



PIKES PEAK MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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Well, pretty soon those mushrooms will be popping up through the snow and we'll be on our way to another busy club season. I'm hoping the wet winter will coax all the mycelia to give us a long and productive season.

Not long ago, I was interviewed for a mushroom article for the Colorado Springs Sun. They're going to use the article when the season arrives and want to take pictures of the club on a foray. So please call me if you spot some mushrooms coming up and we'll call everyone for an impromptu foray. A Sun photographer will be there and we'll get lots of good, free publicity.

George Grimes wants to do his Basic Mushroom Identification Course here in the Springs in April, but we have to hurry and decide and tell him when we want him to come. In addition to the cost of the course, we have to pay him mileage for each class. The total course is 14 hours long. This means seven 2-hour classes if it is during the week (any day but Tuesday), but we might be able to do it in only four classes (3½ hours each) on Saturdays or Sundays. Please let me know by filling out the attached questionnaire. It also asks some general questions about the club - what you want from it this coming year in the way of meeting topics, forays, special events, etc. Also, I'm asking for suggestions for officers for the coming year - kind of a straw ballot. From these, we'll present a slate of officers after checking to see if people are willing. The only non-candidates I'm aware of right now are Glen Roberson and me (I've taken on obligations with another club for this year). Also, let us know if you're interested in helping out - in other words, don't be shy about voting for yourself. Please return the forms as soon as possible in the stamped envelope provided.

The board decided in December to change the monthly meeting back to the first Monday of each month at 7:30. This will avoid a conflict with the Audobon Society meetings. The meeting place will still be at Rastall Center. The first meeting this year will be Monday, March 3. Ron Morrow, City Forester, will give a presentation on tree identification interspersed with his own mushroom slides. Hopefully, this will help us to find types of mushrooms by the types of trees they grow near (remember mycorrhizal associations?).

Being the beginning of a new year, dues are now payable for 1980 - \$5 per family. Bring them to the meeting or send them to: Verna Bowlby, 105 Williams, Colorado Springs, CO 80905, or send them back with the questionnaire.

This newsletter is also being sent to some people who aren't members, but have expressed an interest in the club. The ballot portion of the questionnaire isn't included in their newsletters. We'd like to welcome you and hope you'll become members or at least come to the first meeting and give us a try.

Happy Mushrooming,

Dave