

# THE HONKER • APRIL 2015

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## APRIL 2015



### •Next Gathering•

Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
5:30 pm

Cost: \$35 per person

### •Guest Speaker •

Christopher Somers CFEI, VA-CFI  
Arson Investigator  
Fire Investigation Unit  
District of Columbia Fire & EMS Department

The topic will be Fire Investigations-Evidence, Spoliation, Chain of Custody and Subrogation.

Please RSVP to Laura Jeffers by noon on 4/15 [ljeffers@gma-cpa.com](mailto:ljeffers@gma-cpa.com)

### •Location •

Dave & Buster's  
Arundel Mills



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### 2015 UP COMING EVENTS • SAVE THE DATE

- 04/16/15 Monthly Meeting
- 05/21/15 Monthly Meeting
- 06/15/15 Golf Outing
- 07/16- 07/22 Convention

**“OH SAY CAN YOU BE IN BALTIMORE THIS YEAR?”**



**BLUE GOOSE CONVENTION 2015 - BALTIMORE INNER HARBOR**

**SUNDAY JULY 19 2015 – WEDNESDAY JULY 22 2015**

**THE WELCOME PARTY ON SUNDAY NIGHT WILL BE HELD ON THE TOP FLOOR OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER.**

**GO TO [WWW.NATIONALCAPITALPOND.COM](http://WWW.NATIONALCAPITALPOND.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION, SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND REGISTRATION.**

**WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US IN “CHARM CITY” HUN!**





## March Madness was a Success!



This year's March Madness Casino Night was a huge success thanks to so many generous Ganders who sponsored our gaming tables, bar & general March Madness sponsors along with so many of you who donated great gaming gifts! Without the support from everyone we would not have been able to put on such a fun night and raise money for future events and charities! This year we netted over \$6,700 thanks to everyone. These proceeds went to our Convention Fund which is this summer, the week of July 20<sup>th</sup>.

A big round of applause goes to Doug Mascari, owner of Service Master of Montgomery, Frederick, Howard & Washington Counties for sponsoring our biggest, most expensive Craps table! Restrionic, PuroClean Restoration Specialists, Paul Davis of Gaithersburg, Service Master of Baltimore and Harford Cleaners rounded out our gaming sponsors...huge thank you to all!

Responsible for keeping everyone hydrated by sponsoring our bar are CRM Construction, Environmental Solutions, Gross Mendelsohn, Key Kleaning, Trident Engineering, Washington Claims Association and Woodmoor Cleaners...thank you!

We added another sponsorship this year which was our March Madness Sponsorship and thank you to Clothes Call, Fiber Clean, and Nick Catanzaro & ServPro of Annapolis for contributing to our night, it was a huge help!

Thank you to our support team! Our Cashiers Erikson Flynn & Nick Fitzwater made sure to take your money in exchange for Fun Bucks, hoping you kept coming back. DJ John Ellis kept the music playing and the program on track as our MC. John and Donna Digman captured it all on film...can't wait to see it!!

20 other Ganders donated our gaming gifts and without those gifts we would not have a gambling night. Thanks to: Admiral Cleaners, American Home Specialists, Belfor, Capezio Contractors, Clothes Call, Contract Carpet One, Dial Electronics, Evans Garment Restoration, Harford Pond, Minkoff, Restoration Unlimited, Rimkus, Service Master by Libby Green, ServPro Hunt Valley, ServPro of DC, Smart Air Mechanical, South River & Stallings.

Finally the biggest THANK YOU from me goes to my wonderful Committee of Wendy Fletcher, Ellen Martin and Michelle Fitzwater who charmed most of you out of sponsorship dollars. Michelle also baked all night and day to provide delicious homemade delights sponsoring our deserts on behalf of CRDN Schroedl's Cleaners. Sheri Oughton and Laura Reider designed and printed all of the signage throughout the venue and Laura ran registration, greeting everyone at the door & keeping our money straight. As you see, it takes a village to put on such a night but we had a great time doing it...hope you all did too!!

