

TEXAS POND HONKER

April 2021

Character, Charity, Fellowship

ALL THINGS INSURANCE BINGO



How much do you know about Insurance?

To take part in this bingo activity, you **MUST** send an email to Randy Webb at rw0007@gmail.com by end of business on Friday, April 9th.

Randy will send you the link to download your Bingo playing cards and will answer any of your questions. You do not need to print the cards as this is a total virtual process, just register and we suggest only picking 3 cards.

The night of our meeting, Monday, April 12th at 5:30 PM, log into the meeting Webex link and get ready for some fun!

Monday, April 12, 2021 at 5:30 pm

Meeting via Webex. Hosted by Jim Devall, Sedgwick

<https://sedgwick.webex.com/sedgwick/j.php?MTID=m6563fe22b1631ef08b90c09404783d06>

Meeting number (access code): 160 116 5764

Meeting password: ZBvPD3WZp83

Via Phone or Mobile Device: 469-210-7159



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

Greetings Ganders and Gosling.

I hope all is well and everyone is able to get out to enjoy the gorgeous Texas spring weather. Looks like we've put winter behind us (except for the freeze claims) and have a month or so before the summer heat is upon us. We are seeing some positive signs that we are getting a handle on the pandemic. Many more people have received a vaccination and the tests concerning the effectiveness of the vaccines keep showing better and better results. All adults are now eligible to get the vaccine and availability of the vaccine on the rise. With all of this great news, we need to start planning for the future. We will have our April meeting virtually, but we are planning to have the May meeting in person. This will be a "Cinco de Mayo" celebration. We will announce the venue shortly, but rest assured we are taking every precaution to see that we can meet safely. I'm so excited about the opportunity to greet everyone in person and hope everyone will plan to join. I want to thank everyone for sticking with us over that last year. The challenges have been great, but in true Blue Goose spirit, each of you has perceived and helped each other along the way. I feel so blessed and proud to be a part of the Blue Goose family. Stay safe, look out for each other and be well.

SEE you soon!



CALLING COMMITTEE

The Texas Pond is seeking 4 or 5 members who will serve on the calling committee for the next year. Each person will be assigned 15-20 names to call regarding our meetings. The Pond Officers will send the calling committee a script of info to cover on the call.

Will you be a Calling Committee member????? Let Linda Meik know you are interested in serving on this committee.



TEXAS POND ELECTION TIME

Our Blue Goose year end on June 30th, 2021 and the next Blue Goose year begins. At this time, a new Slate of Officers is installed and begins their time to lead the organization forward for 2021-2022.

In the Texas Pond the current MLG hands over the reins to the next MLG on June 30th. The Supervisor of the Flock steps forward to take on the leadership, and the other officers move forward accordingly. The Texas Pond needs two Ganders for the following positions: Guardian of the Pond and Custodian of the Goslings. If you are interested, please let us know and/or if you have any questions about the duties/requirements of being an officer of the Texas Pond, please let us know.

Upcoming Meetings

May - Slate of Officers presented - Cinco de Mayo event

June - Vote on & install new officers; recognize membership anniversary folks; wrap-up for the year. Choose Delegate representatives for Hartford Conv. Dues collection for 2021-2022 will begin.

July - new officers begin their roles. Hartford event.



COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Grand Nest



News - Update - Tidbits

Here is the message from our Most Loyal Grand Gander, Dan Rich that went out to all Blue Goose members.

“On February 23rd Sue and I drove to Rentschler Field in East Hartford, the site of an old airport that now is home of the University of Connecticut’s 40,000 seat football stadium. We’ll be going there again on March 16. Our trips there, unfortunately, are not to see the Huskies score touchdowns, but to receive our Pfizer vaccine shots.

The vaccines have been rolling out across the U.S. and Canada and depending on what state or province you live in, you are seeing restaurants, bars, movie theaters or pretty much everything else opening up. How wonderful is that?

We’re not where we were in early 2020 yet, but that light at the end of the tunnel is shining decidedly brighter as I write this.

And although we’re not ready to sit in a 40,000-seat football stadium quite yet, things are thankfully moving in an optimistic direction.

As I read about the economy re-opening, it occurred to me that Blue Goose never really had to reopen because all of you made sure that Blue Goose never closed. You kept your essential services running, you embraced virtual meetings, you recreated your charitable activities, and you inspired me with your creativity.

But just as we’re not quite ready to sit in that big football stadium (despite our desires to do so), we’re not quite ready to hold a traditional Grand Nest Convention.

So just as your Ponds have re-imagined your events, we'll be re-imagining our Summer Gathering as "A Day of Fellowship".

For those who can travel to Connecticut, you'll be invited to join us on Sunday July 25 and Monday July 26. And for those who aren't quite ready or able to travel yet, just as our Ponds creatively held events, we'll be using technology to offer a live stream of our activities.

