

## NEW JERSEY MOSQUITO CONTROL ASSOCIATION, INC. NEWSLETTER

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### Message from the President

Well, it has already been nearly four months since our annual meeting in Atlantic City - time flies. The meetings were good to us this year and we finished in the black. This is great news because it may allow us to fund a number of items overlooked during the last budget process and opens the door a crack for some new ideas. The Executive Committee met in May and July, reviewed the meetings and discussed a plethora of items to explore. We are already planning for next years meetings which will be in Atlantic City, but at a new venue. More on this matter to follow in the coming months.

I have reached out to all of the committee chairs and formulated the new committee assignment list (see attached). The committee chairs have been asked to contact all of their members and devise plans for the coming year. I would like to thank everyone in advance for serving and encourage you to offer your time and ideas to the Association when you are able. If you do not hear from your committee chairs soon by all means **Please** feel free to reach out to them yourself should you have any questions regarding NJMCA committee business. Do not be timid, sometimes we all need a kick in the pants to get things moving. Also, for you committee chairs please copy our Secretary (Dr. Reed) on all NJMCA correspondence, planned committee meeting dates & committee minutes if you record them. This will greatly help Lisa with her Secretarial duties and keep everyone on the Executive Board informed of the committee business.

That said, we have a busy year ahead with a number of items to address as we all endeavor to make our way through the summer months. First would be our membership. Dues collections are a bit behind schedule this year. If you are not sure of your membership status **Please** reach out to our membership Chair Jack Nunemaker @ the Camden County Mosquito Extermination Commission (856.566.2945, [skeeters@co.camden.nj.us](mailto:skeeters@co.camden.nj.us)) he can so advise. As you might imagine we are always seeking new members to assist with Association matters and depend upon the support our membership dues provide.

We are exploring the possibility of managing our membership information through a secure website. Should this idea bear fruit, you would be able to sign on and check your membership status as well as update your own personal contact information right from your home. Imagine if you could send **all** of the members a simple e-mail - A link to the most recent edition of the Newsletter perhaps. This may sound surprising, but currently I am not sure if anyone one of us can actually do this right now. Unfortunately contact information changes so frequently in this digital age, without a centralized management effort our members all too often simply fall through the cracks. If these people are not directly involved with the Association i.e. on a Board or Committee, it is not long before they are simply disconnected from NJMCA affairs and sometimes feeling left out. Something as simple as a membership wide e-mail data base maintained through your efforts would improve communication between our members decrease routine Association costs and greatly aid our overall mission. More details on this will follow-hopefully.

I cannot help but notice that people seem to be leaving at a faster rate than are coming in. This unfortunately includes cornerstone members, who have been vital in maintaining the Association through the years. Some of these individuals are retiring, and some, as noted above, are just fading into the background. From where I sit the scary portion of this story is that it seems to be happening all at once. We will need a number of strong people to step up and share the burden these dynamic individuals have entrusted to us. Do not be shy; if you have something you would like to do let me know. I will work hard to include you somewhere in the Association's business.

I look forward to working with you all in this coming year.

Sincerely, *Scott C. Crans*

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## **NJMCA Committee Assignments 2005-2006**

### *Annual Meeting*

- **Convention Arrangements:** Bill Reinert (**Chair**), M. Banks, A. Farajollahi, V. Thompson, D. Brown, S. Crans, J. Nunemaker, S. Healy, H. Lomberk, L. Reed.
- **Program:** Sean Healy (**Chair**), B. Kent, W. Crans, P. Pluchino, M. Slaff, H. Sawoski, A. Farajollahi.
- **Projection** Lisa Reed (**Chair**) D. Sun, J. White, K. Bartlett, S. Haung, M. Vlazny
- **Commercial Exhibits:** Ary Farajollahi (**Chair**), E. Rock, B. Kent, J. Phelps, T. Manzke, B. Zawicki.
- **Photo Salon:** Tadhgh Rainey (**Chair**), D. Abdill, T. Duckworth, K. Fogg, S. May, G. Willis.
- **Registration:** Mary Banks (**Chair**), P. Conover, C. Frame, F. Ayers.
- **Awards/Resolutions:** Carolyn Vollero, (**Chair**), B. Reinert, P. Conover, B. Outlaw, C. O'Malley, T. Candeletti, R. Schmidt.

