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20 Years: Looking Back, Moving Forward

Two decades. Has it really been that long? A lot has happened in that time...we've seen a multitude of changes, tremendous growth, stagnation, successes and failures. We've seen the next generation start to embrace what began twenty years ago and we've said goodbye to many friends. But through it all, this big, happy family has stuck together and continues to move forward. So, what's the tie that binds them all together? Plain and simple... buffalo.

When a small group of buffalo producers first met 20 years ago, not one of them could have foreseen the impact of that meeting. It would have far reaching effects and encompass many people and numerous paths. That meeting would set the stage for what would eventually become one of the largest state and regional buffalo groups, the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association. Based out of Rapid City, SD, the association is gearing up for a twenty-year celebration in February.

Back in 1996, those producers from 12 states and two Canadian provinces, got together to form what was originally called the Great Plains Buffalo Association. Upon finding out that name was already in use, the name of the association was then changed to Dakota Territory Buffalo Association (DTBA). It's a fitting name, as the membership of the association spreads out far and wide beyond the borders of South Dakota.

The changes have not been easy or without major challenges. But the diverse group of people that make up the DTBA are determined to make it work. This group is blessed to have many seasoned producers in the mix, along with many second and third generation producers. At the group's annual conference, it's not unusual to see two or three generations of a family in attendance. Young children grow up among the ranks and begin participating at an early age. Some of those youngest members are now married and raising their own children and continue to participate and show the youngsters the ropes in the business. It's very encouraging to see the next generation being led by the experts.

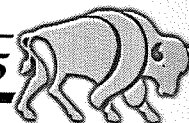
This association has enjoyed such stability and support throughout the 20 year run. It's no stretch to say that for many members, this is their extended family. The annual conference in Rapid City is much like a family reunion and memories made are ones that are cherished. This tight-knit group thinks nothing of lending a helping hand when it's needed. One year it might be raising funds to help with a family member's medical expenses and more recently, the Heifers Helping Heifers campaign saw members donating heifer calves which were sold at the Black Hills Buffalo Classic Auction and the proceeds, nearly \$20,000, went to Heifers for South Dakota which supplied breeding stock beef heifers to producers who lost theirs in Winter Storm Atlas.

This twenty-year celebration is sure to be something special. Slated for February 5 - 7, 2016, the conference line-up on Saturday, February 6 features the widely renowned author and livestock facility designer, Temple Grandin and the evening entertainment highlight will be cowboy poet, Waddie Mitchell. The conference fee will include both of the above events, but the association will also be offering tickets to the Temple Grandin presentation and a banquet only option for those who would like to listen to Waddie Mitchell. The Black Hills Buffalo Classic show awards will also be presented that evening, along with a Fun Auction to round out the evening activities.

There are many fun and exciting surprises in store for conference attendees. Trust us...this is one conference you cannot miss!

The Black Hills Buffalo Classic auction, featuring the Young Guns Yearling Breeding Bull Challenge and the Girlz Gone Wild Two Year Old Bred Heifer Challenge, will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 7 at the Bridger Steel Pavilion (formerly the Captain Glen building) on the Central States Fairgrounds in Rapid City.



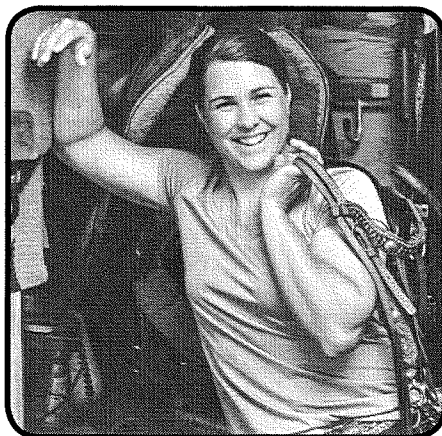


Notes From The President - Marielle Hewitt

Greetings to everyone,

Here we are, my favorite time of year. Harvest time is in full swing, the corrals are full with beautiful, robust and healthy animals. This truly had been a year for the record books. The rainfall in the Midwest has remained incredible. Although the unusually warm and rainy December has added a challenging twist to things. But hey, what bison rancher isn't ready for a good challenge? This extraordinary animal is worth the challenges if you ask me.

As a board, we feel that our 20 year milestone as an association is also extraordinary and worthy of a celebration. This year we will be celebrating the incredible journey it has been. Our theme this year



reflects our focus "Looking to the past, moving into the future". It will be a conference you won't want to miss. Great speakers, great food, great folks, great fun!! And last but not least, the largest selection of premium performance tested breeding bulls and bred heifers in the country.

I hope you have joined me, or will join me, in sorting off your entries for 2016 Young Guns and Girlz Gone Wild. The opportunity to performance test your very own genetics is a rare one and I hope you choose to join in.

I sincerely hope to see you all there, as a family, helping us celebrate this very special milestone!

-Marielle

Board of Directors Needs Candidates

At our annual meeting coming up in February, we will have two positions open on the Board of Directors. If anyone is interested in serving on the board, please contact the office or any of the current board members. Positions are for three year terms.

At this time, current board member Boyd Meyer is eligible to run for another term and has indicated he will do so. Wendy Hutchinson will be stepping down due to term limits and her vacancy will need to be filled with a new person.

Our board is crucial to the success of your association. Any of our board members are more than willing to share their experiences with any prospective candidates.

Contact information for all of our board members can be found on the front page of this newsletter or the DTBA website at www.dakotabuffalo.com. Step forward and make a difference!

Membership Dues to Increase in 2016

Effective February 8, 2016, yearly membership dues will be increasing to \$75 per year. Your board made the decision to raise the dues for the year, but opted to build in a grace period for those who register for the conference so they can enjoy one more year at the previous rate.

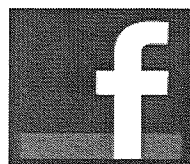
This is only the second dues increase in 20 years and it is the right move to keep your association healthy and vibrant in the coming years. It's not a decision the board takes lightly, but one that came out of thoughtful consideration.

The year your dues have been paid through is above your name on the mailing label of this newsletter. If it says "2015", you need to renew your dues at this time. If the date on your newsletter is 2014 or prior, your dues need to be paid now in order to reinstate your membership and continue to receive goods and services from the association.

Welcome New Members!

**Dennis J Schimke • Glacier Plains Bison
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Follow And Like Us On Facebook



The association has our own page on the popular social networking site, Facebook. The board felt that it would be a beneficial place for the association to share our message and be a valuable tool to help keep our Facebook friends updated on current happenings. We are posting updates and photos for both the Young Guns and Girlz Gone Wild classes and our upcoming conference and show and sale.

If you are not already on Facebook, considering joining. We'd love to have you stop by our page and like us! Your comments and feedback are also welcome and needed so we can make this an area that is beneficial for you to use.

VISION

The vision of the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association is to perpetuate buffalo as the great North American native animal.

MISSION

The mission of the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association is to promote buffalo and furnish a positive forum for creativity and camaraderie among a diverse membership.

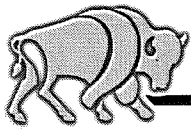
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To practice integrity and be ethical in all our dealings.
To be visionary and proactive for the bison industry.
To help our members be successful.

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Calendar Of Buffalo Events

January 8 - 9, 2016: Montana Bison Assn. Annual Winter Meeting. Holiday Inn Express, Bozeman, MT. www.montanabison.org or (406) 392-5321.

