

Bug Bytes

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FOX 5 REPORT ON SCHOOL PESTICIDE USE

Last night, I-Team Investigative reporter Dana Fowle reported that children were at risk in day care facilities and in schools because of pesticide misuse. The only 'face' on the story was an interview with Jim Harron.

Regrettably, Fox 5 declined our offer, as well as Commission Chairman Jimmy Allgood's, to participate in the interview. We did talk at length to Fox 5, providing balanced information about school applications. Not surprisingly, this was not included in the tape.

We've heard from some pest control companies this morning; some have received some inquiries from their customers but the phones are not ringing off the hook –

If you need to refer any customers or media inquiries to GPCA, we will be glad to talk with them about the report.

NEW CATEGORY FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL

The Department of Agriculture has developed a new category for applicators who do only mosquito control – and not full public health. The category is #41 and the test will cover only material relative to mosquito control rather than other topics that fall into the public health category.

If you have a Cat #31 license now, you will be grandfathered into the new category. There will be a new study guide (which we have requested but not yet received). As soon as we have this information, we'll pass along to our members.

Just like Cat 31, Cat 41 will be administered through the pesticide section of the Department of Agriculture, Tommy Gray's office.

OTHER GOVERNMENT INFO

Don't try to call the Department of Agriculture on September 4, October 9 or November 25. The Department will be taking furlough days and the facility will be completely closed.

NORTHWEST GA CONFERENCE

Be sure to make your plans to attend the GPCA NW GA Conference in Dalton on September 9 and 10. The cost is only \$10 per day for 6 hours credit each day.

Wednesday we will be featuring:

- *Bee Control, Richard Spencer*
- *RADS on Trial, Winston Briggs*
- *Doing Service Tickets Right, Jason Tripp*
- *Exclusive Repairs, Rats & Squirrels, Ronnie Smith*
- *Hotel Inspections and Bed Bugs, Jim Chase*
- *Commercial Kitchens & Service Tickets, Dennis Judy*

We are hitting the hottest topics. This is stuff you absolutely need to know!!!!

Thursday we will feature:

- *IPM & Termites, Jeff Dunn*
- *Professionalism & Ethics, Rick Bell*
- *Beetles & Log Cabins, Dr. Dan Suiter*
- *Spill Control, Eunice Hall*
- *WDO Paperwork, Ted Veitch and Danny Nix*
- *Pretreat problems, new construction and foreclosure homes, Scott Eubanks*

We will have an exhibit hall with some new vendors from the Dalton area.

We have attached a registration form. Don't miss this **golden** opportunity!!!

CRAM DAY – SEPTEMBER 11 (FRIDAY)

If you are planning to take the state PCO exam, there isn't a better study system than to spend a day with Jim Chase and 'zone' in on nothing but test material. GPCA has the only official CRAM day in Georgia, offering 9 full hours of review on pest control, rules and regulations and wdo issues. It's a fast-paced day starting promptly at 8 AM. We move through lunch and continue to 5 PM. Come all day, or just for half. If you are serious about doing your best on the PCO exam, this is what you need.

Location: GPCA Office – 2034 Beaver Ruin Road, Norcross, Georgia, 770-417-1881

Time: times are approximate -
8 – 11 AM – HPC issues
11 – 1:30 PM – Rules and Regulations and in classroom lunch
1:30 – 5 PM – WDO issues

Cost: If you have taken the GPCA PCO course in the past 5 years, you may attend the program for \$10 (1/2 or full day.)
If you have NOT taken the GPCA PCO course, the fee is \$25 for ½ day, \$50 for full day (GPCA members).
Non members - \$50 ½ day; \$100 full day.

Credits: 3 HPC, 1 IPM, 3 WDO, 1 PTX



**SAVE THE DATE - SEPTEMBER 21
GPCA CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
HAMPTON GOLF VILLAGE, CUMMING**

**All proceeds benefit Leukemia/Lymphoma
& the GPCA Burnett Scholarship**

**Lunch, dinner, & live auction featuring foursomes at East
Lake Country Club and other awesome courses as well as
entertainment, sporting events and other great items!**

*Price \$600 foursome, \$150 per person. For additional
information contact GPCA at 770-417-1881 or golf co-chairs:
Brantley Russell (brussell@arrowexterminators.com) or Kim
Floyd (kim.floyd@univarusa.com).*

GPCA FAMILY –

Mrs. O. Wayne Rollins (Grace) passed peacefully away this past weekend at Emory Hospital in Atlanta. Mrs. Rollins was the wife of Rollins, Inc. Founder O. Wayne Rollins, the mother of Randall and Gary Rollins and the grandmother of Glen Rollins. Full obituary provided as attachment with this BugBytes

FUTURE EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

GPCA Six Week PCO course – Norcross, September 10 – October 19.

NEW– GPCA Six Week PCO course – **Rome**, October 12 – November 19.

