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## Make Hotel Reservations TODAY!

Once again our location for our 2008 conference and show, scheduled for Friday, February 1 through Sunday, February 3, 2008 will be the Best Western Ramkota Hotel, located just off I-90, exit 59 at the northeast edge of Rapid City.

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 \$84 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.

**YOU NEED TO MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY!** Our conference will be on the final weekend of the Black Hills Stock Show this year and the Ramkota sells out the entire weekend every year.

**THE RAMKOTA ROOM BLOCK  
EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2007!  
MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW!  
(605) 343-8550**

## Black Hills Buffalo Classic Info

By now you should have read the last newsletter with information about all the upcoming changes for our 2008 Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale. Isn't it exciting? Moving to a new location, changing the classes...the feedback so far has been very positive on all fronts!

Inside this issue you will find entry forms for the 2008 Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale. Please read through all the information carefully.

We have also included a handy checklist for our consignors so you can go through by each class and make sure all your health requirements and paperwork is in order. Don't hesitate to call our Show/Sale Chairman, Zane Holcomb or the DTBA office if you have any questions. We are here to help!

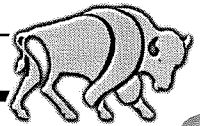
You will notice the Show/Sale Committee is encouraging the consignors to do 4-way testing even though our requirements only call for 3-way testing. Honestly, the cost of the extra Bluetongue test is negligible and will ensure that your animals can be purchased by anyone and travel anywhere. We are getting many calls from consignors and buyers and are anticipating as it gets closer, there will be many more calls. Any additional testing done to your animals will be announced during the live auction. When your ear tags are mailed out, you will receive a sheet that you can fill up with information about your operation, your animals, any additional testing or other notable items you'd like to have announced when your animals sell. You fill it out and return it as directed and we will make those announcements.

For those of you thinking about entering the new Top 5 Bull Calf Class and/or the Top 10 Heifer Calf Class, the committee has come up with some new marketing techniques. The Top 5 Bull Calves will sell Bidder's Choice throughout the entire pen of five animals. This will offer the opportunity for someone who might see an exceptional calf but can't purchase the entire pen of animals to bid on that one individual and possibly take him home. We will offer choice as deep as we need to go to sell all five animals.

On the Top 10 Heifer Calf Class, we will sell them gate cut, again giving our buyer's the opportunity to take a few animals or the entire pen. In making these changes, the committee hopes to garner the best possible prices for our consignors and the most opportunities to our buyers. All other classes of animals will sell individually.

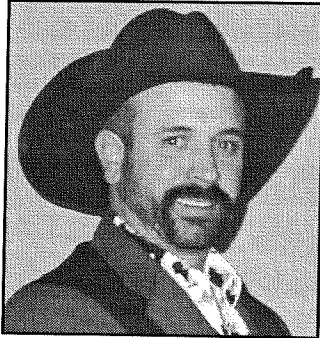
We think these changes are a positive and hope you do, too!





## Notes From The President - Chad Kremer

Hello everyone,  
We have finally gotten some much needed snow and the cold weather seems to have set in. It is winter, after all!



The association has been getting quite a bit of feedback from our announcements regarding the changes to our Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale. What we are hearing so far is very positive and I hope that you will continue to provide the directors and show/sale committee members with your comments and concerns. That's the only way we'll be able to keep on the right path!

Early sale results are showing a significant increase in the price of animals, especially calves. This is very encouraging. Hopefully this momentum will continue into the spring sale season as well.

With a little moisture and some optimism in the industry, I have to believe that things will continue on an upward swing throughout the spring sale season.

We will be doing a lot of advertising and promotion for our new show and sale format, so please get your entries in as soon as possible so we can include you in that advertising. There is nothing better than getting your name out in the public eye to help promote your animals and your operation.

As the Christmas season approaches, I just want to take a minute and wish all of you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas. It's so easy to take things for granted, but we have much to be thankful for and I hope you will all see the blessings in every day.

Feel free to contact any of the board members or any of the show and sale committee members with any questions, concerns or feedback regarding the 2008 Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale.

Merry Christmas!  
Chad

## Time To Pay 2008 Membership Dues

Check on the front mailing label of this newsletter. The year your dues have been paid through is highlighted on the mailing label. If it says "2007", you may renew your dues at this time. There is a conference/membership registration insert in this newsletter. Please fill out and return with dues payment, even if you are not planning to attend the conference. If the date on your newsletter is 2006 or beyond, this will be the last informational piece you will receive from DTBA until your dues are current.

Your membership needs to be current in order to show animals at the Black Hills Buffalo Classic, so don't wait...get your membership up to date today!

## Calendar Of Buffalo Events

**December 29** - Comanche Buffalo Co. Premier Buffalo Auction. At the ranch, Lawton, OK. (580) 248-4419 or (580) 678-5222.

**January 5, 2008** - Flying H Buffalo Ranch 9th Annual Production Auction. At the ranch, 10 miles west of Mobridge, SD. (605) 845-3705.

**January 7 - January 11** - Custer State Park Internet Auction. (605) 255-4515.

**January 23 - January 25** - National Bison Assn. Winter Conference. Westin Westminster, Westminster, CO. (303) 292-2833.

**January 26** - National Bison Assn. Gold Trophy Show and Sale. National Western Stock Show Livestock Center Auction Arena, Denver, CO. (303) 292-2833.

**February 1 - February 2** - Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Winter Conference. Ramkota Hotel, Rapid City, SD. (605) 923-6383.

**February 3** - Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale. Pennington County Events Center at the Central States Fairgrounds, Rapid City, SD. (605) 923-6383.

**February 15** - North Dakota Buffalo Assn. Winter Conference. Best Western Seven Seas, Mandan, ND. (701) 252-1122.

**February 16** - North Dakota Buffalo Assn. Winter Consignment Auction. KIST Livestock, Mandan, ND. (701) 252-1122.

**March 15** - Rocky Mountain Buffalo Assn. 4th Annual Peak to Peak Show and Sale. National Western Livestock Arena, Denver, CO. (303) 243-0900.

## Our Condolences And Prayers...

Michael Christman, brother to members Nancy Hepper and Rick Christmas, Mobridge, SD, passed away on November 24, 2007. Shortly afterward, their mother, Kate Christman, fell ill and has been hospitalized in Bismarck, ND.

