

Foundation Gala Raises \$330K

'BlackOnTrack! Angus Magic at Churchill Downs' grosses more than \$330K to benefit the Angus Foundation.

by *Kelli Armbruster*

BlackOnTrack!, the Angus Foundation biennial gala and auction Nov. 13, raised more than \$330,000 in gross income to support the Angus Foundation's Vision of Value:

Campaign for Angus goal of raising \$11 million by Dec. 31, 2011.

Hosted at the prestigious home of the Kentucky Derby, Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky., the magical night drew nearly 400 Angus supporters from across the country who gathered for fine dining, horse-racing entertainment, and a live auction

featuring elite Angus genetics and other unique items.

Providing entertainment for the guests was the first-ever mock horse race, titled the Angus Steaks Race. Eight corporate entities sponsored horses to run in the mock race and dinner stations for event guests. The sponsors included: Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica,

Igenity, Intrust Bank, Pfizer Animal Health, Superior Livestock, Sysco Specialty Meat Companies, Trans Ova Genetics and VitaFerm.

New to the Angus Foundation Gala and Auction was the Vision of Value: Elite Heifer Genetics Offering. Donating heifer genetics and also serving as the hosts of the evening were: 44 Farms of Texas, Basin Angus Ranch of Montana, Champion Hill of Ohio, Daltons on the Sycamore of Virginia, Deer Valley Farm of Tennessee, Evans Farms of Texas, Express Ranches of Oklahoma, Gardiner Angus Ranch of Kansas, SandPoint Cattle Co. of Nebraska, Schaff Angus Valley of North Dakota, Southern Cattle Co. of Florida, Sydenstricker Genetics of Missouri, Thomas Angus Ranch of Oregon, Three Trees Ranch of Georgia, Vintage Angus Ranch of California, and Wehrmann Angus of Virginia.

To provide leadership to the elite heifer genetics offering, a committee of Angus leaders was formed. Members were Ryan Cotton, Cotton & Associates; John Dickinson, Parnell-Dickinson; Rance Long, American Angus Hall of Fame; representing the Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus Leadership Cabinet, Dick Beck, Three Trees Ranch; Mark Gardiner, Gardiner Angus Ranch; and representing the Angus Foundation Board of Directors, Phil Trowbridge of Trowbridge Angus Farms.

Welcoming guests to the event, co-emcee Ryan Cotton stated, "On behalf of the Angus

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► **Above:** Accepting the painting of "Advance" on behalf of the Angus Foundation are (from left) Jennifer Ann Smith and Britney Creamer, NJAA Board of Directors; and Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation President.

► **Right:** In celebration of their gift of the "Advance" portrait to the Angus Foundation, Blanford and Joan Pierce of Woodlawn Farms, Creston, Ill., are honored with a toast.



► **Left:** And they're off! Bill Davis, former American Angus Association Board chairman, and his fellow jockeys ride their stick horses to a photo finish in the first ever Angus Steaks Race!

► **Right:** Bill Casner, Windstar Farms, presented a trophy to the winner of the Angus Steaks Race and shared his motivational message about having vision. Casner owns "Super Saver," the winning horse of the 2010 Kentucky Derby.



Advance Partners

On Nov. 13, 2010, the original oil painting of "Advance" was presented by Blanford and Joan Pierce of Woodlawn Farms to the Angus Foundation in recognition of the achievement of Phase 1 of the "Advance Challenge," whereby the Advance Partners purchased 10 numbered, exact replicas of the painting, raising \$25,000 for "Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus."

The Advance Partners include:

- The Goggins Family, Billings, Mont.
- Lone Oaks Farm, Middleton, Tenn.
- Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark.
- Ron Davidson, Creston, Ill.
- Curtis and Ann Long, Butler, Mo.
- Tom Burke, Smithville, Mo.
- 801 Chophouse, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska
- The Houston Family, Platteville, Colo.

The goal of Phase 2 of the fundraising project is to raise an additional \$25,000 through the sale of a limited-edition of 50 numbered giclée prints.

Buyers and donors of the Elite Heifer Genetics Offering

Pregnancy buyers:

Belle Point Ranch, Fort Smith, Ark.
Bornemann, Jerry, Mount Vernon, Mo.
Da-Es-Ro Angus Farms, Columbus Junction, Iowa
Double B Farms, Bamberg, S.C.
Express Ranches, Yukon, Okla.
Greenacres Farm and Foundation, Cincinnati, Ohio
KiamichiLink Ranch LLC, Tulsa, Okla.
Malone Supreme Angus Ranch, Arkadelphia, Ark.
Sydenstricker Genetics, Mexico, Mo.

Pregnancy donors:

44 Farms, Houston, Texas
Basin Angus Ranch, Hobson, Mont.
Champion Hill, Bidwell, Ohio
Daltons on the Sycamore, Altavista, Va.
Deer Valley Farm, Fayetteville, Tenn.
Evans Farms, Stephenville, Texas
Express Ranches, Yukon, Okla.
Gardiner Angus Ranch, Ashland, Kan.
SandPoint Cattle Co. LLC, Lodgepole, Neb.
Schaff Angus Valley, Saint Anthony, N.D.
Southern Cattle Co., Marianna, Fla.

Sydenstricker Genetics, Mexico, Mo.
Thomas Angus Ranch, Baker City, Ore.
Three Trees Ranch, Sharpsburg, Ga.
Vintage Angus Ranch, Modesto, Calif.
Wehrmann Angus, New Market, Va.

