



# Blue Goose Alberta Pond

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News Bulletin

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## Upcoming Meetings:

**Monday March 14, 2011 - General meeting and Life Members Night & Cribbage night – All rolled into one!**

We look forward to seeing you at our next *General Dinner Meeting* which is being held at the Danish Canadian Club located at 727 - 11 Avenue SW, Calgary Alberta:

Start time 5:00 p.m.

Dinner to follow: (\$25.00 per person)

This is a great opportunity to get to know and reconnect with members of the Blue Goose Alberta Pond! FYI, Life Members who RSVP and are coming have their dinner cost covered by the pond, so don't miss out! Please RSVP by March 9th, 2010 to SOF Mike Peck at 403-230-2344 or via email [mpeck@sintraeng.com](mailto:mpeck@sintraeng.com)

## Upcoming Blue Goose Events

**February 20, 2011, Sunday**

### Heritage Classic – Flames VS Montreal Canadiens

The Heritage Classic has flown north again! The Montreal Canadiens and Calgary Flames will take part in the 2011 Heritage Classic on February 20, 2011 at McMahon Stadium. This is a regular season match-up – so for points not for fun! Come out and join the Blue Goose and experience the game from the warmth of one of Calgary's premier sports bars - Calgary's Flames Central located at 210 – 8<sup>th</sup> Ave SW. Tickets are \$75.00 per person and include a buffet meal and free beverage – as well as door prizes!

For tickets, contact [lynne.fawcett@AXA-Pacific.ca](mailto:lynne.fawcett@AXA-Pacific.ca) or contact Dennis Bymak at 403-875-6534 or via email at [alltask@shaw.ca](mailto:alltask@shaw.ca) **We NEED your support, so please request your tickets by February 5<sup>th</sup>!**

**February 26, 2011, Saturday**

### IPC Annual Cribbage Tournament

The Annual Cribbage tournament is back and is being held at the Cuff & Billy Lounge located at 428 – 6 Avenue SE, Calgary AB. Feel free to register in teams of two or as a single player and we will match you up with a partner!

Registration is \$40.00 per person. Please contact [lynn.kelly@crawco.ca](mailto:lynn.kelly@crawco.ca) to register.

**March 5, 2011, Saturday**

### Annual AAIA Gala Dinner

It's one of the swankiest events of the year and it's a Roaring 20's theme this year! This event is always sold out and enjoyed by all! Please join the party at the Hotel Arts located at 119 - 12 Ave SW on March 5<sup>th</sup> to step back in time to the roaring twenties!

Tickets are \$95.00 per person or \$700.00 per table of 8.

Please contact [amy.foggin@canproglobal.com](mailto:amy.foggin@canproglobal.com) for tickets.



## Upcoming Blue Goose Events (continued)

*February 11 and 12, 2011*

### Grand Nest Mid-Year Meeting comes to Calgary

For those of you who would like an opportunity to meet members of the Grand Nest, many of them will be in town on February 11 and 12. PMLG and Grand Nest Officer Lorena Kohlruss (Dunlop) has organized a fun weekend for the group and Blue Goose members are welcome to join some of the activities that have been scheduled including:



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11		
6 pm – 7:30pm	Welcome Cocktail Reception – Scotch & Wine Tasting – including appetizers	Petroleum Club 319-5 <sup>th</sup> Ave SW
7:30 pm	Dinner	Petroleum Club 319-5 <sup>th</sup> Ave SW
5 pm – 1 am	Hospitality Room open	TBA

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12		
5 pm – 7pm	Curling	Inglewood Golf & Curling Club
7:45 pm	Dinner	Murrieta's 200-1 <sup>st</sup> St S.W.
6 pm – late!	Hospitality Room Open	TBA

If you would like to join the group in any of these activities, please contact Lorena at [lkohlruss@shaw.ca](mailto:lkohlruss@shaw.ca) to reserve a spot as space is limited for some events.

*July 20 - 24, 2011*

### The HOBGI International Convention 2011, Grand Rapids, Michigan

This year's International Convention is being held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and we hope that some of you consider this year's convention in your summer holiday plans. For more information or if you would like to register, please visit the website below:

[www.bg2011convention.com](http://www.bg2011convention.com)

*The Following Events will be back this year so mark your calendar:*

**Mausch Memorial Pool Tournament – Thursday, March 31, 2011**

**Lobster Night – June 9, 2011**

**More Details Coming Soon!**

## Past Events

*November 24, 2010*

### IISA – Insurance Institute of Southern Alberta Annual Convocation and Awards Ceremony



Executive members attended this year's IISA awards luncheon and our ever-so-busy MLG Dennis Bymak had the proud honour of presenting this year's Blue Goose Award to recipient Hong Mei Chu (Ellen Erath) of AON Reed Stenhouse – Congratulations Ellen!

*December 2, 2010*

### Annual Toy Mountain Event

For the second year in a row, our Pond members came through once again with over 20 volunteers to assist with the Salvation Army in sorting toys and packing hampers for families in need.



It was an excellent opportunity to truly fulfill one of the principal elements of our Order by offering our "Charity" in time to our local Salvation Army - and what better time of the year!

We would like to thank Alan Hughes for organizing such a great event and we appreciate each and every company that generously donated their employees' time to support this event!

*December 15, 2010*

### Christmas Dinner Meeting in Combo with BG Curling League

Our Christmas Dinner Meeting combined with the BG Curling Club annual Turkey Shoot was a great success! We had a great turnout of members and not a turkey was harmed in the process!

Winners of the shoot went home with a little something to warm their insides during the cold weather, and the entire group enjoyed Spiros Pizza. We would like to thank our Curling Club Chairperson Rob McIntyre and MLG Dennis Bymak for organizing such a great event. Thanks to our sponsors: All-Task Adjusters, Sintra Engineering and Dominion of Canada for generously donating food and prizes!

## Pond News

*Membership dues – a brief reminder that your membership dues were due at the end of December, so please forward your payment to Gail Fisher if you have not done so.*



## New Members

If you know anyone interested in becoming a member please let one of the executive members know and we would be happy to contact them.

## Contact Us

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for any of the committees or volunteer for the convention please don't hesitate to contact any of the members below.

### 2010-2011 Executive Members

- **MLG Dennis Bymak**  
Phone: (403) 875-6534
- **SOF Mike Peck**  
Phone: (403) 230-2344
- **KGGE Clay Purves**  
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- **WGQ Alan Hughes**  
Phone: (403) 233-1116
- **COG Diane Wunder**  
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- **GOP Jim Dallman**  
Phone: (403) 282-3772
- **PW Gail Fisher**  
Phone: (403) 343-7780

### Convention Committee (2012)

- **Chair**  
PMLG John Conti  
Phone: (403) 860-4436
- **Co-Chair**  
PMLG Dennis Bymak  
Phone: (403) 875-6534
- **Grand Nest Officer**  
PMLG Lorena Dunlop  
Phone: (587) 777-2745

### 2010-2011 Committee Chairs

- Auditor  
Currently vacant
- Judge Advocate  
Allan Sewchuk  
Phone: (403) 221-8322
- Curling  
Rob McIntyre  
Phone: (403) 296-2433
- Sick & Visiting  
Dave Smith  
Phone: (403) 204-2259
- Lobster  
Dale Smith  
Phone: (403) 640-9076
- Cards  
Mike Peck  
Phone: (403) 230-2344
- Wine Fest / New Orleans  
Steve McInnis  
Phone: (403) 243-2238
- Horseshoes  
Currently vacant
- Pool Tournament  
Mike Ellis  
Phone: (403) 250-7533
- Golf  
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