Our OPCA Education committee has been busy planning the Fall Beach Seminar at Salishan Resort in Gleneden Beach, OR. On Friday, don’t miss the bottom fishing and crabbing or golf on the challenging but beautiful Salishan Golf Course. Then, join us in the evening for our annual welcome reception!

Education sessions on Saturday will include: Doug Freeman speaking about moles and gophers, a panel discussion on bee health issues. This session, moderated by Chris Winson will feature Rose Kachadoorian, ODA, Fred VanNatta, Oregon Beekeepers Association, Jeff Weier, and David Braness. In the afternoon we will hear from Robert DeAngelo who will present B and G Calibration and Stan Cope, Terminix will give a 90 minute presentation called, “Pest Control and Public Health” Partners for the Good of All.”

Registration is open at www.opca.org. The cost is $130 for members, $120 for additional member attendees. Non members are $150.

**Quick Calendar**

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Rolling Hills Community Church, Tualatin, OR

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Salishan Resort, Lincoln City, OR

**NPMA Pest World**
October 21-24, 2014
Orlando, Florida

**Southern Oregon Education Day**
November 7, 2014
Bear Hotel, Grants Pass, OR

**High Desert Seminar 2015**
May 30-31, 2015
In early June, OPCA gathered in Bend for the High Desert Seminar at Mt. Bachelor Village Resort in Bend. Friday brought perfectly sunny weather for the annual Brandy Ham Memorial Golf Tournament. This year we had 10 teams, all of whom had a blast at the challenging Widgi Creek Golf Club. Our winning team, with a score of -8 was Chris Chytka, Jeff Cole, Chris Martin, and Brandon Chytka. Congratulations, gentlemen, and thank you to Dave Ottovich for organizing another excellent golf tournament!

Saturday was filled with great sessions at Mt. Bachelor Village Resort. There were 6 hours ODA, 5 WSDA, and 2 OCHI credits. Our speakers and topics included John Lombardi - Water Intrusion, John Berger – HAZMAT, Laurie Gordon – ODA Update, Chris Winson, Pollinators, Roger Gold – Occasional Invaders and Defending Against Bed Bugs, and Roger Baldwin – Burrowing Rodents.

Save the date for 2015!

We are going back to Mt. Bachelor Village May 29 and 30, 2015. This is a week earlier, but it should work out pretty well since we avoid graduations!

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2nd: Greg Ego, Debbie Ego, Jim Truslow, Gary Brooks
3rd: Nick Grisafe, Chris Winson, Morgan Roberts, Bill Granstrom
Men’s Long Drive: Chris Martin
Women’s Long Drive: Amy Kesecker
Men’s KP: Robert DeAngelo
Women’s KP: Amy Kesecker

Many raffle prizes were donated!
June 26, 2014 (Salem, Ore) The Oregon Department of Agriculture is taking additional steps to protect bees and other pollinators from exposure to specific pesticide products following multiple incidents of bee deaths this summer. In adopting a temporary rule, ODA is prohibiting the use of pesticide products containing the active ingredients dinotefuran and imidacloprid on linden trees or other species of Tilia.

The rule applies to all users, including professional applicators and homeowners.

“Although we took significant steps last year to restrict the use of these pesticide products, we’ve seen more cases involving bumblebees attracted to blooming linden trees and pesticide applications,” says ODA Director Katy Cobb. “In order to protect our pollinators, we feel it’s important to adopt additional restrictions.”

Last year, based on high profile incidents of bee deaths, ODA adopted a required label statement on pesticide products containing imidacloprid and dinotefuran prohibiting the application of these products on linden trees and other Tilia species. For 2014, newly-labeled products distributed into Oregon are required to state the restriction. Products with pre-2014 labels are still in commerce and, prior to the temporary rule, could be used when plants were not in bloom.

