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## **OCA Rewards Members for their Recruiting Efforts During the Recent OCA Convention & Trade Show**

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., July 27, 2015 – The Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association (OCA) recognized several members for their efforts in membership recruiting during the recent 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual OCA Convention and Trade Show.

"The OCA Top Hand Club recognizes members who are dedicated to helping the organization continue growing. A member must recruit three members to earn a spot in the club then continue recruiting members on an annual basis to remain a Top Hand," said Charlie Swanson, OCA President.

Outstanding recruiters are recognized at three different levels, and the awards are based on a cumulative number. Once a member recruits 40 new members, they start back over with one.

Top Hands who have recruited 10 or more new members receive a buckle. This year's buckle recipients are: Mike Armitage, Claremore; Owana Hutchens, Muskogee; Aubie Keese, Holdenville; Jackie Ridenour, Krebs ; James Shropshire, Indianola; Tim Stidham, Stillwater; Charlie Swanson, Roosevelt; Rodney Timm, Enid; Eric Wynn, Krebs; Byron Yeoman, Dover.

Top Hands who have recruited 20 or more new members receive a Moore Maker Knife. This year's knife recipients are Russell Boles, Watson; Owana Hutchens, Muskogee; Mike Frey, Kingfisher; Paul Tuley, Loco; Harold Wooderson, Blackwell.

Top Hands who have recruited 40 or more new members receive a rifle. This year's rifle recipient is Mike Weeks, Stuart.

The OCA is fortunate to have the support of industry partners who believe in what the OCA does and the need to grow our organization. Thank you to Merck Animal Health for sponsoring these Top Hand Awards.

The OCA represents more than 5,500 Oklahoma ranching families. The OCA exists to support and defend the state and nation's beef cattle industry. 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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