

Winter Conference February 6-8

It's getting to be "that time" of year again and our Winter Conference and Black Hills Buffalo Classic are on the horizon.

The Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City will again be our host hotel. There is a room block reserved for our group and our conference dates are Friday, February 6 and Saturday, February 7 with our live animal auction taking place on Sunday, February 8. **To make your room reservations, call the Ramkota at (605) 343-8550 and request the Dakota Territory room block. The hotel sells out every year, so please reserve your rooms early.**

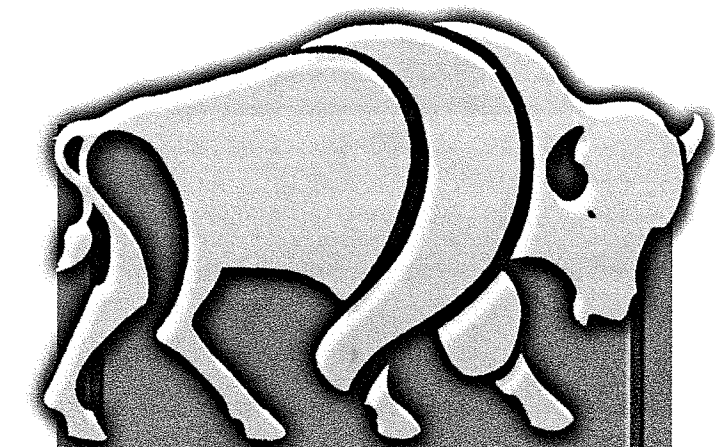
With regard to our show and sale, many changes have come about over the summer and into the fall. The show and sale committee has been meeting and making some difficult decisions on how best to proceed with our event. After much discussion, the decision was made to eliminate the traditional show classes from our lineup. Declining participation over the past few years has shown us that interest is waning in these classes, both for the consignors and the buyers and it is not in our best interests to continue offering them. We will, however, be offering open consignment classes to help our producers move any excess animals they may have available for sale. All of our auction will again be broadcast via DVAuctions for live, online bidding, thus greatly expanding the pool of potential bidders.

The Young Guns Yearling Breeding Bull Challenge is going well. There are 71 bulls in the final stages of the contest and that number will be pared down in a couple of weeks. The Limpert family at Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch has again stepped up and offered to host the incoming group of bulls for the next year. We truly appreciate these host ranches, as the workload and responsibility of caring for these animals is tremendous. Please consider entering some of your bull calves in this contest. We are tracking each animal from start to finish and making that data available to the consignors, regardless of whether your entry makes the cut to go to the auction or not. One of the biggest benefits of these performance-tested classes is for you, the consignor, to see how your animals compare to other producers, thus allowing you to make changes in your own program that will lead to improvements in the future.

The Girlz Gone Wild Two Year Old Bred Heifer Challenge is also winding down. We have 39 heifers entered into the contest and they will also be worked in the next couple of weeks. They have been out all summer with Slim Buttes bulls on them, so we are anticipating a beautiful set of bred heifers coming to Rapid City in February. We have a new host ranch for the incoming group of yearling heifers. Kevin Leier and family, Heartland Bison Ranch in Rugby, ND, will be hosting the heifers. This presents a great opportunity for producers from other regions to participate in this class and come away with valuable insight on the females in your breeding operation. Kevin is very excited for this opportunity and is looking forward to hosting a diverse group of heifers on their ranch. Take the time to go through your yearling heifers and consider entering this contest. The data you receive in return is an investment in the future of your operation.

We will be offering The Cutting Edge Carcass Contest for both bulls and heifers. This contest is going to play a more intricate role in our new show and sale program, as it will be one of the criteria required to qualify for the Producer of the Year. Entry forms and information are included in this newsletter.

Our industry is once again posing challenges for everyone involved. It is our hope that our conference speakers and topics will keep all of you on the forefront of this dynamic and evolving industry so you can capitalize on the positives and be prepared for the negatives. Your association also faces many challenges and we are working diligently to prepare the association, and the membership, to move forward and be a progressive voice in the industry.



