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Still Smoldering...Amenability

In the November newsletter, we tried to inundate you with information on all sides of the Amenable Species issue. There were articles both pro and con on the issue. We asked you to take the time to read the articles, familiarize yourself with the topic and then make your voice heard to the DTBA Board and your NBA directors.

Well, response has been less than overwhelming. This is a very important issue and one you need to address. This issue, regardless of what happens in the NBA arena, will affect you in some fashion if you raise buffalo and have them processed for meat products.

Do you need more information on the topic to make an informed choice? Please feel free to contact any other DTBA Board, your NBA representative or visit with your local processors to get their thoughts on the issue.

Our National Bison Association Regional Director, Scott Peterson, has asked the DTBA Board to provide him with a statement from the association citing the association's stance on this issue. In order for this statement to be one representing our members, we need you, the members, to let your Board know what you think. The Board truly wants to ensure they are representing the will of the members, but we have to have your input in order to do that.

Please, take a few minutes and pick up the phone or send an email to any of the Board and let them know what you think about the Amenable Species issue. Their phone numbers and email addresses are located on the left side of this page. If you prefer, you can address your remarks directly to the NBA Regional Director that represents your area. Their contact information is shown below:

SD, ND, MT

Scott Peterson, Belle Fourche, SD
(605) 641-7268 or jumpoff@mato.com

AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, NV, OR, UT, WA

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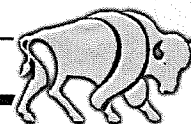
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Robert Long, Halltown, MO
(417) 491-4825 or rlong@mokancomm.net

Make Hotel Reservations NOW!

Our host hotel for our Winter Conference will be the Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City. Show animals can be brought in starting on Thursday, February 5 and on Friday afternoon, February 6, we will have a board meeting, consignor meeting and our welcoming reception at Prairie Edge. Saturday, February 7 is conference day and awards banquet that evening and our auctions will be held on Sunday, February 8. Please make your hotel reservations accordingly. **We have a room block set aside, just ask for the DTBA block when you make reservations. The hotel number is (605) 343-8550. The room block is good through January 6, 2009, so don't wait!** The hotel sells out this weekend every year. Call today!





Bison Research Sites Needed

Hi, my name is Bob Mahoney and I am a senior at North Dakota State University (and a DTBA member) and am currently seeking various bison ranch sites within the Minnesota, North and South Dakota areas to do observational research on bison cow corral behavior. My expected time frame is early next summer, late May into June and the middle of July 2009.

I am looking for herds of bison that are either "domesticated"- dehorned and culled heavily for attitude and temperament.; "semi-domesticated"- those bison cows that are not culled heavily because they create more problems, a more natural semi-wild state; lastly the "wild" type - those individuals that are handled once a year or not at all, they are just allowed to be bison.

If you are interested in assisting me with this research project, please feel free to contact me at:

Bob Mahoney
1117 42nd St S. #102
Fargo, North Dakota 58103
Phone 701-277-7298 or email: buffalo2bob@aol.com

Calendar Of Buffalo Events

January 5 - January 9, 2009 - Custer State Park Internet Auction. (605) 255-4515.

January 10 - Triple U First Annual Production Auction. At the ranch, Ft. Pierre, SD. (605) 567-3624.

January 21 - January 23 - National Bison Assn. Winter Conference. Westin Westminster, Westminster, CO. (303) 292-2833.

January 24 - National Bison Assn. Gold Trophy Show and Sale. National Western Stock Show Livestock Center Auction Arena, Denver, CO. (303) 292-2833.

February 6 - February 7 - Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Winter Conference. Ramkota Hotel, Rapid City, SD. (605) 923-6383.

February 8 - Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale and Calf Auction. Pennington County Events Center at the Central States Fairgrounds, Rapid City, SD. (605) 923-6383.

February 20 - North Dakota Buffalo Assn. Winter Conference. Best Western Seven Seas, Mandan, ND. (701) 252-1122.

February 21 - North Dakota Buffalo Assn. Winter Consignment Auction. KIST Livestock, Mandan, ND. (701) 252-1122.

March 13 - 14 - Rocky Mountain Buffalo Assn. Peak to Peak Buffalo Show and Sale. National Western Stock Yards, Denver, Co. (303) 243-0900.

April 3 - 5 - Minnesota Buffalo Assn. 16th Annual Educational Conference. Detroit Lakes, MN. (507) 454-2828.

