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Make Hotel Reservations Now!

Remember, we have a new location for our 2006 conference and show, scheduled for Friday, January 27 through Sunday, January 29. We will be headquartering at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel, located just off I-90, exit 59 at the northeast edge of Rapid City.

If you would like to see the new hotel and check out their services, you'll find them on the web at: www.rapidcity.ramkota.com.

When you are making hotel reservations, please ask for the room block for Dakota Territory Buffalo Association. They have put together a special price of \$79 per night for our group and a block of rooms has been set aside. The hotel phone number is (605) 343-8550. Call today and make your reservations now.

Winner's Choice Raffle Drawing

Congratulations to our winners of the Winner's Choice Raffle. Two names were drawn out shortly after the Custer State Park auction and the big winners were Randy and Milissa Linz, Shady Creek Bison, Richmond, Minnesota. The second name drawn out was Dan Huber, Elk Pass Ranch, Hilton Head, South Carolina.

Randy and Milissa have opted to take the bronze bookends home, so Dan will be enjoying a two night's stay and two NBA conference registrations for the 2006 NBA conference in Denver.

Congratulations to both winners and a big thank you to everyone who entered into the raffle. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Our first raffle in conjunction with the International Bison Conference will be underway by the time you receive this newsletter. We will be selling chances for a custom-tailored, hair-on buffalo coat, produced by Georgia Derrick. Tickets will be available at all the auctions and events. Two more raffles are on tap, so be watching for updates and announcements.

Remember...if you don't enter, you won't win!

Sell The Sizzle ~ We Need Your Recipes

You've got a copy or two around the house and you've given them out as gifts. They are the ever-popular DTBA cookbooks.

Believe it or not, since the cookbook came out in July of 2002, we have sold nearly 2,000 copies of the book. It has been a great fund raiser for the DTBA and a great way to spread the message about buffalo meat.

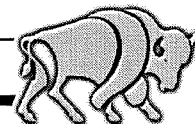
After running out of cookbooks due to unexpected demand, the board authorized a reprint order of 500 books. This will tide us over until we can get a new cookbook organized and printed. Yup, we're going to do it again. The cookbooks are so popular that we feel another version would be money and time well spent. One thing we'd like to do this time is offer more buffalo meat recipes as well as more information on the preparation and handling of the meat.

In many of our trade show booths, the cookbook is a very popular item and many have been sold this way. A new version is sure to become a bestseller.

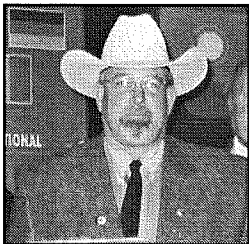
Included in this newsletter is a recipe form. You are welcome to make copies of the form and submit as many recipes as you like. The more we have, the better our cookbook will be. When writing your recipes, please make sure all the ingredients are listed as well as measurements and cooking times. Include your name and ranch name so proper credit can be given to our fantastic cooks.

The goal is to have a brand new cookbook in time for the July 2007 IBC event. Start looking in your recipe files! We need everyone to participate. Who knows...maybe there will be some sort of prize or goodies for the person who submits the most recipes. Get busy writing!





Remarks From The President: Jud Seaman



Hello again! It's hard to believe the fall events are already underway and our own show and sale/conference will be here before we know it. Your board has been busy making plans for the upcoming conference, so I hope you will be able to join us in late January.

The 2006 event will mark the tenth anniversary of the DTBA. This is quite the milestone in our history and we have seen many changes throughout this past decade. Our industry is a stronger one due in part to those changes, but we still have a long way to go.

With several auctions under our belt at this time, it seems like the industry is on a positive note and prices are holding steady in many classes and rising in others. The heifer prices are still soft, but as the need for breeding animals increases, hopefully these prices will increase as well.

Griffin Submits Winning Design

Members of the 2007 International Bison Conference met during the NBA Winter Conference this past January to select a winning logo for the IBC. The theme was "Bison...The Thunder Grows". There were four logos submitted to the committee and the one selected really seemed to capture not only the theme, but the concept of the event.

