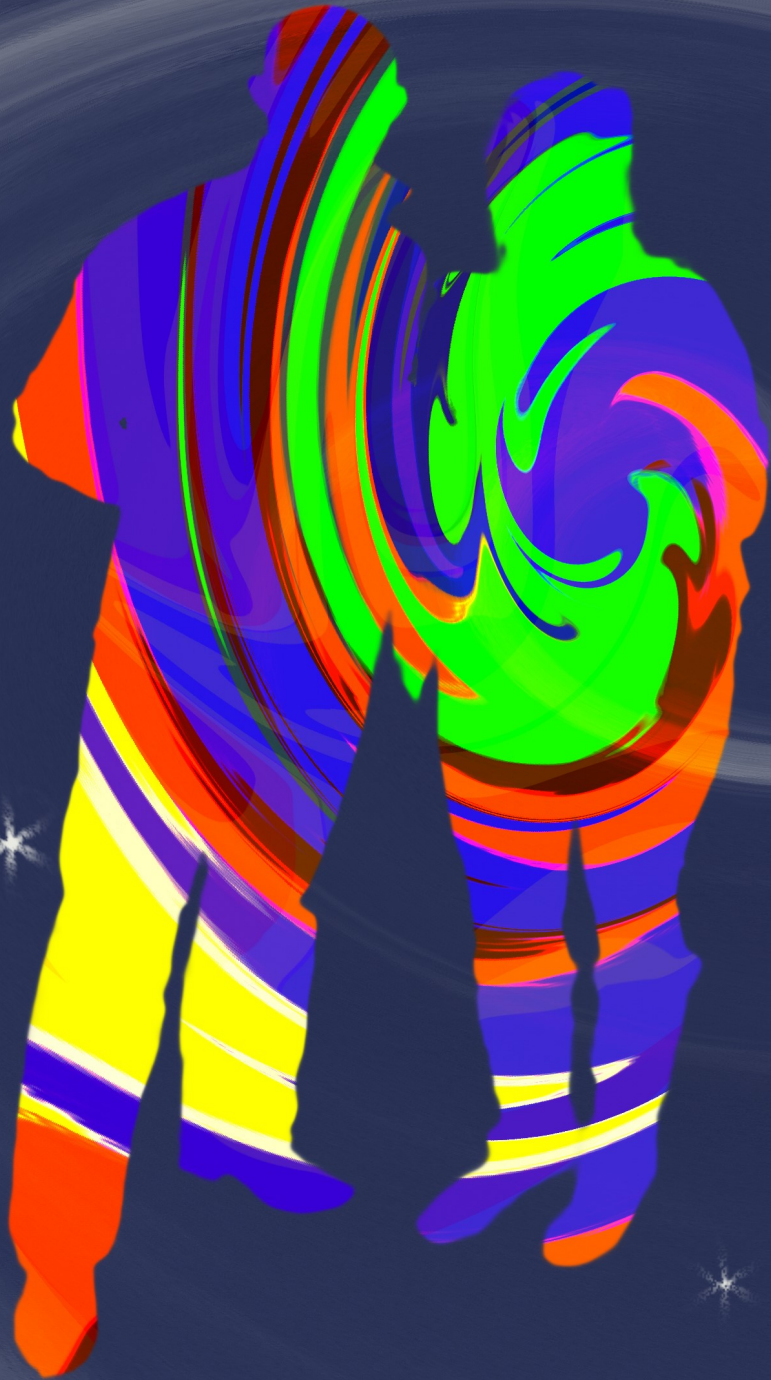


# GAGGLES

Edmonton  
Pond



May/June 2015



# Edmonton Pond GAGGLES

[www.edmontonpond.com](http://www.edmontonpond.com)

May/June 2015

## Upcoming Events:

Charity Gala  
May 9, 2015

Golf Tournament  
June 4, 2015

AGM  
June 16, 2015

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

## INSIDE THIS EDITION:

[Charity Gala](#)

[Convention Print](#)

[E4C Cheque Presentation](#)

[Casino Night](#)

[Grand Nest 2015](#)

[Golf Registration](#)

[Edmonton Pond Officers](#)

[Membership Application](#)

Edmonton Pond Gaggles is published 5 times per year by the Edmonton Pond of the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose, International.

