



## 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

- **MEMBERSHIP**

NRCGA membership increased in 2024 to 52 companies (44 stakeholder members and 8 associate members) compared to 42 in 2023. [nrcga.org/about/nrcga-members/](http://nrcga.org/about/nrcga-members/)

- **MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS ROTATE BETWEEN CARSON CITY, LAS VEGAS**

The NRCGA Board of Directors voted to rotate 2024 meetings between Carson City and Las Vegas to include Northern Nevada members. January, May and September meetings were hosted at the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada's Carson City office. March, July and November meetings were hosted at the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada's Las Vegas office. On average, 59 people attended meetings in person or online via Microsoft Teams.

<https://nrcga.org/about/meetings/>

- **1,567 EXCAVATORS, LANDSCAPERS, OTHERS TRAINED**

The NRCGA's Education & Training Committee taught the fundamentals of "Call Before You Dig" best practices to 1,567 excavators, landscapers and other contractors statewide. The two-hour classes were provided in English and Spanish. The Education & Training Committee revamped their presentation to include interactive scenarios in a classroom setting, as well as an outdoor mock jobsite. In Southern Nevada, training was provided at 4 locations, multiple times each month. In Northern Nevada, training was provided upon request. [nrcga.org/nrcga-damage-prevention-training/](http://nrcga.org/nrcga-damage-prevention-training/)

- **OUTREACH EFFORTS TO SHARE THE 811 SAFE DIGGING MESSAGE**

- **Silver Shovel Award – Southern Nevada**

One hundred and fifty (150) excavators, locators and utility operators attended the NRCGA's 2024 Silver Shovel Award Ceremony and dinner on April 4 at Desert Willow Golf Course in Henderson. Southwest Gas, Las Vegas Valley Water District and AIMS Companies contended for the Silver Shovel Award, with Southwest Gas ultimately named the winner. <https://nrcga.org/silvershovelsouth/>

- **Silver Shovel Award – Northern Nevada**

In 2024, the Northern Nevada Silver Shovel Committee began a unique effort to target and celebrate excavators practicing safe digging. Bimonthly, the committee identified an outstanding contractor and acknowledged their outstanding safety practices with a banner to display at the company office and a BBQ lunch courtesy of the NRCGA. <https://nrcga.org/silvershovelnorth/>

- **811 Day at the Las Vegas Ballpark**

On August 2, the NRCGA worked with USA North 811 to sponsor an "811 Call Before You Dig Night" at the Las Vegas Ballpark. Approximately 7,316 fans attended the ball game, including 300 lucky people who were able to take advantage of the promotional tickets for \$8.11. NRCGA volunteers handed out 811-themed giveaways, including 500 cooling towels and 650 sunglasses. The NRCGA 811 Day Committee offered Southwest Gas the first pitch honor for winning the Silver Shovel Award. <https://nrcga.org/811-day/>

- **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Utility Locate Rodeo**

The NRCGA's 5<sup>th</sup> Utility Locate Rodeo took place Oct. 19 at the College of Southern Nevada, Charleston Campus. Twenty-eight locators from around the state competed for \$7,500 in prize money, all donated by sponsors. The locators competed in one of three divisions: gas, electric or telecom. Each division winner took home \$1500. The three division winners went on to compete in the Jackpot Locate, with the winner receiving an additional \$3000 in prize money and an NRCGA-sponsored trip to Missouri to compete in the December International Utility Locate Rodeo. <https://nrcga.org/rodeo/>

- ✓ Jackpot Locate Winner: **Jordan Meyer**, Southwest Gas (northern division)
- ✓ Telecommunications Division: **Raul Ferrel**, USIC
- ✓ Gas Division: **Jordan Meyer**, Southwest Gas
- ✓ Power Division: **Tristian Church**, ELM Utility Services



- **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual NRCGA Golf Tournament**

The NRCGA's 3rd annual fundraiser golf tournament brought in \$21,000 to help fund outreach programs. One hundred and fifty-six (156) golfers participated in the tournament, held Nov. 15 at Las Vegas National Golf Club. New this year, the NRCGA pledged 10% of proceeds to the Southern Nevada Trades High School.

<https://nrcga.org/golf/>

- **COMMITTEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- **Short Notice Tickets Task Force**

Due to member concerns regarding the use of Short Notice dig ticket types, the NRCGA Board of Directors implemented this task force in 2024 with the goal of reviewing short-notice ticket policy and making recommendations to move forward. The task force established guidelines requiring short-notice 811 dig tickets to be labeled "non-compliant short notice." USA North 811 will track the impact on short-notice ticket volume. If misuse is suspected, the task force will regroup.

- **Craig Rogers Celebration of Life/Craig Rogers Award**

The Board of Directors voted to hold a celebration of life ceremony in January 2024 to honor Craig Rogers, a long-standing NRCGA member and PUCN employee who passed away in Oct. 2023. Approximately 150 NRCGA members and friends met to enjoy lunch and share stories about how Craig, a well-known jokester, made them laugh and positively impacted damage prevention in Nevada. The Board subsequently voted to establish a committee to explore creating an award in Craig's honor. The committee began meeting in 2024 with the goal of establishing guidelines for award candidates and expects to present the first award at Southern Nevada's Silver Shovel Award ceremony in April 2025.

- **NRCGA/NUCA Damage Prevention Coalition**

This coalition continued in 2024 with two meetings hosted by the NRCGA in 2024.

- **Bylaws Revision Task Force**

The Board of Directors implemented a task force to update the bylaws to better reflect how the NRCGA conducts business. The last bylaw revision was done in 2012. The task force has since disbanded.

- **WEBSITE STATS**

- 14,500 views
- 6,700 visitors
- Top Ten Pages Visited
  - ✓ Home: 3,914 views
  - ✓ Excavator Sign In: 1,470 views
  - ✓ Excavator Damage Prevention Training: 1,053 views
  - ✓ Dig Ticket Request: 700 views
  - ✓ Utility Locate Rodeo: 608 views
  - ✓ Annual Golf Tournament: 537 views
  - ✓ FAQs: 337views
  - ✓ Silver Shovel Award: 312 views
  - ✓ Board of Directors & Officers: 241 views
  - ✓ Training Attendance Database: 229 views