

# Spore-Addict Times

The Newsletter of the Pikes Peak Mycological Society

May 1992

## NAMA announces '92 foray

The March-April issue of *The Mycophile* reports the details of the 1992 NAMA foray.

The New Mexico Mycological Society will host this year's foray, named for Chuck Barrows. The foray will be held 13-16 August at Angel Fire, New Mexico. The foray site is 22 miles east of Taos at a ski resort in conifer forest at an elevation of 8000 feet.

Bill Isaacs and Nancy Weber will be the principal mycologists. The foray theme, ecology, will be reflected in many of the lectures.

Master chef Carlo Gislimberti, whose Villa Fontana restaurant in Taos is one of the ten best authentic Italian restaurants in the country, will host the foray banquet with his wife, Siobhan. Each of the two banquet sittings is limited to sixty persons. Chef Carlo will also teach a cooking session for up to fifteen persons.

Registration, meals, and double-occupancy housing is \$220 per person. An additional late registration fee of \$50 applies after 21 July. The banquet is another \$45, and the cooking school is \$250 more. Foray participation is limited to 250 NAMA members.

## A holiday treat

by Lee Barzee

While visiting my daughter Mary, her family, and new St. Bernard puppy, Gretel, I had the opportunity, a couple of days after Christmas, to go to the fine old St. Louis Castlewood Park. The occasion (besides training and exercise for Gretel) was to witness my grandson's early-morning, several-hour Missouri State Olympic Team bike ride. (Of course we arrived at the end of his event!)

It was cold and damp, having rained overnight. The sky was still grey, and the cold made me glad I'd brought my winter gloves and scarf from Colorado. The temperature was invigorating for the dog, yet seemingly hot for the cyclists. Their ride over, they needed to cool down and tend their mud-splattered bikes, clothing, and bodies before leaving. This allowed Mary and me time to walk the woody riverside park trail.

Briefly off her leash, four-month-old Gretel soon bumbled over her head in the flowing water. I watched as she scrambled awkwardly with a most surprised expression, pawed frantically at a partly-submerged log, and clung to it, waiting, messy and muddy, for rescue or her next command.

Relieved that the rescue was not my responsibility, and hoping to spare Mary my laughter, I left the "training session" and turned further into the woods along the trail.

Almost immediately I noticed a large dark tree, the base of its trunk brightly clustered with "winter mushrooms!" Yes, the well-known *Flammulina velutipes* had fruited thickly, just inviting picking for a holiday treat. Yet can you believe that I was unprepared for mushrooming? I had to take the bounty home in just two skimpy pocket Kleenexes.

But that wasn't as bad a wrap as sad-faced Gretel's. She was obediently sitting upright wrapped in two back seat floor mats with a plastic tarp tucked around her shoulders like a shawl. Wet and muddy, she looked like a scolded child—a winter ice skater—reprimanded by a relieved mom after rescue from her break through thin ice.

A few of the cyclists and my grandson regrouped with us later. We ate the cooked mushrooms with pasta, an "approved" and satisfying food for the in-training athletes, as well as for grandma and mom. Forty-five-pound Gretel, freshly shampooed, dried, and warmed, slept soundly in the corner throughout our feast.

# Anyone can lead a foray

If you have an idea for a foray location, don't hesitate to lead a group there yourself. The calling committee can help you notify members of your plans. To get things started, just call the committee members:

Lee Barzee  
Lori Ligon  
Pat Gustavson  
Jean Chladek  
Ester Price  
Annette Campbell (alternate).

For help in planning your foray, consult the "Foray Leader Responsibilities" on this page.



## Foray Leader Responsibilities

1. Select the foray site.
  2. Determine initial meeting place and departure time.
  3. Notify the foray coordinator and club members through the calling committee.
  4. Obtain foray supplies (first aid kit, signaling horn, foray log book, liability waiver forms) from the foray coordinator.
  5. Ensure that all participants, members and non-members, have properly completed and signed a liability waiver.
  6. Record names of foray participants in the foray log.
  7. Lead the group to the foray site.
  8. Conduct a pre-foray briefing at the site.
  9. Establish a time to return to the starting point.
  10. Conduct a post-foray show-and-tell session.
  11. In the foray log, record the mushrooms identified, their prevalence, and the conditions at the foray site.
  12. Ensure that all participants have returned to the start point.
  13. Organize a search for any missing participants.
  14. Officially conclude the foray.
- [I have updated this list to reflect current and planned Society practices. My thanks to whomever compiled the original Foray Rules.—ED.]

# Foray Coordinator needed

PPMS still needs a Foray Coordinator. [Notice the blank line in the masthead, below.—ED.]

This position brings with it great fortune (a wealth of satisfaction), knowledge (you'll know what everyone's doing on the weekends), and admiration

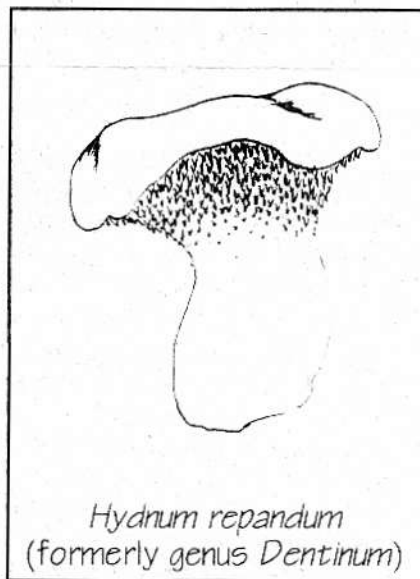
(people will love you when you help them find mushrooms). It's hard to imagine a better job.

