

TEXAS POND HONKER

March 2024

Character, Charity, Fellowship

**REMEMBER TO SET YOUR
CLOCKS AHEAD
Sunday, March 10!**



Blue Goose – Texas Pond

MONDAY, March 11, 2024 @ 5:30 PM



**On the Border; 4855 Beltline Road
Addison, Texas 75254**



Easter Baskets for Community Partners

We are assembling Easter Baskets for Community Partners of Dallas at our March 11th meeting. We are planning to assemble 50 baskets.

Community Partners has requested that we are very specific in our assembly of baskets, such as labeling them for a girl and/or a boy and being precise in the items for each age category.

At our February Blue Goose meeting, several of the ganders stepped up to bring items that are needed for this project; but as of this newsletter, we are still in need of the following items to assemble the baskets.

- Crayons and Coloring books
- Toy cars or trucks, small dolls
- Colored markers & coloring books
- Sidewalk chalk
- Jump ropes.
- Yo-yos or small games
- Stuffed animals

In order to properly plan for this fun event, we need folks to reach out to Linda Meik via email or call her at 682-715-5341 and let her know which of the following items and how many you will be bringing to the meeting for this activity.



TEXAS POND'S

17th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, June 7, 2024

Bear Creek Golf Club

3500 Bear Creek Court; Dallas, TX 75261

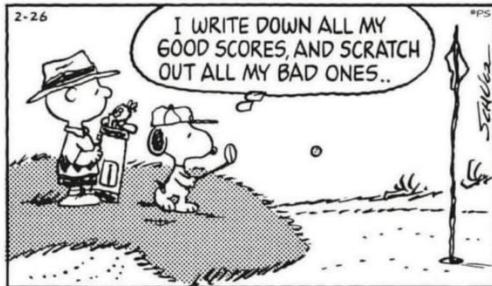
6:45 a.m. Registration & Breakfast, with an 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start; 12:30 p.m. Lunch.

We have added in some new options for sponsors and are looking to have an entire course reserved for Blue Goose. More details located on the Texas Pond website at www.bluegoosetx.org.

Golf Registration is available by February on our Texas Pond website www.bluegoosetx.org. So, mark your calendars and start putting together those foursomes for June 7, 2024, golf tournament.



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Last Month



The attendees at the February meeting created a 100 “Good & Wishful” thought cards, which were delivered to Town Est nursing home for the residents. Additionally, our SPF, Stephanie Kirby added some chocolate to-go to the delivery for the residents.

CHARITY/COMMUNITY SERVICE TIME

On February 10th, 4 of GANDERS went to the Stew Pot in Dallas: Ed Carlton, Matt Arnold, Mitch Williams’ daughter Marsella and Mitch Williams. There they sorted food, etc. for the organization. They worked from 8:30 to 1:30 (5 hours). All total, of 18 combined hours for charity/ community service on behalf of the Texas Pond.

Texas Pond Educational Scholarship Program



Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted Through Midnight April 30th, 2024.

The Texas Pond is proud to announce that it is ready to receive applications for scholarship funds allocated by the Texas Pond for the 2024-2025 school year.

The application and guidelines/rules are posted on the Texas Pond website www.bluegoosetx.org under the Education tab.

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



“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.”



MARCH MEETING – TEXAS POND
 5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024
MEETING: ON THE BORDER, ADDISON
EASTER BASKET MAKING TIME FOR CDP



Ed Carlton, Matt Arnold, Mitch Williams & Marsilla Williams.



HONKING FOR MEMBERSHIP

A WORD FROM OUR Custodian of the Goslings, Jeff Thompson, and his Committee Birds.....

Ganders – With just over a month to go until our next initiation (April 8) and completion of the Golden Egg Hunt, Ahsan Khan is currently leading the flock with the most golden eggs! It’s still a toss-up for second and third place so don’t forget to bring a guest to our next meeting on March 11 at On the Border in Addison. You’ll receive a golden egg for each guest that completes an application with dues paid and then a bonus egg at their initiation. Let’s keep the gaggle growing and the wedge flying strong!

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

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

17TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
BEAR CREEK COUNTRY CLUB
JUNE 7, 2024, 8:00 A.M. SHOTGUN

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



*A New Blue Goose Year
(2024-2025) is on the Horizon!*

JULY MEETING – TEXAS POND
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024
MEETING: TBD

GRAND NEST CONVENTION
PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
CENTRAL REGION
JULY 29– AUGUST 2, 2024



AUGUST MEETING – TEXAS POND
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024
MEETING: TBD

SEPTEMBER MEETING – TEXAS POND
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024
MEETING: TBD

THE HONORABLE ORDER OF BLUE GOOSE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION NEWS

Registration is now open for the 2024
HOBGI Convention:



MOTOWN MIGRATION

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

IF YOU NEED THE REGISTRATION FLYER, PLEASE
CONTACT LINDA SMITH OR STEVE CARSON.
(lsmith219@outlook.com; 313-806-3920 or
sgc2@vision-restoration.com 313-304-5665)

Early Bird registration of \$395 ends March
15th. The hotel room rate is \$215 plus tax.
Plan to Ahead the 2025 HOBGI at St. John's
Resort.



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

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO GET DETAILS ON THIS
FUNDRAISER.**



Plan Ahead for the 2026 HOBGI Convention:









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

Do you want to be a sponsor of the Southern Region Convention in 2026? Contact Tom Elder or Linda Meik. See sponsorship levels below.



**GATEWAY TO THE SOUTH
RUN FOR THE ROSES**

2026 Southern Region Blue Goose Corporate Sponsorship Levels		
 WINNERS CIRCLE	\$10,000	Includes signage at convention events, and where possible includes promotion through Southern Region communications and thorough various social media platforms sites.
 DERBY RACE	\$5,000	Includes signage at convention events, and where possible includes promotion through Southern Region communications and thorough various social media platforms sites.
 TRIFECTA	\$3,000	Includes signage at convention events, and where possible includes promotion through Southern Region communications and thorough various social media platforms sites.
 EXACTA	\$2,000	Includes signage at convention events, and where possible includes promotion through Southern Region communications and thorough various social media platforms sites.

 OAKS/LILY	\$1,000	Includes signage at convention events, and where possible includes promotion through Southern Region communications and thorough various social media platforms sites.
 WIN, PLACE, SHOW	\$500	Includes signage at convention events, and where possible includes promotion through Southern Region communications and thorough various social media platforms sites.
 STARTING GATE	\$250	Includes signage at convention events, and where possible includes promotion through Southern Region communications and thorough various social media platforms sites.



Here are the 2023-2024 Texas Pond Officers

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