



# TEXAS POND HONKER

SEPTEMBER 2023

Character, Charity, Fellowship

## Blue Goose – Texas Pond

**DATE: Monday, September 11, 2023**

**TIME: 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**PLACE: ANOTHER ROUND**

Join us for indoor putt-putt with two 9-hole courses, Nite, and Daze, that are unlike any mini golf that you've played before!

The Daze course is the original and trickiest with the cone monster, swinging foam blocks, and the treacherous ball ponds. The Nite course is the newer course that takes a lot of finesse and has some interactive fun mixed in.

We ask that you pre-register via the Q-R Code below, for this event so that we may advise them how many great players are going to be in attendance. Note space is limited.

September Pond Gathering

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YOUNG RISK PROFESSIONALS

HONORABLE ORDER OF THE  
BLUE GOOSE INTERNATIONAL  
TEXAS POND

Join us for 18 holes of  
**mini golf**

Free indoor putt-putt plus patio games!

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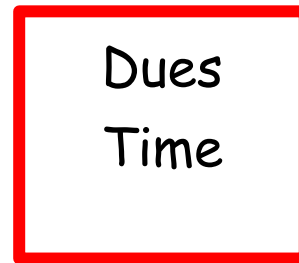
ANOTHER ROUND DALLAS  
660 Fort Worth Ave  
(I-30 Sylvan Exit - West Dallas)

paypal.me/bluegoosetx

Please scan for attendance.  
Limited spots. \$5 Deposit.

Questions - Please reach out to  
Stephanie Kirby/BGTX or Samuel Leon/YRPP

LGBTQ+ friendly venue Accessible venue



## Blue Goose Texas Pond DUES COLLECTION TIME FOR 2023-2024



Our Blue Goose year ends June 30<sup>th</sup> and the new year begins July 1<sup>st</sup>. All membership dues should be collected by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ganders and/or current Goslings (someone who has completed an application) you can pay your dues on-line via a credit card at our Blue Goose website: [www.bluegoosetx.org](http://www.bluegoosetx.org). Click the tab for Membership and complete the information. Once completed this will take you to the PayPal screen to pay. If you have not completed an application, come to a meeting to obtain an application.

**The option to pay by credit card will be available until September 30th.** Dues are \$70.00 for the year. Should you want to pay your dues via a check or cash the Texas Pond will accept your dues for \$70.00 at the meetings or one can mail them to Linda Meik.



Thank you to sponsors:





Come help us! Some of the Texas Pond members are participating in White Rock shore clean up with For the Love of the Lake ([whiterocklake.org](http://whiterocklake.org)). We are planning on volunteering twice with them in September. The first volunteer opportunity is with their standard second Saturday cleanup which will be on September 9th. You can volunteer anytime from 8:00-12:00. We ask you to show up around 9:30 at [1152 N. Buckner Blvd. #123, Dallas, TX 75218](#) (Northeast Corner of Buckner and Garland Road). Please email Mitch Williams at: [williams.mitch@yahoo.com](mailto:williams.mitch@yahoo.com) if you plan to attend (see details below).

## SECOND SATURDAY SHORELINE SPRUCE UP

Join For the Love of the Lake every second Saturday for our monthly Shoreline Spruce Up at White Rock Lake Park. Volunteers collect litter throughout White Rock Lake Park, up White Rock Creek, and along the shoreline.

Our Second Saturday Shoreline Spruce Up tradition happens rain or shine, snow, or heat without fail. We have been going strong without missing a Second Saturday since 1996! The premise is simple. Together, the East Dallas community transformed what was once a neglected and sometimes dangerous park into an urban oasis. This transformation is possible because volunteers collect litter in the park! Armed with trash bags, gloves, and a passion for East Dallas and its jewel White Rock Lake, this army of volunteers maintain and protect White Rock Lake Park for the enjoyment of all the residents of Dallas.

### How it Works

Our drive-through (do not get out of your car) is open on the second Saturday of the month from 8:00 am to noon. FTLOTL volunteers will put the supplies you need in either the trunk or back of your vehicle. Please always wear your gloves.

Come out early on Second Saturdays, come by the office located at northeast corner of Buckner and Garland Rd to pick up supplies, and help us keep the shores of White Rock Lake clean and sparkling!