The winning logo was designed and submitted by Gail Griffin, Rockie Hill Bison, Winona, Minnesota. Her artwork is shown at right and it's even more impressive in color. Gail painted the buffalo and scanned it into her computer and did the rest through computer graphics. You will be seeing a lot more of this logo in the very near future. It will be on the IBC web site, www.ibc2007.com and on apparel and other items associated with the event. Congratulations, Gail! Additionally, Gail graciously donated the \$500 prize back to the NBA to be used for the IBC event. We appreciate her generosity! It sure doesn't hurt that Gail is a DTBA member as well. That made her win all the more special.



We are very excited about our new host hotel for the winter conference. We will be meeting with them next week to make our plans and I feel this will be a positive move for our members. Please make your reservations now and don't forget the new waterpark at the Ramkota. Bring the family and enjoy the weekend.

We have a great conference lineup planned. Our speakers this year are new to our association and we hope you will enjoy them. They bring a mixture of information, entertainment, fun and motivation.

If anyone has photos or memorabilia from the past ten years of the DTBA, please bring it to the winter conference to share with our other members. Many of you are charter members of this organization and have lots of interesting items to share with the newcomers. If you have photos that we could use for a presentation, contact Karen and she will work with you to incorporate those photos. This should be great fun for everyone involved in the association.

See you in January!

Welcome New DTBA Members!

Frank Kralicek, Kralicek Farms, Yankton, SD

Ernie, Kathy & Amanda Symmes, Heavenly Ranch, Kilkenny, MN

Calendar Of Buffalo Events

Thursday, December 8: Missouri Bison Association Fall Bison Show and Sale. Lolli Bros. Livestock Auction, Macon, MO. 417-491-4825.

Saturday, December 10: North Dakota Buffalo Assn. Fall Auction. KIST Livestock, Mandan, ND. 701-530-1997.

Friday, January 6 through Saturday, January 7, 2006: Montana Bison Assn. Winter Conference. Boothill Inn, Billings, MT. (406) 784-2131.

Saturday, January 7: Flying H Buffalo Ranch Production Auction. McLaughlin Livestock, McLaughlin, SD. (605) 823-4497.

Monday, January 9 through Friday, January 13: Custer State Park Fax and Phone Auction. For March 2006 delivery. Custer State Park, SD. (605) 255-4515.

Thursday, January 19 through Saturday, January 21: National Bison Assn. Winter Conference and Gold Trophy Show and Sale. Denver, CO. 303-292-2833.

Friday, January 27 through Sunday, January 29: Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale and Winter Conference. Rapid City, SD. 605-923-6383.

Friday, February 10: North Dakota Buffalo Assn. Annual Meeting. Seven Seas, Mandan, ND. 701-530-1997.

Saturday, February 11: North Dakota Buffalo Assn. Spring Auction. KIST Livestock, Mandan, ND. 701-530-1997.

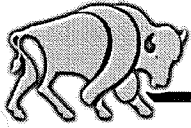
Saturday, March 4: Kansas Buffalo Assn. Spring Auction. Farmers and Ranchers Livestock Commission Co., Salina, KS. 888-282-4766.

Friday, March 10: Rocky Mountain Buffalo Assn. Meeting and Awards Banquet. Holiday Inn Denver. Denver, CO. 303-243-0900.

Saturday, March 11: Rocky Mountain Buffalo Assn. Peak to Peak Buffalo Auction. National Western Complex, Denver, Co. 303-243-0900.

Saturday, March 18: Missouri Bison Assn. Spring Show and Sale. Mo-Kan Livestock, Butler, MO. 417-491-4825.

Friday, April 7 through Sunday, April 9: Minnesota Buffalo Assn. Educational Conference. Shooting Star Casino, Mahanomen, MN. 507-454-2828.



**Minutes of the Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Board Meeting
October 10, 2005 • Telephone Conference**

President Jud Seaman called the meeting to order. Also present were Jacki Limpert, Steve Schmitz, Lorene Bender, Chad Kremer, Tom LeFaive and Executive Director, Karen Conley. Guests were Steve Sutton, Nancy Hepper and Scott Peterson.