Tote Fair  
Barh Markuski

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**It's time to start thinking GOLF,  
Start rounding up your foursomes NOW!!**



*The Alan "Buster" Levine Memorial Golf Outing  
National Capital Pond- HOBGI*

*29<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing*

*Monday June 15, 2015*

*Montgomery Country Club  
20908 Golf View Dr.  
Laytonsville Md. 20882*



**FORMAT: Modified Scramble**

**REGISTRATION: 10:00 AM**

**LUNCH: 11:00 AM**

**SHOTGUN START: 1:00 PM**

**\*Dinner and Prizes Following\***

**COST PER PLAYER: \$150.00**







# The Alan "Buster" Levine Memorial Golf Outing National Capital Pond HOBGI

Please fill out registration form and return to Kyle Cordeiro  
8550 Veterans Highway  
Millersville, Md. 21108

Kyle@CapezioContractor.com or 240-687-3776  
*Reservations are confirmed by receipt of check*  
*Due by 6/5/15*

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name with email and/or phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Players:

- 1.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.) \_\_\_\_\_

### SPONSORSHIPS- (Please Check)

Hole Sponsor: \$150.00

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Limited space available, will be given on a first come, first serve basis – please contact Kyle to reserve your spot

Longest Drive (Men's & Women's): \$200.00 each

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Straightest Drive: \$200.00

Beverage: \$500.00

Lunch: \$600.00

Dinner: \$750.00

Golfers @ \$150.00 each: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Commitment: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Sending: \_\_\_\_\_ Checks Payable to 'NATIONAL CAPITAL POND'

**\*\*\*FOR ALL SPONSORS, PLEASE PROVIDE ARTWORK FOR YOUR SIGN IN THE FORM OF A BUSINESS CARD\*\*\***

**\*Please provide artwork to Kyle Cordeiro as soon as possible\***

**Please Bring a Door Prize!!**

# Save the Date!

## S.T.C. Support The Convention 2015



**The National Capital Pond is hosting the 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Goose Convention in famous and historic Baltimore Maryland's Inner Harbor!**

We are looking for Sponsors to support our Convention . Join us in an event filled schedule which includes:

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**REGISTRATION FOR THE 2015 CONVENTION IS NOW  
GO TO THE WEBSITE [www.nationalcapitalpond.com](http://www.nationalcapitalpond.com)**

**Click on the 2015 Convention Tab**



To find out more information about our convention and sponsorships contact convention chairpersons:

Michelle Fitzwater, PMLG, WGQ – 443-717-4143, [MichelleFitzwater2@gmail.com](mailto:MichelleFitzwater2@gmail.com)

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# HONORABLE ORDER OF THE BLUE GOOSE INTERNATIONAL



109<sup>th</sup> GRAND NEST CONVENTION 2015  
JULY 19 – 22 2015

The Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International is a fraternal organization of men and women who work in the insurance industry and related fields. We are claims executives, claims adjusters, brokers, agents, contractors, cleaning and restoration specialist, attorneys, accountants, engineers and a host of others. The Blue Goose represents all aspects of the insurance industry.

The Blue Goose raises funds to provide needed support and contributes regularly to various charities across the US and Canada. Collectively we donated over \$250,000 for Charity last year. Along with being a fraternal organization, our meetings also provide networking opportunities for our members, as company people, agents, brokers, vendors and service organization personnel can interact in our pursuit of “*Character, Charity and Fellowship*”.

Every year we meet at an international convention known as the Grand Nest Convention. In 2015 the convention will be held in Baltimore Maryland at the Renaissance Hotel in the historic Inner Harbor area. We are seeking corporate sponsors to facilitate this great event. Enclosed is our corporate sponsor information wherein we present our tiered choices of sponsorship opportunities.

Please review the information for full details on what your sponsorship level will provide for your support. Should you wish to participate, kindly select a level of support, complete the form, and return it with your payment to Bill Olson, VeriClaim Inc P.O. Box 412, New Market, MD 21774 Please make your check payable the *Blue Goose Convention 2015*.

Please accept our sincerest thanks for your support.

Direct your inquires to any member of the Convention Executive Committee:

Bill Olson – 443-562-7250, [wolson@vericlaiminc.com](mailto:wolson@vericlaiminc.com)

Michelle Fitzwater – 443-717-4143, [michelle.fitzwater@crdn.com](mailto:michelle.fitzwater@crdn.com)

Gene Newman – 443-851-9596, [newmang@verizon.net](mailto:newmang@verizon.net)

Jim Kern – 410-952-0114, [jkern@gma-cpa.com](mailto:jkern@gma-cpa.com)

The Grand Nest Convention will draw many insurance professionals and their families from across the United States and Canada.

