

# BLUE GOOSE CHARITY GALA

MAY 10, 2014

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Edmonton Pond

# GAGGLES

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May/June 2014

## Upcoming Events:

Charity Gala  
May 10, 2014

Golf Tournament  
June 5, 2014

June Luncheon & AGM  
June 17, 2014

Grand Nest Convention  
July 23—27, 2014  
Salt Lake City, UT

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## INITIATION NIGHT

In a 1931 article in *The Wetaskiwin Times*, renowned ornithologist and U of A grad J. Dewey Soper tells about the tribulations of discovering the summer nesting grounds of the Blue Goose in the Arctic Circle.

On April 8, 2014 a keen observer would have safely witnessed the Initiation of 3 young Goslings into the Edmonton Pond right here in our fair city.

In a ceremony led by MLG Mike Sherban, Edmonton Pond members gave a warm welcome to new members of Rob Clarke, Dale Mah and Caleb Maksymchuk.



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## MESSAGE FROM MIKE



Hello ganders. Spring is here and we start to enjoy the days of sunshine we long for.

Our business year is fast coming to a close with only a couple of events left. The annual spring gala is coming up May 10 at the River Cree and we once again expect this to be a sold out event. Bring your character, charity, and fellowship hats with you to this wonderful event in support of this years charity **'The House Next Door'**.

Our final pond meeting of the year is our AGM lunch, June 17th, at the Blatchford Room in the Nova Hotel Kingsway. I look forward to seeing you there as we discuss important motions, Pond business, and hold the election of Pond officers for next year's executive. It has been my pleasure to serve as your Most Loyal Gander for the past two years. I have been fortunate to have had the backing of a strong executive during this time and I anticipate our upcoming executive will continue to deliver the quality events the Edmonton Pond is accustomed to in the future.

Last we have the upcoming Grand Nest Convention being held in Salt Lake City, Utah, in July. I hope to see that our Edmonton Pond is represented well at this event as we move forward to our eventual hosting of the 2018 convention.

Wishing you safe flights and sunny days as we move through spring and into the summer months.

... Mike Sherban, MLG



## MORE INITIATION NIGHT PHOTOS



### Initiation Night cont'd

Pond is strengthened by the addition of new members and we are very pleased that these three gentlemen have chosen to join our ranks.

The dinner and ceremony was held at the Nova Hotel Kingsway, a new venue for us. We were very fortunate to have a good turnout of members for this special evening and we thank all who attended.



### GALA

The annual Blue Goose Charity Gala is on target to be another sellout success in 2014. This year's event, to be held on May 10th, will be raising funds for **The Home Next Door**. More information on this year's charity can be found in the Mar/Apr issue of [Gaggles](#) or on their [website](#).


Sponsorship opportunities are still available. As well, donation of silent auction items is still needed. If you are able to assist in these areas, please contact committee chair Chris Miller at Sintra Engineering either by email at

[cmiller@sintraeng.com](mailto:cmiller@sintraeng.com) (780) 801-0716.

This year's event will again feature fine food, great music, the auction of a painting created that evening, as well as a silent and live auction.

Don't miss this outstanding event. If you still need tickets, contact Adrienne Lee at (780) 801-0729 or [alee@sintraeng.com](mailto:alee@sintraeng.com)





**BLUE GOOSE**  
2014 CHARITY GALA

**Tickets \$100.00 PER PERSON**  
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.

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All of the proceeds from the auctions and raffle will be directed towards  
**The Home Next Door**

**SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2014**  
6:00 PM Cocktails  
7:00 PM Dinner

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

**RSVP BY APRIL 15, 2014**  
Adrienne at [alee@sintraeng.com](mailto: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



## Edmonton Pond

# June Luncheon & AGM

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

\$30

11:30 am - Cocktails  
12:00 pm - Lunch  
13:30 pm - AGM

Chateau Nova Kingsway  
159 Airport Road

RSVP to [edmontonpond@gmail.com](mailto:edmontonpond@gmail.com)  
by **Friday June 13th**

## BONSPIEL

The 50th annual Blue Goose Men's Curling Bonspiel was held on March 7 & 8, 2014. For the special occasion the bonspiel returned to its home of many years, Banff. Curlers enjoyed the beautiful new recreation center in Banff which replaced the facility where we last curled in the town.



