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OREGON PEST CONTROL ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Robert DeAngelo
OPCA President, 2022-23

As we move forward towards spring, I hope the new year is treating you well. Your OPCA board is keeping an eye on the EPA's proposed Interim Decisions for Rodenticides. NPMA, state pest control associations and many individuals had submitted comments to EPA by the February 13th deadline. Thank you for those that participated. Why is this so important to our industry? It impacts the way we do business. The costs, logistics and regulations involved would completely change your business. We will probably see all rodenticides as Restricted use products. That changes what can be used in schools, parks, government, green programs etc. Here are the proposals:

- 14 mil gloves, and respirators for rodenticide use would have a huge impact on your business.
- Mandatory carcass search after rodenticide applications (every other day for a minimum of 2 weeks) would drastically increase costs for customers and add a burden to add more staff
- Those that treat parks, sports fields would be impacted with more restrictions for managing rodents.

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Riverhouse Conference Center in Bend to Host High Desert Seminar

OPCA returns to Bend for the High Desert Seminar in June. Speakers include **Mike Potter**, Ph.D, Delusional Parasitosis: The Itchy Client - Case Studies and Solutions; **Jamal Sandidge**, MA, PhD, BCE, Nisus Corp: Small Flies and Cockroaches; **Brittany Joes**, ODA: Elements of IPM; and **Vince Romao**, Rodents.

On Friday, golfers will take on the River's Edge Golf Course. That evening, we don't have anything official lined up yet for a welcome reception, but, we will have a couple ideas for local pubs to gather in.



A host of well-fed *Marmota flaviventris* await us at the golf course.



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Quick Calendar

OPCA Board Meeting
March 15, 2023
7:30 am, virtual

OPCA Ant ID Class
April 1, 2023
Chemeketa Com. College, Salem

OPCA High Desert Seminar
June 2-3, 2023
Riverhouse Conf. Center, Bend

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

OPCA Southern Oregon Seminar
November 17, 2023
Medford—Location TBD

REGISTER: OPCA High Desert Seminar
www.opca.org

OPCA Scholarship Up for Grabs—get \$1,000

Have a family member enrolled in college who could use financial help? Apply for the **OPCA scholarship**. Your college student could get **\$1,000**. Applications require a letter of recommendation from an OPCA member and a statement about how the funds will be helpful.

There is no requirement for major of study—they don't have to be enrolled in pest control related classes.

Steps:

1. Download the form from the website.
2. Get a letter of recommendation from a current OPCA member.
3. Turn in the application to exec@opca.org or mail to OPCA, PO Box 2244, Salem, OR 97308.

Applications are reviewed by the scholarship committee and a decision will be made in May. Apply no later than **April 30th!**

Get the form off the OPCA website:

www.opca.org/page-1797047



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You can view comments by going to Regulations.gov under Proposed Interim Decisions for the Rodenticides. Although the comment period has passed you can still write an email or letter to your congress person. You can let your customers know about these changes as this is going to affect them with higher costs.

We are also facing preemption battles. Basically, preemption means that cities cannot override state's authority on the use of pesticides. Imagine trying to keep up with every city you work in if cities were allowed to ban use of materials you use for your trade, which are already Federally and State regulated.

Besides these items, we are watching out for possible Neo-Nicotinoid legislation and our board has a com-

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Publication Calendar

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

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mittee that is working with the Department of Agriculture to meet their requirements of revising training materials and testing in Oregon sometime in 2024.

As you can see, we all are going to be pretty busy. We ask for your help by learning about the issues before us, reaching out to your legislative representatives, to your customers and to your fellow professionals. If you have

questions, feel free to reach out to your board or to me.

May you have a successful spring, and we will see you at Laurel Hansen's Ant ID class April 1st or the High Desert Seminar in Bend on June 2-3.

Funds Raised for Laurel Hansen Entomology Scholarship

The WSU Foundation established “The Laurel Hansen Entomology Fund” in the fall after receiving a \$5,000 gift from Kurt Treftz, founder and owner of Snohomish, Wash., based Cascade Pest Control. Funds will support students and researchers in WSU’s Department of Entomology who are studying urban pest management and insect biology — especially ants. Hansen and Treftz have worked together for over 40 years.



Paddles are raised at the Pacific NW Pest Management Conference.

“Laurel is one of the most influential people in our industry,” Treftz said. “She became quite the fixture and the go-to person, and we’ve relied upon her heavily.”

At the Pacific Northwest Pest Management Conference in Hood River, \$15,000 was pledged which was matched by an anonymous contributor. In all, \$30,000 was raised for the scholarship during the auction on Friday night.



