



# TEXAS POND HONKER

February 2022

Character, Charity, Fellowship

## Blue Goose – Texas Pond



*Blue Goose-Texas Pond's  
Annual New Year Kick-Off Event  
Moved to  
Tuesday, February 15th, 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 February 8<sup>th</sup> - \$50 per  
person

February 9<sup>th</sup> - 15<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!

## Title Sponsor

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## Other Event Sponsors





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## Raffle Basket Sponsors

Taste of Italy



Texas BBQ



## Mexican Madness



Sharon Wilkins, MLG

Hi there Ganders and Goslings!

Here we are, another year along in life. Most of us have already compromised on our New Year's resolutions by now and gotten tangled up in the work and drama and play of 2022. But you know, it doesn't hurt to set yourself a monthly reminder about those goals as we proceed through the year. That can be a fun little progress check or a not terribly fun reality check. What it does though is remind you to pick your head up from whatever's been keeping you so busy and think about those other things you wanted for yourself. To get a glimpse of what you hoped this year would be for you.

On a not completely unrelated note, make sure you keep yourself and your loved ones, human, animal vegetable and imaginary, safe in the coming weather. Thankfully, it's not supposed to be as bad as last winter, but there are several gradations of bad weather before we reach that nadir again.

Let's have a fun winter and try to enjoy the cool and cold weather while we've got it. When August gets here, it will seem unimaginable that we ever had to wear coats and gloves.

## 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,

Blue Goose Texas Pond  
2021-2022

Score changes			
Payout #	Name	Alabama	Georgia
1	Tiffany Evans	0	0
2	Liz Laxton	3	0
3	Catherine Moye	3	3
4	Charlotte Armstrong	6	3
5	Mike Clarke	9	3
6	Wayne Ottoway	9	6
7	Jason Znoy	9	12
8	Mike Clarke	9	13
9	Liz Laxton	12	13
10	Connie Webb	18	13
11	Liz Laxton	18	19
12	Eddy Pokluda	18	25
13	Connie Webb	18	26
14	Glenda Hansen	18	32
15-20	Connie Webb	18	33

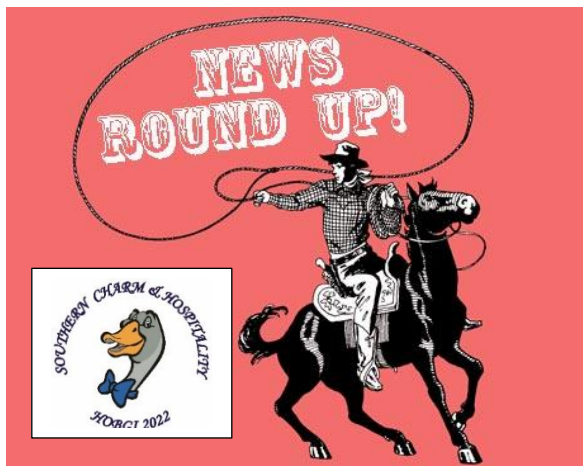
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- ❖ 100 total squares /\$10 per square
- ❖ Money is collected at the time the square(s) are selected
- ❖ To purchase squares, contact Ashley Hansen (Ashansen@aol.com or 214-212-8547 or Venmo @Ashley-Hansen-48)



- ❖ Numbers will be drawn once all squares are sold, and will be emailed to the participants
- ❖ Game starts at 5:30PM CST on February 13, 2022
- ❖ \$25 is paid every time the score changes beginning at kickoff with score being 0-0
- ❖ Examples of scoring change include
  1. Touchdown
  2. Extra point
  3. Field goal
  4. Two-point conversion
  5. Safety
- ❖ A score change does not include the reversal of a score resulting from a penalty or decision by a team to remove points and continue a drive. A score change is one that normally appears on a scoring summary for the game.
- ❖ \$500 total payout
- ❖ 20 maximum possible payouts (20 x \$25). If the maximum number of payouts are not achieved, the final score receives the remaining balance of the payouts.
- ❖ Don't have to be present to win. All participants will receive email notification of winners.

?’s Ashley Hansen: [Ashansen@aol.com](mailto:Ashansen@aol.com) / 214-212-8547  
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**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 open and ready for you.](#)

**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.

## Next Month



### Easter Baskets for Community Partners

We are assembling Easter Baskets for Community Partners of Dallas next month at our March 14th meeting. Note we are one of a very small group of organizations that provides these baskets for Community Partners, so our 40+ Easter Baskets really provides an ENORMOUS impact for this organization.

In order to properly plan for this fun event, we need folks to reach out to Terri Rejcek via email, text (provide your name) or call her at 817-773-0334 and let her know which of the following items and how many you will be bringing to the meeting for this activity:

**\*\*Easter Baskets** – all sizes – need 40+

**\*\*Quality Colorful Plastic Eggs** – we need about 200+ (5 per basket)

**Little Treats** – stuffed animals, small toys, puzzles, small books, bath products, bubbles, small games, sidewalk chalk, playing cards, sunglasses, etc.

- \*\*Colored grass – we need 20+ bags
- \*\* Candy – Peanut free, wrapped. No gum

Ms. Daphney Elliott is bringing cellophane & ribbon for us to finish the baskets off in Blue Goose fashion!



## See what's cooking

### FEBRUARY MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

***MOVING TO TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022, NEW YEAR KICKOFF GALA***

**CORKY'S GAMING BISTRO – GRAPEVINE**

### MARCH MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

***SECOND MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022***

***EASTER BASKET ASSEMBLY TIME***

**FIRESIDE PIES – GRAPEVINE**

### APRIL MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

***SECOND MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022***

***GOSLING INITIATION TIME***

**FIRESIDE PIES – GRAPEVINE**

### MAY MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

***SECOND MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022***

**FIRESIDE PIES – GRAPEVINE**

### JUNE MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

***SECOND MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022***

**FIRESIDE PIES – GRAPEVINE**

***15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT***

***JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> @ BEAR CREEK GOLF CLUB***

***8:00 SHOTGUN***

### JULY MEETING – TEXAS POND

***NO MEETING 116<sup>TH</sup> HOBGI CONVENTION***

**EMBASSY SUITES DFW NORTH**

**GRAPEVINE, TEXAS**



## Texas Pond Officers

**2021 – 2022**



***Most Loyal Gander*** – Sharon Wilkins (W) 469-213-4316

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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*

“The less a man thinks or knows about his virtues, the better we like him.” **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

“Friends are those rare people who ask how we are and then wait to hear the answer.” **Ed Cunningham**

“There are two lasting bequests we can give to our children: One is roots. The other is wings.” **Hodding Carter, Jr.**

“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.”  
**Theodore Roosevelt**

“There is nothing stronger in the world than gentleness.”  
**Han Suyin**

“Peace is seeing a sunrise or a sunset and knowing whom to thank.” **Anonymous**

## 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.”*