

Hereford Hall of Fame, Merit Inductees Honored

The American Hereford Association (AHA) recognized two families who have committed their lives to the Hereford breed Oct. 28 during the Hereford Honoree Reception during the AHA Annual Meeting. Jimmy Powell, Ft. McKavett, Texas, and Jack Turner, Oklahoma City, Okla., were inducted into the Hereford Hall of Fame, which recognizes breeders who have dynamically influenced the direction and advancement of the Hereford breed.

Also during the reception, Art Handel Jr., Rapid City, S.D, was inducted into the Hereford Hall of Merit. These inductees are not necessarily Hereford breeders but have, in their own ways, greatly influenced the Hereford breed and cattle industry.

“We congratulate these men for the impact they have made on the Hereford breed,” said Jack Ward, AHA chief executive officer. “Their dedication to the breed is inspiring, and I am honored to induct them into the Hereford Hall of Fame and Hall of Merit.”



Jimmy Powell of Ft. McKavett, Texas, was inducted into the Hereford Hall of Fame Oct. 28, at the 2016 Hereford Honoree Reception during the AHA Annual Membership Meeting in Kansas City, Mo. Pictured (l to r) are Sam Shaw, 2016 AHA president, Terri Barber, 2017 AHA president, Lorrie Uhl, daughter; Jimmy Powell; James Uhl, grandson; and Bob Thompson, AHA Board member.



Jack Turner of Oklahoma City, was inducted into the Hereford Hall of Fame Oct. 28, at the 2016 Hereford Honoree Reception during the AHA Annual Membership Meeting in Kansas City, Mo. Pictured (l to r) are Sam Shaw, 2016 AHA president; Terri Barber, 2017 AHA president; Jack Turner, grandson Graham Turner and his wife Kate along with their daughters Saylor Graham and Sibyl Kate; and Bob Thompson, AHA Board member.



Jimmy Powell

After serving as a lieutenant junior grade in the U.S. Navy, Jimmy Powell returned to his family ranching operation in 1954 and began his registered Hereford operation. For more than 50 years, Powell has selected for scale, composition, muscling and milking ability to produce cattle that perform in the feedlot.

A third-generation rancher, Jimmy raises registered Hereford and commercial Angus cattle. Each year in October, the Powell Hereford Bull Sale is conducted.

Jimmy was a member of the advisory committee for the Packers and Stockyards Administration for the U.S. Department of Agriculture from 1960 to 1964. In 1975, he was named as a Secretary of Agriculture's Technical Advisory Committee member for Multilateral Trade Negotiations.

Jimmy has served as the chairman of the National Cattlemen's Association Tax Committee, and a member of the executive board of the National Livestock Tax Committee.

In 1990, he was inducted into the International Stockmen's School Hall of Fame. In 2002, he received the National Golden Spur Award, and in 2008, he was inducted into the Texas State Fair Agriculture Hall of Honor and received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Rice University in 2012.

Jimmy has served as a Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association director since 1975 and was elected president in March 1988. He is an elder of the First Presbyterian Church in Eldorado, Texas.

He was married to the late Nancy Hunt, and the pair has two daughters; Lorrie Powell Uhl and Victoria Powell Johnson. They have six grandchildren, James, Elisabeth and Scott Uhl, and Carmen, Leon and Eli Johnson.

Jack Turner

A third-generation Hereford breeder, Jack Turner has been a long-time friend and supporter of the AHA.



Turner of Turner Bros. Herefords started his Hereford herd after graduating from the University of Oklahoma with the basic principles of keeping an eye on birth weight and keeping mature size in check while emphasizing as much end product merit as possible. Jack believes in line breeding and is always looking at ways to better identify good genetics within his herd.

Jack focused on his customers and the largest customer he had for many years was Matador Cattle Co.

He bred the famed L617 bull that was used in the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) carcass merit project, which led to the first tenderness expected progeny difference (EPD) in the Hereford breed, and is still the basis for the current genetic markers for tenderness.

Jack serves on the Hereford Research Foundation board and has helped guide the AHA by identifying the research projects the Association should be involved with. He supports AHA research projects financially and with genetics.

Jack was inducted into the Hereford Hall of Fame on his 88th birthday.

Art Handel Jr.

Handel is the third generation of the Handel Hereford family. He attended South Dakota State University (SDSU) where he was involved in Block and Bridle, Little International, the rodeo club, the livestock judging team and the meats judging team. While at SDSU, Handel began traveling and working sale rings across the country. To date, he has worked more than 5,000 sales.



In 1970, Handel began a 33-year career as a field representative with the AHA and the *American Hereford Journal*. He traveled across the United States,

worked with the adult and junior organizations and conducted many state, national and international tours.

Art was instrumental in starting the South Dakota Junior Hereford

Association and was an adult advisor for the program for many years. Art also buys Hereford and Hereford-influenced feeder calves for feed yards in Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota. **HW**



Art Handel Jr. was inducted into the Hereford Hall of Merit Oct. 28, during the 2016 Hereford Honorees Reception in Kansas City, Mo. Pictured (l to r) are Sam Shaw, 2016 AHA president; Terri Barber, 2017 AHA president; wife Pat Handel; Art Handel Jr.; and Bob Thompson, AHA Board member.

Shaw family recognized for generations of leadership

The Shaw family, Caldwell, Idaho, was honored for their years of leadership and service to the Hereford breed during the American Hereford Association (AHA) Hereford Honoree Reception.

On Oct. 29, Sam Shaw completed his term as AHA president and became the third generation of the Shaw family to hold the office. His father, Greg Shaw, served as president in 2002 and his grandfather Tom Shaw served in 1984.

Sam, his brother Tucker and sister Jaime, along with their families represent the third and fourth generations to operate the ranch.

"The AHA has been blessed with great leadership over the years and the commitment of its members to serve in various roles is truly incredible," says Jack Ward, AHA executive vice president. "On behalf of the Association, AHA staff and the Board, I would like to extend our appreciation for the Shaw family's years of dedication, leadership and service to the breed. **HW**



The AHA presented the Shaw family with a Bruce Huxol drawing as a token of its appreciation for their years of dedication, leadership and service to the breed. Pictured back row (l to r) are Cleo Shaw; Tim and Tina Shaw; Greg Shaw, Sam and Janel Shaw. Pictured front row (l to r) are Ava, Gwen and Lydia Shaw.