Please keep Nancy and Rick and their families in your thoughts and prayers through this difficult time.

## Sponsorships Needed For 2008

With our 2008 events right around the corner, we are still in need of sponsorships. There are trophy sponsorships available at this time. We are also looking for cash sponsors for our Carcass Class and Coffee Breaks. Anyone interested in sponsoring other specific items, such as conference folders, signage for our sponsors, etc. is more than welcome to do so. Thank you to those of you who have so graciously stepped forward to sponsor and/or donate up to this point. Your generosity is much appreciated!

For more information on sponsorships, contact Karen at (605) 923-6383 or email to: info@dakotabuffalo.com.

## New Board Members Needed

There will be two positions available for the Board of Directors and they will be for three year terms. The election will be held during the DTBA Winter Conference.

If you are interested in volunteering for this important role, please contact a current board member or the DTBA office.

## Welcome New DTBA Members!

Ruth Ziolkowski, Holstein Hollow, Crazy Horse, SD  
Lee Allen & Rebecca Leier, Heartland Bison Ranch,  
Rugby, ND

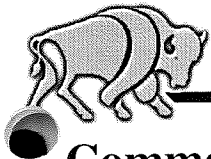
Gordon & Connie Howie, Holy Cow Ranch,  
Rapid City, SD

**MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS TODAY!**

Call the Ramkota Hotel at

(605) 343-8550

Ask for the DTBA Room Rate of \$84 (+ tax)  
Winter Conference • February 1 - 3, 2008



## Comments From Show/Sale Chairman Zane Holcomb

Hello to everyone from the open freezer! It is about time we had some winter, the buffalo don't mind so I am not going to complain. Besides, it isn't about me, it IS about the buffalo. And WOW! , is it going to be about the buffalo or what? Everyone I know has a type of grin on their face that we have had to force over the last few years and IT DOES FEEL GOOD! Yeah! You all are grinning now, aren't you? Prices are up and demand is high for all classes of animals.

And to make it better, things are really shaping up for our little shindig in Rapid City. I hope you all have your rooms reserved at the Ramkota, for this is going to be good. We are getting a lot of interest and with the new pen classes, I see nothing but positives. Yes, it will be a challenge for the producers to put together five bull calves and ten heifer calves that look like they stepped out of a cookie cutter, but you show me a buffalo producer that hasn't faced tougher challenges over the past few years and I'll show you a brand new producer!

As per the new pens, the producers are going to have get out the buff goggles and look for those peas in a pod. I talked to and questioned a handful of feedlot owners and potential buyers and they all seem to agree.... if the group matches, it looks GOOD to them. Put yourself in the buyer's shoes..... if you had the choice

between pen one with half being exceptional size, the remainder very nice but uneven, and then in walks pen two.... level across the backs, hair color matching, well... what will look better on your place? I realize this may be a six to one/half dozen to the other argument, but you producers have to package your product. And if you can make that package symmetrical, I think you'll do very well.

I am very pleased to tell everyone that for the first time the DTBA has access to a platform scale and, barring a major catastrophe, it will be in place and every animal coming off the trailers will be weighed and the weights recorded.

I know we all are busy now weaning and feeding, but you'll just have to miss an episode or two of Days of Our Lives or Jerry Springer and find those standouts in your pens. This is the year to make them work for you. Yes, it does take some work, but the rewards can prove very gratifying. And you never know who really wants the genetics you have to offer until you try. This country was settled by people who looked over the horizon at what could be and they didn't settle for status quo. They made it better and so can we!

See you all in Rapid City!

## Your Assistance Is Needed On TB Testing Project - Please Read!

How many of you are tired of running your animals through the chutes countless times for testing? Just about everyone!

One of the most challenging tests is the TB skin test, where you have to inject the animals one day and then run them through a few days later to "read" the results of the test. False test results are not unusual and the animals are never really happy to see you show up the second time around, much less cooperate when going through the chute one more time.

The National Bison Association is working on a project that will field test the validity of a Rapid Test for TB. It is a one-draw blood test and researchers need to validate this method versus the current caudal fold skin test. The objective of this project is to compare the Rapid Test results with skin testing results of the same animals to determine the sensitivity and specificity of the Rapid Test.

Great, you say. So do your animals. Now all the NBA needs is participation in the research. That is where you, the producer, come in.

Del Hensel is coordinating an effort to collect a minimum of 1,000 blood samples from animals that are or have been TB tested using the caudal fold method. Below is the procedure for collecting and shipping samples. It is hoped that people consigning animals to shows and sales will be willing to help with this project, as it is one that will benefit ALL producers. If everyone does a little, we can accomplish a lot!

### OBJECTIVE

- VALIDATION OF A DIAGNOSTIC TEST FOR TUBERCULOSIS IN NORTH AMERICAN BISON.

- HYPOTHESIS IS: A RAPID TEST (CHEMBIO, BOVIDTB STAT-PAK ASSAY) CAN BE USED AS AN ADJUNCT DIAGNOSTIC TOOL IN DETERMINING AN INFECTION WITH MYCOBACTERIUM BOVIS.

The objectives of this study are: (1) validate the effectiveness of the rapid test in the American Plains Bison and (2) compare this effectiveness with caudal fold tests.

### PROCEDURES FOR COLLECTING AND SHIPPING SAMPLES

Blood samples to be collected from either live animals in conjunction with a skin test or collected at the time of slaughter. Goal is to collect 1000 samples. Hopefully 20 percent or more can be collected from skin tested animals.

After collection the samples should be left at room temperature (18-23 degrees C) until the blood coagulates. Serum should be separated from the clot as soon as possible after the blood clots. Serum samples then to be sent to Del Hensel (address below) in a refrigerated state. If necessary, 2 ml vials and shipping boxes can be obtained from Del.

They are hoping to complete this project by March during which cool weather prevails. With this in mind it would probably be best to keep the samples in a refrigerated state and not frozen at least until arriving at Del's place. Once samples are frozen, they must be kept frozen until arriving at the laboratory.