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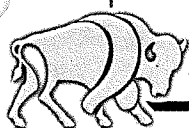
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Notes From The President - Wendy Hutchinson

Another year has wrapped up and your DTBA executive director, board members and the Show and Sale committee are looking forward to the annual convention in February. Last year we implemented the live video auction for the first time and will continue that again this year. There was also much discussion during the business meeting last year concerning the traditional classes in the show. The Show and Sale committee took that to heart and this will be our first year to only offer the Performance Classes: Young Guns, Girlz Gone Wild and the Carcass classes. Certainly changes can be made in the future if there is a strong desire by the membership to participate in the traditional show classes.

It's a good year to take a hard look at the performance classes as you consider improvements or expansions to your herd. The classes offer the producer the data needed to choose good livestock. Plus, entering your own animals provides a great benchmark for your own herd management.

The Young Guns program is producing some exceptional bulls, but also allowing producers to compare their animals to others, thus allowing them to make improvements in their own programs. It's not all about who wins...everyone wins if you take the data and utilize it.

Girlz Gone Wild is presenting a unique opportunity this year. With 38 head entered and Slim Buttes bulls on them all season, where else in the country can you go and find top quality bred heifers that can go right into your herd and go to work? Take advantage of this opportunity and put some quality females in your herd.

The Winter Conference planning is coming together. We'll kick



off the whole weekend with the popular Prairie Edge Welcoming Reception, thanks to Mimi Hillenbrand and her crew. That's always a great social event on Friday night that allows us to reconnect with folks that we might not have seen for a year!

The Winter Conference will have some fresh faces, with author Dan O'Brien slated to speak about his new book, Wild Idea. In addition to being an author, he is also one of the founders of Wild Idea Buffalo Company, which features grass fed, pasture harvested buffalo meat. He has an interesting and unique story to share. Along with Dan, his wife, Jill, is a talented chef and she will be sharing some recipes and cooking tips for our attendees.

We will also have health updates from Dr. Miller, the assistant state veterinarian for South Dakota and we are putting together a panel of experts to talk about current marketing trends and where our markets might be heading.

As we move forward, we will be looking toward electronic newsletters and other e-ways to communicate. Please make sure your email address is updated with the DTBA. There are lots of exciting changes on tap for our show and sale, including...live online bidding again, a newly structured Producer of the Year program and arguably, one of the most difficult in the country to win, and a new host ranch for our Girlz Gone Wild (Kevin Leier, Heartland Bison Ranch, Rugby, ND) which will offer many other regional producers the opportunity to enter this class and get information back on their heifers and their program.

I look forward to seeing you all in Rapid City!

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Calendar Of Buffalo Events

January 9 - 10, 2015: North Dakota Buffalo Assn. Annual Meeting and Fall Buffalo Auction. Napoleon Livestock Auction, Napoleon, ND. 701-340-6282 or 701-240-3628.

January 9 - 10: Montana Bison Assn. Annual Meeting. White Sulphur Springs at the Hot Springs. (406) 392-5321 or www.montanabison.org.

January 21 - 23: National Bison Assn. Winter Conference. The Denver Renaissance Hotel, Denver, CO. (303) 292-2833 or www.bisoncentral.com.

January 24: National Bison Assn. Gold Trophy Show and Sale. National Western Livestock Auction Center, Denver, CO. (303) 292-2833 or www.bisoncentral.com.

February 6 - 7: Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Winter Conference. Best Western Ramkota Hotel, Rapid City, SD. (605) 519-1326 or info@dakotabuffalo.com.

February 8: Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale, Central States Fairgrounds, Rapid City, SD. (605) 519-1326 or info@dakotabuffalo.com.

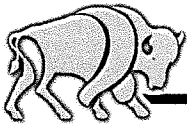
February 9 - 12: The Keys to Successful Bison and Land Management Seminar. Durham Ranch, Gillette, WY. Visit www.crossroadsconsulting.com for more information.

April 17-19: Minnesota Buffalo Assn. 22nd Annual Educational Conference. Hosted by NorthStar Bison, Rice Lake, WI. (507) 454-2828 or info@mnbison.org.

April 24 - 25: Rocky Mountain Buffalo Assn. Peak to Peak Spring Conference. Denver, CO. www.buffaloranchers.com.