Of the 5 rinks from Edmonton, 3 managed to finish "in the money".

Congratulations to the Paulsen rink (Gene Paulsen, Chad Shurnaik, Tim Boychuk, and Chris Keeler) on their win in the D event.

The Hughes rink (Mark Hughes, Andrew Happer, Paul Gullekson, and Tony Thi-baudeau) pulled off a 3rd place finish in that same event while the Genge rink (Norm Genge, Ken Lakhram, Cody Cuthill, and Gord Peabody) wrapped up 4th in the C Event.

We were very fortunate to have two Grand Nest Officers join in on the fun of the weekend. Grand Custodian of the Ganders Randy Wilson visited from St. Louis while Edmonton's own Grand Keeper of the Golden Goose Egg played on the Gardiner rink.



GCOG Wilson, PMLG Buzzeo, GKGE Robertson

## LAST FLIGHT



It is with profound sadness that note the passing of Gander Fred Luby. On March 29, 2014 Fred took his last flight at the age of 84.

He was well known and highly respected within the insurance community. Fred was predeceased by Dorothy, his wife of 58 years and is survived by 4 children: Heather, Lorie, Chris, and Patti along with their spouses, 10 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Fred started his insurance career with The Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Company in Toronto as an adjuster and remained with that company until his retirement, some 40 years later, on December 31, 1990. His career took him to various locations in Ontario, to Moncton, and finally to Edmonton in 1976 as the Branch Manager.

In 1955 Fred was initiated into the Ontario Pond of the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose, International. After being away from Blue Goose for several years in the 1970's, he rejoined in 1980 as a member of the Edmonton Pond and remained a member until the time of his Last Flight.

Following his retirement from The Wawanesa, Fred started up *Sports 'n Things* and became the "official" supplier to the insurance industry for promotional items and golf tournament prizes. He also took a very active role in helping to organize a number of different golf tournaments.

All who knew Fred remember him for his kindness, loyalty and integrity. He will truly be missed.

*"Hail friend and farewell."*



## AGM

All Ganders should plan to attend our June Luncheon and AGM on Tuesday, June 17, 2014. We will be back at the Chateau Nova Kingsway hotel, the site of our Initiation Dinner and Ceremony in April.

We appreciate that Ganders have limited time over the lunch period so we are planning to keep the meeting as short as possible. As it was held in April, an Initiation Ceremony will not be part of the AGM.

Cocktails and fellowship will start at 11:30, followed by lunch at noon and the AGM. We should have you on your way again by 1:30 at the latest.

The cost of the luncheon is only \$30. Please RSVP to [edmontonpond@gmail.com](mailto:edmontonpond@gmail.com) by Friday, June 13th at the latest.



## GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual Blue Goose Golf Tournament will be held at the Lacombe Golf & Country Club on Thursday, June 5, 2014. The shotgun start is at 9:00 am.

For more information, or to register, click on the link below:

[Golf Registration](#)



## NAME THAT CONVENTION

Make your mark on history! There is still time to submit your ideas for a slogan and logo for the 2018 Convention and have a chance at winning prizes.

Details are on the next page.







# Enter to WIN!



**Get your creative juices flowing. Create a theme with a slogan along with a logo for the 2018 Blue Goose Convention to be held in Edmonton and WIN PRIZES!**

**Contest Rules:**

- Entries must be emailed to [edmontonpond@gmail.com](mailto:edmontonpond@gmail.com) and must be received before midnight on May 31, 2014. An individual may submit as many different themes with slogans and/or logos as they wish.
- Prizes will be awarded as follows:
  -  Winning theme with slogan - \$50 Gift Certificate
  -  Winning logo design - \$50 Gift Certificate
- The 2018 Convention Committee will pick a panel of judges whose decision will be final.
- Winner(s) will be announced at the Edmonton Pond AGM in June 2014.
- Winning entries become the property of the Edmonton Pond. The 2018 Convention Committee reserves the right to use the winning entries as submitted or modify as necessary for use in publicizing the 2018 Grand Nest Convention of the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose, International.