January 8 - 9, 2016: North Dakota Buffalo Assn. Annual Meeting and Buffalo Auction. Napoleon, ND. www.ndbuffalo.com or (701) 340-6282.

January 20 - 22: National Bison Assn. Winter Conference, Denver, CO. (303) 292-2833 or www.bisoncentral.com.

January 23: National Bison Assn. Gold Trophy Show and Sale. National Western Livestock Auction Center, Denver, CO. (303) 292-2833 or www.bisoncentral.com.

February 5 - 6: Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Winter Conference. Best Western Ramkota Hotel, Rapid City, SD. (605) 519-1326 or info@dakotabuffalo.com.

February 7: Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale, Central States Fairgrounds, Rapid City, SD. (605) 519-1326 or info@dakotabuffalo.com.

February 22 - 25: Keys to Successful Bison (Livestock) and Land Management with Roland Kroos. Held at Durham Ranch, Wright, WY. www.crossroadsranchconsulting.com.

March 7 - 10: Discover the Keys to Successful Bison, Land and Financial Management. North Star Bison, Rice Lake, WI. www.crossroadsranchconsulting.com.

March 10 - 12: Eastern Bison Assn. Winter Conference and Annual Show and Sale. Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA. www.ebabison.org.

April 22 - 24: Minnesota Buffalo Assn. Annual Spring Conference. Hosted by Pine Wood Bison Ranch, Albany, MN. www.mnbison.org.

June 20 - 24: National Bison Assn. Summer Conference. Hosted by MnBA and Snake River Farm. Elk River, MN. www.bisoncentral.com or www.mnbison.org.

August 5 - 7: North Dakota Buffalo Assn. 25th Anniversary Ranch Tours Bus Trip. Jamestown, ND. www.ndbuffalo.com.

September 26 - 29: American Bison Society Meeting and Workshop. Banff Centre, Banff National Park, Alberta, Canada. Contact the Wildlife Conservation Society for more information.

July 4 - 7, 2017: 5th International Bison Conference. Big Sky, MT. www.bisoncentral.com.

Welcoming Reception at Prairie Edge

Thanks to the continuing generosity of Mimi Hillenbrand of the 777 Ranch and the great staff at the store, we will be having the popular Welcoming Reception at Prairie Edge in downtown Rapid City as a kick-off to our Winter Conference. The store is unique and the hospitality is top notch, so if you have never had the chance to get there, you need to do this!

The reception will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 5. Prairie Edge is located at 606 Main Street, right in the heart of downtown Rapid City. Food and beverages are courtesy of the event sponsors. You can shop and browse around the expansive store during the reception.

Following the reception, there is an ice skating rink across the street from the east side of the store. That is Main Street Square. They rent ice skates and are open until later in the evening, so some of you might want to lace up and take to the ice! Other evening events include the PRCA rodeo at the civic center, a concert at the fairgrounds and of course, the infamous DTBA Hospitality Room will be open at the Ramkota hotel.

Sponsorships Needed For 2016

With our 2016 events in the not so distant future, we are still in need of sponsorships. There are trophy sponsorships available at this time for our Young Guns Yearling Breeding Bull Challenge, the Girlz Gone Wild Two Year Old Bred Heifer Challenge and the Cutting Edge Carcass Class Bulls and Heifers. Additionally, our Producer of the Year sponsorships are available.

We are also looking for cash sponsors for our Winter Conference speakers, events 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) 519-1326 or email to: info@dakotabuffalo.com.



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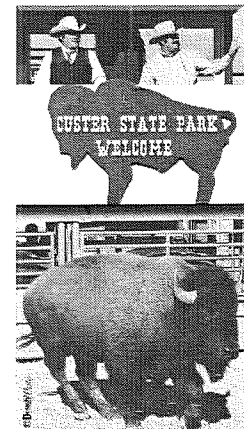
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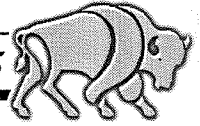
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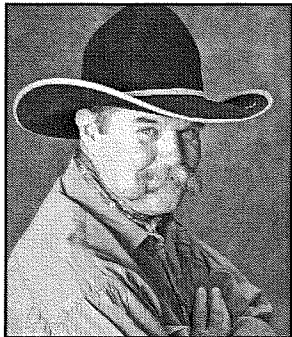
Meet the DTBA Winter Conference Speakers



Temple Grandin, Ph.D. - Dr. Grandin is a world-renowned author and designer of livestock handling facilities. If you are not familiar with Dr. Grandin's work, we encourage you to check out her website at www.grandin.com. This excerpt is a paragraph from her biography:

"Dr. Grandin is a designer of livestock handling facilities and a Professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University. Facilities she has designed are located in the United States, Canada, Europe, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, and other countries. In North America, almost half of the cattle are handled in a center track restrainer system that she designed for meat plants. Curved chute and race systems she has designed for cattle are used worldwide and her writings on the flight zone and other principles of grazing animal behavior have helped many people to reduce stress on their animals during handling."

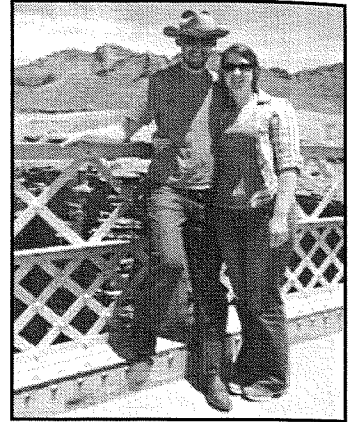
Waddie Mitchell, Buckaroo Poet - "I can't ever remember 'finding' cowboy poetry," Waddie Mitchell says of the entertaining and enduring art of storytelling. "It was always there. The cowboys sure never called it poetry. I know I wouldn't have liked it if they would have. Seems like an oxymoron, don't it?"



This paragraph comes from Waddie Mitchell's biography: "There came a time though, which he relates in his poem Where To Go, when he had to choose between being a full-time cowboy (he managed a 36,000 acre ranch in Lee-Jiggs, Nevada) and the art form that he loved so much. In 1984, he helped organize the internationally recognized Elko Cowboy Poetry Gathering and gave his first public performance.

Although Waddie didn't think anyone would be interested, (he thought it would be a pretty good party for the weekend) the first Cowboy Poetry Gathering was set for a cold, snowy weekend in January. This was one of the only times of the year that Waddie and his fellow cowboys were free from ranch duties. More than 2,000 people showed up, and Waddie was off and running."

Jeff Martin - I am the son of Tom and Kris Martin of K bar T Bison Ranch in Maiden Rock, Wisconsin. I received my first bison in 2003 with a two year heifer as a gift from my parents; I was in 6th grade and her name is Gummy Bear. Since then my family and herd have grown. My wife, Rachel, and I now have five producing cows and we usually keep our yearlings and sell our two year olds. Ours is a small operation but we're proud of it. My parents help us out quite a bit because Rachel and I are still both in graduate school at the University of Maine in Orono.



I am currently a Doctoral student at the University of Maine studying the ecology, evolution, and adaptive capabilities of bison by examining Bison bones and fossils. By training, I am a vertebrate paleontologist, geologist, geographer, and paleoecologist meaning that I think of things on long timescales, on the order of hundreds to thousands of years. My research examines Bison bison (modern bison), *B. antiquus* (ancient bison), *B. occidentalis* (western bison), and *B. latifrons* (giant bison) and their evolution and relatedness to each other. The past is a naturally completed experiment that facilitates understanding of how bison physiologically adapt to environmental and climatic shifts and pressures shedding light on how bison will react to forthcoming abrupt climate changes. So, when I study the fossil record of bison, I can learn where bison came from geographically and evolutionarily which allows me to understand why bison look and behave the way they do today.

