

Pond Boss Conference Program

Friday, July 11, 2008

9:00-11:30—Session I—Conservation USA—Stewardship

9:00-9:10 Mike Otto & Bob Lusk—Greetings! Welcome and Introductions.

9:10-9:40 Dale Hall—U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Director.

9:40-10:00 Ray Scott—What About Ponds—Ray Scott style

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-11:30—Water management round table

10:15-10:25 Bob Lusk—Warning Signs from the Pond—Symptoms and Solutions to head off potential problems at your pond.

10:25-10:40 Mark Cornwell—What the Heck is Water Quality? And, Who Cares?

10:40-10:55 Bill Cody—Microbial Use to Manage Water Quality

10:55-11:10 Bob Robinson—Move water to clean it. Should you Aerate?

11:10-11:30 Aeration Panel Q&A—Vendors Field Questions from the Audience

11:30-12:30 Walking-Talking Lunch in Expo—Grab an apron, meet, greet and eat.

12:30-1:00 Dale Hall—Tales from the Top of the Food Chain

1:00-4:00—Session II—Fisheries Management for Pondmeisters

1:00-1:20 Paul Dorsett—Pond Fish species—Characteristics, traits and interactions of your favorite fishes.

1:20-1:40 Ken Hale—What's All the Fuss About Tilapia?

1:40-2:00 Dr. Bruce Condello—A Sunfish is a Sunfish, or is it?

2:00-2:20 Bill Cody—Effectiveness of bass predation on green sunfish.

2:20-2:30 Break

2:30-2:50 Bob Lusk--Basics of Fisheries Biology—Why Fish Do What They Do.

2:50-3:15 Dr. David Willis—Methods and Interpreting Fish Populations

3:15-3:40 Dr. Jeff Slipke—Throw Tradition Out the Window—Stocking for the Best Fourth and Fifth Year of a Bass Lake.

3:40-4:00 Melissa Wuellner—Competition? What's that?

4:00-6:00—Session III—Smorgasbord

One on one Q&A with speakers—Each of the day's speakers will be available for your questions.

Expo—Two full hours to learn about all the products.

Silent auction—100% of the proceeds go to the Jesse West Scholarship Fund.

Meet and greet your friends—new and old

Book signing—Authors will be available from 5:00-5:30 to autograph books.

George Glazener—Fly Fishing Your Pond—Long time Pond Boss subscriber and forum veteran George Glazener teams up with fisheries biologist and pro Fly Fisherman Brandon Powers, Temple Fork Outfitters sales rep, to teach us how to diversify the way we fish our ponds.

Saturday, July 12, 2008

9:00-11:30 Session IV—Feeding, Fertilizing and Aquatic Plants

- 9:00-9:20 Greg Grimes—Fertilizing a pond—What's The Point?
9:20-9:35 Bob Lusk—The Latest and Greatest Feeding programs—Nutrition at its utmost. Richmond Mill Lake slide show
9:35-9:55 Dr. Mark Griffin—What's the Big Deal with Feed Trained Bass?
9:55-10:15 Leonard Jirak—Feeding Huge Fish—Great Expectations...and Consequences

10:15-10:30--Break

- 10:30-11:30—Aquatic Plant Workshop—Hands on—Panel of Experts.
Chad Fikes—Texoma Hatchery
Matthew Morgan—Aquatic Environmental Services
Matt Ward—Total Lake Management Services
Bring your plants. We'll identify and make best management suggestions.
The "Big Three"—Why Plants Grow and Thrive around Your Pond
Methods to Control Plants
Methods to Increase Plants

11:30-1:00 Lunch at the Expo—Buy lunch from the Concession Stand and spend the next 1 ½ hours at the Expo—learn about all the latest pond products

1:00-4:00 Session V—Beyond the Water Line

- 1:00-1:20 Eric West—A Sense of Time & Place, What's the Law Got to Do With It?
1:20-1:50 Mike Otto—The Great Pond Creation—Today's world of building ponds
1:50-2:30 Dan VanSchaik—Wildlife—How Attractive is your Pond?
2:30-2:45 Break
2:45-3:15 Jim Liner—Capturing Wildlife on Camera—How to Shoot Better Photos
3:15-3:30 Ed Rogers—Soft Plastics in Your Fish?
3:30-4:00 Ray Scott—Philosophically Speaking

4:00-6:00 Session VI—Smorgasbord

- One on one Q&A with today's speakers
Expo open until 6:00
Meet and greet your friends.
How to find answers on the Internet—Pond Boss Forum Moderators

Attention! For both days of the conference, Purina Mills will have a Television video crew on site to interview YOU about your feeding preferences. Do you feed Purina feeds? If so, be sure to tell them about it! They will use these testimonies and interviews on RFD-TV and the Purina website!