Cecil D. Perkins

Cecil Perkins, the Texas Thoroughbred Association Man of the Year in 1984, is a dedicated horseman who strongly supported the Texas thoroughbred industry serving as executive director of the TTA during a very tumultuous period. It has been said that Perkins kept the association active when staff morale was at an all-time low. He even substantially increased membership during this bleak period. Perkins also created the Thoroughbred Magazine and was especially instrumental in guiding the staff and restructuring revenues resulting in what is today an outstanding organization.

In addition to keeping spirits high prior to passage of pari-mutuel legislation, he was also a well-respected Hill Country area realtor and president of the Austin Board of Realtors. Perkins also acted as executive director for the Texas Horse Racing Association and helped orchestrate several large-scale fundraisers that helped bring about the passage of pari-mutuel racing in Texas. He owns and lives at his Witch Doctor Farms, just outside of Austin in Bee Caves.