GPCA South Georgia Conference – October 7 – 8, 2009, Rural Develop Center, Tifton. Two full days of CONCURRENT training featuring HPC and WDO each day. Fumigation classes also offered.

ROAD SHOW – SAVANNAH – November 20, 6 hours training

ROAD SHOW – NORCROSS – December 10, 6 hours training

Calendar of Events and Training

Friday August 14 , 2009

GPCA Office 770/417-1881 or 800/465-9827

Events in 2009

August 2009

- August 25 – Norcross** – GPCA's 4th Tuesday Training Meeting from 9:00-11:00 am at GPCA, 2034 Beaver Ruin Rd., Norcross, GA. Dan Givens will be the speaker. R.S.V.P. to GPCA's office at 770/417-1881.
- August 25 – Brunswick** – Region 16 Meeting from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at Captain Joe's in Brunswick. Tom Buchanan will be the speaker offering 1 hr WDO & 1 hr HPC credit. R.S.V.P. is gratefully appreciated, but not required to Tom Buchanan at 912/265-8485.
- August 25 – Alpharetta** – Region 17 Meeting from 3:00 – 5:00 pm at the HomeTec Exterminating office in Alpharetta, 5935 Gateway Dr. Julie Fogg will be the speaker offering 2 hrs HPC credit.
- August 27 – Rome** – Region 3 Meeting 4:30 – 6:30 PM at the Cook's PC office in Rome, 203 Hwy. 441, Rome, GA. Ted Veitch will be the speaker with 2 hours WDO credit available. Please R.S.V.P. to Roger Lemaster 706/234-2666.
- August 31 – Athens** – Region 10 Meeting from 1:00 – 5:00 pm at the Athens Regional Librabry, Baxter Street, Athens, Ga., Tom Nay will be the speaker 1 – 3 pm offering 2 hrs HPC and Dan Givens will be the speaker 3 – 5 pm offering 2 hrs WDO. Danny Hopkins, Region Director. 706-546-7438.

September 2009

- September 8 – Rome** – Region 3 Meeting from 4:30 – 6:30 pm at the Cook's PC office in Rome, 203 Hwy. 411, Rome, Ga., Gary Moneyham will be the speaker with 2 hrs IPM credit. Please R.S.V.P. to Roger Lemaster 706/234-2666.
- September 9-10 – Dalton** – Northwest Conference, Dalton, GA (two days of training HPC- Wednesday & WDO- Thursday).
- September 10- Oct. 19 – Dalton** – GPCA PCO Course, Monday & Thursday evening from 6:00-9:00 pm, GPCA 's office, 2034 Beaver Ruin Rd., Norcross, GA. 30071. Call GPCA office at 770/417-1881.
- September 11 – Norcross** – GPCA's Cram Day, 8 am to 5 pm, Jim Chase instructor, 3 hrs HPC, 1 hr IPM, 3 hrs WDO, 1 hr PTX. Pre-registration required. Call GPCA at 770/417-1881.
- September 22 – Norcross** – GPCA's 4th Tuesday Training Meeting from 9:00 – 11:00 am at GPCA's office, 2034 Beaver Ruin Rd., Norcross, GA., Randy Martin will be the speaker with HPC credit hrs.

October 2009

- October 7-8 – Tifton** – South Georgia Conference, two full days of training, HPC and WDO each day. Fumigation classes also offered., Tifton, GA. Call the GPCA office at 770/417-1881.
- October 12- Nov. 19** – GPCA PCO Course, Monday & Thursday evenings from 4:30-7:30 pm, Cook's Pest Control Office, 203 Highway 211 E., Rome, Ga. Call for more information GPCA office 770/417-1881.
- October Mid Month, dates tba – Savannah**– GPCA's Train the Trainer program for three consecutive days in Savannah.
- October 27– Norcross** – GPCA's 4th Tuesday Training Meeting from 9:00 – 11:00 am at GPCA's office, 2034 Beaver Ruin Rd., Norcross, GA., Craig Goodwin will be the speaker with WDO credit hrs.

November 2009

- November 9 – 30 Norcross** – GPCA's Train the Trainer. Four sessions. Call GPCA for additional information.
- November 20 – Savannah** – Road Show, 6 hours CEU, \$10 all day.
- November 24– Norcross** – GPCA's 4th Tuesday Training Meeting from 9:00 – 11:00 am at GPCA's office, 2034 Beaver Ruin Rd., Norcross, GA., Shay Runion will be the speaker with HPC credit hrs.

Regularly Scheduled Region Meetings

- Region 2 - 2nd Monday every month except November, December and January
Region 5 - 2nd Tuesday every other month
Region 11 - 4th Thursday every odd month
Region 13 - 3rd Tuesday every month.
Region 17 - 2nd Tuesday as announced
Region 18 - 3rd Thursday as announced