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## Michigan's Model Initiation Team Asked to Come Out of Retirement

Submitted By: Joe Coccia

The Michigan Model Initiation Team that conducted the initiation of new members at the 2001 Blue Goose convention in St. Louis and the 2006 Blue Goose convention in Milwaukee during the 100th anniversary of the Blue Goose.



The team has been asked to perform again at the 2019 convention

in Indianapolis sponsored by the Dayton Pond. Fred Fernandez, chairperson of our Model Initiation Team is looking for volunteers and contributions to offset costs associated with getting the team to Dayton. The 2019 Model Initiation Team is hoping to raise \$5000.00 and needs approximately 7-10 new members. Members of the last two initiation teams have been told by those who were in attendance that the Michigan rendition of our new member initiation has been the most entertaining and most memorable!

You are asked to contact Fred at [fred.fernandez@crdn.com](mailto:fred.fernandez@crdn.com) or call him at 313.215.3371 to be a member of the 2019 Team.

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# Upcoming Events



**July 11-13, 2018**

Grand Nest Convention  
Edmonton, Alberta Canada  
<http://data.bluegoose.org/?1=4323321>

**August 2, 2018**

Northern Puddle Golf Outing  
Treetops Resort, Gaylord

**August 7, 2018**

Detroit Puddle Golf Outing  
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**August 15, 2018**

Grand Rapids Puddle Golf Outing  
Quail Ridge Golf Course, Ada

*Hope to see you there!*

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Meeting locations vary each month.

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Meets every third Wednesday at Leo's Lodge  
on Jolly Road in Lansing.

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Custodian of the Goslings • OPEN  
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Meets at different locations on different dates.  
Contact PWGQ Dick Chenard for meeting details.

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Custodian of the Goslings • Jim Sluiter ..... 616-942-5009  
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## Northern Puddle

Meets the first Wednesday of each month, meetings alternate  
between BJ's Restaurant in Gaylord and different restaurants  
in Traverse City. Contact an officer to confirm the meeting  
location.

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# Where Are They Now?



From left to right: "The Other Famous/Infamous Village People" Bill Haygood, Frank Bellomo, Dan Rollison, Noel "Gus" Kott, Bernie Kress

Submitted By: Joe Coccia

"So from time to time we all wonder about our retired friends who contributed so much to the success of the Blue Goose either as an officer, a long time dues paying member or a longtime supporter of Blue Goose. Such was the case recently when speaking about the past, the topic of the Villages Community near Ocala, Florida came up in conversation. Several of our Friends have retired and relocated to the Villages to enjoy the fruits of their labor.

Bernie Kress from the Lansing Puddle has been retired the longest and has been in the Villages for 18 years. He does return to Durand, MI in the summer months. In Florida Bernie enjoys golf, bridge and dominoes.

Bill Haygood although allegedly still working hurricane claims from time to time has been in the Villages for 10 years. When asked for a comment, Bill says "the weather is great and all is well!"

Frank Bellomo from the Detroit Puddle has been in the Villages for 6 years and is retired from Belfor Property Restoration. Frank enjoys pickle ball, golf and travel.

Dan Rollison from the Detroit Puddle has been in the Villages since 2013 and also returns to Michigan for 3 months in the summer. He has taken up golf and it is a good thing that he is still relatively young because his golf game needs a lot of work! In addition to golf, Dan is doing volunteer work with "Honor Flight." The Never Forgotten Honor Flight is a Not For Profit Organization of dedicated Volunteers providing Veterans with closure, gratitude &

respect, by flying them to Washington D.C. to visit their memorials. Priority is given to senior veterans – World War II era, followed by Korea era & lastly Vietnam era. Each era will fly on a first come first served by the date of their application. This trip is absolutely free for the veterans!

