



SPORE-ADDICT TIMES

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With the departure of Barbara Laura, the newsletter needed to find a new editor. In a last-minute, desperation effort, Dennis Craig successfully conned me into trying to take Barbara's place. She is a tough act to follow and I hope you will bear with my struggles to fill this roll. Barbara's new position is with the Dept. of State in Tunis. Her new address for those who would like to write is

U.S. Embassy
Tunis...Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dues are past due! Pat Gustavsen is on vacation and the list of paid-up members is not available at the time of posting the newsletter. This is however the last newsletter which will be mailed to any persons who have not paid this years dues. Dues may be paid by mail to Pat Gustavsen, 4460 Arrowhead Drive, C.S .CO 80908. The annual membership is \$7 per family and is vital to covering mailing costs and adding to the club such items as books for the library and projection equipment.

Speaking of which...our new projection equipment will get its first trial at the program for this month. Our monthly meeting will be as usual, the fourth Monday of the month, June 24th in Rastall Center at 7:30 and will have for a program a slide series from NAMA. The program title is "Poisonous and Hallucinogenic Mushrooms" by Dr. Beug. Thanks to Don Berrigan for obtaining the slides.

Last month Paul Goldsmith from Denver presented a thought-provoking program dealing with the commercial harvesting of mushrooms. Such questions as "should commercial pickers be licensed, who has liability for toxic reactions resulting from mis-identification, can commercial picking result in the demise of species, would damage to the ecosystem be likely?" Another topic came up for discussion: Should the Club incorporate? Motivation for this centered around the limiting of liability in case of accident. Consensus seemed to be to remain as we are.

The weather has not been kind to us. The limited rainfall and high recent temperatures have not been favorable for forays. The foray scheduled for June 22 has been cancelled for lack of a near place to go offering good picking. Plans for future forays will be discussed at the meeting by our foray chairman Mike Chladek.

Vacation time is upon us and many members are afield. Our President, Lee Barzee is attending Orson Miller's 8 week class at the U. of Montana Biological Station. The classes are on the identification and ecology of higher fungi with the last 4 weeks concentrating on fungi of the Flathead Basin. Certainly we have here the makings of future programs. Lis Ras is also absent, vacation in Switzerland. With officers gone, Dennis Craig has become our de facto President and will conduct the next meeting.

All but 3 slides of a slide program and several books from the library are missing. Any one having any of these items is asked to return them to Pat Gustavsen at the next meeting.

Hope to see you all Monday night.....Noel Damon