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## President's Message

**Robert DeAngelo**  
*OPCA President, 2022-23*

Summer is finally here! I am sure you are all pretty busy right now. It is also time to transition to our new board in July 2023. It has been an honor to serve the Oregon Pest Control Association as your president this past year. I will still be active with the association as your immediate past president.

I hope that we were able to reach out to you regarding newer EPA proposed guidelines for rodenticides, which are now being pushed to 2024. I thank those of you that reached out and submitted responses to EPA regarding the proposed guidelines. Also, we tried to get the word out regarding preemption, and we are still involved in the ongoing process to modify state testing

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## Salishan to Host the OPCA Fall Beach Seminar, Sept. 15-16, 2023

OPCA returns to Lincoln City in 2023 for the Fall Beach Seminar. This year we are at Salishan Coastal Lodge. This iconic Oregon resort is just south of Siletz Bay in Lincoln City.

On Friday, September 15, we will send out our fishing expedition from Depoe Bay with Dockside Charters Bay on a bottom fishing trip. Also, golfers will take on the challenging Salishan Golf Course. For a great teambuilding activity, your staff and family members can take on the fun and challenging "ropes course" at Salishan. With the help of a trained guide, work your way through the forest near the lodge on rope ladders, suspension bridges and zip lines. This is a great activity for kids!

Friday night we look forward to our welcome reception, location TBD.

So far, speakers will include Dr. Mike Potter; Ryan Ness, MGK; Jim Shaver, CatchMaster and possibly a panel on rodent control.

Registration opens July 1.



Salishan is in Gleneden Beach, south of Lincoln City



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## Quick Calendar

**OPCA Board Meetings**  
All are the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 am on ZOOM

**OPCA Fall Beach Seminar**  
September 15-16, 2023  
Salishan Resort, Lincoln City, OR

**OPCA Southern Oregon Seminar**  
November 17, 2023  
Rogue Community College, Table Rock Campus, White City, OR

**OPCA Winter Seminar**  
January 13, 2024  
Webinar

**Pacific NW Pest Mgmt Conference**  
Best Western Hood River Inn  
February 22-24, 2024

**REGISTER: OPCA Fall Beach Seminar**  
**[www.opca.org](http://www.opca.org)**

# OPCA Awards Scholarship to Entomology Ph.D. Student

OPCA awarded a \$1000 scholarship to **Samantha Dilday**, a doctorate student of entomology at Washington State University. Samantha was nominated by Dr. laurel Hansen.

Samantha plans to move into the government or private sector and continue research into pest species, specifically ants. She hopes to develop her taxonomic skills to develop identify invasive species. Also, she hopes to continue her research to help develop better management techniques using baits and biological controls.

OPCA was enthusiastic about her because she is Dr. Hansen's protégé. You may have seen her at the Pacific NW Pest Management Conference in Hood River. OPCA looks forward to following Samantha's career.

Prior to the award, the OPCA Scholarship Committee modified the criteria to include students enrolled in post graduate programs such as Master's and Doctorate Degrees.



## Advertise in Oregon!

*Crack and Crevice*, OPCA's quarterly newsletter reaches OPCA members and their employees.

*Crack and Crevice* has a long shelf life. Issues are frequently handed out at member events and sent in member kits to new members. Exposure lasts longer than typical newsletters.

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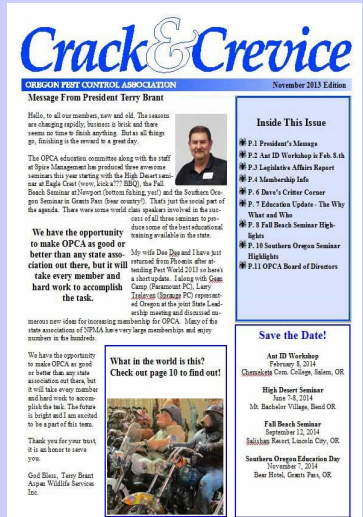
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### Publication Calendar

March	Pacific NW Pest Management Conference
June	High Desert Seminar
Sept.	Fall Beach Seminar
Dec.	Southern Oregon Seminar
Jan.	Winter Virtual Seminar

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and training materials which will be coordinated with Oregon State University and the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Financial reports are now included on the OPCA website so it may be available to you. We prefer transparency for our members. This year we are welcoming four new member companies and I hope to see more members in the future. We need your voice to have an impact on our industry.

Samantha Dilday is a PH.D. Candidate at Washington State University and is the Protégé for Dr. Laurel Hansen. We awarded her a scholarship to help pay for

her tuition. This is a win for all Pacific Northwest pest companies. She is involved with research of ants and is and will be involved with many pest companies.

