

## Kerby, Martin win 2006 Remuda Award

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Often times, hard work and dedication go unwarded, but thanks to the Remuda Award, that won't be the case for two deserving men. PRCA Gold Card-holding stock contractor Bud Kerby and San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo Executive Director and CEO Keith Martin have been selected to receive the 2006 Remuda Award, an honor voted on by the PRCA's roughstock event directors.

Kerby, of Chester, Utah, owns Bar T Rodeo Inc. and has been a PRCA stock contractor for 30 years and is regarded as one of the industry's best. Martin, of San Antonio, has been a member of the San Antonio rodeo's executive committee since 1984, was named president in 1988, became executive director in 1989 and has built it into one of the PRCA's elite events. He also serves as the PRCA's treasurer.

The award, which was the brainchild of PRCA Board of Directors member Tom Reeves in 2004, is given each year to one stock contractor who provides an elite pen of stock on a regular basis and to a rodeo administrator who is dedicated to giving PRCA contestants a chance to ride some of

the sport's top animals. It will be awarded at the PRCA's annual awards dinner at the South Point Hotel and Casino on Nov. 29.

"I really wanted to make this the best award it could be," said Reeves, the 2001 World Champion Saddle Bronc Rider. "The Remuda Award is about cowboys being able to make a living."

Remuda, a word with Spanish roots, roughly means a "herd of horses" and describes an award given for the best group of horses in the business. Two-time PRCA Stock Contractor of the Year Steve Smith was the award's lone recipient in 2004 and also received the award last year along with Martin.

"Bud's a straight shooter, and I consider him a friend," Reeves said. "His second string is better than most people's first string, and I always enjoyed going to his rodeos. I never wanted to miss one of his rodeos. It's unreal the horsepower he has. I know this award is going to mean a lot to him."

PRCA Board of Directors member Kelly Wardell echoed Reeves' praise of Kerby.

"Bud is very deserving of this award," Wardell said. "I feel his breeding program is


second-to-none in the business. He's had more than 70 horses go to the NFR from the same bloodline, Roany, and that's quite an accomplishment in this business. When guys know they're getting on a Kerby horse, they know they have a great chance to win."

Martin's San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo was named the PRCA's Top Indoor Rodeo of the Year in 2005. He is considered by many in the rodeo world as one of the sports top rodeo directors and ambassadors.

"Keith's kind of a trend-setter as far as regular-season rodeos go," Wardell said. "He's taken a top-notch event and turned it into an NFR-like rodeo. He's putting people in the seats from when the rodeo starts, and I think that's a tribute to Keith's hard work in making stars out of rodeo cowboys."

Martin's event is already one of the PRCA's highest-paying rodeos, and the 2007 installment will feature an even bigger purse and more of the sport's top bucking stock. Kerby's stock has been a mainstay at the Wrangler National Finals rodeo since the mid-1970s, and he will be sending nine horses and three bulls to this year's Wrangler NFR, so fans can see his talented stock firsthand.

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