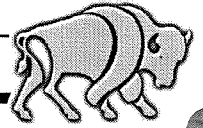
It is suggested to pack with cold packs and to ship overnight mail. Be sure to communicate with Del as far in advance as possible to be sure he's available or if other arrangements are needed. Del must be notified as when to expect arrival of samples!!!!

### Send samples to:

Del Hensel  
11246 Rifle St.  
Commerce City CO 80022

If you have any further questions about this project or the samples needed, you can contact Del Hensel at the following:

Phone: (303) 659 7439  
E mail to: henseldel@aol.com



## Take A Sneak Peek At The 2008 Winter Conference

It's hard to believe it's just about conference time again! Before we know it, we'll be gathering here in Rapid City for the Winter Conference and Show and Sale!

It's still a little early yet, but if you're so inclined, you'll find a Winter Conference Registration Form inserted into this newsletter. While we don't have each and every detail worked out and finalized right this minute, we'll give you a sneak peek at what's on tap for our next gathering.

We'll kick off our weekend with the Prairie Edge reception on Friday night, February 1. Earlier that afternoon, Susan Peterson is working to line up another of the popular Spa Day for the ladies. We'll have more information on this in the January issue of the newsletter.

On Saturday, our conference will take center stage. Right now, our featured speaker will be Mark Kossler, the Ranch Manager for Ted Turner's Vermejo Park Ranch in New Mexico. Mark recently moved to New Mexico from the Flying D Ranch in Montana. He has some absolutely fascinating data on bull feed trials and also the social structure of various groupings of animals. He presented some of this data at the Montana Bison Association meeting last year, as well as at the National Bison Association Winter Conference and his information was very well received and ties in nicely with what our group began last year with our feeder panel. Mark has a variety of topics he might speak on and we'll finalize those presentations in the coming weeks.

Bruce Anderson is working to line up another panel discussion. This year it will feature two marketers, two feeders and two cow/calf operators. Already confirmed to speak are the two marketers, Bob Dineen with Rocky Mountain Natural Meats

and Dieter Pape with the North American Bison Cooperative. Bruce has been sharpening his pencil with a list of questions for these experts and we'll have the rest of the panel lined up in short order. What a great opportunity to listen to some experts in their various areas of interest.

Of course, we'll have our annual meeting and a few other speakers throughout the day. That evening will feature our banquet and awards for the 2008 Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale. Don't forget the FUN AUCTION! Start looking around for the special and unique items to bring for the Fun Auction. It's always a good time to see what's available to the highest bidder. We might even throw in a game or two of Bison Bingo for those of you who enjoy a bit of gaming!

On Sunday, February 3, we will head to the Pennington County Events Center for our live animal auction, which will get underway at 10:00 a.m.

Throughout the weekend, you can take a quick break and head to the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center and take in the Black Hills Stock Show while you are in town. There is a huge trade show to browse through and so many events you won't know what to do first! There will also be PRCA Rodeo performances Thursday through Sunday. Check out [www.blackhillsstockshow.com](http://www.blackhillsstockshow.com) and [www.suttonrodeo.com](http://www.suttonrodeo.com) for all the details. Shuttle service to the civic center will be available from both the Ramkota Hotel and the Pennington County Events Center.

Stay tuned for complete details on our 2008 Winter Conference and Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale. You won't be disappointed, so reserve your rooms today, mark your calendars for February 1 - 3 and be ready to have fun!

### COMPLETE DISPERSAL!

160 head of 9 to 10 year old cows.

All cows are de-horned

Average weights are  
1,000 to 1,100 pounds

These are nice, big cows that are  
bred back for 2008 calves

Most of these cows came from  
Adolph Hepper's ranch

Prefer to sell them all as one group.  
Animals are located in north-central  
South Dakota in the Eureka area.

For pricing and information, contact  
**Jerome Malsom**  
(605) 283-2358 home  
(605) 228-3572 cell

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**The Dakotas**

*A Collection Of Recipes From Members Of  
The Dakota Territory Buffalo Association  
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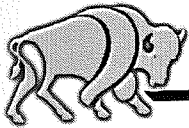
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**\$5** each  
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P.O. Box 4104 • Rapid City, SD 57709  
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## Volunteers Needed For Animals

The Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale (BHBC) is a huge event for the DTBA. It takes many hours and many volunteers to put all the events together and we can't begin to thank enough, those who step forward and help out.

Once again, with our 2008 event looming around the corner, Show/Sale Chairman, Zane Holcomb, would like to have some volunteers step forward and assist with the buffalo. Since the dates are in place, they are looking for people willing to be on hand Thursday, January 31 from 12:00 noon until 4:30 p.m. and Friday, February 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon to help unload, weigh and pen animals. They also some extra hands to water and feed the animals as they are penned throughout the course of those days. This will take a number of people in our new location and with more entries expected. Throughout the weekend, we will need a core crew that can help with daily feeding, watering and also moving animals while the judges are doing their thing. On Sunday, February 3, sale day, volunteers are needed to help sort and pen the animals throughout the day and until loadout is completed for the day. Zane is also asking for a couple of people who could be available on Monday, February 4 for approximately half a day to help finish with loading out the sale animals.

It makes for a long weekend and it seems like the weather is too hot or too cold, but we all appreciate the volunteers who step forward to help care for the buffalo.

If you are interested in volunteering your time to help with this, please contact the DTBA office, 605-923-6383 or e-mail info@dakotabuffalo.com. You can also contact Zane Holcomb at (605) 375-3478 or ndabuff@sdplains.com. THANK YOU!!

## Prairie Edge Will Host Reception

Once again, Prairie Edge Trading Company and Galleries will open their doors to members attending the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association Winter Conference. The store, along with Triple Seven Ranch and Western Buffalo Company, will be hosting the welcoming reception and social. The activities will be held at the Prairie Edge store located on the corner of Sixth and Main Streets in downtown Rapid City.

The reception will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday, January 31 and last until 7:00 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served and the chance to visit with fellow buffalo enthusiasts while doing a little shopping will be the highlight of the evening. Please make plans to join us for a fun and entertaining evening sponsored by these gracious hosts.

## Not A Member? No Problem!

If you are reading this newsletter but are not a current member of the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association, not to worry. If you would like to attend our conference and show/sale, you do not need to be a member to attend these events and your conference costs will be the same.

