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**Texas Pond**

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# TEXAS POND HONKER

January 2022

Character, Charity, Fellowship

## Blue Goose – Texas Pond



*Blue Goose-Texas Pond's  
Annual New Year Kick-Off Event*

*January 10, 2022  
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM*

## *Corky's Gaming Bistro*

*3520 N Grapevine Mills Blvd,  
Grapevine, TX 76051*

*Registration is open!*

[www.bluegoosetx.org](http://www.bluegoosetx.org)

**Have you purchased your ticket to attend  
the New Year Kick-Off Party?**

Registration now through January 5<sup>th</sup> - \$40 per  
person

After that until noon on January 10<sup>th</sup> - \$50 per  
person

After noon on January 10<sup>th</sup> AND at the door -  
\$60 per person

**Check out these extra activities included at the  
event!**

### **BOOZAPALOOZA**

What's this you ask? Our elevated version of a  
wine pull. Let's have some fun!

Bring 1 or more bottles of your favorite wine or  
spirits valued between \$10 - \$100.

These bottles of Holiday Cheer will be placed in  
bags so you can't see what is in each bag.

Event attendees can purchase a ticket and choose  
a bag.

### **GIFT BASKET RAFFLE**

You can purchase chances to win 3 themed gift  
baskets including:

Texas BBQ, A Taste of Italy, and Mexican  
Madness!

**NATIONAL COLLEGE FOOTBALL  
CHAMPIONSHIP SQUARES GAME**

We will be selling 100 squares at \$10 each!!  
Every time the score changes, a winner will be  
awarded \$25.

The total payout will be \$500 with a maximum of  
20 payouts.

\*If the maximum number of payoffs is not  
achieved, the final score winner receives the  
remaining balance of the payoffs.

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**Last Month**



**Axe  
Throwing  
Queens!**

These two very  
fun-loving  
ganders updated  
us on all the  
plans for the  
New Year Kick  
Off Event.



Also it was announced to mark your calendars for Friday,  
June 17, 2022 for the 15th Annual Texas Pond Bue Goose  
Golf Tournament.

There were 19 Ganders. Goslings & Guests present to  
give a Holiday toast and kick off the Holiday Season with  
each other. Items were collected for Cane Russo Animal  
Shelter.

Appetizers were sponsored by Dwayne Hermes of Hemes  
Law, P. C.

# 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.”*



116<sup>th</sup> annual Blue Goose Convention - July 11-14, 2022 - HOBGI's 116th annual Grand Nest Convention will be hosted in Grapevine, TX by the Southern Region at the Embassy Suites DFW North. Convention early bird registration is \$395 per person and hotel room rate is \$180/night. [Grand Nest Convention Registration is due to open in January.](#)

**2022 Convention Wagon Train Pledge Drive** - As we roll along the trail toward Grapevine, Texas next July, let's circle the wagons to support the Southern Region as it hosts the 2022 convention. As you can imagine, fundraising has been difficult due to COVID impacts. So please consider making a personal or company donation toward this event - especially if you are unable to attend in person. A personal Wagon Train pledge can be any amount using the numbers in the year 2022. Examples: \$20, \$202, \$22, etc. As always, your support is greatly appreciated!

**Southern Region social media sites:** You will find the Southern Region Convention sponsors, plans, and activity updates here. Check out all the fun and take time to join these sites for continual updates. Here are the links for one to do so:

**Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/416725172357261>

**LinkedIn**

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12320202/>

**Southern Region All Pond Zoom Call – March 9, 2022.**

Last Zoom call for the Southern Region members before the convention. Mark your calendars and be ready for the announcement of time.

## Also, Looking for Meeting Sponsors



## What???

We would like to seek a sponsor for meetings who will provide appetizers for the attendees. This sponsorship usually runs from \$150 - \$200. If you can be a sponsor, please contact Linda Meik at [lindameik9@gmail.com](mailto:lindameik9@gmail.com) or via phone at 682-715-5341.



## See what's cooking

### JANUARY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

**NEW YEAR KICKOFF GALA**

**SECOND MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022**

**CORKY'S GAMING BISTRO – GRAPEVINE**

### FEBRUARY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

**MOVING TO TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022**

**FIRESIDE PIES – GRAPEVINE**

### MARCH MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

**SECOND MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022**

**FIRESIDE PIES – GRAPEVINE**

### APRIL MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

**SECOND MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022**

**FIRESIDE PIES – GRAPEVINE**



**MAY MEETING - DALLAS**  
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022**  
**FIRESIDE PIES – GRAPEVINE**



**Texas Pond Officers  
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**Grand Nest Officers for 2021-2022**



**Most Loyal Grand Gander** – Linda Meik, Texas Pond  
**Grand Supervisor of the Flock** - Wendy Knizek, BC Pond

**Grand Custodian of the Nest** - Steve Carson, Michigan Pond

**Grand Guardian of the Nest** – Wendy Hubbard, Hartford Pond

**Other Grand Nest Officers Not pictured**

**Grand Keeper of Golden Goose Egg** – Joe Lothshutz, Michigan Pond

**Judge Advocate** – PMLGG Lorena Kohlrus, Alberta Pond

**Grand Historian** – PMLGG Dan Rich, Hartford Pond

**Grand Historian Emeritus** – PMLGG John Bishop, Nova Scotia Pond

**Grand Wielder of Goose Quill** – Terry Maloney, Home Nest Pond



***Some things to Think About***

*I watched them tearing a building down, a gang of men in a busy town,*

*With a ho-heave-ho and a lusty yell they swung a beam and the sidewall fell.*

*I asked the foreman, "Are these men skilled, the men you would hire if you had to build?"*

*He gave a laugh and said "No indeed! Just common labor is all I need.*

*I can easily wreck in a day or two what builders take a year to do."*

*I thought to myself as I went my way, which of these roles have I tried to play?*

*Am I the Builder who works with care, measuring life by the rule and the square?*

*Am I shaping my deeds to a well-made plan, patiently doing the best I can?*

*Or am I a Wrecker, who walks the town content with the labor of tearing down?*

*"Builder or Wrecker"*  
*Author Unknown*