

March - April 2009

Simanews

SOUTHERN IDAHO MYCOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

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Next SIMA meeting is May 11, 2009, Idaho Fish & Game Building. 7:30 PM

Bob Chehey will present *Part Two* on his program on *Ascomycetes*. His collection of slides goes back some 30 years and includes many species of Ascus not commonly seen.

Forays Scheduled

Spring Foray, May 29 – 31, Quaker Hill, Upper Osprey Lodge, McCall ID.

The mycologist will be Dr. Thom O'Dell from Port Angeles, WA. Thom has conducted surveys on rare fungi and is currently working in the field of bioremediation (cleaning contaminated soil with fungi) and biodiversity prospecting.

Thom has over 25 years experience in collecting, studying, growing and eating mushrooms. He regularly teaches introductory mushroom ID and gives lectures on general fungi ecology.

Thom has many publications including scholarly papers, books, chapters and field guides. He has conducted field ecological studies in Olympic National Park as a National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow. Thom currently works for The Remediators Inc., a soil bioremediation company in Port Angeles, WA. Registration form included in this newsletter.

June Morel Hunt Date Changed, June 5, 6, 7 near Featherville ID. This is a campout foray. No cost permits are required. Available at the Fairfield FS Office. There is one Motel in Fairfield. Featherville Saloon & Motel. 411 N. Pine-Featherville Rd. (208) 653-2310 10 Rooms \$54.00

What is fruiting?

March Meeting – *Pleurotus populinus*

April Meeting – *Endoptychum agaricoides*

What is out now? Early spring fungi along the Boise River and in the lower ends of draws in the foothills. Check your lawns and flower beds. *Coprinus comatus* (Shaggy Manes) were growing in the gravel at the side of the road in the Three Island Crossing State Park, Lower Campground near Glens Ferry ID after the rain in mid April. We could be seeing Morels and Verpas any time now.

Is it a Yellow Morel or a Verpa?

This is the time of the year when *Verpa bohemica* starts to show up in some of the draws in the foothills near Boise. People often mistake Verpas for morels. We do not recommend eating Verpas. The difference is easy to spot if you know what to look for.



If you look closely at the center verpa (lying flat), the cap is NOT part of the stem and is attached only at the top of the stem. Also, the stem is filled with a pithy substance. Young verpas are often light in color, and their caps cling tightly to the stalk. They can be confused with yellow morels. **DO NOT EAT VERPAS!** Always look to see how the cap attaches to the stem.

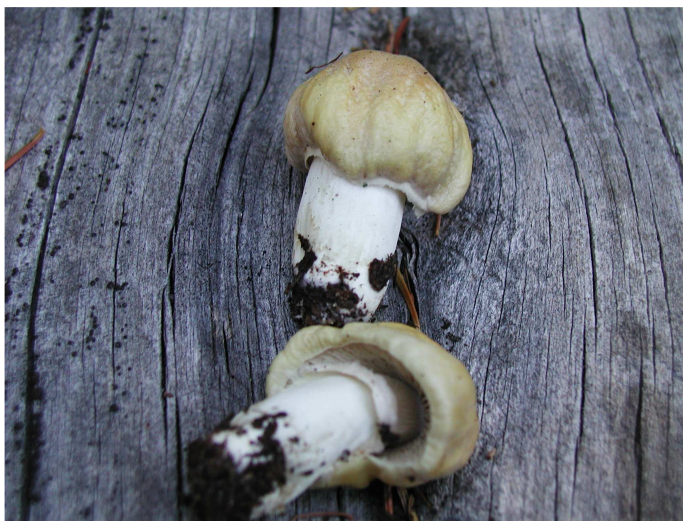


All morels, regardless of color, will have the cap as a continuous part of the stem. The stems and cap will be completely hollow.

Mystery Mushroom

Can you identify this mushroom?

Clues: Cap 5-10 cm broad, oval to campanulate with age; light orange straw brown in color with a white bloom on young caps; not sticky or slimy when wet. Cap margin is wrinkled and inrolled when young, some edge splitting with age. **Flesh** is white, thick and firm. **Gills** are adnate to adnexed in age. They are close together, dull white to rust colored in age. **Stipe** is dull white, no hairs, enlarged toward base; 6-12 cm long, 1-2cm wide. **Partial veil** is a white membrane, forming a persistent superior ring. Odorless. **Spore print** is a dingy rusty brown. Fruits in late summer, early fall, under conifer or mixed conifer-hardwood stands. **Caution!** This one can easily be confused with Cortinarius species. Same general spore color.



