

# **VMCA Events and Projects Update**

-VMCA Student Competition

-2017 Larval ID Course

-VMCA Book of Guidelines

By Jay Kiser

# VMCA Student Competition

- **2016 VMCA Business Meeting:**
  - We voted to form a committee to work out the details for future competition.
- **April 2016: A committee was formed**
  - Jay Kiser (Committee Chair)
  - Karen Akaratovic
  - Dennis Salmen
  - Lane Carr
  - Charles Abadam
  - Francis Valera
  - Jamie Durden
  - Michael Bowry

# Student Poster Competition

- Spring of 2016:
  - Set up protocols for a Virginia Student Poster Competition
    - Open to students enrolled in Virginia Colleges and Universities
    - Poster topic- original research in the field of Vector-Borne Sciences
    - Poster due in November (electronic version)

# Student Poster Competition

- Spring 2016
  - Protocols continue
    - Judges grade the posters in December
    - Publicly announce winner during the Annual Meeting
      - 1<sup>st</sup> place winner receives
        - » **Dr. Jorge Arias Student Competition Award**
        - » \$500
        - » Free Registration to the VMCA Annual Meeting
      - Four runner-ups receive
        - » Free registration to the VMCA Annual Meeting

# Student Poster Competition

- Summer 2016
  - Assembled a team of Judges
    - Jay Kiser
    - Bruce Harrison
    - Wes Robertson
  - Contacted Virginia Colleges and Universities
    - Ones with Biology, Environmental Health or other related departments
  - and waited to see what would happen.

# Student Poster Competition

- November 2016
  - We received a total of **10 posters**
    - 6 from Old Dominion University
    - 2 from James Madison University
    - 1 from Radford University
    - 1 from Eastern Virginia Medical School
- December and into January 2017
  - Finished the underestimate task of grading

# Student Poster Competition

- Annual Meeting 2017 (VMCA's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary)
  - All 10 Posters have been printed are displayed in the Conference Hall foyer
  - Poster Session: Wednesday at 9:50-10:20am
    - Meet the authors of the posters
    - Time for Q&A
  - Awards Ceremony: Wednesday during the luncheon
  - Wednesday 2:30pm Presentation
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Place Poster Winner **Alexis White** from ODU
    - TickBot Efficacy in Residential and Wildlife Habitats in Portsmouth, VA

# VMCA Student Competition

## Where is the Money Coming From?

- 2016
  - VMCA Executive board donated \$500 for 1<sup>st</sup> place
  - MAMCA provided 1<sup>st</sup> place and 4 runner-ups free student registrations
- In the future
  - Our committee would like to raise the money ourselves.



# Silent Auction

## Bid on Items to Win

- How:
  - Find an item you like
  - Write your Name and Price you want to pay
    - At least \$1 higher then last bid
  - If someone out bids you later, make sure to out bid them
- Where:
  - Items are located in the back of the Vendor Hall
- When:
  - Today and tomorrow
  - Final bidding tomorrow 5:10-5:40pm
  - Items can be picked up and paid for Wednesday or Thursday

# 50-50 Raffle

- Purchase raffle tickets throughout the meeting
  - From Lane Carr and Francis Valera
  - \$1 for 1 ticket
  - \$5 for 6 tickets
- Winner's drawing takes place
  - Thursday at meeting's end**
    - ½ \$\$\$\$ goes to Student Competition Committee
    - ½ \$\$\$\$ goes to 1 lucky winner
      - Winner must be present at drawing

# Future Events

- Dunk Tank
  - Pay for the opportunity to dunk your boss or colleague
- Bake Sale
  - VMCA events or outside events
- 50-50 Raffles
  - Within your Jurisdiction or Company
- 10k Skeeter Run
  - Maybe this coming Mosquito Awareness Week

# VMCA Larval Collections

- Over the 2016 Season
  - We were able to collect 25 or more larval specimens of over 20 species of mosquitoes.
  - There are still larvae out there and it is not too late to collect.
    - We still need *Cs. melanura* and *Toxorhynchites*

