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SHARK RIVER—OCT. 16 NOTE CHANGE

Originally the foray on Oct. 16 was planned for Holmdel Park with Vic Gambino. This walk will still take place (see below) but the Monmouth County Park System is charging \$10 for the event. OUR CLUB'S walk for FREE is now at Shark River with leader Eleanor Kerecman of Hightstown. DIRECTIONS: Check local road map - - Take the Garden State Parkway to exit 100, to Route 33 and on to School House Road. Routes 18 and 34 are also nearby. Meet at the entrance to the park at School House Rd. at 10:00 p.m.

HOLMDEL WITH VIC GAMBINO

Also on Oct 16 - A Mushroom Hunter's Workshop will be given at Holmdel Park, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., led by Victor Gambino. A \$10.00 fee includes instruction, hand lens, the Golden Field Guide to Non-flowering Plants and a box lunch. Register by sending a check to the Mushroom Workshop c/o Monmouth County Park System, Box 326, Lincroft, N.J. 07738. Make checks payable to Board of Recreation Commissioners. We all wish Vic lots of success with this venture.

NOTICE

The Morris County Park Comm. can no longer allow us to meet for free at the Chatham Outdoor Education Center of the Great Swamp. Therefore the club's officers have decided to change the winter meeting location to the Somerset County Environmental Education Center (SCEEC - formerly Lord Stirling Park), Basking Ridge, N.J. which will cost the club less money to meet than the O.E.C. The SCEEC building closes on three-day holiday weekends, therefore the FIRST WINTER MEETING WILL BE NOVEMBER 6, 1:30 pm to 4:00 p.m. There will be a business meeting, a discussion of the questionnaire (If you haven't returned yours, PLEASE do so; the response so far has been very good.), a viewing of the permanent slide library and lots of gab time to meet old and new members. By the way, please bring refreshments if you can. Coffee and tea will be provided. Come and see the fantastic solar heated and cooled building at SCEEC. DIRECTIONS: Take 287 to exit 26-A - Basking Ridge. Make a right turn from the exit ramp onto N. Maple Ave. (Near new A E & T). Follow through blinking light. At center of town veer left onto South Maple Ave. Take S. Maple (passing Lord Stirling Riding Stables on left) to Lord Stirling Rd. There is a small sign saying EEC - one mile. Turn left onto Lord Stirling Rd. (airport on right) and follow to the center.

Don't misplace this newsletter - - there won't be another 'til the end of Nov.

FUN(GI)TASTIC NORTHEAST WEEKEND

Meeting most of the Northeast clubs in one place was truly great fellowship. One of the highlights of the weekend was the standing ovation Dr. Sam Ristich received when he accepted the award for being the person who contributed the most to amateur mycology in the NE. Almost every NE club has been assisted by Sam and we are extremely fortunate having him here in N.J.

Dr. Martina Gilliam gave a lecture Fri. night on Charles McIlvaine. Sat. was filled with trips and discussions. Dr. Sam Mazzer spoke on drying specimens for herbaria. Dr. Clark Rogerson discussed basic microscopy. The mycophagy experts prepared an excellent and quickly disappearing display. Represented were Grete Turchick - NJ, Franny Neal - NY, Gary Lincoff - NJ and NY, and Margaret Lewis - Boston. Thanks to you and all the others who helped in preparation. Tremendous thanks to Bud Schwartz of COMA who was master planner of the foray and to Paul Meyer of NJMA who made several trips to Conn. for organizational matters. There's not enough room to talk about all the fun and findings -

but search out and talk to someone who went and you'll find yourself not wanting to miss the next one. (Latest news ...Over 250 species were identified.)

LIBRARY DONATIONS

At PEEC, our club was fortunate to receive autographed copies of the monograph on Marasmius by Dr. Martina Gilliam, the work on Pouzarella by Dr. Sam Mazzer and several articles on Amanita phalloides by Dr. Don Simons (NJMA member from Delaware). Our club is extremely grateful to all of these mycologists for their kindness. Books will be on display at the first winter meeting.

