



# TEXAS POND HONKER

**March 2022**

**Character, Charity, Fellowship**

## Blue Goose – Texas Pond

**MONDAY, March 14, 2022 @ 5:30 PM**



**Fireside Pies**

**1285 S. Main Street**

**Grapevine, TX 76051**



## Easter Baskets for Community Partners

We are assembling Easter Baskets for Community Partners of Dallas at our March 14th meeting. We are hoping to assemble 40-50 baskets.

A Great Easter Basket Includes:

- One basket or plastic bucket
- Easter grass
- Five filled plastic eggs
- Wrapped candy

- One age-appropriate item
- A small stuffed animal or book

Baskets must be wrapped in cellophane and labeled with child's age and gender.

Ideas for Age-Appropriate Items:

1-3 years old Bottles, sippy cups, blankets, stuffed animals, books, or age-appropriate learning toys.

4-11 years old Crayons and coloring book, small cars, arts and crafts kits, sidewalk chalk, dress up clothing or jewelry, jump ropes, bubbles, or small games.

12-18 years old Jewelry, wallets, gift cards, purses, manicure sets, body sprays, cologne, combs and brushes, watches, sunglasses, small games or cards, sports balls or memorabilia or magazines.

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:

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



**Sharon Wilkins, MLG**

Spring is finally (sort of) here! This is the traditional time for new beginnings. Trees start to grow their leaves, spring cleaning starts, baby animals are born, and the warmer weather gets us out of the house for exercise, gardening and walks in nature.

That's the theory anyway. Baby animals, growing plants and warmer weather are all but certain. But spring cleaning and self-improvement? That's a little hit and miss for most of us. This is the time that a lot of us have realized our New Year's resolutions might need a little reset. A back to reality check. None of that means you failed or that you should just quit entirely. You just need to align your ambitions with your abilities. Progress is all that really matters, whether it's education, health, pet projects or anything else. Do what you can and take the time to enjoy what you have. And happy Almost-Spring everyone!

# Last Month



**FEBRUARY 13, 2022**

**50/50 POOL**

**\$500 TX POND CHARITIES/ \$500 TOTAL**

**Payouts**

Payout #	Name	Rams	Bengals
1	Jay Cardette	0	0
2	Mike Clarke	6	0
3	Matt Arnold	7	0
4	Daphney Elliott	7	3
5	Adrian Bruneau	13	3
6	TNT	13	9
7	Jay Cardette	13	10
8	Mitch Williams	13	16
9	Glenda Hansen	13	17
10	Jay Cardette	13	20
11	Mike Clarke	16	20
12	Daphney Elliott	22	20
13-20	Jay Cardette	23	20

We collected \$1000 and one winner gave their \$275 in winnings back to the Texas Pond for charity. The remaining pay out was for \$225. The remaining \$500 went toward the Texas Pond's general fund.



*The Texas Pond's Annual New Year Kick-Off Event was held Tuesday, February 15th, 2022, at*

*Corky's Gaming Bistro*

There was a total of 55 pre-registered attendees and 3 additional folks paid at the door. In addition, our title sponsor had 2 attendees.





## BOOZAPALOOZA

Twenty dollars gave you the opportunity to choose one of forty (40) bottles of alcohol/wine to take home. Each bottle was valued anywhere from \$10 to \$100.



Oh, MLG, you can't hide from us.... come on tell us the joke!



Attendees could buy any number of tickets & choose which container to put the tickets into for a chance to win.

1 for \$5.00  
3 for \$10.00  
7 for \$20.00

## GIFT BASKET RAFFLE WINNERS Texas BBQ A Taste of Italy



Roy Anderson



Meegan Howard

## Mexican Madness

The winner was David Mercado, who to leave early.  
Gift basket was delivered to him after the event.



