



TEXAS POND HONKER

February 2025

Character, Charity, Fellowship



Blue Goose – Texas Pond

Monday, February 10, 2025 @ 5:30 PM

On The Border ; 4855 Belt Line Road;
Addison, TX 75254

We will be celebrating everything from President’s Day to Valentine’s Day to the beginning of Mardi Graw Season (March 4th, 2025 – Fat Tuesday), so come join in the fun.

A big welcome to our new Goslings!

The fund results from the Super Bowl boards will be announced. As well as, we will give the membership a breakdown of the results of our New Year Event, the National Football College Championship & Fantasy Football all went.

The Charity Committee will make announcement about our upcoming March Easter Basket project and will ask those present to sign up for the various supplies that are needed for this Annual Easter Basket Assembly Extravaganza!

Details on the Texas Pond’s 18th Annual Blue Goose Golf Tournament will be presented. The Golf outing is being scheduled for Thursday, June 19, 2025.

Please join us at 9:00 AM on Saturday, February 15 for our next Charity/Community Service event. We will meet at 5353 Maple Ave, Dallas, TX to assist Back On My Feet with reorganizing and taking inventory of their storage facility. Plan to work for an hour and a half or so. For those that are interested, we can grab a bite to eat nearby afterwards". Please contact Mitch Williams (214-213-5751) if you have any questions regarding this event.



“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.”



WORDS OF WISDOM

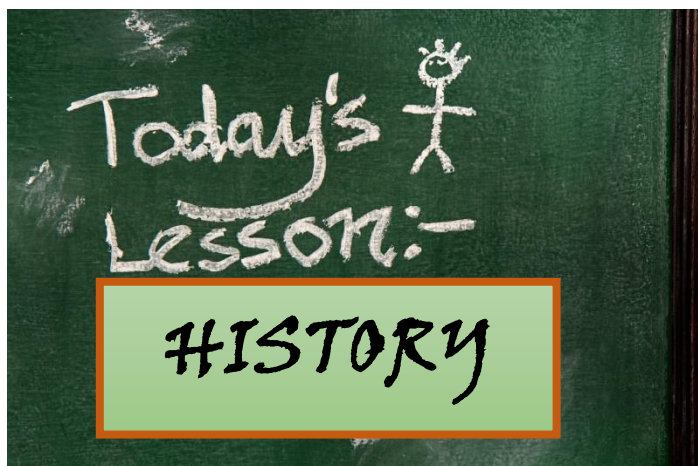
“February is just January with lipstick on.”
– Unknown

“To shorten winter, borrow some money due in spring.”
– W.J. Vogel

“February is the shortest month, so if you’re having a miserable month, try to schedule it for February.”
– Lemony Snicket

“February’s greatest gift is an extra day every four years to procrastinate.” – Sam Williams

THE HONORABLE ORDER OF BLUE GOOSE INTERNATIONAL HISTORY



As we quickly approach the time for our Annual 119th Blue Goose Convention, let's take a moment & reflect on the various birthdays/anniversaries of our current Ponds at the 2025 Annual Honorable Order of Blue Goose International.

The following Ponds will be celebrating 100+ years since receiving their Charters:

Wisconsin Home Nest-119 Yrs

Michigan - 119 Yrs Louisiana - 119 Yrs

Penn - 119 Yrs Kentucky - 118 Yrs

Texas - 118 Yrs Virginia - 118 Yrs

Ontario - 117 Yrs Utah - 111 Yrs

Quebec - 111 Yrs Tennessee - 110 Yrs

Manitoba - 110 Yrs St. Louis - 109 Yrs

Alberta - 109 Yrs British Columbia - 108 Yrs

New York City - 105 Yrs

We have one Pond on the cusp of 100 Years:

Nova Scotia - 98 Yrs

The Ponds who will be celebrating 70 + to 50 Years are:

National Capital - 77 Yrs Edmonton - 72 Yrs

Hartford - 71 Yrs Saskatchewan - 71 Yrs

Peace Garden - 70 Yrs Regina - 67 Yrs

Ponds celebrating less than 50 Years since receiving their Charter are:

Bay State - 49 Yrs Westchester - 42 Yrs

Columbus - 18 Yrs Cincinnati - 9 Yrs

Football Square Game Winners

NATIONAL COLLEGE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



Congratulations to the 2024-2025 Winners

Payout#	Name	Notre Dame	Ohio State
1	Mike Clarke	0	0
2	Moke Clarke	6	0
3	Trent Bush	7	0
4	Matt Arnold	7	6
5	Sabu Yohannan	7	7
6	Frank Sanker	7	13
7	Mitch Williams	7	14
8	Trent Bush	7	20
9	Mike Clarke	7	21
10	Sabu Yohannan	7	27
11	Linda Meik	7	28
12	Mike Clarke	7	31
13	Perry Bently	13	31
14	Frank Sanker	15	31
15	Linda Block	21	31
16	Perry Bently	23	31
17	Misty Kriegshauser	23	34
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Each winner received a \$25 pot; the remaining \$500 went to the Texas Pond Scholarship Fund.



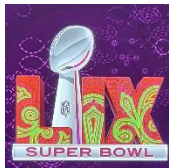
Fantasy Football End of the Season

The following Ganders, & friends enjoyed some Fantasy Football this season: Jim Devall, Ashley Hansen, Bryan Pope, Jason Znoy, Mitch Williams, Cory Shorts, Nick Gannon, Stephanie Kirby, Valerie Wilson, and Roger Foltz.