Noel "Gus" Kott retired from Michigan Basic and has been a resident of the Villages full time for two years. Gus enjoys golf and volunteers at a local resale store all while being a member of four social clubs. Besides loving it at The Villages as well as the warm weather Gus wanted everyone to know that he and his wife Holly received great news recently. "The pathology report following my bladder removal indicates I am cancer free !!! Thanks to all of you for your prayers and /or positive thoughts toward me, and Holly. And, thank you God. Also, our post-op meeting with the surgeons occurs on the 20th of June. I will have a body scan in 90 days and meeting with the physician(s). The biopsy of the prostate showed some "residual" cancer from the diagnosis I received about 13 years ago and this is very treatable. My PSA now is 0.1. Yea. All-in-all this has been a great journey and thank you for being along with me and Holly, for the ride !!"

Rumor has it that another one of our long time member friends also lives in The Villages. Mike Ledger retired from Globe Midwest Adjusters, Intl. If someone has information on Mike, please share it with The Michigander and we welcome information on our retired Member/Friends for future, "Where Are They Now" articles in the Michigander."

# Mid-Year Meeting



*Flock has been assembled for the Central Region Mid-year Meeting in Columbus, Ohio*

*Submitted By: Dick Chenard*

The Michigan Pond is part of the Blue Goose Central Region. Each year all the regions hold an annual meeting. In addition to the meeting there are events and a chance for the flock to gather together. This year the event was held in Columbus, Ohio.



*Dave Beger accepting an appreciation keepsake from Grand Supervisor Kim Bilbrey.*

*Thought for the Day...*

*In a world where  
you can be anything, be  
kind*

*- Author Unknown*



# 28th Annual Grand Rapids Puddle Blue Goose Golf Outing & Casino Theme

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

11:00 am Registration & Lunch

12:00 pm Shotgun Start

5:00 pm Dinner (Grilled Chicken or Pulled Pork)

Quail Ridge Golf Course

8375 36th Street SE

Ada, MI 49301

Cost \$110 per person includes lunch,  
18 holes of golf with cart, dinner and prizes!

### Sponsorships:

Hole Sponsorship \$100

Event Sponsorship, Longest Drive, Longest Putt, Closest to the Pin \$150

\*Hole & event sponsorships include a sign with company name\*

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Crohn's & Colitis Foundation

God's Kitchen

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Kids' Food Basket

West Michigan Therapy Dogs

# of Golfers - \$110 each \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dinner only - \$30 each \_\_\_\_\_  
 Event Sponsor - \$150 each \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hole Sponsor - \$100 each \_\_\_\_\_  
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Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

If you are going to donate a door prize please let us know in advance so we can acknowledge you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

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**Dale Hardy Memorial  
Northern Michigan Puddle 13th Annual Charity Golf Outing, Casino Royale Style  
Thursday, August 2nd, 2018**

Treetops Resort— Rick Smith Tradition  
4250 Marquardt Road, Gaylord, MI. 49735 1-866-348-5249

Golf Outing Schedule

8:00 am Registration/Check In

9:30 am Shotgun Start

3:00 pm Awards Reception/Dinner (after golf)

Player Packages

Team Players.....\$416.00

4 player packages

Individual Players.....\$104.00

1 player package, player will be placed on a team.

Each Player Package Includes

- 18 holes of golf on Treetops Resort Tradition
- Skins Included
- 1 complimentary sponsored Beverage Tickets
- Use of Putting Green & Driving Range
  - Box lunch on cart
  - Awards Reception & Dinner

Day of Event

- 2 complimentary raffle tickets for various prizes
- Optional- Mulligans and 5 hole Poker Hand— Purchase at Registration. Double your money Dice Game out on course and prizes awarded for: Hole in One— chance to win a vehicle and other packages, best team score, longest drive men/women, longest putt men/women.**

Sponsor Packages

**Poker Premier Event Sponsor**— Premier Event Sponsor listed on all correspondence as it relates to the golf outing. 4 Player spots in the outing, head table at awards reception dinner, banner at entrance, banner and recognition at reception, logo on rule card, signage at hole in one. 2 attendees required at hole in one.

