



## NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2021 EDITION

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### TAPL Upcoming Events

**Join us for a Socially Distant Event at Heirloom  
Rustic Ales**

**When: March 8**

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*Heirloom  
Rustic Ales*





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### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear TAPL Members,

Greetings everyone. What a great event this past Friday! Thank you very much to Kristina Barnes and her team that made this year's skeet shoot a great success. It was so great to get out and see so many friends we haven't seen in a while. The people are the lifeblood of TAPL, so thanks so much for everyone's support and coming out. We apologize to those who had conflicts this past Friday and couldn't make it. Wish we could have stuck with the original date. Big thank you to Curtis Johnson, Brandon Ward, Casey Sons and Kevin Price for your continued support and amazing steaks. Man they were good! Thanks to Tayler Peterson, Mariena Martin and the TU students who also helped pull this event together and make it a success.

Another person we can't thank enough is Dylan Allen. Dylan, thanks so much dude! Saying thank you feels a little inadequate, but without Dylan, there would have been no ammo to shoot. For those who haven't already heard, the Tulsa Gun Club, through no fault of their own, was unable to get the ammo they had ordered for us a long time ago. Much like other ammo in the Country, shot gun ammo is hard to find in bulk. Just about every place we talked to had no ammo or could only sell 2 boxes per customer, per day. Dylan, having heard from Kristina about our dilemma, happened to recall a conversation he had with his Canadian County field superintendent. Dylan's superintendent had told Dylan that one of their lease operators from Pampa owns a gun and ammunition store. After a few phone calls, Dylan connected with the lease operator in Pampa. The guy in Pampa informed Dylan that the Pampa High School trap team had to cancel several events over the past year due to COVID and he happened to secure a pallet of 12 and 20 gauge shotgun shells that he would be more than happy to sell to Dylan! Dylan made the trip to Pampa and back last week with the ammo in his truck. I think I speak for everyone at the shoot when I say, THANK YOU! It was a much needed recharge for me and hopefully many others. Thanks, Dylan.

Hope everyone can join us tomorrow at our next educational luncheon. Benjamin Holliday will be our guest speaker. Ben is the President of Holliday Energy Law Group out of San Antonio, TX. If you happened to be at the TAPL Spring Seminar a few years back, Ben was one of our speakers. More about Ben and his talk in this newsletter.

Also hope to see everyone this coming Monday night at Heirloom Rustic Ales! Thanks so much to Alisha Stacy for working so hard to put this together! Should be a great night. This coming Monday, March 8th, we hope to see you there. Significant others are welcome, but there is a fee for any "non-members."

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, suggestions or otherwise, please reach out to myself. Lastly, please keep a look out for a nomination e-blast in regards to the Board seeking TAPL Board nominations to get on this next year's ballot. We're running a little behind on the process, which is on me, but I hope you can continue to be patient with us. Take care.

Sincerely,

**Michael D. Schooley, CPL**  
TAPL President



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### RECAP: TAPL ANNUAL SPORTING CLAY SHOOT

It takes a lot of work to pull off the Clay Shoot and it couldn't have been done without the help of such a great Events Committee as well as the Tulsa Gun Club. They give their time and work really hard to make it all happen. Also a big thank you to the Gun Club and TAPL volunteers that gave their day helping where needed. We hope a fun time was had by all!

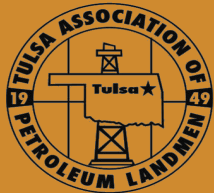
Sincerely, Kristina H. Barnes TAPL Events Director



A huge thank you to all of our amazing sponsors who helped make this event possible and continue to generously support our Association and events year after year!







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### MARCH VIRTUAL EDUCATIONAL LUNCHEON

**Date:** Thursday, March 4, 2021

REGISTRATION CLOSES AT 6:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3RD

**Time:** 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

**Speaker:** Benjamin Holliday

**Please join TAPL for March's Virtual Education Luncheon! The event will feature Benjamin Holliday, the founder and principal at Holliday Energy Law Group in San Antonio, Texas! For more information about Ben, please see his Bio below.**

Ben's presentation will provide an overview of Gas Flaring in Texas, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, and Federal Lands. Gas Flaring has become a major topic at the Texas Railroad Commission, and with the change in Administrations, it's likely going to increase in importance for any operation that includes federal lands.

To make educational credits available to our membership in a convenient manner during these challenging times, TAPL will host this event in a virtual format. It will be streamed via Zoom at no cost. When registering for the event, please be sure to include your current email address, as TAPL will use the registration details to coordinate Zoom invitations. Zoom can be downloaded for free online, but will not be necessary to view the presentation. All you will need is a phone or computer and access to the internet.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to any of the TAPL Board Members. We hope you can join us for this interesting and informative presentation.



