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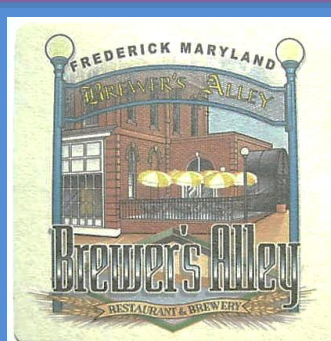
• Next Meeting •

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
5:00 PM  
\$35.00 per person  
Free for agents & adjusters  
If this is their 1st meeting

• Location •

Brewer's Alley  
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**Open Meeting!**



2013 UP COMING EVENTS • SAVE THE DATE

05/02

Annual Meeting Initiation & Elections Dave & Busters

05/30

Family Fun Nite Oriole Park @ Camden Yards Oriole's vs. The National's

06/10

Golf Outing Montgomery Country Club 1 pm shot gun start [www.montgomerycc.com](http://www.montgomerycc.com)

Information on events will be in future News Letters



## Blue Goose National Capital Pond The Annual March Madness Party was a Hit!



### March Madness Committee



Pictured left to right. Ellen Martin – Allstate Ins.,  
Barb Markuski - Capezio Contractors, Michelle Fitzwater – CRDN Baltimore,  
Wendy Fletcher – Key Kleaning, Sherri Oughton Evans Garment Restoration

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March Madness / Casino night was a hit! We could not have done it without the committee of Ellen, Michelle, Barb Wendy and Sherri. Hats off to you ladies. **We would like to say Hats off to you Our Sponsors!** We could not have done it without you! All the Gaming Prizes and Sponsorships helped make our Casino Night a night of winning while enjoying the fellowship of good friends and company. Also, did you try any of the desserts? They were made by the one and only Michelle Fitzwater.  
**THANK YOU MICHELLE!**

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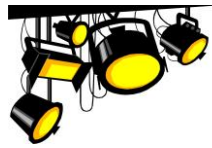
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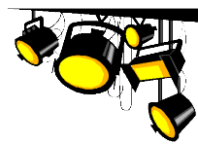
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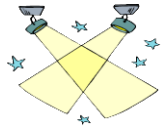
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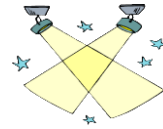
# Caught in the SPOT LIGHT MARCH MADNESS!



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# Caught in the SPOT LIGHT MARCH MADNESS!



WE need to hear from you! Along with the new web page the National Capital Pond will also have a Facebook Page, LinkedIn Page, Tweeter and RSS Feed. We are always looking for ideas!

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# Caught in the SPOT LIGHT MARCH MADNESS!



### Attention Ganders and Friends!

As announced at the February meeting, the Virginia Pond's 12th Annual Charity Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, June 6th at Brookwoods Golf Course in Quinton, VA. The flyer is attached with event details, sponsorship opportunities and registration information.

*Everyone's help is needed to ensure the success of this event, either through direct participation or by passing the word along to other potential sponsors and golfers!*

This tournament is the Pond's biggest charity fund raiser of the year. The proceeds enable us to support local charities in the Richmond Area, including Hilliard House, ASK Pediatric Oncology Clinic, and the Virginia Home for Boys and Girls, to name a few. The more successful this event, the more the Pond can further Blue Goose's cardinal principle of Charity.

Thank you in advance for your support!!!

Fraternally yours,  
Mary Kay Marchetti, Welder  
Virginia Pond



**Virginia Pond's**  
**12th Annual Blue Goose  
 Charity Golf Tournament**

Thursday, June 6, 2013

1 PM Shotgun

Brookwoods Golf Course (Quinton, VA)

*Proceeds will go towards local charities around Richmond, Virginia.*

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Company \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**GOLFERS:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

*A 50/50 Raffle and door prizes will be available.*

**SPONSORSHIP**

Sponsorship Levels	Sponsorship Will Include:	Cost	Total
Individual Golfer	Pork BBQ Meal After Golf	\$80.00	
Team	Pork BBQ Meal After Golf	\$320.00	
Par 5 / Par 3 Hole Sponsor	Signage at Hole – 6 available	\$150.00	
Par 4 Hole Sponsor	Signage at Hole	\$150.00	
Food or Beverage Sponsor	Please Designate Food or Beverage	\$300.00	
Door Prizes	Donations and Prizes Accepted	\$50.00	
<b>REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 29th</b> <b>No Late Entries will be accepted</b>			
NOTE: Sponsors will be allowed to provide snacks and beverages at select holes. Alcohol must be purchased from Golf Course. Sponsor is responsible for own coolers. Please notify us if you plan on setting up on the course.			
<b>Total Amount Due (sponsorship, team, individual)</b>		<b>\$</b>	