My goal is to understand how bison may react to future climate and environmental change variability and severity. Understanding bison's pre-history is critical for sustainable management and conservation for the species. My long-term goal is to make my results accessible to researchers, bison ranchers, tribal herds, conservationists, managers, and the broader public through outreach efforts, open access scientific articles, and presentations at scientific and industry meetings to ensure the preservation of these animals. Consequently, I hope to work with state, regional, and national bison associations, tribes, and conservation agencies and YOU to be able work directly with ranchers and managers to cooperatively set conservation goals and implementation protocols to adapt to and mitigate the changes Bison with climate and environmental change.



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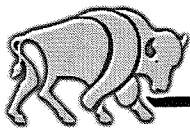
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Show and Sale Committee Seeking Potential Host Ranches

At the request of the DTBA Show and Sale Committee, the office is asking for names of anyone who might be interested in participating as a host ranch for one of our performance classes, Girlz Gone Wild Two Year Old Bred Heifer Challenge or the Young Guns Yearling Bull Challenge.

We are looking to compile a list for future years. At the 2016 Winter Conference, we will set aside a time to meet with anyone interested in learning more about what is required of these host ranches and what it takes to get the job done.

These two performance-tested classes are taking off and creating quite a splash in the buffalo world and not only is it a benefit for the producers who consign animals, it can certainly be a huge benefit for the host ranch. What better way to showcase your operation than to

prove it by bringing first class breeding bull prospects to our sale or putting your best bulls on a group of young heifers that will be purchased by buyers around the country. This is a great opportunity for everyone involved and in order to continue to grow these classes and take the lead in the industry, we need more people willing to host the classes at their ranch.

For more information or to add your name to the list of potential host ranches (no obligation, just to show interest), please call or email the office. In our conference newsletter/emails, we will announce the time and location for a meeting for anyone interested in learning more about this vital role in our association's future.

Call (605) 519-1326 or email info@dakotabuffalo.com.

"Things do not happen. Things are made to happen. ~ John F. Kennedy

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Volunteers Needed For Pen Set Up & Animals

The Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale (BHBC) is a huge event for the DTBA. Once again, with our 2016 event looming around the corner, we would like to have some volunteers step forward and assist with the buffalo.

The first pen set up will be on Tuesday, January 12 at 9:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds. The more people we have helping set up panels and pens, the easier it is for everyone! This is one of our biggest needs, so if you have some time to spare and can help, please let us know.

Some extra hands are also needed to water and feed the animals throughout the weekend.

On Sunday, February 7, sale day, volunteers are needed to help sort and pen the animals throughout the day and until load-out is completed for the day.

If you are interested in volunteering your time to help with this, please contact the DTBA office, 605-519-1326 or e-mail info@dakotabuffalo.com and we'll put you in touch with the yard crew to make arrangements. THANK YOU!!

NBA Winter Conference Update

Don't miss out on a feast of information, fun, and food at the 2016 National Bison Association Winter Conference, set for January 20 - 22nd at the Denver Renaissance Hotel in Denver.

"Our conference committee has put together a fantastic lineup of workshops and presentations on a broad range of topics," said Dave Carter executive director of the NBA. "For beginning producers, our mentors' panel and Buffalero Handling Q&A will provide helpful tips on getting started in our business. Presentations on herd health, and discussions on public policy will provide useful information for everyone."

"As always, the fellowship and networking are some of the key benefits of participating in the NBA winter conference. And, this year, our sponsors are making sure that attendees enjoy the best food and beverages in Denver."

The complete conference agenda is available at <http://bison-central.com/sites/default/files/WCAgenda12.07.15.pdf>

Register online at <https://bisoncentral.com/conference-registration>

Volunteers Needed For Winter Conference

The DTBA 20th anniversary event is shaping up to be a fantastic weekend full of learning, laughter and a huge celebration. Along with all those things comes an increased need for volunteers to help with conference activities.

The Winter Conference Committee is asking for a few volunteers to help with some room set ups, stuffing conference folders, unloading and loading up all the DTBA merchandise and items needed for the conference, assisting with conference check-in and monitoring traffic flow during the Temple Grandin presentation and the banquet.

It would also be wonderful to have someone who would man the DTBA booth at the fairgrounds on Sunday during the auction. We'd like to set up a booth and sell some of our merchandise but we are always shorthanded that morning. If someone would like to do that an hour or so before the auction and for a short time after the auction, we'd love to make that happen!

Days and tasks are varied. Unloading and preliminary set up will begin later on Thursday, February 4 and continue through the end of the auction on Sunday, February 7.

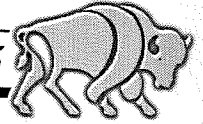
If you have some time to volunteer and would like to find out more information about volunteer opportunities, contact Karen in the DTBA office at (605) 519-1326 or her cell at (605) 381-3738 or email info@dakotabuffalo.com

Thank you all so much!

Make Hotel Reservations NOW!

Our host hotel for our Winter Conference will be the Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City.

On Friday afternoon, February 5, we will have a board meeting, a consignor meeting and our welcoming reception at Prairie Edge. Saturday, February 6 is conference day and awards banquet that evening and our auctions will be held on Sunday, February 7. Please make your hotel reservations accordingly. **We have a room block set aside, just ask for the Dakota Territory room block when you make reservations. The hotel number is (605) 343-8550. Don't wait! The hotel sells out this weekend every year. Call today!**

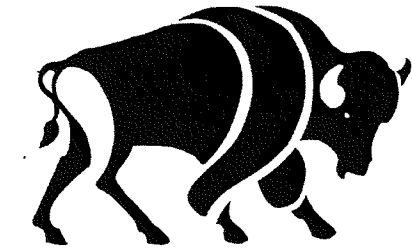


Just The Facts: DTBA Creates Fact Sheet

It has been a whirlwind year as the DTBA gears up for its 20th anniversary. The board of directors identified a number of goals when they met after the conference in February of 2015. Among those goals was the creation of a Fact Sheet. The idea was to create a tool that could be used by the membership and those working on behalf of the association to establish talking points, whether it be with the media or with project partners. It also needed to be flexible enough that it could be tailored for different uses.

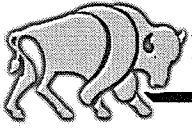
Perry Handyside took up this project and below is what we have established as our "baseline" fact sheet. The fact sheet can be updated and changed as needed to target a specific audience.

We hope this helps everyone as a starting point for good conversations about our association!



