



# Edmonton Pond GAGGLES

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## Upcoming Events:

Blue Goose Open Bonspiel  
Edmonton  
Mar 24-25, 2017

Grand Nest Mid-year  
Meeting  
April 21-22, 2017

Old West Saloon Night  
April 21, 2017

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Savannah, GA  
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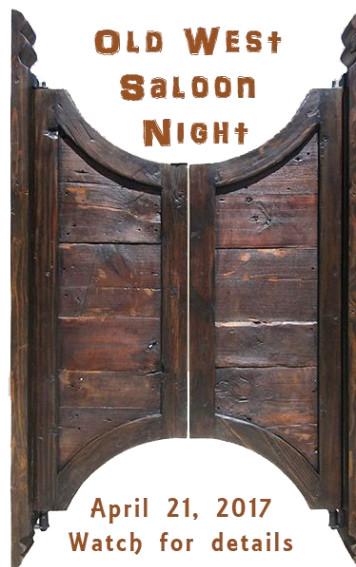
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As one of our activities during the Grand Nest Mid-Year Meeting being held in Edmonton next month, the Edmonton Pond is hosting an Old West Saloon night at Kelly's Saloon in Fort Edmonton Park.

Dig out yer favourite western duds and join us for the most fun since Uncle Festus got hisself drug by that runaway mule! With the strains of old-time western music drifting along in the background, chow down on the finest of finger food (just watch out for the 3-fingered gunslinger!)

At around 7:00 pm we will have howdy doos then gather around for a good ol' style Texas Hold 'Em tournament. For a 20 buckaroo buy-in, there will be Bounties awarded on the heads of them gull durn Grand Nest Officers. Pay the Tournament Director upon arrival.

An upstairs room with 8-ball pool and darts is also available for those who get knocked out of the card game.

Tickets will be very limited for this event so it will be limited to Blue Goose members and spouses (no guests please). Watch for an invitation in your email and sign up without delay.



## GRAND NEST CHECK-IN

Greetings Fellow Ganders.

Winter is almost finished and we all seem to have come through it unscathed. With the spring comes the Grand Nest Mid-Year meetings which will bring your Most Loyal Grand Gander Linda Meik, Grand Guardian of the Nest Dan Rich, Grand Wielder Terry Maloney, Grand Keeper of the Golden Goose Egg Randall Wilson and Judge Advocate Lorena Kohlruss. Along with this quorum of Grand Nest Officers will be the following Past Most Loyal Grand Ganders John Paris from Utah, and Guy Charron from Quebec. Past Most Loyal Gander Andrew Happer has provided you with a brief outline of the festivities planned for their visit on April 21st and 22nd. I encourage you all to come out on Friday evening to Kelly's saloon and meet your Grand Nest Officers. It is a rare opportunity to get up close and personal with these esteemed individuals who have dedicated a great deal of their personal time and efforts into managing our honorable order. Having said that I expect all who do attend Kelly's Saloon to show them no mercy in the Poker Game that evening. They are a fun group of people so hopefully you will help to make this a memorable evening.

The same comments ring true to those attending Saturday evening. Please come out in support of your pond and your Grand Nest Officers. Both of these evenings will bring opportunity for fellowship, character and charity.

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## 2018 Convention

Spring is in the air and the Grand Nest Mid-Year Meeting is just around the corner. On the weekend of April 21-22, 2017, we are hosting the Grand Nest officers and some visiting PMLGGs (these are Past Most Loyal Grand Ganders) as part of our preparations for the 2018 Convention.

Our guests will be staying at the Westin Hotel and gathering for their first meeting on Friday afternoon, April 21st. Afterward, we will transport them to Kelly's Saloon in Fort Edmonton Park to join us at 6:00 p.m. for an "Old West Saloon". More details of this event are listed elsewhere in this issue. This will be a great opportunity for Pond members and spouses to get acquainted with the Grand Nest and to give them a feel of our local fellowship over a game of cards, pool and darts.