If you have any guides or texts you wish to donate, the club would appreciate it greatly.

ROUND ROBIN SLIDES

SLIDES READY FOR ANOTHER TRIP ! This is a program where mushroom slides are swapped through the mail. Each interested member loans up to 10 slides to the Round Robin when it arrives at his home, views the entire collection and passes the collection on to the next name on the list. After the collection returns, you can replace the 10 slides with new ones or remove them. If you are interested send a card to

Al Leyenberger

Al is also chairman of NJMA's permanent slide library. If you would like to use it or you have slides to donate then Al is the man to talk to.

NEW ADDRESS - POISON GUIDE

If you still haven't ordered your copy of "A Guide to the Poisonous Mushrooms in the Greater New York Area" by the NYMS, please use this new address:

NYMS c/o Maggie Jarvis

\$2.50 + postage

WORKSHOP

Sam Ristich and Gary Lincoff are teaching an INTERMEDIATE MUSHROOM WORKSHOP at the New York Botanical Garden, 2 Mondays, Oct. 17 and Oct. 24, from 10am to 3 pm. \$32 for non-members. Bring lunch. Call (212) to register. This course will be directed at those anatomical characters of fungi that modern keys require.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dorothy Connelly

Ringoes, NJ

Albert and Julia Weissenburger Princeton

Virginia Muhlhahn

Woodcliff Lake, NJ

Jean Navius

Flemington, NJ

Claire Murphy

Newton, NJ

Mr. and Mrs. John Lowrance

Princeton

Audrey Robertson

Princeton, NJ

Ernest Simon

Hawthorne, NJ

Our club is now exchanging newsletters with 2 more associations

The Puget Sound Mycological Society - Seattle

The Boston Mycological Club

CORRECTION ----- CORRECTION

According to Dr. Gilliam, Marasmius iocephalus is Collybia iocephala. Since the Aug. 14 foray John Durkota has found many specimens of this species. Neal Macdonald has also made a beautiful drawing of this species which was framed by Jim Richards for the club. It will be on display at the first winter meeting. Thank you Neal and Jim for your talent and generosity.

NOTES

Winter taxonomy meetings will be once a month in the evenings at SCEEC. What weekday night can you make it? Call Dorothy Smullen if you are interested.

PROGRAM TO COME: Sun., Dec. 11 LICHEN WORKSHOP Dr. Erica Frank of Centenary College at SCEEC

GOOD NEWS --- Orson Miller's MUSHROOMS OF NORTH AMERICA is now in soft cover. Photos are now with descriptions of species and the price is only \$9.

Fistulina hepatica Schaeff ex Fr.

Mycophagist's Corner

The "Beefsteak fungus" named for its color and texture is also called ox-tongue or oak-tongue. The nearly flat cap is slightly roughened, 10-30cm and a moist red-orange to liver color (hepatica refers to liver). The flesh (2-6 cm thick) is soft to fibrous in age and oozes red juice. The stalk is lateral, 4-8 cm long, or absent. Not a true polypore because the tubes are separate or free from each other (fistula means pipe). Tubes 10-15 mm long, white to buff, staining red when handled.

Spores 4-6 x 3-4 μ , egg shaped, smooth. Spore-print is pale rusty brown or pinkish-brown.

Found on hardwood stumps or living trees at base; usually oak or chestnut in the fall after rains. Cause of so-called "brown-oak" timber.

F. pallida is the pale beefsteak species.

Rinaldi and Tyndalo state that one must discard the upper cuticle and tubules and leave the rest soak to wash away an acid juice. Then drain and season. McIlvaine says the acid taste is acceptable to most persons. Cut in thin slices and rub with garlic - toss with salad greens and favorite dressing. Pieces can also be cooked like a cutlet or eggplant.

