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MESSAGE FROM MIKE



Hello Edmonton Pond. Spring is fast approaching and we are in the home stretch of our Blue Goose year. The best is still ahead! Yes the annual Spring Gala is just around the corner (April 27th). Have you reserved your seat yet? The Gala will again be held at the River Cree and planning is underway to make it the best event yet.

Our recent attempt at hosting a Scotch Nos-ing/Wine Tasting in February was cancelled due to low response. We need to gather information from the membership as to how we can provide better events that will garner a larger member turnout. Please send in your suggestions to the Edmonton Pond via Neil Miller (edmontonpond@gmail.com)

On a positive note, I was able to present a cheque for \$4610 to the E4C Lunch program. Kayla Bertrand & Leanne Olsen were overjoyed at the donation raised from our Christmas Lunch.

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BLUE GOOSE
2013 CHARITY GALA

Tickets **\$100.00 PER SEAT**
Tables of 10 are available for purchase

Please join us for a wonderful night of dining, entertainment, and auctions. The evening will include a jazz band, an artist creating a live painting to be auctioned off, silent and live auctions, a booze raffle and a cash bar.

All of the proceeds from the auctions and raffle will be directed towards **YOU CAN** Youth Services.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2013
6:00 PM Cocktails
7:00 PM Dinner

RIVER CREE - EDMONTON MARRIOTT BALLROOM
300 East Lapotac Boulevard
Edmonton, AB

RSVP BY APRIL 1, 2013
Adrienne at alee@sintraeng.com or 780-801-0729
Send payment payable to:
Blue Goose - Edmonton Pond
c/o Sintra Engineering
10620 - 105 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5H 0L2

A big congratulations to the winning Edmonton Pond teams at this past weekend's Blue Goose Curling Bonspiel in Richmond BC. Winning the "C" event was Jim Gardiner's team (Jim Gardiner, Kevin Webster, Mike Sherban, and Mark Robertson). Winning the "D" Event was the Sintra Team (Andrew Happer, Mark Hughes, Tony Thibaudeau, and Paul Gullekson)

Finally the notice for registration has gone out for the 107th Blue Goose Convention being hosted in Quebec City from July 8 – 12, 2013. If you are interested in attending this event make sure to register early and plan to have a great time.

So go forth and enjoy the Spring as I know everyone is looking forward to the warmer temperatures, potholes, and construction delays that Spring provides for us here in Edmonton.

... Mike Sherban, MLG

EDMONTON POND DONATIONS AT WORK

The Brain Care Centre recently shared with the Edmonton Pond a report on their Pilot Season of the *Concussion Management & ImPACT Program* which was funded by a donation of the proceeds from last year's Blue Goose Charity Gala. The report can be found on the "News" page of our website edmontonpond.com or by following this link - [ImPACT Program Report](#).

GEARING UP FOR THE GALA

The 4th annual Blue Goose Charity Gala is set to go April 27th, 2013 at the River Cree Resort. This event, which has sold out in each of the past 3 years, features a 4-course dinner, live jazz band, silent and live auctions, and a live

painting performance by the internationally renowned artist Lewis Lavoie.

This year's beneficiary is YOUCAN Youth Services. YOUCAN Youth Services is a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to empowering youth so they have the knowledge, support and skills to remove themselves from harm's way. Proceeds from the Gala will go towards purchasing a Jeep to assist in their work with at-risk youth.

Your firm or organization can contribute to the success of this event by donating an auction item or by taking advantage of one of the Platinum Sponsorships. For more information on the Gala, or how you can help, go to the [Gala page on our website](#).

To order tickets contact Adrienne Lee alee@sintraeng.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gala ...	April 27, 2013
Grant MacEwan night	May 2013
AGM ...	June 2013



POKER NIGHT

Ganders and guests assembled January 30th on the banks of the North Saskatchewan, or to be more accurate, at the Kinsmen River Valley Place, for the Edmonton Pond Poker Night. Following an evening of good food and fellowship, Chad Shurnaik emerged as the overall winner.