**Please send your registration form and checks to:**

Blue Goose  
 Attention: Doug Zahniser  
 7400 Beaufont Springs Drive, Suite 420  
 Richmond, VA 23225

**Please feel free to contact for more information:**  
 Doug Zahniser – [dzahniser@usfg.net](mailto:dzahniser@usfg.net) 804-330-7730  
 Mary Kay Marchetti – [mkmarchetti@gmail.com](mailto:mkmarchetti@gmail.com)



# Blue Goose Family Day @ Camden Yards



Baltimore Orioles vs. Washington Nationals

Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 7:05 PM

Cost \$40.00 per ticket

(includes all you can eat food and non- alcoholic drinks)



Payable to the National Capital Pond

Email your reservations to [wolson@vericlaiminc.com](mailto:wolson@vericlaiminc.com) and mail your check today to:

Bill Olson  
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The tickets are spread out over 3 sections this year and have odd numbers. When sending Bill your reservations please confirm your seating based on the seat location below!

Location	Section	Row	Seats	Qty
Left Field Club Box	Section 282	4	5-8	4
Left Field Club Box	Section 282	5	1-10	10
Left Field Club Box	Section 282	6	4-10	7
Left Field Club Box	Section 284	3	5-9	5
Left Field Club Box	Section 284	4	1-9,21-22	11
Left Field Club Box	Section 284	5	1-22	22
Left Field Club Box	Section 284	6	5-18,21-22	16
Left Field Club Box	Section 288	2	7-9	3
Left Field Club Box	Section 288	3	1-9	9
Left Field Club Box	Section 288	4	1-9	9
Left Field Club Box	Section 288	5	1-9	9
Left Field Club Box	Section 288	6	1-10	10

**Alumni Autograph Series:**

Before every Monday and Thursday home game, fans are invited to meet some of their favorite former Orioles, as select O's Alumni will sign autographs and shared memories at the MASN Booth on Eutaw Street prior to the game.



# 2013 National Capital Pond Golf Outing!



## 2013 Golf Outing

This great event is scheduled for June 10, 2013 at the Montgomery Country Club located in Laytonsville, Md. This facility has hosted the Blue Goose outing for the past 6 years and they have always done a wonderful job for us.

You may think it is a little early and a bit cold to be thinking about golf; but it is never too early or too cold to be thinking about and planning for golf.

Mark your calendar and get your teams together for the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing on June 10, 2013.

Come join the fun and fellowship at this event.

The Golf Committee



*Never seen Montgomery Country Club?*

Click on the link and take a sneak peak (you will be amazed at its beauty)

<http://www.montgomerycc.com/Golf>

# April Fool's Day History

Have you ever been tricked on April Fool's Day? Do you know the History behind this fun filled day?

The history of April Fool's Day or All Fool's Day is uncertain, but the current thinking is that it began around 1582 in France with the reform of the calendar under Charles IX. The Gregorian Calendar was introduced, and New Year's Day was moved from March 25 - April 1 (new year's week) to January 1.

Communication traveled slowly in those days and some people were only informed of the change several years later. Still others, who were more rebellious refused to acknowledge the change and continued to celebrate on the last day of the former celebration, April 1.

These people were labeled "fools" by the general populace, were subject to ridicule and sent on "fool errands," sent invitations to nonexistent parties and had other practical jokes played upon them. The butts of these pranks became known as a "poisson d'avril" or "April fish" because a young naive fish is easily caught. In addition, one common practice was to hook a paper fish on the back of someone as a joke.

This harassment evolved over time and a custom of prank-playing continue on the first day of April. This tradition eventually spread elsewhere like to Britain and Scotland in the 18th century and was introduced to the American colonies by the English and the French. Because of this spread to other countries, April Fool's Day has taken on an international flavor with each country celebrating the holiday in its own way.

In Scotland, for instance, April Fool's Day is devoted to spoofs involving the buttocks and as such is called Taily Day. The butts of these jokes are known as April 'Gowk', another name for cuckoo bird. The origins of the "Kick Me" sign can be traced back to the Scottish observance.

In England, jokes are played only in the morning. Fools are called 'gobs' or 'gobby' and the victim of a joke is called a 'noodle.' It was considered back luck to play a practical joke on someone after noon.

In Rome, the holiday is known as Festival of Hilaria, celebrating the resurrection of the god Attis, is on March 25 and is also referred to as "Roman Laughing Day."

