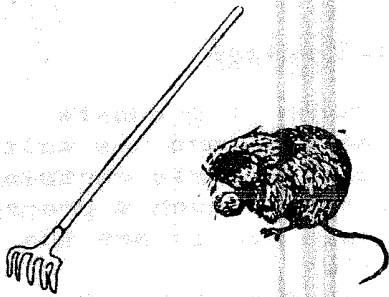


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FORAY, Saturday, April 5, 1986, to Sauvie Island, Multnomah County, OR. We will be joining the Oregon Mycological Society (OMS) to hunt morels on this Columbia River Island. Bring your truffle rakes as we will truffle in the afternoon.

Meet at the Benton Center, 630 N. W. 7th, Corvallis, OR., at 7:00 A. M. Those from other areas meet at the parking lot at the end of the Suavie Island Bridge at 10:00 A. M.

Dress for the weather, bring a basket or other container for morels, a knife, waxed paper bags and other field equipment. Don't forget a lunch and beverage.

OMS field trip instructions state: PLEASE!! Remember: Leave your picking area with NO EVIDENCE that you have been there.

For further information, contact OMS foray leaders, Ken and Kathy Kocher: Portland, 775-8413, or NATS Trufflemaster, Steve Morgan; Corvallis, 757-3239.

Steve Morgan
Trufflemaster

MEETING, Monday, April 7, 1986, at 7:30 P. M., Large Conference Room, Forest Science Lab, 3200 Jefferson Way, Corvallis, OR.

Guest speaker is Chris Maser, who will speak on "Aspects of European Forestry."

Chris Maser is an Assistant Professor of Forestry at OSU; a Research Wildlife Biologist for the Bureau of Land Management, Oregon State office; co-principal Investigator (with Dr. James M. Trappe) of the USDI Bureau of Land Management-USDA Forest Service Research Project: "Contributions of Large Fallen Trees to Sustainable Forestry in Coastal Oregon."

Chris is well known in NATS and a popular speaker. This will be a very interesting and informative topic, one you won't want to miss.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

As I am writing these comments I'm taking a breather from planting 2-1 Douglas Fir seedling trees on our tree farm near Alsea, Oregon. It is an absolute gem of a day, just warm enough so that a little exertion produces copious perspi-

ration. In the back of my mind I'm shocked and saddened, having lost an old, dear friend from a coronary occlusion over the week end; yet the renewal of spring that we all witness gives us the strength and the will to carry on. Today the trilliums are so lovely in their hiding places, the daffodils are in bloom near the old homestead site and the one hundred year old cherry trees have popped into bloom once more. I have heard sounds like puppies crying several times today as I worked up and down the hill. I think there may be some coyote pups waiting in a den on our hill, awaiting a meal as soon as their parents arrive. I'm certain there are deer and elk watching me from cover, watching my every move as I plant these trees. They can hardly wait until I leave so they can hurry down and enjoy a salad of Doug fir on me!! I'm spraying the area with big game repellent (BGR) in hopes of keeping them at a safe distance, but it is only partly effective.

As to the renewal of spring, I can see a parallel in my tree planting as I come across two lovely mature trees that we have lost in the past two weeks. One is an 18" diameter at breast height Douglas Fir, 115 feet tall and the other a 15" diameter at breast height Western Red Cedar, 100' tall that blew down across Baker Creek. It appears they were both the victims of a capricious high wind gust. Let us hope that all you truffleers will maintain your physical fitness and not succumb to heart failure while sweating it out over a truffle rake!! So much for philosophy.

We are very pleased to see several of Dr. Trappe's graduate students showing up for our forays. I have always believed that a quality professor such as Jim attracts high quality students. It is nice to have these young scholars along, it adds a lot of class to our forays. For the past 35 years I have wished that we could have a special program nation wide for the care, nur-

ture and protection of graduate students. To me they are the salt of this earth and it would certainly be worth every dollar such a program would cost. These people are the hope of our world!

We are pleased that Dr. Steven Miller has been out for forays. Then, too, I'd like to give a pat on the back to the Baileys from Ontario (who have been enjoying the winter in Waldport.) The Baileys, in addition to attending the forays, have been present at the last two or three meetings. We also met Bob Mahaffy from near Coos Bay, a big bear of a man with a big bear of a dog. I think it is so great for a very busy man like Bob to take the time to travel great distances to participate in a foray with us. Ted Anderson from Portland uncovered some rather unusual Picoa's on the last foray also. His little dog put on quite a show with Mahaffy's Newfoundland.

I am now going to take my tired old muscles and bones home to soak in the ofuro (honorable hot tub!) so that I can be fresh to start the new week on Monday. Hope to see you all at the next meeting and on the next foray. Good bye for now.

Frank Morris
NATS President



I'm going to find a place where I don't have to compete with those truffleers for my food, plus dry weather, then cold freezer; Hmmmph!, People!

Vern Moore

MUSHROOM, the JOURNAL

"Morels Across the Country" is the theme of the Spring 1986 issue of MUSHROOM, the JOURNAL. The issue also features special advice for the beginning mushroomer.