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- *The DTBA was established in 1996 and is based in Rapid City, SD.*
- *The DTBA has 180 members representing 14 states, including South Dakota, North Dakota, Colorado, Minnesota, Nebraska, Wyoming, Wisconsin, Texas, Indiana, South Carolina, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas and California.*
- *In 2016 the DTBA will celebrate its 20th year as an association. The event will take place February 5 - 7 in Rapid City, SD and is anticipated to draw in approximately 200 attendees.*
- *South Dakota is the largest buffalo producing state in the US, with more buffalo than the next two biggest states combined. North Dakota, Montana, and Nebraska are the next largest producing states.*
- *Buffalo prices are at record setting levels with demand out pacing supply.*
- *The DTBA is a member of the National Bison Association, based in Denver, Colorado. The association also shares membership with our sister association, the North Dakota Buffalo Association and is a lifetime member of the Montana Bison Association.*
- *The DTBA hosted the 2007 International Bison Conference in Rapid City, SD and to date that was one of the most successful IBC events anywhere.*
- *The DTBA was the first group to develop a carcass contest based on real market conditions. Additionally, the group was the first, and is still the only, group that conducts a carcass contest for heifers.*
- *Member Bruce Anderson, owner of Western Buffalo Company in Rapid City, South Dakota, is currently serving as President of the National Bison Association.*
- *Custer State Park has a herd of approximately 1,300 buffalo and is an active member of the association and partners with the group on many projects.*
- *DTBA also works with the InterTribal Buffalo Council, other state and regional buffalo groups, the National Bison Association, the Canadian Bison Association and partners on projects with other like-minded Organizations.*
- *The DTBA Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale, featuring the group's Young Guns Yearling Breeding Bull Challenge and the Girlz Gone Wild Two Year Old Bred Heifer Challenge, is currently one of the most successful live buffalo auctions in the country. In 2015, the sale had the highest selling bull and the highest average in the country on yearling breeding bulls and the second highest average in the country on two year old bred heifers and tied for the highest selling two year old bred heifer in the country. The Girlz Gone Wild program is the only one of its kind in the country.*
- *The DTBA Winter Conference is always the last weekend of the Black Hills Stock Show and Rodeo, which will be celebrating its 58th year in 2016. With an estimated attendance of 331,000, this is the second largest event in the state of South Dakota, with only the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally boasting more attendees.*



Young Guns and Girlz Gone Wild Getting Ready For Their Debut!

The Young Guns Yearling Breeding Bull Challenge and the Girlz Gone Wild Two Year Old Bred Heifer Challenge are starting to wind down but things are going to be busy before it's all said and done.

The Girlz Gone Wild heifers are slated for their first trip through the chute on January 5. They will be weighed, preg checked, ultrasounded and worked for the auction. The host ranch, Heartland Bison Ranch near Rugby, North Dakota, is reporting that this is a fantastic set of females and we are anticipating having a good number of them at the auction in Rapid City in February. We will be keeping in touch with consignors once the females are worked and we have their information. The full class features 43 head of heifers.

The Young Guns bulls will be worked the first time on Friday, January 8 and they will be weighed, semen tested and ultrasounded that day. With more than 70 bulls to work, it could be a long day!

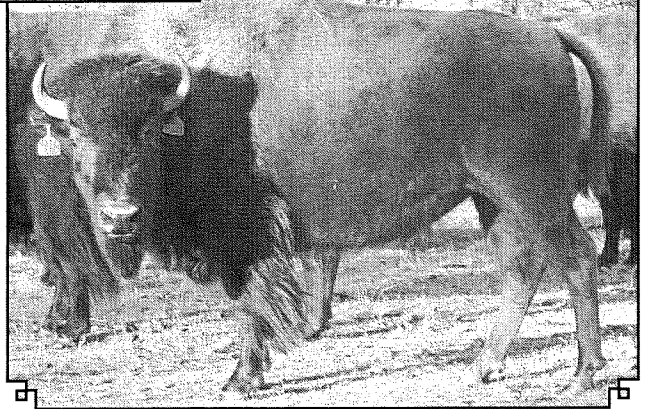
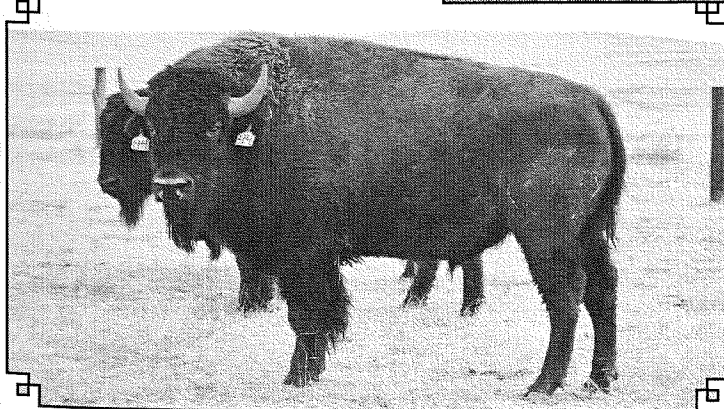
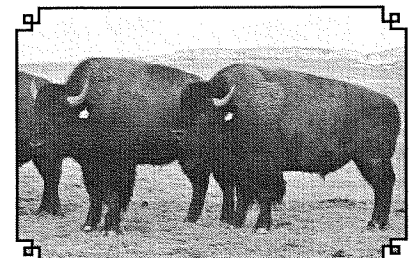
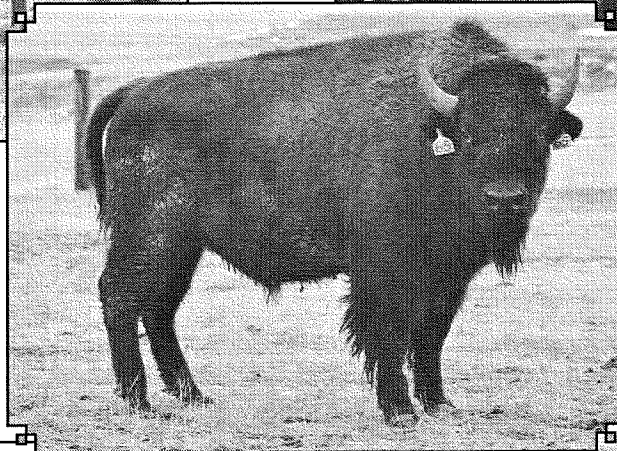
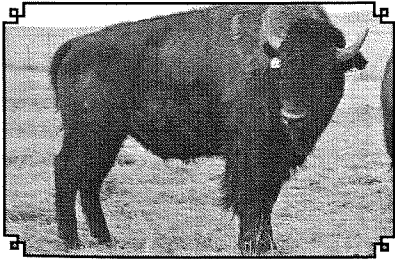
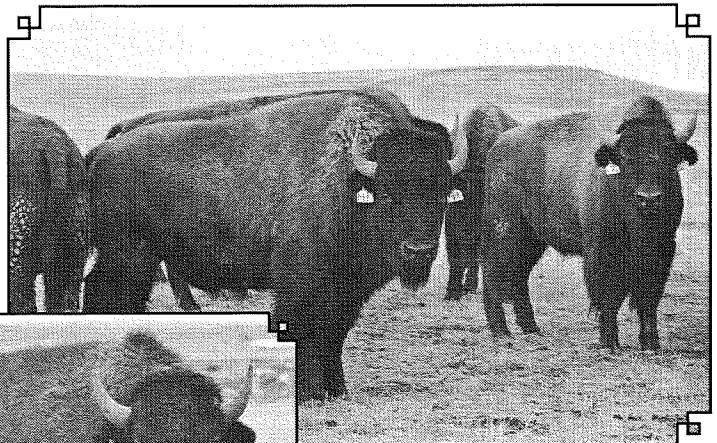
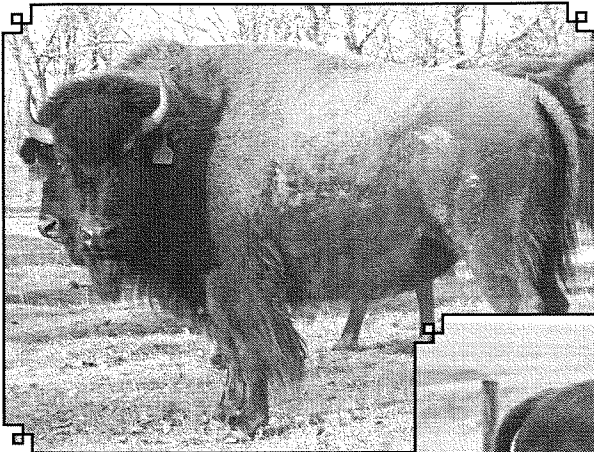
Our host ranch for the bulls, Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, notes that this is one of the best sets of bulls they have seen and we are hoping to have a good selection of them at the auction in February.