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serve the Oregon  
Pest Control  
Association as your  
president this past year**

**Robert DeAngelo**

I would like to thank our board members for their support and Harvey Gail, our executive director and his staff for their help in running this organization. Special thanks goes out Mike Kesecker, who is stepping down after many years heading the educational committee. He has put together all those excellent training meetings for the Winter, Bend and Coast meetings, which is a lot of work.

Thank you all for letting me serve you. Stay active, keep learning, help your fellow companies, have a voice.

*Best wishes, Robert De Angelo*

## OPCA Elects Board Members

The members of OPCA elected the board of directors for 2023-2024 at the High Desert Seminar. Some ballots were also received in the mail.

Here is your board for next year:

Rennie Kubik, President  
Matt White, President-Elect  
Robert DeAngelo, Past President  
Bill Granstrom, Treasurer  
Larry Treleven, Second VP  
Tim Banwell, Director  
Dave Mays, Director  
Steve Nagel, Director  
Jesse Gooch, Director  
Steve Wittig, Director  
Cameron Yamaura, Director

Board meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 am on ZOOM. All members are welcome! Contact Harvey Gail to get the ZOOM link at [exec@opca.org](mailto:exec@opca.org).

If you are interested in serving on the board, OPCA recommends you first serve on a committee. We are looking for members for the education committee, government affairs, sponsorship and ethics committees.

## NPMA Celebrates 90th Anniversary... Share Your Stories!

NPMA has hit a landmark and is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year. As part of our ongoing celebration, we want to hear from you and your memories and stories as a member of NPMA.

Plus, what do you think the future holds for the pest management industry? Give us your predictions! Tell us in our 2-question survey and you may find both your look back and look forward featured in an upcoming issue of *PestWorld* magazine.



*Save the Date:*  
**OPCA Fall Beach Seminar**  
**Sept. 15-16, 2023**  
Salishan Resort



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## Riverhouse in Bend Hosts High Desert Seminar

OPCA returned to Bend for the High Desert Seminar on June 3. Over 70 attendees and 15 exhibitors attended. Speakers included:

**Mike Potter**, Ph.D, Delusional Parasitosis: The Itchy Client - case studies and solutions;

**Jamal Sandidge**, MA, PhD, BCE, Nisus: Small flies and cockroaches

**Brittney Joes**, OSU: elements of IPM

**Vince Romao**, Liphatech, rodents

**Michael Dougherty**, Bird-B-Gone, bird control fundamentals

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We are looking at venues for next year's High Desert Seminar. Stay tuned for that announcement!



## River's Edge Golf Course Tournament Winners

On Friday, golfers took on River's Edge Golf Course. We had six teams and 21 people.

First place (-3): Greg Ego, Gus Corrales, Harvey Gail

Second place (-1/tie breaker): The Killers— Matt White, Robert DeAngelo, Gus Montero, James Eberle

Third place (-1): Larry Treleven, Joe Chavarria, Rennie Kubik.

Long Drive Men: Jon Paulsen

Long Drive Women: Tanya Wittig

Close to the Pin: Greg Ego



*Caption: Team # 3: Mike Dougherty, Brian Bailey and Keith Reynolds take on the tricky downhill par 3 to a narrow green.*

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# High Desert Seminar, The Riverhouse—Pics 2023



*Over 80 people attended the High Desert Seminar this year. The venue, The Riverhouse Conference Center, is very nice, with great audio visual services and ample room to spread out. We were also fortunate that the weather was warm and pleasant. Thanks go out to the staff at the Riverhouse for helping us with a great event!*

## OPCA Membership Report

**OPCA member renewals** as of June 9, 2023

- Active members: 51 (of 56 renewed)
- Allied members: 15 (of 19 renewed)
- Associate (home inspectors): 1
- Honorary members: 5

**Membership Application:** Know of any companies that should be members? [www.opca.org/join](http://www.opca.org/join).

**Lapsed Membership Policy:** OPCA's policy is member companies that have lapsed for one full year must re-apply for membership in OPCA.

**Dues Paid by Corporate Offices:** If your corporate office is in another state and pays your dues, let us know!

**OPCA's Dues Year:** July 1—June 30. Once a member pays, we will notify the national association of the status.

**New Members:** OPCA Companies applying for OPCA membership are posted for the members to comment for 15 days. Then, the OPCA board votes to accept their membership.

**Joint State Members:** Active Members pay their NPMA dues at the same time as OPCA dues. Those dues are sent in to NPMA once a month.

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# Oregonians for Food and Shelter

Excerpts from the OFS Online newsletter

With just a couple weeks left until the constitutional sine die, the legislative stall out continued into its 5th week. The situation has attracted national attention, and despite efforts by Governor Kotek to assist negotiations, the impasse continues, making it the longest walkout in state history. Meanwhile, budget writers continue with their work in the hopes of a solution before sine die, or in preparation for a shorter special session this summer.

## ODA - Pesticide Use Near Apartment Complexes

The Pesticide Analytical and Response Center (PARC) has developed a suite of materials to help pesticide applicators treating near apartment complexes. Highlighted with the materials are the importance of proper pesticide use, risk communication, and good customer service.