Thoughts And Prayers Needed

Please keep **Ralph Mahoney** in your thoughts and prayers. Ralph has battled cancer for the past few years and was recently diagnosed with incurable cancer. He says he is just taking it one day at a time and we certainly want him to know his buffalo family is thinking of him and wife, Mary.

CONGRATULATIONS!

A hearty congratulations to **Chris and Stacey Kremer** on the birth of their son, Christopher Jerome (CJ)! Christopher was born on October 27 at 6:54 a.m. He weighed 7 lbs., 3.5 ounces and measured 18.5 inches. Christopher joins big sister, Madelyn, to round out the family.

New Membership Directory

Inside this newsletter, you will find an insert for advertisements in the new Membership Directory. Our intent is to have one printed as soon as possible after the first of the year, as our current directory supply is nearly exhausted and we have had so many new members we need to get it updated and out to the public.

Please read through the directory sign up and if you are interested in placing an advertisement in the new one, let the office know as soon as possible.

In order to make the directories as user friendly and helpful to you, the producer, as possible, please review your information on the DTBA website member area to ensure that all the information is current and correct. We list all contact information and all the products and services you provide, based on your membership registration form. If you don't mark it off, we don't know if you offer it. Please take a few minutes and make sure your information and product listing is up to date. It's for your benefit, as the directories are handed out all over the region and many people are asking where they can get meat and/or by products and this is an excellent resource tool for them.

Don't be left out of the new directory. Get your membership dues paid up, your information current and let's get your operation promoted and out to the public!

Welcome New DTBA Members!

Tom Barthel, Snake River Farm, Becker, MN

Time To Pay 2009 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 "2008", you need to renew your dues at this time. If the date on your newsletter is 2007 or beyond, your dues need to be paid now in order to continue receiving materials from the association.

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!

One of the inserts in this newsletter is the conference registration/membership renewal form. Even if you can't attend the winter conference (and you really should! It's going to be great!) please fill out the registration form and return with your dues payment.

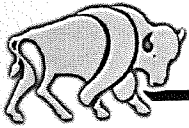
We'd like to print a new membership directory right after the first of the year and many of you have had address changes this past year due to the new 911 address system that has been put in place, so this is the easiest way for the office to get your information up to date and ensure that you continue to receive materials and information from the association.

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in your 2009 dues. It's very much appreciated!

MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS TODAY!

Call the Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City at
(605) 343-8550

Ask for the DTBA Room Block
Winter Conference • February 6 - 8, 2009



Winter Conference: Looking Back

The 2009 Winter Conference is fast approaching...but we don't have the final agenda in place just yet. We are working to line up speakers and sessions and once everything is in place, we'll send out a January newsletter with all the times and speakers that will be on tap.

Suffice to say, this is one conference you won't want to miss! Our focus this year will be on visiting the past. Several members are in the process of contacting producers and others involved in the buffalo world from many years back. Our hope is to have an enjoyable day telling stories, asking questions and hearing from some of the "old hands" that have been in this business and around buffalo for more years than they can count. What an opportunity to glean information that might one day be lost. It should make for a very memorable and enjoyable day, one you will not want to miss.

Additionally, we will have a presentation by the National Bison Association and a mini-workshop of sorts on marketing, courtesy of the National Bison Association and the Risk Management Agency. With our new Premium Calf Auction, the thought was to take a look at the marketing of calves, both pro and con. Again, more details will be forthcoming in the January newsletter.

Make your hotel reservations now and plan to spend a fun, informative weekend with us in Rapid City!

October 9, 2008 Meeting Minutes - Telephone Conference Call

President Chad Kremer called the meeting to order. Present were board members John Cammack, Nancy Hepper, Larry Carr, Bruce Anderson and executive director, Karen Conley.

The board reviewed the association financials. It was decided at this time, due to the volatility of the market, to not replace the \$10,000 that was borrowed from the UBS account back into that account. The money is currently being held in the association savings account. Conley will check with the bank to find out if there is any limit on the amount we can have in savings or about putting some of the funds into a short term CD. There being no further questions or comments about the Treasurer's Report, Anderson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Cammack seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Kremer updated the board as to our status with the Black Hills Stock Show. They are waiting to find out what the DTBA is going to do with regard to the additional consignment auction. Once a design has been made, a meeting will be set with the BHSS group to go over our plans.

There was discussion about the issue of testing for the two different live animal auctions. All agreed that testing should be the same and it was decided to require 3-way testing (Brucellosis, Anaplasmosis and Tuberculosis) for all animals being sold during our event.