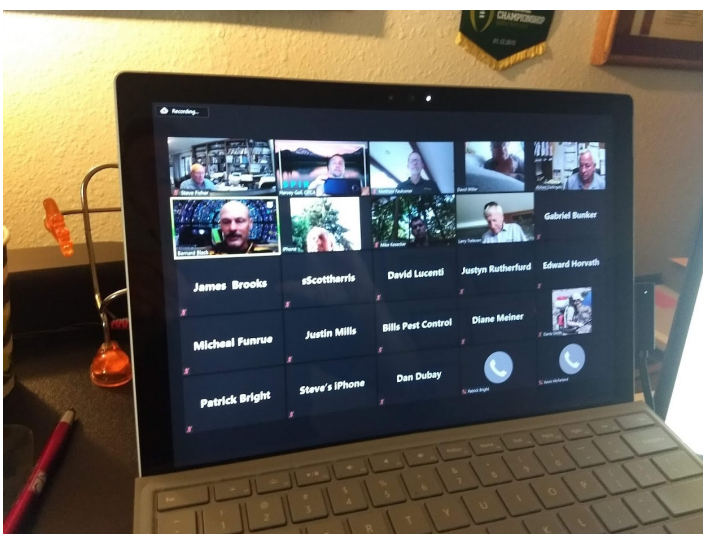
Dr. Laurel Hansen teaches the ANT ID seminar for OPCA.

Virtual Winter Seminar Held

OPCA held its third annual winter virtual seminar in January. Speakers included **Nick Grisafe** - Cockroaches or Ants; **Sylvia Kenmuir** - Rodenticides and Formulations; and **Steven Vantassel** - Moles. A total of four hours of recertification credit were received. This year’s virtual seminar was a little shorter than we have had, but most preferred that since being on ZOOM for a long time is tiring. So we will see you next year online!

OPCA Board Seeks Members

OPCA will hold board elections in June. If you’ve ever wanted to see what goes on “behind the scenes” with OPCA, then board service could be both interesting and rewarding. We are seeking a president elect and directors. If you’re not quite ready to serve on the board, volunteer for a committee. See the last page of the newsletter for the committees. Just let us know if you’re interested!



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



Oregon Court Rules Against Aerial Spray Ban

By Larry Treleven, OPCA State Public Affairs Rep.

When Lincoln County objected to the aerial spraying of timberlands in Oregon three years ago, this group was able to get a bill passed that outlawed this traditional practice. OPCA in conjunction with the Oregonians for Food and Shelter fought this ruling in Superior Court and won a favorable verdict that supported preemption, the law that the State Department of Agriculture oversees pesticide approval and regulations statewide.

Various cities and municipalities cannot and should not establish their own regulations regarding pesticides. The environmental groups supporting the Lincoln County bill banning aerial spraying then appealed this ruling to the Oregon Supreme Court and lost both appeals. This is why preemption is so important to our pest management industry or we could end up with 87 separate pesticide rulings, regulations, and enforcement policies just in the State of Oregon. OPCA is a proud partner with other agriculture organizations such as OFS.

So we won the battle but not necessarily the war. Now Lane County in Eugene has filed a Clean Water Bill that would go above and beyond the State of Oregon clean water guidelines. They have also set their own penalties with interest charges that exceed the State of Oregon fines.

In this Country 44 of the 50 States have preemption in place at this time. It is just one more reason to work with our state and national associations to create a more reasonable business environment in which to work.

Here is yet another example of why preemption is so vital for running our businesses in Oregon and throughout the country. Many of us have been working on national preemption wording for the Farm Bill as it is debated in Congress later this year. In this Country 44 of the 50 States have preemption in place at this time. It is just one more reason to work with our state and national associations to create

a more reasonable business environment in which to work.

Have a great spring and I hope to see you at the OPCA High Desert Seminar in June.

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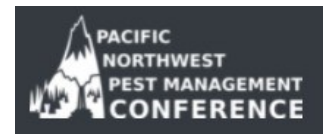
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Pacific NW Pest Management Conference Pics



Despite the crazy weather on Wednesday, the Pacific Northwest Pest Management Conference drew a nice crowd of over 200 attendees. Thanks to the Best Western Hood River Inn staff for the great food and service. Also, thanks go out to Rene Kesecker for organizing an excellent auction on Friday night. Funds were raised for scholarships and other programs.

Larry Treleven started the banquet with a nice presentation on the history of the Pacific Northwest Pest Management Conference. The PNWPMC began in the mid 1950's and has been going strong ever since.