**Thank you to all that helped**

# VMCA Larval Mosquito ID Course

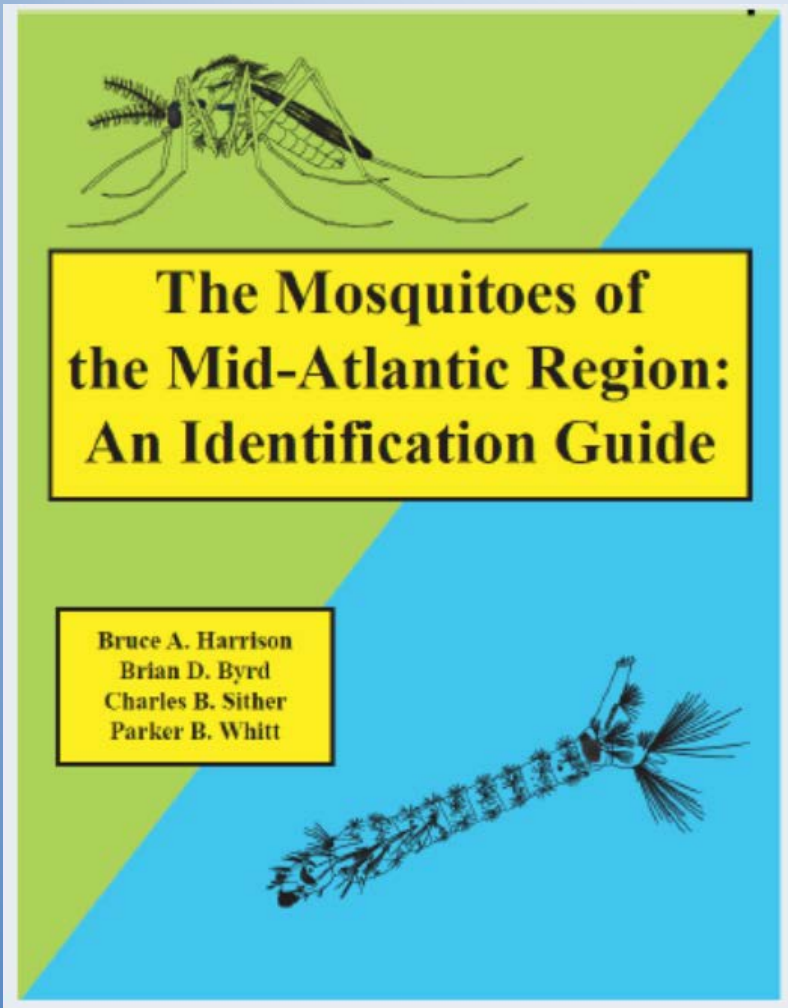
**Scheduled to take place this Spring**

- **Date:** April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- **Location:** City of Suffolk Public Works Training Facility.
- **Instructor:** Dr. Bruce Harrison

# VMCA Larval ID Course

- \$50 per student
- Limited seating: about 20
  - Please limit to no more than 2 students per jurisdiction
- Registration has begun
  - Please fill out a registration form and fax it, email, or hand it to Penny Smelser.
  - Email with a registration form went out yesterday to the VMCA members
  - Registration forms are available at the meeting registration desk.

# VMCA Larval Mosquito ID Course



- Learn from the new Mid-Atlantic Regional Identification Book
- Recognize the value of larval identification and how it can be implemented in your program
- Learn dipping techniques, how to identify larval habitats, and key larval behaviors
- ..... and much more.

## **Participants must bring the following:**

- Microscope with 55x or higher (45X + 15X ocular lens will suffice),
- A light source that shines from above (fiber optics preferred),
- A copy of "Mosquitoes of the Mid-Atlantic Region: An Identification Guide" (some copies may be available for use and for sale at the course for \$30).



# VMCA Book of Guidelines

## VMCA Guidelines for Board Members and Committees

- Collection of suggested guidelines and protocols for board members and committees.
- Explain how duties have been accomplished in the past and give a suggestion to how they can be accomplished in the future.
- Should not be viewed as statute or mistaken as VMCA bylaws
- These guidelines are to be considered as fluid and should be updated as often as needed.
- Suggested updates should be sent to the Bylaws Committee Chair for approval and authorized amendment.
- This document as a whole should be reviewed by the VMCA executive board every five years.



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[Virginia Mosquito Control Association Bylaws](#). Amended February 6, 2015.

[Guidelines and Protocols for the Executive Board and VMCA Committees](#).

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# Thank You to Everyone That Helped

- VMCA Executive board
- VMCA Student Competition Committee
- 2016 Competition Judges
- 2016 Larval Collectors
- Dr. Harrison
- Committee Chairs
- Penny Smelser

**Questions?**