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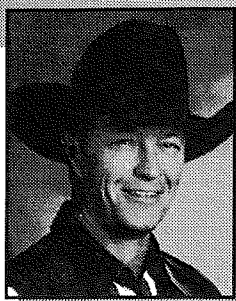
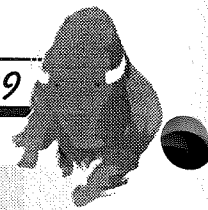
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MAY 1999



From the President

It sounds like calving is going well and is ahead of schedule in many areas. It always hits home for me about this time of year just how good this business really is. Like many of you who were involved in other segments of agriculture, in the spring of the year, there was never enough time to turn around. With the buffalo calving like they have for generations, with no

interference from us, there is more time to appreciate what really matters in life...like fixing fence and building corrals!

Seriously, it does allow more time for other things. It's a welcome change. On that note, I hope to see you all in Chadron, NE at the DTBA Summer Conference on June 4-6. We have a good set of tours lined up and lots of information to share.

With other sectors of agriculture struggling, it is refreshing to be involved in an industry that is so positive and has so much going for it. I think over time, the advantages of the animal will sustain the growth in this industry. As people learn more about how easy they are to care for, the health benefits of the meat, no predator problems, no weather concerns, less feed, etc., they will discover there really is a viable future in agriculture, thanks to this animal.

As producers, we all have a responsibility to contribute to this growth in a positive way. We all have different ideas on how things should be done. Ask three people a question, and you will get three different answers. That's okay. I think we can all agree that one of our main goals is to promote the industry and the animal. That's what we must never lose sight of. On this front, we MUST be united.

We can argue over whether they should be called bison or buffalo. We can disagree on whether they should be fed grass, grain or a combination and we can even cuss at each other over what kind of pickup we drive. But, we must never forget that we are in this together. Our underlying purpose remains the same...to promote the greatest agricultural industry the world has ever seen - the Great American Buffalo!

Greg
P.S. Have you eaten your bison today???

Buffalo Babble

You can direct any comments, questions, mailing concerns or address changes to my attention. If anyone has any story ideas, news tips or information they would like to see in the newsletter, you are welcome to bring those things to me as well. You don't need to do any writing or calling, just leave those details to me. All I need is the basic information and I can take it from there. Below, you will find my address if you care to send things in the mail, or you can call or fax me at the phone number provided and for those of you who like to e-mail, that address is there, too.

This will be our last newsletter until fall. If you have any information that you would like to pass on from summer events or notices for upcoming fall events, please send them to me as soon as possible.

See you all in Chadron!

Sincerely,
Karen Conley
DTBA newsletter editor

Upcoming Events

Friday, June 4 through Sunday, June 6, 1999: Dakota Territory Buffalo Association Summer Conference, Chadron, NE. Call the DTBA at 605-342-0322 for information.

Saturday, June 12 through Sunday, June 13, 1999: The Montana Bison Association Spring Meeting and Summer Ranch Tours. Call the MBA at 406-467-8008 for more information.

July 1999: National Bison Month as proclaimed by National Bison Association President, Del Hensel.

Wednesday, June 30, 1999: Fundraiser for the North Dakota Buffalo Foundation, Jamestown, ND.

Wednesday, July 14 through Sunday, July 18, 1999: The North Dakota Buffalo Association Ranch Tour. Call Nancy or Monte Allen at 701-222-6568 for details.

Wednesday, August 11 through Saturday, August 14, 1999: The National Bison Association Summer Conference. Louisville, Kentucky. Call the NBA office for details, 303-292-2833.

Monday, October 4 through Thursday, October 7, 1999: Annual Fall Roundup of Buffalo at Custer State Park, Custer, SD. Call 605-255-4515 for complete information on this event.

Saturday, November 20, 1999: Custer State Park Fall Classic, Live Public Auction, Custer State Park Buffalo Corrals. Call the Custer State Park office at 605-255-4515 for information.

Tuesday, November 30, 1999: The Montana Bison Association Buffalo Auction, Billings Metra Arena, Billings, MT. Contact the MBA at 406-467-8008 for details.

Saturday, December 11, 1999: North Dakota Buffalo Association Annual Fall Auction, KIST Livestock, Mandan, ND. Contact Sale Chairman, Greg Maddock at 701-438-2503 for more details.