#### **Speaker Bio**

Prior to founding Holliday Energy Law Group, Ben entered the oil and gas industry as a landman in South Texas before moving in-house to join the Barnett Shale Asset Team of a Midland-based E&P. With the decline of the Barnett and the rise of the Eagle Ford, Ben became the project leader in charge of an approximate 30,000 acre Eagle Ford asset in Karnes and Atascosa Counties, leading all title, leasing, and curative efforts within the prospect area. Since 2010, Ben has focused on representing exploration and production companies in their operations across the United States.

Ben is Board Certified in Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He is a member of the State Bar College, is a current Regional Director for the AAPL, a Past President of the San Antonio Association of Professional Landmen, a founding board member of South Texas Landman & Lawyer Clays Shoot, and is the Immediate Past President for the San Antonio Chapter of Entrepreneur's Organization. He is licensed to practice law in Texas, Oklahoma, North Dakota, Ohio, and Illinois.

Click [Here](#) to RSVP



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### MARCH SOCIAL EVENT

TAPL's March 2021 Social Event will be held at Heirloom Rustic Ales, located at 2113 E Admiral Blvd, Tulsa, OK 74110. The event will take place from 5:00 - 8:00 PM on Monday, March 8, 2021.

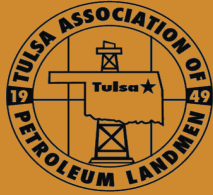
TAPL will have the MASA food truck on location and will utilize Heirloom's garage door and outdoor seating to keep the event airy and safe. MASA serves traditional South American cuisine such as Empanadas & Bacon Bombs which are stuffed with all the deliciousness that bacon and shrimp can offer.

Mark your calendar for this month's social and be sure to join us for some ice cold beverages and a great night of networking!

Click [Here](#) to RSVP







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### TAPL MENTORING PROGRAM



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#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

TAPL'S Scholarship, Endowment, Awards, and Mentoring (SEAM) Committee is currently looking for volunteers who are willing to be a mentor for the TAPL and University of Tulsa Mentoring Program. The purpose of the mentoring program is to pair Energy Management students at the University of Tulsa with a land professional here in the Tulsa area in order to impact the next generation of land professionals, both during their education and after.

As a mentor, you will be asked to attend a monthly luncheon with your student mentee where you will network with other land professionals, meet their respective mentees, and get to hear from awesome guest speakers within our industry. In addition to monthly luncheons, you will be asked to meet with your mentee once a month outside of TAPL events. Many mentors in the past have used this opportunity to meet up with their mentee for coffee, lunch, or even to bring their mentee up to the office to show him or her the day-to-day tasks of a land professional.

The SEAM committee is also planning a happy hour (pending COVID) for mentors and their mentee to attend, in addition to many other fun events!

For the spring 2021 semester, SEAM and TAPL are excited to announce that **23** students are signed up for the mentoring program! TAPL has invited all 23 mentees to come out to the TAPL 2021 Clay Shoot on February 19<sup>th</sup> to meet their mentors and to network with the rest of the TAPL membership.

The SEAM committee is very excited for all we have planned for this program and feel this will allow TAPL to have an even greater impact on our community's future land professionals and local Energy Management program. While the Mentoring Program has already begun pairing students with mentors, there are still spots available! Should you still be interested in becoming a mentor, please reach out to Dustin Cates at [dcates@paladinlandgroup.com](mailto:dcates@paladinlandgroup.com).

Best Regards,

**Tayler Peterson**  
Scholarship, Endowment, Awards, And Mentoring Committee  
*Communications Director*



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### 2020-2021 COMPREHENSIVE SPONSORS

**TAPL would like to thank and recognize the following 2020-2021 Comprehensive Sponsors for their generous support!**

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### COMPREHENSIVE SPONSORSHIP

# COMPREHENSIVE SPONSORSHIP 2020-2021

## *Tulsa Association of Petroleum Landmen*

This year, the TAPL Board decided to enhance its Comprehensive Sponsor experience. We know that, as a sponsor, your objectives are to promote brand awareness and engage with our 250+ (and growing!) members. Throughout this packet, you will find new opportunities, exclusive to Comprehensive Sponsors, that will undoubtedly serve as paths to achieving those goals. TAPL's charge is to facilitate excellent networking and educational opportunities so that each member and company can continue to accelerate their career and business. Sponsorship plays a pivotal role in creating that environment. TAPL looks forward to partnering with you as a 2020-2021 Comprehensive Sponsor.



If interested in becoming a comprehensive sponsor, please contact [Kristina Barnes](#). For full details regarding sponsorship opportunities [click here](#)



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### ASK THE ATTORNEY

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BY: JACOB CHARNEY

CHARNEY BROWN, LLC

Welcome to "Ask the Attorney." This new monthly segment will provide TAPL members an opportunity to get their energy related legal questions answered—without that hefty legal bill. Whether you have a unique title issue or just a general legal question, this segment will provide you guidance. Each month I will select one submitted inquiry and provide an analysis.

