



TEXAS POND HONKER

May 2022 Character, Charity, Fellowship

GOLF TIME



Hello -- I have a question!

Have you signed up for the the 15th Annual Texas Pond Golf Tournament?



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.

Blue Goose – Texas Pond

MONDAY, May 9, 2022 @ 5:30 PM

Fireside Pies
1285 S. Main Street
Grapevine, TX 76051



The Texas Pond is beginning to prepare for the new Blue Goose year 2022-2023. In this preparation, a new slate of officers will be presented to the membership for acceptance.

Also, we will make the selection of who will represent the Texas Pond as a Delegate to the Grand Nest Convention in July here in Grapevine. Delegates need to be registered and plan to attend the entire convention.

Grand Nest has sent out a new proposed Constitutional Amendments for Delegates to vote on at the July Grand Nest Convention. The Pond Officers will be presenting this proposed Amendment for discussion and a vote of the membership. The results of this vote will be given to the Delegates to cast the results vote to Grand Nest.

The Texas Pond will be honored with the presence of Mandi Valdez from Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. She will give us an update on how Scottish Rite is progressing since the pandemic, like with what programs they are bringing back, etc. We will also be presenting Scottish Rite with a check from proceeds of the New Year's Kick-Off Event.

Alicia Elliott of Hagg Engineering will sponsor appetizers. Please be sure and tell her Thank You!



Sharon Wilkins, MLG

Now that spring is here, we finally get to emerge from our winter shells. If you have a garden, you're probably busy planting and envisioning what things will look like once everything grows to its full size. If you live around an oak tree, you're probably dusting pollen off of your car, balcony and outdoor furniture and taking your allergy meds. With the worst of Covid apparently over, businesses are getting back to whatever their new post pandemic normal is.

Spring is traditionally a time for renewal and growth in nature. It's also a good time to reflect on our own personal and professional growth in the coming seasons. A gentler reminder than the January 1 new year that arrives with a bang and a hangover. Let's take this seasonal change as a reminder that we can make a new start any time of the year.

Last Month



It was gosling Initiation Time!

Now who are these birds....



Jessica Carroll

Ms. Carroll is a residential account manager for Blackmon Mooring/BMS CAT, whose main focus is in forming relationships with agents and adjusters. She also serves as a point of contact thorough the mitigation and restoration process. But this residential account manger job is on a sideline job, as her main role is being a mom to a beautifule, fiesty, fun-loving little 7 month old Jet and wife

to a wonderful husband, Brandon. She learned about Blue Goose from her awesome mentor Lori Snelson.



Bishop Turon

Bishop is a Business Development Executive with Crawford. He is a graduate of Texas A & M. He came to to the world of ionsurnace and Blue Goose via his aunt Terry Turon, who has been with Crawford since 1988 and is a Gosling in the wings of this Pond.



Michaele Clark

This new Gander is the delightful daughter of a law enforcement officer and the wife of a fireman. She is from NW Arkansas and has three children ages 10, 6 and 2. She states she loves the outdoor activity, which includes riding horses, but does not get to ride them as often as she likes. Michaele is the Business Development Manager for Apex Claims Management, but ghets to wear many hats with this company. Michaele said she wants to try and experience all aspects of Blue Goose.



Appetizers were provided by one of our super stars: Buchanan Clarke Schlader LLP via Ms. Ashley Hansen.



The Honorable Order of the Blue Goose was founded in 1906 at the annual meeting of the *Wisconsin Field Men's Club* held at the Oakwood Hotel in Green Lake, Wisconsin. Today, consisting of 3500 members or "Ganders" in 40 groups or "Ponds" across the United States and Canada, the Blue Goose has a long and storied history of both

charity and fellowship. The 1st "Bulletin" was published in 1908, the annual publications have continued to this day with news and information about both the Blue Goose and insurance related industry.



Gathering of Blue Geese!

In the late fall one can see many fine feathered geese flying South for the winter, but did you know that the Honorable Order of Blue Geese are going to fly South in July, landing in the rice fields of Texas for their annual Grand Nest Convention.

You ask what is a Grand Nest Convention? Very simply, it is an annual general gathering of their members. This convention rolls between the various four regions, thus allowing these fine birds to experience various terrain, culture, and massive fellowship each year.

This year's convention, which will be the 116th Grand Nest Convention, is scheduled for July 10-14th, 2022 in Grapevine, Texas. This will be the 4th time the convention has been in Texas. Once in Houston and the other three in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

This 116th Convention is hosted by all eight Ponds of the Southern Region. They are proud to highlight our "Charm & Southern Hospitality" by welcoming all Pond's (31) Ganders and Delegates to enjoy in charity, fellowship & the character of our organization.

See you in July at the Embassy Suites DFW North for this 116th Grand Nest Convention.



116th 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. **Grand Nest Convention Registration is open and ready for you.** Register WWW.BLUEGOOSE.ORG or via this link below: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eih649zma44bc611&llr=4kmlnobab>



DID YOU KNOW? THE BEGINNINGS OF THE TEXAS POND WAS ON JANUARY 30, 1907!

This year the Texas Pond was 115 years old!



2022 Convention Wagon Train Pledge Drive – We have picked up 38 delightful passengers as we have been slowly rolling along the trail toward Grapevine, Texas. Just 70 some days and we all will be gathering on the banks of the Grand Nest Convention location's watering hole. The Wagon Train pledges can be any amount using the numbers in the year 2022. Examples: \$20, \$202, \$22, etc. As always, your support is 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/>

Next Month

Dues process will begin June 1st and those that want to pay by credit card will be able to do so. Dues are \$70.

We will take time to look back over this past year and reflect on how far we have come after the last couple of years with the impact of the pandemic.



See what's cooking

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

15TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

JUNE 17TH @ BEAR CREEK GOLF CLUB

8:00 SHOTGUN

JULY MEETING – TEXAS POND

NO MEETING 116TH HOBGI CONVENTION

EMBASSY SUITES DFW NORTH

GRAPEVINE, TEXAS



Texas Pond Officers

2021 – 2022



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Guardian of the Pond – Terri Rejcek (M) 817-773-0334

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Keeper of the Golden Goose Egg Daphney Elliott (W) 972-

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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 Lothschutz, 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 Texas Quotes to Think About

“If you’ve ever driven across Texas, you know how different one area of the state can be from another. Take El Paso. It looks much like Dallas as I look like Jack Nicklaus.” **Pro Golfer Lee Trevino**

“Real Texans do not use the word ‘summer’ as a verb.”

Texas commentator Molly Ivins

“You dance with them that brung ya.” **An old Texas expression of loyalty**

“Texas has four seasons: Drought, flood, blizzard and twister.” **Old Texas Saying**

“Texas could get along without the United States, but the United States cannot, except at great hazard, exist without Texas.” **Sam Houston**

“Football is to Texas what religion is to a priest.” **Tom Landry**

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.”