

Time To Vote For the TLBAA Special Awards

The TLBAA special awards will be presented Friday evening, January 18, 2019 as a part of Texas Longhorn Weekend. Nominators provided background information on each nominee. **All active TLBAA members in good standing are encouraged to vote for one fellow breeder in each of the categories for the special honors.** Votes can be emailed to awards@tlbaa.org. If unable to email you may fax to the TLBAA office, and it will be forwarded to the awards committee.

Deadline for votes: December 20th, 2018, 5pm CST, no late ballots will be accepted. Only the official ballot with member name and TLBAA # included will be accepted.

Dave Evans Breeder of the Year Award



Alex Dees

We would like to nominate Alex Dees for breeder of the year. She has a superior breeding program and has supported us as a member of the board of directors. She is a very positive person with the ability to motivate others. What more could you ask for.



Bill & Judy Meridith

Bill and Judy are a Cornerstone of the Longhorn industry. They continuously strive to improve their breeding program by acquiring the best genetics regardless of expense. In this I'm not saying their program is purchased, but their substantial

financial contributions have made enormous impacts on breeders in the Longhorn industry. The Meridith's have enabled other Longhorn breeders to reinvest in their programs, thus advancing and strengthening the Longhorn industry in general.

Bill and Judy were the breeders of the high selling animal at the End Of Trail Ranch dispersal sale. They are the ONLY breeders to produce two bulls measuring over 90" TTT with several more predicted to reach that measurement in the immediate future.

The Meridith's have generously participated through sponsorships of the TLBAA and many other organizations promoting the Texas Longhorn breed. Their giving hearts have been witnessed by their generous participation in purchasing and/or purchase and re-sale of animals donated for worthy causes at Longhorn sales. Their proudest endeavor was building the Wellington Christian Academy, providing scholastic excellence in a Christ-centered environment for children.

This award is about animals produced, and clearly the Meridith's have a proven breeding program producing superior genetics. I feel we should also reflect and reward Bill and Judy as humanitarians. They have made a huge impact on the industry and have done so in a quiet and humble way.



Carla Payne

Carla Payne is the epitome of a great Longhorn rancher. Her cattle are the ones to beat in the show ring. Her many class winners at the TLBAA World Show include one Reserve World Class bull and two World Class Grand Champion Non-Haltered Mature Cows. Some of her famous cattle

are Buckshot, Overlord C P, Indian Girl and Boomerang C P. Carla was voted "Outstanding Rancher 2018" by the Denton County Soil and Water Conservation District this past year – and she artificially breeds her Longhorns herself! Let's hear it for Carla Jo!

John & Brenda Oliver



John & Brenda, of Oliver Longhorns, for the many awards throughout the years, for all of the shows they participated in with so many animals in so many classes and groups. They show beautiful animals from an impeccable program. They have built their program on honesty,

integrity, & hard work. They also give endless hours to helping the TLBT program for their shows and animals as well. I feel they are very deserving of this nomination and of this award.

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**Please submit your ballot
by December 20, 2018**

Jack Phillips Award



Keith & Tina DuBose

Keith and Tina DuBose are long time supporters of the Texas Longhorn Industry. They should be recognized for their continuous offering of time and knowledge to multiple affiliates. Keith is President of the East Texas Longhorn Association and Director-At-Large for

Division B of the TLBAA. He is a fifth-generation Texas Longhorn breeder, for years encouraging others to take interest in the breed. Tina is President of the Ark-La-Tex affiliate and former Chairwoman of the Affiliate President's Committee in which she still serves as a member. She has helped encourage growth and participation within the TLBAA by instituting president's meetings in Billings, Montana, Grand Island, Nebraska and Pueblo, Colorado. This has increased involvement throughout the nation. Both Tina and Keith are involved through judging shows throughout the area. They encourage others, especially youth to show cattle and get involved in regional affiliations. Their own family has continued this tradition and has become active members of the Longhorn industry. The above qualifications are just a snapshot of the generosity Keith and Tina DuBose have given the Texas Longhorn Industry. I can think of no one else who is more deserving of this award. We are lucky to have two people who are so committed to seeing this breed thrive.