The second judge for the live animal show was discussed. A list of potential judges was created and Conley will contact those on the list to secure the second judge for the show.

The consignment auction was discussed. There was a great deal of input from the sale committee on formats and various class groupings. The board made a decision to limit this first consignment auction to calves only. It will be marketed as a premium calf auction, designed to allow as many producers as possible to showcase a selection of their calf crop. Producers will be encouraged to bring a representative group of their calf crop to put in front of prospective buyers. This will allow for a much greater exposure to a wide range of buyers.

The calf consignment auction will be structured as follows: Each producer can bring a limit of 20 head of calves. They can bring up to two lots, depending on how many of each bulls or heifers they

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, February 6 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.

Sponsorships Needed For 2009

With our 2009 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.

choose to bring. Minimum lot size is 10 head, so a producer could, for example, bring 10 head each of bull and heifer calves. Or 20 head of bull calves or 20 head of heifer calves, etc. The association will create a catalog with a short bio for each consignor so they can give information about how many more calves they have back home or whatever they choose to advertise about their program. Contact information, program information, etc. will be in the catalog which will be designed as a resource for buyers.

There will be no changes to the Reality Based Carcass Class for 2009. It was suggested that it might be a good time to have Bruce Anderson do another presentation about this class to the attendees at the winter conference.

The Young Guns Bull Challenge is set for this year with 18 entries in the first group. During the 2009 conference, time will be set aside for anyone interested in this class to meet and explore the idea of entering two animals, one in the live show and one in the carcass class in 2010.

Need to start lining up sponsorships for 2009. Conley will provide a list and costs to the board members so we can begin rounding up the sponsorships.

The group discussed ideas for the winter conference. Suggestions including Kit Pharo and perhaps some Canadian producers. No solid plans were made at this time.

There was an offer from the Rocky Mountain Buffalo Association to participate with them in a Producer Seminar next fall. The weekend of September 19, 2009 will be set aside and interested parties will be meeting at Boyd Meyer's ranch in Cheyenne, Wyoming for a Producer Seminar and Ranch Tour. The board was very excited about this and discussion included renting a bus or two to take down to the meeting and perhaps having current producers sponsor a new producer for the event. The group could even tour a ranch or two on the way to or from the meeting. The board decided this would be a good idea to pursue and Anderson will let Boyd Meyer know the DTBA would like to participate in this event.

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

Dakota Territory Buffalo Association
P.O. Box 4104
Rapid City, SD 57709



So Much Inside This Issue!

Inside this issue of the December newsletter, you'll find all kinds of inserts and information. Please go through everything carefully!

You should find inserts for the Winter Conference registration, Membership Directory advertising, Reality Based Carcass Class entry form, Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show form, Young Guns Yearling Bull Challenge entry form and the Premium Calf Auction entry form, along with terms and conditions for each of those events. If you are missing anything, please contact the office or you may download all of the information from our website at: www.dakotabuffalo.com. On the home page, there is a box on the left side for Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale information and all of the information will be available there in pdf format. It will also be found with the December newsletter under the newsletter tab.

Spa Day for the Ladies: Reserve Now

It's back by popular demand! For you gals that need a little pampering during your "vacation" in Rapid City, rest easy. Susan Peterson will be putting together a Spa Day for the ladies attending our conference. Everyone who went last year had an awesome time with a lot of laughs and plenty of "me" time.

On Friday, February 6 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., The Mystique Edge at 509 7th Street in Rapid City will be catering to our buffalo gals. This will be a first-come, first-serve type of event. There will be a variety of treatments available, but you don't even have to have one. You are welcome to just join the group for some socializing, beverages, cheeses and sweets.

There are a variety of services and price ranges available. Check out their web site for details: www.mystiqueedge.com.

If you think you might be interested in participating, please contact Susan at (605) 892-4466 or (605) 641-4466. For information on the services offered, call Susan or visit the web site.

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 2009 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, February 5 from 12:00 noon until 4:30 p.m. and Friday, February 6 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 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 8, 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 9 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!!



WINTER CONFERENCE & MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Registrations must be post-marked by January 31.
Mail to: DTBA
P.O. Box 4104
Rapid City, SD 57709

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Ranch Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____

E-mail _____

Web Site Address _____

Number of People Attending DTBA 2009 Winter Conference @ \$90 Per Person _____

(Price shown includes all breaks, Saturday lunch and evening banquet meal)

Names of Those Attending _____

Limit (1) Banquet Only Ticket @ \$45 - Name _____

You must purchase a full conference to be eligible to purchase one Banquet Only ticket.