### *Other Committees*

- **Archives:** John Kranz (**Chair**), P. McNulty, T. Verna, T. Rainey, D. Sutherland, S. May, A. Farajollahi.
  - **Auditing:** Bill Zawicki (**Chair**), T. Candeletti, G. Levinson, H. Rupp, T. Sellers, V. Thompson.
  - **Editorial Board:** Tadhgh Rainey (**Chair**), P. Bosak, M. Slaff, H. Rupp.
  - **Education:** Teresa Duckworth (**Chair**), K. McMorland, M. Diem, H. Lomberk, J. O'Neill, Paul McCall, J. Phelps.
  - **Legislative:** Claudia O'Malley (**CoChair**), T. Candeletti (**CoChair**), M. Chomsky, J. Hansen, K. Breen, J. Rigolizzo, V. Thompson.
  - **Membership:** Jack Nunemaker (**Chair**), L. Reed (Secretary), M. Chomsky, B. Duryea (Newsletter), M. Banks (Registration), J. Kranz, S. Crans, S. Healy.
  - **Newsletter:** Bob Duryea (**Chair**), A. Acquaviva, G. Donato, B. Kent, C. Mayer, T. Rainey, A. Farajollahi, S. Healy, M. Banks.
  - **PESP:** Christine Musa (**Chair**), H. Emerson, W. Crans, B. Reinert, B. Zawicki, K. Bruder
  - **Professional Training:** Heather Lomberk (**Chair**), B. Evans, S. Crans, T. Rainey, C. Terry, K. McMorland, D. Abdil.
  - **Public Relation:** Marc Slaff (**CoChair**), Kris McMorland (**CoChair**), P. Bosak, C. Frame, M. Romanowski, E. Williges, S. Healy, C. Vollero, C. Mayer.
  - **Research and Development:** Glenn Levinson (**Chair**), D. Sutherland, L. Brattsten, B. Zawicki, D. Chort, M. Romanowski, P. Bosak, S. Crans, S. Csorgo, T. Acquaviva, L. Ferchak.
  - **Scholarship:** Sean Healy (**Chair**), J. Hansen, D. Sutherland, L. Spiegel, J. Kuschke, W. Meridith, A. Getmann
  - **University Liaison:** Bob Kent (**Chair**), W. Crans, M. Slaff, D. Sutherland, L. Spiegel, T. Rainey, A. Farajollahi, R. Puelle.
  - **By-Laws/501 C (3)** Victoria Thompson (**Chair**) T. Rainey, T. Candeletti, C. Musa
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## PEOPLE NEWS

**Margaret (Peg) Horan** secretary for Mosquito Research and Control at Rutgers University passed away on June 30, 2005. Peg worked at Rutgers for 20 years before retiring in 2002.

**Dr. H. Cory Walling** Passed away January 8, 2005. Dr. Walling was a member of the Morris Mosquito Commission for 51 years and provided guidance to all 3 of the Morris County Commission's Superintendents (Robert Vannote, John Kuschke, and Mark Slaff). Dr. Walling was past president of the NJMCA.

**Mark Magiore**, 29 of the Middlesex County Mosquito Commission passed away July 3, 2005. Mark had worked for Middlesex for 4 years as an inspector.

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### ***Looking in on the Outdoors – in a Different Way***

*Two score and six years ago....* **Wayne Crans** was offered a position working with mosquitoes at the Department of Entomology in the College of Agriculture, Rutgers University. The position was created in response to the 1959 outbreak of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) in the state. Crans had already dabbled a little in the field, as a pre-veterinary undergraduate, working a summer with cockroaches, greenheads and houseflies under the direction of Dr. Elton Hansens.

