



TEXAS POND HONKER

May 2024

Character, Charity, Fellowship



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.

Blue Goose – Texas Pond

Monday, May 13, 2024 @ 5:30 PM

Cidercade Dallas

2777 Irving Blvd.

(Located in the Dallas Design District)

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Admission is \$12 and includes unlimited time and play with 140+ arcade games. No quarters or bills! In fact, we are completely cashless, so bring plastic.

**please note, every guest (ages 5 and up) is required to pay our general admission fee.*



We have added in some new options for sponsors and are looking to have an entire course reserved for Blue Goose.

We currently have 11 Hole Sponsors, A Turn/Title Sponsor, a Breakfast Sponsor, a Lunch Sponsor, a Putting Contest Sponsor and 64 golfers signed up.

Early Bird pricing ends on May 7th. Come join the fun and be part of what will be the Texas Pond's largest golf tournament.

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



Robert Melvin

Robert is heavily involved in sales and recruiting activities for Pro-Craft Restoration and loves connecting good people with the right opportunities. He lives “in a state of chaos and bliss with his wife and two children.” He and his son collect sports cards and enjoy fishing. Robert wants to meet like-minded individuals and give back to the community through our charity work.

Thomas Wilkins

Thomas is Chief of Operations with Mitzvah Restoration and loves working with family and friends. He initially learned about the Order of the Blue Goose through a colleague and fellow new gander, Robert Melvin. Thomas enjoys motor sports and fishing. He wants to get involved with our charity endeavors and volunteering within the community.

Crystal R. Wilkins

Crystal R. Wilkins is a Senior Accountant with Mitzvah Restoration. She likes being surrounded by professionals in both her and the insurance industries. Crystal loves volunteering in the community. Her special interests include “anything with a motor and wheels.” We can thank Thomas and Robert for encouraging her to attend the April initiation of new ganders.

Daniel Rodriguez

As Owner of My Contents, Daniel enjoys helping people get their personal property properly taken care of. He was introduced to us by Ahsan Khan and has noticed that everyone is welcoming and friendly. He likes being a part of Blue Goose for our common industry interests and experiences.

Robert Salcido

Robert is happily married to his high school sweetheart and business partner and has two beautiful daughters. He is co-founder and Director of Operations at Resilient Restoration and finds fulfillment in helping people and providing peace of mind through their work. Robert is a fitness enthusiast who cherishes family time. He is open to exploring all opportunities within Blue Goose.

Kellye Kruizinga

This new gander is a NALA Board Certified Paralegal with the law firm of Martin, Disiere, Jefferson, Wisdom. When not working, Kellye enjoys crocheting, sewing, and crafting “anything with a glue gun.” She has two “fur babies” – a cat and a chihuahua. Kellye heard about Blue



Last Month

We completed our Golden Egg Hunt membership drive and are happy to announce the following ganders responsible for the seven goslings initiated during our April meeting:

- Ahsan Khan – 4 goslings (8 golden eggs)
- Linda Meik – 2 goslings (4 golden eggs)
- Valerie Wilson – 1 gosling (2 golden eggs)

Thank you for helping keep our Texas flock flying strong during 2024 and beyond! We are pleased to introduce you to our seven new ganders below.



These fine young ganders were anxiously waiting on the banks of the Texas Pond and took their first official swim:

Goose from Valerie Wilson and is looking forward to serving the community and volunteering together.

Greg Haatja

Greg is the Regional Manager for My Contents, and we can thank Ahsan Khan for introducing him to us. He loves spending time with family and in his spare time “trying to get better at golf.” Greg has enjoyed meeting the Texas Pond ganders and looks forward to volunteering and charitable work. More importantly, he just recently got engaged!



CHARITY/COMMUNITY SERVICE TIME

Saturday, April 13th four ganders (Valerie Wilson, Nick Gannon, Ed Carlton, and Mitch Williams) and two guests volunteered at Soul food Greenhouse from 10:00 to 12:00. They spent about 30 minutes learning about the greenhouse and the food pantries Soul food supports. After that they spent an hour and a half pruning the tomato vines and dumping the leaves in a compost bin.



From our New Year Gala proceeds, Mitch Willimas, GOP/Charity presented Scottish Rite Children’s Hospital of Texas with a donation check in the amount of \$1,500 to utilize as they deem appropriate. Mandi Valdez from Scottish Rite was present to accept the check.



April 15, 2024

The Blue Goose International Texas Chapter
Ms. Linda S. Meik
4032 Knighterrant
Roanoke, TX 76262-3380

Dear Linda and our Blue Goos friends,

Thank you for another generous gift to the patients of Scottish Rite for Children. We are truly grateful for your kind, continued support of our summer camp initiatives.

In addition to providing the best pediatric orthopedic healthcare to children at our campuses in Dallas and Frisco, our world class staff strives to improve the care of kids worldwide through innovative research and teaching programs. As you know, wonderful donations like yours help us positively impact the lives of children now – and for years to come – regardless of ability to pay.

I know Mandi enjoyed visiting with you again this year. Thanks again for this special gift as well as your many years of friendship and loyal support. Appreciate you so much!

Sincerely,

Stephanie Brigger
Stephanie Brigger, CFRE
Vice President, Development



UPCOMING CHARITY VOLUNTEER EVENT

Please join us for our May Charity event on Saturday, May 11th. We will meet at For the Love of the Lake (1152 N Buckner Blvd #123, Dallas, TX 75218) at 9:00 AM. We'll gather supplies (no need to bring equipment) and clean the White Rock Lake shoreline for a couple of hours. Afterwards, for those that are interested, we'll meet somewhere nearby for lunch and libations. Please get in touch with Mitch Williams (214-213-5751 or williams.mitch@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.



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

Ganders,

We are approaching Convention – that time of year when Ganders from all across US and Canada gaggle together to share ideas, build bonds in fellowship, and work towards the future of the Order. Everyone visibly believes in Blue Goose and are full of energy and enthusiasm for their Ponds and each other. For any new Gander or future officer, this is an amazing opportunity to better understand our 118-year-old Order. With that, we have spaces for two delegates to represent the Texas Pond in Michigan this July. As a delegate, you get to vote at Convention as to Grand Nest Officers and Proposals – a very important task. Plus, Grand Nest will reimburse a percentage of convention and travel expenses. If interested, please reach out to any PMLG or our PMLGG as most are or have attended. Also, see August editions of the Honker for past delegate write ups. Voting on our two delegates will occur at our May Gathering. Would love to see you in Michigan!



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

OCTOBER MEETING – TEXAS POND
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024
MEETING: TBD



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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)

Registration is \$425. The hotel room rate is \$215
plus tax. Plan to Attend the 2025 HOBGI
convention at St. John's Resort.



August 3-8, 2025

Boston Park Plaza, Boston, MA

SCAN THE QR CODE TO GET DETAILS ON THIS
FUNDRAISER.







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.

Plan Ahead for the 2026 HOBGI Convention:

 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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