

Recognizing Those Who "Do": TLBAA Special Awards

It's Time To Nominate Deserving TLBAA Members For Their Efforts!

The TLBAA special year end awards will be presented during the annual meeting held during Texas Longhorn Week-end in January 2025. All TLBAA active members are encouraged to nominate fellow breeders for these special honors. Nominees will each be verified as active TLBAA members in good standing. Nominations must be in a written format and will include why/how the individual nominated fulfills the criteria of the award. An individual can only be nominated for one award each year. All nominees received and verified will be listed in the November *TRAILS*, and you the members, will be selecting the overall award winners. Deadline for nomination submissions is September 15, 2024, 5 pm CST. Nominations should be emailed to awards@tlbaa.org. If unable to email, you may fax or mail to the TLBAA office. Think about who you know that deserves to be recognized for a year end award. Remember the deadline for nominations for these awards is September 16, 2024, 5 pm CST. For further information or additional questions please contact Deb Lesyk, Affiliate Chairperson. Continue reading for criteria and past winners of these prestigious awards.

You may submit an online nomination form at www.tlbaa.org under the "Awards" tab or submit a paper form found on pg. 57

Elmer Parker Lifetime Award

Lifetime Devotion to the Texas Longhorn Breed and Its Breeders

The Elmer Parker Lifetime Award honors those members, who have been dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the Longhorn breed, qualities that Parker was known for.

This award is named after Elmer Parker, who was a longtime employee and manager of the Wichita Mountain Wildlife Refuge Longhorn herd. Parker joined the staff at the Refuge in 1946, learning from the previous Longhorn managers: Earl Drummond, Heck Schrader and Joe Bill Lee. In 1968, he took over the responsibilities of the Longhorns at the Refuge and continued until his retirement in 1981. Thus, the continuity of Longhorn expertise at the Refuge continued for more than half a century.

The Parker Brown color designation on Longhorn registrations was named after Elmer Parker – the dark brown, almost black color, with lighter dorsal stripe, was one of his favorite colors.

Past Recipients of the Elmer Parker Award

1987 – J.G. "Jack" Phillips	1999 – Owen McGill	2012 – Dr. Joyce Kimble
1988 – Dave Evans	2000 – Charlene Semkin	2013 – Kaso Kety
1989 – J.W. Isaacs	2001 – Dan W. Coates	2015 – John Allen
1990 – Charles Schreiner III	2002 – Bob Moore	2016 – Wes Watson
1991 – Eddie Wood	2003 – Tim Miller	2017 – Darol Dickinson
1992 – F.M. "Blackie" Graves	2004 – T.M. Smith	2018 – Dr. Gene & Lana Hightower
1993 – Dan. O. Coates	2005 – H.C. Carter	2019 – Dr. Darlene Aldridge D.V.M
1994 – Leonard Stiles	2006 – Sherman Boyles	2020 – Dora Thompson
1995 – Johnnie Hoffman	2007 – Harvey Rassmussen	2021 – Richard Filip
1996 – Walter B. Scott	2008 – Dr. Bob Kropp	2022 – Keith & Tina DuBose
1997 – Col. Fraser West	2009 – Michael McLeod	2023 – Jimmy Jones
1998 – Linda Moore/ Harvey Rasmussen	2010 – Joe & Lorinda Valentine	
	2011 – Maurice Ladnier	

Jack Phillips Award

The Jack Phillips Award honors individuals who have worked selflessly for the Texas Longhorn and breeders alike, without recognition.

This award is named after former TLBAA President Jack Phillips who was a quiet, yet forceful presence in the TLBAA. It is hoped that Affiliate Presidents will encourage their members to nominate individuals who have fulfilled this criteria but all members of the TLBAA are encouraged to make nominations.

Past recipients of the Jack Phillips Award

1994 – John & Silvia Gams	2006 – Albert G. "Pete" Boyce, Jr.	2017 – John & Christy Randolph
1995 – Kenneth Archer	2007 – Trigg & Traci Moore	2018 – Keith & Tina Dubose
1996 – Maudeen Marks & Eileen Day	2008 – Steve & Bodie Quarry	2019 – Neil Glasgow
1997 – Noah & Melba Oliver	2009 – Steven Zunker	Jan McDaniel
1998 – R.L. Slater	2010 – Donnie Taylor	2020 – Donnie Taylor
1999 – Glen Lewis	2011 – Elmer Rosenberger	2021 – The Bass Family, Felix, Della & Felicia Serna
2000 – Dorie Damuth	2012 – Kim & Robert Richey	2022 – Eitan & Sandy Barhum/ Deb Lesyk
2001 – Charley & Doris Snyder	2013 – Dale Hunt & Sherrill Caddel	2023 – Scot & Jodie O'Bryan
2002 – David Hartshorn	2014 – Geoff Dawson, Tina Stewart & Charlene Musgrove	
2003 – Ray Moore	2015 – Rodger & Bonnie Damrow	
2004 – Morgan Cook, Jr.	2016 – Joe Sedlacek	
2005 – Ronnie Cruce		

The Dave Evans Breeder of the Year Award

The Dave Evans Breeder of the Year Award is given to individuals who have dedicated themselves to the betterment of Texas Longhorn cattle through their breeding program.

