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THE GNOPCA NEWS

INTRODUCING THE GNOPCA NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the GNOPCA newsletter. This was established with the goals of better updating the membership on current events and sharing current information on pests and pest control. Additionally, it will work to increase member participation with the association and increase visibility by getting to know members in featured sections. Please send feedback and suggestions for future content to: GNOPCA@nola.gov.

It is the mission of the Greater New Orleans Pest Control Association (GNOPCA) to adhere to the highest professional and ethical standards of the pest control industry. This will be reflected in all aspects of the work performed by our member companies.

NOTE FROM THE ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT



CHRIS CAIRE
PRESIDENT

DA EXTERMINATING CO.

“Greetings, fellow association members! I am privileged to serve as your president this year and am happy to be a part of this initial GNOPCA newsletter. Its purpose is to keep you informed about a host of industry-related issues, changes, proposals, etc. Please, stay involved in the association! The officers and board members welcome ANY feedback you may have during the year. Stay tuned for upcoming news on guest speakers, recertifications, webinars, and other association activities that will make you proud to be a member.”



Bed Bug
Cimex lectularius

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PEST MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL SPOTLIGHT



ALBERT TRIPPS

Pest Control Supervisor

then transitioned to commercial pest control in 2009. His knack for sizing up tricky pest problems and finding a lasting solution quickly made him a customer favorite, especially among New Orleans restaurant and bar owners. Here is what a few customers had to say about Albert:

DA Exterminating Co. pest control supervisor Albert Tripps started his pest control career in 1998 and worked at three local companies before joining DA Exterminating Co. in 2006.

Albert began as a residential pest control technician,

“Albert’s ability to find the core pest control issues allows us to focus on our tasks. We trust his knowledge to keep us clear of pests; his problem-solving skills are outstanding,” said David Whitmore, chef, Jack Rose Restaurant.

“Albert is the very best in the business. He is not only professional and dependable, but he always makes time for his clients when a need pops up. He is not only great at his job, Albert is a great person,” said Amanda Toups, owner, Toups Meatery.

Though he grew up and lived in New Orleans, Albert chose to live the “country life” after Hurricane Katrina. He purchased a few acres of land near Amite and became “Farmer Tripps,” raising chickens and growing a host of fruits and vegetables such as melons, Creole tomatoes, collard and mustard greens, mirlitons, and cabbage. The DA office is always in eager anticipation of his farm-fresh eggs, watermelons, and assorted other goodies.

NAME THAT BUG

For this specimen, please provide the common name of this species (not family) or the genus and species.

Submit your guess by using the QR code or link provided below by 3/14/22 to be entered into a raffle. The winner will be announced at the 3/15 membership meeting.



<http://forms.office.com/g/vz1t94tbJb>



Visit GNOPCA’s website for recertification information and to become a member: www.gnopca.com

PEST FEATURE

THE BUCKMOTH (*Hemileuca maia*)



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ADULT BUCK MOTH

Buckmoths (*Hemileuca maia*) are members of the giant silk moth family (Saturniidae) which also contains the luna, io, and cecropia moths. Named for its adult flight activity during hunting season, the caterpillars are actually the more impactful life stage on people. These caterpillars vary from black to white in color over their lifecycle but contain many branched spines in rows on the

body. These can grow to be 2.5 inches long. If touched or brushed up against, these spines cause severe itching, swelling, and redness on the skin which can last for days to weeks

For this moth, a single generation occurs per year. The day-flying adults emerge between October and November to mate and lay eggs. They overwinter before hatching in the spring to feed on new plant growth. The caterpillars feed on a variety of oak trees including scrub oak, live oak, blackjack oak, and dwarf chestnut oak. Young caterpillars often feed in large aggregations but older larvae often separate and feed on their own. After feeding, the mature caterpillar crawls down and pupates in the soil.



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BUCKMOTH CATERPILLAR CHEWING ON LEAF

PEST MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL SPOTLIGHT



NICHOLAS BROWN

LEAD PEST CONTROL TECHNICIAN

Nicholas Brown joined the Safe Spot Pest Control family in 2006. He is an asset for not only the company and the clients, but his impact is felt throughout the community. As a devoted husband, father and Little League coach, Nicholas is truly a leader. He has led the Pest Control Division for many years and his knowledge and attention to detail are constantly praised by our clients. With his gentle spirit and ever-present smile, he's one of the individuals that make our industry better, daily.

FROM THE FIELD: TIPS FOR DEALING WITH TRAP-SHY RODENTS



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If you would like to nominate someone for a PMP Spotlight, Employee of the Year or speaker for a meeting, use the QR code below to reach the nomination form.



Trap-shy rodents can create a variety of difficulties for pest management professionals. Timmy Madere, pest control specialist, New Orleans Mosquito, Rodent and Termite Control Board, shared his tips for dealing with trap-shy rodents during PCT's 2019 Rodent Control Virtual Conference.