Cody & Taylor Himmelreich

We nominate the Himmelreichs for their dedication to the Texas Longhorns, the time and efforts they have spent to help the youth with showing their animals and for donations of their own animals for the youth programs.

As the criteria for the Jack Phillips award is "someone who works selflessly for the breed and the breeders," this young couple fits the criteria easily. Cody is outspoken and stubborn, but respects rules and guidelines, helps others and is very involved in the conformation shows.

Both Cody and Taylor are advocates of continual improvement in the breed and are comfortable sharing their knowledge with others. Perhaps it is his size, but Cody doesn't get intimidated, and will work hard for what's right for the members.

They are good with new members, interested in promoting youth and getting young ones started correctly, and they celebrate and support the successes of many.

They do the jobs asked of them, and they believe in the breed.



Terry King

I would like to nominate Terry King for the Jack Phillips award. He has supported and encouraged everyone in this breed that he has come in contact with. Few breeders have done more for the breed in every aspect asking nothing in return.



Jim Rombeck

I would like to nominate Jim Rombeck for the Jack Phillips award.

Jim Rombeck has given selflessly to the Texas Longhorn world since the conception of JBR Longhorns in 1997. Not only does he participate in traditional sales as buyer and seller, but also gives back to the industry tenfold. Since buying Wyoming Warpaint in 2001, he has only missed two Horn Showcases. Donating time to help on the floor with moving cattle, penning, and anywhere else that's in need of an extra hand. For the last four years he's been in charge of the measuring at the official Horn Showcase location as well as chairing the satellite locations. Over the last two years he has increased the number of satellite locations. Jim has also served on the board of directors being voted in three full terms as well as filling vacant seats twice. On the board, he has been on the executive committee and served as executive first chair.

A phrase by JFK was "not what the country can do for you but what you can do for your country." I do believe that Jim Rombeck took this phrase to heart. It is not what the association can do for him, but what he can do to help promote the TLBAA and the Texas Longhorn breed.

Elmer Parker Lifetime Achievement Award



Dr. Gene & Lana Hightower

I nominate the late Dr. Gene & Mrs. Lana Hightower for their impeccable breeding quality and standards, for always encouraging & welcoming new and upcoming breeders, for their dedication to the breed and to the association and for their amazing heart that they have both effortlessly given to the longhorn cattle, the breeders, and to teaching and sharing their love and knowledge with others.



Scott Hughes

I would like to nominate Scott Hughes for the Elmer Parker Award. Scott is one of the older breeders and has been one of the strongest supporters in the association. He loves the cattle and people involved with the Longhorn world. He tries in every way to be a positive influence in everything he does.

gether our last two newsletters in a new format, and is always ready to design an eye catching information page.

He is beginning to have success in the show ring, and this fall will be showing his first calves carrying his own brand. He is a true promoter of the breed and will eagerly talk about Longhorns to most anyone he meets.

His enthusiasm and willingness to make new affiliate events successful has helped us to attempt new challenges, knowing we have him in our corner to accomplish those goals.

I think Mel Raley would be pleased to see him receive the award as he has been a strong starter and will continue to be an advocate for the breed. He is so willing to listen and to share his knowledge with perspective new members. He credits his beginning interest in Longhorns to Sunrise Camp where he attended for two summers and learned to show the beautiful breed and to be proud to address anyone he encountered.

I am pleased to nominate Derek Overlid for the Mel Raley Rising Star Award.

Mel Raley Rising Star Award



Tucker Hilbert

We would like to nominate Tucker Hilbert for rising star. Tucker is about as knowledgeable as any young breeder I have known. I believe he will be a force to be reckoned with in the near future.



Derek Overlid

Would like to nominate a young man who is developing his own small show herd and has become very involved in our affiliate and sits as a current director. He is always eager to help, to learn, to discuss and share information with other members. As he is younger than most of our members, we

look to him for help with technology issues on our social media pages. He has stepped up and has put to-



Austin & Taylor Rohr

Bought low quality cattle like everyone else does. Immediately sold them, studied and started putting great cattle together. Has sponsored events to help out, has helped the youth, has promoted Longhorns and been a great advertiser. Now has one of the best

sires in the breed in only 3 short years. Has helped bring everyone together from a business side.