June 1 - 3: National Bison Assn. Summer Conference. Fort Worth, Texas. www.bisoncentral.com for updates and information.

June 24 - 26: 1st International Bison Health Symposium. Radisson Hotel, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. www.bisonhealth.ca.



Industry Growth Spurs Many Changes For DTBA Sale Format

It was a long summer. Fall was not much better. Conference calls, agonizing decisions and so many "what about this" and "what about that". It's safe to say, your show and sale committee probably spent more time talking to each other than they did talking to their families this past year.

Change can be difficult, yet we need to grow and adapt to new situations and even new trends. While our industry is built on an animal that has remain largely unchanged over time, thanks to a pretty darn good initial design, the industry itself has changed dramatically the past two decades. As DTBA prepares to celebrate our 20th anniversary in 2016, the show and sale committee took a bold step and recommended eliminating the traditional show classes that we had offered since this association's inception. That one change spurred other changes. Lots of them. More than any of us anticipated.

We have eliminated the Rookie of the Year award, along with the Grand and Reserve Champion awards. With the performance classes taking center stage and no other "show" classes being offered, the committee spent many hours brainstorming over the Producer of the Year award. To keep or not to keep, that was the big question. It was decided to continue to offer the title, but the award itself has been completely revamped. And we think you will find the results very exciting!

To qualify for Producer of the Year, consignors must have at least one entry in the Young Guns AND the Girlz Gone Wild performance tested classes. Additionally, you must enter at least one of the Cutting Edge Carcass Contest classes. Those consignors meeting that criteria will then be eligible for the Producer of the Year award. (Hint...entry forms for the next Young Guns and Girlz Gone Wild classes are in this newsletter!)

So, what's at stake should you be in the running? The winner of the Producer of the Year award will receive an advertising campaign in the buffalo industry publications, as well as their own local media outlets. Advertisements will focus on promoting that producer and their program, as well as our association. The com-

mittee felt this was a win-win situation for everyone involved. It will allow the winner to reap the rewards and put them in the spotlight where it counts and it will help bring more attention to what our association is doing and the programs we have established.

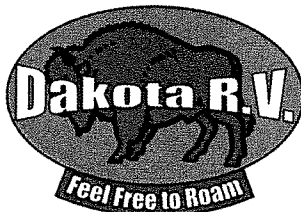
All of these changes are a work in progress. We hope you will join us at the Winter Conference where we will have a discussion about our show and sale and the performance tested classes. Your input is needed as we continue to make revisions with the goal of creating opportunities for both consignors and buyers to improve their herds and their breeding programs.

Make Hotel Reservations NOW!

Our host hotel for our Winter Conference will be the Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City. Show and sale animals can be brought in to the grounds starting on Thursday, February 5. On Friday afternoon, February 6, we will have a cooking demo, a board meeting, a 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 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!**

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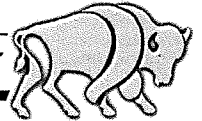
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NBA Celebrates 20th Conference

From the National Bison Association Weekly Update

Producers and potential producers attending the 2015 National Bison Association Winter Conference at the Renaissance Hotel in Denver January 21-23 will be able to graze from a virtual smorgasbord of information during a series of break-out tracks on Thursday, January 22nd.

"Our planning committee recognizes that we have a lot of diversity within our business, and has done a great job of developing some break-out sessions that will allow people to pick up information from experts within those topic areas," said Jim Matheson, NBA assistant director.

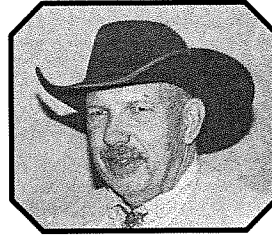
Breakout sessions will include:

- Telling your bison story and branding;
- Grazing and pasture management;
- Value-added from by products;
- Bison meat regulations and labeling rules;
- Animal handling and pen design; and
- Absentee ownership - cooperatives.

The conference will again feature a Mentor's Session on Thursday morning, where newcomers to the business can pick up pointers and insight from a panel of bison veterans.

