESS :
INTERNATIONAL COSTUME
ANY AMERICAN ERA WELCOME



TIME :
COCKTAILS : 6 PM
DINNER : 7 PM

PRIZES : FOR
MOST ORIGINAL
MOST AUTHENTIC
MOST ABSURD

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Annual Spring Banquet 1978

Membership Meeting

Monday, February 13, 1978, 8:00 pm., Eames Theater
The Pacific Science Center.

Program: Mr. Tomm Stuart will give a talk on Growing Your Own Mushrooms, illustrated by slides. Mr. Stuart studied mycology, and now is a cadet at Shoreline Highschool. He has grown two strains of Agaricus bisporus.

In addition, the NAMA slide-tape lecture on the White-gilled Mushrooms, Part 1. will be presented.

BOARD NEWS

H.R.H.

The first Board meeting of 1978 was attended by 25 persons (I wonder if this is an all-time high for our Society). The first order of business was the report by our very able treasurer, John Mudge. You will find the report on page 4 and see that our Society is in good financial shape.

Joy McKnight, our membership chairman is very busy at this time of year when our members renew their memberships. PSMS has about 500 memberships. Joy also is removing the names of those who have not yet renewed (last warning: this is the last issue of Spore Prints you will receive). Joy is in the early stages of preparing the new 1978 membership roster.

Louise Rautenberg, our banquet chairman, is in full gear with the banquet preparations. An article about the details of the banquet appears on page 3 of this issue.

Our librarian, Carl Hermanson, has compiled an inventory of PSMS book holdings, and in due course (space permitting) we will inform our membership.

Ed Cantelon brought the Board up to date about the coming elections.

The Western Washington Fair in Puyallup has approached PSMS through Dr. Stuntz to find out if PSMS would be interested to collaborate with the Tacoma Society to set up and man a booth at the Fair in September 1978. Pres. Orth polled the Board members about their interest (which was favorable) and will be asking the general membership for its interest and commitment to participate in such a project, before giving the Fair people an answer.

Margaret Dilly, chairman of the morel committee, asked the board for \$350 to continue the work of the morel committee. All the information collected has been translated into computer language and the committee is ready with the data to go on the computer (which costs money). The treasurer received Board approval to make this sum available out of the "set-aside fund", i.e. funds set aside for educational or related activities of the Society.

The Board also approved to make a donation of \$1,500 to the Pacific Science Center. This is the amount agreed upon between PSMS and the Director of the Science Center as payment for PSMS' use of the Science Center facilities for one year's activities (except the Annual Exhibit, for which separate financial arrangements exist).

CHANGE OF EDITOR'S MAILING ADDRESS H.R.H.

Please note the change in the address to which you should send items you want included in Spore Prints. The former address was Ben Woo's office, where PSMS originated, so to speak. But Ben is moving, and that is the reason for the noted change. We want to thank Ben very much for all he has done for PSMS as well as the support he has given its editor. The new address is 2559 NE 96th, Seattle, WA 98115.



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Calendar

- Feb. 13 Monday, Membership Meeting, 8:00 pm
- Feb. 13 This month only - because of the early mailing of the March issue, which serves as our election issue - ACTUAL deadline for Spore Print material. Send all articles, art work, and photos, to the Editor, 2559 NE 96th, Seattle, WA 98115 - - - or bring the material to the membership meeting.
- Feb. 20 Monday, Board Meeting, 8:00 pm
- March 11 Saturday, The 14th Annual Survivors' Banquet.
No meeting at the Pacific Science Center this month.
- April 10 Monday, Membership Meeting, 8:00 pm

THANK YOU ALL Martin & Estella Hansen

We want to thank all of our friends who sent cards, flowers, thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Estella is still in the hospital, but now can see the time that she will be able to go home.

PLEASE CORRECT AN ERROR IN THE LAST ISSUE OF SPORE PRINTS. H.R.H.

Please change the last "7" on the front page of the January issue of Spore Prints to an "8" or you might misfile it. I guess I was not ready to call it another year, and made the above mistake; it should read January 1978, of course.

