

**Summer Magazine 2019**

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## **IPM&CSA Annual Convention August 5-7, 2019: Welcome Back to Sun Valley Resort – Join us for Summer in the Mountains! Member Meeting Features Industry Trends, Business Advice & Emerging Issues**

*Join us for our convention at the Sun Valley Resort.* We have an impressive line-up of speakers for our IPM&CSA member meeting, including infrastructure and supply, marketing, business planning, retail demographics and emerging issues. Please join us for lunch at our member meeting beginning at noon on Tuesday, August 6, 2019.

### **Get your Room and Registration Locked in Now**

Be sure to get your room right away and get registered early. Sun Valley is more popular in summer than winter these days and our block at the resort fills up fast in August. As always, we will be golfing the Sun Valley Golf Course and shooting at the Sun Valley Gun Club. The Wood River valley offers outdoor activities galore, fine dining, great shopping, and a sumptuous spa for those in need of pampering after a day in the high mountain air.

**You'll want to bring friends and family and stay awhile!** Check out the facility at this link: [www.sunvalley.com](http://www.sunvalley.com). Room Reservations must be made by phone at 1-800-786-8259 (Room block closes when FULL or on **JULY 8, 2019**, whichever comes first). Please register online for the convention at: [www.wpma.com/Idaho](http://www.wpma.com/Idaho)

## **IPM&CSA Joins PMAA for Day on Capitol Hill May 8-10, 2019**

*IPM&CSA joined PMAA States* again in 2019 for a Day on Capitol Hill. PMAA director Mike Jensen (Bingham Coop) and his wife Dena Jensen, along with Ron & Michelle Berry and Matt and Aimee Berry (Berry Oil) joined IPM&CSA Executive Director Suzi Budge to meet with members of the Idaho Congressional Delegation on May 9, 2019. PMAA's annual Washington Conference & Day on the Hill focuses on key issues impacting our industry, including RFS, motor fuels, EV subsidies, UST compliance, driver shortages, and the latest from the Trump Administration. Thanks to PMAA for bringing together marketers from around the country to spread the good word on "The Hill" about issues that impact our business. Idaho is fortunate to have a great relationship with our Idaho Congressional Delegation, and we appreciate the opportunity to meet with them in their WDC offices again in 2019.

## **IPM&CSA PAC Golf Outings Raise Cash for 2019-20 Election Cycle**

*Join us for a day* on the links and support Idaho legislative candidates who support our industry! Every year IPM&CSA holds PAC golf outings around the state to raise campaign money. IPM&CSA supports those candidates who understand our industry and are willing to work on issues that matter to us. Bring your co-workers, business associates and friends for a great excuse to get out of the office. Register at <http://www.wpma.com/idaho>.

### **KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR— 2019 IPM&CSA PAC Golf/Shooting:**

**June 26** – Clear Springs Country Club Golf / Buhl - Magic Valley

All golf events are posted on the [wpma.com/Idaho](http://www.wpma.com/Idaho) website and registration is available online.

# **It's a Wrap (Finally): The 2019 Legislative Session in Review**

## **IPM&CSA Legislative Victories – UST Compliance Deadline Extended**

*IPM&CSA is pleased to report* a significant victory in the 2019 session with the successful passage of H26, a bill we sponsored to extend the compliance deadline for the new EPA UST rules three additional years to October 2021. The bill passed both House and Senate unanimously, and was signed into law by Governor Little on February 26. Providing more time for testing, repairs and replacement of UST systems is critical to adequately implement the new requirements, and to ensure that UST tanks continue to be eligible for financial assurance through the Idaho Clean Water Petroleum Trust Fund, or PSTF, as we often refer to the insurance program. PSTF insures more than 90% of Idaho USTs, and requires systems to be in compliance with all state and federal laws. Shortage of qualified workers, backlog for parts and repairs, and high rates of equipment failure made the extension necessary. Extending the compliance deadline aligns Idaho with what EPA allows and means that the state is not more stringent than what is required by the Feds.

In 2019, legislators focused their attention on Medicaid Expansion, resulting in a relatively quiet session for our industry. This was a very welcome change and a relief after the crazy onslaught of bad ideas we fended off in 2018. Below is a snapshot of what did and didn't happen in the 2019 legislative session:

### **What Happened? — These bills passed in 2019:**

- **H26** – UST Compliance Date for new EPA Rules extended to Oct 2021
- **S1065 Transportation bonding** – Transportation Expansion & Congestion Mitigation (TECM)
- **H151 Food establishment fees** – Providing statewide consistency and legislative oversight.
- **H94 Petroleum gas containers** – Propane safety and restrictions on filling tanks by third parties

### **What Didn't: — These bills & ideas were proposed but didn't pass in 2019:**

- **H107** – Sales tax distribution increased from 1% to 2% to Transportation Expansion & Congestion Mitigation program
- **H125** – Vehicle weights, fees \$75 registration fee on all vehicles over 8,000 lbs, by countywide highway district vote (ACHD).
- **S1051 / S1052 / 1066 / 1067** – Weight-distance registration for over 60,000 lbs
- **S1063 / S1126a Transportation Funding** – Surplus Eliminator, would have created a source for transportation funding, the Economic Reserve and Investment Fund (ERIF)
- **H278 Electronic Cigarette Tax** – 15% tax on sale of product
- **Tobacco** purchase age increased from 18 to 21
- **RS Ban the Box** – prohibiting criminal background checks by employers (ACLU) – Not introduced
- **E – Vehicles** incentives and subsidies
- **H61** Income Tax Credit on Tier 3 Rail Roads
- **S1064** – Driving, Mobile Device / Infraction – first offense, local pre-emption
- **H77** – Wireless Devices, driving / Prohibits municipalities from restricting use

For more information on the 2019 legislative session contact Suzi Budge at [sbs@sbsidaho.com](mailto:sbs@sbsidaho.com). Full details on all legislation can be found at <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/>

**Weights and Measures Program Proposes Doubling Fees** – Idaho Weights and Measures has proposed doubling the fee required to test many of the devices covered by the program, based in the Idaho Department of Agriculture. The fee for fuel dispensers would go from \$6 to \$12 dollars. The new fee structure would raise \$374,000 for a program total of \$874,000. The current program is funded by 65% General Fund dollars and 35% by fees. The

proposal seeks to move to a more fee-based system, closer to 50/50 General Fund/Fees. The program wants to add a new position and purchase two new testing trucks, and to cover new growth in the state. Fees were last increased in 2003. The new fee structure must be approved by the legislature.

IPM&CSA was represented in the rule-making meeting on May 14 by several members attending in person and by phone. We will be fully engaged as the process moves forward and would like your input. You are encouraged to review the proposal at <https://agri.idaho.gov/main>.