The NBA Winter Conference agenda is now posted on the NBA website, at www.bisoncentral.com. Members are encouraged to register early, using the on-line registration form. Lodging reservations can be made by contacting the Renaissance Hotel at 1-303-800-1314 to reserve your room at the conference rate of \$124/night with breakfast for two, or \$119/night without the breakfast (Single/Double Occupancy). Be sure to mention the National Bison Association when making your reservation.

NBA President's Viewpoint



Greetings from the National Bison Association. I hope all is going well with you and yours. The NBA has been hard at work positioning the buffalo industry for the coming years. While each region has it's individual buffalo personality, it falls upon the NBA to address the larger, national issues. We have animal welfare issues. We have buffalo purity issues. We have the potential to remove tariffs that are unfairly holding buffalo from selling in the European Union—a market that has already shown a taste for buffalo meat. While none of these will probably directly affect a rancher in this region, they can have effects downstream from the rancher and either positively or negatively effect buffalo values. The NBA is hard at work on all these issues and we remain vigilant towards any future issues. If you are a member—thank you. If you are not a member I would appreciate it if you would take a look at joining the NBA. I will do my best to make it worthwhile.

I will admit to being a bit of a homer—that meaning that I think this is the best place to raise buffalo and that this region has the best ranchers in the industry. I will have to tone this down a bit for a couple of years. I am anxious to see how the buffalo business functions in other regions and to get to know other buffalo ranchers. With the little bit that I do know, I have come to realize there is just something about buffalo that appeals to all of us.

— Bruce Anderson, Western Buffalo Company



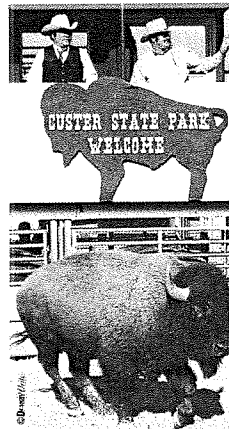
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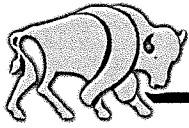
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Welcoming Reception at Prairie Edge

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 6. 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 and there might even be some auction action this year...stay tuned for more details.

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 bull riding tour at the civic center, a concert at the fairgrounds and of course, the infamous DTBA Hospitality Room will be open at the Ramkota hotel.

BHBC Sale Site Improvements

We are very pleased to report that the wonderful folks at the Central States Fairgrounds are working with us to make improvements to our sale facility, the Captain Glen building.

Our move to this particular building was necessary due to changes in the rodeo lineup at the Events Center on the fairgrounds. The Captain Glen is a very old building and basically had been used for storage until it was put into service for our live animal auction. As many of you are aware, the conditions were not the best, but thankfully our partners at the fairgrounds have been receptive to our situation and they are working to make improvements that everyone will appreciate! Additional improvements are on tap for next year as well.

The facility has many things going for it. Paved parking, basically unlimited pen space that we can set up as needed for our animals, an adjacent building that we have access to for storage, feeding the yard crew, auction registration, etc. The past few years, the biggest obstacle has been getting the sale ring area heated and making sure we have enough power for computers, the DVAAuction crew and lighting.

We think you will appreciate the upgrades that are being done prior to our auction and with this subzero weather we have been having, heating was the first priority and that appears to be resolved. We are excited about the upgrades to the facility and the opportunity to bring some of the nation's top breeding stock to a warm audience!

Follow And Like Us On Facebook



The association now 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.

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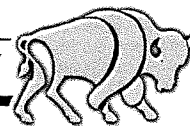
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Volunteers Needed For Animals

The Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale (BHBC) is a huge event for the DTBA. Once again, with our 2015 event looming around the corner, Show/Sale Co-Chairs, Zane Holcomb and Chad Kremer, would like to have some volunteers step forward and assist with the buffalo. 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 and pen animals. Some extra hands are also needed to water and feed the animals throughout the weekend.

On Sunday, February 8, sale day, volunteers are needed to help sort and pen the animals throughout the day and until load-out is completed for the day. Chad and Zane could also use a couple of people who could be available on Monday, February 9 for half a day to help finish with loadout if needed.

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, 605-519-1326 or e-mail info@dakotabuffalo.com and we'll put you in touch with Chad and Zane to make arrangements. THANK YOU!!

