



January
2015



UPCOMING:

DVGWS ANNUAL KICKOFF LUNCHEON

January 25, 2015 * 12:30 PM * Springfield Country Club

Our annual luncheon will be held at the Springfield Country Club. Mark your calendars and plan to attend! This is a perfect time to get together with members to review the past season and prepare for the next one! It is always nice to compare notes with other members while the snowflakes come down to blanket our sleeping ponds and gardens.

Beside the usual great food and fun stuff, we will have a raffle with many donated items along with our usual 50-50 drawing.



Please send in the RSVP form, which can be found on the following page, with your check and menu selection.



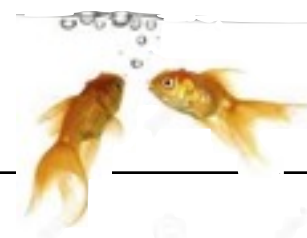
Deadline is January 19, 2015!

We hope to see you all there!! All you snowbirds..... we will miss you!

See inside Newsletter for RAFFLE Information. Your help is requested! Join in the fun!

Our Speaker for the luncheon is Trey Smith. Trey has been in the aquatic business for many years and has experience in all aspects of the field. He is employed by Airmax Inc. and is the business development manager for the East coast. Airmax is the wholesale division of thePondGuy.com, which might be familiar to some of our members. ThePondGuy.com is the nation's largest mail-order pond, lake, water garden and water feature supply company.

Trey will discuss with us the importance of **supplemental aeration**. Trey is an energetic speaker and his topic should be interesting and informative for all.



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You can also go to our website at www.dvwgs.com and pay by credit card.

Deadline is January 19, 2015!

Check should be made payable to DVWGS

Cost is \$30.00 per person.

Tear off this section and mail your selections to:

Cindy Weiss * 60 Festival Drive * Voorhees * NJ * 08043

Questions? Call Cindy Weiss at 856-504-6666

(PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL WITH THIS CHECK)

Names: _____

Phone #: _____

attending: _____

Choose from the following menu choices. Please signify # after your selection:

Roasted Salmon _____

Chicken Parmesan _____

Vegetarian Pasta _____

ice cream with chocolate sauce will be served for dessert

Directions To Springfield Country Club

400 West Sproul Road * Springfield * PA * 19064

From Center City Philadelphia:

95 South to 476 North to Exit 3 (Swarthmore/Media). Turn right off exit on Baltimore Pike (Route 1). Proceed on Route 1 for approximately half a mile to Route 320 (West Sproul Road). Turn Left on Route 320. Springfield Country Club is located half a mile on the left.

-or-

I-76 West to 476 South to Exit 5 (Springfield/Lima). Turn Left off exit. Follow signs for 320 (West Sproul Road). Turn right on Route 320 (West Sproul Road). Springfield Country Club is located three quarters of a mile on the right.

From Pennsylvania Turnpike, Bucks County, Montgomery County:

Exit 20-Mid County off Pennsylvania Turnpike to 476 South towards Chester to Exit 5 (Springfield/Lima). Turn left off exit onto Route 1 North. Stay in right lane, follow signs for route 320 (West Sproul Road). Turn Right on Route 320 (West Sproul Road). Springfield Country Club is located three quarters of a mile on the right.

From Delaware:

I-95 North to exit 7 marked I-476 North (Blue Route). From the Blue Route to Exit 3 Springfield- Media. Turn right off exit onto Baltimore Pike (Route 1).

Proceed on Route 1 for approximately half a mile to Route 320 (West Sproul Road). Turn Left on Route 320. Springfield Country Club is located half a mile on the left.

From New York/ North Jersey:

Take New Jersey Turnpike to Exit 6/Pennsylvania Turnpike. Follow Turnpike to Exit 20 Mid County Exit. Follow sign for 476/ Chester (Blue Route) to Exit 5 (Springfield/Lima). Turn left off exit onto Route 1 North. Stay in right lane, follow signs for route 320 (West Sproul Road). Turn Right on Route 320 (West Sproul Road). Springfield Country Club is located three quarters of a mile on the right.

Upcoming Events for 2015

(schedule is tentative)

APRIL: Date to be determined. **Millers Greenhouse.**

MAY: Sunday, May 17th. **Plant Exchange** to be held at Connie and Craig Snyder's house.

JUNE: Sunday, June 14th. Visit to the **Shofuso Japanese Garden and house in Fairmont Park.**

JULY: Sunday, July 19th. **24th annual pond tour.**

AUGUST: Possible visit to Tim Jennings at **Longwood Gardens** to see the platter lilies.

SEPTEMBER: Possible visit to **Chanticleer** to see the house and gardens.

OCTOBER: Possible reschedule trip to the **Chocolatarium.**

Jenkins Arboretum was suggested as a possible venue for a future trip.