**\$1,500.00— 1 Offered**

**Roulette Beverage Cart & Drink Ticket Sponsor**—

Sponsor will have banner on beverage cart and logo will be imprinted on drink tickets. 4 Player spots in the outing, recognition and served table at awards reception. **\$1,200.00— 1 Offered**

**Black Jack Lunch Sponsor**— Sponsor will have logo in each cart and boxed lunch. Hole sponsorship and signage, representation allowed on hole, 4 Player spots in the outing. Reserved table and recognition at awards reception. **\$900.00— 1 Offered**

**Rolling Doubles Halfway House Sponsor**— Sponsor name prominently displayed Halfway House on Tradition Course with representation, 2 Player spots included, Recognition at awards reception. **\$800.00— 1 offered**

**Casino Event Sponsorship**— Sponsorship includes signage on 1 of the 4 Event Holes (Longest Drive men/women, Longest Putt men/women) Representation on hole, recognition at awards reception. Sponsor responsible for bringing prize for event winner.

**\$500.00— 4 Offered**

**Penny Slot Hole Sponsorship**— Sponsorship includes signage placed on hole. Must be event sponsor to have representation on the hole. **\$150.00**

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**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Golfers:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsorship and Player Fees**

- Poker Premier Event Sponsor.....\$1,500.00
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- Black Jack Lunch Sponsor.....\$900.00
- Rolling Doubles Halfway House Sponsor.....\$800.00
- Casino Event Sponsor.....\$500.00
- Penny Slot Hole Sponsorship.....\$150.00
- Four Person Team.....\$416.00
- Individual Player.....\$104.00
- Awards Reception/Dinner Only.....\$30.00

**Payment Information**

- Check Enclosed Made payable to: Blue Goose NM Puddle
- Credit Card (please circle one) Visa Discover MC AE

*\*A 3.4% Surcharge applies*

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# Welcome to the Michigan Pond



Front left to right: Andra Briggs and Jackie Bligh Rear left to right: Tami Bosworth, Matthew Erndt and Cory Winslow

Submitted By: Dick Chenard

An initiation was held at the Michigan Pond meeting prior to the Lansing Puddle Golf Outing. Five new ganders were

sworn in! Welcome to the pond.

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If your company has interest in presenting a topic and/or opening your doors to host one of these events, please send your request to [tonya.edmunds@envistaforensics.com](mailto:tonya.edmunds@envistaforensics.com). Include your speaker name, title, company name and topic description and seating capacity if hosting. Because this is new, we will not know the size of the group interested. Therefore, we may need to limit availability to some of the lunches based on the size of the venue. If you cannot host we can look into local facilities. Please consider sponsoring a catered lunch as well. The presentations are requested to be around 30 minutes.

Ideas already submitted: When should you hire an expert (Envista), Evidence spoliation (open), Identifying hail damage (open)...

\*Some companies will only be able to participate in a debate style presentation so we don't overload with the same types of services/topics.

**ADJUSTERS** - If you are an adjuster, new or experienced, and would like to learn more about a specific topic, please submit ideas to [tonya.edmunds@envistaforensics.com](mailto:tonya.edmunds@envistaforensics.com). We will keep a running list of ideas to pull from as we release the schedule. We are also asking volunteers to be on our adjuster board. Currently, our only request of you is to provide feedback on the series and vote on which topics you find most useful. We would like some experienced and some newer adjusters, some carriers and some independent. If you have interest let us know and we will select four adjusters.

Thanks so much for your time,

*Tonya Edmunds*

*Custodian of the Ganders Detroit Puddle*

*Connie Haddad*

*Supervisor of the Flock MI Pond / Educational Chair for the MI Pond*

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### Entrance Fees\*:

\$125/Golfer

\$475/Foursome

\$50 Dinner Only

See back for **SPONSORSHIP**

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### Golf Package Includes:

- 18 Holes of Golf with Cart
- 2 Beverage Tickets
- Continental Breakfast
- Lunch at the turn
- NY Strip Steak Dinner with Open Bar

Purchase Tickets by 7/20/18\* at:

<https://squareup.com/market/bluegoosedetroitpuddle>

\* Ticket fees increase \$25/Golfer after 7/20/18



8:30 Registration/Check-in

8:30 ~ 9:30 Bloody Mary Bar

10:00 Shotgun Start

Dinner and Open Bar following Golf



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