Buyers and donors of the 2010 Angus Foundation Gala Auction

Other auction buyers:

A-Cross Ranch, LaRue Switzer, Elk City, Okla.
Beck, Dick and Diane, Senoia, Ga.
Belle Point Ranch, David and Mary Ann McMahon, Fort Smith, Ark.
Branch View Angus, James S. Coffey, Hustonville, Ky.
Callahan Cattle Co., Jarold and Jennifer Callahan, Edmond, Okla.
Cinnabar Ranch, Lee and Lorraine Bulla, Tioga, Texas
Daltons on the Sycamore, Doug and Beverley Dalton, Altavista, Va.
Davis Angus, Jim and Debbie Davis, Foss, Okla.
Details by Design, Diane Johnson, Fort Worth, Texas
Dickinson, John, Sacramento, Calif.
Donnelly, Paul and Polly, Kansas City, Mo.
Dorran, Steve and Terri, Timnath, Colo.
Express Ranches, Bob Funk, Yukon, Okla.
Fair Oaks Farm, Fred and Shirley Williams, Fort Smith, Ark.
Goggins, Pat, Family, Billings, Mont.
Lowry Angus Farms, G.W. Jr. and Cheryl Lowry, Clinton, Okla.
Malone Supreme Angus Ranch, Percy and Donna Malone, Arkadelphia, Ark.
Mitteness Family Angus, Randy and Karen Mitteness, Benson, Minn.
Mustian, Brandi, Weatherford, Texas
SandPoint Cattle Co. LLC, John and Laurie Widdowson, Lodgepole, Neb.
Swanson Angus Farms, Glen and Judy Swanson, Durant, Iowa
Sydenstricker Genetics, Eddie and Connie Sydenstricker, Mexico, Mo.
Thomas Angus Ranch, Rob and Lori Thomas, Baker City, Ore.
TRAYLS Angus, Dennis and Shirley Rayl, Hutchinson, Kan.
Tybar Ranch, Mark Nieslanik, Carbondale, Colo.
Williams, Steve and Lindsay, Columbus, Mont.
Wilson, Stuart and Ann, Geneva, Ill.
Woodlawn Farms, Blanford and Joan Pierce, Creston, Ill.

Other auction donors:

7L Farms and Land Co. LLC, Jimmy and Lucy Levens, Wiggins, Miss.
801 Steak and Chop House L.C.; Jim Lynch, owner, and Damon Murphy, general manager; Des Moines, Iowa
Angus Foundation, Saint Joseph, Mo.
Baldrige Food Co., Bob and Becky Tiedeman, North Platte, Neb.
Beck, Dick and Diane, Senoia, Ga.
Belle Point Ranch, David and Mary Ann McMahon, Fort Smith, Ark.
Blackstone Cattle Co., Nick and Roxanne Hull, Mineral Point, Wis.
Brett Farve Foundation
BSJ Farms; Bob, Jeannie and Jennifer Smith; Elysian Fields, Texas
Certified Angus Beef, Wooster, Ohio
Copper Creek Canyon, Randy Hahn and Lana Williams, Indianapolis, Ind.
Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.
Horn Springs Angus Farms, Quintin and Vicki Smith, Lebanon, Tenn.
Lady J Land and Livestock, Joane White and Ken Lake, Price, Utah
Lathrop Livestock Transportation, Randy and Holly Lathrop, Dundee, Ill.
Little Cedar Cattle Co., Steve and Julie French, Beaverton, Mich.
Moore Angus Farm, Raymond and Carol Moore, Lufkin, Texas
Moore and Giles, Lynchburg, Va.
Pheasant Trek Angus, Jim and Sherry Danekas, Wilton, Calif.
Rockin-P-Ranch, Patty Lewis, Ouray, Colo.
Schnoor Sisters; Brad, Mindy, Amanda and Kirbe Schnoor; Chowchilla, Calif.
Sexing Technologies, Fullerton, Neb.
Silver Spur Ranches, James and Thad York, Encampment, Wyo.
Spruce Mountain Ranch LLC, Tom and Lois Ames, Elbert, Colo.
Superior Production, Fort Worth, Texas
The Talon Ranch, Camron Cooper, Twin Bridges, Mont.
Taylor, Audrey, Christine, Claire and Madeline, Lavaca, Ark.
Thousand Hills Ranch/Teixeira Cattle Co.; John, Heather, Allan and Cecilia Teixeira; Pismo Beach, Calif.
Weaver Angus Farm, Jerry and Nancy Weaver, Peoria, Ill.
Winter Brook Angus, California

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►The event drew nearly 400 Angus supporters from across the country together for fine dining, racing entertainment, and a live auction featuring elite Angus genetics and other unique items.

Foundation, I'm honored to welcome you to this beautiful venue. With your support tonight, we will advance the future of the Angus breed by increasing the funds available to the Foundation's education, youth and research programs."

With donated auction items ranging from art to jewelry to exclusive trips to Angus collectibles, the live auction and trunk show raised more than \$225,000.

Donated by Wehrmann Angus, Lot 13 of the Elite Genetics offering was the top-selling item. Half-interest in a bull pregnancy by

GAR Progress and Rita 5M46 of 2536 PRED sold for \$43,000 to Belle Point Ranch of Lavaca, Ark., and Express Ranches, Yukon, Okla. Wehrmann Angus will retain possession through weaning and yearling carcass scan collection.

"We're extremely grateful to the various Angus breeders and friends from across the country who supported the auction and other aspects of the event," said Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation President. "We also wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to the dedicated team of volunteers who unselfishly

invested an enormous amount of time and effort in making BlackOnTrack a success."

The event steering committee was led by co-chairs Julie McMahon French of Beaverton, Mich., and Wynn Dalton Herbers of Lynchburg, Va., and included Betsie Michaels of Staunton, Va.; Teresa Mrocka of Howell, Mich.; and Lynn Hill of Bidwell, Ohio.

For more information about the Angus Foundation or the Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus, visit www.angusfoundation.org.

