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OREGON PEST CONTROL ASSOCIATION

September 2023 Issue

Southern Oregon Seminar at Rogue Community College, Nov. 17

We hope to see you all on November 17, 2023 for our Southern Oregon Seminar taking place at Rogue Community College – Table Rock Campus in White City. We chose this location to provide a variety of options for lodging, though don't worry, there will still be a tasty lunch catered by Casa Amiga. So, head to our website for hotel suggestions and register for the seminar.



View from Table Rock near White City and Medford.

Speakers include **Nick Grisafe**, Syngenta - Spiders; **Lars Hanson**, BASF - Ants! Management Solutions; **Jon Paulsen**, Vesperis - Stinging Insects; **Kelly Vance**, Beneficial Insectary - Fundamentals of Biological Pest Control; **Erik Van Der Sluys**, Beneficial Insectary - Getting the Most Out of Chemical and Biological Applications and **Edward Horvath**, Three Rivers Mosquito and Vector Control - Mosquito Control.






REGISTER: OPCA Southern Oregon Seminar
www.opca.org

Photo Moment!



Robert DeAngelo receives recognition from OPCA with a plaque for serving as President over the last year.

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Quick Calendar

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

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

High Desert Seminar
June 1, 2024
Location TBD

OPCA Awards Scholarship to Entomology Ph.D. Student

OPCA awarded the annual scholarship to PHD research student Sam Dilday, M.Sc.. She is working on her doctorate in entomology from Washington State University.

As for her research, she provided a summary of her work. Her literature review of odorous house ants (OHA) has noted anecdotal evidence that colonies can survive up to eight to ten months without food (water only). Obseations on this lengthy starvation resistance in OHAs has yet to be properly studied and documented. Just this month she began my long-term starvation study on three separate colonies from the PNW. Variations in worker and queen numbers are being used to determine the difference in colony lifespan when a queen is present.

While the starvation study is ongoing, she will be making observations of OHA aggression towards common PNW ant species. Various species of ants are only found in certain areas of Washington and Oregon, this competition would help explain the diversity in OHA's native range. Five OHA workers will be placed in an arena with five workers of another ant species (carpenter ants, pavement ants, rover ants, thief ants, etc.). She is planning a trip to Bend, OR to collect natural colonies of OHAs to compare

to the urban colonies currently in her lab.

She's also in the process of photographing OHAs and other ant species using specialized microscopes not often available to researchers. She's using a combination of macrophotography, scanning electron microscopy (SEM), and confocal microscopy to image internal and external structures. Samantha says she's keeping busy and hopes to share more about her progress in the coming months.

OPCA is proud to be able to support the college educations of OPCA's members families. Recently, the scholarship was expanded to support the research of PhD and master's degree students in subjects of direct impact on the pest control industry.

Congratulations Samantha!



Ballot Measure Would Outlaw Harming Animals

Initiative Petition 3 (IP-3) is a proposed ballot initiative that would make it a criminal act to kill an animal before the end of its natural life. Practices that would become illegal include hunting, fishing, pest management and of course, animal agriculture.

Even common breeding practices would become criminal acts as they would be deemed sexual assault on animals. This petition is extreme. The groups supporting it include radical animals rights groups like People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). The proponents must col-

lect over 100,000 signatures in order to be approved to be on the November ballot. So far they are well under that number. Oregonians for Food and Shelter is helping to send a strong message that it won't be supported in Oregon. OPCA is among many associations and trade groups that have signed a letter against the proposal. You can also be involved. Go to the link below to sign the pledge to say NO ON IP3!

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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.

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.



Rennie Kubik at the podium at the Fall Beach Seminar. Rennie took over as president on July 1, 2023 for the next year.

2023 OFS Annual Conference & Gala set for Nov. 1

Oregonians for Food and Shelter invites OPCA members to 2nd Annual Conference at Salem Convention Center. You'll hear from engaging speakers on topics relating to Oregon's natural resource industries, the tools that support production, and successes and challenges as we look ahead.

We are currently planning presentation topics, which will include information about the use of drones for pesticide and fertilizer applications; working lands and water quality; and coexistence with biotech crops. We will also offer important political updates, and are working on a panel that will highlight important ways that natural resource and rural communities can engage in environmental justice conversations.