Madere said an important part of dealing with these rodents is understanding the difference between neophobia and trap shyness. To some extent, all rodents have neophobia, or a fear of anything new or unfamiliar. "It's ingrained in them to be suspect of anything new that enters into their little worlds because every day they're going out and they're putting out pheromone markers in their urine and in their droppings or rub marks and are marking their world," Madere said.

Unlike neophobia, trap shyness is a learned behavior, Madere said. When rodents interact with traps and don't get caught, they develop a fear of them and understand to stay away in the future. Not only does this make it more difficult to catch rodents, but it's also problematic because PMPs themselves are the ones teaching the behavior, Madere said.

"Every time you get a miss and not a kill on that trap, you're creating a trap-shy rodent, which is going to be really hard to overcome," Madere said.

For these recommendations, please go to the original article in PCT: <http://magazine.pctonline.com/article/august-2020/dealing-with-trap-shy-rodents.aspx>

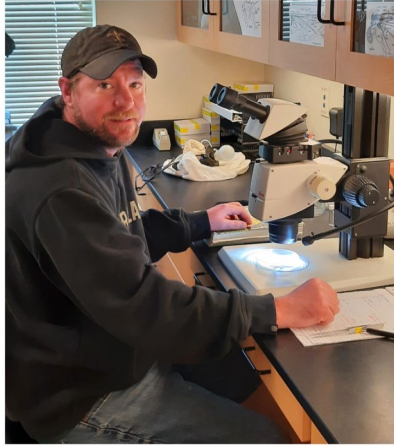


LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE UPDATES

Kelly Moore is the Director of Structural Pest Control at Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. She began working for the department in 2014 and in 2016 became the Assistant Director of Structural Pest Control Commission while also working with enforcement for the Advisory Commission on Pesticides. In July of last year, she began a new role as Director. She has enjoyed getting to interact with the industry more. Please feel free to contact her or the staff with any questions or concerns! She can be contacted at spc@ldaf.state.la.us or (225)925-3763.



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INSECT IDENTIFICATION SERVICE

Have you come across something you have never seen before? Or just want verification of something you already know? The Mosquito, Termite, and Rodent Control Board offers an identification service. Our expert taxonomist, Eric Guidry, can identify unknown insects from physical specimens or high-quality pictures. For insects, please place them in a small plastic tube or container and bring them to the Board at 2100 Leon C. Simon Drive any day Monday – Friday, between 8am and 4pm. Pictures can be submitted through the website:

<https://www.nola.gov/mosquito/report-a-problem/identify-your-bug/>

“Excited to serve the community and promote the benefits of the pest control industry!” - Joe Martin, new GNOPCA Board Member

NEW GNOPCA BOARD MEMBERS



Joe Martin is Vice President and Board Certified Entomologist for Terminix for Southshore, Northshore, and River parishes. He began his career in the pest control industry working as a summer intern for New Orleans Mosquito, Rodent, and Termite Control Board. Later on, he received a bachelor’s of business administration from University of Mississippi and Masters of science degree in Entomology from Louisiana State University. On a day to day basis, he oversees technical operations. However, termite control, fumigation, and bed bugs are his favorites! In his spare time he likes to spend time in the outdoors.

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Mark Janowiecki, a native of Ohio, completed his undergraduate degree in entomology at the Ohio State University, his master’s degree in entomology at the University of Arkansas, and his PhD at Texas A&M University with Dr.

Edward Vargo. His project investigated physiological and behavioral factors that influence native subterranean termite colony spatial dynamics. In September of 2020, Mark joined the City of New Orleans Mosquito, Termite, and Rodent Control Board where he is currently running and expanding the molecular laboratory.



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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING: MARCH 15, 11:30AM

Our next meeting will feature Mr. Ed Freytag, NOMTRCB, speaking about the ongoing issue with spray foam insulation impacting termite inspections and control. RSVP is required for this **FREE** lunch meeting at:

gnopca.com/march-15th-membership-lunch



ED FREYTAG

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 15, 2022 GNOMCA Membership Meeting

March 22, 2022: NOMTRCB Webinar with Dr. Phil Koehler

March 23, 2022: GNOPCA Recertification (in-person)

March 24, 2022: GNOPCA Recertification (in-person)

April 26-28, 2022: NOMTRCB Mosquito Academy

May 15-18, 2022: National Conference on Urban Entomology,
Salt Lake City, UT

May 23, 2022: NOMTRCB Webinar with Dr. Vernard Lewis

May 25, 2022: NOMTRCB Webinar with Collin Arnold

June 22, 2022: NOMTRCB Webinar with Dr. Janis Reed

July 25, 2022: NOMTRCB Webinar with Dr. Austin Frishman

September 21, 2022: NOMTRCB Webinar with Zack Lemann

September 22, 2022: GNOPCA Golf Tournament

October 11-14, 2022: Pest World, Boston, MA

October 18-20, 2022: NOMTRCB Termite Academy

October 26, 2022: NOMTRCB Webinar with Dr. Shannon LaDeau

November 9, 2022: NOMTRCB Webinar with Dr. Samuel Jameson

December 14, 2022: NOMTRCB Recertification (in-person)

Golf Tournament
Save the Date:
September 22