For those of you entering animals in the 2017 class (to be delivered by the end of February), Kevin Leier at Heartland Bison Ranch will again be our host ranch for the Girlz Gone Wild. We will have a new host ranch for the Young Guns, with Larry Carr of Rafter K Bar at Prairie City, SD taking on the group this next year. Larry has been working closely with Limperts to get everything ready for the bulls and he will be enlisting their help and advice throughout the year as we transition to a new host ranch.

We cannot have these classes without our host ranches and our thanks and appreciation goes out to all our host ranches and the families who agree to take on the extra responsibility and workload and then spend an entire year watching these animals day in and day out.

Hard copy sale catalogs should be available by January 19, with electronic versions posted online prior to that. Watch for information in your email, as we will send out notifications when that information is available. Information and links will also be posted on our Facebook page as soon as everything is available.

Meantime, enjoy the sneak peek of what you'll be seeing at the Black Hills Buffalo Classic Auction on February 7!





Bylaw Changes To Be Voted On At Membership Meeting

One of the projects the board tackled this past year was an extensive review of the association's bylaws. Led by Wendy Hutchinson, the review encompassed the entire document, which was very much in need of updates. Our thanks to Wendy for her attention to detail and taking the lead on this project.

Below are the bylaw changes that will be voted on at the general membership meeting. The current bylaw is shown first, followed by an explanation of the change needed and then the proposed new bylaw.

Please take the time to review these important changes and feel free to inquire of any of the board members or the executive director if you have any questions regarding the changes. There will also be time for discussion during the membership meeting on February 6 during the conference.

ARTICLE 2

As is: Section 2.1 – Purpose. The purpose of the Association shall be as follows:

a. To promote buffalo (also known as bison hereinafter referred to as “buffalo”) and buffalo products, namely breeding stock, meat and by-products.

b. To seek fair and equitable regulations in the control of disease and in the movements of buffalo and buffalo products, for intrastate, interstate and international purposes.

c. To perpetuate buffalo as a great North American native animal and to study, sponsor research, collect and disseminate current information pertaining to buffalo.

d. The Association shall be known as a non-profit organization, with the monies accumulated being used to carry out the functions of the Association and the promotion and welfare of buffalo.

Vote: To add in the following conservation verbiage and change the order of the last two items:

d. To continue the re-establishment of buffalo by promoting conservation practices based on economic and ecological sustainability.

e. The Association shall be known as a non-profit organization, with the monies accumulated being used to carry out the functions of the Association and the promotion and welfare of buffalo.

ARTICLE 3

As is: Section 3.1 – Type of Membership. Members shall be of the following types:

a. Active Member – Any individual or organization, public or private, who is the owner of buffalo or is marketing buffalo is eligible to become an active, voting member of the Association. The application for membership should clearly state the name in which the membership is to be recorded. Organizations shall designate an individual officer, director or member of the organization who shall exercise on behalf of the organization the right and privileges of such membership, including the right to vote and hold office. Each active membership carries one (1) vote.

Vote: To further define the qualifications for membership:

a. Active Member – Any individual or organization, public or private, *who is a past or present owner or marketer of buffalo; employee or family of a past or present buffalo owner or marketer; or a buffalo veterinarian* is eligible to become an active, voting member of the Association. The application for membership should clearly state the name in which the membership is to be recorded. Organizations shall designate an individual officer, director or member of the organization who shall exercise on behalf of the organization the right and privileges of such membership, including the right to vote and hold office. Each active membership carries one (1) vote.

ARTICLE 4

As is: Section 4.2 – Payment of Dues. All dues become payable by January 1 of each year.

Section 4.3 – Dues Payment Default. Any member which has not paid dues in full by January 1 shall be considered in default. The membership of any member determined to be in default shall terminate until such time as the member shall pay all delinquent membership fees.

Vote: To create a payment date that will allow for dues payment/voting at our annual membership meeting without a member being in default.

Section 4.2 – Payment of Dues. All dues become payable by *March 1* of each year.

Section 4.3 – Dues Payment Default. Any member which has not paid its dues in full by *March 1* shall be considered in default. The membership of any member determined to be in default shall terminate until such time as the member shall pay all delinquent membership fees.

ARTICLE 5

As is: Section 5.1 – Annual Meetings. The annual general membership meeting of the Association shall be held at such time and place as may be fixed by the Board of Directors for the purpose of electing directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting. It is generally anticipated that the annual meeting shall be held in conjunction with the Black Hills Stock Show in Rapid City, SD, generally the last weekend in January; however, meeting dates or sites may be changed by the President and majority of the Board of Directors as deemed necessary.

Vote: To update time frame of our current annual meeting.

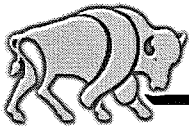
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As is: Section 5.3 – Board Meetings. The Board of Directors shall meet in conjunction with the annual membership meeting. No notice shall be required for any such regular meeting of the Board. The Board, by rule, may provide for other quarterly meetings at stated times and places, of which no notice to the general membership shall be required. These Board meetings are, however, open to anyone of the general membership who is interested in attending. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called by the direction of the President or by two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall give notice of each special meeting either by written notice or by telephoning each director at least ten (10) days before the meeting. A majority of the entire membership of directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Vote: To eliminate quarterly and replace with regular as the time frame for board meetings.

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As is: Section 5.4 – Action Without a Meeting. Any action which may be taken at a meeting of the directors or of a committee may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by all of the directors or all the members of the committee entitled to vote thereon.

Vote: To create a provision allowing for email communication as a consent for action without a meeting.

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ARTICLE 7

As is: Section 7.1 – Election of Directors. The Association shall have a Board of Directors (hereinafter also referred to as the Board) consisting of six (6) directors of which four are officers and two are Directors-at-Large, all of which shall serve two (2) year terms. Board members will be selected from and elected by the Active members at the annual meeting. The initial six Board Directors shall serve staggered terms with three terms being two years in length, three terms being one year in length, after which time each director shall be elected for a period of three years. This will result in two directors being elected every year. No person may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

Vote: To allow for three or four officers as dictated by the

combining or not of the secretary and treasurer positions on the board.

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ARTICLE 11


As is: Section 11.2 – Fiscal Year. The fiscal year for the Association shall commence on April 1 and end on March 31 of each year.

Vote: To return to a calendar year fiscal year for purposes of more accurate financial accounting for the association.

Section 11.2 – Fiscal Year. The fiscal year for the Association shall commence on *January 1 and end on December 31* of each year.