Follow the Edmonton Pond



## MESSAGE FROM CHRIS



Spring is upon us. The weather is getting warmer and the days longer. And with that, we are nearly done another year of Blue Goose Edmonton Pond activities. Having said that, we've got a couple more events planned in the next few months that I'm thrilled to provide details on.

In March, we teamed up with our friends at the EIA to host a Fun Money Casino Night. The event was held at the Doubletree Mayfield in the Connections Café. We had 5 different table games including Blackjack, Craps, Texas Hold'em and Roulette. The event was attended by about 50 people between both organizations. Appetizers were served throughout the evening and prizes were awarded to the top chip winners. It was a great night of fellowship.

This year's Gala is right around the corner and, with expected attendance of nearly 300, we are sure to raise a significant sum 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. A few tickets remain if anyone is still wanting to attend. And we are grateful for any prize donations anyone is able to provide. I am thrilled with the planning for the gala to date and it promises to be a spectacular event of fellowship and fundraising.

Our Pond's AGM will also double as an initiation of new Goslings. It will be held on Tuesday June 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at MKT Beer Market. Dinner will be served family style and we will hold an abbreviated initiation ceremony and AGM.

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

## CHECK-IN FROM GRAND NEST



Greetings fellow Ganders, I bring news from your Grand Nest.

This past April we held the annual Mid-Year Grand Nest meeting in St. Louis Missouri. But before I get into that area I should point out to all our Ganders that the Convention in Baltimore this coming July 18<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> has had only 40 registrations posted to date. So please if you are planning to attend and I do encourage everyone who can attend to attend – please go on line now and complete your registration for our fellow ganders in the National Capital Pond.

Now back to St. Louis. What a beautiful city at the joining of the Missouri River and the Mississippi River. The Central Region hosted and combined the Grand Nest meeting with their own annual Central Region mid-year meeting so we were able to meet and mingle with ganders from several ponds. St Louis will be an excellent site for 2016 convention with all kinds for fun things to see and do. To name a few:

- If we are fortunate, the Cardinals will be in town and it would definitely be worth checking out a baseball game. The Convention Hotel is directly across the street from Busch Stadium and it's a nice stroll to the ball park. The city has just finished developing a sports and restaurant

(Continued on page 4)



# FIRE & ICE

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*

*In Support Of:*

**ZEBRA  
CHILD PROTECTION CENTRE**

Please join us for a wonderful evening of dining,  
entertainment and auction.

Purchase your tickets to this incredible evening  
by April 30, 2015.

**RSVP**

Chris Miller at [cmiller@sintraeng.com](mailto:cmiller@sintraeng.com) or 780.801.0716

## AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

Part of the reason for the overwhelming success of our Charity Gala each year is the generosity of donors along with the number and diversity of silent auction items.

If you can assist with the donation of one or more items please contact

Chris Miller at  
[cmiller@sintraeng.com](mailto:cmiller@sintraeng.com)  
or 780-801-0716



**ON SALE  
NOW**

*"NORTHERN MIGRATION"*  
Limited edition  
canvas archival print  
8" X 10"

All proceeds from the sale of this beautiful Alberta landscape, a creation of renowned photographer David Buzzeo, support the 2018 Grand Nest Convention to be held in Edmonton.

To order, contact:  
PMLG Neil Miller  
edmontonpond@gmail.com  
or  
780-458-2526

**\$150.00**  
(incl. S & H)



### COMMEMORATIVE PRINT ON SALE

In anticipation of Edmonton Pond hosting the 2018 Grand Nest Convention, we have developed a unique photograph embracing the convention "Northern Migration" theme.

Thank you to PMLG David Buzzeo who created this beautiful themed landscape that portrays the migration of ganders to northern Alberta. We are accepting orders for this limited edition print that is custom-framed on canvas. The price of the print is \$150 with all sale proceeds supporting the 2018 Convention.

To place your order, please contact PMLG Neil Miller at 780-458-2526 or [edmontonpond@gmail.com](mailto:edmontonpond@gmail.com).

*PMLG Andrew Happer  
Convention Chair*

*(Continued from page 2)*

complex, situated between our hotel and the stadium, with massive large screens and all kinds of sporting activities on display at any time day or evening.