## FINAL ISSUE

This is the final issue of Gaggles for the current Edmonton Pond year.

Watch for the next issue in early September which will contain news about the Gala, the AGM and the Grand Nest Convention in Salt Lake City.

In the meantime, you can keep up -to-date with Edmonton Pond news by visiting our website [edmontonpond.com](http://edmontonpond.com)

## Future Grand Nest Conventions

Host	Location	Date
Utah Pond	Salt Lake City	July 23-27, 2014
National Capital Pond	NYC to Bermuda Cruise	July 2015
St. Louis Pond	St. Louis	July 2016
Southern Region	TBA	July 2017
Edmonton Pond	Edmonton	July 2018

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*Experience everything Utah has to offer. The hotel rates are the convention rate two days before and two days after the convention!*

*Based on availability*

## Pioneer Days

Bring the entire family and join us for a fun-filled Pioneer Days at This is the Place Heritage Park!

The Park has everything you need for a few hours or an entire day making family memories. It's a kick-up-your-heels good time ushered in by a patriotic flag ceremony.

### Schedule of Events:

- ◊ Pioneer Day Concert-July 18 & 19 @ 8pm
- ◊ First Encampment Hike-July 19 @ 7am
- ◊ Family Festival-July 19 @ 10am-2pm
- ◊ Rodeo-July 19-24 @ 6pm
- ◊ Sunrise Service-July 24 @ 7am
- ◊ Parade-July 24 @ 9am



Click [HERE](#) to make hotel reservations!

Do you know a member who would like to come to this year's conference, but does not have internet and is having trouble registering? Let them know that PEC Meetings Company will register them right over the phone! Have them call 414-376-6527 and ask for Shelia and she will take care of the rest.

Check out these activities before, during, and after the convention.

Event	Date	Location
Journey & Steve Miller Band	7/17/14	USANA Amphitheatre, Salt Lake City
2014 Cache Valley Super Sprint & Logan Triathlon	7/19/14	Logan Aquatic Center, Logan
Salt Lake City Bees Home Game	7/19/14 @7:05pm	Smith's Ballpark, Salt Lake City
Salt Lake City Bees Home Game	7/20/14 @1:05pm	Smith's Ballpark, Salt Lake City
Brother Brigham's Ball	7/21/14	This is the Place Heritage Park, Salt Lake City
Salt Lake City Bees Home Game	7/21/14 @7:05pm	Smith's Ballpark, Salt Lake City
Pioneer Days	7/24/14-7/26/14	This is the Place Heritage Park, Salt Lake City
Bike Fest	7/26/14-7/27/14	Miller Motorsports Park, Tooele
Real Salt Lake vs. New York	7/30/14	Rio Tinto Stadium, Sandy
Motley Crue	8/01/14	USANA Amphitheatre, Salt Lake City

Early Bird Registration January 1 – May 14, 2014	Final Registration May 15 – June 22, 2014
Members/Spouses \$350	Members/Spouses \$370
Youth/Children \$225	Youth/Children \$250

Register now at [www.hobgiregister.com](http://www.hobgiregister.com)

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## CHANGING JOBS?

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	<b>New Membership</b> (New Membership Date) <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Reinstatement</b> (Reinstatement Date) <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Flight</b> (Flight Date) <input type="checkbox"/>

### Personal Information

Last Name		First Name	MI	Nickname
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Home Address		City	Province	Postal Code
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**Applicant's Signature:**

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Print Sponsor's Name	Sponsor's Signature

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If you work within the Property and Casualty Insurance Industry, we welcome you to apply for membership in the Edmonton Pond by following the following steps:

1. Complete the Application form on the reverse.
2. Have your application vouched for by 3 existing members (Ganders) of Blue Goose.
3. Mail your completed application, along with a \$50.00 cheque payable to **Blue Goose Edmonton Pond** (for application fee and current year's dues) to:

Edmonton Pond  
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4. When your application is received you will receive confirmation and further notice once the date of the next Initiation Ceremony has been established.

For further information contact the Edmonton Pond at [edmontonpond@gmail.com](mailto:edmontonpond@gmail.com) or go to our website [www.edmontonpond.com](http://www.edmontonpond.com)