1977 SECOND INTERNATIONAL MYCOLOGICAL
CONGRESS REPORT

Dr. Daniel E. Stuntz

The Second International Mycological Congress was held on the campus of the University of South Florida, August 27 through September 3, 1977. 1260 participants were registered, representing mycologists from 55 countries of Europe, the Orient, North and South America, Africa, Australia, and New Zealand. Some of the registrants whose names would be more familiar to members of PSMS were A.H. Smith, Rolf Singer, O.K. Miller, Harry Thiers, Roy Watling, David Hosford, and University of Washington graduate students Susan Libonati-Barnes, Gustavo Excoibar, and Dennis McCabe.

In the six working days of the Congress, topics covering all aspects of mycology were presented in 73 four-hour symposia, 44 special evening sessions, and 12 poster sessions of 63 presentations per session. In the symposia and evening sessions, some 725 papers were presented. From this massive program it was only possible to select what interested you most, and if you attended conscientiously, you were listening to or looking at somebody or something from 8 am to 9 pm every day, with one hour for lunch and one hour for dinner.

The setting of the Congress was strange to most of the participants, I should imagine. The University of South Florida is located some miles outside of Tampa, on about 400 acres of very open land (practically no trees!), with many modern buildings scattered about at some distance from one another. Almost all the "Congress people" were housed in student dormitories, which fortunately were air-conditioned, so that it was possible to sleep in some comfort. The weather was typical of Florida in late August: temperatures in the 80's and 90's with relative humidity to match. Occasional relief came in the form of thunder showers, usually when you were walking from one building to another. By reason of the virtual absence of public transportation (everybody in Florida drives a car!), few of us had any opportunity to leave the campus on collecting trips, but as if to prove that indeed mushrooms were still around, a new bunch of Chlorophyllum molybdites would pop up in the lawns after each thunder shower. In retrospect, the Congress was a strenuous but very rewarding affair. It demonstrated clearly the vitality and universality of mycology as a science, and it gave a unique opportunity to meet, see, or listen to famous mycologists known to most of us only through their publications. I doubt that anyone who attended will soon forget the Congress and I imagine that all of us are looking forward to the next one, to be held in Japan in the early 1980's. (International Mycological Congresses are held every five years. The first one was held in Exeter, England).

PHOTOGRAPHY NIGHT

Ella Cantelon

We wish to express our appreciation to all those good cooks, who so generously donated cookies for our Christmas Party. They were a feast for the eyes and a gastronomic delight. Thanks to each of you.

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Arthur & Myrtle Fick, Bremerton, phone 1-379-1578; Gary Lincoff, New York City, phone 1-212-873-2147; Dr. Thomas & Ruth Rona, phone 524-1324; Betty Rotz, Preston, phone 1-222-7456.

BANQUET NEWS

Louise Rautenberg

Another year has gone by and the spring mushrooms are almost here. The time is also drawing near for our annual spring banquet and the election of officers. The banquet which will be held Saturday, March 11, 1978 takes the place of our membership meeting for this month. The results of the annual elections are announced during the banquet.

The banquet will be a special evening for all mushroom hunters and friends as the buffet dinner will include assorted and varied international dishes from around the world. It has been rumored that we will have people from Africa, Sweden, Holland, Japan, Bavaria, to name just a few. There also will be some good old-fashioned cowboys from the heart of Texas.

The music will be provided by the same marvelous band we had last year, Joe Farmer and his boys. For those who did not attend last year, they play excellent all-round swing dance music, with just a smattering of rock by request - not too loud and not too soft. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed them. We also have some talented dancers in our Society who are well worth watching.

There will be prizes awarded for the international costumes that are the most realistic, the most original, and the most outlandish. If there is some category I haven't covered we will have a prize for that too. Door prizes will be awarded just for being there.

The drinks will be handled more efficiently than last year. We will have a cash bar where you may buy mixed drinks, including manhattans and martinis for 85¢ a drink. A glass of wine - larger than last year - will be 75¢; you may also purchase a decanter of wine if you so desire.

