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Upcoming Events

Christmas Luncheon
December 5th

Spring Gala
April 28, 2018

Grand Nest Convention
Edmonton
July 11-13, 2018

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HAILING FROM HALIE



Thank you to everyone who attended the first ever Axe Throwing event on October 12. Together we collected 32 coats that were donated to the Bissell Centre. The Axe Throwing event was a fun time had by all, and we had some real naturals in the mix.

As the days get a little shorter here, that means our next event is the Christmas Luncheon. We will be sending out an invitation to you shortly regarding the annual holiday event which will be held on December 5th at the Royal Glenora. Furthermore, we will be dedicating the fundraising from this event to a local Edmonton based

charity E4C. In addition, as we always do, we will be collecting unwrapped toys to be donated to Santa's Anonymous.

The Christmas Luncheon is a wonderful event where we get to really see how much our industry can do together to raise money and awareness for local charitable organizations.

... Halie Wispinski, MLG

GRAND NEST CHECK-IN



Greetings from your Grand Nest.

I trust everyone had an enjoyable fall this year and are now prepared for the eventuality of winter arriving.

Not much to report from the Grand Nest side of things. Your Grand Custodian Dan Rich has almost completed the Savannah Convention Report. Our own Permanent Wielder Neil Miller has been working with Dan on this report by supplying some great photos of the Convention activities. So keep an eye open for it in your in-basket. The report will be sent out inside the Annual Grand Nest Bulletin coming soon.

At the moment I am heavily involved with the Grand Nest budgets both the actual numbers from last year and our forecasted budget numbers for this year. This has caused some delay in getting the Annual Grand Nest Bulletin out as we want to make sure that we have the correct numbers being applied to the correct items.

Recently I was able to fly out to Vancouver to enjoy a round of golf with the BC Pond as the second half of the A Z DeLong tournament between Seattle Pond and BC Pond. Unfortunately, there were no attendee's from Seattle Pond this year as we were hoping some new members would step up. Hopefully next year. But it is always great to head out to BC and visit with our fellow Ganders out there.

That is about it. Watch for the Grand Nest Bulletin coming out soon and if you are missed on the e-mail list please contact our local Wielder of the Quill Neil Miller or any other executive member to update your information. The Bulletin will also be available on the Blue Goose web page: bluegoose.org

Until next time – please remember to Tote Fair in your daily lives.

PMLG Mark Robertson
Most Loyal Grand Gander

2018 Convention



T minus 8 months to the 2018 Grand Nest Convention in Edmonton! July is getting closer and our Convention Committee is ramping up efforts to ensure we have an amazing event.

In my last update, I reported on our fundraising progress and that we are doing another push to bring in another \$30,000. These additional funds will ensure we can put on the convention with everything we have planned. We have developed new sponsorship opportunities for those who may be interested in supporting a specific aspect of the convention. These opportunities include coffee breaks, transportation, youth program and break-

fasts. If you haven't yet made a commitment, then please contact one of the individual shown below to discuss what option might fit your budget.

Due to recent efforts, we've also had a surge in Flight to '18 memberships – thank you to those of you who have jumped on board! We have just started plans for a February Valentine's Dinner-Dance as an additional fundraiser. Stay tuned for more details on this event.

We are finalizing convention registration details so that our registration web site will be ready to go on January 1. Local pond members are welcome to register for the entire convention (July 11 to 13, 2018) but can also register for specific events if you can't attend all three days. My next report will provide an overview of the itinerary and what events can be registered for individually. We have a custom-embroidered Blue Goose quilt that will be awarded as the early-bird

draw prize so be sure to register sooner than later.

You may have noticed Gordie the Goose, our convention mascot, has been active. He traveled to BC Pond in September for their annual golf tournament and attended the recent pond's axe-throwing event. Make sure to follow Gordie on social media as he will be posting updates about the convention.

Our committee continues to meet monthly and we have had some others recently join. We can always use more hands on deck as we get closer to the convention. Please contact Andrew Happer at ahapper@cep-sintra.ca if you would like to get involved with our committee or have questions about sponsorship.

