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May 6, 2017



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May/June 2017

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Charity Gala
May 6, 2017
Edmonton Marriott at
River Cree Resort

Golf Tournament
June 1, 2017

AGM
June, TBA

Grand Nest Convention
Savannah, GA
July 11-13, 2017

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MESSAGE FROM MLG KEEGAN



Greetings fellow Ganders.

It's spring and the city is buzzing with the Oilers playoffs.

We recently had a fun time hosting the 2nd Annual Blue Goose Open Bonspiel and got to meet some members from the Sask and Calgary ponds.

Last week was the Kelly's Saloon night and a PMLG dinner and next week will be the Charity Gala.

I hope everyone is enjoying themselves. Make sure to stay up to date on events with our new website address: edmontonpond.org. We have the golf tournament and the AGM/Initiation Night after that and then a break for the summer.

If anyone is interested in joining the executive feel free to let myself or another executive member know"

... Keegan McLennan, MLG



ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

June 1, 2017

Lacombe Golf & Country Club

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GRAND NEST CHECK-IN



Greetings Edmonton Pond..

Well, it appears that spring may have finally sprung its warmth and sunshine down onto our part of the world. About a week late for the Grand Nest Mid-Year meeting held in our fair city April 21st and 22nd. For a couple of weeks prior to the event I had been warning my fellow Grand Nest Officers to remember that they were heading North of the 49th to Canada and to bring warm cloths. Fortunately, they all took heed of my warnings and were well prepared for our cooler

spring weather.

They all arrived safe and sound on Thursday prior to the meeting. As we all know – there are no direct flights from Edmonton to pretty much anywhere else in the world. It's a day long trek for most. The exception being Lorena Kohlruss (Judge Advocate) from Nanaimo, BC as she and her family arrived on the Friday morning. Many thanks

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Blue Goose Edmonton Pond Presents

SPRING GALA

*In support of
Edmonton Meals on Wheels*

*Saturday May 6, 2017
Edmonton Marriott at River Cree Resort
Cocktails 5:30 pm
Dinner 6:30 pm
Tickets \$120 each, \$1200 for table of 10*

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to PMLG Tony Thibaudeau for helping to pick our visitors up and chauffeur them along from the airport to the Westin Hotel. The crew which he brought in enjoyed a short tour of the city and expressed their appreciation towards Tony's efforts.

Thursday evening I invited the officers to join me in supper at the La Ronde Restaurant atop the Chateau Lacombe. The weather cooperated as we were able to walk from the Westin to the Chateau. They enjoyed the meal and fantastic view of our city with the sun setting off in the west. After a short walk back to the hotel most of the Grand Nest joined me in the hospitality suite for a nightcap and to watch our Edmonton Oilers play San Jose just down the road at Rogers Place.

Our Friday meeting started off with a conference call between the attending officers and a couple who unable to make the trip to Edmonton. The rest of the afternoon moved along and we had enough time for a quick drink before gathering downstairs to be escorted to Fort Edmonton Park and Kelly's Saloon. Even though several of the officers were not poker players I had advised them that they were all expected to participate with a "Bounty" on their heads. They all joined in and had great fun.

Many thanks to Tracy Fata for helping to drive officers to the event and hanging around at the end to make sure they all got home safe and sound. All the officers were taken aback with the facilities of Fort Edmonton Park. They could not believe that we had this kind of facility located right inside our city! They loved the details of the buildings and the various streets dedicated to specific historic years.

Saturday was a full day of Grand Nest meetings. A special thanks to our Edmonton Convention Chairperson Andrew Happer and our Edmonton Wielder Neil Miller who attended a segment of the meeting specifically set aside for them to present our convention budget to the Grand Nest. They also brought the Grand Nest members up to speed on what to expect here in Edmonton in 2018. I tried to coax my fellow Grand Nest Officers to grill them hard on both topics but they were unable to do that as both Andrew and Neil were well prepared with all the facts and figures in hand. Great job and well done.