You will leave this conference with new information and a glimpse of the future - and we will be seeking a variety of recertification and education credits as well.

The Fields and forests Gala begins as the conference concludes with a reception and dinner, and an opportunity to engage further with other OFS members.

Tickets are available for only the Conference, or only the Gala, but we hope you'll seize the opportunity and join us for the full day and evening with a combo ticket! Don't miss this chance to engage with colleagues from across the natural resource sector and make new connections with professionals who share common goals.

Tickets and exhibitor sponsorships are available until October 20th. A block of rooms is available at The Grand Hotel with a special rate of \$169 plus tax. Please call the hotel for reservations at (877) 540-7800 and mention OFS.

Save the Date:

OPCA Winter Seminar

January 13, 2024

Individuals and classrooms can be accommodated

Virtual via ZOOM Webinar

Salishan Coastal Lodge Hosts Fall Beach Seminar

The OPCA 2023 Fall Beach Seminar was well attended, taking place at Salishan Coastal Lodge at Gleneden Beach, OR. Activities kicked off on Friday September 15 with some deepsea fishing and crabbing out of Depoe Bay, and a golf tourney at Salishan Golf Club. A big thank you to Vesperis for hosting a welcome reception in the evening, providing food and refreshments, and a chance to connect with other attendees.

We had a variety of topics covered during our seminar on September 16, from cockroach control to ant management. Thank you to all of our speakers for providing insightful knowledge and expertise to our attendees.

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And a big thank you to our sponsors who made this seminar possible.

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Fall Beach Seminar, Salishan Coastal Lodge—Pics 2023



Fall Beach Seminar Tournament Winners

On Friday, golfers took on Salishan Golf Course. We had 5 teams and 19 people.

First place (-6): Steve Wittig, Tanya Wittig, Cody Barbur and Larsten Hansen

Second place (-4): Larry Treleven, Joe Chavarria and Art Guzman

Third place (Even by tie breaker): Harvey Gail, Rennie Kubik and Vince Romao

Long Drive Men: Steve Wittig

Close to the Pin: Art Guzman



Kanga Pest Control (L-R): Jazmin Spinney, Jesse Gooch, Orlando Castro and Juan Garcia at Salishan Golf Links.



Steve Brock, Leupitz Pest Control. Big Fish of the Day!

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Oregonians for Food and Shelter

Excerpts from the OFS Online newsletter

EPA Releases Draft Guidance for Pesticide Submissions for New Outdoor Uses that Require Endangered Species Act Reviews

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking public comment on draft guidance to improve the efficiency of EPA's Endangered Species Act (ESA) analyses for of existing conventional and biopesticide pesticide active ingredients. This guidance, when finalized, fulfills requirements outlined in the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act of 2022 (PRIA 5) and furthers goals outlined in EPA's 2022 ESA Workplan to protect listed species from exposure to pesticides.

Among other requirements, PRIA 5 mandates that EPA develop and issue guidance to registrants regarding analyses necessary to support the evaluation of potential adverse effects from new outdoor uses of pesticide products on listed species and designated critical habitat. PRIA 5 specifies that the draft guidance be available for public comment and be finalized within twelve months of PRIA 5 issuance.

The draft guidance applies to new uses of existing conventional pesticides and biopesticides that are intended for outdoor uses.

PRIA 5 also required that the EPA develop ESA guidance to applicants for new active ingredients or registration review decisions of products with one or more outdoor uses for conventional pesticides and biopesticides that have outdoor exposures. While under PRIA 5, a new active ingredient application and a new outdoor use are different actions, the underlying ESA analyses for evaluating listed species are fundamentally similar. Therefore, the information contained in this guidance is largely the same as that contained in the PRIA 5 guidance for new active ingredients and registration review.

ODF - New Pest Raises concern for Oak Trees in Oregon

WILSONVILLE, Ore. - An invasive insect from Europe and the Middle East that attacks oak trees has recently been found in several Oregon white oaks in Wilsonville. The Mediterranean oak borer (*Xyleborus monographus*) transmits multiple fungal species to the trees it infests. Some fungal species may cause a disease called oak wilt, which may kill oak trees in as little as two to three years.