Our hope is that once you join in on our activities, you'll find our members to be helpful and friendly and the information you'll learn to be important.

We hope that you will join us for the conference and better yet, like what you see and become a member of the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association, The Producer's Association.

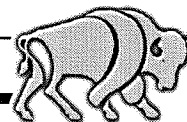
If you are interested in entering animals in our show and sale, you will need to join the association to do so. However, that's a simple fix and for only \$50 for the year, you will enjoy all the benefits of membership.

Please contact the DTBA office for more information on becoming a member or about our events.

**FLYING H RANCH**  
*9th Annual Production Sale*  
**Saturday,**  
**January 5, 2008**  
**1:00 P.M. CST**  
 At the ranch located 10 miles  
 west of Mobridge, SD  
**Selling 450 Head of Excellent**  
**Bull and Heifer Calves.**  
**Also selling 15 head**  
**of fall yearlings.**  
**Followed by a video auction**  
**from some of the top buffalo**  
**producers in the area.**  
*Our Reputation is YOUR Guarantee!*  
*Buyers return year after year because*  
*they appreciate the consistent quality*  
*of our buffalo. Customer satisfaction*  
*has been and will continue to be our*  
*priority...quality you can count on.*

*Visitors Always Welcome!*

**For more information on the**  
**live sale, video auction or to**  
**consign to the video sale, contact**  
**Tom Hepper, Mobridge SD**  
**(605) 845-3705 or hepper@westriv.com**



## September 24, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes

President Chad Kremer called the meeting to order. Also present were board members Bruce Anderson, Tom LeFaive, Larry Carr, Nancy Hepper and executive director, Karen Conley.

President Kremer asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2007 meeting. Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial situation was discussed. Year end financials will be emailed to all directors by the next meeting. At the present time, the association has depleted the savings account and will need to supplement that account to continue business. Conley explained that the revenues from the Winter Conference Fun Auction were down considerably as well as any proceeds from the live animal auction, which has contributed to the current financial situation. The directors discussed how much money will be needed to cover the next few months until income is coming in from show entries and membership dues. It was agreed to withdraw \$10,000 from our UBS account and move that to the Wells Fargo checking account. The monies to UBS will be replenished when funding permits. Anderson made a motion to withdraw \$10,000 from UBS and move to the Wells Fargo checking account. Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried. Conley will make the arrangements for the transfer of funds.

There was discussion about the NBA's group insurance policy. Anderson will find out more about our existing policy with Black Hills Agency and report back at our next meeting. The group will then discuss the pros and cons of each policy before making any decisions regarding the insurance coverage of the association.

Discussion about the trophies for the 2008 show. Conley noted that Tony Chytka had sent her information about the costs for the 2008 trophies and there is a substantial increase in the materials cost. The board discussed other bronze artists and other options for the trophies. Hepper made a motion to have Tony Chytka do the trophies for the 2008 show but explore other options for the following year and to begin that process now. LeFaive seconded the motion. Motion carried. The board will ask for member and consignor input and feedback on the current trophy design at the general membership and consignor's meetings at the 2008 event.

Trophy sponsorships were also mentioned and Hepper noted that she would like to see something similar to what was done for the IBC with various levels of sponsorship in lieu of individual sponsorships.

The 2008 show and sale was discussed, with President Kremer going over the new location and times along with some prelimi-

## 2007 Custer State Park Auction Results

**Mature Cows** - 21 head sold. Average weight was 992 pounds. Average price was \$970 per head or \$.98 per pound.

**Two Year Old Heifers** - 23 head sold. Average weight was 837 pounds. Average price was \$1,042 per head or \$1.24 per pound.

**Yearling Heifers** - 40 head sold. Average weight was 602 pounds. Average price was \$786 per head or \$1.31 per pound.

**Heifer Calves** - 53 head sold. Average weight was 350 pounds. Average price was \$474 per head or \$1.35 per pound.

**Two Year Old Breeding Bulls** - 9 head sold. Average weight was 1,092 pounds. Average price was \$2,122 per head or \$1.94 per pound.

**Yearling Bulls** - 31 head sold. Average weight was 645 pounds. Average price was \$776 per head or \$1.20 per pound.

**Bull Calves** - 37 head sold. Average weight was 372 pounds. Average price was \$613 per head or \$1.65 per pound.

nary ideas about how the new location will work with the various events. It was suggested that the show chairman and sale chairman be two individuals that work well together. Also suggested was someone fairly close to the facility in lieu of someone on the other side of the state, mostly for the sake of convenience and pre-planning. Zane Holcomb has indicated he would be interested in being the show chairman. The board will ask for his input about a sale chairman. President Kremer suggested putting a sale committee together and asked that Scott Peterson, Sandy Limpert, Jud Seaman and Steve Sutton be asked to serve on that committee. The group also discussed any potential changes for the Reality Based Carcass Class but nothing was decided upon at this time.

Names for judges for the 2008 show were offered for discussion. The group will make a decision at the next meeting on who to contact about being the second judge. Hepper also mentioned that the board needs to be looking for potential candidates for Board of Director elections in January.

The Winter Conference agenda was discussed. Conley will check with Prairie Edge and make sure the date change will be okay for them to host the welcoming reception on Friday, February 1. Hepper indicated she would assist with the winter conference detail. Conley had previously spoken to Mark Kossler about doing a presentation on the feedlot data he has been gathering. She will contact him to see if he is still available as a speaker. Anderson suggested putting together another panel discussion. His thoughts were cow/calf producers/feeders and marketers/processors. He outlined various ideas he had about the information they could present. The group liked the idea and will pursue this course. LeFaive also suggested the topic of animal welfare as a potential presentation. He felt that it might give producers a pro-active approach rather than a reactive one.

Hepper asked if it would be possible to get more up to date financials for the association members. She indicated that several members had asked about this at the last conference. She suggested a quarterly report. Conley noted that she can do that in the newsletter and has been working on a re-design of the member's only site on the website and this information could also be available there for members to access. She will check into the possibility of this and report back at the next meeting.