The special evening held on Saturday evening, with our pond's Past Most Loyal Ganders in attendance, was well received. The stories from years gone-by along with some shared personal memories made the evening one to remember for all the Grand Nest Officers. With

the PMLG's from Edmonton receiving recognition for their contribution to our Edmonton Pond, there were a couple of stand outs for sure, with Gary Best having 55 years membership in the order followed by Dale Faulkner with 41. Grand Nest officers could see the real strength and history of our Edmonton Pond. The evening capped off with the sharing of fellowship up in the hospitality room enjoying an Oiler win in San Jose and advancing from the 1st round. What a great evening it was all around.

We couldn't let our honored guests leave our fair city and country without one last taste of winter. Snow falling late Saturday throughout Sunday ensured that they would long remember their time spent in Edmonton in April. Thanks again to Tony Thibaudeau and his chauffeuring skills taking care of transporting all our guests to the airport. Tony was on the road at 5 AM Sunday morning to make sure none of our guests missed their flights. Thank you to all Ganders from Edmonton who helped to make this Mid-Year meeting of the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International one to remember.

*PMLG Mark Robertson
Grand Supervisor of the Flock*

*Departed friends, our voice we raise,
In humble tribute, honor, praise.
With one accord our greetings swell;
Hail, Fellow Ganders ... and Farewell*



Jack Sugden

Born July 28, 1927, Gander Jack Sugden took his last flight on April 2, 2017.

Jack retired at age 56 after a career as an adjuster and was a founding partner of Sharp-Sugden Adjusters Ltd.

Jack was a Blue Goose member since 1958 and a Life Member since 1988.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Shirley, sons Murray (Debbie), Lynn (Lynn) and several grandchildren.



PMLG Bruce Brodie

On April 11, 2017 PMLG Bruce Brodie took his last long flight at age 91.

Bruce joined Blue Goose in 1954 and was MLG of the Edmonton Pond in 1979-80. He was made a Life Member in 1991.

Bruce has been retired from the Economical Insurance Company (where he served as Alberta Manager) for many years.

Bruce is survived by his children Linda (Brian) Aabak, Liane (Wayne) Mockford, Ian Brodie and 6 grandchildren.



Simon Pugsley

Simon Pugsley took his last flight on April 11, 2017.

Gander Pugsley was a 25-year member of Blue Goose. He worked for many years for Guardian Insurance Company and more recently with NIB Insurance Group.

Simon survives in the hearts of his wife Sharon, sons James (Jennifer), Andrew, stepdaughter Carol, stepsons Gerry Grant (Anna) and Darren Grant along with 7 grandchildren.

2018 Convention

The Grand Nest mid-year meeting was held the weekend of April 21-23 at the Westin Hotel. We had a total of nine (9) out-of-town visitors from Grand Nest, which included our event planner from PEC. This was an opportunity for the Grand Nest to see the hotel and some of the local sights. Our convention planning committee also had the opportunity to provide an



update as to the progress we have made with the planning of the 2018 Convention. It was also an excellent opportunity to sit down with our event planner, go through the entire planned itinerary and determine next steps. In order to break up the weekend full of meetings, Grand Nest attended the Old West Saloon Night on Friday and the PMLG Dinner on Saturday (reports on these two events are included in this Gaggles).

Our committee has been making good progress. More recently, we have been focusing on decisions related to registrations and working with our event planner to get the registration web site fully developed. This will be launched later this year. As mentioned in my past columns, we are still seeking corporate sponsorships and individual contributions as we want to ensure that next year's convention will be as fun and entertaining as we plan. Please review the details of these sponsorship opportunities that are described in this Gaggles. I'd particularly like to highlight that those who join the Flight to '18 Club will re-

ceive a pair of uniquely engraved slate coasters that show the Blue Goose logo! Please contact PWGQ Neil Miller if you are interested in providing financial support.

With the Pond's Charity Gala coming up this week on May 6th, our committee will have a table set-up with information. Feel free to stop by and ask questions. As we are now a year away from the date of the convention, we welcome more volunteers to help the various sub-committees. Please let us know if you would like to get involved. Also, as part of the 2017 Convention in Savannah this summer, a group of our committee members will be making a formal presentation about Edmonton as the host for the 2018 Convention. We have an engaging, fun presentation planned that should encourage and entice other ponds to come visit our city next year!