This award is named after native Texan, Dave Evans, who entered the Texas Longhorn industry in 1977, establishing the Yellow Pine Ranch at Cuchara, CO. He and his wife, Billicarole, quickly became enthusiastic about the breed and additional ranches were purchased to supplement the original ranch.

Evans served on the Board of Directors of both the TLBAA and the Mountain & Plains Texas Longhorn Association. He also served terms as TLBAA Vice-President. He was a founding partner and host of the Colorado National Texas Longhorn Sale, a record-breaking event when it started in 1981, which continued to be one of the industry's major events for many years.

From the start, Evans realized the necessity of using the best bulls available in the breed in order to develop a top herd. His goal was to breed for consistent size as well as correctness and outstanding horns. He purchased Texas Ranger Jr. in 1980, and then Dixie Rebel and Major Investment. In 1986, Evans acquired CT Spoty Ruler, the bull he considered to be the best he'd ever owned.

Before his untimely death, Evans had succeeded in breeding a herd of Texas Longhorns that were well recognized in the breed. It is therefore a significant honor to be a recipient of this award, named in honor of this dedicated Longhorn breeder.

Past Recipients of the Dave Evans Award

1982 – Babs & Chico Wright	1996 – El Coyote Ranch	2010 – Brent & Cindy Bolen
1983 – Jack Montgomery	1997 – John T. Baker	2011 – Darlene Aldridge, DVM
1984 – Red McCombs	1998 – Shady W Ranch	2012 – El Coyote Ranch
1985 – Ray Moore	1999 – Bob Coffee	2013 – Bob Loomis
1986 – Al Micallef	2000 – John & Christy Randolph	2015 – Brett & Darcy De Lapp
1987 – Glen W. Lewis	2001 – Ben Gravett	2016 – Nancy Dunn
1988 – Dave Evans	2002 – Bob Loomis	2017 – Richard Filip
1989 – Jerry & Martha Gillespie	2003 – John & Diann Chase	2018 – John & Brenda Oliver
1990 – Bob & Linda Moore	2004 – Mike Bowman	2019 – Bill & Suzanne Torkildsen
1991 – Dr. Joseph Graham	2005 – Johnnie Robinson	2020 – Ross & Curtis Ohlendorf
1992 – Dr. L.V. Baker	2006 – Robert and Kim Richey	2021 – Kent & Sandy Harrell
1993 – Johnnie Hoffman	2007 – Doug Hunt	2022 – John & Debra Helm
1994 – Wayne Rumley, Wes & Carrie Hill	2008 – Kaso Kety	2023 – Dale Metz
1995 – W.O. & Patti Marquess	2009 – Jimmy Jones Dora Thompson	

Mel Raley Rising Star

The Mel Raley Rising Star Award is a special recognition awarded to those who have been an active member of the TLBAA for less than five years and through involvement and sustained enthusiasm have made a positive impact on their peers and on the Longhorn breed.

This award is named after Mel Raley, who will always be remembered as a shining star for the TLBAA because of his ability to share his vast knowledge of the Longhorn breed with new members.

Past Recipients of the Mel Raley Rising Star Award

1999 – Barry & Jeanne Carter Gray	2007 – Bruce & Susan Easterly	2017 – John & Lauren Clark
2000 – Gary "Cowboy" & Kendra Kelley	2008 – Randy Briscoe	2018 – Austin & Taylor Rohr
2001 – Joel & Shirley Lemley	2009 – Matt Westmoreland	2019 – Dale Metz & DeCarlo Noble
2002 – Zech Dameron, III	2010 – Jay & Suzanne Faske	2020 – Wes & Suzanne Smith
2003 – Glen & Larry Smith	2011 – Danny & Merrilou Russell	2021 – Dean Whitlock
2004 – Danny & Carole Phillips	2012 – Greg Franks	2022 – Tim & Nikole Clark
2005 – Rebecca Rhodes	2013 – Kyle & Whitney Mayden	2023 – Wayne & Joanna Manning
2006 – John & Brenda Oliver	2016 – James & Paula Wilkins	

Why Nominate? The nomination is an honor and a reward in itself, validation for an individual that their peers see the efforts they are making within the industry. NEVER ASSUME THAT OTHERS WILL DO THE NOMINATING. Too often, after the deadline, people can be heard to say "I was sure they were already nominated."

Please fill out information completely and be specific and provide details making it clear why the person was nominated, either on the facing page or by filling out the online nomination form at www.tlbaa.org under the "Awards" tab.

We do hope that you join us in Fort Worth, Texas in January at the awards reception to celebrate all the award winners and the TLBAA Hall of Fame inductee(s).