For your chance at nomination to this exciting post, call Mike Chladek. If the line's busy, just keep trying.

# Have you renewed?

Don't miss a single issue of SAT! If you haven't yet renewed your PPMS membership, please pay at the May meeting or send \$10 to

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of, the field of mycology. Membership is open to all persons interested in mycology. A gastronomic passion for wild fungi is not required. Annual dues are \$10 for individual and family memberships.

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## Foray results mixed

Forays in the past month have been generally unrewarding.

The first official Society foray of the season, led by George Singer on 2 May to Beaver Creek, produced a precious ten morels; Dennis Craig found one, and George found the rest. Lori Ligon found some *Pleurotus* which she shared with new member Mike Gibas.

Mike Chladek then took the opportunity to lead much of the group to scout Bond Ranch for a foray later in the season. He reports that our prospects there for *Boletus* and chanterelles look excellent.

The group continued from Bond Ranch to Phantom Canyon where they found nothing.

On 9 May a group that included Jack Richards, Lori Ligon, Don Berrigan and George and Frieda Davis returned to Beaver Creek to find nothing. The foray moved to Phantom Canyon where Don and Jack each found one golden morel.

The group then traveled to Hannah Ranch where Lori collected *Pleurotus*, "The most gorgeous I'd ever seen or could imagine." The mushroomers continued their foray at the new Fountain city facility, Hanson Nature Park where they found giant *Pleurotus*, as much as they wanted. Sadly, much of it proved too wormy to eat. In preceding weeks, Don and George had collected forty pounds or more of fresh *Pleurotus* at the same site.

Lori Ligon, Don Berrigan, and George Singer scouted the Rampart Range area on 15 May and were skunked. They checked

## Meeting News

This month's program consists of the video *Hunting Mushrooms in the Pacific Northwest*, a ninety-minute tape from the Pacific Northwest Mushroom Company. Come learn some non-local species and find out what the mushroom season means in a much different climate.

Also, be prepared for another cerebrum-bursting mushroom trivia quiz from Mike Chladek. Maybe he'll ask you an easy one.

Notice that the meeting this month is on a Tuesday because Memorial Day will be observed on the fourth Monday. As usual, the meeting will be at the Junior League office at 2914 Beacon Street.

### Last Month

The twenty-seven members and two guests who attended the April meeting were treated to a fascinating presentation by George Davis on the predatory behavior of some common fungi.

areas by car and on foot that included Painted Rock and several Rampart Range side roads, and all they found were some dried *Pleurotus*.

On 16 May, David Watson and Annette and Aspen Campbell checked their favorite morel-producing patch off Rampart Range Road, and they too found nothing.

While this spring hasn't yet produced morels like last year, other interesting things are cropping up. Annette found two *Gyromitra esculenta*, the common false morel, in Black Forest. And no, she didn't eat them.

26 May, 1992  
Tuesday

PPMS meeting at

7:00 p.m. at the

Junior League.

Program is "Hunting

Mushrooms in the

Pacific Northwest."

Lee Barzee followed with a detailed synopsis of PPMS history since its founding in 1976.

George Singer raffled sixteen morels he collected on 23 April along Fountain Creek within Colorado Springs city limits. George declined to reveal the exact location of his morel patch, but he did announce that *Pleurotus* were abundant at the new city park in Fountain.

## Weekend foray planned

Add to your calendar of Society activities for this year the overnight foray. The Society voted at the April meeting to have this year's overnighter on 29 and 30 August. The place has not yet been chosen, and suggestions are welcome.

# Stems & Pieces

## Summer field course

The Sierra Nevada Field Campus of San Francisco State University, located northeast of Sacramento on the North Fork of the Yuba River, is offering "Fungi of the Sierra Nevada" on 8-12 June, 1992. This course, taught by Dr. Andrew Methven, introduces the mushrooms and other large fungi of the springtime Sierra Nevada. Cost is \$123. Contact

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## Wanted: gourmet recipes

Attention NAMA members. James Morris-Lee working with the Avery Publishing Group is seeking mushroom dish recipes for inclusion in a new book, *The Quick & Easy Guide to Gourmet Mushroom Cooking*. You will be credited for your recipes, but they must be original.

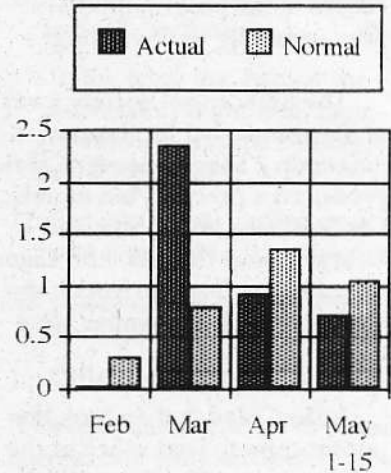
Recipes may be submitted in the following categories:

- salads
- soups
- appetizers
- gravies and sauces
- main courses.

Look for copies of the submit-tal form at the May meeting, or contact Mr. Morris-Lee at  
P.O. Box 218  
Rosemont, NJ 08556-0218

# Rain Report

Colorado Springs Monthly  
Rainfall (inches)



Totals as of 15 May:  
Normal year-to-date: 3.82 in.  
Actual year-to-date: 4.08 in.  
(107 percent of normal)

Thirty-day outlook: normal  
(through 15 June)

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