In Portugal, April Fool's Day falls on the Sunday and Monday before lent. In this celebration, many people throw flour at their friends.

The Huli Festival is celebrated on March 31 in India. People play jokes on one another and smear colors on one another celebrating the arrival of Spring. So, no matter where you happen to be in the world on April 1, don't be surprised if April fools fall playfully upon you.

**YOU HAVE BEEN FOOLED! HAPPY APRIL FOOL'S DAY!**



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*The Blue Goose Directory will be available to members via E-Directory this year and will no longer be in print form. Another change is with advertising, we will not be offering advertising in connection with the Directory. Instead, it will be offered in the monthly Honker and will be available in a variety of sizes ranging from business card to full page to suit your marketing budget. This is a much better 'Bang for your Buck' because the honker is sent out each month to all of our Members with your ad in it each and every time!!*



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**Advertising can be as small as a business card up to a full page.**

**Advertising Fees are as follows per year:**

- **Business Card** \$ 240.00  
(For only \$20.00 a month you can get your information to how many people?)
- **Quarter Page** \$ 600.00
- **Half Page** \$ 900.00
- **Full Page** \$1,200.00

If you would like to advertise your company in The Honker; please contact Barb Markuski at Capezio Contractors, Inc.

301-404-5758  
[Barb@CapezioContractor.com](mailto:Barb@CapezioContractor.com)

**We NEED You in the HONKER!**

*Money for advertising should be sent to Barb Markuski  
C/O Capezio Contractors  
8550 Veterans Highway  
Millersville, Md., 21108*

*Include with your check: ad size, duration of ad and check made out to: National Capital Pond. In order for your ad to be placed in next month's Honker your information and payment must be received by the 20th of the month. Late submissions will be placed in the following months Honker and will run for the duration.*

*Send your business card via jpeg to Donna Digman @ [donna@servproofhuntvalley.com](mailto:donna@servproofhuntvalley.com) along with a hard copy to Donna Digman 1203 63<sup>rd</sup> Street Rosedale, MD 21237*

Hot Off the Press!



Breaking News



Hot Off the Press!



**Happy Birthday to YOU!**

- 4/3 – Curtis Rupert
- 4/7 – Jimmy Lanham
- 4/10 – Steve Strahotsky, Mark Reynolds
- 4/12 – Tim Odachowski
- 4/13 – Gerry Kaplan
- 4/21 – Gary Mears
- 4/24 – Russell Minkoff
- 4/27 – David Clokey, Michael Mills
- 4/28 – Kevin Smee
- 4/30 – Donna Coleman-Clem

## Important Reminders!

- ☺ It's not too early to start thinking golf. Work on getting your foursome together now for our Annual Golf Outing.
- ☺ Please pay your 2012 - 2013 dues.
- ☺ If possible always RSVP to meetings and functions.
- ☺ Did you notice the monthly meeting in April will be in Frederick?
- ☺ Read your Honker and send us feedback.
- ☺ Have you contacted Barb to become an advertiser for the National Capital Pond?
- ☺ Find us and like us on Facebook! And LIKE US  
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- ☺ Check out our new web page and tell us what you think.  
[www.nationalcapitalpond.com](http://www.nationalcapitalpond.com)



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The National Capital Pond web site is got a face lift! Exciting information will now always be at your fingertips! This is great news for our advertisers in the community board section of The Honker; not only will you be in The Honker every month you will also be listed on our web page. If your company has a web site we will also have a click link for anyone visiting the web site to check out your site



## Buster Speaks!



- ☺ **ALWAYS HAVE THE COURAGE & CONVICTION TO FOLLOW YOUR HEART & INTUITION, EVERYTHING ELSE IS SECONDARY**  
**STEVE JOBS**
- ☺ **TO MY CHILDREN--KNOW YOUR FATHER TO KNOW YOURSELVES.**  
**ANTHONY QUINN**
- ☺ **IN LIFE IF YOU ARE NOT BUSY BEING REBORN THEN YOU ARE ONLY BUSY DYING.**  
**UNKNOWN**
- ☺ **HOW WONDERFUL IT IS THAT NOBODY NEED WAIT A SINGLE MOMENT BEFORE STARTING TO IMPROVE THE WORLD.**  
**ANNE FRANK**

**Tickets get your tickets. The baseball event The National Capital Pond is hosting on May 30th is selling fast. Tickets get your tickets while they are hot. When they are gone they are gone. Email Bill Olson to reserve your seats! [wolson@vericlaiminc.com](mailto:wolson@vericlaiminc.com)**