As a part time graduate student, one thing led to another, and one degree led to another and before long, Wayne J. Crans, Ph.D. went up the ranks from Research Associate to Assistant Professor, then Associate Professor under the guidance of Manley Jobbins. Crans' doctoral dissertation in host preferences of New Jersey mosquitoes remains a classic to this day. Crans conducted post doctoral research in Tanzania, equatorial Africa, where he applied his considerable talents to working with the vectors of *Bancroftian filariasis*. A sabbatical leave took him to Mali, West Africa to investigate the involvement of the Tsetse Fly in African Sleeping Sickness and Nagana in cattle as part of the Mali Livestock II research team. His major interest lies in investigating vector borne disease cycles – how diseases are maintained in nature, how transmitted and by whom. In other words, he examines our physical world in a very up close and personal way.

Eventually Crans was awarded a full professorship and many commendations for teaching both graduate and undergraduate courses. His *World of Insects* maintained one the largest registrations in the University in a science area, teaching the course to over 1,000 students every year for over 15 years. In addition, Dr. Crans has herded over 15 Master's Degree candidates and 12 Ph.D. candidates to successful completion of their degrees, populating the institutions of higher education (and the various mosquito control communities) with the fruits of Rutgers' scholarship. Crans has also served on the committees of over 25 other graduate students in his career.

However it has been in Crans' capacity as Director for Mosquito Research and Control, that his greatest contributions to the mosquito control community in New Jersey can be seen. His efforts for the Experiment Station have been steady, always on target, clearly articulated, and apolitical, – regardless of changes in the structure of the University, state or local agencies. He has seen The College of Agriculture evolve into Cook College, for instance, and he has seen the mandate of the Experiment Station alter over time. Still, he and his graduate students have been a cornerstone of information regarding mosquito involvement in disease cycles, surveillance, and ultimately control.

While Dr. Crans is retiring from the University, he is not retiring from his involvement in mosquito research. He still has a cadre of graduate students to advise, and is actively involved in a number of consulting projects - – although these efforts will be sandwiched in between fishing and hunting trips (one hopes).

*Alice Crans*

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### **William Fisher, Superintendent**

Bill Fisher died on Thursday, July 14. If you never had the opportunity to meet and work with Bill, you missed an opportunity to experience a rare individual. Bill worked for the Salem County Mosquito Commission for 38 years. He started, as he himself would put it, “at the wrong end of a chain saw” clearing rights-of-way so machinery would have access to watercourses requiring maintenance. He paid his dues, on the way to becoming superintendent, by performing every job in the business from running the Light-Trap route, to wearing out his arms while pulling the levers all day long on one of the old drum-and-clutch operated dragline cranes. Many an evening he would return home to his wife Diane, smelling of number-two fuel oil and insecticide, after spraying adult mosquitoes for hours on end.

As superintendent, Bill was as faithful a member of the state mosquito control network as New Jersey has ever known. Bill would welcome those studying a mosquito problem, whether they be a student, government or university employee into his county, his office or his home in order to be cooperative and accommodating. He responded to recommendations, mandates or regulations, handed down from the University or State not by avoiding or side-stepping the directives, but rather by hitting them head-on.

When the necessity to obtain water-management permits in order to comply with Federal and State regulations became inevitable, this man (without the benefit of a college diploma, a water-management specialist or a contracted engineer) mounted a sheet of plywood across two saw-horses...spread out all the necessary paperwork on the makeshift surface ...and went to work, completing the permit applications. He hated it. It was hard for him. But he never stopped. To this day Salem County carries on one of the most comprehensive water management programs in mosquito control.

On the wall of the Salem County Mosquito Commission office hangs a cartoon of a laborer leaning on his shovel, awaiting instructions before beginning his difficult task. The caption reads: “We ditch diggers, would be happy to get on with the job as soon as we are told...how damn deep, how damn wide, how damn long and in which damn direction!”. Such blunt simplicity summed up Bill’s general perspective regarding getting the job done.