... PMLG Andrew Happer
Convention Chair

Flight to '18 Coasters



Flight to '18 Club

We thank the following members who are already on board:

Gary Best
Cheryl Gardiner
Jim Gardiner
Andrew Happer
Terry Maloney

Neil Miller
Wayne Orchuk
John Paris
Mark Robertson

Bill Sadler
Tony Thibaudeau
Ron Thompson
Frits Wortman

Add your name to the list. Contact Neil Miller at edmontonpond@gmail.com for details.

Old West Saloon Night

To help welcome the visiting Grand Nest to Edmonton, the Edmonton Pond hosted an Old West Saloon night at Kelly's Saloon in Fort Edmonton Park on Friday, April 21.

The location set the scene nicely with Ganders donned in their western duds and old-time western music played on the piano. Dinner was followed with a good ol' style Texas Hold 'Em tournament with bounties awarded on the heads of the visiting Grand Nest Officers. A back room with 8-ball pool and darts was also enjoyed by some folk.

Congratulations to Grand Wielder, Terry Maloney, who outlasted everyone in the poker tournament. Joe Chivers came a close second with Judge Advocate, Lorena Kohlruss, in third after eliminating half of the players on her own!

... PMLG Andrew Happer

More photos online
in our
GALLERY



GWGQ Maloney reeling them in.



MLGG Linda Meik deals 'em



Tracy Fata & GCG Kim
Bilbrey

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Gary Best	John Paris
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PMLG Dinner

Since 1953, Edmonton Pond has had 60 Most Loyal Ganders and 59 PMLGs. An intimate gathering was held at the Westin Hotel on Saturday, April 22, to bring together PMLGs with the visiting Grand Nest Officers.

We had 10 Past Most Loyal Ganders of Edmonton Pond and their spouses join our special guests from Grand Nest. We presented certificates of recognition, as well as milestone pins (10-year, 25-year and 50-year), to the attending PMLGs for their extended years of membership with the Pond.

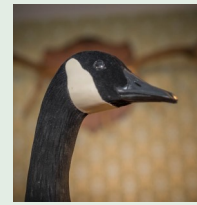
Particular recognition should be highlighted to Life member and PMLG Gary Best (serving as MLG from 1989 to 1991) who has been a member of Edmonton Pond for 56 years!

As part of the PMLG Dinner, we Skyped with B.C. Pond who were hosting their 100th Anniversary Celebration at The Permanent in downtown Vancouver that evening. It was a Prohibition Party with Flappers and Gangsters vying for prizes. To make it an interactive session, Most Loyal Grand Gander, Linda Meik, and Grand Wielder, Terry Maloney, drew ticket numbers to award prizes for those attending the BC Pond event.

... PMLG Andrew Happer

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Gordie the Goose



Gordie the Goose has been making appearances at recent events. He attended the Open Bonspiel, Old West Saloon Night and PMLG Dinner. We hear that he's interested in becoming a member in our fraternal organization.

We expect to see him out to more pond events and other local festivals this coming year. In fact, he is planning to attend the convention in Savannah this summer. We understand he is quite astute with social media and have started seeing him tweet and post updates of his adventures and encounters. So keep an eye out!





Grand Nest Officers L-R (Back)
GSO Mark Robertson, GGN Dan
Rich, JA Lorena Kohlruess, GWGQ
Terry Maloney, (Front) MLGG
Linda Meik, GCG Kim Bilbrey