**Title Sponsor**  
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## Other Event Sponsors



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## Raffle Basket Sponsors



## Also, Looking for Meeting Sponsors



### What???

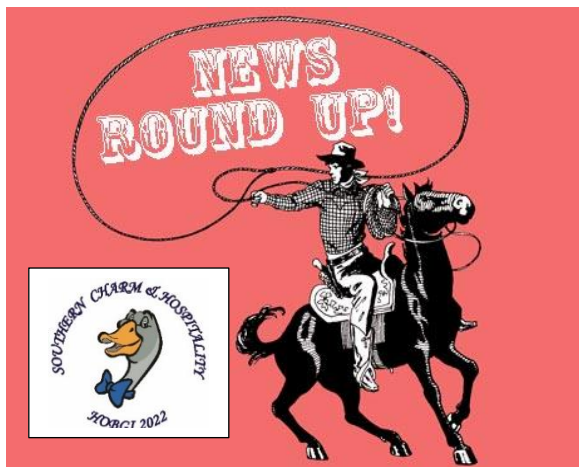
We would like to seek a sponsor for meetings who will provide appetizers for the attendees. This sponsorship usually runs from \$150 - \$200. If you can be a sponsor, please contact Linda Meik at [lindameik9@gmail.com](mailto:lindameik9@gmail.com) or via phone at 682-715-5341.



The Texas Pond is proud to announce that it is ready to receive applications for scholarship funds allocated by the Texas Pond for the 2022-2023 school year.

The application and guidelines are posted on the Texas Pond website under the Education tab. [www.bluegoosetx.org](http://www.bluegoosetx.org) The deadline for submission of fully completed applications is Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at midnight.

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



**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



### Gosling Initiation Time!

Rumor has it there are some full-fledged Wrangler Ganders who want to initiate all Goslings sitting on the banks of the Texas Pond. The names of these Goslings who have completed an application and submitted dues to-date are:

Jessica Carroll  
Zoe Freeman  
Catherine Moye  
Bishop Turon

Michaele Clark  
Tuesday Henry  
Brigette Nally  
Terry Turon

We have heard that there are a couple more, young birds who want to fly in and join this illustrious group of Goslings. Flap those wings hard and come join us.

# GOLF TIME

Lets go Golfing



## **TEXAS POND'S** **15th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Friday, June 17, 2022**

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

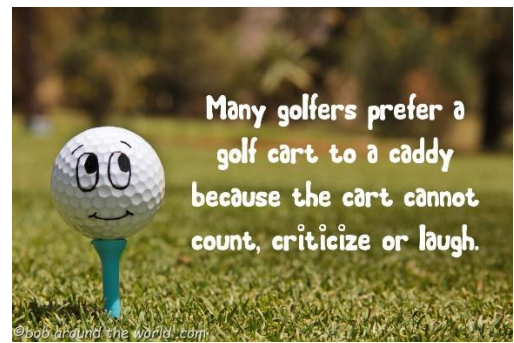
### **Golf Committee Contacts**

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## **See what's cooking**

### **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**

**PRESENTATION OF 2022-2023 SLATE OF OFFICERS**

**SECOND MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022**

**FIRESIDE PIES – GRAPEVINE**

### **JUNE MEETING – TEXAS POND**

**5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS**

**SECOND MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022**

**BLUE GOOSE YEAR 2018-2019 COMES TO AN END!**

**DUES COLLECTION FOR 2022-2023**

**INSTALLATION OF 2022-2023 SLATE OF OFFICERS**

**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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**Wielder of the Goose Quill** - Linda Meik  
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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

“Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none.” **Shakespeare**

“It is wonderful how much may be done if we are always doing.” **Thomas Jefferson**

“Friendship is a cozy shelter from life’s rainy days.”  
**Anonymous**

“Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity.” **Darrell Royal**

“If you don’t say anything, you won’t be called on to repeat it.” **Calvin Coolidge**

“A rich man is nothing but a poor man with money.” **W.C. Fields**

## 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.”*