*Can't make it on the second Saturday? No worries, you can still join the effort. Contact us to arrange a special cleanup day and time for your group. We'll get you set up with supplies and help you find a spot that needs special attention. We'd love to meet you!*

Help make White Rock Lake sparkle!

Have fun and stay safe!



Volunteer safely.



Wear gloves and closed toe shoes to prevent cuts, scratches, and contact with contaminated items.



Watch for snakes, poison ivy, and fire ants.



Protect yourself from harmful sun rays by wearing SPF 50+ sunscreen plus a hat and long sleeve shirt.



Watch your step. Be especially careful if you are working around rocks and marshy areas.



Don't risk an injury. Report the locations of large, heavy objects to via email [info@whiterocklake.org](mailto:info@whiterocklake.org)



Use caution when picking up broken glass or other sharp objects.

Lost? Need help? Find your location with the closest QR sign!

Report emergencies using the location number on the closest 911 sign (Ex: WRT 104).



Report any concerns to our FTLOTL office at: [info@whiterocklake.org](mailto:info@whiterocklake.org)



From the desk (ink well) of  
The Texas Pond MLG  
Jason Znoy, Lead Bird

Hello Ganders! Welcome to a new Pond year!

First, we are excited for our September Gathering, Mini Golf with YRP | Young Risk Professionals. Thank you to SOF Stephanie Kirby (our events bird) for setting this up. And to UBSE, HMP, BluSky and MyContents for allowing free gameplay. We ask that you please pre-register \$5 at [paypal.com/paypalme/bluegoosetx](https://paypal.com/paypalme/bluegoosetx), as we are limited on the number of attendees.

Influenced again by the GN Convention, the leadership has toiled and hopefully made a fun and inspiring upcoming year for you. Every gathering will push fellowship. Every month we will nurture character. Every month we will act for charity.

Thank you, Pond officers, and PMLGs for all your creativity! This should be another great year.

"...your gain is but temporary, your mission unfulfilled, if you have failed to achieve the cardinal elements of Character... Inculcate, therefore, the spirit of Charity toward your fellow men."

We are excited to start our first service project of the year to "Spruce Up White Rock Shoreline". We will have a Saturday morning crew and an after-work weekday crew of volunteers. Family and guests are welcome. Of course, we anticipate "celebratory" fellowship and cocktails afterwards. Thank you to GOP Mitch Williams (charity bird) for setting up our service projects.

As a follow-up to last year's "lost birds" project, we will continue to reach out to lost Ganders and other retired professionals to join the flock in fellowship. As such, if you know of any senior or retired industry professionals, please welcome them to an upcoming Gathering. Thank you COG Jeff Thompson (membership bird) for your time and phone calls towards early engagement on this project.

We love your ideas. Please keep them coming. See you at the next Gathering!

# Last Month

August Texas Pond Charity Activity



## BACKtoSCHOOL2023



Mitch Williams & Linda Meik delivered the school supplies that had been collected at our Texas Pond meeting, which came to a grand total of \$847.21.

## 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."*



**See what's cooking!**

**SEPTEMBER MEETING – TEXAS POND**  
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**  
**ANOTHER ROUND DALLAS**

**OCTOBER MEETING – TEXAS POND**  
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2023**  
**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY: CANE RUSSO RESCUE**  
**MEETING: CAME RUSSO PIZZA**

**NOVEMBER MEETING – TEXAS POND**  
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
GOSLING INITIATION  
**SECOND MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023**  
**MEETING: ON THE BORDER**

**DECEMBER MEETING – TEXAS POND**  
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023**  
**MEETING; MAPLE LANDING DALLAS**

**Plan Ahead for the 2024 HOBGI Convention:**



**MOTOWN MIGRATION**  
July 29 – August 2, 2024  
St. John's Resort, Plymouth, MI

**Plan Ahead for the 2025 HOBGI Convention:**



(Official convention logo forthcoming)  
**August 3-8, 2025**  
**Boston Park Plaza, Boston, MA**

**Plan Ahead for the 2026 HOBGI Convention:**



**July 12-16, 2026**  
**The Galt House, Louisville, KY**



**Here are the 2023-2024 Texas Pond Officers**

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