Bill’s passing leaves a void in our community. Not one which set a standard for the technology that the future might require, but rather one of allegiance to the work, the University, the Commission and the public which benefited from his dedication. Awards, citations or monetary reward were not why Bill did his job. He was plainly committed to the work...our work.

Our ethic will be something less from his loss.

*Bob Kent*

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## **Howard Emerson, Superintendent**

March 30, 2005 marked the retirement of Howard Emerson from the Camden County Mosquito Commission.

Mr. Emerson, who previously worked as a health officer for Camden County was permanently appointed Superintendent to the Mosquito Commission in October of 1989.

He was proud of the fact under his leadership the Camden County Mosquito Commission grew from a little known operation that used the media, education and even politics to grow into a department whose resources were readily shared with other departments and commissions.

He was equally proud that under his guidance the Commission was able to erect an equipment shed and have the heavy equipment to do just about any water management project that was asked of him.

He worked with the South Jersey Resource, Conservation and Development Council to restore a popular pond that was all but forgotten. This project was made possible because Howard never took any request lightly. He always had time for everybody. He was even called upon to deepen a section of the Cooper River for the NCAA rowing championships.

Howard was dedicated and tireless. Twelve hour days were not uncommon. A typical day would have him splitting time between vast amounts of paperwork, repairing machinery, changing the oil or brakes of a vehicle and still finding time for the "grass roots" part of mosquito work.

Howard was extremely active in the NJMCA and served as president in 2001. He was also a member of the AMCA and served on various associated boards.

Howard, in spite of his busy, often hectic schedule was always level-headed and fair and impartial to those who worked under him. He never spoke a bad word about anyone and because of this and many other positive attributes he will be sorely missed by many.

*Camden County MEC Staff*

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## **Robert Ostergaard, Superintendent**

On July 27, 2005, Robert Ostergaard, the long time superintendent of the Monmouth County Mosquito Extermination Commission passed away in Texas while undergoing treatment for cancer.

Bob was a mentor for many of us in the mosquito control profession; and without question, Bob epitomized the term "mosquito man". He laid the building blocks and foundation in the development of the modern day mosquito control program in Monmouth County and throughout the State of New Jersey.

To those of us who really knew him, Bob was a private, complex and learned individual who shunned all pretentiousness and accolades. Bob's greatest pleasure was his wife Peg, son Robert Jr., daughters Connie, Amy and Gena.

Bob served as the superintendent of the Monmouth County Mosquito Extermination Commission from January 1, 1959 to December 1, 1985. During his tenure as superintendent, Bob built the Commission into a premier and model mosquito control program.

Upon his retirement, the Commissioners of the Monmouth County Mosquito Extermination Commission dedicated the commission facility to Robert Ostergaard in recognition of his service to the Commission and the County of Monmouth.

On May 1, 1986, a plaque was placed on the front of the Commission building in dedication to Bob's outstanding service. It is only fitting that the Monmouth County Mosquito Extermination Commission building now serves as a lasting tribute to Robert Ostergaard.

In respect and final tribute to Superintendent Robert Ostergaard, the flag located at the Commission building was flown at half staff. To further memorialize the tribute paid to former Superintendent Ostergaard, a resolution of the Commissioners (in Bob's memory) was presented to his family and was spread upon the official record of the Monmouth County Mosquito Extermination Commission.

*Doug Guthrie*

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### **John Sweet Retires**

On July 29<sup>th</sup> 2005, a retirement luncheon was held in Gloucester County to celebrate the 26-year career of Mosquito Control General Supervisor John Sweet.

John began his mosquito control career with the then-mosquito commission in 1979 as a laborer. He progressed through the ranks to Inspector, Senior Inspector and eventually General Supervisor in 1989. Not long after his promotion to General Supervisor John was faced with the task of maintaining a viable program for the county in an atmosphere of concern after the Freeholder-appointed body of commissioners was dissolved and the superintendent was terminated.

