

Silver State Summary by State Executive Director Peter Krueger

BIG DOGS HOWLED and BOY DID THEY!

The 2021 BIG DOGS event was record setting. More bowlers and golfers came to howl, and they did. If you weren't in Las Vegas for the 2021 edition you missed an opportunity to meet with your suppliers and customers. The pictures below tell our story of great networking among suppliers, marketers, vendors and friends. **Our Sponsors - Premier:** Federated Insurance; **Platinum:** Chevron Products, Pro Petroleum and Valero Marketing & Supply; **Gold:** Flyers Energy, HollyFrontier Refining & Marketing, Hunt & Sons, McGinley & Associates, Mohsen Transportation and Sinclair Oil; **Silver:** Marathon Petroleum, Petroleum Equipment Company, Phillips 66, Pilot Thomas Logistics, Rebel Oil, River City Petroleum, SC Fuels, Terrible Herbst and Capitol Partners – *Thank you one and all!*

Here is who left with the prize money for bowling and golf:

Bowling High Score: Randy Allen

Bowling: Nearly everyone scored a \$2 bill

Golf 1st Place Team: Greg Wheeler, Dan Schultz, Jeremy Bautista and Ron Ludlow

Golf 2nd Place Team: Bob Michaelis, Eric Calder, Steve Routson and Jan Roothoff

Closest to the Pin: #3 Eric Calder, #7 Brett Bottenberg, #12 Ron Perkins, #14 Greg Wheeler

Woman's Long Drive: #11 Susan Wright

Men's Long Drive: #5 Curtis Mormon

Next **BIG DOGS HOWL in May 2022**

– *Thank you to all* who supported the Nevada Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association

2021 NEVADA LEGISLATIVE SESSION – THE GOOD, BAD & UGLY

The 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature wrapped up near midnight on June 1st, with a litany of projects left to accomplish, meaning we are coming back to Carson City in the next few months for special sessions. These will range from distribution of federal aid money to redistricting and whatever else the Governor wants to address. This was a unique and difficult session for all, as lobbyists and the public were locked out of the building for most of it and with a new crop of legislators coming in from Las Vegas that we had not had the pleasure of meeting just yet.

Small business was yet again on the chopping block of the majority party where they aimed to extract more money and force onerous regulations on the backs of Nevada's small businesses, the driving force of our economy.

When it comes to petroleum and c-store legislation that could have an impact on your businesses, we saw a diverse array of proposals, including an ethanol industry push that will require the Department of Agriculture to adopt regulations to permit the sale of E-15 in Nevada. As an association we were neutral on the bill, opting to engage in the regulation and rulemaking process that will start this summer. The association was successful at increasing the Petroleum Fund per tank cleanup limit from 1 to 2 million dollars. The association brought forth two measures that were ultimately not approved: One that would remove lube oils from the collection of the Petroleum Inspection Fee of 55 mils and would add diesel fuel as well as lower the inspection fee to 4 mils. The second was to change how the petroleum members are selected by the Governor for the Ag Board. The law as currently written requires the association to provide the Governor with three names for their selection pool, and we asked to change that language to say, "up to three people." Unfortunately, we were unable to get these through the process as the majority party feared that the bills would get held up in the 2/3rds requirement and ultimately die. While these are good policy changes, and the legislators admitted that, they decided that the politics of the vote would have to override the policy.

Tobacco bills were limited, with AB 59 which is the Nevada Tobacco-21 (T-21) bill officially raising the age to 21 to purchase tobacco products within the law bringing it in-line with federal law. AB 360 is another one that came out with the push for age verification technology, which we worked with the sponsor and stakeholders to amend and pass.