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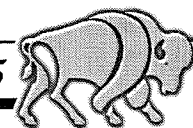
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Prins Ranch (Prairie Sky) Third Annual Buffalo Auction - November 29, 2015							
Sisseton, SD							
Class	Animals Sold	High \$	Low \$	Average \$	2014 Average	Average Weight	Price/lb.
Mature Cows, Open	70	\$1,775.00	\$1,175.00	\$1,758.00	\$1,350.00	N/A	N/A
Heifer Calves, Heavy Cut	45	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,464.00	351	\$3.85
Heifer Calves, Light Cut	4	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,400.00	295	\$3.73
Bull Calves, Heavy Cut	38	\$1,825.00	\$1,825.00	\$1,825.00	\$1,950.00	394	\$4.63
Bull Calves, Light Cut	5	\$1,375.00	\$1,375.00	\$1,375.00	\$1,800.00	295	\$4.66
Total Animals Sold	162						

This was the third production sale for Bruce Prins' ranch. There has been a significant lack of moisture in the area this past year, which contributed slightly lower weights than in past years. The auction was solid and a number of repeat buyers were on hand to take home more of these good animals from this grass only operation. There were 18 registered bidders at the auction. All classes sold in one draft with the exception of the mature cows, which saw two cows sorted from the main group and sold separately.

Brownrotter Buffalo Ranch & Guests Auction - December 1, 2015							
Mobridge, SD							
Class	Animals Sold	High \$	Low \$	Average \$	2014 Average	Average Weight	Price/lb.
Bull Calves, Heavy Cut	103	\$1,890.00	\$1,860.00	\$1,876.00	\$1,950.00	414	\$4.53
Bull Calves, Light Cut	42	\$1,700.00	\$1,660.00	\$1,684.00	\$1,613.00	338	\$4.98
Bull Calves, Flyweight	7	\$940.00	\$940.00	\$940.00	\$1,275.00	244	\$3.86
Heifer Calves, Heavy Cut	121	\$1,325.00	\$1,290.00	\$1,314.00	\$1,555.00	385	\$3.41
Heifer Calves, Light Cut	27	\$1,190.00	\$1,190.00	\$1,190.00	\$1,298.00	320	\$3.72
Heifer Calves, Flyweight	7	\$710.00	\$710.00	\$710.00	\$1,075.00	220	\$3.23
Mixed Calves, Heavy	7	\$640.00	\$640.00	\$640.00	N/A	170	\$3.76
Mixed Calves, Light	5	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	N/A	118	\$3.05
Yearling Bulls	6	\$2,050.00	\$2,050.00	\$2,050.00	\$2,367.00	618	\$3.32
Yearling Heifers	5	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,650.00	512	\$2.93
Mature Cows, Open	31	\$1,840.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,802.00	\$1,400.00	942	\$1.91
Cow/Calf pair	1	\$1,850.00	\$1,850.00	\$1,850.00	N/A	835	\$2.22
Mixed Calves, Heavy (from Sitting Bull College)	11	\$1,425.00	\$1,425.00	\$1,425.00	N/A	325	\$4.38
Mixed Calves, Light (from Sitting Bull College)	4	\$475.00	\$475.00	\$475.00	N/A	237	\$1.60
Total Animals Sold	377						

Very steady market on the calves. Animals overall in good condition and coming off a strictly grass program. Active bidding in all classes with most drafts selling as a group to one buyer.

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"Looking To The Past, Moving Into The Future"

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2016

12:00 noon to 4:30 p.m. - Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale entries arrive and unload at the Bridger Steel Pavilion, Central States Fairgrounds.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2016

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale entries arrive and unload at the Bridger Steel Pavilion, Central States Fairgrounds.

12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Board of Director's meeting. All members are welcome. Executive Lounge, Ramkota Hotel.

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Consignor's Meeting. Will be held at the Ramkota Hotel in the Executive Lounge.

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Welcoming Party at Prairie Edge Trading Co. & Galleries, 606 Main St., Rapid City, SD.

7:30 p.m. - ???????? - Evening on your own. The hospitality room will be open in the Executive Lounge at the Ramkota Hotel.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2016

7:30 a.m. - Registration - Foyer area of the Convention Center II.

8:00 a.m. - Continental Breakfast available in Sylvan I & II.

8:30 a.m. - Welcome and announcements, Call Business Meeting to Order, present board candidates. President Marielle Hewitt, Sylvan I & II.

9:30 a.m. - NBA update - Dave Carter and Jim Matheson

10:00 a.m. - Coffee Break

10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - ITBC Update - Jim Stone and Mike Faith

10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Jeff Martin - "Testing the Bison Advantage: Buffaloes by Climate Change and Genetics."

11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. - Dr. Dustin Oedekoven, SD State Veterinarian

11:45 a.m. - Voting for new board members

12:00 p.m. - Lunch, Pactola and Sheridan rooms.

1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Conclusion of business meeting.

1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Temple Grandin

2:45 p.m. - Coffee Break

4:45 p.m. - Social with cash bar, held in the Sheridan and Pactola rooms.

5:30 p.m. - Banquet.

6:20 p.m. - Cowboy Poet, Waddie Mitchell

7:20 p.m. - Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show awards presented.

7:45 p.m. - Bison Bingo and FUN AUCTION!!

10:00 p.m. - Hospitality Room open in the Executive Lounge immediately after the Fun Auction.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2016

Breakfast on your own.

7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Animal viewing in the pens on the south side of the Bridger Steel Pavilion, Central States Fairgrounds. Bidder registration will be in the Lion's Club building adjacent to the Bridger Steel Pavilion, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. - Black Hills Buffalo Classic judges and Girlz Gone Wild and Young Guns Host Ranches available for comments and information. Sale ring in the Bridger Steel Pavilion.

10:00 a.m. - Black Hills Buffalo Classic Sale, Bridger Steel Pavilion.

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Custer State Park Fall Classic - November 21, 2015							
<i>Class</i>	<i>Animals Sold</i>	<i>High \$</i>	<i>Low \$</i>	<i>Average \$</i>	<i>2014 Average</i>	<i>Average Weight</i>	<i>Price/lb.</i>
Mature Cows, Bred	6	\$2,600.00	\$1,900.00	\$2,267.00	\$2,543.00	1070	\$2.12
Mature Cows, Open	11	\$1,900.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,786.00	\$1,664.00	981	\$1.82
Two Year Old Heifers, Bred	5	\$2,650.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,450.00	\$3,238.00	901	\$2.72
Yearling Heifers	13	\$2,050.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,846.00	\$1,801.00	668	\$2.76
Heifer Calves, Heavy Cut	12	\$1,400.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,325.00	\$1,264.00	395	\$3.35
Heifer Calves, Light Cut	24	\$1,400.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,331.00	\$1,095.00	345	\$3.86
Bull Calves, Heavy Cut	21	\$2,250.00	\$1,800.00	\$2,012.00	\$1,658.00	411	\$4.90
Bull Calves, Light Cut	39	\$2,000.00	\$1,850.00	\$1,882.00	\$1,446.00	356	\$5.29
Yearling Bulls	35	\$2,450.00	\$1,850.00	\$2,204.00	\$2,003.00	654	\$3.37
Two Year Old Grade Bulls	5	\$2,150.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,990.00	\$2,300.00	831	\$2.39
Two Year Old Breeding Bulls	9	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,739.00	N/A	1076	\$2.55
Total Animals Sold	180						

A beautiful day in Custer State Park for the 50th Annual Fall Classic Bison Auction. There were 35 registered bidders onsite and more online via DV Auctions. Bidders represented 10 states, with 17 buyers taking home buffalo. This was slated to be the last live auction for the park herd, with