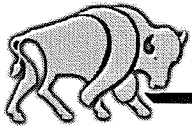
There being no further business, Hepper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Anderson seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

### HERD DISPERSAL

The farm has been sold and the new owners say the buffalo must go within 30 days! Animals are located in Lewisburg, Kentucky and will be sold as a group.

Call Wayne Judkins at (615) 390-6796 or waynejudkins@comcast.net

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| (1) 9 yr old breed bull | (8) 8 yr old cows |
| (6) 3 yr old bulls      | (7) 6 yr old cows |
| (4) bull calves         | (4) 3 yr old cows |
| (2) 2 yr old cows       | (7) yr/ig heifers |
| (3) hfr calves          |                   |



## October 22, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes

President Chad Kremer called the meeting to order. Present were board members Mimi Hillenbrand, Tom LeFaive, Larry Carr, Nancy Hepper and executive director, Karen Conley. Sale Committee members Zane Holcomb, Sandy Limpert and Scott Peterson were also in attendance.

President Kremer asked if everyone had received and reviewed the minutes from the September 24 meeting. Everyone acknowledged that they had. Hepper made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Hillenbrand seconded the motion. Motion carried.

To facilitate the meeting, President Kremer asked to drop down on the agenda to the 2008 show information so the group could discuss plans with the sale committee members.

Limpert noted that he favored the least amount of rules and restrictions on any consignment animals, especially with regard to limitations on amount of animals we can accept. There was discussion about how many animals to accept and how to go about limiting the numbers per class and per consignor. President Kremer noted that in order to take more animals, we would need more panels. Possible sources were discussed with Jerry Croft, Kevin Casey and Mimi Hillenbrand being mentioned. The sale committee will visit with these parties to see if extra panels would be available if needed.

President Kremer reviewed the set up and dates for the new location of our show and sale. Thursday, January 31 and Friday, February 1 will be dates for animals to arrive and unload. Saturday, February 2 will be the Winter Conference and awards banquet. Sunday, February 3 will be the auction at the Events Center on the Central States Fairgrounds.

There was much discussion about a consignment auction with regard to commissions, health requirements and a commitment from consignors. The health discussion shed new light on co-mingling of animals that do not have the same health requirements. The group discussed further and decided it might not be possible to have a consignment auction unless the health requirements were the same as the show animals. There was further discussion about how to handle this situation.

In lieu of a consignment auction that would require the same testing as the show animals, the group decided to try offering expanded pen classes as a way to offer something to the commercial consignors and buyers. Pen sizes were discussed and in what groups to offer them. Hepper made a motion to drop the current Pen of Three Heifer Calves and Pen of Three Bull Calves in favor of two new classes, Pen of Ten Heifer Calves and Pen of Ten Bull Calves. Hillenbrand seconded the motion. There was further discussion about the pen sizes. Hepper then amended her original motion to offer two new classes, Pen of Ten Heifer Calves and Pen of Five Bull Calves. Hillenbrand seconded the new motion. Motion carried.

The group went back and looked at the other class offerings in the show. It was agreed to keep the single heifer and bull calf classes, along with the single yearling heifer and yearling bull classes. Hepper made a motion to drop the Pen of Two Yearling Heifers and Pen of Two Two Year Old Bred Heifers and instead offer a Pen of Five Yearling Heifers. Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried. This will eliminate one class offering from the show lineup. The new classes would be: Heifer Calves, Bull Calves, Pen of Ten Heifer Calves, Pen of Five Bull Calves, Yearling Heifers, Pen of Five Yearling Heifers, Yearling Bulls and Two Year Old Bred Heifers. These classes will all be judged classes.

Holcomb noted that he had found a scale that would be available for us to use to weigh the animals. The group agreed this would be a good idea and a benefit to the buyers, especially on the larger pens of animals. Holcomb will go ahead and secure the scale for use dur-

ing the show and will set it up so the animals are weighed when they come in off the trailer. Weight information will not be available to anyone until after the judging of animals is complete.

The group then went through the current health requirements. Limpert noted that there is a ruling to open up the Canadian border by November 14 and if that goes through, they require Bluetongue testing for export to Canada. He asked if we should consider going back to 4-way testing again. Hepper suggested keeping the current 3-way testing (TB, Anaplasmosis, Brucellosis) and encouraging consignors to do the Bluetongue test. Holcomb noted that the additional test is not really cost prohibitive and if we did 4-way testing, all animals could go anywhere and it would eliminate confusion for everyone. Hillenbrand made a motion to require 4-way testing (TB, Anaplasmosis, Brucellosis, Bluetongue). Hepper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Class limits were discussed. This will be determined by how many panels we have available. President Kremer noted that with the larger pens of calves, it will help with pen space and design. It was suggested to limit the pens of calves to 20 pens in each class and the group agreed that would be a good target number at this time. Availability of panels and space will be the final determining factor and that decision will be up to the sale committee.

President Kremer noted that we will need to line up more help for our back and also to help with the auction details. The Sale Committee will work on this with assistance from the board. President Kremer will also work with Holcomb to line up the second judge for the event.

There being no further business about the show and sale, the Sale Committee members exited the conference call. The board then returned to the agenda and talked about the Winter Conference. Conley has contacted Mark Kossler about being a speaker, but she has not had confirmation from him at this time. She will contact him and let the board know if he has been secured as a speaker. The group also agreed to go with Anderson's suggestion of another producer panel with different topics and the opportunity for questions from the audience. Hillenbrand asked if anyone would be interested in a speaker from the School of Mines on Carbon Credits. No one had much information about this topic, so Conley asked Hillenbrand to forward the information to her and she would find out more about this topic and use as our conference scheduling allows.

We will have the Friday night reception at Prairie Edge as we have in the past.

The group also talked about further placings for the show animals. It was agreed to leave the placing structure as is, with three placings awarded in each class. Trophy sponsors are needed and Conley will send out information to the board members so that process can begin.

Auction insurance was discussed and Conley noted that she had received a reply from the NBA about their current costs and coverage and it was less than first anticipated but she will forward the exact information when she receives that. She is also waiting for a quote and information from a local insurance agent in Rapid City. That information will also be forwarded when she receives it.