Mediterranean oak borer (MOB) is a tiny woodboring beetle called an "ambrosia beetle" because instead of feeding on wood, it eats fungus grown in galleries created in the wood of

branches and trunks. The fungus grows, robbing tree canopies of water necessary for growth and survival. This insect was first found in North America when it turned up in 2017 in California, where it has been responsible for the decline and death of many native oak trees. In Europe, it has also been reported from elm, maple, and walnut trees, although damaging attacks have not been reported for these other tree types.

Oregon Dept. of Forestry (ODF) Invasive Species Specialist Wyatt Williams said, "MOB was found in a single trap set by ODF in Multnomah County Oregon in 2018. It was then found in traps in 2020 in Marion County, and in 2021-2022 in Clackamas and Washington counties. This spring it was found in a single Oregon white oak at Sandy River Delta.

USDA Says EPA's Pesticide Proposal for Species Needs a Lot of Work

An EPA pilot program proposed to address the impacts of pesticides on more than two dozen endangered species could shut down farming in some areas, USDA and grower groups contend.

The Vulnerable Species Pilot Program, or VSPP, is on a fast track at EPA, which has been under legal pressure to address its lack of compliance with the Endangered Species Act.

The ESA requires federal agencies contemplating actions that may affect endangered species to conduct consultations with federal wildlife agencies to determine how to address those impacts. For decades, the EPA did not conduct such consultations. The agency began getting sued, which resulted in court decisions lambasting it for not fulfilling statutory obligations.

Last week, EPA, the Center for Biological Diversity and Pesticide Action Network North America, as well as CropLife America, which intervened on the side of EPA, agreed to a proposed settlement that lays out a timeline for the completion of consultations on hundreds of products and of strategies addressing herbicide, insecticide, fungicides and rodenticide use — as well as implementation and expansion of the VSPP. more...

Exam Preparation for Pesticide Applicators: Laws & Safety

OSU college of Agricultural Sciences and the Department of Environmental & Molecular Toxicology present: Exam Preparation for Pesticide Applicators with in-person events for the 2023-2024 season.

Join us for a 2-day event specifically aimed at people preparing to become licensed pesticide applicators. This course

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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>



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Oregon Seminar

Nov 17, 2023

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

OFS News... *Cont. from page 6*

will cover all aspects of the Laws and Safety Exam from: 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. both days. Lunch provided (30 min).

We offer a limited number of in-person trainings each year. The class size is capped at 30 to provide opportunity for peer learning and personalized instruction. A \$225 cost per person covers food, venue reservation fees, and printed study materials.

In person - \$225 per person, 8 AM - 4 PM both days:

October 4-5th
Food Innovation Center
1207 NW Naito Pkwy # 154, Portland, OR

December 13-14th
Linn County Expo Center
3700 Knox Butte Rd. E. Albany, OR

March 4-5th
Linn County Expo Center
3700 Knox Butte Rd. E. Albany, OR

Online - \$0 per person, thanks to support from ODA!
Visit the PSEP website and register for the course with 11 modules, estimated at 16 hours to complete.

<https://workspace.oregonstate.edu/course/pesticide-applicator-pre-certification-training-laws-safety>

From the OPCA Executive Director

Greetings from the OPCA office! Fall beach Seminar was a great meeting with over 90 attendees and 10 vendor tables. The annual fishing trip was a huge success and we had a great time on the golf course.

We have one more event coming up this year, The Southern Oregon Seminar is at Rogue Community College, Table Rock Campus in White City on November 17th.



Harvey Gail, Exec. Director

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At the meeting in September, the board introduced the idea of changing the location for the High Desert Seminar. Our attendees, as it turns out, are mostly from the Willamette Valley and Portland area. Only three companies that went to Bend were from Central Oregon. Given the high cost of having meetings in Bend, there is a need to sharpen our pencil a little on cost. We don't want to have to raise the admission fee so high as to discourage attendance. The OPCA board is still talking about options. If you have any opinions, contact Rennie Kubic, OPCA president or me.

As always, for *Crack and Crevice*, we have interest from members in providing articles and pictures. Send pictures to exec@opca.org as a jpeg file. But, be sure to provide a detailed caption. If you have anything else to offer, contact me at exec@opca.org.

Board meetings are open to anyone to attend. 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 or call our office 503-363-4345.

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