The plan is to have our delegates vote on a new slate of officers and have them installed on Sunday, then have a Blue Goose Day of Fellowship at a Connecticut Winery on Monday. Finishing touches are being completed and details and registration plans will be announced very soon.

We will be refunding registration payments for those of you who have previously registered for the original convention at the Hartford Marriott, and we will be in touch with our sponsors to offer some options.

This has been a most challenging time for all of us, but I am humbled by the strength and resilience you have shown. We want you to know that the Honorable order is alive and well but will be different as we redefine this year's summer gathering.

One of the differences will be the timing of the release of delegate credentials. They will go out fairly soon, in a separate mailing from the usual May mailing to the Wielders.

We will do our best to balance what is safe and practical along with character, charity, and fellowship in July, and we hope you can join us in whatever format you feel most comfortable with.

Very Best Regards,

Dan Rich, Most Loyal Grand Gander

SOUTHERN REGION - ALL PONDS



Next Southern Region all ponds call is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 14th, 2021** – just before that great USA TAX Day!

We are hoping to have an ALL-SOUTHERN REGION POND initiation of the Goslings waiting on the banks of our Ponds. If you know of anyone that would like to be a

member of the Blue Goose organization, please let Linda Meik know. She will reach out to them and will coordinate membership with the appropriate Pond.

ALERT NOTIFICATION

"During any of the Texas Pond events, photos and videos may be taken for the benefit of HOBGI – Texas Pond. By attending, you consent to the taking of these images and to the use of your likeness within the images for HOBGI's use, including but not limited to promotional, charitable, and commercial, among other uses."



The Texas Pond is proud to announce that it is ready to receive applications for scholarship funds allocated by the Texas Pond for the 2021-2022 school year.

The application and guidelines are posted on the Texas Pond website under the Education tab. www.bluegoosetx.org The deadline for submission of fully completed applications is Friday, April 30th at midnight.

The Scholarship Committee will meet to review all applications and the scholarship recipients will be announced by June 1st.



Some things to Think About

"No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted." Aesop

"It is amazing how much people can get done if they do not worry about who gets the credit." Sandra Swinney

"The less we look with our eyes, the more we will see with our hearts." Lyndsey Albrecht

"Nobody who ever gave his best regretted it." George Halas

"Problems are to the mind what exercise is to the muscles, they toughen and make strong." Norman Vincent Peale

"We must adjust to changing times and still hold to unchanging principles." Jimmy Carter



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.

Golf Committee Contacts

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OUR HOLE AND EVENT SPONSORS TO-DATE ARE:

- ❖ Sedgwick
- ❖ Temporary Housing Directory
- ❖ Quest Pro/Q-Temps
- ❖ Unified Building Services & Engineering
- ❖ ExamWorks
- ❖ Fletcher Farley
- ❖ Haag Global
- ❖ CRU Group

The golf activities at the tournament include:

Mulligans - buy as many as you want! Or should I say need????



Putting Contest, the winner will take home half of the proceeds collected for this event.



4th^t ANNUAL GOLF BALL DROP

COST: 1 BALL FOR \$10, 3 FOR \$20, OR 7 FOR \$40

MEGA DEAL 20 BALLS FOR \$100

PRIZES

1ST PLACE - \$500

2ND PLACE - \$300

3RD PLACE - \$150

FARTHEST - \$50

Buy as many as you want.... the more the merrier. **For the Ball Drop please remember you do not need to be present to win.**



Texas Pond Officers 2020 – 2021

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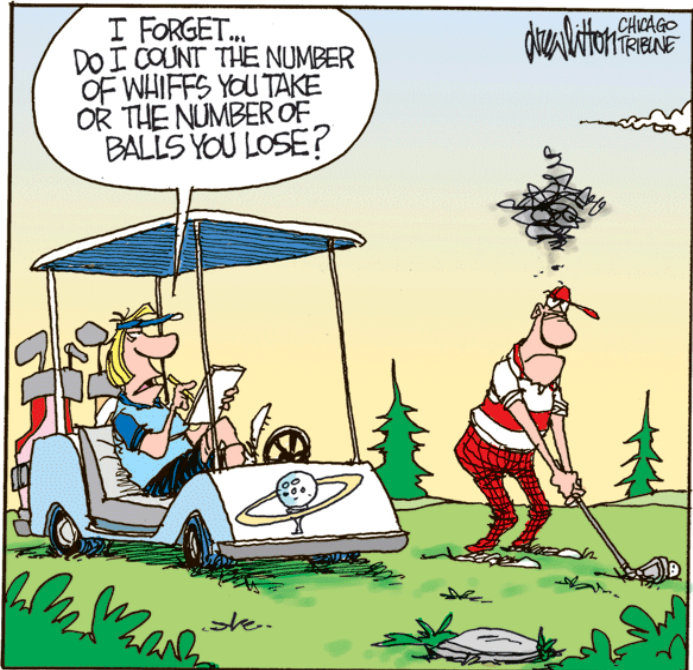
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See what's cooking

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