

MAY MEETING Monday May 13, Eames Theatre, Pacific Science Center. President Ralph Nolan was able to obtain the film "Wilderness Alps of Stechen". This should present interesting viewing as well as being very informative. The film incidentally, is from the Sierra Club.

BOARD MEETING Members present: Nolan, Titland, Broughan, Bates, Rafanelli, Nestell, Woodford, Rules, Bell, Imori, Gatecomb, Young. There was nothing too earthshaking to be handled, but there were several things discussed which you will be hearing about soon. This should add to your pleasure in being a member of this group.

FIELD TRIPS Ah, those wonderful field trips! After all, isn't that a good part of the satisfaction of belonging to the Society? That's where you put your book knowledge to the test. Not only that, there is the very rewarding pleasure of being out in beautiful country with congenial companions with common interests. For those of you who were not fortunate to be along, here's how they went. April 6 & 7, Rockport State Park: 19 for potluck dinner. There was a shelter built by the State Parks Department at the suggestion of Paul Nestell. 65 persons in attendance in all. 31 myc identified, most of which were brought to the meeting thanks to Paul Strappenbeck. There were Morels, Verpas, Helvella Esculenta, Gyroporus, Avicularia, Helvella Gigas Aricularia, Aleuria, and three other edibles. Dalles Forest Camp: April 20 & 21. 14 hardy souls for pot luck, and 16 camped out Saturday night. Thursday the report was that the camp was dry. Friday night brought 2" of snow, and Saturday night another 3" of that heavenly white stuff drifted down. However, no one suffered, and thanks to the efforts of Ed Cantelon and others who brought dry wood, a roaring fire was going both days. (Ever hear a fire roar? Its burn is worse than the bark.) All in all, a nose count showed 41 persons, 19 myc identified, Helvella Gigas, Aleuria Arantica, Aricularia and 3 other edibles. **A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE SHELTER THAT DAY** One gal mycologist, (looked remarkably like my spouse) underestimated the depth of the stream, and waded across with the water going over her boot tops. Looked like she broke a world sprint record getting up to the fireplace. Nothing like glacier water to pep you up. Crystal Springs Mountain Camp: Approximately 90 people attending. Over 9 varieties of the illuives found. Mostly Verpa Bohemica (glad Verpa isn't spelled with a B), Morchella, and several others. If you want to know what the others were, come along some time.

Crystal Springs cont: Most of the really earnest (and lucky early birds) did quite well. Then there was the fun of coming back to the shelter, toasting yourself in front of the fire, and swapping lies with your fellow harvesters. To add to the pleasure of the fire, late in the afternoon, snowflakes started drifting down for a short period. Not a soul flinched or started looking at a Survival Manual. AND THE FOOD! Next time we hope to see you too.

ANNUAL SPRING TRIP May 18-19

Speaking of coming along some time, this is the one to come on. It will be at the Tumwater Forest Camp, which is 10 miles west of Leavenworth on Hiway U.S. 2. Now please don't confuse this Tumwater with the Olympia beer Tumwater down near Olympia. Many people do. Tumwater Canyon is on the east side of the Cascades, over Stevens Pass. This should be a very exciting trip. The locale is beautiful, camp ground facilities excellent, and a very large terrain to hunt and explore. For those of you who like to make it a two day trip but don't have camping equipment, the town of Leavenworth is only a short distance away. This trip can also be a double feature for the Isaac Waltons. After harvesting the mushrooms, try your luck in some of the adjoining fishing areas which are usually excellent and productive.

After the Annual Spring Trip comes another bash. June 1-2 at the LaWes Forest Camp 7 miles east of Packwood on the White Pass road. Potluck as usual Saturday night and be sure to bring DRY WOOD. If the weather is favorable, there may be another field trip in June. Y'all come.

BEFORE WE FORGET At the next meeting Morrill Gatcomb is going to start a brief series on how to identify some of the more easily found species of edible mushrooms. Come early, help set up the chairs and get your seat right up there in front where the information is.

SHUTTER BUGS Start taking your pictures now for the Fall Exhibit. For suggestions, talk to Paul Helterline PA 5-7779.

EQUIPMENT DIVISION Anyone going along on these field trips who has a portable power saw, please bring. Comes in powerful handy in making small ones out of the big ones for the fireplace.

APRO POS OF NOTHING When you cook Shaggy Manes be sure and look for dandruff.

TALKING AROUND George Rafanelli has been asked to speak at the Women's Garden Club - Wednesday, May 15.

STILL TALKING AROUND Was talking to Stan Reed a few days ago about his speech at our annual banquet concerning truffles. Happened to mention the use of truffle hounds in Missouri and the Ozarks in seeking them out. Which brings to mind Hilda Nolan. If she can train her Samoyed dog "Klondike" to caddy for her, is there any reason he wouldn't make an excellent mushroom hound? After all, every sled dog knows the word "mush" and it shouldn't be too much trouble to add the word "room" to his command vocabulary.

This could be of possible interest to "Dangerous Dan" the Mycomeister. Was browsing in the Library the other day in the foreign newspaper section. Came across this interesting little tidbit in the CAIRO GAZETTE. It is causing considerable interest in Egypt because mushrooms are usually rather scarce there. The common name for it seems to be the "King Tut" (Yum, yum) but the true name is Egyti Pryamidus Delectibulis. It is usually found only on the shady side of pyramids, is edible, and very rich in proteins. It has a strong meaty flavor (camel naturally) which the article attributed to the abundance of dromedary droppings in the vicinity. Fascinated scientists are inclined to think that the new specimen is a mutation caused by the fallout from a "mushroom cloud" from nuclear tests by the French in the Sahara. (Watch it there De Gaulle - you'll ruin the French mushroom biz.

OUR READERS ARE ALREADY writing in and this our first bulletin too.

Dear Maggie:

The weatherman said FAIR so I wore shorts to Crystal Springs. Paul Nestell was kind enough to loan me a pair of his trousers. What should I bring on the next trip?

Shivering Mushroom Hound.

DEAR SMH:

Next time bring a belt.

Sincerely,
Maggie.

*Editorially yours,
Joe DeYoung*