... PMLG Andrew Happer
Convention Chair

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Flight to '18 Coasters



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We thank the following members who are already on board:

Gary Best	Graham Laughton	John Paris
Bob Burvill	Dave Luckwell	Mike Peck
Patrick Dasilva	Terry Maloney	Dan Rich
Cheryl Gardiner	Dave Manchester	Mark Robertson
Jim Gardiner	Neil Miller	Bill Sadler
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Add your name to the list. Contact Neil Miller at edmontonpond@gmail.com for details.

Ax Throwing Night

Edmonton Pond Ganders and guests had a chance to let their inner lumberjack out on October 12th.

While enjoying snacks, we were given instruction in various ways of throwing axes—underhand, overhand, two at a time, etc. With lots of time for individual practice there were also team competitions featuring various types of games.

All-in-all it was a lot of fun!



I'm a Lumberjack and I'm OK ...



Gordie waits his turn



Fly ax, fly away



The release



Dueling bulls-eyes



The throw



A little more to the left



Overhand technique

Photos by Neil Miller

Don't sit on the sidelines.

There are many ways you can participate in Blue Goose activities and the Edmonton Pond will be all the better for your help! Some examples:

Help organize the annual Spring Charity Gala—contact PMLG Mike Sherban

mike.sherban@ca.belfor.com

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

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- ☛ Banner recognition on convention page of edmontonpond.com website
- ☛ Half page ad in the Edmonton Pond Gaggles in all editions leading up to the convention
- ☛ Full page ad in 2018 program including choice of location (offered in order of sponsorship confirmation)^{1,3}
- ☛ 2 complimentary foursome entries in convention golf tournament
- ☛ Space available for your exhibit booth at the convention
- ☛ Acknowledgement board at convention recognizing you as a Diamond Sponsor
- ☛ 4 tickets to Welcome Reception
- ☛ 4 tickets to the All Industry Luncheon
- ☛ 4 tickets to the Grand Banquet & Ball
- ☛ Recognition at convention golf tournament

Platinum Sponsor - \$5000

- ☛ Full page ad in 2018 program;
- ☛ 1 foursome entry in convention golf tournament
- ☛ Space available for your exhibit booth at the convention
- ☛ Choice of Platinum Level event sponsorship at the convention^{1,2,3}
- ☛ Special recognition on convention page of edmontonpond.com website
- ☛ 2 tickets to the Welcome Reception
- ☛ 2 tickets to the All Industry Luncheon
- ☛ 2 tickets to the Grand Banquet & Ball
- ☛ Recognition at convention golf tournament

Gold Sponsor - \$2,500

- ☛ 1/2 page ad in 2018 program;
- ☛ 2 complimentary golfer entries in convention golf tournament
- ☛ Space available for your exhibit booth at the convention
- ☛ Choice of Gold Level event sponsorship at the convention^{1,2,3}
- ☛ Recognition on convention page of edmontonpond.com website
- ☛ 2 tickets to the Welcome Reception
- ☛ 2 tickets to the All Industry Luncheon
- ☛ Recognition at convention golf tournament

Silver Sponsor - \$1000

- ☛ One quarter page in 2018 program
- ☛ 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^{1,2}
- ☛ Special recognition on convention page of edmontonpond.com website
- ☛ Recognition at convention golf tournament

Bronze - \$500

- ☛ Business card size ad in convention program
- ☛ Acknowledgment at convention as a sponsor

¹ First sponsorship confirmation gets first choice

² As per Event Sponsorship Schedule to be finalized prior to Convention, subject to availability, in order of sponsorship confirmation

³ Date of sponsorship confirmation shall be the date full payment is received, or date of final payment if made in instalments

Please make cheques payable to "2018 Blue Goose Convention"

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<i>Host</i>	Location	Date
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Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International Application for the Edmonton Pond (Application/dues fee of \$60 must be attached)

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