



TEXAS POND HONKER

July 2024

Character, Charity, Fellowship



Blue Goose – Texas Pond

Monday, July 8, 2024 @ 5:30 PM

On The Border – Addison, TX

Blue Goose  Texas Pond
DUES COLLECTION TIME FOR 2024-2025



Our new Blue Goose year begins on July 1st!

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. 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.

GOLF TIME



TEXAS POND'S
17th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
Friday, June 7, 2024
Bear Creek Golf Club

The 17th Annual Texas Pond Blue
Goose Charity Golf Tournament
Title Sponsor



OUR HOLE SPONSORS

- ❖ Sedgwick CMS
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- ❖ BMS Management
- ❖ Quest Pro/Q-Temps
- ❖ SIFT Fire Investigations

THE SPECIALTY SPONSORS

- ❖ USBE – Putting Contest
- ❖ ATI Restoration – Air Cannon
- ❖ Paul Davis of North Dallas - Lunch
- ❖ Express Records - Breakfast
- ❖ Chronovo - Photo



The day was our usual Texas HOT & HUMID weather day for June. We had 92 golfers registered for fun & frolic.



Daniel Rodriguez from My Contents, our Title/Turn Sponsor assisted with the MC duties and presented the awards to the various winners.



Longest Drive (Travis Wieser) & Closest to the Pin (Cory Shorts) are the Winners.



3rd Place Winners:
Andy Foster,
Larry Cavaness,
Adam Ellison &
Alan Jackson.
Each player received a \$25.00 gift card.



2nd Place Team: Richard Windham, Carol Novak, Richie Mattoni & Ben Farley. Each player received a \$50.00 gift card.



1st Place Team: Amanda Hignight, Travis Weisner, Nick Carlson, Wes Henery. Each player received a \$75.00 gift card.



The Best Sportsmen!!!!!!although they were the Last Place Team Winners: Matthias Montes, Sherry Montes, Michael Noordsy & Mat Samuel.



SDii (ganders Michael Schroeder & Kenny Lusk) held a drawing for two winners each receiving a gift certificate.

Charity

July and August Texas Pond Charity Activity

The Texas Pond is going to begin this charity activity at our July meeting and continue through to our August meeting, with all supplies delivered to CPD on or before August 29, 2024.



BACKtoSCHOOL2024

Remember the joy of getting a new set of school supplies?

At Community Partners of Dallas, our kids are not approaching the start of school with the same excitement and support. Many will go back to school wishing for a new backpack or new uniforms. **They just want to fit in.**

This year we will provide backpacks filled with age-appropriate school supplies and new uniforms to more than 3,500 abused and neglected children. **You can make a difference.**

SUPPLIES THEY NEED THE MOST:

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|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Backpacks | Safety scissors |
| Composition books | Highlighters |
| Glue bottles | Construction paper |
| Pencil pouches | Scientific Calculators |
| Index cards | Blue & black pens |
| Colored pencils (12 ct) | 1" 3-ring Binders |
| Markers (10 ct) | Rulers |
| Block Erasers | 8 Tab dividers |
| 24 count crayons | Pencil Sharpeners |
| Folders w/pockets & brads | Watercolors |
| 1-subject spiral notebooks (wide ruled) | |
| Notebook paper (wide ruled, 100 count) | |



*And the Livin' is Easy!
Fish are jumpin,' and the cotton is high
Oh, your daddy's rich and your ma is
good-lookin'
So hush little baby, don't you cry.*

(who was the originator of these lyrics?)

We received this letter from Scottish Rite for the donation we presented to them at our May meeting.



ROBERT L. WALKER
President/CEO

May 29, 2024

Ms. Linda S. Meik, Wielder of the Goose Quill
The Blue Goose International Texas Chapter
4032 Knighterrant
Roanoke, Texas 76262-3380

Dear Ms. Meik:

On behalf of all of us at Scottish Rite for Children, we give our thanks to The Blue Goose International Texas Chapter for the generous gift in support of the Summer Camp Program.

Scottish Rite was established in 1921 to provide exceptional care to children with polio. More than 100 years later, the scope of our work has expanded but our goal to give every child the care they need and deserve, regardless of any family's ability to pay, remains the same. Generous friends like you brought our vision to life in 1921 and continue to make our mission possible still today.

Thank you for believing in us and helping us give the children back their childhood. Your support means the world to us.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Walker

RLW:brs

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LAST MONTH



At our June meeting the Texas Pond did a quick wrap up of the year. The MLG reviewed all the various meetings we held and where they were and provided a brief status on the Texas Pond. A big thank you to the 2023-2024 Pond Officers in leading us in a successful year.



Jim Devall, KGGE;
Jason Znoy, MLG;
Stephanie Kirby, SOF.
Mitch Williams, GOP; and
Jeff Thompson, COG.
Thank you for everything!

Our MLG (now PMLG) Jason Znoy recognized an outstanding gander and honored Eddy Pokluda with the Super Goose Award.



The new slate of officers for the Texas Pond for 2024-2025 was voted on and installed.



2024-2025 Texas Pond leaders: Allie Sharp, SOF; Valerie Wilson, COG; Mitch Williams, GOG; Jeff Thompson, KGGE, Linda Meik, Wielder & Stephanie Kirby, MLG. Let's wish them all immense success and let's each and every one of us pitch in to make the Texas Pond the BEST ever!



*A New Blue Goose Year
(2024-2025) is here!*

**JULY EXECUTIVE MEETING – TEXAS POND
2024-2025 PLANNING MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024
ON THE BORDER
11:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**JULY MEETING – TEXAS POND
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024
MEETING: ON THE BORDER**

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: ON THE BORDER

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



“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.”



THE HONORABLE ORDER OF BLUE GOOSE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION NEWS



MOTOWN MIGRATION

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

Four ganders are on their way to the Grand Nest Convention in Plymouth, Michigan. These fine birds are Jim Devall, Ashley Hansen, Linda Meik & Jason Znoy. Wish them well.....and if anyone wants to donate to their rip, just let us know.... flying all that way is tiring and does require one to stay hydrated.



August 3-8, 2025

Change of dates...so mark your calendar for these new dates.

July 27 – 31, 2025

Boston Park Plaza, Boston, MA

SCAN THE QR CODE TO GET DETAILS ON THIS FUNDRAISER.



1st Prize is \$5,000 Travel Voucher

2nd Prize is \$500 Visa Gift Card

3rd Prize is Josh Simpson Planet

Plan Ahead for the 2026 HOBGI Convention:





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

The 2026 Convention is launching a new fundraiser activity during the 2024 Grand Nest Convention - get ready to hear all the details upon the Texas Pond Delegates return to the banks of the Texas Pond.

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



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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Wielder of the Goose Quill - Linda Meik (M) 682-715-5341
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