Saturday, December 18, 1999: Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch Annual Buffalo Auction, at the ranch, Buffalo, SD. Contact Sandy or Jacki Limpert at 605-866-4846 for details.

Saturday, February 19, 2000: North Dakota Buffalo Association Dakota Thunder Buffalo Offering. KIST Livestock, Mandan, ND. Contact Sale Chairman, Greg Maddock at 701-438-2503 for more information.

Tuesday, August 1 through Friday, August 4, 2000: The International Bison Conference. Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Contact IBC Co-Chairperson, Nancy Allen at 701-222-6568 for information on registration and the conference.

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DTBA SUMMER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, June 4-Sunday, June 6, 1999

FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 1999

ALL EVENTS HELD AT THE GARDEN CLUB

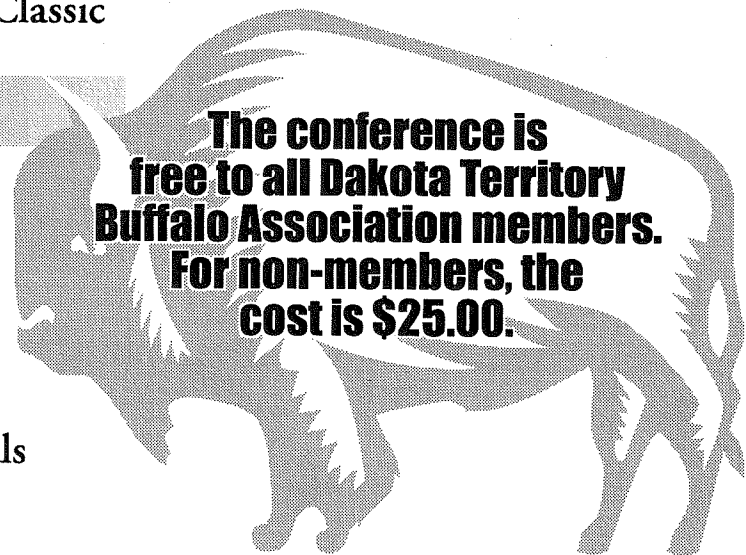
- 1:30 p.m. - Board of Directors Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. - Mission Statement Committee Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. - Registration and Welcoming Social

SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 1999

- 7:30 a.m. - Registration, Garden Club
- 7:30 a.m. - Breakfast Buffet, Garden Club
- 8:30 a.m. - Depart for Budd Ranch Tour, Rushville, NE
- 12:30 p.m. - Lunch on the Budd Ranch
- 3:00 p.m. - Hudson-Meng Bison Bonebed Tour, Oglala National Grassland
- 5:30 p.m. - Attitude Adjustment Time! - Garden Club
- 6:00 p.m. - Dinner with featured speaker, Howard Parker
- 7:45 p.m. - Fun Auction and Trophy Sponsor sign up sheet for the 2000 Black Hills Buffalo Classic

SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 1999

- 8:00 a.m. - Breakfast Buffet, Garden Club
- 9:00 a.m. - Business Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. - Depart for Fort Robinson Tour
- 11:30 a.m. - Lunch at the Fort Robinson Park corrals
- ???????????????? - Depart for home!



The conference is free to all Dakota Territory Buffalo Association members. For non-members, the cost is \$25.00.

BRING AN ITEM FOR THE FUN AUCTION AND PLAN TO SPONSOR A TROPHY FOR THE BHBC!

Legislative Notes

Wyoming is in the process of re-writing their brucellosis regulations. Many people attended an informational meeting in Riverton, WY on April 21, even though notice was short. They followed up by submitting written requests for changes and some attended the hearing in Cheyenne, WY on April 29.

That effort, and a very responsive State Veterinarian and Livestock Board, will hopefully result in regulations which won't cause a serious hardship on Wyoming producers. The Wyoming membership received written support from the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association and from individual members. They appreciate your support and input for the Livestock Board and will keep you informed when the revised regulations are drafted.

The National Bison Association has asked that state, regional and local organizations monitor legislation, animal health issues and other concerns within our own states. This will help to keep them informed and allow them to become involved in a timely and effective manner if help is needed.