2009 DTBA Membership Dues Enclosed @ \$50 Each _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE DAKOTA TERRITORY BUFFALO ASSOCIATION or DTBA REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2009.

There will be a \$30 late fee for registration at the door.

In order to be of greater service to our membership, the DTBA Board of Directors has authorized a VOLUNTARY questionnaire designed to help our membership. Frequently, the DTBA receives requests on where to purchase buffalo or buffalo-related items. We are working on compiling a comprehensive list of our members who would like their goods and services made available, both in the industry and to those outside the industry. Your participation in this survey will help to publicize your buffalo-related businesses. We will use the information provided by you to compile a list that will be made available at trade shows, auctions, DTBA events and also in upcoming membership directories. The list will be used in the DTBA office to answer questions and direct inquires to the appropriate parties. Please check all that apply to your operation and if you have other bison-related items, please write them in.

Please mark each of the following that apply to your current operation:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Breeding Stock | <input type="checkbox"/> Meat | <input type="checkbox"/> Hides |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bull Calves | <input type="checkbox"/> Specialty Meats | <input type="checkbox"/> Skulls |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Absentee Owner Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Concession | <input type="checkbox"/> Leather |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunts | <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Boxes | <input type="checkbox"/> Handling Equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tours | <input type="checkbox"/> Other By Products | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Production Auction - Date _____ Location _____ | | |

I agree to allow the DTBA to publish this information in their Membership Directory and on their Web Site.

Signature _____ Date _____

Dakota Territory Buffalo Association 2009 Membership Directory

We will be printing a new membership directory right after the first of the year. We will once again be printing the popular size of 8.5 x 5.5, as this seems to be the most convenient size for keeping in vehicles and carrying around.

In the past, these membership directories have been paid for through the sales of advertisements in them. Not only does your advertising dollar help support this project and the association, it also guarantees that your message will be seen across the country and into Canada. This directory will be good through the all of 2009, at which time it will be determined if we need to print a new one. We have been going for two years, but if support is there, it would be ideal to go back to printing one each year, as our membership changes frequently and we want to include new members and their current information as much as possible.

Some members have asked what we do with the Membership Directories. Just so you all know, they are sent out to every member of the DTBA, as well as key members of other state/regional and national buffalo organizations. They are used as a resource tool for various media, including newspapers, television and radio and are distributed to all regional media and upon request to others. We have the books available any time the DTBA booth is set up and they are also distributed at the regional and national shows, sales and conferences. All new members of the association receive a copy and other selected persons receive a directory as a way to help our members promote themselves.

Only those members whose dues are current will be included in this publication. This will be an excellent opportunity to get your message out to a very broad and diverse new audience.

In the past few directories, we included the goods and services you indicated your ranch offers in the back of the directory so people who are interested in finding meat sales or live animals, etc., can look in the back and see who is offering those services. This information is taken directly from the membership registration forms you fill out and return to the office. It is the same information found on our website, so please take the time to make sure your contact information and product listings are current and up to date. You can check on the website and then call/email the office to update or change information at any time. If you don't have internet capabilities, just call the office and we will check for you and make any necessary changes. This needs to be done as soon as possible to ensure that your current information makes it into the new directory.

Pricing information for advertising in the new directory is shown below. The book will again be produced by DesignWrite under the direction of the DTBA Board of Directors. Advertisements can be sent in camera-ready (electronically) or, for an additional charge, DesignWrite will produce the advertisement for you. Prices shown are for camera-ready placement into the directory. Please contact DesignWrite at (605) 923-7755 or e-mail: karen@buffaloheard.com for advertising specifications.

Please check the appropriate advertising configuration you would like to reserve your space in the new directory. Fill out and return the information coupon below and you will be contacted regarding your advertisement.

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- • **Half Page, Black & White - \$125**
 - • **Full Page, Black & White - \$175**
 - • **Half Page, Full Color - \$200**
 - • **Full Page, Full Color - \$300**
 - • **Inside Cover, Back Cover, Inside Back Cover, Center Spread - \$350 per page.**

Available on a first-to-contact the association basis. Please call or email if you are interested in these pages.

