



Blue Goose Alberta Pond

September 2013
News Bulletin

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Upcoming General Meetings

We look forward to seeing you at our next *General Meeting and Initiation Night* which is being held...

Oct 21st dinner meeting

Location:	Danish Canadian Club 727 – 11 Ave SW	Time:	5:00 cocktails 5:30 Initiation 6:00 meeting Dinner approx 6:30
Cost:	\$30 for dinner		

RSVP to Carlene Sorensen (carlenes@actionrestoration.ca) by: October 18, 2013



Dec 2nd Dinner meeting – Xmas meeting with Bottle bingo

Details:

Location:	Danish Canadian Club 727 – 11 Ave SW	Time:	5:00 cocktails 5:30 meeting 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Bottle Bingo
Cost:	\$30 for dinner/10\$ for Bingo		

Upcoming Blue Goose Events

November 14, 2013, Thursday, 6:00 pm

Wine Tasting – Willowpark Wines – 10801 Bonaventure Drive SE

Tickets: Members \$75 / Non-Members \$85

This event was a great success in 2012 with excellent attendance and rave reviews about the venue as well as the wine and appetizers! This is a must-do event for 2013 so please make sure to join us for this event.

Please contact: Diane Wunder (diane.wunder@stantec.com) for details & Isabel McNab (Isabel.mcnab@graniteclaims.com) to Purchase tickets.



We are hopeful that the following events will be back this year, please stay tuned for details:

- 5th Annual Christmas Toy Mountain Volunteer Opportunity - December
- General Meeting/Life Members Night
- Mausch Memorial Pool Tournament
- Lobster Night

Past Events



June 6, 2013, Thursday **Golf Tournament**

This year's Golf Tournament was held at the Lacombe Golf & Country Club. Jenna Hibbitt and Carlene Sorensen organized this year's tournament and would like to thank all of the companies who graciously donated prizes. This year's attendance was up from the past couple of years and without all of your incredible support this event would not have been possible. Everyone got a prize and had a great time on and off the golf course. The meal was delicious and we look forward to seeing you all out again next year!

June 13, 2013, Thursday **Lobster Night**



This year's Lobster Night was another sellout with over 180 guests in attendance. Music was again provided by Low Tide and all the extras during the cocktail hour included seafood chowder, mussels, and oysters. Monies raised from the raffle that was held will go toward the Alberta Cancer Foundation and Brown Bagging for Kids Calgary Society. Thanks to all of our generous sponsors which include:

Alberta Fire and Flood	ServiceMaster of Calgary
Granite Claims	Alberta Jewellery Claims
Western Site Technologies	Onside Restoration
Sintra Engineering	Stantec Consulting
Action Restoration	Rocky Cross South
Belfor Restoration	

July 8-12, 2013 Monday - Friday **Annual Convention – Quebec City**



This past July, the Quebec Pond hosted the Annual Convention which started on the Monday with a Golf Tournament. Two members of the winning team hail from the Alberta Pond (one Edmonton and one Calgary, Congratulations Lynne!!).

Tuesday there was a Welcome Party held at the Garrison Circle.

Wednesday held the opening ceremonies, complete with a marching band, and the Alberta Pond led the memorial service. The evening's festivities were held at Espace 400 degree where cards were played and a buffet dinner was held, followed by a light show on grain elevators.

Thursday's meeting made a call for information regarding historical events and encouragement to reach out to retirees to obtain this information. The charity report for 2012-2013 revealed that approximately \$171,164 was donated collectively from all ponds, as well as \$7,075 in scholarships. The evening's entertainment included attending a baseball game.

Friday afternoon was a BBQ at Beauport Bay beach (unfortunately no swimming due to algae) and then that evening the conference concluded with a Roaring 20s themed Grand Ball.

Pond News

September 30, 2013 Monday

Membership Dues go out

Your annual membership dues are important! In order for our Pond to function properly, we need to collect membership dues in a timely fashion so that we can continue to host events, organize meetings, communicate with our members, and run the Pond as a not for profit organization. It should be noted that dues have remained at a reasonable level (\$65) for a number of years. You should see your dues notice arrive in the coming weeks.

New Members

Last year was an incredible year for our Pond as over a dozen new members took their first swim in our Pond. We have more Goslings waiting by the banks of our Pond who would like to join our honourable order and we are excited to be having our initiation meeting on October 21. 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.



Blue Goose in the Media



Check out this blog site that talks about the blue goose and its relevance in today's world, despite the many, many references to the Loyal Order of the Water Buffalos! (Who of you has not heard this at least once??)

(<http://ommoran.wordpress.com/2012/08/23/hobgi-relevant-today/>)

If you've ever struggled to explain what the Blue Goose is to someone outside of our flock, or if you just need a reminder, this link talks about what we strive for:

<http://www.bluegoose.org/about-us/>

Contact Us

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

2013-2014 Executive Members

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2013-2014 Committee Chairs

- Pond Auditor
PMLGG Lorena Kohlruss
- Judge Advocate
Allan Sewchuk
- Curling
Rob McIntyre
- Sick & Visiting
Vacant
- Lobster
PMLG Mike Peck
- Cards
PMLG Mike Peck
- Wine Tasting
Diane Wunder and Isabel McNab
- Horseshoes
vacant
- Pool Tournament
Steve Thannhauser
- Golf
Calgary – Jenna Hibbitt and Carlene Sorenson
Edmonton – Rob Keith and Eugene Way