



# TEXAS POND HONKER

**July 2019**

**Character, Charity, Fellowship**

## DFW TEXAS POND

**DATE: Monday, July 8, 2019**

**TIME: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**PLACE: On The Border**



Come join us at “On The Border” 4855 Beltline Road, Addison, Texas 75254 (West side of the Tollway on Beltline). We are meeting in the private room on the west side of the restaurant.



**Mr. Creator/Builder - Jim Devall, MLG**

Happy New Year! July begins the new fiscal year for Blue Goose, offering new optimism, challenges and opportunities. We have a new slate officers all eager to do our part in contributing to the success of our pond, all the while humbled by the challenge to live up to the amazing job done by our predecessors. 2018/19 was one

of the best years ever for our DFW Texas Pond. Thanks to all for your contributions.

July is going to be a very active month with our first meeting of the year and the Grand Nest Convention. I am very excited about attending my first convention and also comforted by the fact that we will have so many fellow ganders attending this year to represent our pond...and help me fly straight! The officers will meet on August 5th to set our budget for the year as well as our goals, committees and activities. We need your input. Please share with us any ideas or suggestions you have, so that we may consider them in our plans for the coming year. We are also looking for volunteers for our committees. Participation by our members is key to us achieving our goals. Remember, "Always take on a little bit more than you think you can possibly handle, or you will never do all you can do." Let's have a great year!

## Dues Time



Ganders and/or current Goslings (someone who has completed an application) you can pay your dues on-line via a credit card at our Blue Goose website: [www.bluegoosetx.org](http://www.bluegoosetx.org). Click the tab for Membership, choose the appropriate Pond/Puddle for which you are a member of and complete the information. Once completed this will take you to the PayPal screen to pay. If you have not completed an application, come to a meeting to obtain an application.

**The option to pay by credit card will be available until September 30th.** Dues online via a credit card will be

\$55.00 for the year. Should you want to pay your dues via a check or cash the Texas Pond will accept dues for \$50.00 at the meetings or one can mail them to Linda Meik.



On June 8<sup>th</sup> the Texas Pond held its 12th annual golf tournament at Bear Creek Country Club.

The tournament would not have had the great success it had without the sponsors. A BIG THANK YOU to these outstanding sponsors:

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The results/winners of this tournament are as follows:

### **Ball Drop**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$500 – Wayne Ottoway
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$300 – Eddy Pokluda
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$150 – Tammy Bouker
- Farthest from the Hole \$50 – Ray Wicker

### **Putting Contest**

Casey Lafferey & Jason Timmerman

### **Golf**

Longest Drive – Brian Montgomery

Closest To the Pin – Gordon Welch

1<sup>st</sup> Place Golf Team (\$100 gift card per golfer- Belfor) – Jordon Woodruff, Brian Montgomery, Bobby Canales & Joel Johnson

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Golf team (\$75 gift card per golfer-Nelson Forensics) Brian Debrowski, Corey King, Jason Keen & Greg Deeke

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Golf Team (\$50 gift card per golfer- Lemieux & Associates) – Cole Huddleston, Matt Borden, Scott Schwarzirose & Justin Steven

Last Place Team (Linda Meik) – Khadija Khan, Zane Turner, Brandon Kern & Chantel Leighton

We had 98 registered golfers, but only 87 were able to play on this great day!



This past year we had several awesome sponsors for appetizers at our meetings. Let's take a moment to thank them for doing this:

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Jerry Fazio  
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If anyone else can be a sponsor of appetizers in the future months, please advise one of the Texas Pond Officers.

## *Something to Think About*

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year." Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Action may not always bring happiness; but there is no happiness without action." Benjamin Disraeli

"Laughing is the sensation of feeling good all over and showing it principally in one spot." Bob Hope

"If you want a place in the sun, you've got to put up with a few blisters." Abigail Van Buren

"Each day comes bearing its own gifts. Untie the ribbons." Ruth Ann Schabacker

# Last Month

ONE LAST MESSAGE – ROGER FOLTZ, PMLG

Having served as an officer of the Texas Pond for 4 years, I realize the commitment that Ganders make to serve as officers, and I want to commend the incoming slate of officers for their commitment to the Texas Pond of the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose. I know they will do well as we all go forward.

I have seen great growth in the number of active members, contributions to charity, and the start of the scholarship program in the ten years I have been a member, and I look forward to seeing that growth continue for the years to come. But it won't continue without the help of all the Texas Pond members. Be active in the various activities during the year; invite colleagues and friends in the insurance industry to a meeting; join a committee and be active; talk about the Order as well as the Texas Pond to potential members.

I would like to thank all the officers I have been privileged to serve with the last 4 years, it has been a team effort, and I look forward to the next 10 years. Maybe I can make 15 years for a 25-year pin.



At our June meeting we had a drawing for a basket of booze, food and other items. For every meeting one attended in 2018-2019 they received a raffle ticket for attending that meeting. All tickets were thrown in a bowl and the luck number drawn belonged to Randy Webb.

Appetizers and beverages were sponsored by Review Med. Thanks Shelly Bordonaro, you made our evening!

The 2019-2020 Texas Pond Officers were installed by PMLG John Sterrantino. (See picture). Bryan Pope received his 10-year pin and Roger Foltz was honored with a PMLG pin.

## Next Month



The Texas Pond's new slate of Officers will begin to host and lead us into 2019-2020 Blue Goose year. Our Blue Goose meeting is Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Seven Texas Pond members will take flights to land on the banks of the Indianapolis Grand Nest Convention from July 17<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup>. The seven Ganders are: Ray Wicker, Jim Devall, Jason Znoy, Daphney Elliott, Ashley Hansen, John Sterrantino and Linda Meik.

Jim Devall and Jason Znoy will be the Texas Pond Delegates representing our membership at this convention.

On Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, the Texas Pond Officers (past & present) will meet to set the budget, goals, meeting agenda and activities for the 2019-2020 Blue Goose year. If you have any suggestions, please reach out to Jim Devall, the new MLG for 2019-2020. They will also be setting up committees. We do not have one folks to serve on multiple committees, we each need to take a piece of the load and help the Texas Pond move to another successful Blue Goose year.



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## See what's cooking for the Texas Pond Blue Goose 2018-2019 Year!

**GRAND NEST CONVENTION**  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
JULY 17– JULY 20, 2019

**JULY MEETING - DALLAS**  
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY JULY 8, 2019**  
**ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX**  
**BLUE GOOSE YEAR 2019-2020 NEW YEAR BEGINS!**

**AUGUST MEETING - DALLAS**  
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY AUGUST 12, 2019**  
**ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX**

**SEPTEMBER MEETING - DALLAS**  
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**  
**ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX**

**OCTOBER MEETING - DALLAS**  
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY OCTOBER 14, 2019**  
**ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX**

**NOVEMBER MEETING - DALLAS**  
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2019**  
**ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX**



**DECEMBER MEETING - DALLAS**  
**5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS**  
**SECOND MONDAY DECEMBER 9, 2019**  
**ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX**



## **Texas Pond Officers 2018 – 2019**

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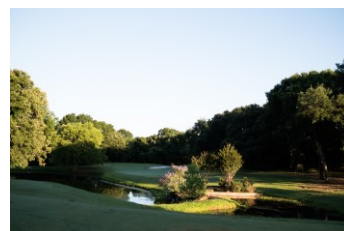
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## *2019 Golf Outing*







Here are some of our great teams!















*Thanks to the great  
weather, great golfers,  
and the awesome  
sponsors! See everyone  
next year!*