



Edmonton Pond

GAGGLES



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We are all very busy in our business roles and time is valuable. So I will be working hard with the pond executive this year to offer the flock a focus on fun and fellowship in our meetings and make them events that you want to find the time to attend.

It is my hope this year to see a return to the table of many of our past members as well as the new blood brought to our pond. We face the task of finding a suitable candidate to be elected into the international Grand Nest for an eventual Grand Most Loyal Gander role in the year 2018 when Edmonton will host this great convention.

I look forward to serving as your Most Loyal Gander and meeting all of you at future meetings.

Mike Sherban, MLG

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



FUN FELLOWSHIP & FELT

Come out and enjoy the first Edmonton Pond event of the new season on
Thursday, October 11th.

**Pool Tournament and Appetizers at
Metro Billiards**

Take your **CUE** from your Pond Executive and **DO NOT MISS THIS EVENT**. Watch your email for further details.

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MESSAGE FROM MIKE



Welcome back Ganders to another year of fellowship and raising funds to help those in need.

I find myself with large shoes to fill as our previous Most Loyal Gander Andrew Happer was very organized and kept us all on track with our tasks. The upcoming year looks bright with several positive things to look forward to on the heels of the initiation of several new goslings, an approval for hosting the 2018 convention, and a growing success in the spring gala in the past year.

I attended the Grand Nest Convention in Calgary and am very proud of the Edmonton Flock for staging the mock initiation based on a curling theme. I do believe our American friends even got to learn a bit about curling!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pool Tournament ...	October 11, 2012
Christmas Lunch ...	December 10, 2012
Poker Night ...	January 2013
Scotch Nosing ...	February 2013
Gala ...	April 27, 2013
AGM ...	June 2013

EDMONTON POND AGM

Our annual AGM was held on the evening of June 21st, 2012 at the Royal Glenora Club.

The Model Initiation Team, which had been rehearsing for the Grand Nest Convention in Calgary in July, conducted the ritual which several goslings initiated into the Edmonton Pond.

In the business meeting that followed the pond members approved a proposal to host the 2018 Grand Nest Convention, elected a new executive, and approved financial support for ganders attending the Grand Nest Convention in Calgary. Congratulations to Mike Sherban, our new Most Loyal Gander and our thanks to Past Most Loyal Gander Andrew Happer for 2 years at the helm!

\$27,000 RAISED AT GALA



The annual Blue Goose Gala, held April 21, 2012, was again a sellout with 320 in attendance. The event raised \$27,000 for the Brain Care Centre. The evening included fine

dining, dancing, and auctions including a work painted by a local artist, Lewis Lavoie (shown beside his painting), that night. Thanks to the organizing committee, sponsors, and all who attended. With all of your participation and support this was the most successful Gala to date!

For more information on the Brain Care Centre and their own Gala go to www.braincarecentre.com



2012 CONVENTION

The Hyatt in Calgary was the scene of the 106th Grand Nest Convention on July 26th to 29th, 2012. While attendance may have been down this year the fun and fellowship did not take a back seat to any convention. The Alberta Pond and PMLGG Lorena Kohlruss should be very proud of hosting a very successful event.

A golf tournament on the morning of July 26th at the Links of GlenEagles kicked off the convention. Our very own MLG Mike Sherban was on the winning foursome - for the second year in a row!

Thursday evening saw a stampede-themed Welcome Party complete with cowboy attire and a shoot-out over a card game.

Friday began with the Opening Ceremonies, Memorial Service, and Model Initiation. Edmonton Pond representatives received accolades for conducting the Model Initiation using a curling theme.

Lunch featured guest speaker Dr. Terry Krause speaking on hail suppression in Alberta.

The afternoon was occupied with regional meetings as well as special meetings on future conventions and communication. Attendees at the Canadian regional meeting unanimously endorsed Edmonton Pond's proposal to host the Grand Nest Convention in 2018.

The day was capped off by dinner at the Calgary Zoo.