"Morels and More," by Walt Sturgeon, presents inside advice on what's to be found in spring in Upper-Michigan. The East and West Coasts are covered in two other selections. One, by Sara Friedman, reports on the heartbreak--and more--of pursuing morels from New York City. The other, by Dan Wheeler of Portland, OR., makes it clear that there are lots of morels in the Pacific Northwest, though many people aren't aware of the fact.

The advice for beginning mushroomers comes from 30 experienced collectors who were surveyed by the journal. "Get help from more experienced people" was a top item of advice, but the journal also presents an article by Edith Nelson on how to get started on your own, if you have to do it that way.

MUSHROOM, the JOURNAL, is a quarterly publication, available for \$12.00 a year from Box 3156, University Station, Moscow, ID. 83843. Back issues are also available.

NATS SLIDE PACKETS are available to members for \$30.00 ppd, to non-members for \$35.00 ppd. The packet contains slides of 35 hypogeous fungi, plus 5 miscellaneous slides. Individual slides sell for \$1.00 each, plus \$2.50 postage and handling per order. A list of slides available was printed in the March 1986 issue of this newsletter. Additional copies of the slide list may be obtained by sending a SASE to NATS, P. O. Box 296, Corvallis, OR. 97339.

PHOTO PACKETS are still available, \$15.00 ppd to members, \$20.00 ppd to non-members. The photo packet contains 35 color photos of hypogeous fungi, all labeled with space for field notes.

Listen all trufflers
and you shall hear
Of a midnight ride by some with fear.
'Twas in April, eighty four or five
The NATS foragers there alive
Remember that famous day and year.

They went in cars, several in number
With maps or compass,
themselves did not cumber.
One car started up over a hill
Then got stuck in a mudhole,
hard to fill.
Another turned on the far left road,
But with no map, to the south
valley they rode.

Other trufflers on Highway I-5
did err,
Turned off and ended up
they knew not where.
Then as daylight faded to night
Each carfull realized their plight.
With each group in the
various wrong place
Separately returned home
with a rue-full face.

Late towards midnight
each got themselves home,
Making a firm resolution
never more to roam
Without map and compass,
to read with care.
And taking their lunch,
with a gourmet flair
To safely reach
the appointed rendezvous
At the hour the NATS are due.

Take a map and compass by land,
so you won't be at sea
To get you there,
and home again free.

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NATS RECIPES are available for 50 cents, plus 39 cents postage. The 12 pages of recipes may be obtained from Librarian Ann Fagnan, P. O. Box 296, Corvallis, OR. 97339.

CULINARY CORNER

Salmon Pâté

Submitted by Norene Wedam, from
"100 of the World's Greatest Recipes"
by James Beard

Panade:

- 1 1/3 cups water
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/4 cups flour

Farce:

- 1 pound pike, or any non-oily white fish
- Salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Nutmeg
- 12 tablespoons butter
- 2 eggs
- 4 yolks

Pâté:

- 2 1/2 pounds of salmon, filleted and skin removed
- 1/2 cup cognac
- 1/2 cup port
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Slices of side pork
- 1/4 cup pistachios
- 2 truffles, sliced

For the panade, put water, butter and salt in a saucepan. When it boils add flour and stir till it forms a ball. Pour panade on a buttered platter.

For the farce, purée the pike in a blender or a food processor. Add salt, pepper and nutmeg to taste. Mix panade, pike, butter, eggs and egg yolks.

To make the pâté, cut the salmon into 1/2-inch strips. Marinate in cognac, port and a little freshly ground black pepper. Keep the marinade after removing the salmon.

To assemble the pâté, line a 2 1/2 quart tureen with slices of side pork, add a layer of farce, the pistachios and the truffles. Then add salmon strips, more farce, more salmon, marinade and more side pork. Cover the tureen with foil and crimp edges; then place a tight fitting lid on top.

Place in a deep pan. Add water 2/3 of the way up. Bring to a boil and simmer two hours. Cool thoroughly. Meanwhile, make the Dijon Mayonnaise. Then remove fat from the pâté surface, and side pork from top. Cut into 1/2-inch slices. Serve from tureen or place on a platter. Serve with Dijon Mayonnaise.

Dijon Mayonnaise:

- 2 cups mayonnaise
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons cognac
- 1 teaspoon Tabasco
- 2 chopped pimientos

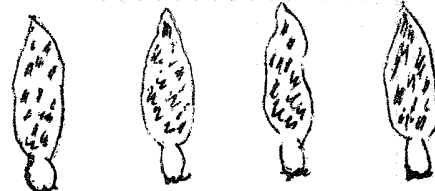
Combine all ingredients and mix well.

Truffled Eggs

Ivana Miroglio - Alba, Italy
From an article titled "Hunting for Truffles" by Nadine Frey for WOMEN'S WEAR DAILY, December 13-20, 1985.

Melt 1 tablespoon butter in an iron skillet. Add three(3) eggs, sunny side up. Sprinkle yolks only with salt. When eggs are done, dust with pepper. Take to table and grate truffles directly on top of the eggs.