- There is a tour of the Anheuser-Busch Brewery located just down the road from the hotel.
- Forest Park, one of the most spectacular park areas in the US, is home to several museums of world renown, the St. Louis Zoo, Boat House, and miles of walking paths. Forest Park was bequeathed to the City on the condition that all events held on site were to be free to the public. So pack your lunches and take in a great zoo, art museum, natural history museum or spend the afternoon paddling on the lake from the boat house.
- A short drive away is St. Charles, Missouri which boasts period shops, restaurants and the honor of being the 1<sup>st</sup> state capital of Missouri (a large room above the hardware store in 1821). There is also a very strong connection with Louis and Clark and their expedition to explore the west.
- There is also this large oval thing that is stuck half in the ground so that the other half extends some 630 feet above ground making it the world's largest Arch. I think they call it the St. Louis Arch. And

for the fearless among you there is an elevator to the top of the arch from where you can view the entire city and rivers.

A huge thank you to our hosts for the mid-year meetings, Randy and Libby Wilson, for really showcasing their lovely city.

After the mid-year meeting I was fortunate to be invited to attend the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Manitoba Pond in Winnipeg. Along with some 100 guests and pond members we celebrated into the evening. This was my first trip to that lovely City and I must express my heartfelt gratitude to our hosts from the Manitoba Pond. They really did an outstanding job of showcasing their lovely city. We were given a private tour of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights which is an absolute must see when visiting Winnipeg. Grand Supervisor of the Flock Randy Wilson was also in attendance and together we presented Manitoba Pond with a 100<sup>th</sup> year commemorative plaque in honor of their historical milestone.

Well, that is all the news that is the news that was the news from Grand Nest this fine spring day.

*Mark Robertson  
Grand Guardian of the Nest*

# NORTHERN MIGRATION 2018



## DIAMOND SPONSORS



## PLATINUM SPONSORS

Spar Construction Ltd.

## GOLD SPONSORS

Jim Gardiner      Mark Robertson

## SILVER SPONSORS

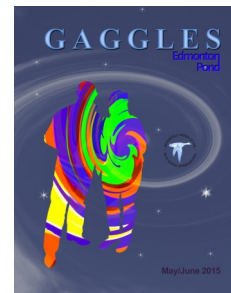
Field LLC



### E4C CHEQUE PRESENTATION

At our annual Christmas Luncheon in December, the Edmonton Pond raised \$3300 for the E4C School Lunch Program. Our thanks goes out to all who attended and/or supported this event. Pictured above, MLG Chris Miller presented a cheque to Arlene Thompson from E4C.

Incidentally, the above photo was the inspiration for the cover of this edition of Gaggles. The generosity of Blue Goose members and the Edmonton insurance community is "Out of this World".



**BUY YOUR GOOSE BAND TO SUPPORT THE 2018 CONVENTION ... EACH BAND GIVES A CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES**



**CONTACT ANDREW HAPPER** [ahapper@sintraeng.com](mailto:ahapper@sintraeng.com)

## CASINO NIGHT FUN

March 5th saw the first joint venture of the Blue Goose Edmonton Pond and the Edmonton Insurance Association (EIA). With a turnout of about 50 for the Casino Night, held at the Double Tree Mayfield Hotel, attendees enjoyed a fun-filled evening.

One of the fundraising items for the 2018 Convention, the Goose Bands, made their first public appearance at the event. The numbered bands provided an excellent alternative to paper tickets for the prize draws. Expect to see these bands make an appearance at future events. They are a fun idea for a great cause!

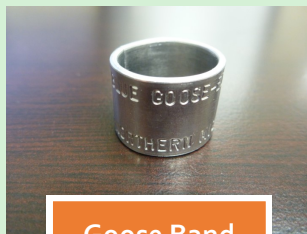
Our thanks to the EIA for co-hosting this event and hopefully this leads to similar collaboration in the future.



Photo courtesy Keegan McLennan



Photo courtesy Keegan McLennan



Goose Band



Photo courtesy Keegan McLennan

# ServiceMASTER Restore

SM

**Prompt attention to  
water and fire damage  
saves time and money.**

**Let ServiceMASTER of Edmonton be your first call for  
mitigation with our 24/7 emergency response team.**



**780-443-4338**

**24/7**



## 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.



Click [HERE](#) to register today!

**REGISTER**

**now!**



Proud to be a Diamond Sponsor of the 2018 Grand Nest Convention



# SCM IS ITS PEOPLE.

Together, we deliver world-class service through an uncompromising commitment to quality and innovative business solutions for our customers and stakeholders.

