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TPF NEWSLETTER



TPF 99TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

July 13- 15, 2023 Hyatt Regency Riverwalk San Antonio, Texas

CONVENTION THANK YOU

The 99th annual Texas Poultry Convention was held in San Antonio from July 13 to July 15. We sincerely appreciate all of our sponsors for the activities throughout the weekend. In addition, we would like to extend a special thank you to those that dedicated their time to make this event enjoyable and ensured that it ran smoothly.

JC Essler, TPF Executive Vice President & Convention Coordinator Marta Wingert, TPF Secretary & Convention Registration Coordinator James Grimm, TPF Executive Vice President Emeritus Carly Oldag, TPF Intern

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What You'll Find Inside

2023 TPF Fishing Tournament 2023 Convention Recap

- Events & Sponsors
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TOURNERNY FEED

3RD ANNUAL FISHING TOURNAMENT

We had a great turnout for our 3rd Annual Fishing Tournament, held May 5th-6th, 2023 at Lake Texoma. We had 33 boats with around 100 participants. We would like to give a special thanks to Todd Walters and Michael Ermon for chairing this event and making it such a success. We were able to raise over \$23,000 for the scholarship fund.

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25TH JIMMY SINGLETON MEMORIAL SHOOT

The skeet shoot was held July 14th at the Bexar County Shooting Range. This year, 80 participants registered for the shoot and helped raise \$6,000 for the scholarship fund. Plenty of clays were shot and a great time was had by all! Thank you to all who sponsored this year's skeet shoot.

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ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual golf tournament was held on July 14th at Hill Country Golf Club. 73 golfers participated in the tournament and helped raise \$3,600 for the scholarship fund. Thank you to all who sponsored this year's golf tournament.

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LUNCH AND TOUR PROGRAM

The Lunch and Tour Program was held Friday, July 14th. Attendees took a day trip to the New Braunfels area for shopping and sightseeing in historic Gruene. German food and music was enjoyed at the New Braunfels staple, Krause's Cafe. Thank you to all our sponsors for this event.

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FEDERATION DINNER & AWARDS PROGRAM

The 99th Annual Texas Poultry Federation Dinner and Awards program was held the evening of Friday. July 14th. Over 400 members and supporters of the Texas poultry industry came together to enjoy food and fellowship as we reflected on the past year. Thank you to all of our sponsors of this event. Your support helped make this dinner a fun and enjoyable event for all attendees.

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FEDERATION DINNER & AWARDS PROGRAM



Holly Duck with 2022 Salesperson of the Year, Charles Swain

Salesperson of the Year Holly Duck

The Texas Allied Poultry Association (TAPA) has honored one of its members as Salesperson of the Year since 1975. Thank you to all the past Salesperson of the Year winners.

Holly was born on January 14 in Shreveport, Louisiana and was raised on a breeder farm in Center, Texas. She attended Center High School and later pursued a degree in Poultry Science at Texas A&M University, graduating in 2001. After completing her education, Holly began working for Sanderson Farms in Bryan as a broiler service technician. Over time, she progressed to the role of broiler manager. In 2010, she decided to take a job with Tyson in Carthage, Texas, to be closer to her hometown.

In 2015, she married her best friend and fishing partner, Trey Duck. Shortly after her wedding, she accepted her dream job with Merck Animal Health as a poultry sales representative. She has been working with Merck Animal Health for the past seven years, traveling extensively through Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

In recognition of her outstanding performance, she was awarded the Merck Circle of Excellence Award in January of this year. Outside of work, she has several hobbies that keep her busy. Holly enjoys participating in bass fishing tournaments on the lake during the spring, often with her husband Trey. She also has a passion for painting beautiful barn quilts. Additionally, she has a nurturing personality and a deep love for animals, often taking care of sick or abandoned animals of any kind.

Holly is a beloved aunt to six nephews, and is known for her caring nature and huge heart.

Congratulations to Holly Duck, the 2023 Salesperson of the Year!

FEDERATION DINNER & AWARDS PROGRAM

Golden Feather Award George "Bubba" Bozka

The Golden Feather Award was established in 1968 to honor a member of the Texas Poultry industry for their outstanding contribution or "going beyond the call of duty" for the industry. Thank you to all the past Golden Feather recipients!