Our Fourteenth Annual Banquet will be held at the commissioned officers mess (or officers club) at the Naval Support Activity (Sand Point) on Sandpoint Way N.E. The club is nicely furnished and the atmosphere is as good, if not better than the club at Pier 91. There is ample parking close by.

For those not familiar with the area, if you are heading north from Seattle, take the 45th Street Exit from I-5. Head east past the University of Washington, and remain on 45th Street which will eventually become Sandpoint Way N.E. You will reach the Sand Point Naval Support Base just north of N.E. 65th Street. If you are coming from the north, get off the freeway (I-5) at 145th Street. Go east to 15th Ave. N.E., then south to N.E. 125th. Follow N.E. 125th St. east which will change into Sandpoint Way N.E. You cannot miss the base on your left. After entering the base, take the second right and the officers club is at the end of the street. Parking is directly in front of the entrance, or if the lot is full, park one block before you reach the club, in the chapel parking lot.

Since only limited seating is available, order your tickets now, and don't wait until the last minute. Tickets at \$7.50 per person will be available at the February membership meeting, or by mailing your check, with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Sally Ann Hansen, 10433 - 1st Ave. S.W., Seattle, WA 98146.

Where else can you get such a bargain? Good food - fine friends - dancing - all for \$7.50. Do plan to attend. We hope to see all of you there, even though some of you may not be immediately recognized.

The cocktail hour will start at 6:00 pm, with dinner following at 7:00 pm. We will again have sufficient buffet lines so that the waiting will be minimum.

Glancing at the financial report it is evident that the dues fundamentally just cover expenses, i.e. our members get their money's worth. And on Dec. 31, 1977 because of a timing situation (not as many of our larger membership had paid the 1978 dues by this date) the cash receipts are less, a situation which Jan. 1978 will rectify.

It looks as if the annual banquet loses money, however this deficit is planned ahead of time. PSMS receives royalties from the publisher of our cookbook, and the interest on our savings account is growing.

But it is the success of the Annual Exhibit which provides us with a comfortable situation. Even in a good year nearly all the income from the Exhibit is needed to cover the expenses of putting on the Exhibit plus our donation to the Science Center. The book sales showed a decent profit, even though we give our members a discount. The profit on book sales at the Show of approx. \$1,750 is the money we made on the Exhibit.

Overall, the Society is in a comfortable situation. But, as we reported last year, it is imperative that we have a reserve, since we cannot count on a successful Exhibit every year (remember 1974!).

A "set aside" account was established for funds the Society can use for educational or research purposes or for scholarships which PSMS awards to students on Dr. Stuntz' recommendation. Otherwise, we have to pay taxes on these revenues. (We thank John Mudge for the fine job he has done as treasurer, especially the clear presentation of the financial statements, which let us compare past years. And we are lucky that John is a candidate for president so that we can further benefit from his management talent. Ed.)