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or

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**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW WITH REGARDS TO YOUR SPONSORSHIP**

**GRAND NEST CONVENTION 2015**  
**Sponsorship Application**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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**PLEASE SELECT A SPONSOR LEVEL**



**CAPITAL SPONSOR \$10,000**



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# 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 27 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.



Go to [www.nationalcapitalpond.com](http://www.nationalcapitalpond.com)  
to register.

AS OF JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> DUES WERE DUE!

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in the  
HONKER!**



Hot Off the Press!



Breaking News



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Breaking News



*New Members! The Pond is growing! Please take the time to welcome our new members!*

# Help Wanted!

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A GREAT PLACE TO ADVERTISE YOUR HELP WANTED SECTION? LOOK NO FURTHER; POST YOUR AD IN THE HONKER AT NO COST TO YOU!

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2. Valid driver's license with a good driving record.
3. Must be available for mandatory overtime.

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Our office is located at [523 Shaw Court, Severn, MD 21144](#). Our office is located at Key Storage. You can come in to apply [Monday- Friday](#) between 8 am and 4 pm. We look forward to seeing you! If you have any questions regarding employment, please call 410-969-8870.

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PLEASE Send your job postings to [donna@servproofhuntvalley.com](mailto:donna@servproofhuntvalley.com). Our only request is when the job has been filled please contact us to take the posting down.



**2014-2015 dues are due**  
**Please contact Michelle Fitzwater to pay your dues!**

**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR DUES PAYMENT TO THE NEXT MEETING OR GATHERING!**

## Important Reminders!

- ☺ Please pay your 2014 - 2015 dues.
- ☺ Read your Honker and send us feedback.
- ☺ Have you contacted Victoria to become an advertiser for the National Capital Pond?



## Happy Birthday to YOU!

- 4/1- Mike Fopma
- 4/3 – Curtis Ruppert
- 4/6 – J. Aaron Warren
- 4/7 – Jimmy Lanham
- 4/8 – Sacha Snyder
- 4/11 – Sean Painter
- 4/12 – Tim Odachowski
- 4/13 – Gerry Kaplan
- 4/21 – Gary Mears
- 4/22 – Ken Wilcox
- 4/24 – Russell Minkoff
- 4/27 – David Clokey
- 4/28 – Kevin Smee

Due to your support and generosity we have been able to donate to the following Charities in the past.

St. Ann's Infant & Maternity Home  
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Girls Empowerment Mission  
Catholic Charities  
John Randolf Foundation  
Friends of Fort McHenry  
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

To everyone who has helped the Pond, we **THANK YOU** with The **Happy Goose Award!**  
Thank you for all your help & support!



## Sincere Apology:

We checked and we double checked, however we still had an error. Catanzaro Engineering was miss spelled on the March Madness Sponsorship Board at our event. We have corrected the spelling in our Newsletter and the correct name will be listed as a 2015 Sponsor on our Web Page. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Have you visited our web page? Liked us on Facebook? Followed us on Twitter? Connected with us on LinkedIn? **WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?**

Here are our links.

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## National Capital Pond Gives to Charity

Do you have a Charity you would like to donate to? The National Capital Pond Donates to Charity every quarter.

Charity Donation Information is as follows:

### The recipient must be:

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

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- 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>



## STC Support the Convention 2015

Start planning now for the 2015 Convention!

Go to [www.nationalcapitalpond.com](http://www.nationalcapitalpond.com) for updates and details.



### PHOTO'S NEEDED!

Did you ROCK THE RED at the Capital's Game in February? Did you take candid shots at March Madness? If you have photos of these fun filled night please send them to Donna at [donna@servproofhuntvalley.com](mailto:donna@servproofhuntvalley.com)

We would love to post these photos on the web and show them off in future Honkers.

Thank you!

We are also looking for pictures from the 2014 Holiday Party!



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We hope you have enjoyed this copy of The Honker.

Please remember to visit our new web site and like us on Facebook. If you should have any questions, concerns or comments you may contact any board member and committee members with a simple click on the contact us link. We work hard to make the National Capital Pond what it is today and we cannot do it without you!