George "Bubba" Bozka has been involved in the poultry business for a significant part of his life. His family's business began in the late 1950s with a small laying hen operation that eventually transitioned to broiler production. After graduating high school, he attended Southwest Texas State University (now Texas State University), majoring in agriculture. Following his college education, he gained experience working for Holly Farms in hatchery and feed mill operations. However, he soon decided to devote himself entirely to the family business of raising broilers. Presently, Bubba and his nephew oversee a single-family poultry farm that produces over 2.5 million broilers annually for Tyson Foods.



Bubba receiving his pin from the 2022 Golden Feather Award Recipient, Dale Hyatt

In addition to the poultry farm, Bubba's family also operates a 300 cow/calf operation and a small, registered herd. He has actively served on the county's rural water supply for 22 years and currently holds the position of secretary-treasurer. This corporation plays a crucial role in supporting the local poultry businesses.

Bubba and his family have been long-time members and supporters of the Texas Poultry Federation. Currently, Bubba serves as a director on the Texas Broiler Council, previously holding the position of president. He has dedicated many years of service to the Texas broiler industry, following in his father's footsteps. Moreover, Bubba has served as an auctioneer for the Texas Allied Poultry Association Auction at the Texas Poultry Federation. Born in Shiner, Texas, Bubba now resides in Gonzales County with his wife of 35 years, Gina. They take immense pride in their children, son Landon and daughter Carly, and their respective spouses Bailey and Nick. Above all, they cherish their grandchildren Baylen, Baylor, and Taylor.

The Golden Feather Award, the highest honor in the industry, has been bestowed on Bubba's late father and now onto Bubba himself.

Congratulations to George "Bubba" Bozka, the 2023 Golden Feather Award Recipient!



Bubba Bozka with all past recipients in attendance

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PRESIDENT'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, July 15th the annual President's Breakfast was held. During this event, our current federation and affiliate presidents were thanked for their service and presented their presidential plaques. A raffle drawing was held for the shotgun generously donated by Jones-Hamilton Company. This raffle generated \$1,400 for our scholarship fund. Thank you to all who sponsored the President's Breakfast.

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PRESIDENT'S BREAKFAST

Texas Poultry Federation President, Judd Stevens closed out the 99th Annual Texas Poultry Federation convention by handing over the gavel to the incoming president, Heath Sellers. Heath ended the breakfast with the announcement of the dates for the 100th Annual Texas Poultry Federation convention which will be held at the Hyatt Regency Riverwalk in San Antonio, Texas, from July 18 - July 20, 2024. We look forward to seeing you all next year!

2023 FEDERATION & AFFILIATE PRESIDENTS

Texas Poultry Federation

President, Judd Stevens

Texas Broiler Council President, Lance Lacefield **Texas Allied Poultry Association** President, Charles Swain

Texas Egg Council President, Matt Whiteman **Texas Poultry Improvement Association** President. Dr. Kevin Kessler







Incoming President, Heath Sellers receiving the gavel from 2023 President, Judd Stevens.

TEXAS ALLIED POULTRY ASSOCAITION ANNUAL SCHOALRSHIP AUCTION

The Texas Allied Poultry Association held its annual scholarship auction Friday night immediately following the Texas Poultry Federation dinner. Our auctioneer this year was Kevin Gleason, assisted by Keith Staggs, Micah Osburn, Lesley Gleason, and current Texas A&M students from the Aggie Poultry Ambassadors.

Your support helped raise \$40,000 for the scholarship fund!

Thank you to all who donated items and placed bids on both our silent and live auctions. A listing of these individuals can be found in the following pages.



TEXAS ALLIED POULTRY ASSOCAITION ANNUAL SCHOALRSHIP AUCTION

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TEXAS ALLIED POULTRY ASSOCAITION ANNUAL SCHOALRSHIP AUCTION

Thank you to all our Auction Buyers!

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ADDITIONAL THANKS

We would like to extend a thank you to the students who assisted with the convention & auction.



Texas A&M Aggie Poultry Ambassadors (APA): Corbin Preusse, Kirby Richardson, Naomi Boysen, APA Advisor Lesley Gleason, Isabella Donald, Mackensie Till, & Cody Poole



We also would like to extend a special thanks to Colten Grimm for the raffle donation of the TPF fire pit.

Over the past year, we have raised a total of \$63,000 for scholarships! This would not be possible without your continued support. THANK YOU!

Mark your calendars for the 100th Annual Convention: July 18- 20, 2024 Hyatt Regency Riverwalk San Antonio, Texas



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