

## South Carolina Angus Association News

By Windy Bartee

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South Carolina Angus folk gathered for their annual meeting and banquet on March 20, 2015 at the Clemson Outdoor Lab with mixed feelings. We were glad to see each other again but were missing two special members. We had lost two of our Angus champions. Steve McPhail and Cory Watt were champions in the way they lived.



*John McPhail, Seneca, was honored with the 44th Annual Carolina Angus Futurity dedication at the 2015 South Carolina Angus Association Annual Meeting and Banquet. Pictured from left accepting the award are Steve McPhail II; Jane McPhail; and Kaylen, Madilyn, Kelly and Mike Ryan.*

The Futurity was dedicated to the memory of Steve McPhail. Steve McPhail II spoke of his dad and presented his mother with the bull trophy. Then the SCAA members voted to give \$1000 donation to the Cory Watt Memorial Endowment Fund Scholarship at the Angus Foundation. This donation among others collected from friends and Angus supporters was mailed to the Angus Foundation. Jody Watt was present and has asked this last letter from Cory be shared with everyone. It is included below with Jody's thanks and remarks:

It was good to see everyone Friday night. I was so blessed and humbled by all the comments that were said about Cory and how he had impacted so many people during his short 22 years of life. I felt that I should have gotten up and said something, but knew that the words wouldn't come out right (and of course I would have broken down)

I just want to thank everyone for all they have done for Cory and my family. The money that was raised for his endowment fund was unbelievable. It is so nice that everyone would be so generous. I know he is smiling down thinking y'all make me feel like a hero, but as he would always state in his testimony "I'm no hero, God is the real hero".

The weekend before he passed I helped him write his last article that will be published in the Direction newsletter this Spring for the Jr's. I had it in my pocket Friday night and let a few people read it and wanted to read it to everyone, but just couldn't. It has weighed heavy on my heart this weekend that I wimped out and didn't read it to everyone. It pretty much describes the type of person he was and how he approached life whether he was at home or in a crowd of people. I will post the article in this email and you can feel free to share it with all the other members. This is his Chairman's perspective for the Directions.

### *What Really Matters*

As I look back at my last 18 months on the National Junior Angus Association Board of Directors, there are a lot of things that come to mind. All Angus juniors can relate to the hard work that goes into everything we do. My own unique experience has led me to understand WHAT REALLY MATTERS.

Always live in the moment that you are in at this time. You cannot change what has happened in the past and do not spend time worrying about the future. Just enjoy where you are at right now. Make this moment count.

Always be happy. It does not matter if you place first, last, or anywhere in between. Happiness is a mental state that always attracts more things to be happy about.

Always be yourself and look to your values of faith, hope and love, with the greatest being love. Identify your values every day and live by them.

Always be true to yourself and true to others. This will allow you to always make the right decisions in life.

Lastly, but most important, is your relationship with the Lord, "for what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and lose his soul" (Mark 8:36).

So it doesn't matter if you have a national champion or sell a bull or heifer for thousands of dollars, what matters is you have Jesus in your heart. Always do your best, and let God do the rest. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13) Thank you and God bless.

-Cory Watt

Again, I'm sorry that I couldn't get up and speak Friday night, but wanted to let everyone know how my family feels.

Thanks again and God Bless,  
Jody



*Front row from left are Michael Johnson, Kinards, Larry Olson, Barnwell, Steve McPhail II, Inman, and Sharon Furr, Blackstock.  
Back row from left are Danny Winchester, Six Mile; Lynn Shealy, Chapin; Bruce Stuart, Aiken; and Neil Boyd, Clover.*

The new officers and directors were announced as follows:

President Larry Olson, Vice-President Steve McPhail II, Treasurer Mike Johnson, Secretary: Sharon Furr The directors elected are Neil Boyd for a second term, Nancy Blumer, Heather Collins, Dixon Shealy and Danny Winchester. Heather Blackmon Collins had to miss the meeting. She and Travis are the proud parents of Ellery Grace Collins at 7lbs and 5 oz. All are doing well.

Speaking of giving birth, the new 2015 SCAA Directory was presented at the meeting. It has been mailed to all the members and advertisers. We appreciate all the support and patience of the members while waiting for the birth of this new edition.



*Edward A. (Ned) Stevenson, Allendale, was inducted into the South Carolina Angus Association Hall of Fame, right.  
Also pictured are Walter Shealy, presenting, left and Irma Stevenson, center.*

Walter Shealy inducted Ned Stevenson as the newest member into the SC Angus Hall of Fame. His remarks follow:

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen . . .

This year the selection committee made up of Mrs. Evelyn Edmunds, Billy McLeod and yours truly has selected an outstanding and deserving individual to be inducted to the SCAA Hall of Fame Class of 2015.

Our inductee this year is Mr. Edward A. (Ned) Stevenson, who became one of the most influential cattlemen in the history of the SC Angus Association.

He was born May 6, 1931 and is a lifetime resident of Allendale County. He married Irma Spigener June 12, 1954 - 60 years. They have three children - Sallie, Andy and Frank - and eight grandchildren.

Ned attended and graduated from the public schools of Allendale County. He then enrolled at Clemson University, graduating with a BS Degree in Animal Science. He continued his education throughout his career most notably attending the ASCS Management Institute and Municipal Institute of Government.

After graduating from Clemson he served in the Army. Upon returning home he went to work for the Carolina Commercial Bank, before taking a job as the chief clerk ASC Office. After two years he was named the Executive Director of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service. He held this job for 30 years until he retired in 1986. He then served as area supervisor for SC Agr. Statistic Department for 6 years. He finished his professional career working with DSS for 3 years as a child protective service investigator.

During this time he started his registered Angus cattle farm. He kept his herd for 25 years until he retired. Today Ned has devoted most of their land to pine trees and to a hunting club operation, run primarily by his oldest son, Andy.

Ned states that "our farm was very small and I recognized early on that if it was to warrant any kind of success we had to be affiliated with a recognized association. Thanks to the help of Angus Association representatives such as Bill Terry and so many others, we did achieve some measure of success."

"I thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship of the Association and will forever cherish the friendships I made during those times. Unfortunately, many of those friends have gone on but they have given me and my family fond memories."

Ned went on to become President of the SC Angus Association in 1972. That was the year of the first South Carolina Futurity Sale.

Ned also served in many leadership positions throughout his professional career including:

Allendale County Cattlemens Association - President

Clemson University Agriculture Advisory Committee

SC Angus Association - President

SC Cattlemens Association - President

Board of Directors, Southeast Livestock Export Association

Chairman, Performance Test Station - Clemson University

State and County Office Employees Assoc - President

Council on Child Abuse and Neglect

Allendale County Development Board

Advisory Committee, Southern Carolina Alliance



*Dedicated Service Award*

*Windy Bartee, Clover, left, received a special thank you gift for her many years of dedicated service at the 2015 South Carolina Angus Association Annual Meeting and Banquet, Frankie Mullikin, presented the award, right.*

The next day the Carolina Angus Futurity took place at noon at the Clemson Cattle Complex. Jeremy Haag could not be there. Steve McPhail II served as the sale chairman. Mike Jones was the auctioneer. 39 registered females sold for \$132,500 .the average was \$3,397. 4 commercial cows sold for \$9,350. The average was \$2,337.

A bird hunt with the Overlook at the Clinton House was auctioned to benefit the sale cost, it brought \$450. A refrigerator donated by Jody Watt was auctioned for \$1000.the proceeds will be used for the SCJAA travels and shows.

Earlier in the month on March 7th the SC Cattlemen met in Columbia. The emphasis was an educational program on forages. Several scholarships were awarded to youth from SC. Roy Copelan has the details of this event.



*Reserve Grand Champion Owned Female*

On March 14-15 Carly Watt from Iva, the Vice-President of the SC Junior Angus Association and Cory Watt's sister, won Reserve Grand Champion Owned Female at the 2015 Mid-Atlantic Junior Angus Classic Regional Preview Show. Her heifer, Whitestone Enamel C249 is the September 2013 daughter of SCC First-N-Goal GAF 114. She first claimed senior champion. Doug Slattery, Chappell Hill, Texas, evaluated the 183 entries. The event was held in Harrisonburg, VA.

As spring blooms into summer the juniors will be busy with more shows as they travel around the Angus shows. The fall will bring the fairs. This is the time to get your heifers broken for the show ring.

If you have news for SCAA you may send it to Windy Bartee or Sharon Furr who will be taking over as secretary. The dues are \$20 per year. The web site is [www.scangus.org](http://www.scangus.org). Windy Bartee, 1717 St. Paul Church Road, Clover, SC 29710 , 803-222-7533, [tumblet8@bellsouth.net](mailto:tumblet8@bellsouth.net) or Sharon Furr, 2049 Boyd Road, Blackstock, SC 29014, 803-385-6958, [spanishoaks@truvista.net](mailto:spanishoaks@truvista.net).