



TEXAS POND HONKER

February 2021

Character, Charity, Fellowship

THE HONORABLE ORDER OF BLUE GOOSE - TEXAS POND IS HOSTING A 5-STAR RATED CHOCOLATE & BAKING ZOOM CLASS FOR A VALENTINE'S CELEBRATION IN 2021!

EXPAND YOUR ENTHUSIASM & KNOWLEDGE OF CHOCOLATE!

"Chocolate engages all of our senses — and emotions! His goal is to make you EDUCATED, ENLIGHTENED, and EXCITED about the fascinating world of chocolate so that you can enjoy one of the world's greatest treats in more ways than you ever imagined!"



Event is scheduled for Monday, February 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Registration cost is \$29 per person. This is a private Blue Goose event. Register for this class at:

<https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/purechocolatedesserts/items/277336/availability/572105599/book/?full-items=yes>

More details – see the flyer located on our Texas Pond website under Pond Events www.bluegoosetx.org.

Need some wine tips to go with your chocolate dessert, send an email to Linda Meik at lindameik9@gmail.com.



Mr. Create-or/Builder - Jim Devall, MLG

Happy Groundhog Day Ganders and Goslings!

I'm sure we have all felt like we have been stuck like Bill Murray in the 1993 movie "Groundhog Day" where every day is a repeat of the last. We see the same few people over and over again in the same scenarios with no apparent end in sight. So many times, now, the only time we see people is virtually. It can be so frustrating and increase anxiety. As we approach the one-year anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic, I can certainly relate. However, my salutations for a Happy Groundhog Day do not relate to the movie, but to the actual Groundhog Day on the 2nd of February where we all wait to see if Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow. The Pennsylvania Dutch believed that if old Phil sees his shadow that we will have six more weeks of Winter. Phil is only right about 35% to 40% of the time. Now that is a great average for a baseball player, but he would be fired if he were truly a weatherman. I have faith in Punxsy, not for his omniscience for the weather, but as a symbol of the coming of Spring and brighter days ahead. I think most of us were convinced that when the ball dropped in Times Square and we turned the page on the calendar, things would magically change, getting back too normal. January proved otherwise, but I'm banking on Phil to show us that no matter how bleak the Winter, it will end. It may take a little longer than we want, but the skies will clear, the ice will melt and we as Ganders and Gosling can once again gather at the banks of our pond to celebrate. Until then, I

will leave you with a thought from our initiation ceremony. "Be firm in character, broad in charity and free in fellowship and you will learn how quickly the intensive sting of competitive strife is made to vanish." Stay well, be safe and take care of each other.



GOLF TIME

TEXAS POND'S

14th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, June 11, 2021

Bear Creek Golf Club

3500 Bear Creek Court; Dallas, TX 75261

PROCEEDS BENEFITING THE FOLLOWING CHARITIES

North Texas Food Bank

Texas Pond Scholarship Fund

6:45 a.m. Registration & Breakfast, 7:45 a.m. Ball

Drop with an 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

12:30 p.m. Lunch

More details located on the Texas Pond website at www.bluegoosetx.org.

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Prize & Golf Bag Items

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Last Month



The Texas Pond kicked off 2021 with a presentation from Western Son Distillery who gave us many educational tips on the making of vodka and some of the drinks to celebrate 2021. What was fun is learning about the flavored vodkas and the best mix pairing for drinks.

Thanks to Scott Sterrantino for getting this fun Zoom meeting set up.

SOUTHERN REGION - ALL PONDS



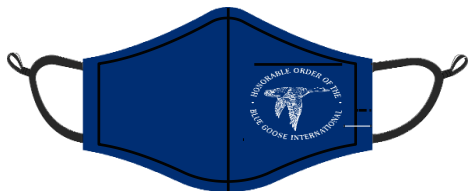
On Wednesday, January 13th all the Southern Region Pond members came together for a Zoom meeting. We had 32 participants. A few updates on the convention were provided along with our status with our fund raisers past, current & future. Following the business portion of our meeting, several outstanding Ganders participated in a Scavenger Hunt. This hunt had 5 segments to it and our Ms. Daphney Elliott won 3 of the segments, Mary Kay Marchetti of Virginia won one and Kathy Johnson of Tennessee won one.

Next All Southern Pond's meeting is set for April 14th, whereby everyone voted to see if we can recruit new Goslings and have another very successful initiation.

Southern Region Convention Fund Raiser

Blue Goose Face Mask

On the Southern Region call, PMLGG Linda Meik, GSOF shared with everyone that she is collecting pictures of everyone in the Blue Goose Face Mask and building a photo wall which she hopes to display on the Grand Nest website in February with those that have submitted pictures to-date and then at the Southern Region Convention have all pictures displayed. Those with a picture on the boards and in attendance at the Southern Region convention in July 2022 will be recognized with a surprise gift.



We still have some masks left for anyone that would like one. To order masks reach out to Linda Meik at lindameik9@gmail.com or call 682-715-5341

Mask Cost \$15.00 each. No tax or cost for shipping.

Make checks payable to: "Southern Region Convention Fund"; mail to Linda Meik, 4032 Knighterrant Drive, Roanoke, Texas 76262.

Thanks to everyone who has ordered a mask & supported the Southern Region! Great Blue Goose Spirit Across the USA & Canada.



Some things to Think About

"Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there." Will Rogers

"The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves." Helen Keller

"Too many people miss the silver lining because they're expecting gold." Maurice Seitter

"Having the world's best idea will do you do no good unless you act on it." Curtis Grant

"Worrying is like a rocking chair, it gives you something to do, but it doesn't get you anywhere." Unknown

"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." Walt Disney



See what's cooking for the

**FEBRUARY MEETING – DALLAS
CHOCOLATE – CHOCOLATE & WINE
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2021
ZOOM MEETING**

MARCH MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY MARCH 8, 2021

ZOOM MEETING OR IN-PERSON

APRIL MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY APRIL 12, 2021

ZOOM MEETING OR IN-PERSON

MAY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY MAY 10, 2021

ZOOM MEETING OR IN-PERSON

14TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

BEAR CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

JUNE 11, 2021 8:00 A.M. SHOTGUN

JUNE MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY JUNE 14, 2021

ZOOM MEETING OR IN-PERSON

JULY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY JULY 12, 2021

ZOOM MEETING OR IN-PERSON



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