To accomplish these goals, we would like each of our members to think about key people you know. A starting place could be the members of a state legislature. Many of us have friends in the cattle industry who share our concerns in areas of animal health and regulations. Since the livestock industry faces challenges from environmental regulations, animals rights advocates and public perception of the livestock business in general, we can also be very helpful through our contacts and memberships in a variety of organizations.

We will provide a list for you to post your name and key contacts so that we can have you involve them and enlist their support on issues of mutual concern.

Submitted by
Annette Smith, DTBA Board Member

Thanks From North American Bison Journal

I just wanted to tell all of the people involved in the bison industry how much I appreciate your help in making the North American Bison Journal come about. Thanks to the outpouring of interest and support, this new publication is on its third edition and things are looking good. It has been a long time in the making and is something that I have been hoping would happen for a quite some time.

While we know that the bison industry is strong and growing, other livestock venues have not been so lucky. We at Tri-State Livestock News were struggling to find a balance between reporting on the happenings in the bison industry while not alienating producers in other livestock interests. With much encouragement from the ranks and a lot of talking on my part, the idea of a monthly publication came into play. The wheels were set in motion and the North American Bison Journal is the result.

While all of this was happening around the first of the year, many of you called Tri-State in support of this idea and while you were at it, put in many good words on my behalf. I can't begin to thank each and every one of you, as I don't even know everyone that called. But I will take the opportunity to say it now. THANK YOU!!! Your support and willingness to voice it did make a difference and it makes me feel very humble that so many of you had such kind words to say about my work.

I can't think of a better group of people to be associated with. Every call I make, every e-mail I write, every request that I make...they are all answered cheerfully, willingly and at all hours

DTBA Website Update

By the time you receive this newsletter, the new Dakota Territory Buffalo Association website will be just about ready for public viewing. It has been under construction this past month and project coordinator, Roy Liedtke, is very excited about the progress being made.

The website will be available for public viewing on Tuesday, May 18. The web address will be www.dakotabuffalo.com. Just log on and take a look at the DTBA in cyberspace! This is an exciting move for the association. We are experiencing rapid growth among our ranks and this website is a much needed promotional/informational tool. So many producers and potential producers want information quickly and at their fingertips and this website will help to make the DTBA accessible quickly and efficiently.

The website is being produced by Wild West Communications, based in Sturgis, SD. Owners Francie Zalesky and Leesa Kiewel are excited to be working with the DTBA and are putting their best into making the DTBA website a first-rate production. "This is such a great organization to work with," says Kiewel. "We are really happy to be working with the DTBA and hope to continue to provide quality services."

One of the items included on the website will be a membership directory. While we have the current membership list, we would like to include member's e-mail addresses if they have one. To have your e-mail address included in this directory, please forward the information to newsletter editor, Karen Conley. You may send your address to her at tgkc@gwtc.net or leave a message at 605-923-7755 and we will make sure it gets included. Your participation in this new venture is greatly appreciated.

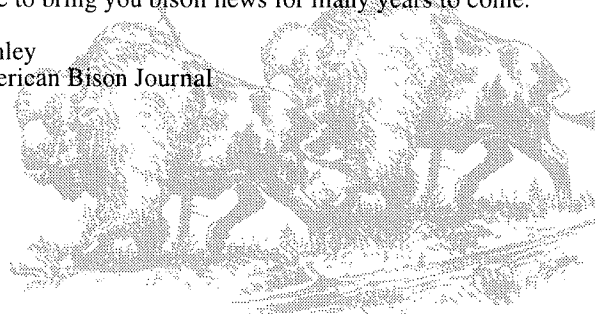
With plans for the website to be fully operational prior to the DTBA Summer Conference, all members with internet access are encouraged to view the site and bring comments to the membership meeting in Chadron, NE on June 6.

of the day and night. That is one of the biggest factors in the success of the North American Bison Journal. Your willingness to help. It makes a huge difference in my job to have a solid support system in place and that is exactly what you have all provided me with.

As the two players on my "home turf", I want to extend a special thank you to the members of the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association and the North Dakota Buffalo Association. These two groups have been instrumental in making the NABJ happen and their continued input and support, both personally and professionally, has been most welcome. I am proud to help represent these leaders in the bison industry.

I could go on and on about how much all of you do for me, but I think you get the idea. Again, thank you for your support. I hope to continue to bring you bison news for many years to come.

Karen Conley
North American Bison Journal



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