NATS WELCOMES the following new members: from Oregon: Bert Udell, Lebanon; Steven and Ruth Ann Onisko, Portland; from California: Evelyn G. Noyes, Blocksburg; Variety Mushrooms, c/o Steven Clemmons, Santa Rosa; from Conn.: Kevin Schutz, Clinton; E. Barrie Kavalch, Bridgewater; Virginia Maddox, Danbury; Monty M. Simmonds, Toronto, Ontario; Arturo M. Ottolenghi, Philadelphia, PA.



1985 FINDS

3/10/85 Santa Cruz County, CA.
N 36 58'32" W 22 01'30" 400'

Hysterangium occidentale Harkn.....David Arora
Hysterangium coriaceum Hesse.....SAA

JANUARY 1986 FINDS

1/12/86 Seven miles N. E. of Brownsville, OR, on Mt. Home Road.
N 44 25'06" W 122 50'50" 1020'

Genea intermedia Gilkey.....Vernon Moore
Hymenogaster parksii Zeller & Dodge.....SAA(2 coll.)
Tuber gibbosum Harkn.....SAA

1/18/86 Two miles east of Blodgett, OR., Benton County.
N 44 36'19" W 123 29'07" 650'

Hymenogaster parksii Zeller & Dodge.....Henry Pavelek
Henry Pavelek, Jr.
Tuber gibbosum Harkn.(2 coll.).....Henry Pavelek

1/19/86 Peterson's Butte, Linn County, OR.
N 44 30'45" W 122 58'30" 950'

Hymenogaster parksii Zeller & Dodge(2 coll.).....Dan Wheeler

1/24/86 Middle Ridge, Linn County, OR.
N 44 26'50" W 122 54'50" 1200'

Hymenogaster parksii Zeller & Dodge.....Vernon Moore

FEBRUARY 1986 FINDS

2/01/86 Paul Dunn Forest, Benton County, OR.
N 44 42'50" W 123 17'50" 450'

Genea intermedia Gilkey.....Welles Bushnell
Henry Pavelek
Hymenogaster parksii Zeller & Dodge.....Blanche Canaday
(2 coll.), Vernon Moore(2 coll.), Henry Pavelek(3 coll.)
Hysterangium crassirhachis Zeller.....Vernon Moore
Hysterangium sp.....SAA
Tuber gibbosum Harkn.....Henry Pavelek,
Tuber sp., immature.....Pat Rawlinson

2/02/86 33070 Mt. Pleasant Drive, Lacy Robinson's Place, Lebanon, OR.
N 44 33'00" W 122 45'35" 550'

Hymenogaster parksii Zeller & Dodge.....Vernon Moore
Tuber sp., immature.....SAA

2/07/86 Near Foster Lake Boat Ramp, Central Linn County, OR.
N 44 25'14" W 122 40'13" 400'

Hymenogaster parksii Zeller & Dodge.....Henry Pavelek
Tuber gibbosum Harkn.(4 collections).....SAA

2/07/86 Five miles NE of Lebanon, OR., 31831 Berlin Rd.
N 44 30'38" W 122 48'35" 340'

Hymenogaster parksii Zeller & Dodge(2 coll.).....Vernon Moore

- 2/07/86 Two miles above Green Peter Dam, Central Linn County, OR.
 N 44 27'00" W 122 32'59" 1000'
 Rhizopogon vinicolor Smith.....Vernon Moore
- 2/07/86 Foster Reservoir Park, off Hwy 20 to Green Peter Dam, Linn County.
 N 44 25'14" W 122 40'13" 400'
 Hymenogaster parksii Zeller & Dodge.....Vernon Moore
- 2/20/86 Four miles up Bridge Creek Road, 14 miles south of Silverton, OR.
 N 44 53'55" W 122 35'38" 2000'
 Rhizopogon vinicolor Smith.....Welles Bushnell

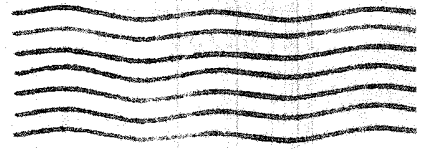
COMMENTS FROM TRAPPE

Tuber gibbosum Harkn., collected by Henry Pavelek, 2/07/86, must be the smallest specimen on record. Fully mature, it measures only 3 x 5 mm. (Henry deserves the smallest possible NATS award for this one!)

CORRECTION: Please make the following corrections to the slide list which was included in last month's newsletter: Under Ascomycetes, number 1, Balsamia alba Harkn., and number 9, Genea gardneri Gilkey, should not be starred as slides contained in the slide packet. Number 3, Barssia oregonensis Gilkey, should be starred and is part of the slide packet. Sorry for the confusion!

ADDITIONS to the slide listing, courtesy of Jack Hausotter, Riddle, OR., are two slides of Rhizopogon rubescens. They are for sale at \$1.00 each. Thank you, Jack and Covia Hausotter, for providing the slides to NATS.

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