President Seaman asked if everyone had received the minutes from the August 22 meeting. All present had read and approved the minutes. Schmitz made a motion to accept the August 22 minutes as submitted. Limpert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was gone through. Financials from January 1 through March 31 were gone over and are in order. Financials from April 1 through the first of October were also provided. Limpert noted that the depreciation on the trade show display is shown on the financials, in answer to a question from our last meeting. Schmitz made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Seaman asked to review the show and sale information with Steve Sutton present. Sutton indicated he has concerns about adequate pen space if the show and sale fills up to the current class limits. The board discussed the situation and we will keep in touch with Sutton as the entries arrive so that we ensure adequate pen space for all entries.

President Seaman asked Sutton about their insurance situation (Sutton Rodeos) and noted that DTBA just updated our insurance policy last fall. It was agreed that DTBA and Sutton Rodeo would exchange policy information so each party can review and make sure all aspects of our event are covered under the policies. Seaman asked that this be done by December 15 and he asked that Karen Conley, Jacki Limpert, Joe Painter and Steve Sutton all review the information.

Entry forms for the 2006 show and sale and carcass class were reviewed and approved for Conley to send out. The board decided to leave the consignor's meeting on Friday afternoon, but we will also bring up show and sale information during the general membership meeting on Saturday during the Show/Sale committee report. Judges for the 2006 were discussed, with our returning judge being confirmed and Seaman will contact other possible parties to see if they would be interested in judging for us. Four names were submitted for consideration.

The board discussed the trophy situation for next year. Seaman has not heard back from Tony Chytka at this time. Will continue to try and contact him to talk about this. Kremer had discussed this with another artist and had photos of some of his work. Photos and information was shared with other board members. We will discuss this at the next meeting.

The 2006 Winter Conference plans were discussed. Bob Ash is confirmed as one of our presenters, as is Dr. Sam Holland. Conley has been working to secure Dave Hunter as our final presenter. Nancy Hepper, our conference chairperson, suggested starting our meetings a bit later on Saturday morning. It was decided to open up registration at 7 a.m. and start our meetings/presentations at 9 a.m. with a short coffee break at 9:30 a.m. We will have committee meetings on Friday and they will give a report during on general membership meeting on Saturday. LeFaive suggested doing drawings at the start of the meeting times to encourage attendance at the meetings. All agreed this was an excellent idea. Hepper, Limpert and Conley will work to arrange prizes for the drawings and how to set them up. These three will also be meeting with the hotel in the near future and more information about our trade show and set up will be available after that meeting.

The group discussed elections that will be held in January. We will have two vacancies. All board members should be thinking about potential candidates and contacting them.

Conley updated the board on booth/trade show events that DTBA has or will attend. We are looking at a new one in January.

AgFest is held in Pierre on the Monday following our conference. Conley will put information in the next newsletter to see if anyone might be interested in manning a booth for that event.

The by-laws were discussed. Board members reviewed and there are no changes/amendments that need to be proposed at this time.

Scott Peterson joined the group for an update on the International Bison Conference planning. He has set up a meeting for the afternoon following the Custer State Park auction. Conley will send out an e-mail with information to committee members. Peterson is still working on the Harley Davidson motorcycle idea. He reported that corporate will not work with us on this project, but pointed him toward local dealers. He is currently working with Black Hills Harley Davidson and a dealer in North Dakota to get this project off the ground. The idea is to have a Heritage Softail bike with buffalo leather bags and seat. The bike would be at cost, plus set-up. Peterson's idea is to have 10 to 12 bikes with one being raffled off, one being auctioned off and the remaining bikes being sold. They would all feature the IBC logo and would also be numbered.

Another fund raising project is underway and that is having a commemorative saddle built. Jerry Croft has been commissioned to build the saddle and was instructed to have it completed before the January NBA Winter Conference so that it could be displayed at our booth there. We will sell raffle tickets on the saddle starting at that time.

Limpert has also lined up another raffle for fundraising. She has been working with Georgia Derrick to have a custom buffalo hair-on coat made for a raffle winner. Derrick has agreed to donate her labor and time for the project and Limperts will donate the hide to be used. The tannery has agreed to pick up half the cost of the tanning and Limpert feels she can get them to pick up all of it as this project comes together. The coat will be custom tailored to the winner's specifications and the raffle should be ready to being in mid-November at the Custer State Park auction.

