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## **Individuals Recognized for Spurring Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association Membership Growth**

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., July 27, 2020 – Membership growth is vital for organizations such as the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association (OCA). Last week during the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual OCA Convention, several OCA members were recognized and appropriately awarded for their efforts and dedication to grow OCA membership.

"Just as ranchers brag on and occasionally reward their 'Top Hands' on the ranch, OCA recognizes members who go above and beyond to recruit new members," said Darrel Shepherd, OCA Membership Committee Chair.

The highest level of recruitment recognition a member can receive is receiving an engraved rifle. To receive a rifle, a member must recruit 40 new OCA members. Those receiving a rifle were Russell Boles, James Shropshire and Rodney Timm.

The next level of Top Hand Club recognition is for 20 new members. Nathan Anderson and Jim Davis are this year's OCA Top Hand Club knife recipients.

Those who have recruited 10 new members receive a belt buckle. Those recognized for recruiting 10 members were: Colton Blehm, Owana Hutchens, Kent Trentman, Roger Wann and Mark Beach.

"The OCA is a member run and driven organization. Without membership growth, young member recruitment and current members who are devoted to spurring us on, the OCA would perish," Shepherd said.

The OCA is the trusted voice of the Oklahoma Cattle Industry. OCA is the only voice that speaks solely for the cattlemen of Oklahoma and represents beef producers in all 77 counties across the state. The OCA officers, board of directors and membership encourages you to join us in our advocacy efforts to ensure less government intervention, lower taxes and a better bottom line. For more information about OCA membership, the theft reward program or activities call 405-235-4391 or visit [www.okcattlemen.org](http://www.okcattlemen.org).

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Cutline: Rodney Timm, Russell Boles and James Shropshire are pictured with OCA President Mike Weeks at the OCA Awards Banquet where they were recognized for recruiting 40 new OCA members.

Download a photo of the buckle winners:

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**Cutline:** Mark Beach, Kent Trentman, Colten Blehm and Roger Wann are pictured with OCA President Mike Weeks at the OCA Awards Banquet where they were recognized for recruiting 20 new OCA members.