Your Name: _____

Ranch/Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Please return this form to: Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn., PO Box 4104, Rapid City, SD 57709 or fax to: (605) 923-5154. You may also email your ad request to info@dakotabuffalo.com or phone (605) 923-6383.

2009 DTBA REALITY-BASED BULL & HEIFER CARCASS CLASS

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

Rapid City, SD • February 6 - February 8, 2009

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.
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 \$2.45 for bulls and \$2.35 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 Wednesday, January 14, 2009 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 carcass s 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 6, 2009 at the Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City, SD. Your attendance is encouraged at this meeting.

2009 DTBA Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show & Sale

February 6 - February 8, 2009 • Rapid City, SD
Sale: Sunday, February 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Show/Sale Chairman • Zane Holcomb • (605) 375-3478 or 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 22, 2008 and February 4, 2009 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 HIGHLY RECOMMENDS 4-WAY TESTING OF SHOW ANIMALS

CONSIGNOR MEETING

There will be a Show and Sale/Carcass Class consignor's meeting held on Friday, February 6, 2009 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

**Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show & Sale
February 6 - February 8, 2009 • Rapid City, SD**

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 DEADLINE: Entry deadline is January 19, 2009, one entry per consignor per Top Five or Top Ten class and two entries per consignor per single animal class. After January 19, an additional entry per consignor per class will be allowed if a class is not full. Entries will be accepted until classes are 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, February 5 and from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Friday, February 6. These times will be strictly adhered to. Judging will take place on February 6 and 7 and the auction will be held on Sunday, February 8. 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.

CLASSES

- Bull Calves (2008)
 - Top Five Bull Calves (2008)
 - Yearling Bulls (2007)
 - Two Year Old Bred Heifers (2006)
- Heifer Calves (2008)
 - Top Ten Heifer Calves (2008)
 - Yearling Heifers (2007)

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.

2009 Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show & Sale Health Requirements Checklist

CLASS	2 Yr Old Bred Hfrs	Yearling Hfrs	Top 10 Hfr Calves	Hfr Calves	Yearling Bulls	Top 5 Bull Calves	Bull Calves
Required Brucellosis Test after Jan. 16, 2009	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	<i>Required</i>
Neg. TB Test (caudal fold) after Jan. 16, 2009	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Neg. Anaplasmosis Test after Jan. 16, 2009	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Official Calfhood Vaccinates (OCV) verified by tattoo	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. 16, 2009 (if coming from south of the WY-NE-IA border, injected on or after Jan. 31, 2009)	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

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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 22, 2008 and February 4, 2009)

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:

2009 DTBA YOUNG GUNS YEARLING BULL CHALLENGE

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

Rapid City, SD • February 6 - February 8, 2009

Cash Prizes And Trophies For First, Second & Third Place

1st Place - \$2,000

2nd Place - \$1,000

3rd Place - \$500

YOUNG GUNS YEARLING BULL CHALLENGE ENTRY INFORMATION AND TERMS

1. There will be a \$900 entry fee per calf. Limit of two entries per consignor. Entry fee is non-refundable. \$550 of each entry fee will go to the hosting ranch with the remaining \$350 going to the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association. This fee includes entry into the following years Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR CALVES BEING BROUGHT IN FOR THE CHALLENGE

- A. Negative Tuberculosis test (caudal fold) on all animals. Test must have been done within 25 days of February 9, 2009.
- B. Negative Brucellosis test on all animals. Test must have been done within 25 days of February 9, 2009.
- C. Negative Anaplasmosis test on all animals. Test must have been done within 25 days of February 9, 2009.
- D. 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 February 9, 2009. Animals coming from north of these southern borders must be injected within 25 days of February 9, 2009.
- E. Three copies must be furnished with the original health certificate. Separate health certificates are required for each animal.

EAR TAGS

- A. Show tags, NBA Source Verification tags, metal vaccine/tag and registration button are the only tags acceptable in the buffalo's ear. Upon receipt of your entry, you will be sent TWO ear tags for each calf entered in the Young Guns class. All calves entered into this class will be double tagged to ensure that they can be identified throughout the course of the year testing period. One tag to be placed in each ear prior to delivery at the show grounds.