Saturday morning was dedicated to a presentation by Quebec Pond on next year's convention, Grand Nest Meetings and the election of new officers. Lorena Kohlruss ended her very successful year as MLGG to take up her place as a PMLGG while Linda Meik of the Southern Region became the newest Grand Nest Officer. The complete roster of Grand Nest Officers is as follows:

Most Loyal Grand Gander - Guy Charron
Grand Supervisor of the Flock - John Paris
Grand Custodian of the Goslings - Bill Olson
Grand Guardian of the Nest - Randy Wilson
Grand Keeper of the Golden Goose Egg - Linda Meik

Grand Wielder of the Golden Goose Quill Terry Maloney, Judge Advocate Robert Ross, and Grand Historian Gerald Hale continue in their roles.

Lunch at Bookers topped off the morning.

While the Ganders were in meetings on Friday and Saturday, spouses and children were treated to an excursion to the Tyrell Museum, a visit to the Glenbow Museum and to Heritage Park.

Saturday evening "Southern Belles" turned out in full force to dine and dance the night away in a perfect ending to a wonderful convention.



Golf winners



Wranglers Kohlruss, Russell & Heinz



The Happer Gang



Shootout at the Hyatt Corral



Chow time



Opening Ceremony



Gary & Joan Best



Opening Ceremony



Poet Doris Daley



L-R Mike Downs, Jim Gardiner, Mike Sherban, Rebecca Ross, Mark Robertson, Andrew Happer, Gary Best, Tony Thibaudeau, Sarah Hirst, Neil Miller



Dr. Terry Krause with sample hailstone



Dinner at the Zoo



Quebec Convention presentation team



L_R MLGG Charron, GSOF Paris, GCG Olson, GGN Wilson, GKGGE Meik, PMLGG Lorena Kohlruss in background

Grand Banquet & Ball



A complete set of convention photos can be viewed online by clicking [Convention Album](#)

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



Q. If there are 5 Blue Goose Regions, how come the convention is in Canada 2 years in a row (2012 & 2013)?

A. The convention normally rotates amongst the 5 regions. However 5 years ago the Southern Region did not have a pond able to commit to hosting the 2012 convention so the Alberta Pond offered to host it on their behalf. Newly elected KGGE Linda Meik (Texas Pond) and others have done a tremendous amount of work rejuvenating the Southern Region and as a result there will be a convention hosted by the Southern Region in 2017.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

On June 7th Ganders and guest from Calgary and Edmonton, and points between, gathered at the Lacombe Golf & Country Club for the annual Blue Goose Golf Tournament.

From all reports a great time was had by all. Our own Mike Sherban, as a warm-up to his Grand Nest Tournament win, took the prize for overall low score while Edmonton Pond won the inter-Pond challenge.

DID YOU KNOW ? ...

The Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International was founded on June 19, 1906 at the Oakwood Hotel in Green Lake, Wisconsin. The annual meeting of the Wisconsin Field Men's Club was being held there. As luck would have it the golf tournament planned for that day was rained out. With time on their hands the idea for a little entertainment was hatched and that evening the first Blue Goose meeting was held. Originally called the Ancient and Honorable Order of the Blue Goose, the name was changed in 1928 to Honorable Order of Blue Goose, International.

What began as an entertaining diversion has grown into an international organization with over 40 ponds across Canada and the USA.

DUES REMINDER

Dues notices for the 2012/13 year will be sent out shortly. Your Pond operates on a very small budget and relies on your dues to pay the bills.

Your speedy remittance of dues upon receipt of your invoice is greatly appreciated.



Edmonton Insurance Association

Join us for A Night at the Races

REGISTER NOW!
Limited seating Available

WIN DOOR PRIZES!

Wednesday, September 26, 2012
Cocktails @ 5:00 pm
Buffet Dinner & Post Time 6:00 pm

The Spectrum at Northlands Park
Paddock Theatre (Main Floor)

\$55 for Members
(Membership form attached)
\$65 for Non-Members

Registration & Payment Deadline: September 19, 2012
(After Sept. 19 Tickets = \$70.00)

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ON THE MOVE? 

Please remember to send your updated contact information to EdmontonPond@gmail.com

	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:** _____