	1977	1976	1975
Membership			
Dues	\$3,666.00	\$4,699.00	\$3,933.55
Less - Membership expenses	(629.67)	(742.36)	(424.08)
- Bulletin costs	(2,178.01)	(1,651.89)	(1,393.38)
- Field trips	(314.75)	(147.06)	(101.33)
- General expense	(796.06)	(722.90)	(203.05)
Net	<u>(252.49)</u>	<u>1,434.79</u>	<u>1,811.71</u>
Banquet			
Receipts	1,843.75	1,558.50	1,987.50
Less - Expense	<u>(2,059.31)</u>	<u>(2,173.56)</u>	<u>(1,921.79)</u>
Net	<u>(215.56)</u>	<u>(615.06)</u>	<u>65.71</u>
Exhibit, Classes			
Book sales	5,084.21	3,763.05	5,157.48
Income - Exhibit, classes	3,652.19	3,961.25	4,030.29
- Cost of books sold	(3,329.53)	(3,189.43)	(2,263.07)
Less - General exhibit expenses	(2,002.41)	(1,883.23)	(2,456.35)
- Donations - Science Center	(1,600.00)	(1,600.00)	(1,500.00)
- Depreciation	(110.65)	(175.42)	(194.48)
Net	<u>1,693.81</u>	<u>876.22</u>	<u>2,773.87</u>
Royalties	392.37	378.34	865.24
Interest	900.22	251.43	335.95
Net gain for year	<u>\$2,518.35</u>	<u>\$2,325.72</u>	<u>\$5,852.48</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	1977	1976	1975
ASSETS			
Cash - Checking	\$ 2,100.84	\$ 7,875.95	\$ 7,908.47
- Savings	13,946.49	8,808.80	7,557.37
- Restricted (note 1)	732.60	2,000.00	-0-
Total Cash	<u>16,779.93</u>	<u>18,684.75</u>	<u>15,465.84</u>
Book Inventory	5,675.05	1,058.10	1,843.52
Equipment, net of depreciation	431.59	542.24	717.66
Mycological library	449.73	449.73	449.73
Total Assets	<u>\$23,336.30</u>	<u>\$20,734.82</u>	<u>\$18,476.75</u>
LIABILITIES			
State sales tax due	\$ 272.59	\$ 189.46	\$ 257.11
Equity - January 1	20,545.36	18,219.64	12,367.16
Gain for year	<u>2,518.35</u>	<u>2,325.72</u>	<u>5,852.48</u>
Total equity	<u>23,063.71</u>	<u>20,545.36</u>	<u>18,219.64</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>\$23,336.30</u>	<u>\$20,734.82</u>	<u>\$18,476.75</u>

Note 1: Account established for "set aside" funds for educational or scientific purposes.

ELECTIONS 1978

Ed Cantelon

Once again it is time to think ELECTIONS. We would like to attract candidates from among the new members. We are sure that among you new people there are many who are capable and talented, but unless you come forward, we have no way of learning of your abilities. The people who are elected handle the affairs of our Society. They see that the chimney sweep the candlestick maker, and the baker are paid for their services; they arrange our Annual Exhibit, the Survivors' Banquet, and field trips. They handle our business at their regularly scheduled board meetings so that the general membership meetings can feature programs of interest to the membership.

We seek candidates for the position of president, vice president, treasurer, and five members of the board of trustees and three alternates.

Our Society, in one respect, is no different than any other organization, if you wish to get acquainted, you must get involved. Most of us joined this Society to learn about mushrooms. Most of us found it difficult to learn mushrooms from books. But from our fellow members - people - we learn where to find the mushrooms, and how to tell the often small differences between a good one and a bad one.

We urge you therefore, to get involved, get to know the people who know about the mushrooms, and one day, you too, may be sitting up there with Dr. Stuntz helping to identify mushrooms at the Annual Exhibit.

You may volunteer as a candidate, or nominate someone else. You must have the permission of the nominee. Call Ed Cantelon 242-6115 - - - Ken Chaplin 852-1623 - - - Dick Sieger 362-6860.

**CAUTION ADVISED ABOUT THE PICKLED TOMATO
RECIPE PRINTED IN JANUARY 1978**

H.R.H.

It was brought to our attention that "cherry leaves" (one of the ingredients in the recipe) are classified as poisonous. After checking with the Poison Control Center this was verified. After further checking with authorities we found out that the leaves of certain cherry species are more toxic than others. In any event, the two leaves which the recipe called for, would probably have been ok., but since the recipe also suggests grape leaves, we recommend to use these.

SOLUTIONS TO LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1. Agaric
- 7. Alas
- 9. O.T.
- 11. EN
- 12. PI
- 13. Laccaria
- 16. Erg
- 17. Ann
- 18. T.T.
- 19. PA
- 21. Et
- 22. Ross
- 24. Poison

DOWN

- 2. Ga
- 3. Alec
- 4. Rana
- 5. Is
- 6. Bolete
- 8. Giants
- 10. Tart
- 12. Pine
- 14. C.G.
- 15. Ra
- 19. Poi
- 20. Ass
- 22. Ro
- 23. So