



# WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA MUSHROOM CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## WPMC 2015 Officers / Board of Directors

### Richard Jacob – President

Richard Jacob is a scientist working in the field of proteomics, identifying and quantifying peptides and proteins. His work has taken him from his hometown of Cambridge in the UK to Germany and the USA. He became very interested in mushrooms when he moved to Pittsburgh and found morels growing in the backyard and joined WPMC so that he could learn how to find more. This new hobby complements his cooking and photography hobbies. Recently Richard has used his scientific background to pioneer the Club's DNA barcoding project and he is currently chair of the NAMA Mycoflora committee. He enjoys taking his family for walks in the woods and having the children help find edible and interesting mushrooms.



### Jim Wasik - Vice-President

Jim Wasik retired from being an architectural finishes coatings chemist, developing a multitude of interior and exterior residential and commercial paints. Born in Indiana, Jim has lived in California, Illinois, Washington and Pennsylvania. His interest in mushrooming started when visiting his father-in-law near Mt. St. Helens and finding a treasure trove of chanterelles, blewits, lepiota rhacodes, and many more. Jim took the Puget Sound Mushroom Society's identification classes to become better acquainted with what to eat and what NOT to eat. Recently, Jim is WPMC Membership, Newsletter Editor and Past President. Jim is also an amateur glass 'artist'.



### Barbara DeRiso –Treasurer

Barbara DeRiso joined WPMC in 2006, served as membership chair in 2010 and has served as club treasurer since 2009. In 2013 she co-chaired the Lincoff Foray with Dick Dougall, and now serves as Foray chair. Barbara is a triple-boarded anesthesiologist, internist and intensivist, and received an MBA from Pitt in 1999. She retired from full-time practice in 2006 and lives with her husband, Don Newman, and two rescued fox terriers in Fox Chapel. In addition to mushroom hunting, she is an organic gardener, cook, jewelry maker, and Italophile.



### Scott Pavelle – Recording Secretary

Scott Pavelle is a lawyer in his real life, who likes to climb up on his white charger and slay the dragons known in the modern world as "insurance companies." More importantly, he and Kate Pavelle have been lovingly married for [mumblety-mumble] years and have two daughters, Miranda (in college) and Eleanor (resisting all those trips into the woods). Mushroom-wise, Scott has been serious about foraging for several years, with a particular interest in boletes. Check out boletefilter.com! Scott is repeating as Secretary of the WPMC for a second term.



### Ann 'Fluff' Berger – Corresponding Secretary

Fluff is an avid mushroomer who joined the Club in 2010. Because of her extensive knowledge, she has earned the prestigious "100 Mushroom" John Plischke III Award for Mushroom Knowledge. Fluff is a WPMC Mushroom Identifier and is currently the Club Corresponding Secretary.

## November Meeting: November 18, 2014 – 7 PM • Beechwood Farms

**WPMC Survivors Pot Luck** – Well, we survived another year of mushrooming. To celebrate the year and prepare for the upcoming holiday season, join us at the November 18, 2014 meeting by sharing your culinary expertise. Bring a hot or cold dish, salad, soup, entrée, or dessert of your choice to share with others. Bring enough for about 8 people and serving utensils. Since electrical connections are limited, bring hot food - hot, and bring cold food - cold. Club will provide soft drinks, plates, eating utensils and some take-home containers.

Share your photos with the Club at the November meeting also. Your choice of photos of mushrooms, scenery, wildlife, Club outings, vacation, etc. Bring no more than 15 photos in JPG format on a USB Flash Drive. iPad and iPhone users must provide photos on a USB Flash Drive or bring a USB connector for your devices.