Local Foray to Grimes Creek

Open to ANYONE interested, in attending. May 16, 10 AM. Meet at Diversion Dam Parking Lot off Highway 21 as you leave Boise heading for Idaho City. Bring a lunch, water, mushroom collecting equipment, your book and be prepared for rain.

Questions, call Genny Steiner 208 345-2515

New Mushroom at NAMA/SIMA Foray 2008

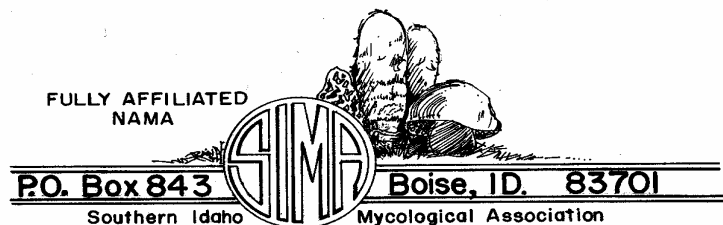
Hope Miller reports that a graduate student attending the fall foray found an unknown *Pluteus* off Lick Creek Rd near Browns Pond. He asked Hope if Orson had any information on it. She stated he had cards on possible unknowns. The card stated this *Pluteus* was found twice previously near Browns Pond, and there were pictures. The grad student took copies of the picture, and card. This *Pluteus* will be named as a new species at the MSA meeting in July. Hope is planning to attend. The species will be named then.

Fresh Mushrooms left over from the mushroom class.

Hearty Beef Onion Mushroom Soup. Sauté 2 large sliced sweet onions in 2-3 T of olive oil. Slice up fresh mushrooms, add to onions and cook until onions are slightly caramelized and clear. Cut up 1/2 pound of Beef Chuck and seal in foil and bake in oven, 325°F for 30-45 min. Add cooked beef to onions, season with fresh thyme, salt, pepper, 2T balsamic vinegar. Add 4 cups of beef broth. Simmer for 10 min, re-season if needed. Grate Gruyere cheese on hot soup and serve.

Have you paid your membership for 2009?

Deadline for your name to appear in the membership booklet is May 10, 2009.



Name _____ Phone () _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Dues: SIMA and NAMA

Single \$20.00

Family \$25.00

Total Enclosed _____

Mail to: SIMA

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SIMA'S SPRING FORAY

Quaker Hill Osprey Lodge, McCall ID
Upper Level
May 29, 30, 31, 2009

Mycologist, Thom O'Dell

Friday May 29	Saturday May 30	Sunday May 31
Early Foray & ID Workshop 2:00-4 PM	8 AM Breakfast 9 AM-3PM Forays	8 AM Breakfast Specimen Table Critique
Regular Foray Registration 4 PM	5:30 Supper 7:00 Program \	Summer Foray plans Check -Out before: 11 AM
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Early Registration and Foray starts 2 PM Friday

Regular Foray
Friday 2 PM to 11:00 Sunday includes 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, programs, display.

Last day to Pre-register for food and lodging, Sunday, May 20, 2009.
Pre-registration also required for Saturday Only + Meals.

Detach Here _____

Name _____
Address _____ Phone _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-Mail _____

Registration Fees:	Friday 2 PM to noon Sunday	
_____ Full Foray	\$110.00	_____ Current College Student, with ID
_____ Early Foray only	\$20.00	\$25.00 No meals or lodging.
_____ Saturday Only, No meals	\$30.00	_____ Rates for children available
_____ Saturday Only, + Supper	\$40.00	on request.
_____ Saturday Dinner + Program	\$20.00	
_____ Friday Foray – Sat all day, no dinner, prg.	\$60.00 (includes Friday lodging, 3 meals)	

Number attending _____ Amount enclosed _____

Need lodging _____ (**bring your own bedding, towel, etc.**)
RV's same cost as lodging, hook ups limited
_____ plenty space self-contained.
_____ Hook ups

Make check payable to SIMA
Send check and Registration Form to:

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