After being placed in charge of the remaining program and as a result of John's ambition and dedication, he convinced the county government to improve its support for mosquito control as evidenced by the upgraded laboratory, shop and office facility that presently exists.

An innovator, he learned to do more-with-less. While the state was still evaluating the role of juvenile hormones as a larval control formulation, John once created homemade mosquito emergence jars in order to do his own study. By using the parts of cut-up and unassembled two-liter plastic soda bottles he shaped and fit the pieces together. They worked perfectly. At virtually no cost, John used a series of the makeshift devices in order to evaluate efficacy. They were described in the 1992, NJMCA Newsletter, Vol. IV, Number 3.

As an accomplished fisherman, his sport has allowed him the opportunity to see many different parts of the county while participating in freshwater bass tournaments. John's plans for retirement involve his assurance that the bottom of his boat stays wet.

John is married and has one son.

*Bob Kent*

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## **Judy Hansen Retires after 45 Years**

Judy Hansen retired as Superintendent of the Cape May County Mosquito Control Commission (now Dept of Mosquito Control) on July 1, 2005 after 45 years of dedicated service. A Cape May native, Judy began work at the mosquito commission in the fall of 1959 learning mosquito identification and the following year was hired on as a seasonal mosquito identification specialist. In 1963 Judy was hired on permanently and ten years later was named Superintendent of the Commission. During her tenure as Superintendent, Judy accomplished many great things, not only locally, but also nationally and internationally. She took a one-dimensional organization whose single goal was to kill mosquitoes, and turned it into one of the premier mosquito research and control facilities in the world. This of course did not happen overnight and as Judy stated many times, she inherited some 'deadwood' that had to be pruned out. Judy knew the value of education and as changes were made, she began a conscious effort to fill the void with educated, trained professionals. Additionally she kept an open mind to the changes that were taking place during the environmental movement and worked hard to dispel the 'nozzle head' impression of mosquito control by embracing integrated pest management (IPM), open marsh water management (OMWM) and sound scientific principles.

The grounds and buildings of the commission have an interesting history in that they served as both a Civilian Conservation Corps camp and during World War II, a prisoner of war camp. The main office for the commission was in one of the old wooden block buildings that as Judy says with a laugh, "had skunks under the floor in winter, termites in the walls in the spring and sparrows in the ceilings in the summer." Things were so bad there that the bathroom doubled as the kitchen and so in the mid 1980's Judy convinced the county to part with \$250,000 to build a new office and laboratory. Although at the time this seemed like a great deal of money, Judy quickly realized that it wasn't enough for the kind of facility Cape May County needed to take it into a new century of mosquito work. Now it may have been fate, but at that time the commission employed a number of people well versed in many aspects of construction and so Judy sat down with George Conover, the helicopter pilot at the time, and came up with the idea of the employees building the facility themselves. They knew they could do it, but more importantly they knew it could be done better and more economically than if the work were contracted out. And so to the dismay of many critics, everyone pitched in and created a facility that stands as a dynamic, modern model of mosquito research and control. Since its completion in 1988, the building has seen some changes, but most notable was one of Judy's last visions come to fruition, the construction of a Biohazard safety level 3 laboratory where bird and mosquito virus testing could be done on the premises.

Judy was very active in a number of mosquito related organizations. At home in New Jersey, she was president of the Associated Executives of Mosquito Control Work (1977-78) and twice president of the New Jersey Mosquito Control Association (1988-99) and (1999-2000). Judy also served on the Northeastern Mosquito Control Association's Board of Directors (1987-89) and was the first and only woman president in the history of the American Mosquito Control Association (1989-90). Judy was also a member of a number of civic organizations and regularly gave talks on the importance of mosquito control. Amazingly, in the midst of her remarkable career, Judy and husband Reds, were able to raise 6 children, who in turn have blessed them with 11 grandchildren. Judy's contributions and her legacy to the mosquito industry will long be felt and we wish her a long, healthy and happy retirement.