Peterson also updated the board on the December 3 auction at St. Onge. At this time, there were already 100 head consigned, so another successful auction is anticipated. Entry forms and information will mail with the newsletter as well as being available on the DTBA and St. Onge web sites.

Schmitz asked if anyone had pursued having an auction east river. At this time, no one has been contacted. Schmitz thought early February would be a good time for east river producers. Jud will contact the Huron sale barn to see if there is any interest in working with us on this.

Conley has ordered and received 500 more cookbooks. She will get a new recipe collection underway with the intent to have a new cookbook printed and ready for sale before the 2007 IBC event.

There being no further business, Bender made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kremer seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE SEND IN ONLY IF YOU ARE A NEW MEMBER OR HAVE NOT PAID YOUR 2006 DUES!
Membership dues are valid from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. Dues paid at this time will be credited toward the 2006 membership year.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Ranch Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone(____) _____ Fax (____) _____

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Dakota Territory Buffalo Association
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Rapid City, SD 57709

\$50

2006 DTBA Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show & Sale
Jan. 27 - Jan. 29, 2006 • Rapid City, SD
Sale: Sunday, Jan. 29 at 9:00 a.m. SHARP!
Terms & Conditions
Sale Chairman • Steve Sutton • (605) 258-2863

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

1. Negative Tuberculosis test (caudal fold) on all animals. Test must have been done within 25 days of sale date.
2. Negative Brucellosis test on all animals. Test must have been done within 25 days of sale date.
3. Negative Anaplasmosis test on all animals. Test must have been done within 25 days of sale date.
4. All females **MUST** be calfhooed vaccinated for Brucellosis. Show tag numbers, metal tag numbers and BV tattoo numbers must correctly coincide on the Health Certificate.
5. All animals must be treated with INJECTABLE ivermec. *IMPORTANT:* Animals coming from south of the southern Wyoming-Nebraska-Iowa borders must be injected within 10 days of the show date. Animals coming from north of these southern borders must be injected within 25 days of the show date.
6. **ALL** yearling bulls **MUST** be semen checked and certified fertile. *IMPORTANT!* Yearling buffalo bulls mature later than beef bulls and are often harder to test. Make sure your veterinarian knows this!
7. All two year old heifers must be certified at least 90 days pregnant.
8. All yearling heifers must be certified OPEN.
9. **PLEASE NOTE!** A consignor bringing in two year old bred heifers will be required to have a Teeth Affidavit Form filled out and signed by their veterinarian indicating that the veterinarian checked the animal between November 29, 2005 and January 26, 2006 and the animal had only two adult teeth at the time of inspection. Two year old animals who arrive at the show grounds and do not have a completed Teeth Affidavit Form will not be unloaded and the consignor will forfeit any entry fees for those animals. A National Bison Assn. tooth chart is included in this entry packet for your reference and a Teeth Affidavit form is also included. Any two year old animal that has four or more fully erupted teeth will be immediately disqualified and the consignor will forfeit any entry fees.
10. Three copies must be furnished with the original health certificate. Separate health certificates are required for each animal. Pens of three can be on one certificate with three copies.
11. *Animals WILL NOT be unloaded if the health certificates do not meet ALL of the above requirements. NO EXCEPTIONS! Pregnancy test, semen test, ivermec and mousing must be written across the bottom of each health certificate with the date and signature of your veterinarian. Keep your test paperwork with you in case it is needed.*
12. Any animal entered in the Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale can not have entered another show and sale in the six months prior to the Black Hills Buffalo Classic event.

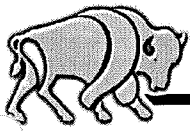
HORNS

Dehorned animals accepted are yearling and two year old heifers **ONLY**. All others must have either two good horns or broken horns which have fully healed. We will work with you in case of a broken horn while at the show. Severe bleeders cannot enter the sale ring.

EAR TAGS

Show tags, NBA Source Verification tags, metal vaccine/tag and registration button are the only tags accepted to be in the buffalo's ear. Consignors will be responsible for applying the show tags in the **LEFT** ear. This must be done before the animals will be allowed to unload. Any animal that shows up with an extra tag will be charged \$50 to take the tag out.