The three folks who get to have bragging rights are: Nick Gannon- 1st place; Bryan Pope – 2nd place and Mitch

Williams – 3rd place. The winnings were as follows: 1st place received \$125, 2nd place received \$75, and 3rd place received \$50. The remaining \$250 was put into our charity fund account.

2025 FOOTBALL SUPER BOWL



The Super Bowl will be held on Sunday, Feb. 9th. at Caesars Superdome (New Orleans)! The results of the boards for the Super Bowl will be announced at the Blue Goose Meeting on Monday, February 10th.

LAST MONTH

Texas Pond Annual New Year Kick-Off Event

January 13, 2025

Mexican Sugar; 7501 Lone Star Drive; Plano, TX 75024



GREAT DÉCOR – BEAUTIFUL ROOM



A MARGARITA GREETING - SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY!



BALLOON POP & FOOTBALL SQUARE BOARDS (COLLEGE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP & SUPER BOWL)



AWESOME SPONSORS



JUST A FEW PICTURES OF GANDERS, FUTURE GOSGLINGS & FRIENDS OF THE HONORABLE ORDER OF BLUE GOOSE – TEXAS POND.





NOW WITH EVERY SET UP THERE IS ALWAYS A CHALLENGE THAT GETS PRESENTED TO THE TEAM! CAPTURING A BALLOON THAT ESCAPES!!



New Year 2025 Event/Photo/Balloon Pop/Bar Sponsors



Social Media

In this crazy world of ours, this world is relying more and more on us being in touch via the many social media platforms. The Texas Pond has the following platforms with our name attached. These are:

LinkedIn

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/bgtx/?viewAsMember=true> "Honorable Order of the Blue Goose – Texas Pond

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bluegoosetx> "Blue Goose Texas Pond"

Twitter/ X <https://x.com/TexasPond> We are not maintaining this site any longer.

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/bluegoosetexaspond>

Website <https://www.bluegoosetx.org>

When we set these sites up several years ago our mission was to enhance our Blue Goose footprint in Texas. We stated our mission as follows: "Beyond the newsletter, we have been pursuing social media to engage ganders, goslings, and the general public as to our organization, achievements, and causes. Our goal is to increase followers and engagement points on these accounts."

If you have not joined at least one of these social media platforms, we encourage you to do so. Or if you have not updated your contact info on these platforms, take time and do so.

THE HONORABLE ORDER OF BLUE GOOSE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION NEWS

Registration is open!



2025 GRAND NEST CONVENTION

The 119th annual HOBGI Convention registration is officially open!!

Join fellow ganders in Character, Charity and Fellowship at this year's convention in historic Boston!

-  **Boston Park Plaza**
-  **JULY 27 - JULY 31**
-  **Contact us
414-899-7418**

REGISTER NOW

*Please note: You will receive a registration link for the Boston Park Plaza after registering for the convention.

JOIN FELLOW GANDERS AS THEY FLOCK TO BOSTON FOR THE 2025 CONVENTION! HOSTED IN ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST ICONIC AND HISTORIC CITIES. THE GANDERS, GOSLINGS, FRIENDS & FAMILIES WILL JOIN TOGETHER IN FELLOWSHIP AND FUN TO FURTHER OUR MISSION OF EDUCATION, CHARITY, AND LEADERSHIP!

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION - JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31
*ADULTS \$450, CHILDREN \$200**

**GENERAL REGISTRATION - APRIL 1 TO JUNE 15
*ADULTS \$475, CHILDREN \$200**

**LATE REGISTRATION - JUNE 16 - JULY 4
*ADULTS \$500, CHILDREN \$250**

**HILTON BOSTON PARK PLAZA
50 PARK PLAZA AT ARLINGTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116**



Plan for the 2026 HOBGI Convention:



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



KENTUCKY DERBY PIE



The name, seemingly straightforward, actually holds a **fascinating history** and a bit of a mystery.

Derby Pie was created in 1954 by the Melrose Inn in [Prospect, Kentucky](#) as a specialty pastry. The restaurant's owners and derby pie creators were Walter and Leandra Kern, who constantly researched the optimal recipe for their creation. They were assisted by their son George Kern. The name "derby pie" was chosen because the various family members each had a different name for the creation, so to resolve the naming quandary they put the various names in a hat, and pulled out the paper which said "derby pie".

Since the pie was first introduced at the Melrose Inn near Churchill Downs, where the Kentucky Derby is held, it was given the name Kentucky Derby Pie.

The beauty of **Derby Pie** lies not only in its history but also in its **timeless simplicity**. The recipe, while often a closely guarded secret

The bourbon adds a unique flavor to the pie, but it is not a necessary ingredient. While Kentucky Derby Pie and pecan pie share some similarities, they are not the same. Kentucky Derby Pie typically includes chocolate chips, whereas pecan pie is primarily made with pecans. The flavors and textures of the two pies also differ slightly.

TEXAS POND CALENDAR



FEBRUARY MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025
MEETING: ON THE BORDER, ADDISON

MARCH MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025
MEETING: ON THE BORDER, ADDISON
EASTER BASKET EXTRAVAGANZA

APRIL MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025
MEETING: ON THE BORDER, ADDISON
GOSLING INITIATION

MAY MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025
MEETING: ON THE BORDER, ADDISON

JUNE MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025
MEETING: ON THE BORDER, ADDISON
18TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
GRAPEVINE GOLF COURSE
THURSDAY, JUNE 19TH, 2025

THE 2024-2025 BLUE GOOSE COMES TO END. OUR NEXT BLUE GOOSE YEAR STARTS ON JULY 1ST.



MLGG & SOF



GOP & COP



WGQ & KGGE

Here are the 2024-2025 Texas Pond Officers

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