777 Ranch 1st Annual Production Auction - November 21, 2015 - South Dakota							
<i>Class</i>	<i>Animals Sold</i>	<i>High \$</i>	<i>Low \$</i>	<i>Average \$</i>	<i>2014 Average</i>	<i>Average Weight</i>	<i>Price/lb.</i>
Heifer Calves	92	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	N/A	331	\$3.63
Yearling Heifers	48	\$1,750.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,721.00	N/A	564	\$3.05
Two Year Old Heifers, Bred	5	\$2,150.00	\$2,150.00	\$2,150.00	N/A	794	\$2.71
Two Year Old Heifers, Open	2	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00	N/A	670	\$2.84
Four Year Old Cows, Bred	4	\$2,150.00	\$2,150.00	\$2,150.00	N/A	897	\$2.40
Four Year Old Cow, Open	1	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	N/A	772	\$1.81
Bull Calves	178	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	N/A	338	\$5.18
Yearling Bulls	83	\$2,225.00	\$2,225.00	\$2,225.00	N/A	642	\$3.47
Two Year Old Breeding Bulls	18	\$3,200.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,769.00	N/A	949	\$2.92
Total Animals Sold	431						

A nice crowd on site and online for the first annual 777 Ranch Production Auction. Active bidding in all classes, especially the bull calves. There were 33 registered bidders representing nine states.

Young Guns Yearling Bull & Girlz Gone Wild Heifer Challenges

Commission Fee - 9% when entries are sold at the following year's auction. There will be a limit of 3 entries per consignor for Girlz Gone Wild and 6 entries per consignor for Young Guns. Consignments will be taken on a first come, first serve basis upon receipt of payment until the class is full or until February 1, 2016. After February 1, 2016, if there is space available, DTBA may contact each consignor in entry order to offer the opportunity to enter more animals. If the class fills before February 1, 2016, DTBA may contact the larger consignors to reduce entry numbers in an attempt to allow all interested member ranches to participate. However, there is no guarantee so enter early!

Class	No. of Head	Entry Fee	Total
Young Guns Yearling Bull Challenge (2015 bull calves)	_____	x \$1,100 =	_____
<i>Girlz Gone Wild</i> Heifer Challenge (2014 yearling heifers)	_____	x \$950 =	_____

DELIVERY DATES FOR YOUNG GUNS CALVES:

Host Ranch - Rafter K Bar - Larry Carr, Prairie City, SD

Bull calves for the Young Guns class may be delivered to the show and sale grounds during entry times for the Black Hills Buffalo Classic show and sale. We have also made arrangements with several ranches that will act as a holding facility for entries and transportation to the host ranch will be provided from those locations. **You MUST send in entry forms to the DTBA office before delivering calves and the host ranch will then contact you and work with consignors on delivery dates and options.**

All calves must be delivered to the host ranch by February 29, 2016.

DELIVERY DATES FOR GIRLZ GONE WILD YEARLING HEIFERS:

Host Ranch - Heartland Bison Ranch - Kevin Leier, Rugby, ND

Yearling heifers for the Girlz Gone Wild class may be delivered to the show and sale grounds during entry times for the Black Hills Buffalo Classic show and sale and they will be transported to the host ranch from there. We have also made arrangements with several ranches that will act as a holding facility for entries and transportation to the host ranch will be provided from those locations. **You MUST send in entry forms to the DTBA office before delivering heifers and the host ranch will then work with consignors on delivery dates and options.**

All heifers must be delivered to the host ranch by February 29, 2016.

Holding facilities for both classes will include:

Cold Creek Buffalo Company, Cheyenne, WY (entries accepted between January 23 and February 2 only)

Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, Buffalo, SD (host ranch and consignor will work with them to coordinate drop off dates)

- I will deliver Young Guns and/or Girlz Gone Wild entries during the BHBC entry times, Feb. 4 and Feb. 5, 2016.
- I will work with the DTBA office/host ranch to coordinate delivery of my Young Guns and/or Girlz Gone Wild entries.

Total of all entry fees on both sides of form. Include full payment. \$ _____

All entry fees includes pen and feed. All entry fees are non-refundable. Must be a current member to consign.

All entry fees are non-refundable and non-negotiable. The consignor assumes all responsibilities in regard to the health requirements and terms and conditions of this show and sale as outlined. **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. Any death loss incurred at any time during the course of Young Guns or Girlz Gone Wild performance-based classes is at the consignor's own risk and no compensation will be given for any reason.** Consignor agrees to indemnify and hold the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association, the host ranches 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.

Signature of Consignor Required

Date

Make checks 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

Payment must be received prior to the show and sale to confirm your entries.

2016 DTBA Black Hills Buffalo Classic Entry Form

February 5 - February 7, 2016

Central States Fairgrounds, Rapid City, SD

Sale: Sunday, February 7 • 10:00 a.m. • Bridger Steel Pavilion

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Karen Conley (605) 381-3738 or info@dakotabuffalo.com

Ranch _____

Owner _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

The Cutting Edge Bull & Heifer Carcass Contest

Live Animals Delivered to Western Buffalo Company on Thurs., January 14, 2016

Two entries per consignor in each class, up to a total of 20 head, unless additional space is available. No health papers are needed. All entries will be mouthed when they arrive at Western Buffalo Company on the slaughter date. **Only bulls with all their baby teeth will be accepted and heifers can not have more than two permanent teeth.**

The minimum weight for bull carcasses is 525 pounds. The minimum weight for heifer carcasses is 425 pounds. Carcasses not meeting the minimum weight will be disqualified and there will be no entry fee refund.

Western Buffalo Company has agreed to purchase carcasses at an approximate price of \$4.35 for bulls and \$4.25 for heifers 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.

SDSU and a State Inspector will be on hand to oversee contest. All cuts will be trimmed to 1/4" fat cover and the ground will be tested for fat content and a sliding scale for value of product will be used.

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. The winner will be the buffalo that yields the most percentage of profit.

The ribeye from ALL carcass class entries will be used as the main entree at the DTBA Awards Banquet. If you want the meat back from your animals, the ribeye area will not be included. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS!

Class	No. of Head	Entry Fee	Total
Carcass Bulls	_____	x \$50=	_____
Carcass Heifers	_____	x \$50=	_____

- I would like to Western Buffalo Company to purchase my carcass at the prices listed above.
- I want the meat back from my carcass entry and agree to pay the processing fees to Western Buffalo Company.

Young Guns and Girlz Gone Wild entry information on the reverse side of this form. Consignor signature required for all entries.

TERMS FOR ~~YOUNG GUNS~~ YEARLING BULL CHALLENGE & GIRLZ GONE WILD HEIFER CHALLENGE

- Criteria for judging the Girlz Gone Wild Heifer Challenge will be divided into five weighted categories. The categories will be based on the following: Grass gain (50%); Ribeye score (20%); Pelvic measurement (10%); Live yearling judging (10%); Live two year old judging (10%). The winner will be the heifer that has the highest score based on those five elements.
- Any death loss incurred at any time during the course of Young Guns or Girlz Gone Wild performance-based classes is at the consignor's own risk and no compensation will be given for any reason. All entry fees are non-refundable and non-negotiable.

CONSIGNOR MEETING

There will be a Show and Sale/Carcass Class consignor's meeting held on Friday, February 6, 2014 at 2 p.m. at the Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City in the Executive Lounge (far northwest corner of the building on the second floor).