#### QUESTION:

Frank Oilman was the sole surface and mineral owner of the E/2 NE/4. In 1922, Mr. Oilman executed a mineral deed in favor of Samantha Gasman, transferring an undivided 20-acre mineral interest underlying the E/2 NE/4. Subsequently, in 1940, Ms. Gasman executed a mineral deed conveying 5 of her 10 net mineral acres to John Drilling and Fran Acking, in equal shares. In 1955, a resale tax deed is recorded wherein the County conveyed to Jeffrey Skilling all of the E/2 NE/4. It is stated in this resale tax deed that Mr. Oilman had previously failed to pay the ad valorem taxes. Did the resale tax deed vest Mr. Skilling with 100% of the surface and minerals underlying the E/2 NE/4?

#### ANSWER:

Yes.....most likely the 1955 resale tax deed vested Mr. Skilling with 100.0% of the surface and 100.0% of the minerals underlying the E/2 NE/4.

In 1979, the Oklahoma legislature enacted 68 O.S § 3119 which states:

"A resale tax deed shall convey only the surface and surface rights and mineral interests owned by the owners of the surface rights as distinguished from mineral and mineral rights of such real property. The resale tax deed shall not convey any other interest owned by any other individual or legal entity."

The enactment of this statute appears to recognize that it is unfair to a severed mineral owner to divest them of their interest due to the failure of the surface owner to pay their property tax. However, this statute did not become law until 1979 and it cannot be applied retroactively. Therefore, we need to look at the law prior to the 1979 enactment of 68 O.S § 3119.

Prior to 1979, Oklahoma law held that a resale tax deed operates to convey to the tax deed purchaser not only the surface interest in the property, but also the mineral interest. This is **regardless** of if some of the mineral interests happen to be severed from the surface! This rule came from *Secrest v. Williams*, 94 P.2d 252, 253-54 (Okla. 1939), wherein the Oklahoma Supreme Court held that "the sale of land for taxes passes title to the land, including the mineral rights, therein, whether severed or not, to the purchaser, and therefore extinguishes the rights of the owner or owners of the land and of the mineral rights of any interest or estate therein." Therefore, under Oklahoma law, the 1955 resale tax deed would have conveyed all of the surface and all of the minerals to Mr. Skilling.

Of course there is an exception to the rule (there is always an exception!), which is why my answer is "Yes.....most likely...." A resale tax deed will not convey the mineral interests, if there is production of the minerals in question, and gross production taxes were being paid on the produced minerals at the time of the default for non-payment of the ad valorem tax. This exception was set forth *McNaughton v. Beattie*, 75 P.2d 400, 401 (Okla. 1937), wherein the Oklahoma Supreme Court held "[w]here gross production tax has been paid on oil or gas produced from the land conveyed by resale tax deed, issued pursuant to a levy of ad valorem taxes, after discovery and during production of oil or gas and payment of said gross production tax, said tax deed does not convey the mineral rights in said land, even though the title to the mineral and surface are united in one party." To know if this exception applied to the question at hand, further facts would need to be provided concerning production and payments of gross production taxes.

Do you have a legal question? Please submit it for next month's segment to [ask@charneybrown.com](mailto:ask@charneybrown.com)

*"The information contained in this segment is provided for informational purposes only, and should not be construed as legal advice on any subject matter."*



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### 2021 TAPL EVENT SCHEDULE

TAPL currently has the following membership events scheduled for the 2021 year:

3/4	Virtual Educational Luncheon
3/8	Social Event - Heirloom Rustic Ales
4/2	Spring Volunteer - Iron Gate—Subject to Change
4/12	Dinner Meeting - Summit Club
4/22	Spring Seminar +HH - Venue TBD
5/10	Spring Golf Tournament - Indian Springs

The above schedule will be updated in each monthly edition of the newsletter as events are added or venues and dates are confirmed

More information will be communicated to all members as each event gets closer, but go ahead and mark your calendars today! You won't want to miss out on any of these great events! [\(click to link to online event page\)](#)







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### UPCOMING AAPL EDUCATION EVENTS

#### AAPL STATEMENT REGARDING CORONAVIRUS

AAPL is actively monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely and taking the fullest precautions to prevent the potential spread of the virus. We are following guidance from local and national authorities as it relates to travel to and participation in our programs and events. The health and safety of our attendees, instructors and staff is our highest priority.