On Saturday, April 22nd, after a day filled with meetings at the Westin, the visiting ganders will join us for a PMLG (Past Most Loyal Gander) Dinner at the hotel. This will be an intimate evening to enjoy a nice meal and recognize our fellow ganders. All PMLGs of Edmonton Pond and their spouses



will be invited. There will be presentations made to those Pond members who have reached milestones in their membership and for those who have earned special recognition. We will also be entertained by some old-time Blue Goose stories. Details of this event will be circulated very soon.

On Sunday, our visitors will be heading home and going back to their respective ponds sharing details of the sights and experiences they had in Edmonton. Our warm hospitality will go a long way in helping promote our pond for next year's convention.

The convention committee is still meeting regularly and we are making another fundraising push. Please review the list of sponsorship levels in this Gaggles. We are looking for companies interested in committing at the Silver (\$1,000) to Platinum (\$5,000) levels. Depending on the level of sponsorship, contributors can expect free advertising, tickets to various convention events, exhibitor booth and special recognition. Our Flight to '18 Club is also in full swing for those individuals interested in donating \$218. Donors will receive a pair of unique Blue Goose engraved slate coasters!

My final note is to introduce you to our convention mascot who will be making an appearance very soon. Gordie the Goose will be attending pond events throughout the year, as well as local Edmonton festivals and events, as he prepares to migrate north for the 2018 Convention. We will be following Gordie's travels throughout the year and posting updates to social media. Keep an eye out in the next Gaggles as we'll let you know how you can follow him.

... PMLG Andrew Happer  
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What else is new and exciting with your Grand Nest? Well preparations are coming together nicely with the 111th annual Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International Convention this July 11th to 13th being held in Savannah Georgia. Come out and enjoy some "Southern" hospitality along the banks of the Savannah River. The festivities are being held at the Hyatt Regency in Savannah which is situated right on the bank of the river within easy walking distance to all the restaurants and taverns situated along River Street. The hotel reservations have been coming in and as of January they were at 58% capacity, with the room rate of \$170 per night. There are a few rooms available after the convention but more rooms available preceding the convention. So if want to attend you should contact the hotel and book your rooms for this event.

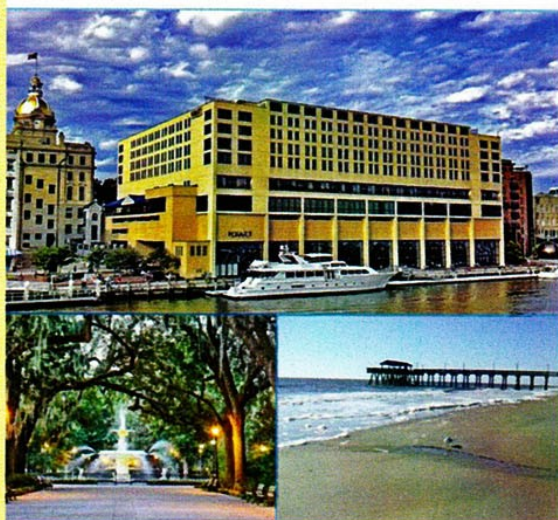
And that about does it from your Grand Nest this coming spring. Look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in April.

*Mark Robertson  
Grand Supervisor of the Flock*





# Savannah



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## Registration Is Now Open!

[www.southernbluegoose.org](http://www.southernbluegoose.org)

See a full agenda outline, descriptions of available activities and details about Savannah - an ideal family vacation destination.

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**2017 Blue Goose Convention**

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- ☛ Recognition at convention golf tournament

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- ☛ 2 tickets to the All Industry Luncheon
- ☛ Recognition at convention golf tournament

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- ☛ 1 complimentary entry in golf tournament **OR** 2 tickets to either Welcome Reception or All Industry Luncheon
- ☛ Choice of Silver Level event sponsorship at the convention<sup>1,2</sup>
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- ☛ Recognition at convention golf tournament

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Get involved organizing the 2018 Grand Nest Convention—contact PMLG Andrew Happer

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Flex your creative or journalistic muscle—help with Gaggles—contact PMLG Neil Miller

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<i><b>Edmonton Pond</b></i>	Edmonton, AB	July 11-13, 2018
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