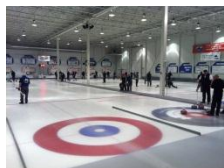
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Our congratulations to Chad, and our thanks to MLG Mike Sherban for arranging the event and providing some photos of the evening.

BONSPIEL

The 49th annual Blue Goose Men's Curling Bonspiel was held March 1 & 2 in Richmond, BC. Four rinks from Edmonton participated with two of them coming out winning their events. The Gardiner and Happer rinks won the C and D Event respectively.



107th Annual Grand Nest Convention

Quebec, QC

July 8 – 12, 2013

Registration now open

[ONLINE REGISTRATION](#)

Hi Mike,

I wanted to thank you and The Honorable Order of the Blue Goose for your generous donation which has contributed to making E4C's School Lunch Program such a success over the years. As you may know, the E4C School Lunch Program feeds thousands of children a healthy lunch.

Your support means a great deal to the children who have been inspired and fed, and your support also means a great deal to those of us who help organize these program. I look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

Thank You

*Arlene Thompson
Program Coordinator
School Lunch Program
Nutrition & Community Services*

AROUND BLUE GOOSE ...

The Eastern Region held their mid-year meeting in Plymouth, MA ... capped off by a polar bear plunge by two DMLGG's.



DID YOU KNOW... ?

Q. What are the fundamental principles of Blue Goose?

A. Character, Charity, and Fellowship are the three important elements of our Honorable Order.

Involvement in your local pond through attending pond activities, or participation on committees or the pond executive builds character. In addition to the countless charities supported individually by our members, the Edmonton Pond host an annual charity Christmas luncheon and a Charity Gala in April. There is fellowship aplenty to be found at all Blue Goose events.

Registration is now open for the Grand Nest Convention in Quebec city hosted by the Quebec Pond. [ONLINE REGISTRATION](#)

The **Tennessee Pond** is holding their annual charity golf tournament in support of Special Olympics on April 8th.

The **Hartford Pond** hosted 230 attendees at their All Industry Night on February 9th. They raised \$14,000 which will be split evenly between the Autism Services and Resources of Connecticut and Newton First Responders.

ON THE MOVE?



Please remember to send your updated contact information to

EdmontonPond@gmail.com

Future Grand Nest Conventions

Host	Location	Date
Quebec Pond	Quebec City	July 8-12, 2013
Utah Pond	Salt Lake City	July 2014
National Capital Pond	TBA	July 2015
St. Louis Pond	St. Louis	July 2016
Southern Region	TBA	July 2017

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	Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International Application for the Edmonton Pond (Application fee of \$50.00 must be attached)		
	New Membership (New Membership Date) <input type="checkbox"/>	Reinstatement (Reinstatement Date) <input type="checkbox"/>	Flight (Flight Date) <input type="checkbox"/>

Personal Information

Last Name	First Name	MI	Nickname
Birthdate	Spouse's Full Name		
Home Address	City	Province	Postal Code
Home Phone # with Area Code	Home Fax # with Area Code	Home e-mail Address	

Professional Information

Employer Name	Work e-mail Address		
Work Address	City	Province	Postal Code
Work Phone # with Area Code and Ext.	Work Fax # with Area Code		
Does ICS deliver to: Home <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/>			

Have you ever been a member of another pond? [] YES [] NO If "Yes" where? Flight to _____ pond from _____ and has paid dues for the fiscal year ending _____. If officer, position held: _____ Dates: _____

Applicant's Signature:

New Member Vouched for by Three Ganders

(1) _____ Print Sponsor's Name	_____ Sponsor's Signature
(2) _____ Print Sponsor's Name	_____ Sponsor's Signature
(3) _____ Print Sponsor's Name	_____ Sponsor's Signature

Pond use only Dated: _____ Approved: _____