

## BIG DOGS – CONTINUE TO BARK

In mid-May, 65 “big dogs” gathered in Las Vegas for the fourth annual Big Dogs Shoot. This year the dogs chowed down at the J.W. Marriott in Summerlin. Following three previous years of success, members and guests met around the water bowl for refreshments, a cool raffle to benefit our federal PAC, red meat, and our featured speaker, Mark Hall-Patton.

We want to thank our industry sponsors who once again stepped to the plate to help make Big Dogs a great event. **We give a special recognition to our Sponsors:**

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While the dogs lapped from the water dish Sue Saxon and Marilyn Dondero sold lots and lots of raffle tickets, which raised more than \$1,200 for the Petroleum Marketers Association of America (PMAA) Small Business PAC, chaired by Gregg Benson, Rebel Oil, Nevada’s PMAA Director and board member. The proceeds are used to contribute to Nevada’s federal candidates who understand and support Nevada marketers and retailers. Following the tradition of inviting local speakers with a Nevada message, the dogs heard Mark Hall-Patton, administrator of the Clark County, Nevada Museum. Mark talked about the beginnings of Las Vegas, Hoover Dam, the mob, and his role as a guest expert on the History Channel’s *Pawn Stars*. The Marketers enjoyed a great evening with this soft spoken, entertaining story teller. Mark’s appearance is the fourth time NPM&CSA has had a speaker with ties to a History Channel reality TV show.

Early Friday morning, marketers teed off at Bear’s Best - a great golf course featuring 18 of Arnold Palmer’s most exciting holes from around the world. Our golf chairman Brett Bottenberg of McGinley & Associates ensured that everyone

had a great time. Melissa Lytle and Kristi Cotrell saw to it that everyone had a mulligan ticket and then some!

Thanks to Steve Schafer and his crew from Earth Resources Group, the tournament got a whole new look. Steve's crew set up a tent on hole 15 and provided our players with Jell-O shots and prizes for getting on the green. Of course, having to award prizes was reduced by the number of shots a player consumed. We want to thank Steve, Mariana Ayala, Veronica Lozano-Mares and Sara Scow for their efforts to bring a new and exciting look to our golf outing this year. The winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Mark Lytle, Pro Petroleum; Fred Miller, Tesoro Refining & Marketing; Nick Dombalis and Dan Schwartz, Phillips 66.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Keith Stewart, Stewart Environmental; Steve Schafer and Todd Osmundson, Earth Resources Group.

The Most honest: Michael Rhodes, Big Slick Petroleum; Ryan Barabe, Innospec Fuel Specialties; Alex Schmanski, Petroleum Card Services; and Art Bernier, HR Transportation.

Men's longest drive: Bob Michaelis and Garrett Ekker.

**Again, thank you to all that participated. We look forward to Big Dogs 5, coming in May, 2016.**