

2011 TRI-STATE MEETING RECAP

Sixty-five people participated in the 21st Annual Tri-State Meeting held in Sheridan, Wyoming on September 15-16, 2011. **Ron Destefano**, with CDG Engineers put together an excellent program.

Sponsors

Sponsors for this event included **Atlas Copco, Butler Machinery Co., Cate Equipment, Caterpillar, CDG Engineers, Cloud Peak Energy, Coteau Properties, Dakota Coal Company, Dyno Nobel, General Equipment & Supplies, LeTourneau Technologies America, Rimpull Corporation, Roberts & Schaefer, Tetra Tech, Thunder Basin Coal, Western Energy Company** and **Wyoming Machinery**. We thank these companies for their continued support.

Short Courses

Two separate short courses were presented on Thursday to 25 attendees. The first was a course on *Coal Quality and Associated Power Plant Impacts* presented by **Tri-State Generation & Transmission**. The second course was on *Project Management Tools* presented by **CDG Engineers, Alberici Constructors** and **Peabody Coal**



Banquet

Thursday evening's banquet featured **Karen Budd-Falen**, Senior Partner, Budd-Falen Law Offices. Karen spoke to the group about *Federal and State Environmental Acts and Their Impact on the Industry*.

Friday Morning Sessions

The presentations were interesting and informative about what's happening in the tri-state region.



Karen Budd-Falen
Senior Partner,
Budd-Falen
Law Offices.



Fred Stern
Dakota Coal Company
Carbon Capture & Sequestration



Brian Deurloo
Project Mgr., Linc Energy
*Underground Coal Gasification
Project in the PRB*



Bob Hodge
Energy Publishing, Inc.
Markets for PBR Coal



Jason Begger
Manager of Government Affairs,
Wyoming Sustainable Development
*Political Awareness: Why It's
Important to Be Engaged*

Golf Event

Friday afternoon's golf event was held at the Powder Horn Golf Club. Thank you to the following companies for donating a record number of golf prizes: **Pete Neimann, AIL Mining; Dakota Coal; Nelson Brothers, Roberts & Schaefer; Thunder Basin Coal; P&H Mine Pro; Caterpillar; North American Coal Falkirk Mine.**

First place team: **Jesse Noel, Gordon Shinkle, Tom Burleson, Pete Niemann**

Second place team: **Dean Bray, Steve Burke, Greg Dehne**

Third place team: **Roy Gunther, Ron Destefano, Scott Hantz, Chad Mills**

Longest Drive Men: **Jason Johnstone**

Longest Drive Women: **Jill Nelson**

Closest to the Pin Men: **Jesse Noel**

Closest to the Pin Women: **Molly Schwend**

The Tri-State meeting was an outstanding meeting, we sincerely thank our sponsors, speakers, members and colleagues who helped make the meeting such a success.