Time To Pay 2015 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 "2014", you need to renew your dues at this time. If the date on your newsletter is 2013 or prior, your dues need to be paid now in order to continue receiving materials from the association or to show animals at the Black Hills Buffalo Classic.

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in your 2015 dues. It's very much appreciated!

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 Brodie Limpert is eligible to run for another term and has indicated he will do so. Perry Handyside, who filled the remainder of Travis Mickelson's term, is also eligible to run for a three year term and has indicated he is willing to run for election.

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!

Sponsorships Needed For 2015

With our 2015 events in the not so distant future, we are still in need of sponsorships. There are trophy sponsorships available at this time. We are also looking for cash sponsors for our Winter Conference 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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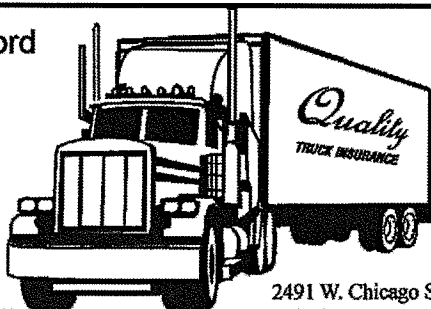
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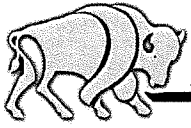
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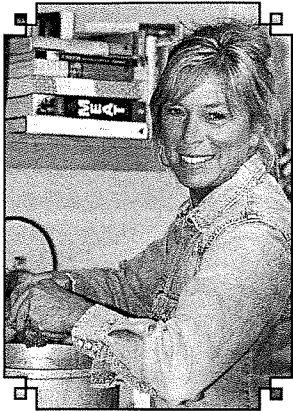
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Cooking Class and Wine Tasting at Someone's In The Kitchen!



Jill O'Brien

We have a real treat for anyone who is interested in some buffalo meat cooking tips and ideas. On Friday, February 6, Jill O'Brien will be leading a class at Someone's in the Kitchen, a neat store just a short distance from the Ramkota hotel.

Jill will be covering the various cooking techniques used for different cuts of the animal. Participants will watch while she covers four of the techniques and prepares four different items, and discusses other cuts that would fall in those categories. This will be a live demonstration with samples and...WINE!

Jill's culinary career began on her family's South Dakota dairy farm where, as a child, participation in "kitchen chores" wasn't optional. But, something stuck and food became her pas-

sion. Although a self-taught chef, Jill has attended many culinary workshops in the U.S. and France. Jill has been a restaurateur and caterer for the past 25 years. She and husband Dan O'Brien are the owners of Wild Idea Buffalo Company. Jill participates in all facets of the business, and on the ranch, and is currently working on a cookbook.

Jill is very talented and her culinary skills are superb. This will be a fantastic opportunity for anyone who enjoys cooking to sharpen their skills or just get some fresh, new ideas.

There is no charge to attend the class, but we are asking anyone who would like to attend to reserve their spot so Jill will have a head count for samples. Seating is somewhat limited at the store, but we will do all that we can to accommodate anyone who would like to attend. They should be able to comfortably handle 20-30 attendees, more if you don't mind standing. If you have friends in the area who would like to attend, that's fine, again we just ask that you reserve a spot by checking the box on the conference registration form or please call or email the DTBA office at (605) 519-1326 or info@dakotabuffalo.com.

Featured Conference Speaker: Dan O'Brien, Wild Idea Buffalo Company

For more than forty years, the prairies of South Dakota have been Dan O'Brien's home. Working as a writer and endangered species biologist, he became convinced that returning grassfed, free-roaming buffalo to the grasslands of the northern plains would return natural balance to the region and reestablish the undulating prairie lost through poor management and overzealous farming. In 1998 he purchased his first buffalo and began the task of converting a little cattle ranch into an ethically run buffalo ranch.

Dan has had a diverse and interesting life, to say the least. His formal education includes a Bachelor's degree in math, a Master's degree in English Literature and a Master of Fine Arts degree. But those pale in comparison to his real world education. He spent time with the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks as a raptor biologist; did a stint with the Peregrine Fund in Boise, Idaho as an endangered species biologist; has been everything from a teaching assistant to a visiting professor in an assortment of colleges and universities across the country. To say he is well rounded would be an understatement.

