

# Angus Night on the Mountain Raises \$74K

Hosted by Tom and Lois Ames of Spruce Mountain Ranch, the event benefits the Angus Foundation and 2014 National Junior Angus Show.

by *Carrie Horsley, Angus Foundation*

**A**ngus Foundation supporters ventured to Larkspur, Colo., to attend the 2014 “Angus Night on the Mountain” hosted Jan. 15 at Spruce Mountain Ranch LLC. Several exclusive packages and a raffle item were offered throughout the evening and raised \$74,220 in gross proceeds for the Angus Foundation and the 2014 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS).

“Our hats are off to Tom and Lois Ames for their first-class hospitality and welcoming us to their beautiful Spruce Mountain Ranch venue for this special occasion,” says Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president. “Their

underwriting of this fundraiser enables us to realize a higher amount of net income from event proceeds for our program and the 2014 NJAS.”

Packages offered to benefit the Angus Foundation were:

- ▶ The advanced reproductive-technology package donated by Trans Ova Genetics and its cloning division, ViaGen, Sioux Center, Iowa, was purchased for \$10,250 by Seven T Farms LLC, Sullivan, Mo.
- ▶ The 2014 Angus Foundation Golf

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▶ **Above:** Spruce Mountain Ranch offered several lots in addition to the Angus Foundation packages.

▶ **Right:** The third Angus Night on the Mountain event raised \$74,220 for the Angus Foundation.

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Tournament event sponsorship donated by the Angus Foundation was purchased for \$4,000 by Express Angus Ranches, Yukon, Okla.

- ▶ A seven-day, five-animal trophy hunt safari package in South Africa donated by Gary Phillips Hunting Safaris was purchased for \$8,500 by Brad Schnoor, Chowchilla, Calif.
- ▶ A cruise for two on Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines donated by the Angus Foundation and Cotter Travel Associates of Saint Joseph, Mo., was purchased for \$4,250 by Basin Angus Ranch, Joliet, Mont.
- ▶ The couples golf-weekend package in Austin, Texas, that was donated by Stallion Angus Ranch, Bertram, Texas, was purchased for \$2,750 by Steve Stratford, Pratt, Kan.
- ▶ The getaway package at Crazy K Ranch LLC, donated by Crazy K Ranch, Michie, Tenn., was purchased for

\$6,500 by Wheeler Farm, Chickasha, Okla.

- ▶ A quick getaway to the Greenbrier Hotel and Resort donated by Greenbrier Hotel and Resort, White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., was purchased by Express Angus Ranches, Yukon, Okla., for \$3,500.
- ▶ “The Guardian” No. 1 of 50 limited-edition framed Angus images, donated by Legacy Livestock Imaging, Topeka, Kan., was purchased for \$4,250 by Wilks Ranch, Cisco, Texas.
- ▶ An “Angus in the Heartland” 2014 NJAS blue glass bowl donated by 2014 NJAS hosts the Indiana Angus Association and the Indiana Junior Angus Association was purchased for \$1,500 by Mark Nieslanik, Carbondale, Colo.

From the high interest in supporting the Angus Foundation and the 2014 NJAS, additional packages were donated:

- ▶ Haley’s Fairview Farm, Rusk, Texas,

matched the price of \$6,500 for the getaway package at Crazy K Ranch.

- ▶ Jim Hanratty, Pueblo, Colo., purchased a set of four tickets to an Avalanche hockey game for \$800.
- ▶ Wayne and Debbie Wilde, Shevlin, Minn., purchased an additional advanced reproductive-technology package for \$10,000.
- ▶ A Teixeira beach-house vacation donated by Teixeira Cattle Co., Pismo Beach, Calif., was purchased by Nieslanik for \$3,000. Afterward, Crazy K Ranch matched the \$3,000 price for an additional vacation.
- ▶ Wilks Ranch, Cisco, Texas, had the winning bid of \$3,800 on an additional package, two handcrafted office chairs, donated by Randy and Lana Hahn of Copper Creek Canyon Cattle Co., Winchester, Ind. The proceeds will benefit the 2014 NJAS.

At the conclusion of the event, “The Veteran,” a No. 1 of 100 limited-edition prints, donated by Amanda Raithel of *Cattleart.com*, Falls City, Neb., was raffled. The raffle generated \$1,620, and Mike Maupin was the holder of the lucky raffle ticket.

“We are excited to announce this year’s event proceeds were doubled from previous years,” Jenkins says. “A special thank you to our hosts, Tom and Lois Ames of Spruce Mountain Ranch, their family and outstanding professional staff, our volunteers, generous donors and buyers of our live-auction items, along with Cotton & Associates, who have helped coordinate this fun and memorable activity.”

Assisting the Angus Foundation in event management was Larry Cotton and his team at Cotton & Associates. Larry and Ryan Cotton served as event co-emcees. Steve

Dorran was the auctioneer for the evening, and he was assisted by ringmen Terry Cotton, Mathew Printz, Alan Sears, Jim Gies, Justin Stelzer and Delvin Heldermon.



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▶Above: Regional Manager Matt Printz took bids during the auction.

▶Right: Hosts Tom and Lois Ames were joined by his sister, Audrey Brennan (left).



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