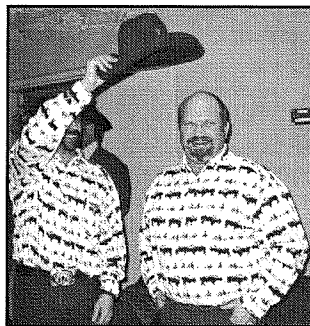
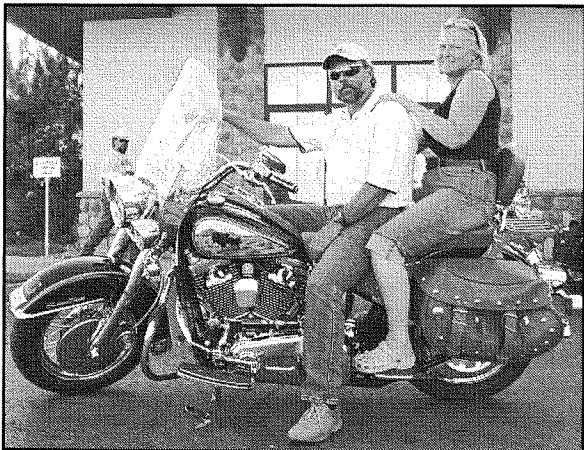
Hepper mentioned that we need to be looking at new board members in January. Kremer and LeFaive's terms are up and Kremer indicated he will run again. Conley will include this in the newsletter and encourage anyone interested to contact a board member.

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

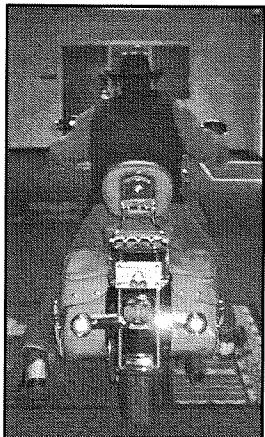
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**Black Hills Buffalo Classic  
Show & Sale information  
inside this issue!**

**WISHING YOU ALL A BLESSED AND JOYOUS CHRISTMAS SEASON!**



*At left: Seems like every year a couple of our members manage to pick out the same shirts to wear to the DTBA banquet. This past year Chad Kremer and Mike Thiel won the "twins" honor. Makes one wonder who will look alike this year?!*

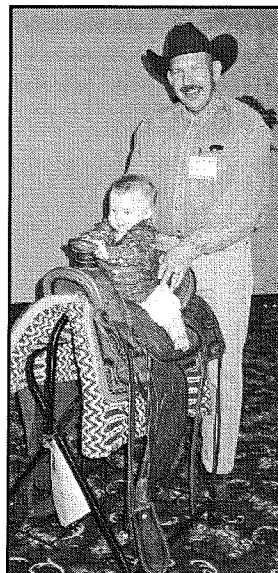


*Above: Doug and Anna Griller pose with their new IBC Harley Davidson motorcycle. Doug was the high bidder on the auction bike.*

*At left: Redneck Scooter! Push, Scott, push!! The IBC auction Harley racked up more miles being pushed around parking lots and hotels than it did actual ride miles.*

*At right: Wyatt Anderson shows dad, Bruce, how to ride like a cowboy. And yes, Wyatt did drool on the saddle, just like a lot of adults did everywhere it was on display.*

*Far right: Wendy Hutchinson poses with saddle-maker Jerry Croft and his IBC "Tatonka" saddle. Wendy's friend, Roy Liedtke, won the raffle saddle but he wasn't around so Wendy stood in for him in the official winner's photo. Wonder if Wendy bothered to tell Roy he won...*





# 2008 DTBA Black Hills Buffalo Classic Showcase

January 31 - February 3, 2008 • Rapid City, SD  
Sale: Sunday, February 3 at 10:00 a.m.

Show/Sale Chairman • Zane Holcomb • (605) 375-3478 or [ndabuff@sdplains.com](mailto:ndabuff@sdplains.com)

## 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.
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 December 1, 2007 and January 31, 2008 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. 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. Top 5 Bull Calves and Top 10 Heifer Calves 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 mouthing 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 Showcase can not have entered another show and sale in the six months prior to the Black Hills Buffalo Classic event.

**THE SHOW/SALE COMMITTEE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDING 4-WAY TESTING OF SHOW ANIMALS DUE TO BUYER INTEREST FROM ACROSS THE US & CANADA!!!**

## CONSIGNOR MEETING

There will be a Show and Sale/Carcass Class consignor's meeting held on Friday, February 1, 2008 at 3 p.m. at the Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City in the Executive Lounge.

## 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 acceptable 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**

## **ENTRY LIMITS AND DEADLINES**

Maximum of thirty (30) head for all single classes and twenty (20) entries for the Top Five and Top Ten classes. Two (2) head per consignor per single class and one (1) entry per consignor per Top Five or Top Ten class until January 11, 2008, providing pen space available. If a class is not filled by this date, you will be allowed a three (3) head per consignor per single class and two (2) pens of Top Five and Top Ten per consignor until the classes are filled. Waiting list will apply based on the earliest postal dates on entries. Limits per consignor will be enforced. Limits per class are flexible depending upon overall entries and available pen space.

## **ENTRY ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION**

All consignors whose entries are postmarked no earlier than December 12, 2007, will be notified by January 2, 2008 (or earlier) as to which entries have been accepted into the 2008 Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale. Entries postmarked after that date will be notified as soon as possible about the status of their entries. BHBC Show and Sale ear tags will mail beginning December 31, 2007.

## **ARRIVAL AND LOADOUT TIME**

Animals will be unloaded at the Pennington County Events Center at the Central States Fairgrounds. Pens will be located just south of the Event Center. Maps will be included in your packet with ear tags. Animals may be unloaded on Thursday, January 31 from 12:00 noon until 4:30 p.m. and on Friday, February 1 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Load out after the sale will begin at the conclusion of the sale, as soon as payment and health forms are in order and continue until dark. On Monday, February 4, loadout will take place from 7:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. All animals MUST be off the grounds by 12:00 noon on Monday, February 4. Any animals left in the pens after dark on Sunday evening are there at the owner's risk.

## **CLASSIC PRODUCER AWARD & ROOKIE OF THE YEAR** (Determined on a point system)

Points for Gold, Silver and Bronze awards will be given on a 3-2-1 basis. A Grand Champion will earn one extra bonus point. A Reserve Champion will earn one-half point. The Reality-Based Carcass Class awards will count towards the Classic Producer's Award and will use the same point system as outlined above.