50/50 AND RAFFLE

Donated Items
needed for
January kickoff
Luncheon

WHEN: January 26th, 2014

WHERE: LUNCHEON AT SPRINGFIELD COUNTRY CLUB

DVWGS is requesting your donated items to be offered as raffle items at our luncheon

These items will be raffled off at the January 25th Luncheon as a club fundraiser.

PLEASE DONATE

NEW OR GENTLY USED
ITEMS

DVWGS MEMBERS:

We are requesting new and or gently used donated items, including but not limited to, garden and pond related things, books, jewelry, handmade items, pottery, etc.

Bring them to the luncheon on January 26, 2014. These items will be donated to the club for a fundraiser where all participating members will have a chance of winning the item at the final drawing.

COMMERCIAL MEMBERS:

In past years we have had commercial business members donate some wonderful items such as fountains, garden ornaments, etc. Please feel free to donate similar items this year, or your services.

We appreciate all your help and contributions!

Notify Marshall Hatfield
mhatfield01@comcast.net or 856-546-0391 no later than Jan 19th of items you will be bringing to the banquet, or any items you would like to deliver early, or have picked up if you are not attending the luncheon.



Hint: Save time and bring return address labels to affix to your raffle tickets!

We will also have 50/50 tickets for sale. Winning ticket, drawn at the luncheon, splits the pot with DVWGS. **You need not be present to win. If you are not attending and want to participate, you can mail a check to DVWGS *1255 Buck Lane * West Chester Pa *19382.**



Both the 50/50 tickets and the Raffle tickets are 6/\$5 or \$1 each.

Members Bulletin Board



Gone
Fishing

As suggested by a club member, we now have an official **DVWGS Pond Help Line!** Bill Fogel has volunteered to be on-hand for any questions that members might have about fish and pond health. You can contact Bill at his home phone 610-687-3105. Bill has also volunteered to submit articles to our newsletter and web site regarding our ponds and fish for the newsletter at various times during the year. **Thank You Bill!** *Other club questions will still be answered by Vic Barsky at 215-840-0811*

How many fish can I have in my pond, and how and when should fish be added to the pond?

How many fish to keep in a pond depends on several things;

- The size of the pond. (in gallons)
- How many fish and what size the fish are in the pond, the larger the fewer.
- What type of filtration, remember more is better.

A stocking rate of 1 inch of fish per 10 gallons of water is generally recommended. This can change according to the size and type of your filtration system. A good rule for determining the filter size needed is to calculate about 10 percent of the volume of the pond. If your pond volume is 3000 gallons a 300 gallon filter or possibly larger would be appropriate.

Learn to keep good water quality and the fish will take care of themselves.

Remember a 6 inch fish puts out X amount of waste, at 12 inches it puts out 4X the amount of waste. So plan ahead for future fish load.

New fish should not be added directly to the pond, no matter where they came from!

Always quarantine for at least 6 weeks, watching for signs of sickness or parasites and treat those problems right in the quarantine tank. You should wait until the pond water stays around 60 degrees before adding fish.

Bill Fogel

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2015 POND TOUR

The annual pond tour will return in July, and we need your help!

Montgomery County represents approximately 32% of the total membership of DVWGS, and in 2014 we focused on the Western section ponds, starting in Schwenksville and going south to King-of-Prussia. However, we were unable to fit in the pond owners that volunteered their ponds located in the Eastern section of the county. So...on Sunday, July 19, the 2015 pond tour will focus on the Eastern section of Montgomery County with a general N/S geography of within a few miles of the PA Turnpike along the Bucks/Montgomery County line to the Philadelphia County line, bordered E/W by Route 1 and Route 309. A few of the towns within that geography include Flourtown, Huntington Valley, and Jenkintown.

Requested for this year's tour are the following:

- Members willing to share their pond on the tour
- Recommended non-member pond sites for the tour
- Venue suggestions for the after-tour dinner celebration (MUST be a site within the tour geography capable of handling up to 100, and able to be catered)
- Two volunteers to retrieve pond tour directional signs
- One volunteer to be responsible for marketing of the tour

Please email or phone your suggestions to Marshall Hatfield (mhatfield01@comcast.net or 856.546.0391) at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for volunteering!

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Interested in becoming a Board member?

We currently have two open spots. Contact Victor Barsky for more information.

Connie Snyder
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Thank You for paying your dues!

It is time to RENEW your DVWGS Membership for 2015. Membership is based on a calendar year beginning on Jan 1st. Mail in the membership form found in this newsletter. You may also bring a check and renew your membership at the Luncheon.

Check your address label for your current status. Some members have paid ahead for the coming year. Some new members joined in Sept, Oct, Nov, or Dec of this past year and are also current for 2015.

You may renew online at www.dvwgs.com using pay pal.

Thank you!
Connie Snyder