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS



2007 International Bison Conference - IBC'n You In Rapid City!

It seems like just yesterday that members of the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association (DTBA) were vying for the right to host the 2007 International Bison Conference on their home turf in Rapid City, South Dakota. They say time flies when you're having fun, so there must be a lot of fun going on!

In just about a year and a half, the association's members and the greater Rapid City area will be hosting the third International Bison Conference, based on the theme "The Thunder Grows". It is our hope that more than 1,000 buffalo enthusiasts will attend the event and go home with nothing but praise for our industry, South Dakota hospitality and photos and memories of a once-in-a-lifetime event. Yes, there have been and will be other International Bison Conferences, but organizers are hoping that the one in 2007 will be a unique experience for everyone involved.

The event planning has been underway for quite some time. Committee members have established the dates for the conference, which will run from Tuesday, July 24 through Saturday, July 28, 2007.

The weekend prior to the conference, there will be a "back by popular demand" event taking place. Many of the people who attended the 2000 IBC event in Edmonton, Alberta, participated in the Wagon Trek. Many that wanted to participate were unable for a variety of reasons, but the DTBA group had so many requests to do a similar type event, we heard the shouts and have answered back by lining up a South Dakota Wagon Trek through Custer State Park.

This event will be open to approximately 150 participants. Riders will be required to bring their own horses, but we are also working to line up some wagons that people could ride in as well. The group will meet on Friday, July 20 at the buffalo corrals. The group will depart from the corrals on Saturday morning and cover approximately 10 miles each day on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The trail will go through the heart of the park, away from the tourists and up close and personal with nature. Camp will be established each evening, with fun activities planned for each camp site. The group will break camp on Tuesday morning and have plenty of time to head back to Rapid City and take in the opening ceremonies scheduled later that day.

Tuesday afternoon and evening will be the opening ceremonies, which will take place at Mt. Rushmore National Memorial, which is located about 30 minutes south of Rapid City. Attendees will have the opportunity to be part of a private welcoming reception at the terrace area underneath the massive granite faces. At dusk, we will be out with the general public to watch the lighting ceremony where the monument is bathed in spotlights for several hours each evening. For those that have never been to the national treasure, it will be a moving experience. These faces carved into the hills are one of the unique treasures of South Dakota and something that many people plan entire vacations around.

On Wednesday, conference plans will find the group in Rapid City at our host hotel, the Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center. This facility features a western and buffalo theme, making it the perfect location for our activities. It is conveniently located right off Interstate 90 and is close to shopping, restaurants and even features a new indoor waterpark. For those that prefer to enjoy the beauty of this area outside, there is a multitude of camping facilities in and around the Rapid City area. We know you will find just what you are looking for, no matter what that might be!


Wednesday evening will offer a special treat for those who want to attend the Foundation Dinner, which is a fund raiser for the various buffalo foundations. How many of you have heard or seen Crazy Horse Memorial? Situated just north of Custer,

South Dakota in the southern Black Hills, this spectacular carving is a work in progress. Our plans include dinner at the restaurant on the memorial grounds and then attendees will have the chance to walk out on the arm of the carving of Crazy Horse. This opportunity is very unique, as the memorial only allows people on the carving one or two times each year during a volksmarch. This private tour will be a highlight for everyone who attends. You might never have the opportunity to get this close to the carving again.

At this time, we do not have a set agenda for speakers and/or presentations. Plans are to have three 90 minute session each day on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. A total of five different sessions will be planned, with attendees selecting three of those five to attend each day. The fifteen session will feature a variety of educational tracks that will offer something for the novice producer to the seasoned buffalo producers and enthusiasts. Another option that is being explored is a Public Herds Symposium. The last one was held a number of years ago and it was suggested that this conference might offer a good opportunity to again visit this program.


At the conference site, there will be a trade show that will be open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We are working to line up unique and popular vendors that will offer a little something for everyone. Indoor and outdoor displays can be accommodated and the IBC committee is working diligently to have a wonderful cross-section of vendors for our attendees.

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7th Annual Production Sale
SAT., JANUARY 7, 2006
12:00 NOON MST
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