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March/April 2015

Upcoming Events:

Casino Night
March 5, 2015

Charity Gala
May 10, 2015

Grand Nest Convention
July 19—22, 2014
Baltimore, MD

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MESSAGE FROM CHRIS

It's hard to believe we are already moving into the last few months of our Pond's activities for the year. We've got several events planned in the next few months that I'm thrilled to provide details on.

We have teamed up with our friends at the EIA to host a Fun Money Casino Night. This event will take place Thursday March 5th at the Doubletree Mayfield in the Connections Café. We will have 5 different table games including Blackjack, Craps, Texas Hold'em and Roulette. Appetizers will be served throughout the evening and prizes will be awarded. I encourage all members to join us for what is sure to be a great night.

This year's Gala is scheduled for May 9th at the Marriott River Cree. The Gala will be in support of the Zebra Child Protection Centre. The Zebra Centre provides support for children who have undergone abuse by ensuring that the testifying and court process is as easy as possible on the innocent child. The theme of the Gala is Fire & Ice. I encourage everyone to get their tickets early for what has been and will continue to our premier event of the year.

We are in the midst of planning a Night at the Races at Northlands in early June that will double as both our year end event and our Pond's AGM. Stay tuned for details pertaining to this event.

And finally, I encourage you all to review the information about this year's Grand Nest Convention. The Pond will be supporting some delegates of the Edmonton Pond to attend. Please let someone on the executive if you have an interest in attending.

I hope to see many of you out at our upcoming events in the spirit of fellowship and charity.

... Chris Miller, MLG

2018 CONVENTION UPDATE



The Goose bands have arrived! You may be wondering what these are... well, goose leg bands are used by researchers to tag and monitor migratory geese giving them information about geese population levels, distribution, and life span. Since Edmonton Pond is hosting the Grand Nest Convention in 2018 with the "Northern Migration" theme, we wanted to simulate goose tagging as ganders will be "migrating" from all across North America to Edmonton.

We have 500 uniquely numbered leg bands, which are everlasting collector's items. Each band is one-of-a-kind and is engraved with "Blue Goose-Edmonton Pond" and the theme for the convention, "Northern Migration 2018". Not only are the bands a great keepsake, but also a fundraiser for the convention as well. You can purchase your band for \$20. These will be available at upcoming Pond events or you can contact PMLG Andrew Happer (ahapper@sintraeng.com) to get your band directly.

The other reason for acquiring your own unique band is that over the next few years leading up to the convention, we will be holding raffle draws that will be open only to those that have their goose band in hand. So, buy early to increase your chances at winning and ensure that you bring your goose band to all Pond events.



PMLG Andrew Happer
Convention Chair




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2015 CHARITY GALA

SATURDAY | MARRIOTT RIVER CREE
MAY 9, 2015 | 300 east lapotac boulevard
Cocktails 6PM | Dinner 7PM

\$120 PER PERSON
Tables of 10 are available for purchase

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CASINO NIGHT

THURSDAY 5 OF MARCH


BLUE GOOSE / EIA FUN MONEY CASINO NIGHT *At* DOUBLETREE MAYFIELD CONNECTIONS CAFE

\$40 PER PERSON

530 PM COCKTAILS | 630 PM TABLES OPEN
APPETIZERS SERVED THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT

RSVP
Chris Miller at 780-801-0716 or cmiller@sintraeng.com
Tracy Fata at 780-432-3102 or tfata@portagemutual.com

Join us for a night of fun!




2015 HOBGI Convention Baltimore, MD

Sunday, July 19—Wednesday, July 22, 2015

By sea or by land, you will not want to miss this year's convention! Join us as we celebrate old friends, make new ones, conduct business, but most of all have an unforgettable time!

Just two of some of the most amazing things you'll do while attending this year's convention. . .

- Our Blue Goose Welcome Reception will be at the Top of the World Trade Center. It's across the street from our hotel and 27th floors up! You won't get a better view than here!
- Come as a pirate or come in style as we set sail on the historic Baltimore harbor during our private family dinner on Spirit Cruises.



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LAST FLIGHT



On November 17, 2014 Gander P. Allan Osle took his last flight at the age of 85. Al was born in Weyburn, Saskatchewan.

Married to Betty for 63 years, Al had a daughter Brenda (Les) a son Craig (Arlene), three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

As a Radio Operator in the Royal Canadian Navy from 1946 to 1951, Al was stationed in Aldergrove, BC. Following his marriage to Betty in 1951 they moved to Calgary where Al worked in an auto dealership and for the Canadian Pacific Railway. Soon landing a job as a Radio Operator with the RCMP, Al moved to Red Deer.

Al's insurance career began in 1959 with the Prudential Insurance Company in Red Deer with a transfer to Edmonton in 1967. This was followed by a move to the Guardian Insurance Company in the early '70's. He wrapped up his insurance career with a change to the agency side of the business, working for Bernie Wise, Sorenson, and finally MBS Insurance Brokers from whom he retired in 1996.

During his years in Red Deer Al enjoyed family fishing and camping trips to the mountains. After moving to Edmonton Al and Betty bought a lake property where Al enjoyed boating, fishing, golfing, cross country skiing and wood-working.

Al joined the Edmonton Pond of the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose, International in 1975 and was a Life Member at the time of his passing.

"Honored, departed Gander, we salute you and greet you in the silent hall of memory."

Hail, friend, and farewell."

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It started with a challenge from PMLG Jim Gardiner. Then PMLG Tony Thibaudeau issued the same challenge to all PMLG's.

The idea is simple: write a cheque for double your dues with the extra going to the 2018 Convention Fund. If you have already sent in your dues payment we will accept a second cheque and will direct it to the Convention Fund.

Thank you to those who have accepted the Challenge so far:

**PMLG Jim Gardiner • Cheryl Gardiner • PMLG Neil Miller
PMLG Tony Thibaudeau • Bob Bunker • Tomas Coufal
Peter Gerbeth • Kevin Webster • PMLG Mike Sherban
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Host	Location	Date
National Capital Pond	Baltimore	July 19-22, 2015
St. Louis Pond	St. Louis	July 2016
Southern Region	TBA	July 2017
Edmonton Pond	Edmonton	July 2018
Dayton Pond	TBA	TBA



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Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International

Application for the Edmonton Pond

(Application fee of \$50 must be attached)

New Membership

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Reinstatement

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Flight

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Birthdate:		Spouse's Full Name:				
Home Address :			City:	Province:	Postal Code:	
Home Phone #:	Cell #:	Home email address:				

Professional Information

Employer Name:		Work email address:		
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Date:

Applicants Signature:

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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
54 Arbor Cr.
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