



# TEXAS POND HONKER

January 2024

Character, Charity, Fellowship



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**2024 IS HERE SO LET'S CELEBRATE!**

Blue Goose Texas Pond  
**NEW YEAR**  
 KICKOFF & CHARITY EVENT  
 TUESDAY  
 JANUARY 9  
**2024**  
 5:30 - 8:30 P.M.  
*Benefiting Scottish Rite for Children*

**ADMISSION:**  
 \$35 Early Bird thru Dec. 15  
 \$50 Dec. 16 thru Dec. 31  
 \$60 After Jan 1 and at the door

Live Entertainment  
 Silent Auction  
 Dinner & Cocktails  
 Free Parking  
 Balloon Pop  
 Super Bowl Squares

Victoria Banquet Hall  
 13435 Bee Street  
 Farmers Branch  
[www.bluegoosetx.org/nykickoff](http://www.bluegoosetx.org/nykickoff)

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## Last Month

### Ugly Xmas Sweater & The Drunken Elephant Game

Ganders & Goslings went to the back of their closets or used their creative skills and made a Xmas outfit, or they borrowed something from a neighbor to display their Christmas spirit with an ugly sweater.

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



These two beauties showed off their creative skills by making their outfits!  
  
Looking good ladies!!!!



Here in these two pictures is the lineup of ganders who proclaim their sweater is the best!



Two of our newest Ganders displaying their photogenic talent. Allie Sharp & Nick Gannon



Allie Sharp, Catherine Sutton, Cathy Eads-Tone, Nick Gannon, Ahsan Khan, ed Carlton, Jason Znoy, Daphney Elliott.



The Winners are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Daphney Elliott (Flock of Geese)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Catherine Sutton (Jingle Bells)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Nick Gannon (Santa) & Ashan Khan (Grinch)
- Honorable Mentions go to: Randy Webb (2 sweater guy), Jason Znoy (Buc ees)

“Now if you don’t like my first sweater, let me show you my second one!” – proclaims Randy Webb  
  
Stephanie Kirby trying to highlight the creativity of Randy, who wore two sweaters.



When Daphney's number was called, she picked out a package that was so apropos to our Blue Goose Organization. Wine named "The Goose" is a red blend from South Africa.

Everyone brought a gift-wrapped package of something related to alcohol. Stephanie Kirby, SOF, passed out tickets with numbers on them to everyone that brought a package. She than outlined the protocols for how this game would proceed. (Note in the background we have our auditor making sure this game was in accordance with the protocols of the geese on the Outer Banks of our Pond.

Stephanie called out a number and the Gander/Guest with that number came forward and either choose a gift off the table or if they saw someone with something they liked they stole it and then that person got to go choose a new package.

A package once stolen could not be taken again. Our Guardian of the Pond, Mitch Williams got the experience of choosing multiple packages as he had a knack of choosing some much-wanted items – HA!

Lots of fun and laughter.



My turn is next! (Jason Znoy)

Guess what, his first choose was taken by the Wielder of the Goose Quill.....but he was on cloud nine with his 2<sup>nd</sup> package of Lottery Tickets and some mini bottles.

## Texas Pond Charity



## Community Partners of Dallas Toy Drive 2023



This is all mine!!!!

See what I opened at the Drunken Elephant Game – "Wine Gift Box" package and it is all mine.



These Community Partner ladies were there to greet Linda Meik as she delivered 50 Wish Card gifts, resulting in a total of \$1,270.84 in value. A special thank you to everyone who helped fill the wishes of the Community Partner kiddos.



**NATIONAL COLLEGE FOOTBALL  
CHAMPIONSHIP SQUARES GAME**  
**Monday, January 8th**

We are selling 100 squares at \$10 each! Every time the score changes, a winner will be awarded \$25, with a total payout of \$500 per board.

Once we have one board filled, we will bring out a second board.

Fundraiser remaining funds of \$500 per board will go towards the Texas Pond Scholarship Program.

We will present winnings to any winner who is in attendance at our New Year Kick Off Event.

**To buy your squares before January 8<sup>th</sup> REACH out and pay for your squares at: @Ashley-Hansen-48** The Squares will be randomly picked for you.

Now onto the National Super Bowl for the 2023 Season! This is the 58<sup>th</sup> Super Bowl and is being played at Allegiant Stadium in Paradise (Las Vegas), Nevada on Sunday, February 11, 2024.

We will open a Board at the New Year Kick Off to sell 100 squares at \$10 each. Remember every time a score changes there is a winner, who is awarded \$25.



Speaking of Football here is the status of the Texas Pond Fantasy Football



**Fantasy Football Update**

By Jim Devall, the Fantasy Football Commissioner,

The Blue Goose Texas Pond began a fantasy football league at the start of the 2023 NFL Season to raise funds for our favorite charities. All participants are fighting for bragging rights and more importantly raising funds for a great cause.

Current Standings in Order of their Rank as of 12/26/23

Team	W-L-T	PF	PA	STREAK	WAIVE	MOVE
 <u>Legal Eagles</u>	11-4-0	1909.60	1697.54	W-4	6	8
<b>OWNER- BRYAN POPE</b>						
 <u>Corwin's Remarkable Team</u>	10-5-0	1956.90	1710.72	W-1	7	13
<b>OWNER – CORY SHORTS</b>						
 <u>Reno Hightower</u>	10-5-0	1925.48	1617.02	L-1	8	76
<b>OWNER – NICK GANNON</b>						
 <u>100 Proof</u>	10-5-0	1838.44	1652.08	W-2	9	14
<b>OWNER – MITCH WILLIAMS</b>						
 <u>Jim's Glorious Team</u>	9-6-0	1795.66	1714.52	W-1	5	13
<b>OWNER – JIM DEVALL</b>						
 <u>Calm Before the Score</u>	7-8-0	1665.42	1687.58	L-2	4	12
<b>OWNER- ASHLEY HANSEN</b>						
 <u>Bear Ferguson's Boss Team</u>	5-10-0	1632.64	1919.00	W-4	10	56
<b>OWNER – BEAR FERGUSON</b>						

 Golden Goose Droppings	5-10-0	1622.78	1794.98	L-4	2	3
<b>OWNER – JASON ZNOY</b>						
 Roger's Remarkable Team	5-10-0	1419.90	1583.66	L-1	3	-
<b>OWNER – ROGER FOLTZ</b>						
 Jimmy's Goose	3-12-0	1331.78	1721.50	L-8	1	1
<b>OWNER – JAMES MATHEW</b>						



## 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.”*



**JANUARY MEETING – TEXAS POND**  
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024**  
**MEETING: VICTORIA BANQUET HALL**

**FEBRUARY MEETING – TEXAS POND**  
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024**  
**MEETING: ON THE BORDER**

**MARCH MEETING – TEXAS POND**  
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024**  
**MEETING: ON THE BORDER**

**APRIL MEETING – TEXAS POND**  
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024**  
**MEETING: ON THE BORDER**

**MAY MEETING – TEXAS POND**  
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024**  
**MEETING: TBD**

**JUNE MEETING – TEXAS POND**  
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024**  
**MEETING: TBD**



Golf Time for the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Texas Pond Blue Goose Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, June 7, 2024. Shotgun start at 8:00 a.m.

Golf Registration will be available in February!



## THE HONORABLE ORDER OF BLUE GOOSE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION NEWS

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:



August 3-8, 2025  
Boston Park Plaza, Boston, MA

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Grand Nest 2025  
AUG 3-7, 2025



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\$5,000 TRAVEL VOUCHER  
TO BE DRAWN JULY 30, 2024

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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