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LAKELAND MYCOLOGY CLUB



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THE APRIL FIELD TRIP: The first field trip of the year was held in the wooded area adjacent to Lake Mohawk. Irene Tyler led the group on the trip. The mushroom finds were limited to the woody polypores, apparently still too early for any of the gilled fungi except for an occasional rare find. The trail we followed, led to a high rock ledge vantage point which provided a beautiful panoramic view of the lake below. After the "hunt", the members held a meeting at the Tylers' home. Refreshments were served and a meeting was called to order. The first item on the agenda was to determine who would replace Fred Volkenborn as treasurer. Greta Turchick volunteered to take on the added responsibility of treasurer along with her duties as Membership Secretary. The members unanimously approved a motion to formally make Greta Acting Treasurer for the balance of the fiscal year. It was also agreed that a checking account should be opened in the Club's name with provision that either the President or the Treasurer could draw funds from the account.

The amount of the membership dues for the 1972 fiscal year as agreed upon by the executive committee was announced. The dues are as follows: ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP--\$3.00 AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP--\$1.50 and ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP--\$1.00. Membership forms have already been sent out along with copies of the By-Laws. Your cooperation with the Menbership Secretary by promptly filling out the membership forms and submitting the annual dues, would be greatly appreciated.

At the meeting Alice Sears passed nameplates around to all the members present, so that they would fill in their names and use them at the various gatherings. Then the members could get to know each other by name. On each nameplate, Alice had pen sketched various species of fungi, all different, in a truly artistic rendition.

The final decision before adjornment, was to have our next field trip at the Tempe Wick House in Jockey Hollow during May, since an apple orchard adjacent to the site might be an ideal spot to hunt morels. The meeting was then adjorned and we all thanked Stan and Irene for having invited us into their home and for making our get-together so enjoyable.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAY FORAY: The May field trip was held at Jockey Hollow as scheduled. Though I was unable to make this foray, I've since heard that there was a sizeable turnout, and that some morels were found.... the irony was that after searching the orchard in vain, the foray diverted to a wooded section several hundred yards away....and there they were hiding. The find was'nt large, but at least everyone had an opportunity of seeing a morel face-to-face.

FIELD REPORTS: During the short morel season, recently expired, not all morels succeeded in eluding their pursuers. Greta Turchick found a few under some old apple trees. Ivan and Erna Hammond with their usual good fortune, managed to bag their quota in the Meuntain Lakes region. Celia Shaw, I believe, found some right on her front lawn. Neal McDonald succeeded in gathering some additional morels in the Jockey Hollow area on a seperate excursion. Though I have nt heard from Jean Tippy, who is an avid morel fan, I imagine she found her morels faithfully awaiting her again this year at her secret site which she arnually visits.

Up until this last week, June 3rd to be exact, all my efforts to

find morels this spring has been in vain. On the 2rd, my family and I visited my parents in Connecticut. When we arrived, my brother had an exciting story to tell me. It seems that he discovered this unusual mushroom on the lawn that looks like nothing he has ever seen before, in fact he was so impressed by its strangeness that he decided to put it in the freezer so that I might be able to identify it when I came. Suspecting that it must be deadly poisonous type, he placed it in a bottle and sealed the lid with tape to prevent any possible contamination. When I got to see this prize, there it was, my long sought morel. When I checked the area where heahad found the mushroom, I found about five or six more scattered around. Most of them were pretty much over the hill except for one which I was able to photograph. They were all scattered around the perimeter of a long row of Norway Spruce trees....a surprising location if apple trees and nut trees are their favored habitat.

This past month I had an opportunity see Bud Francis, and soon our conversation turned toward the mushroom season and in particular morels.

Bud and his wife Sandra have been with our Club for about a year now. They had originally lived in Indiana before moving to New Jersey. Bud was telling me about one spring in Indiana when he went mushroom hunting in an old apple orchard that his uncle had recently purchased. Before he finished that day, he had gathered more than two bushels of the large yellow morels. In New Jersey these are what dreams are made of.

Some of the species reportedly seen this past month are: Coprinus comatus, Panaeolus solidipes, Morchella angusticeps, Morchella esculenta, Marasmius oreades, and Polyporus squamosus.

The second meeting will be held at Stephens State Park just north of Hachettstown. The meeting will be at 10:70 a.m. Saturday, June 24th. If you follow the signs along Rt. 206 for "Waterloo Village", you'll be on the right road to the park. The entrance to the park is about a mile farther on the left after you pass the park exit sign, so do'nt become confused. Ed Bosman will be the field trip leader. In case of rain, the particular meeting effected, will be cancelled.

A good map to consult for directions to either park is the ESSO

NEW JERSEY map.