GRAND NEST MIDYEAR MEETING



Dale Faulkner
1983-84

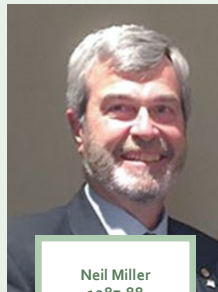


PMLG Happer presents PMLG
Best with 56-Year Certificate

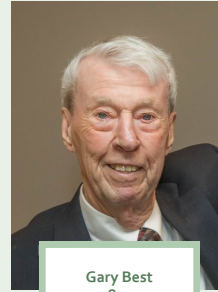
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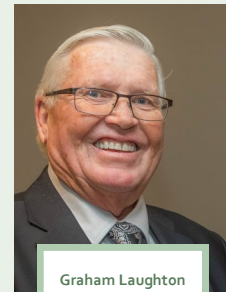
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Neil Miller
1987-88



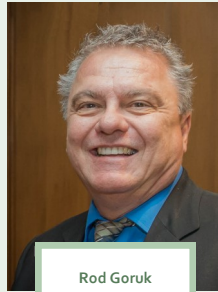
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1989-91



Graham Laughton
1991-92



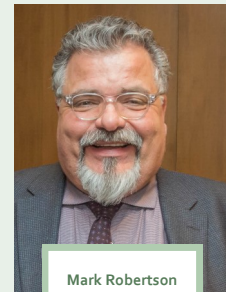
Jim Gardiner
1986-87



Rod Goruk
2001-02



Ken Lakhram
2004-05



Mark Robertson
2006-07

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Skyping with BC Pond at their 100th
Birthday Party



Andrew Happer
2010-12

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www.edmontonpond.org/gallery



Blue Goose Annual Golf Tournament 2017

When: June 1, 2017

Where: Lacombe Golf & Country Club Shotgun: 9:00am

Cost/Person: Golf and Dinner \$150
Includes Golf, Power Cart, Dinner & Range Balls

Banquet: Lacombe Golf & Country Club
Dinner Start Time Approximately 3:30 - 4:00
Prize Presentation Upon Completion of Dinner



General Info: The committee will match up foursomes for those registered as individually or in two's or three's.
If you are forming your own foursome, then only one application is necessary with all the information completed

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Application: Tear Off and Return Bottom Half with Payment

3.5% processing fee applies

Name	Pond/Vistor	Phone	Email

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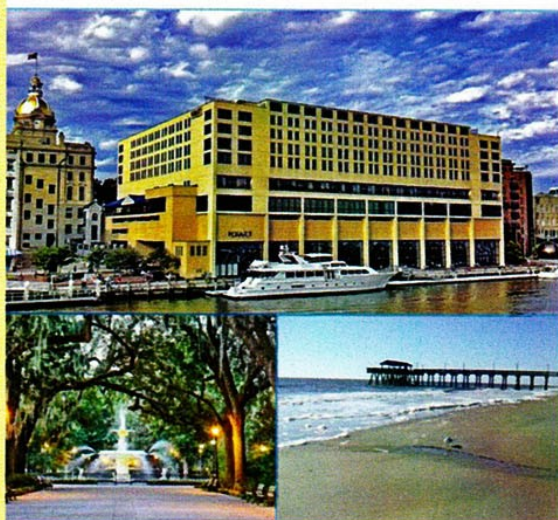
****Applications without Cheques will not be accepted****

Space is limited to 120 golfers

Anyone wishing to sponsor a hole or donate prizes (Long Drive, Long Putt, etc.) please contact:

Tracey Irving	403-571-2050	403-807-8402 (cell)	tirving@cl-na.com
Josh Friesen	403-717-9434		jfriesen@rogersinsurance.ca

Savannah



Passport To The South

Registration Is Now Open!

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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Savannah



Passport To The South

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Go to:

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2017 Blue Goose Convention

Savannah *Passport To The South*



2018 Grand Nest Convention Sponsorship Levels

Diamond Corporate Sponsor - \$10,000 (limited to 1 per Industry Segment)

- ☛ Recognition as a Diamond Sponsor for the convention
- ☛ 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

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- ☛ 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

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

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<i>Host</i>	Location	Date
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<i>Edmonton Pond</i>	Edmonton, AB	July 11-13, 2018
<i>Dayton Pond</i>	Indianapolis, IN	TBA
<i>Hartford Pond</i>	TBA	TBA

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