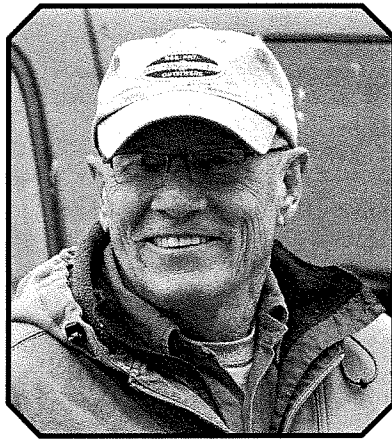
For many of you in the buffalo industry, you would perhaps recognize Dan as one of the owners of Wild Idea Buffalo Company in Rapid City. Along with his wife, Jill, Dan's mission for Wild Idea Buffalo Company is as simple as this: "to

supply delicious, healthy, 100% grassfed meat to consumers interested in sustainability."

Still others may recognize Dan's name from the literary world. A talented author, Dan has had numerous books and articles published on a variety of topics. Many will be familiar with his first memoir, "Buffalo for the Broken Heart: Restoring Life to a Black Hills Ranch". This memoir shares the story of Dan's struggling cattle ranch and how an encounter with buffalo led him to convert the ranch to buffalo, starting with 13 calves.

His latest literary offering, "Wild Idea: Buffalo and Family in a Difficult Land", is another memoir chronicling the more recent life of his family and friends, moving his buffalo herd to a new ranch on the Cheyenne River, the Wild Idea business and the good and bad that has come with fulfilling the vision and mission of the Wild Idea Buffalo Company.

We are very excited to have Dan as a presenter at the conference this year. We've asked him to share the Wild Idea story with our attendees and we think you will find it very entertaining and very informative. His presentation will allow ample time for questions and answers and some of you may just find yourselves a new book to read!



Dan O'Brien

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2015 WINTER CONFERENCE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2015

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2015

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale entries arrive and unload at the Captain Glen building, 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.

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Jill O'Brien's Buffalo Cooking Class and Wine Tasting. Held at Someone's in the Kitchen, 2210 Haines Ave, Rapid City.

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. - ???????? - Ice Skating at Main Street Square in downtown Rapid City; Black Hills Stock Show PRCA Xtreme Bulls Tour, Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Arena or the Stock Show Stampede concert at the James Kjerstad Events Center. Evening on your own. The hospitality room will be open in the Executive Lounge at the Ramkota Hotel.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2015

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. President Wendy Hutchinson, Sylvan I & II.

8:45 a.m. - Update from the National Bison Association, Dave Carter, Sylvan I & II.

9:15 a.m. - Mike Faith & Jim Stone, Intertribal Buffalo Council, Sylvan I & II.

9:45 a.m. - Nomination and Introduction of Board of Directors candidates.

10:00 a.m. - Coffee Break

10:15 a.m. - Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale/Performance Tested Classes Panel Discussion, Sylvan I & II.

11:15 a.m. - Industry Experts Panel - Examining the State of the Industry, Sylvan I & II.

12:15 p.m. - Lunch, Pactola and Sheridan rooms.

1:00 p.m. - Health Update from Dr. Mendel Miller, South Dakota Assistant State Veterinarian, Pactola and Sheridan rooms.

1:30 p.m. - Dan O'Brien - Wild Idea Buffalo Company

2:30 p.m. - Coffee Break

2:45 p.m. - The Future of DTBA - Strategic Planning Input Session, Sylvan I & II.

3:30 p.m. - Election of new DTBA board members and conclusion of business meeting, Sylvan I & II.

5:00 p.m. - Social with cash bar, held in the Sheridan and Pactola rooms.

6:00 p.m. - Banquet.

7:00 p.m. - Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show awards presented.

7:30 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 8, 2015

Breakfast on your own.

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

8:30 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 Captain Glen building.

10:00 a.m. - Black Hills Buffalo Classic Sale, followed by the Open Consignment Auction, Captain Glen building.