*Peter Bosak*

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It was February 28, 2005 when Bob Kent, Lisa Reed and Scott Crans met at my home in Freehold for the trip to Washington, DC for the AMCA 7<sup>th</sup>



Annual Spring Washington Conference. The weather was great and the trip took less than 4 hours on that Sunday morning. During the trip we discussed in general how the mechanics of the conference and our visits would work. Because three of the people had not been involved in this process before, there was a very lively discussion of what would be done and how it would be accomplished.

When we arrived at the hotel, we were able to check in immediately and then went to the AMCA registration desk for our packets of information and directions to the meeting room.

The afternoon was spent listening to speakers review the issues that we would be discussing with our Member of Congress staffers on Tuesday.

We kept hearing that March was going to come in like a lion and by Sunday evening the temperature was dropping and the wind speed was increasing. By Monday noon the snow started falling and by Monday evening the Washington, DC area was pretty well white, but fortunately there wasn't any big accumulation of the white stuff.

Monday afternoon the four of us reviewed the position papers prepared by the AMCA Regulatory Affairs Committee and decided which three of the ten issues we would discuss with our representatives or their staff. All of the issues had national importance, but some were more pertinent to New Jersey than others.

Tuesday morning we walked the short distance to the Metro and had a learning experience in buying Metro Fare Cards for our journey to The Hill. With four heads getting together we were able to figure out how to purchase enough fare to take us to The Hill and bring us back.

The ride on the Metro was very easy. We arrived for our first appointment in the Cannon Building early, but had to stand in line to be passed through security, which, needless to say, is very good in the District.

We learned that when traveling between the Cannon, Longworth and Rayburn office buildings we were able to use the underground pedestrian tunnels so we did not have to be passed through security as we entered each building. If the weather is inclement, these tunnels make the walking a lot more pleasant.

We visited the five offices in which we had appointments and met with knowledgeable staffers that were familiar with some of the problems we discussed and were very willing to learn about the new issues we presented. Since we had extra time we "dropped in" to two additional offices, and the staff graciously gave us some time out of their very hectic schedules.

As we all know, budgets are a very big issue, as they almost always are. Some of the issues we discussed involved finding money to fund initiatives. The staffers weren't real optimistic about finding money, but did present some strategies to us for our consideration.

In future years it would be extremely helpful to have New Jersey delegates from Congressmen Frelinghuysen's and Menendez's districts. These two powerful Members of Congress may be more sympathetic to hearing from their own constituents, as opposed to voters from other parts of New Jersey.

Scott, Lisa and Bob all agreed that making these visits is easy and enlightening and helpful. This was my seventh year to make this trip, but it is still exciting to me that an individual such as you, the reader of this article, can influence activities in our Nation's Capital. I hope many more of you agree to take part in this process next year and on into the future so New Jersey will have more than four of the eighty AMCA members present for this conference.

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### **A Newbie in Washington**

I, like every one of you, have heard that NJMCA needs to go to the District of Columbia and participate in Washington Day. After all, this is the day that legislation concerning various aspects of mosquito control is presented to our state representatives. It is our chance to educate those who control the purse and legal strings. And, like nearly every one of you, I thought why would NJMCA need me to go?

After all (I thought), there are a lot of people in NJMCA who know more about mosquito control and pesticides and ULV and FQPA and all the other alphabet soup issues. How would I know what was best for mosquito control and NJMCA? How would I know where to even go?

Well, it turns out that there is a LOT of guidance to both the issues and the mechanism of presenting the issues to your elected leaders. I found that out when Bill Zawicki, Bob Kent, Scott Crans and I made our way to Washington for the 2005 event. AMCA held the mosquito

Washington Day at the same time and in conjunction with the National Pest Control Association's legislative day.

This event was very well orchestrated. Prior to leaving for Washington, Bill Zawicki made appointments with five of our representatives (i.e., their aides). We began on Monday in DC with presentations from AMCA and governmental leaders about issues ranging from FQPA (which is forever ingrained in me now as the Food Quality Protection Act) to mosquito control on federal lands. Information packets had been developed by AMCA on 10 mosquito-relevant issues.