[www.scm.ca](http://www.scm.ca)





We  
are a  
**PROUD**

**CANADA'S** | SUSTAINABILITY  
**PASSION** | INTENSITY  
**CAPITALISTS** |  COURAGE  
CULTURE **CREED**  
**2014 WINNER**



**PROVIDER OF INSURANCE FOR:**

AUTO • HOME • BUSINESS • LIFE • TRAVEL • RECREATION VEHICLES  
CONTRACTORS • INSPECTORS • ACCOUNTANTS • ENGINEERS  
DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES & SURVEYORS

...plus much more! Call us today for a quote.

---

Phone: (780) 487-2444 • Fax: (780) 487-2554  
Toll Free: 1-877-642-2444  
10466 Mayfield Road, Edmonton, AB, T5P 4P4  
[www.challengeinsurance.ca](http://www.challengeinsurance.ca)





**PROVIDER OF INSURANCE FOR:**  
 AUTO • HOME • BUSINESS  
 LIFE • TRAVEL • RECREATION VEHICLES  
 ...plus much more! Call us today for a free quote.

Phone: (780) 487-2444 • Fax: (780) 487-2554  
 Toll Free: 1-877-642-2444  
 10466 Mayfield Road, Edmonton, AB T5P 4P4  
[www.challengeinsurance.ca](http://www.challengeinsurance.ca)



# RISK-CAN

## Underwriting Managers

Phone: (780) 451.5663 Fax: (780) 443.0984 Toll Free: 1.877.451.5663  
 10466 Mayfield Road, Edmonton, Alberta, T5P 4P4

Local Managing General Agent / Wholesaler Providing Coverage For:

- **MedSurance® A&M** - Insurance for Applied Health & Medical Professionals
- **MedSurance® LTC** - Insurance for Providers of Long Term Care
- **ProSurance™ A&E** - Insurance for Architects & Engineers
- **ProSurance™ ABA** - Insurance for Accountants, Bookkeepers, & Auditors
- **ProSurance™ D&C** - Insurance for Design & Construction Companies
- **ProSurance™ IBA** - Insurance for Insurance Brokers & Agents
- **ProSurance™ PRO** - Insurance for Professionals
- **ProSurance™ RES** - Insurance for Recruitment, Employment, & Staffing Agencies
- **ProSurance™ SURE** - Insurance for Surveyors & Estate Agents
- **TECH** - Insurance for Technology Companies
- **WEB** - Insurance for Online Retailers & Web Publishers

• **PLUS MUCH MORE!** Check out our website for a full list of what we have to offer:

[www.riskcan.ca](http://www.riskcan.ca)

**JIM GARDINER**  
 PRESIDENT



## GARDINER APPRAISALS

COMMERCIAL INSURANCE APPRAISERS

5119 Lansdowne Drive N.W. Edmonton: 780.413.9070  
 Edmonton, Alberta T6H 4L1 Calgary: 403.225.3009  
[jim@gardinerappraisals.ca](mailto:jim@gardinerappraisals.ca) Fax: 780.413.9071

[www.gardinerappraisals.ca](http://www.gardinerappraisals.ca)

# STAND OUT



Your ad could appear here.

For details, contact:  
[edmontonpond@gmail.com](mailto:edmontonpond@gmail.com)



**Lacombe Golf  
and  
Country Club**

**Blue Goose Annual Golf Tournament  
2015**

When: June 4, 2015  
 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

.....  
 Application: Tear Off and Return Bottom Half with Payment

Name	Pond/Vistor	Phone	Email

Cheque(s) attached for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Payable to: Blue Goose Tournament  
 Send to: c/o Action Restoration  
 Attn: Carlene Sorensen  
 5030 - 13 Street SE  
 Calgary, AB T2G 5M9

**DEADLINE WEDNESDAY MAY 29, 2015**  
**\*\*Applications without Cheques will not be accepted\*\***

Space is limited to 144 golfers  
 Anyone wishing to sponsor a hole or donate prizes (Long Drive, Long Putt, etc.) please contact:  
 Carlene Sorensen                   403-253-7046                   carlenes@actionrestoration.ca  
 Michael Peck                       403-230-2344                   mpeck@sintreng.com

## DUES CHALLENGE

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**  
**Roger Lestus • Dale Mah • Harvey Heinz • Tom Schmit**  
**Sarah Hirst • Tom Hirst • PMLG Eugene Way • Les Craig**  
**Mark Lunnin • GGN Mark Robertson • Wayne Orchuk**  
**Larry Shumka**