There will only be one Producer of the Year and Rookie of the Year award given out in a respective year. Should there be a tie for either award, the show and sale committee and the DTBA board of directors will use the following criteria to break the tie: Honorable Mentions, depth of class and number of classes entered. All decisions of the judges, the show and sale committee and the board of directors will be final.

## **LIABILITY**

1. The consignor assumes all responsibilities in regards to, but not limited to, the above terms and conditions of this show and sale. The DTBA acts only as agents and will assume NO responsibility in the event of injury or death to any animal or for any discrepancy between the buyers and the consignors.

2. The Judges and/or Show Committee reserve the right to disqualify and remove any animal(s) from the Show and Sale if the animal(s) appear to be of undesirable quality or of the wrong age. A chute will also be on hand. Committee decisions are final.

3. Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale Committee reserves the right to inspect any animals and may ultimately disqualify any animal for any reason they deem necessary. All decisions of the show and sale committee are final.

4. Disqualified animals must be removed from the show grounds immediately.

## **NOTE ABOUT THE SIFTING COMMITTEE**

The sifting committee is appointed by the DTBA Board of Directors and the show chairman. Members of the sifting committee cannot have animals consigned to the show when serving in this capacity.

The sifting committee will have no tolerance for animals that are undesirable. Any undesirable animals will be loaded back on to the consignor's trailer. It will be the responsibility of the consignor to provide feed and care for his/her animal(s). These animals will not be judged in the show and will not be allowed to sell in the sale ring during the auction.

**Consignors not following the rules or complying with the decisions of the show chairman and the sifting committee will be penalized and will result in being banned from future shows.**

**Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show & Sale  
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# ENTRY FORM

Please use a separate entry form for each owner. Names and addresses will be printed as completed below.

Ranch \_\_\_\_\_

Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY FEES:** Individual Animal - \$50/head. Top Five Bull Calves - \$125/entry. Top Ten Heifer Calves - \$250/entry. Commission Fee - 9%.

**ENTRY PERIOD:** The entry period will BEGIN on December 12, 2007. Entries will be accepted by mail only and the postmark date will be used as the qualifying factor for the entries. **ENTRIES POSTMARKED BEFORE December 12 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** Entry deadline is January 11, 2008, one entry per consignor per Top Five or Top Ten class and two entries per consignor per single animal class. After January 11, an additional entry per consignor per class will be allowed if a class is not full

1. Entry fee includes pen and feed. (Animals may be penned together in their respective classes.)

2. Entry fee is non-refundable.

3. Animals will be unloaded from 12:00 noon until 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 31 and from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Friday, February 1. These times will be strictly adhered to as a veterinarian will be on site to check health papers. Judging will take place on February 1 and 2 and the auction will be held on Sunday, February 3. Announcements will begin at 9:30 a.m. and animals will sell at 10:00 a.m. sharp!

4. Special show ear tags will be sent for each animal entered and must be applied in the left ear. Ear tags will begin mailing on December 31, 2007.

## CLASSES

- Bull Calves (2007)
- Heifer Calves (2007)
- Top Five Bull Calves (2007)
- Top Ten Heifer Calves (2007)
- Yearling Bulls (2006)
- Yearling Heifers (2006)
- Two Year Old Bred Heifers (2005)

Show ID	Class (enter each animal or pen)	Birth Year	Single Animal \$50	Pen of 5 \$125	Pen of 10 \$250

Total      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total of all entry fees      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please see other side of this form for additional information and required signature.**

# Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show & Sale January 31 - February 3, 2008 • Rapid City, SD

The consignor assumes all responsibilities in regard to the above mentioned terms and conditions of this show and sale. The Dakota Territory Buffalo Association acts only as an agent and will assume NO responsibility in the event of injury or death to any animal or for any discrepancy between the buyer and the consignor. Consignor agrees to indemnify and hold the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association and its officers, members, directors, employees or agents harmless from and against any lawsuits, claims, action or causes of action, arising out of, or in connection with, any errors or omissions of Consignor, its agents, representatives or employees, with respect to Consignor's duties and responsibilities set forth in this Agreement. This obligation by Consignor includes, but is not limited to, the cost of defense, payment of any judgments and payment of any expenses and for attorney's fees and other costs which may be incurred.

I have read the terms and conditions included with this entry form and agree to abide by them.

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Signature of Consignor Required

Date

**Consignors must be a current member of the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association.**

*If you are not currently a member, please remit the membership fee (\$50) along with your entry fees.*

*There is a downloadable membership application available on our website at:*

*[www.dakotabuffalo.com](http://www.dakotabuffalo.com)*

*Make checks payable to: Dakota Territory Buffalo Association or DTBA*

**Mail completed entry forms and payment to:  
Dakota Territory Buffalo Association  
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**For further information, contact:**

**Show/Sale Chairman, Zane Holcomb - (605) 375-3478 or [ndabuff@sdplains.com](mailto:ndabuff@sdplains.com)**

**DTBA Office, Karen Conley - (605) 923-6383 or [info@dakotabuffalo.com](mailto:info@dakotabuffalo.com)**

## **NEW LOCATION FOR 2008!**

**Animals consigned to the show and sale will be delivered to our new event location at the Pennington County Event Center at the Central States Fairgrounds. The grounds are located on Centre Street (east/west), which is in between Cambell Street and LaCrosse Street (north/south). A map and directions will be included in your packet with ear tags and information.**

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# Teeth Affidavit Form

This form **MUST** be filled out for **ALL** Two Year Old Animals Entered In The Show and Sale.  
Please use a separate entry for each two year old animal.

Ranch: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Examination Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Must be between December 1, 2007 and January 31, 2008)

Animal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

BHBC Ear Tag No. \_\_\_\_\_

Ranch Ear Tag No. \_\_\_\_\_

Brucellosis Metal Test Tag No. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Classification:**

Upon visual examination of said animal's mouth, to the best of my knowledge, this animal is two years old and that this buffalo has no more than two fully erupted incisors at the time of examination. I understand that if this buffalo has a third adult incisor erupting at the time of examination, that it cannot be certified to be two years old.

**Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale Committee reserves the right to inspect any animals and may ultimately disqualify any animal for any reason they deem necessary.**

**ALL DECISIONS OF THE SHOW AND SALE COMMITTEE ARE FINAL.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Examining Veterinarian Required

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Veterinarian

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Remarks:

# 2008 Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show & Sale Health Requirements Checklist

CLASS	2 Yr Old Bred Hfirs	Yearling Hfirs	Top 10 Hfr Calves	Hfr Calves	Yearling Bulls	Top 5 Bull Calves	Bull Calves
Neg. Brucellosis Test after Jan. 10, 2008	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Neg. TB Test (caudal fold) after Jan. 10, 2008	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Neg. Anaplasmosis Test after Jan. 10, 2008	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Official Calthood Vaccinates (OCV) verified by tatoo	Required	Required	OCV	OCV	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bluetongue	Optional Must be neg.	Optional Must be neg.	Optional Must be neg.	Optional Must be neg.	Optional Must be neg.	Optional Must be neg.	Optional Must be neg.
Injectible Ivermec on or after Jan. 10, 2008 (if coming from south of the WY-NE-IA border, injected on or after Jan. 25, 2008)	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Semen test	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Required	N/A	N/A
Pregnancy verification	Required (must be at least 90 days pregnant at time of verification)	Required (Certified Open)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Teeth Affadavit	Required	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Health Certificate	Required List all separate	Required List all separate	Required Can be on same cert.	Required List all separate	Required List all separate	Required Can be on same cert.	Required List all separate

# 2008 DTBA REALITY-BASED BULL & HEIFER CARCASS CLASS

*Held in conjunction with the Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show & Sale*

**Rapid City, SD • January 31 - February 3, 2008**

**Limited To 12 Head of Bulls and 12 Head of Heifers**

**Cash Prizes And Trophies For First, Second & Third Place in Each Category**

*1st Place - \$2,500*

*2nd Place - \$1,000*

*3rd Place - \$500*

## CARCASS CLASS ENTRY INFORMATION AND TERMS

1. Entry fee is \$300 per consignment. One entry per consignor in each class. ENTRIES MAY NOT BE POSTMARKED BEFORE NOVEMBER 26, 2007. ONLY ENTRIES WITH A POSTMARK OF NOVEMBER 26 OR LATER WILL BE ACCEPTED. Consignors will be notified if their entry is accepted.
2. All entries will be mouthed when they arrive at Western Buffalo Company on the slaughter date. On that date, only bulls with all their baby teeth will be accepted and heifers can not have more than two permanent teeth.
3. **PLEASE NOTE:** The minimum weight for bull carcasses will be 550 pounds. The minimum weight for heifer carcasses will be 435 pounds. Please keep this in mind as you select animals to bring to the contest. Carcasses not meeting the minimum weight requirements will be disqualified from the contest and there will be no entry fee refund. Western Buffalo Company has agreed to purchase those carcasses at an approximate price of \$2.15 for bulls and \$2.05 for heifers, depending on the market, or the consignor may pay the processing fee and take the meat home. All other terms and conditions relating to the carcasses will still apply to those that are disqualified from the contest.
4. No health papers are needed on the animals participating in the Carcass Class.
5. **Bulls and heifers will be delivered live to Western Buffalo Company in Rapid City, SD on Monday, January 7, 2008 only.** Please be aware that, given the work schedule at Western Buffalo Company, the association is trying to work within a set time frame. We will be able to process all entries in one day.
6. South Dakota State University and a State Inspector will be on hand to oversee the testing of the meat cuts. All cuts will be trimmed to 1/4" fat cover and the ground buffalo will be tested for fat content and a sliding scale for value of product will be set up.
7. All buffalo will be boxed separately and frozen. Cut test sheets on each carcass will be developed showing how the cuts or group of cuts affect the bottom line.
8. The winner of the Carcass Class will be the buffalo that yields the most percentage of profit.
9. The winning carcasses will become the property of the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association and will be purchased by Western Buffalo Company with the proceeds going to the association.
10. The ribeye from ALL carcass class entries is donated and will be used as the main entree at the DTBA Awards Banquet during our Winter Conference. The cost of the ribeyes from ALL the entries is put into one lump sum and then equally deducted from each consignor's check. If you want the meat back from your animals, be aware that the ribeye area will not be included. There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
11. All other entries will have the option of paying a modest processing fee and taking their carcass home or Western Buffalo Company will purchase the carcasses outlined above.
12. Consignors will be asked to provide a history of entries, to include items such as days on feed, type of feed, genetics, weaning weight, last available weight at home, etc. Please keep this in mind as you prepare your entries. All entries will be photographed at Western Buffalo Company prior to slaughter.
13. Class winners will receive points that go toward the BHBC Producer of the Year award.
14. Entry fee is not refundable. Consignors must be in good standing with the association to enter.
15. There will be a Consignor's Meeting at 3 p.m. on Friday, February 1, 2008 at the Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City, SD. Your attendance is encouraged at this meeting.

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Rapid City, SD • January 31 - February 3, 2008

Limited To 12 Head of Bulls and 12 Head of Heifers • Delivery Date January 7, 2008

Cash Prizes And Trophies For First, Second & Third Place in Each Category

1st Place - \$2,500

2nd Place - \$1,000

3rd Place - \$500

## ENTRY FORM

BULL

HEIFER

Ranch \_\_\_\_\_

Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to Western Buffalo Company to purchase my carcass at the prices listed in the terms and conditions.

I would like to have the meat back from my carcass entry and agree to pay the processing fees to Western Buffalo Company.

I understand that the ribeye from my entry(s) will be donated to the DTBA and the cost of that will be deducted from my check if Western Buffalo Company purchases the carcass or that cut will not be included in the meat if I take the carcass back.

I understand that there are minimum carcass weight requirements and if my entry does not meet them, it will be disqualified from the contest but will still be subject to the terms and conditions as stated on the entry form.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Consignor Required

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please make entry fees payable to Dakota Territory Buffalo Association or DTBA.

Mail completed entry forms and payment to:

Dakota Territory Buffalo Association

PO Box 4104

Rapid City, SD 57709