Two recent incidents of large bee deaths– one in Eugene, the other in Beaverton– involved the use of imidacloprid products with an older label, which alerts the user that the product is “highly toxic to bees exposed to direct treatment or residues.” To address confusion or misunderstanding caused by having two different label statements, ODA is simply prohibiting the application of any product containing imidacloprid or dinotefuran on linden, basswood, and other trees of Tilia species.

Failure to comply with the new rule could result in license suspension or revocation as well as imposition of a civil penalty.

The temporary rule, which goes into effect immediately, will be enforced for 180 days and will protect pollinators while allowing ODA to complete its investigation of recent bee death incidents as well as determine any future regulatory actions. ODA is contacting all pesticide license holders in Oregon regarding the new rule and will continue to provide outreach and education on pollinator protection.

Oregon Names Pollinator Task Force

In June, Oregon’s new Pollinator Task Force began meetings. The task force was created at the short session of the Oregon Legislature held in February following incidents of bee die-offs that had been in the news. The task force played a role in the restrictions noted in the press release printed above. Task force members include:

Sen. Chuck Thomsen, R-Hood River; Rep. Jeff Richardson, D-Happy Valley; Ramesh Sagili, OSU Professor; Jeff Stone, Oregon Assn. of Nurseries; Scott Dahlman, Oregonians for Food and Shelter; Aimee Code, Xerces Society; Christy Splitt, Oregon Environmental Council; Betsy Earls, AOI; George Hansen, Foothills Honey Company.

OPCA’s board recently promoted support for Chris Winson of Univar to serve on the Pollinator Task Force. A letter of support from OPCA was sent.
OPCA Hopes to Grow Building off a Strong Member Base in 2014

As of the end of our fiscal year, June 30, we ended up the year with 83 members for 2013-2014.

Limited members, = 13
Active / NPMA members = 55
Allied members = 11
Associate members = 1
Honorary = 3

Dues renewal statements have gone out in the mail for 2014-2015. Please renew your dues by August 31. We understand some of you may have paid dues later in the fall, or even the start if this year, but to get everyone on the same “dues year” please help us out and pay in the next two months so we can get everyone on the same dues schedule.

We have sorted the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture list for those companies that specifically have “pest control” in their title. That’s probably not every potential member, but it’s a good guess. So, out of the 600 or so companies that are licensed in Oregon who are not already members, there are only 105 other PCO’s that are potentially members. So, if you look at it that way, OPCA has 68 of 173 PCO’s as members, or 39% of the potential PCO members in Oregon.

Membership Adds Up at OPCA!

The Oregon Pest Control Association is a non-profit organization comprised of pest control operators, home inspectors, and affiliated industries. Benefits Include:

- Three general membership business meetings per year.
- Members receive a reduced cost in registration for OPCA sponsored educational recertification seminars. Reduced rates for OPCA members MORE than make up for your dues every year.
- Four Crack & Crevice newsletters are sent each year.
- Insect identification is available through OSU Extension offices throughout Oregon.
- Your company is listed, by county, on a map of Oregon on the OPCA website for public contact access.

Dues Rates: The OPCA membership year is July 1—June 30. State dues are $175.00 per year. However, if you are joining mid-year, dues are prorated to the nearest quarter.

OPCA Membership Categories:

- ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP: Includes pest control companies who also join the National Pest Management Association. The dues structure to NPMA is available on the application form on the OPCA website.
- LIMITED MEMBERSHIP: Includes home inspectors and pest control companies who do not desire to participate in NPMA membership. Limited members enjoy the same privileges as Active members, except they may not vote, may not hold an officer position, and may not chair a committee.
- ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: Includes any person, firm, corporation or other organization who is interested in the welfare of the pest control and home inspector industries and who is otherwise ineligible for other membership categories.
- ALLIED MEMBERSHIP: Includes suppliers (vendors) to the pest control and home inspector industries.

For a complete description of each membership category, refer to the bylaws that are posted on our website at www.opca.org.