## WILL YOU BE NEXT?

## *FUTURE GRAND NEST CONVENTIONS*

<i>Host</i>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
<i>National Capital Pond</i>	Baltimore, MD	July 19-22, 2015
<i>St. Louis Pond</i>	St. Louis, MO	July 18-26, 2016
<i>Southern Region</i>	Savannah, GA	July 11-14, 2017
<i>Edmonton Pond</i>	Edmonton, AB	July 2018
<i>Dayton Pond</i>	TBA	TBA

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Without the contributions of the following Edmonton Pond members, this edition of Gaggles would not have been possible. Our thanks to ...

**MLG Chris Miller**

**GGN & PMLG Mark Robertson**

**PMLG Andrew Happer**

**KGGE Keegan McLennan**

**GOP Halie Buac**

## CHANGING JOBS?

Remember to send you new contact details to [edmontonpond@gmail.com](mailto:edmontonpond@gmail.com)

## GAGGLES ADVERTISING RATES:

Full Page Ad	\$135/single issue \$600/yr (5 issues)
Half Page Ad	\$85/single issue \$350/yr (5 issues)
Quarter Page Ad	\$50/singe issue \$200/yr (5 issues)
Business Card	\$35/single issue \$125/yr (5 issues)

## CONTACT US:

### Most Loyal Gander

Chris Miller  
Sintra Engineering  
780-420-1551  
[cmiller@sintraeng.com](mailto:cmiller@sintraeng.com)

### Supervisor of the Flock

Harvey Heinz  
Roguski Metcalf & Co. Adjusters  
780-465-7708  
[hheinz@rm-adjusters.com](mailto:hheinz@rm-adjusters.com)

### Keeper of the Golden Goose Egg

Keegan McLennan  
Roberts McClure Insurance  
780-439-4357  
[keegan.mclennan@robertsmcclure.com](mailto:keegan.mclennan@robertsmcclure.com)

### Custodian of the Goslings

Zoanne Campbell  
Rainbow International  
780-452-6462  
[zoanne@BelforCanada.ca](mailto:zoanne@BelforCanada.ca)

### Guardian of the Pond

Halie Buac  
Intact Insurance  
780-934-3737  
[halie.buac@intact.net](mailto:halie.buac@intact.net)

### Permanent Wielder of the Goose Quill & Gaggles Editor

Neil Miller  
780-458-2526  
[EdmontonPond@gmail.com](mailto:EdmontonPond@gmail.com)

### Website

[www.edmontonpond.com](http://www.edmontonpond.com)



# Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International

## Application for the Edmonton Pond

(Application fee of \$50 must be attached)

**New Membership**

**Reinstatement**

**Flight**

### Personal Information

Last Name:		First Name:	MI	Name you go by:	
Birthdate:		Spouse's Full Name:			
Home Address :			City:	Province:	Postal Code:
Home Phone #:	Cell #:	Home email address:			

### Professional Information

Employer Name:		Work email address:			
Work Address		City:	Province:	Postal Code:	
Work Phone #:					

**I prefer correspondence be sent to my**

**Work email**

**Home email**

Have you ever been a member of another pond? [ ] YES [ ] NO If "YES" what pond? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Flight to \_\_\_\_\_ Pond from \_\_\_\_\_ Pond and has paid dues for the  
 fiscal year ending \_\_\_\_\_. If officer, position held: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

In accordance with CASL I give my consent to receiving emails from the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose, International and/or The Edmonton Pond. I understand that I may opt out at any time by contacting [edmontonpond@gmail.com](mailto:edmontonpond@gmail.com) [ ] YES [ ] NO

Date:	Applicants Signature:
-------	-----------------------

### New Member Vouched for by Three Ganders

(1)		
	Print Sponsor's Name	
(2)		
	Print Sponsor's Name	
(3)		
	Print Sponsor's Name	

**Pond use only: Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ WGQ**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP**  
**EDMONTON POND**  
**HONORABLE ORDER OF THE BLUE GOOSE, INTERNATIONAL**

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

1. Complete the Application Form (a form which can be completed online and printed can be found at [edmontonpond.com/become-a-member](http://edmontonpond.com/become-a-member) )
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.  
St. Albert, AB  
T8N 3R1

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 [edmontonpond.com](http://edmontonpond.com)