*Due to the ongoing uncertainty regarding the coronavirus situation, AAPL will not charge a cancellation fee if you decide to not attend an in-person event in the interim based on concerns around your health or travel.*

#### March 2021 AAPL Education Events

- March 3: Power Hour: Managing Your Lease When Production Ceases (Webinar)
- March 4: Field Landman Seminar - Corpus Christi, TX
- March 9-12: AAPL RPL/CPL Certification Exam Review - Houston, TX
- March 12: AAPL RPL/CPL Certification Exam - Traverse City, MI
- March 13-14: March Board Meeting 2021 - Fort Worth, TX
- March 14: March Board Meeting 2021 Virtual
- March 17-18: 2021 Virtual Mining and Land Resource Institute
- March 22: Field Landman Seminar - Wichita, KS
- March 23-26: AAPL RPL/CPL Certification Exam Review - Midland, TX
- March 26: AAPL RPL/CPL Certification Exam - Fort Worth, TX
- March 30: Surface Use and Access Seminar - Wichita, KS
- March 31: Power Hour: Fast Closings and Delayed Due Diligence: Doing Oil and Gas Deals With Limited Access to County Records (Webinar)

#### Tulsa Specific 2021 AAPL Education Events

- Stay Tuned for More Events!

Click [here](#) to register for these great events and to view a full calendar of educational opportunities.



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### TAPL EDUCATIONAL WAIVER

To promote the continued education of our members, the TAPL Board has approved educational event funding for unemployed members. To be eligible, you must have been a member during the 2019-2020 year and currently be an Active or Associate member. This credit will apply to the 2020-2021 Spring Seminar and Education Luncheons. Each qualifying member will receive a maximum benefit up to \$150.00 for the 2020-2021 year to be applied towards educational events at your discretion. The credit will be available when signing up for an educational event and applications will be subject to Board approval.

If you are interested in applying to receive TAPL's Education Waiver, you can download the form by clicking the below link.

### [TAPL Education Waiver Form](#)

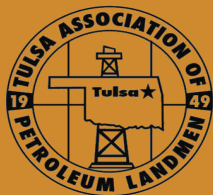
Please complete the form in its entirety and submit it to Rhonda Stacy at the email listed below for consideration. Once the TAPL Board of Directors has reviewed and approved your application, you will receive instructions on how to register for educational events and will be able to utilize the credit.

If you have any questions or need further information, please reach out to Rhonda Stacy at [rhondalstacy@gmail.com](mailto:rhondalstacy@gmail.com).

Respectfully,

The TAPL Board of Directors





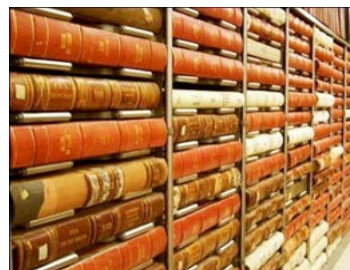
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***Land Links:*** Your source for relevant and interesting industry news and links to helpful resources from around the web



# LAND LINKS

## Paladin Land Group's Courthouse Activity Scout Report



### Local/Domestic News

[Cimarex expects 5-7% production volume hit from Winter Storm Uri](#)

[Phillips 66 names Lashier as president, COO](#)

[EOG sets 2021 capital plan, expects oil production to maintain Q4 rate](#)

[Oasis sets 2021 E&P capex at \\$225-235 million](#)

[ConocoPhillips to close Bartlesville Labs, air shuttle service, but some employees to relocate to city](#)

[Winter storm results in gasoline trucked into Texas](#)

[Latest quake didn't result in disposal well order](#)

### International

[OPEC+ seaborne exports up 757,000 b/d in February despite Saudi's voluntary cut pledge](#)

[IOCs emerge from 'toughest year' primed for record free cash flow](#)

[Chevron achieves first gas from Alen natural gas project offshore Equatorial Guinea](#)

[Middle East Producers Are Desperate For Higher Oil Prices](#)

### Helpful Resources:

[Schlumberger Oilfield Glossary](#) - Where the Oil Field Meets the Dictionary. Contains more than 4600 definitions and acronyms for major oilfield activities.

[AAPL Toolkit](#) - An invaluable resource center with facts & statistics regarding the oil & gas industry and our communities and environment. Provides resources needed to become true ambassadors for our industry.

### Regulatory

[Senate confirms Granholm as Energy Secretary in 64-35 vote](#)

[Offshore Bill Would Give States More Say in Oil and Gas Leasing](#)

[Kerry Pitches Hydrogen to Oil and Gas Industry](#)

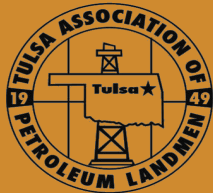
[OK regulators approve move to delay gigantic ONG gas bills](#)

[Texas Utilities Commission chair resigns over storm disaster](#)

### E&P/Industry News Sites:

- [RBN Energy Daily Blog](#)
- [RBC Richardson Barr](#)
- [Oil & Gas Community](#)
- [Oil&Gas Journal](#)
- [Oil and Gas Investor](#)
- [Rigzone News](#)
- [Fuelfix](#)
- [OK Energy Today](#)





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### 2020-2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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