Questions? If you have any questions, email the OPCA office at office@opca.org. We look forward to hearing from any of you who are interested in growing our association!

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OPCA Elects New Board

The OPCA Board of Directors for 2014-2015 were elected at the recent High Desert Conference. The new board members include:

PRESIDENT: Richard Kesecker, Good Earth Pest Company
1st VICE PRESIDENT: Gean Camp, Paramount Pest Control
2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Al Bachman, Eden Advanced Pest Technology
SECRETARY / TREASURER: John Keith, Terminix #2057
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: Terry Brant, Aspen Wildlife Services

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Steve Nagel, A2Z Home Inspections; Larry Treleven, Sprague Pest Solutions; Nancy Boerema, Firefly EPS; Stephanie Hagle, Pest Tech, Inc.; Mike Kesecker, Good Earth Pest Company; and Brandon Thorsen, Interstate Pest Control.

Right: Terry Brant receives the outgoing President’s plaque from incoming President, Richard Kesecker.

BedBug University Boot Camp is August 21 in Tualatin

OPCA and BedBug Central have teamed up to offer BedBug University: Bootcamp August 21. Jeffrey White of BedBug Central will teach how to run and manage a successful bed bug program. Members of our affected industries will benefit from day one and day two of Boot Camp. CEU’s with ODA have been applied for. The event also offers a Vendor Showcase.

Aug 21, 2014
8am - 4pm
Rolling Hills Community Church
3550 SW Borland Rd.
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To Register, go to either the OPCA website www.opca.org or Bed Bug Central’s website at www.bedbugcentral.com/roadshow. The cost is $250 for OPCA members, $325 non members. Fee includes all sessions, exhibits, continental breakfast, lunch and refreshments. Bed Bug Central will also offer multiple attendee discounts.

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OPCA Picks Shastina Meyer as the 2014 Scholarship Winner

The OPCA scholarship recipient chosen for 2014 is Shastina Meyer. The nominating company for Shastina is Valley Inspections and Pests, Inc. out of Grants Pass Oregon. Shastina will receive a $1,000 scholarship from OPCA.

Shastina has aspirations of becoming a high school art department teacher and currently attends Rogue Community College, where she is active in her community and pushes herself to constantly improve and exceed expectations. The OPCA is proud to have selected Shastina Meyer.

NW Pest Management Conference to Donate $2500 for Scholarships

The Board of the Northwest Pest Management Conference, held in Hood River, has voted to offer generous support to scholarship programs in Oregon and Washington. The NWPMC Board will donate $2,500 to OPCA scholarship fund in the coming year.

“We are thrilled to receive this level of support from the Industry. By supporting our young people the Pest Control Industry ensures its future,” Says Gean Camp, Scholarship Chair for OPCA.

To apply for the OPCA scholarship, visit our website at www.opca.org/members/scholarships. The next application is due April 30, 2015.

The applicant must be an owner, an immediate family member, employee, child or stepchild of an employee, or employee’s spouse of an OPCA member firm.

Applicants must be nominated by an OPCA member firm. Graduating high school seniors, other high school graduates and applicants with G.E.D equivalent will be considered. Applicants must attend an accredited college university, trade school, or institute of higher learning.

Advertise in Crack & Crevice!

Crack and Crevice is OPCA’s quarterly newsletter. It reaches OPCA members and their employees. Crack and Crevice has a long shelf life. Issues are frequently passed out at member events and sent in member kits to new members, so exposure lasts longer than typical newsletters.

If you are considering placing an ad, know that Allied members of the Oregon Pest Control Association receive a 5% discount from the prices listed. Send ads by e-mail to office@opca.org.

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High Desert Seminar Pics

Amy Kesecker

John Lombardi presents on water intrusion issues.

Attendees enjoy a great Italian buffet lunch in outdoor area at Mt. Bachelor Village in Bend Oregon.

Raffle Prizes!
Mt. Bachelor Village was a great host to OPCA. Below, the golf team from Good Earth.

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