

NEW MEXICO *Petroleum Marketers Association Report*



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The Land of Enchantment again provided beautiful weather for the 2023 annual convention and golf tournament. With a complete field of 84 golfers, the competition was fun and exciting as always. With a score of 17 under par, our first-place winners were Michael Zapach, Ed DeBruyn, Don Kodl and Mark Zapach. Our second-place winners with a score of 13 under par were James Marker, Dan Delozier, Ryan Geise and Nick Herbert. With a score of 10 under par, our 3rd place winners were Tom Bunting, Kim Gonzales, Nicholas Wagner, and Clint Hampton. The closest to the hole winners were Rodney Reynolds, Vu Nguyen, Steve Ruhl and Mark Zapach. After the tournament lunch was provided and many great raffle prizes were given away. Thanks to all our sponsors and raffle prize donors.

The return of the "NMPMA Steak Out" was a great hit along with the evening's entertainment – Dwayne Hill from *America's Got Talent*. He wowed the crowd early on the convention floor with great magic tricks along with his comical style presentation. Once the crowd sat down for dinner Dwayne's performance was extremely funny and entertaining.



During the General Session, presentations were given by the Republican leader House of Representatives and the President and CEO of the New Mexico Chamber of Commerce.

Representative Ryan Lane (Republican Leader House of Representatives) gave an update on potential changes in our legislature for the 2024 elections, with his thoughts on how the Republican and Democratic leaders are working together for a more balanced and civil legislative process. If this is any indication on how our 2023 session ended, Ryan is on the right track to develop a more balanced process.



Rob Black (President and CEO of New Mexico Chamber of Commerce) gave a state of the State update on new companies moving to New Mexico and existing companies that are expanding, the anticipated job growth within the state, and which sectors had strong results in 2022-2023. There seems to be a strong pattern developing in the tech sector due to the base of national laboratories in the state: the Sandia National Laboratory and Los Alamos National Laboratory.



First Place Team



Second Place Team



Third Place Team

News Around New Mexico

The Powerful Legislative Finance Committee released their FY25 projected revenue numbers for New Mexico, and it came to \$3.4 billion of new money over budget largely due to the oil and gas industry.



Governor proposes clean car standards:

New Mexico would require automakers to deliver more zero-emission vehicles for sale in the state under a rule proposed by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham. The proposal would require that 43% of the 2027 model year cars and trucks sent to New Mexico for sale meet strict clean air standards. The percentage would climb to 82% for 2032 vehicles, with the changes phased in over 6 years. Electric and hydrogen-powered vehicles would count toward the percentage. Plugin hybrid vehicles, however, would not.



New Mexico pursues study on legislative staffing:

Legislative leaders are moving forward with plans to study the feasibility of creating field offices and year-round staff to help New Mexico lawmakers carry out their work between sessions. The legislative council – a panel of high-ranking lawmakers – voted 11-5 to seek proposals from companies to conduct the study. It was largely a party-line vote. Money for the study was authorized earlier this year. About \$2.5 million was set aside in budget legislation approved in January to hire a consultant to study and make recommendations “on the logistics and resources needed for district staff offices and operations.”



New Mexico Supreme Court rejects Democrats’ argument in redistricting lawsuit:

The State Supreme Court agreed to allow a lawsuit accusing Democrats of illegal partisan gerrymandering to move forward. In a unanimous order, the justices rejected the arguments of Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham and other high-ranking Democrats who said the courts had no way to determine what constitutes illegal partisan gerrymandering.

Redistricting debate renewed:

Advocates are pushing for New Mexico to adopt an independent redistricting commission due to the Supreme Court’s decision allowing allegations of illegal partisan gerrymandering to move forward; this underscores the need for reform. The decision by the Supreme Court highlights the importance of drawing legally sound districts. An independent commission would help protect against having a map overturned in court.

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