## HOBGI Registration



All activities listed below are included in your conference registration fee

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Spouse/Guest</u>	<u>Youth/Child</u>
<b>Monday, July 8</b>				
Pre-Convention Golf Tournament	11:00am - 5:00pm			
Spouse Luncheon	12:00pm - 1:30pm			
Montmorency Waterfall and Manoir	2:30pm - 5:00pm			
Grand Nest Officer & Spouses Dinner	6:30pm - 10:00pm			
<b>Tuesday, July 9</b>				
Grand Nest Officers Breakfast	7:30am - 9:00am			
Grand Nest Officers Meeting	10:00am - 5:00pm			
Québec Welcome Party	6:00pm - 10:00pm			
<b>Wednesday, July 10</b>				
Breakfast	7:30am - 9:00am			
Opening Ceremony and Memorial Service <i>(All Welcome)</i>	9:00am - 11:00am			
Valcartier Village Vacances <i>(youth/child activity)</i>	9:00am - 3:00pm			
Model Initiation <i>(Gander's Only)</i>	11:00am - 12:00pm			
Regional and Committee Meetings <i>(Gander's Only)</i>	2:30pm - 5:00pm			
Spouse's Tour	10:00am - 4:00pm			
All Industry Luncheon	12:00pm - 2:00pm			
Québec Pond 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner	6:00pm - 10:00pm			
<b>Thursday, July 11</b>				
Breakfast	7:30am - 9:00am			
Grand Nest Business Meeting	9:00am - 12:00pm			
Free Afternoon	12:00pm - 10:00pm			
Capitales Baseball Game <i>(additional fee)</i>	7:00pm - 10:00pm			
<b>Friday, July 12</b>				
Breakfast	7:00am - 9:00am			
2014 Convention Presentation, Grand Nest Business Meeting and Election	9:00am - 11:30am			
Beauport Bay Beach <i>(youth/child activity)</i>	9:30am - 12:00pm			
Dance Lessons <i>(spouse/guest activity)</i>	10:30am - 11:30am			
Family Luncheon <i>(members, spouse, children)</i>	12:00pm - 1:30pm			
Post-Convention Grand Nest Meeting <i>(Past and Current Grand Nest Officers only)</i>	2:00pm - 4:00pm			
Officer & Spouse Reception	5:00pm - 6:00pm			
Youth Dinner Banquet <i>(14 and under)</i>	6:00pm - 10:00pm			
Grand Nest Dinner Banquet/Reception <i>(15 and older)</i>	6:00pm - 12:00am			

The 2013 Grand Nest Convention will be held in Quebec, QC from Monday, July 8th through Friday July 12th, 2013. Join the Québec Pond at Fairmont Le Château Frontenac in Québec City, Québec.

Here is a sneak peek of the 2013 Convention itinerary. Additional Information and all forms for the convention can be obtained by visiting our web page. [www.nationalcapitalpond.com](http://www.nationalcapitalpond.com) click on the new tab and select 2013 convention.



Plan on being wowed by all the sights you will see. Above is a picture of the hotel Fairmont Le Château Frontenac

### NOTE:

- Please indicate proper counts in each column for tours and meals so that we may best prepare for space constraints and transportation needs
- All children ages 5 and younger must be accompanied by a legal guardian or adult on tours
- More information about the Kid's Zone will be given during the Mandatory Parent Meeting
- Children 15 and older are invited to the Grand Nest Dinner Banquet

## 2012 – 2013 Dues are due!

If you have not yet paid your dues please do so ASAP. You can bring your payment to THE NEXT MEETING or payments can be sent to:

NATIONAL CAPITAL POND

C/O MICHELLE FITZWATER, PMLG  
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CHESAPEAKE BEACH, MD 20732



If you have any questions concerning this, please contact your Wielder Michelle Fitzwater michelle@schroedlcleaners.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP!

*People who share a common direction and sense a community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another*



## Photos Needed!



Do you have photos of past events / functions? We would love for you to share; Our Facebook page and web page are in need of more photos.

Please email your photos to ddigman@comcast.net

## National Capital Pond Gives to Charities

### The recipient must be:

A not-for-profit organization: and endorsed by a National Capital Pond member in good standing

Donations not to exceed one \$500 award per quarter.

### Donations are to be made in:

- February (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter)
- May (2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter)
- September (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter)
- November (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter)

For an application go to <http://nationalcapitalpond.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/National-Capital-Pond-Charity-Committee.pdf>

## New Members WANTED

May is right around the corner, that's right we will be initiating new members at May's Meeting.

Do you have someone in mind to become a member of the NATIONAL CAPITAL POND?

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