OPCA Membership Report

OPCA member renewals as of March 1, 2023

- Active members: 55 (of 56 renewed)
- Allied members: 16 (of 21 renewed)
- Associate (home inspectors): 0 (of 6 renewed)
- Honorary members: 5

Membership Application: Know of any companies that should be members? 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

The 2023 Legislative Session hit a couple of initial milestones the last week in February. The big headline was the revenue forecast, which will shape the budget law-makers are beginning to develop. With tax revenues \$487 million higher than last projected, this week's report anticipates a combined revenue increase of almost \$700 million for the 21-23 and 23-25 budget cycles, with Oregon's 2024 kicker at a remarkable \$3.9 billion.

The other milestone was Tuesday the 21st, the deadline for legislators to introduce new legislation. Thus, we saw an influx of newly introduced bills this week and are reviewing those, and we will continue to see more into next week. We look forward to reaching the end of the 2023 bill stack. The next major milestone is March 17th, by which bills must be posted for a work session to move forward.

OFS testified in opposition of SB 426, which would give the Oregon Department of Education new authority over pest management and pesticide use on school grounds. This bill undermines a main OFS priority, science-based pesticide policy, by assigning authority over pesticide use to an agency with no expertise on the subject.

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>



OFS testified in support of SB 899 to increase funding for the Oregon Invasive Species Council. Next Tuesday, the Senate Natural Resource Committee will hold an informational hearing on Oregon Department of Agriculture's Confined Animal Feeding Operation Program. Several of our members and partners are tracking upcoming hearings on multiple bills that would restrict expansion of dairies, feedlots, poultry farms and other animal operations despite well-established policies regulating these facilities in the state. These bills would apply even more pressure and negative impacts to Oregon's agricultural producers and our food supply chain. Click here to call or write to your legislators and urge them to oppose these bills (SB 85, SB 398 and HB 2667).



Regulatory Update

OFS was invited to serve on a stakeholder panel before the Oregon Board of Agriculture this week to highlight our legislative priorities for Board Members. Together with our many partner organizations who were also represented on the panel, panelists overwhelmingly highlighted the negative and cumulating impacts of recently passed legislation on Oregon's natural resource sector, with policy proposals that are completely disconnected from actual needs on the ground, and that cause more harm than benefit. Panelists did a great job amplifying the message of "stop harming our farms," underscoring the importance of supporting Oregon's \$60 billion natural resource sector and the tens of thousands of family operations that contribute to it,

State Revenue Forecast: Record Kicker, More Available for Budget

Lawmakers will have more to spend in the next two years, and taxpayers can anticipate record credits against their tax bills next year, under the latest forecast released by state economists. The report presented to lawmakers on Wednesday is preliminary to the next forecast (May 15), which lawmakers will rely on for their decisions about the two-year budget that starts July 1. The exact amount that will be rebated to individual taxpayers, known as the "kicker," will come in a forecast due in late August.

State Economist Mark McMullen said his office has drawn back slightly from a projected "mild" recession, starting this fall, that would cut into state tax collections

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OPCA High Desert Seminar

June 2-3, 2023

**Riverhouse Conference Center
Bend, OR**



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and Oregon Lottery proceeds – the two most flexible sources of state spending. The projected gap was about \$3 billion, though the budget recommended by new Gov. Tina Kotek came in about \$1 billion less – and she proposes to suspend an automatic allocation to a state reserve fund as total current reserves hover around \$2 billion.

Mass Seed Collection in Oregon Designed to Protect Native Trees from Invasive Species

The Oregon Ash tree is under threat from the emerald ash borer, a beetle first detected in the state last June. In a field trial, the insect killed over 95% of the Oregon Ash trees studied. Wyatt Williams is the invasive species specialist at the Oregon Department of Forestry. He said officials have slowed the spread of the insect, but it will eventually escape into the wider state.

“Having these seeds is a backup to preserve the genetic diversity and to give researchers time to start breeding resistance.” Williams said loss of the Oregon Ash would hurt riparian zones, ecosystems by rivers or streams where the trees provide shade and reduce sediment in the water.

From the OPCA Executive Director

Greetings from the OPCA office! I had a fun time at the Pacific Northwest Pest Management Conference in Hood River. Those of you who went met my assistant, Miriam McNie. We helped out this year in the registration desk.

We have two events coming up. Register now for the Ant ID Class on April 1. We will fill up the morning session first. If we have more than 24 people, we will also hold an afternoon class.



Harvey Gail, Exec. Director

The High Desert Seminar is June 2-3 at the Riverhouse Conference Center in Bend. Registration is open now.

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.

We have had some success at recruiting new members into OPCA.

Welcome new members **Spray Masters, Eagle Eye Termite and Pest Control, Pro-Pest, and A-One Pest Control.** who joined in the last couple of months

Also, keep informed on what your OPCA board is up to. 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.

Have a great spring!

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