

WN17 Summer NVPMCSA Article - final

The Big Dogs came out to play in Las Vegas at the Mob Museum and TCP Las Vegas May 4th and 5th. The annual Nevada Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association event featured a gourmet dinner, an entertaining speaker, and golf. This year's venue was a museum dedicated to the mob bosses who ruled Kansas City, Chicago, Boston and yes, Las Vegas. Our speaker was Frank Cullotta, a former mob enforcer. Frank pulled no punches in telling marketers and guests how business was done in the "firm," including Las Vegas, where Frank was based. It was not a pretty story, but a reflection on how the mob did business in the 1960s and 70s.

Friday morning, with an early start, 70 golfers played Las Vegas TCP in great weather and lots of fellowship. New this year was the "Cheaters Card" or as some preferred "Winners Card." Players donated to Nevada's PAC by purchasing a card which entitled the player to three-feet of string, a foot wedge and a ball toss to help improve a score.

The **WINNING TEAM** was Dan Schultz, Nick Limson and Janet Koniuck.

SECOND PLACE was Gene Inglesby, Ron Berry, Michelle Berry and Kathy Laderman.

The **MOST HONEST TEAM** was *On Time Oil*, Rob Flippo, Kevin Olvin, Tim McGinley and Kevin Kloss.

Following golf, great lunch, prizes and raffle, **BIG DOGS SHOOTOUT 2017** was concluded.

Meanwhile, back in Carson City, the Legislature has less than 20 days remaining in the 2017 session. The Governor's veto looms large over Democrat priorities. The Governor wants ESP (Education Saving Accounts) and the Democrats want a lot of social justice legislation, most of which is BAD for small Business ... For example, three bills to raise the minimum wage as high as \$15/hr. While this bill will not pass, its introduction is scary enough. The other two bills are for \$12/hr. Bad enough, but what is really concerning small businesses is that one is an initiative petition which, if passed twice by legislators and once by the people, would place the \$12/hr. in the constitution with automatic escalators. OK you are thinking, I pay more than \$12/hr. now-what's the problem? Also in this session: bills on equal pay for equal work, and locations in your business to allow women to express milk while at work. Now you are thinking this must be a California legislative report – not Nevada – but you will be wrong!