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Spring Gala
April 28, 2018

Grand Nest Convention
Edmonton
July 11-13, 2018

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Hi folks...We've opened registration and you can click here to register for the 2018 Grand Nest Convention where ganders from across North America will be joining us July 11 to 13, 2018: <https://www.edmontonpond.org/registration>!

We encourage everyone to register for the entire 3-day convention to capture the best value. A summary of the schedule of events is also on the convention registration page. Signing up for the entire convention gives you access to all meals and events: Welcome Party, Model Initiation, All-Industry Luncheon with invited speaker, Ukrainian Dinner and entertainment, Family Luncheon with street performers, and Grand Banquet. We have also guaranteed room rates at the Westin for \$169/night for double occupancy, which helps justify spending a mini-vacation in town.

During the early-bird period up until May 11, 2018, registration is only \$385 CDN for pond members and their spouses, plus you will be entered in the early-bird prize draw. For those under the age of 18, convention registration is only \$50 CDN!! This is a super bargain that we hope will encourage ganders to register their families. The youth registration includes all meals and activities throughout the convention, including fun at West Edmonton Mall and Fort Edmonton Park!

For those who can't commit to attending all three days, you can also register for individual events. Click on the "[Edmonton Pond Members/Guests Click Here](#)" link on the registration page. Pricing is listed for the individual events including registration for the golf tournament that will be held on Wednesday, July 11th, at the Ranch Golf & Country Club.

Over the past month, our committee has been reaching out to the industry for another appeal for fundraising and we are happy to announce that we were successful in raising an additional \$10,000 and we still have more commitments rolling in! Thank you so much to all our sponsors who are helping us reach our fundraising goal so that we can put on the convention as planned. Halie Wispinski is a member of our committee and will be touching base with our sponsors to confirm that the benefits of each sponsorship are understood and utilized. If you are a sponsor and would like more information, you may contact Halie at 780-934-3737 or hwispinski@wawanesa.com.

If you would like to join our committee or give a helping hand in some area, then please contact Committee Chair Andrew Happer, PMLG, at ahapper@cep-sintra.ca. We continue to meet monthly and can always use more help as we get closer to the convention.

... PMLG Andrew Happer
Convention Chair

HAILING FROM HALIE

Hello Ganders,



I hope everyone is off to a great start in 2018. There is a buzz in the industry here in Edmonton, and everyone seems to be talking about the upcoming convention. I am very proud of the work that the committee has been putting in to preparing for the 3 day convention in July.

Before the convention arrives, we do have a couple events upcoming. In fact, the organizing committee has been working out the details of our annual charity gala which will be on April 28. The charity that we will be fundraising for this year is WICC. The invitation for the charity gala is up on our website, and if you have any questions feel free to contact Mike Sherban.

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There will be a lot of communications coming your way, and if you want to stay on top of the Edmonton Pond events that are happening in our city, you can do that by following Gordie the Goose on social media. For those of you who have met Gordie already, you know that he is the mascot for our Pond. His social media

handles are Facebook: Gordie Goose, Instagram: gordiegoose, and Twitter: @GordieTheGoose. Gordie will be keeping you up to date on all the exciting events leading up to and during the convention. Don't forget to follow Gordie online so you can stay connected.

One more thing before I let you go, if you know someone that is interested in becoming a member of our pond, please

have them complete a membership form and send that into our general pond email address. We are in search of a few lucky goslings that are able to attend the convention to be initiated at the Model Initiation.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next event!

... Halie Wispinski, MLG

Last Flight—Don Munro



On February 18, 2018, our dear friend PMLG Don Munro took his last flight.

Born February 2, 1940, Don had a long career in the Insurance Industry. A Blue Goose member since January 1971, he was MLG of the Edmonton Pond in 1988/89.

Don suffered from MS for many years, but never let it get him down. He loved curling and curled in the Blue Goose league in the late 70's until he was no longer able to do so. Later in life he took up wheelchair curling.

Don loved to socialize and will be remembered for his great sense of humour. Even after he was no longer able to curl he loved to travel to the Blue Goose Bonspiels in Banff and later in Vancouver. PMLG Jim McLennan remembers that Don looked forward to travelling to Vancouver with their team and describes him as "the best 5th man a team could have".

Don attended several Grand Nest Conventions along with his wife Eva.

Don will be lovingly remembered by his wife Eva; daughters Terri (Rob) and Jennifer (Kelly); and grandsons Carter and Colby. He will also be remembered by his sister, Wendy Munro, his Aunt Norma, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

There will be no formal service for Don at this time. Donations in Don's memory may be made to then MS Society of Alberta, #150, 9405 50th Street or the Alzheimer Society of AB and NWT, 14925-111 Ave.

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

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Saturday 28 April 2018

Marriott River Cree

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COCKTAILS 5:30PM - DINNER 6:30PM

\$125 Per Person (tables of 10 available)

For more information please contact Mike Sherban

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Golf Tournament



2018 Grand Nest Convention
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The Ranch Golf & Country Club

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

Shotgun Start at 8:00 am

Cost: \$125

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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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- 🏆 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

- 🏆 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

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- 🏆 Business card size ad in convention program
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<i>Host</i>	Location	Date
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