

# CARAVAN



A Message from the President As we close out 2025, I am filled with immense pride reflecting on what we have accomplished together. My goal this year was to honor our deep-rooted traditions changing things up by trying new venues, dinner styles and a few more happy hours but to be as vibrant and impactful as ever. Looking back at our packed calendar, I believe we did exactly that but change is never easy. Now I look forward to supporting future presidents in the coming years as I was supported by past presidents and a terrific board this year!

> Thank you! Maxine Aitkenhead

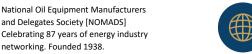
# NOMADS Hole-in-One Networking Experience!

# **Our Sincere Appreciation**

The success of our scholarship mission depends entirely on the dedicated individuals and organizations who step up to support us. A huge thank you to our tireless volunteers whose hard work behind the scenes ensured the day ran smoothly. We also want to recognize the exceptional staff at Blackhorse Golf Club. The North Course was in fantastic condition, and their hospitality made for a terrific experience for all our participants.



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# **Maxine Aitkenhead**

When Maxine Aitkenhead stepped into the role of NOMADS President, she made history as the first woman to lead our 80-plus-year-old organization. From the beginning, Maxine set out to honor the traditions that built NOMADS while also introducing the newness, energy, and relevance needed for today's evolving workforce and industry. The result was a year defined by connection, learning, and forward momentum.

# Celebrating a Year of Firsts:

Maxine Aitkenhead's Inspiring Term as NOMADS President

# A Year of Engagement and Energy

Maxine led a vibrant calendar with a special facility visit hosted by longtime NOMAD Larry Keast, blending technical insight with NOMADS' signature camaraderie.

She curated an exceptional speaker lineup, bringing in voices such as Kurt Abraham, Ingraham Karr, Tony Beebe, Evelyn Maclean, and Dominic Sun — a mix chosen for their ability to inspire and challenge. Maxine shared that discovering and engaging inspirational speakers was a highlight of her year.

Caravan also expanded its storytelling under her leadership, spotlighting NOMAD business owners like Tommy & Renee Balke sharing lessons they've learned across the oilfield ecosystem. This focus strengthened the sense of shared identity and pride within the group.

Past President Tom Shader, first invited Maxine to NOMADS in 2015 and continued his association and support of her, reflecting the continuity and care that define our community.

Maxine's open and collaborative personality shaped every part of her presidency. She loved getting to know key members more deeply, hearing their stories, and understanding the history behind the organization. Members consistently noted how she makes people feel welcome — that "Maxine doesn't just lead meetings; she brings people together." This was clearly demonstrated by a full NOMADS Board in 2025 with Sang Karle (VP), Raul Bueno, Treasurer and Nick Mair, Secretary; Past Presidents Cornelius Jones, Tom Shrader and David Beard. And huge appreciation for NOMADS Business Admin Natalie Strabala!

# **Balancing Tradition with Change**

One of Maxine's greatest challenges — and her greatest successes — was navigating the balance between preserving NOMADS as a traditional networking group, rich with history and ritual, while updating venues, formats, and messaging to bring in Young Professionals and new industry voices.

## A Career Built on Curiosity and Courage

Maxine's professional journey mirrors the adaptability and drive she brought to her presidency. After earning her Master's in International Business Marketing, she spent 10+ years with Schlumberger, training teams globally on software systems.

She later transitioned into subsurface petroleum data management, focusing on data quality and governance, before joining Data Gumbo to work on automated smart contracts.

"Data excites me — what you can do with it when you take it out of silos and shape something new."

In 2025, Maxine embraced entrepreneurship and founded GetStuffDone, helping companies streamline processes and execute more effectively. Again taking data and making something useful for her clients.

**Closing Reflections** 

As we look back on this milestone year, we are grateful for Maxine's leadership — her warmth, her vision, and her commitment to both honoring our history and preparing NOMADS for the future.

Winston Churchill once said:

"You make a living by what you get; you make a life by what you give."

This year, Maxine gave wholeheartedly — and NOMADS is stronger because of it. Thank you, Maxine, for a remarkable year of service and inspiration.

The Board 2025/6





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# Results: The Few, The Proud, The Questionably Good

### **Tournament Champions**

A massive, non-handicapped round of applause to the team from Basic Equipment (<u>basic-equipment.com</u>), who clearly mulligan'd ... or spend their workdays practicing.

Congratulations, gentlemen. You saved your corporate reputation. The rest of you, maybe try bringing a telescope next year.

# **Individual Feats of Skill (or Pure Luck)**

**Longest Drive** --- Dustin Brown — Who hit the ball into a different zip code and clearly the ringer for Basic The only shot that actually went where they aimed (maybe).

 $\textbf{Closest to the Pin ---} \ \, \textbf{Michael MacDonald ---} \ \, \textbf{Who nearly got a hole-in-one for EV}$ 

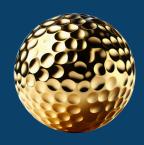
Proof that sometimes, a blind squirrel finds an acorn.

### Raffle: Where Generosity Meets Chance

A big thank you to our generous donors! The fate of your prizes is now in the hands of the following winners:

- Brian Gramling (<u>opwglobal.com/civacon</u>): Won the Putter donated by EV Well Intervention. Brian, please send us video proof
  that this new putter doesn't end up bent in half.
- Patty Riley (<u>swca.com</u>) & Daniel Gomez (<u>evcam.com</u>): Each won a Round of Golf for Four at Blackhorse (donated by us). We
  hope you invite golfers who elevate your game.

# NOMADS Hole-in-One Scholarship Fundraiser!





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