



Pickled & Pressed

Goulburn Strathbogrie Olive Grower's Association Newsletter Edition 18 February 2005

It's pre-picking time!

Yes, it's pre-picking time and from all accounts there is loads more fruit than last year. Just what method or combination of methods do you anticipate using to harvest that beautiful fruit this season? Decisions need to be made now. For more information come to the Harvesting evening 25 February at 7.30 at the Molesworth Hall.

Who have you selected to press your fruit? Members need to contact the presser well in advance to make arrangements.

Liverno are again offering to press fruit for members but if they have acquired their HACCP accreditation your grove will be audited first to make sure it meets the required standards. Olive Care or Fruit Check certification will be essential for acceptance. Contact Peter Giljohann 0417 034 792

Modern Olives are offering processing also and have investigated transport from Euroa or Alexandra. Their list of charges and transport suggestions has been emailed to members.

Other processors have been approached for their charges and requirements and we are awaiting their response.

Harvesting Methods Presented by Ian Dwyer

Bring pen and paper and any information relating to last year's harvest to enjoy this informative evening. Ian Dwyer wants members to be fully involved whilst he shares his experiences and knowledge of various harvesting methods.

Ian is Manager of Clearstream Olives at Taggerty as well as Chief Consultant and Contracting Manager.

This promises to be a great night with supper provided.

Friday 25 February at 7.30 in the Molesworth Hall

Results of 2004 Survey

Thanks to members for returning the survey data with their annual subscriptions. Full information will be sent with this year's subs. Briefly the data provided shows: 137,000 trees planted (inc. 90,000 owned by Liverno) Of the 47,000 remaining - 33,000 for oil, 6,000 for pickling and 8,000 dual purpose. Members harvested 24 tons of fruit from April to June.

Olive Care Courses

These can be booked direct with Gino Russo from DPI Queensland grusso@bigpond.net.au or phone 0411 220 279

Also through VOC - contact Gwynnedd Hunter-Payne at twodocs@ozemail.com.au

Chemical User's Courses

Run by DSE at Euroa and Holmsglen. Phone 5622 2055 chemcertvic@sympac.com.au

Calendar of Events

Feb

- 25 Harvesting Methods with Ian Dwyer
7.:30pm Molesworth Hall
- 27 Olive Growing & Oil Processing Workshop
9:45am - 5:00pm DPI Attwood

Mar

- 13 Mansfield Harvest Festival - *Can you help?*
- 18 Committee Meeting
- 20 Yea Autumn Festival - *Can you help?*

April

- 8 Processing with Andrew Burgess
7:30 (venue to be advised)
- 23/24 Information/Field Day TBC

Olive Growing & Oil Processing Workshop

Date: Sunday 27 February 2005
Time: 9:45am to 5:00pm
Venue: DPI Attwood
475-478 Mickleham Road, Attwood
(Melways Ref Map 5 K2)
Cost: \$80 per person
Morning tea & BBQ Lunch included

Speakers :

Jose' Alba - Fats & Oil Institute, Seville, Spain
Marino Uceda - Olive Research Inst., Jaen, Spain
Leandro Ravetti - Modern Olives, Australia

Areas to be covered:

Factors in the grove that affect olive oil quality and quantity.
Oil and moisture accumulation in the fruit.
Understanding olive oil processing.

Bookings are essential:

Contact Andrew Burgess or Norma Abela at Modern Olives 03 5282 5988 or
Email olives@modernolives.com.au

Information Evening Modern Olives Processing Plant

Andrew Burgess from Modern Olives will give a colourful presentation on the processing of olives and in particular their plant at Lara.

Join us on **Friday 8 April** at 7.30pm
(Euroa Primary School TBC)

Committee Contact Details

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■ Robyn Vroland	9836 0473 or 5790 5150

Chemicals in the Grove

Growers need to be aware that the use of Supracide to control black scale in Victoria is illegal without a Section 25A permit from the DPI. While there is an APVMA off label permit (PER6538) that permits the use of the Methidathion Insecticide, Supracide 400EC for black scale control in some states, the APVMA permit is invalid in Victoria and extremely heavy fines could be incurred if no 25A permit is held.

For details on insecticides that can legally be used contact DPI Regional Chemical Standards Officers
Alan Roberts Bendigo 5430 4416
David Stewart Benalla 5761 1532

Promotions/Shows

Can you help promote our region and our products? See Calendar and contact "Denise" <pavic@netlink.net.au>

Black Scale & Sooty Mould

- Now is the time to check your trees for scale and sooty mould.
- Pruning to allow sunlight and air flow can help reduce the problem.
- Excessive ants in a tree usually indicates scale is present.
- Control of ants will reduce the spread throughout the grove and allow natural predators to access the scale.
- Use insecticides as a last resort as they kill the good bugs as well as the bad.
- High infestation can ruin the crop so use your discretion!

Web Site

Don't forget to check our web site for information and events. Also tell your friends.

www.goulburnstrathbogrieolives.com.au

Buy, Sell or Swap (to place ad ph Robyn on 9836 0473)

For Sale
200 Hardwood stakes 1.8m with points \$1 each
Ph John 5790 4363