EAR TAGS

Show tags, NBA Source Verification tags, metal vaccine/tag and registration button are the only tags allowed in the buffalo's ear. **Consignors will be responsible for applying the DTBA tags in the LEFT ear.** This must be done before the animals will be allowed to unload. Yearling heifers being entered into the Girlz Gone Wild Heifer Challenge and bull calves entering the Young Guns Yearling Bull Challenge may be delivered with ranch tags. All bull calves and yearling heifers in the Young Guns and Girlz Gone Wild challenge class will be re-tagged upon arrival at the host ranch.

ENTRY LIMITS AND DEADLINES

Open Consignment Auction: No limits on entries per consignor or per class. First come, first serve until all available pen space is full. Get your entries in early to secure your place in the auction.

Young Guns Yearling Bull Challenge and Girlz Gone Wild Heifer Challenge: For the 2015 class of Young Guns, the minimum number of entries will be 30 head and maximum will be 60-70 head. For Girlz Gone Wild, the minimum number of entries will be 20 head and the maximum will be 40-45 head. If limits are not reached by the January 31 entry deadline, the classes could be cancelled at the host ranch's discretion. There will be a limit of 3 entries per consignor for Girlz Gone Wild and 6 entries per consignor for Young Guns. Consignments will be taken on a first come, first serve basis upon receipt of payment until the class is full or until January 31, 2015. After January 31, 2015, if there is space available, DTBA may contact each consignor in entry order to offer the opportunity to enter more animals.

If the class fills before January 31, 2015, DTBA may contact the larger consignors to reduce entry numbers in an attempt to allow all interested member ranches to participate. However, there is no guarantee so enter early!

ARRIVAL AND LOADOUT TIME

Animals will be unloaded at the Captain Glen Building at the Central States Fairgrounds. Pens will be located just south of the Captain Glen building. 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. 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 9, 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 9. Any animals left in the pens after dark on Sunday evening are there at owner's risk. If you are not loading out following the sale on Sunday, please make arrangements with the yard crew or Karen in the office.

PRODUCER OF THE YEAR AWARD (Determined on a point system)

NEW!! To qualify for the Producer of the Year, a ranch must have at least one entry in the following classes: Young Guns Yearling Bull Challenge, Girlz Gone Wild Two Year Old Bred Heifer Challenge and either a bull or heifer entry into the Cutting Edge Carcass Contest. Points for Gold, Silver and Bronze awards will be given on a 3-2-1 basis. If a consignor has more than one entry placing in a particular class, only their highest placing animal in that class will count for points toward the Producer of the Year award.

There will only be one Producer of the Year award given out in a respective year. Should there be a tie for that award, the show and sale committee and the DTBA board of directors will use the following criteria to break the tie: Other placings in the same class and number of classes entered. Multiple entries in a class will be scored as deep as needed to break the tie. All decisions of the judges, the show and sale committee and the board of directors will be final.

LIABILITY

- 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. Any death loss incurred at any time during the course of Young Guns or Girlz Gone Wild performance-based classes is at the consignor's own risk and no compensation will be given for any reason. All entry fees are non-refundable and non-negotiable.
- The Judges and/or Show Committee, Sifting Committee (appointed by the DTBA Board of Directors and the Show Chairman) reserve the right to inspect any animals and may ultimately disqualify/remove any animal for any reason they deem necessary. 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. Committee decisions are final.

2015 DTBA Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show & Sale

Show/Sale Chairman, Zane Holcomb • (605) 375-3478 or ndabuff@sdplains.com • Karen Conley (605) 381-3738 or info@dakotabuffalo.com

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL BLACK HILLS BUFFALO CLASSIC OPEN CONSIGNMENT AND INCOMING GIRLZ GONE WILD HEIFER ENTRIES

1. Negative Tuberculosis test (caudal fold) on all animals. Test must have been done within 30 days of sale date.
2. Negative Brucellosis test on all animals. Test must have been done within 30 days of sale date.
3. 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.
4. 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 30 days of the sale date.
5. Yearling bulls in the Open Consignment auction do not need to be semen tested, but if they are, please note on the health paperwork.
6. All two year old heifers in the Open Consignment auction will be sold as either bred or open. If they have been pregnancy tested and are bred, please note it on the health papers. If nothing is noted, they will be sold as open heifers.
7. All yearling heifers entered into the Girlz Gone Wild challenge must be certified OPEN. Open consignment entries do not need to be certified open, but if they are, please note on the health paperwork.
8. Original health certificate and one copy of each are required. Your single animal entries may all be on the same health certificate but please make sure sale tag and all test information is noted accordingly as it pertains to each animal's class/sex requirements.
9. *Animals WILL NOT be unloaded if the health certificates do not meet ALL of the above requirements. NO EXCEPTIONS! Pregnancy test (if applicable) semen test (if applicable) and ivermec 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.*
10. **NEW!** All yearling heifers entered into the Girlz Gone Wild challenge must have a Mycoplasma vaccination within 30 days of delivery date. We are requiring this to help ensure commingled animals have the best opportunity to stay healthy and for the safety of the host ranch. Please have your veterinarian note vaccination date on the health papers.

THE SHOW/SALE COMMITTEE HIGHLY RECOMMENDS 4-WAY TESTING OF CONSIGNED ANIMALS
Health regulations vary from state to state. Weigh your options and consider being buyer friendly.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR BULL CALVES IN THE YOUNG GUNS YEARLING BULL CHALLENGE

1. Health Certificate and any necessary testing/paperwork for animals being brought into South Dakota from the consignor's home state.
2. **NEW!** All bull calves entered into the Young Guns challenge must have a Mycoplasma vaccination within 30 days of delivery date. We are requiring this to help ensure commingled animals have the best opportunity to stay healthy and for the safety of the host ranch. Please have your veterinarian note vaccination date on the health papers.
3. **NEW!** The host ranch is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDING** the calves be given Pulmo Guard PHM, 7-way and Ivomec injectable at least three weeks prior to delivery to the host ranch. Again, this is being recommended to ensure the best opportunity for the calves to stay healthy and be in good condition when they begin the challenge.

TERMS FOR YOUNG GUNS YEARLING BULL CHALLENGE & GIRLZ GONE WILD HEIFER CHALLENGE

1. Animals entered into the 2015-2016 Young Guns Yearling Bull Challenge and the Girlz Gone Wild Bred Heifer Challenge will be delivered as per instructions on the entry form. The bull calves will not be judged at any time during the delivery period. The Young Guns Yearling Bull Challenge will begin upon arrival of all entered animals at the host ranch, with a deadline of April 1. The yearling heifers **WILL** be judged when the entire Girlz Gone Wild group has arrived at the host ranch and have gone through a settling in period, with their score becoming part of the cumulative score for the contest.
2. 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. Animals that do not make the final cut into the sale can either be taken home by the consignor or will be transported to Western Buffalo Company at the earliest convenience of the host ranch for processing, with the consignor receiving a check from Western Buffalo Company for the carcass, less any processing fees if applicable.
3. All data collected on the animals during the contest will be provided at the completion of the contest.
4. At the end of the one year period, all eligible animals will return to compete at the Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale as yearling bulls and two year old bred heifers. 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. Entry fees into the following year's show and sale are part of the initial entry fee into the class and will also include the costs associated with the testing requirements.
5. Criteria for judging the Young Guns Bull Challenge will be divided into six weighted categories. The categories will be based on the following: Feed gain (35%); Grass gain (12.5%); Total gain (20%); Ribeye score (15%); Live judging (12.5%); Scrotal measurement (5%) The winner will be the bull that has the highest combined score based on those six elements.