Armed with these issues, Bill, Bob, Scott and I decided which two were the most important and relevant toward New Jersey as well as the rest of the nation. We decided to back the funding for two acts: one that supported data-collection for EPA and one toward the development and enhancement of mosquito control programs. From the hotel where the strategy convention was held, it was easy getting into DC using the clean metro system. Everything was given to us – directions, metro card, phone numbers.

When we arrived at the first office and met the aide, Bill showed us the fine art of persuasion. He introduced us all, and then gave a concise outline of the problems, without extraneous information. He said which bills would be the one to support and how much money. He painted a worthy picture of necessity. He gave contact information and left them with an information packet (culled from the AMCA packets). He did this in less than 10 minutes, giving the aide time and opportunity for questions.

We all took turns presenting the information. On my first turn, I was nervous, but because everything had been laid out so clearly for me, I was not shaking in my boots. I think I did an okay job. The aide got the information needed and I was not a babbling idiot I'd fear I'd be.

And after the presentation, I felt exhilarated! This was truly an eye-opening experience. First, I had the opportunity to learn about several issues that I had no previous knowledge about. Second, I got to see how our democratic process works. Finally, I had a chance to participate in that process in a way that could benefit mosquito control.

So, I'm going back next year. And I know that we will need YOUR help too. We were able to schedule two extra meetings on the fly that day in the District. And we had so many more representatives to meet with, but were unable to since there were not enough of us there.

NJMCA has the funds to send people to Washington. If you join with me next year, I know we will have a bigger impact. And I guarantee that you will have all the information you need to educate your representatives and to help us and yourself successfully.

*Lisa Reed, Mosquito Research, Rutgers University*

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## **An Update on the Professional Training Committee – 2005**

Well, another year is over, and our work will begin again in August, preparing for next year's annual recertification training sessions. Before I recap this year's recertification training and discuss our activities thus far, I would like to mention a change in the structure of the committee. Since Scott Crans has stepped into the position of NJMCA President this year, he must relinquish the title of Professional Training Committee chair, due to the amount of time and energy that will be necessary for him to fulfill his new duties. He has asked me to take over as chair, and this year Scott and I decided to act as co-chairs to allow for an easy transition; however, I will be

acting as sole chairperson of the Professional Training Committee beginning this summer, and am looking forward to my new tasks.

**As a result of this change, the registrations and fees for the recertification training programs WILL NO LONGER BE SENT TO RUTGERS, BUT WILL BE SENT TO MY OFFICE AT THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DIVISION.**

From now on, the materials that are sent to all of the certified pesticide applicators and health officers regarding the recertification training sessions, will reflect this change.

Now I would like to talk a little bit about the training programs. Since 2002, when we took on the difficult task of attempting to make these required sessions more fun for everyone, we have received a considerable amount of positive feedback from many county and state personnel. We have greatly enjoyed designing and implementing the Mosquito Jeopardy games, and we look forward to them lasting a long time. 2003 saw the introduction of these games, and the active, if not a little persuaded, participation of enthusiastic players. The 2003 winners of the Golden Dipper, our Mosquito Jeopardy game trophy, were: South Jersey winners – The Swat Team – Rod Schmidt, Bill Zawicki, George Hamilton, and Christine Musa, and North Jersey winners – Gary D. and the Pipiens – Gary Donado, Jenn Gruener, Karen Fogg, and Priscilla Collins.

The next year saw a good turnout at both sessions, 170 people attended the session in Atlantic City and 120 people attended the session in New Brunswick.

The Mosquito Jeopardy winners for 2004 were: North Jersey winners – Magoo Moskeeters – Lisa Reed, George Hamilton, James Lashomb, and Eric Green, and South Jersey winners – Let's Mix Them Up – Jack Nunemaker, Tim Forest, Steve Piotrowski, and Wayne Wurtz. This year was another good year, 155 people attended the Atlantic City session and 114 people attended the New Brunswick session. The Mosquito Jeopardy winners for 2005 were: South Jersey winners – Nozzle Heads – Peter Bosak, Matthew Diem, Ed Sokorai, and Diane McNelly, and North Jersey winners – Big Dippers – Marc Slaff, Kris McMorland, Hadley Foster, and Warren Staudinger. The trophy is currently making its way around the state to spend time at each of the winners' offices.