"Mock" chopped liver

- 1 lb. mushrms
- 4 Tbsp oil
- 1 large onion sliced
- 2 hard cooked eggs
- 1 tsp. salt ; pepper to taste

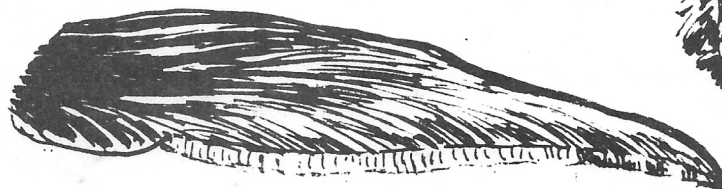
Chop fine or grind mushrms and onion in meat grinder.

Saute half of the mixture in half of oil for about five minutes. Repeat.

Add chopped eggs with salt and pepper.

Mix well and chill. Serve on lettuce or as a cocktail spread.

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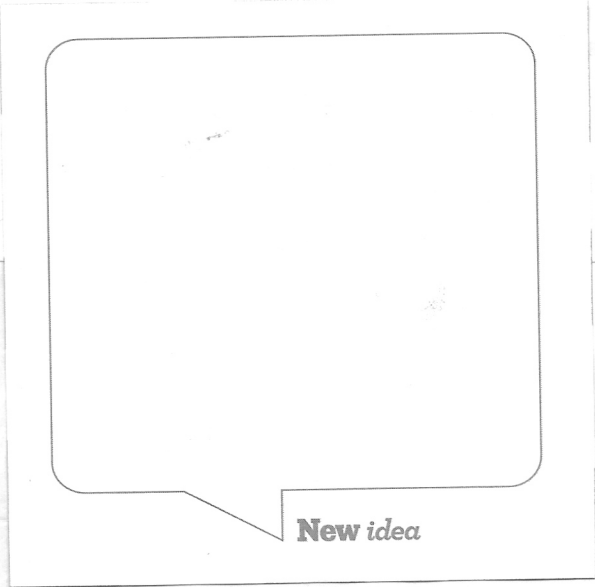


Fistulina hepatica
the "BEEFSTEAK FUNGUS"

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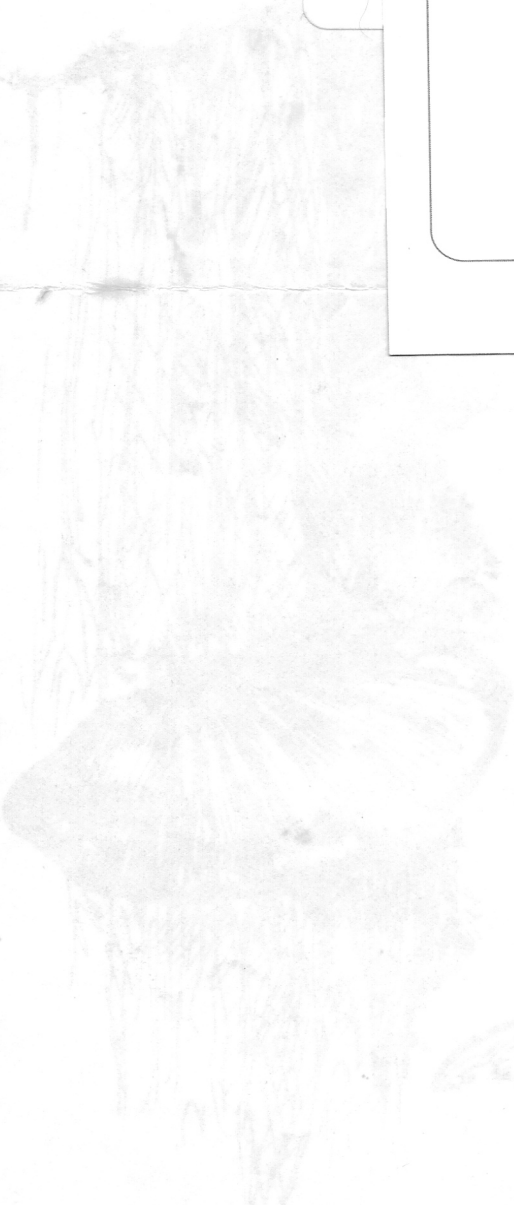
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