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PRONUNCIATIONS OF BOTANICAL NAMES: I've done a little research recently to see if the pronunciation of the Latin botanical names of mushrooms could be reduced to some simple rules, rules which anyone could apply separately, and come up with identical results.

As it turned out, the research proved to be very interesting. First, the following is important to know. All Latin scientific names and Latin legal phrases, in both the United States and England, use "New Latin" as the method of pronunciation, where both vowels and consonants are in general pronounced as in English. If you recall any previous Latin which you may have learned according to the "Roman Latin" method, forget it, since this will be constantly working against you when using New Latin. A typical example is the name Amanita...am.ā.nī'tā--as in police (Roman Latin) and ..am.ā.nī'tā--as in Ice (New Latin).

The following abbreviated rules, though in some minor aspects are not entirely correct, will allow you to pronounce words according to the "New Latin", and be correct probably 90 percent of the time.

"New Latin" rules

SYLLABLIZING:

- 1) The number of syllables in a word equals the number of vowels or diphthongs.e.g. am.ā.nī.ta (4) Lac.tip.o.rus (4) l-diph. 3-vowels.

ACCENT:

- 1) Two syllable words are accented on the first. (e.g. Hyd'nūm)
- 2) Multiple syllable words are accented on the last syllable but one if the last syllable begins with a consonant. (e.g. cō.prī'nus tri.chō.lō'mā am.ā.nī'tā)
- 3) Multiple syllable words are accented on the last syllable but two if the last syllable is or begins with a vowel. (e.g. plū'tē.us rus'sul.ā pō.lyp'o.rus)

VOWEL SOUNDS:

- 1) Vowels when ending unaccented syllables, all have the long sound: (ā,e,i,ō,u & y)
- 2) e,o,and u have long sounds when ending unaccented syllables.
- 3) a, and i have short sounds when ending unaccented syllables.
- 4) Vowels have short sounds when followed by a consonant in the same syllable.
- 5) es endings sound like ease. (e.g. hū.pō.mī'sēz)

DIGRAPHS & DIPHTHONGS:

- 1) ae and oe are pronounced as "e" (See Vowels 1&2)e.g. a.gar.i.ca'cē.ē
- 2) ai,ei,oi and yi usually have the vowels pronounced separately and when followed by another vowel, the i is pronounced as y. (e.g. Troia Tro'ya)

CONSONANTS:

- 1) c before e,i,y,ae,oe is pronounced as s . (e.g. caesaria-sē.sā'ri.ā)
- 2) ch sounds like K
- 3) g "soft" like j before e,i,y,ae and oe. (e.g. genus-jē'nūs) otherwise "hard" like in "go".
- 4) ph sounds like f .(e.g. pholiota-fō.lī.ō'tā)

CONSONANTS:

- 5) s after e,ae,au,b,m,n,and r has the sound of z .
(e.g. caesaria - cae.za'ri.a)
- 6) t following an accented syllable and preceeding an i followed by another vowel, sounds like sh.
(e.g. Salvatia - kal.va'shi.a)
- 7) x usually sounds like z.

Note: When syllablizing, doubled consonants should be separated.

Summary: The most important New Latin rules to become throughly familiar with, are the rule on syllablizing, accent, and vowel sounds.

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MARCH SCHEDULE: The March meeting will be held at the United Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Flanders, on Saturday, March 10th @ 2:00 pm. Be sure to attend since several important events are scheduled. The first item scheduled is the election of officers for 1973. At the February meeting the nominating committee was appointed, consisting of: Karen McDonald, Erna Hammond, and Jean Tippy. Jean was appointed Chairman, and will present the slate of nominees.

After the business is finished, Neal McDonald will show his slide collection, describing the various species.

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FEBRUARY MEETING REVIEW: After the business portion of the meeting was concluded, Grete Turchick gave a presentation on "The Preparation of Wild Mushrooms". Grete prepared two types of mushrooms for everyone to taste-sample. Then she passed around jars of dried and powdered mushrooms for the members to try and identify by smell. Grete gave some interesting tips and recommendations, and the presentation was enjoyed by all.

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FUTURE EVENTS: At the April meeting, Hiram Korn will give a presentation on the "Morphology and Taxonomy of the Higher Fungi". This will bring the 1972-1973 Winter Lecture Series to an end. The series of lectures have proved very interesting, and have been received enthusiastically by all the members. Hopefully we can again have a series of lectures this coming Winter, at which time we would like to hear from some of the other members. Remember, you will have all Summer to prepare.

In April, the Lakeland Mycology Club will be giving a presentation on "The Third Kingdom" at the Sparta Library. The date has not been set as yet. We plan to center the presentation around a "slide" format. Any help to assist would be appreciated.

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N.A.M.A. AFFILIATION: At the February meeting, the membership voted to have the Lakeland Mycology Club affiliate with the North American Mycological Association(NAMA). Grete Turchick was appointed N.A.M.A. Trustee. She will cast our vote in N.A.M.A. policies.

The Corresponding Secretary has sent in our affiliation application and as soon as we receive acknowledgement, any member may apply on an individual basis for NAMA membership at the reduced rate of \$3.00. The benefits of being a card-carrying member was discussed at the January meeting.

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POST SCRIPT: L.M.C. to display at "Nature Fair", sponsored by Morris Highland Audibon Society on March 25 (Sunday)- 1 pm. to 4:30 pm.
 Location: Genville--- Riverview School. Volunteers needed.