ARRIVAL TIME

Animals will be unloaded at the Pennington County Events Center at the Central States Fairgrounds. Maps will be included in your packet with ear tags. Animals may be unloaded on Thursday, February 5 from 12:00 noon until 4:30 p.m. and on Friday, February 6 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

- 2. Animals entered into the 2009 -2010 Young Guns Bull Challenge will be delivered to the Pennington County Events Center during the 2009 Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale. The animals will then be transported to the host ranch from this location at the conclusion of the event. The calves will not be judged at any time during the delivery period. The challenge will begin upon arrival at the host ranch.
- 3. Consignors will have the option to pull their animal out of the contest should it become injured or if it is determined that the animal has not met the minimum standards to be sold at the BHBC sale. In the case of an entry being pulled from the contest, there will be no refund of the entry fee and the animal will not be sold at the sale.
- 4. All data collected on the animals during the contest will be provided to both the consignor and buyer of said animal at the completion of the contest.
- 5. At the end of the one year period, all animals will return to compete at the Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale as yearlings. All animals will be tested as per the rules for the Black Hills Buffalo Classic. All testing/tagging, etc. will be done by the host ranch before the animals are returned for the show. The Young Guns Bull Challenge yearlings will be judged as a separate class from the other yearling bulls entered in the show.
- 6. Criteria for judging the Young Guns Bull Challenge will be divided into three categories. One third of the criteria will be based on the animal's grass gains; one third will be based on the animal's finish gains and one third will be based on the live animal judging. The winner of the Young Guns Bull Challenge will be the bull that has the highest combined score based on those three elements.
- 7. Placings in the Young Guns Bull Challenge will be to third place. Trophies will be awarded and cash prizes will be distributed in the following manner: Gold - \$2,000; Silver - \$1000; Bronze - \$500. The trophies and cash awards will be presented to the winning consignors during the DTBA Awards Banquet.
- 8. ALL entries will be sold at the Black Hills Buffalo Classic Sale as part of the Young Guns Bull Challenge class. Proceeds from the sale of the animal, minus the current sale commission, will go to the consignor of the animal.
- 9. Entry fee is not refundable. Consignors must be in good standing with the association to enter.
- 10. There will be a Consignor's Meeting at 3 p.m. on Friday, February 6, 2009 at the Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City, SD. Your attendance is encouraged at this meeting. There will also be a scheduled time on Saturday, February 7 during the day for anyone interested in this class to get more information and for current and potential consignors to discuss improvements and/or additions to this class. The meeting time will be announced and also on the final agenda.

For further information, contact:

**Show/Sale Chairman, Zane Holcomb - (605) 375-3478 or ndabuff@sdplains.com
DTBA Office, Karen Conley - (605) 923-6383 or info@dakotabuffalo.com**

Dakota Territory Buffalo Association Premium Calf Auction

Sunday, February 8, 2009 • Pennington County Events Center

Immediately following the Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show Animal Auction

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: There will be a non-refundable \$5 per head tag fee to accompany the entry form. Upon the sale of your entries, the tag fee will be applied toward your consignment commission fee. Commission Fee - 6%. Any entries that are provided tags and do not come to the auction will forfeit the \$5 per head tag fee.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Entry deadline is January 19, 2009. After that time, entries will be accepted on a space available basis.

CONSIGNMENT LIMITS: Each consignor will be allowed to bring up to 2 lots of calves, no more than a total of 20 head of calves per consignor. The minimum number of animals from one producer will be 10 head and the maximum will be 20 head, with a limit of two consignments per producer, one per sex of the animals. For example, a producer could consign 10 head of heifer calves and 10 head of bull calves or 20 head of bull calves or 20 head of heifer calves. If someone has 12 or 13 head of heifer calves, you could consign those, but that would be your only consignment. A consignment lot cannot be a mixture of bull and heifer calves.

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 calfhood 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 sale date. Animals coming from north of these southern borders must be injected within 25 days of the sale date.
6. Three copies must be furnished with the original health certificate. Separate health certificates are required for each lot of calves.
7. *Animals WILL NOT be unloaded if the health certificates do not meet ALL of the above requirements. NO EXCEPTIONS!*

EAR TAGS: DTBA dangle 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 auction 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.

ARRIVAL TIMES: Animals will be unloaded from 12:00 noon until 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 5 and from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Friday, February 6. These times will be strictly adhered to. The auction will be held on Sunday, February 8. Announcements will begin at 9:30 a.m. and BHBC show animals will sell at 10:00 a.m. sharp! The Premium Calf Auction will immediately follow the BHBC auction.

Class	No. of Head	Tag Fee	Total
Bull Calves (2008)	_____	x \$5=	_____
Heifer Calves (2008)	_____	x \$5=	_____

Total of all entry fees \$ _____

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