These training sessions are important for all of us to attend; they aid us in properly and professionally performing our job duties; however, we believe that this does not have to translate into them being boring or redundant. Besides including the Mosquito Jeopardy games, we try to incorporate fresh, interesting topics and speakers for the morning portion of these sessions. We will continue to do so, and we are confident that all of you will be pleased with the agenda for next year's program. Since this year's training sessions in March, our Committee members have met once to discuss the success of the 2005 program, and expect to meet at least another seven times before next year's training sessions. These meetings run all day and include a large amount of discussion, strategizing, and brainstorming. Each winter, we write new questions for the Mosquito Jeopardy games, and we collectively add these new questions to the games, editing them as necessary. Additionally, we test all equipment involved in running the games to make sure that it is in good working order.

Lastly, we would like to thank everyone for their participation in the last three Mosquito Jeopardy games, and the input we received regarding speaker topics. If anyone has any ideas for speaker topics, or would like to be a speaker themselves, please let me know as soon as possible. We will be meeting every month beginning in August, and will immediately begin working on the agenda for next year. Your input is not only welcomed, but encouraged, and must be communicated to us very soon since we must finalize our agenda by the end of the year, so that it can be sent to the various state authorities for recertification credit approval. One last note: it

has been a little more difficult than we had hoped to find people willing to participate in the games. Remember, the games do not run without players.

WE NEED PARTICIPANTS FOR NEXT YEAR'S GAMES! Please consider being a player next year; if you talk to past players I am certain that they will tell you that it wasn't so bad, it didn't hurt a bit, and that it was, dare we say it, FUN!

If you would like to participate in the games, please contact me at 856-453-2195 or 856-769-3255, or you can email me at [heatherlo@co.cumberland.nj.us](mailto:heatherlo@co.cumberland.nj.us) . I am looking forward to seeing all of you in March, 2006!

The Professional Training Committee members for 2005 are: Doug Abdill, Atlantic County Office of Mosquito Control; Scott Crans, Rutgers University Office of Cont Pro Ed; William Evans, Essex County Mosquito Control Division; Kris McMorland, Morris County MEC; Diane Nale, Rutgers University Mosquito Res.& Control; Tadhgh Rainey, Hunterdon Cty Mosq. and Vector Control; Carol Terry, Rutgers University Mosquito Res & Control; Eric Williges, Essex County Mosquito Control Division; Wayne Wurtz, Gloucester Cnty Division of Mosq. Control; **Chair:** Heather Lomberk, Cumberland Cnty Mosq Control Division and Salem County Mosquito Ext. Commission

*Heather A. Lomberk, Cumberland County Mosquito Control Division, Salem County Mosquito Extermination Commission; Chair, New Jersey Mosquito Control Association, Professional Training Committee*

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### Newsletter Changes

The NJMCA Newsletter is undergoing some changes. We are currently working to have the Newsletter distributed via web link.

An email will go out to all members when a new issue is ready then the Newsletter can be accessed simply by clicking on the link. A printer friendly version will be available also. By doing this we hope to be able to streamline the distribution process and save on postage costs.

The web link will also enable high quality photographs and graphics to be incorporated.

**If you DO NOT wish to receive the Newsletter via Web link please contact the Editor to have your name retained on the traditional mailing list.**

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### NJMCA Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: (Dr., Director, Commissioner) \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone:  
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Work E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Work  
Fax: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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Dues Payment for the Year 2005 Thirty (\$30.00) per Member per Year

Total Number of Memberships \_\_\_\_\_

@ \$30.00 ea. - Total Amount of Invoice \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks or Voucher Payable to: **New Jersey Mosquito Control Association, Inc.**

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