### Pesticide Advisory

Good customer service is a major component of pest control. ODA often receives calls with concerns about applications at apartment complexes. Pest pressures at an apartment complex may require pesticide applications on lawns, in communal areas, or inside residential units. Strong communication with the residents before and after pesticide applications can help build good relationships with the public. This advisory provides best use practices before, during, and after a treatment to help reduce the risk to those nearby and ensure proper pesticide use. Visit the advisory here.

### Risk Communication Brochure

Pesticide applicators may be asked 'Is it safe?' or any number of difficult questions by those nearby. People asking questions about pesticides may catch you by surprise or be upset about the treatment. Communicating with the public about pesticides can be difficult and intimidating.

If you find yourself in these conversations with residents of the complex, this brochure can give you the tools to better handle the situation. Included is general information about pesticide risks, integrated pest management (IPM), risk reduction steps, and risk conversation prompts for applicators. Risk Communication brochure

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## Oregon Republican Senators Now Face \$325-a-day Fines Over Boycotts

Oregon Senate President Rob Wagner plans to fine members who boycott floor sessions \$325 a day starting Monday, he announced Thursday.

Fines are one tool the Lake Oswego Democrat can use to try to compel members to take part in Senate business. Since May 3, enough Republican senators plus independent Sen. Brian Boquist have boycotted floor sessions to deny the 20-member quorum required for votes.

Senate Republican Leader Tim Knopp of Bend issued a statement blasting Wagner for what he called retaliation against his caucus. Wagner set the fine amount at \$325 to match how much lawmakers are compensated for a day's work, according to a press release from the Senate Democrats.

## Boycotting Oregon Senators Believe Loophole Will Allow Them to Win Another Term

Sens. Tim Knopp and Brian Boquist are determined to win another term of office, their attorney says, and Measure 113 can't stop them.

The two senators are among 10 conservative lawmakers who are playing a game of chicken with the state constitution this year. Both men have received more than 10 unexcused absences amid an ongoing walkout that has shut down action in the state Senate for nearly a month.

Theoretically those absences mean Boquist and Knopp's legislative lives are coming to a close — or at least a yearslong hiatus. Under Ballot Measure 113, approved by voters last year, any lawmaker with 10 or more unexcused absences is barred from running for reelection for at least a term.

The question now is when. That's something that Republicans have recruited a prominent Portland lawyer to help answer

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## ODA-accredited Trainings for Pesticide Credits:

To search ODA-accredited CE trainings, go to:  
<http://oda.direct/PestRecertClasses>.

The OSU Pesticide Safety Education Program is offering live webinars this training season:

<https://oda.fyi/PSEPLi>



*Save the Date:*

**OPCA Southern Oregon Seminar**

**Nov 17, 2023**

**Rogue Community College, Table Rock Campus, White City, OR**

## Lawmakers Want to Give Rural Oregon a Megaphone in Wildlife Disputes

Many Oregonians would agree that the state's natural resources, including its streams, rivers and wildlife habitat, are among its greatest treasures. But there is sharp disagreement over whose vision for those resources should take precedence.

It's a battle that erupted in the 1990s, when environmental policy shifted to favor habitat over harvest in Oregon's forests, and it has only intensified as the state's population has grown, mostly in urban and suburban areas. One of the places that opposing views come into conflict is the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, whose mission is "protecting and enhancing Oregon's fish and wildlife, and the habitats they use."

Current state law calls for the governor to appoint a seven-member commission: one at-large member from either side of the Cascades and one from each of the state's congressional districts. Because redistricting in 2020 added a sixth congressional seat, the statute must be updated. Rather than giving a seat on the commission to the new district, a group of mostly rural lawmakers proposed a new basis for selection that would shift control away from the Willamette Valley.

## From the OPCA Executive Director

Greetings from the OPCA office! We had a great meeting in Bend at the River House Conference center. We had 70 attendees and 15 vendors. The event began with a fun golf tournament at River's Edge Golf Club. We had 21 players who maneuvered through herds of yellow bellied rock chucks and ground squirrels.

We have two events coming up. Registration for the Fall Beach Seminar in Lincoln City opens in July. Also, the Southern Oregon Seminar is being moved to Rogue Community College, Table Rock Campus in White City. This is because the former location wasn't quite big enough for the attendees.



Harvey Gail, Exec. Director

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Congratulations to our board for 2023-24 who were elected at the Seminar in Bend. Keep up with what your board is doing. All of our minutes and financial reports are available on the website as a page under the "about" tab. If you have any questions, email [exec@opca.org](mailto:exec@opca.org) or call our office 503-363-4345.

Finally, we are running out of OPCA hats. We have some new design ideas for OPCA logo items, so we will be showing those in the coming weeks.

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