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What's On The Horizon For DTBA?

There is a lot of information included in this newsletter. The 2007 Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale and Winter Conference is scheduled for Friday, January 26 through Sunday, January 28, 2007. Included in this newsletter, and posted on our web site, are the rules and entry forms for the live animal show and sale and the Reality-Based Carcass Class. Our sale last year featured some of the highest breeding stock prices in the country, so don't hesitate to consign your animals, as we will be promoting this show and sale throughout the fall.

You will also find entry forms and rules for the St. Onge Livestock consignment auction. This will be the third annual auction and we need your consignments today. The auction will be held on Saturday, December 2 at St. Onge Livestock. Take advantage of this opportunity to consign or purchase animals. Last year there were plenty of buyers in the seats on auction day and the prices were very strong.

Plans for our winter conference are well underway and we have put together an exciting lineup of activities. There will be more details coming soon, so be watching!

Make Hotel Reservations Now!

Once again our location for our 2007 conference and show, scheduled for Friday, January 26 through Sunday, January 28, will be the Best Western Ramkota Hotel, located just off I-90, exit 59 at the northeast edge of Rapid City.

Since we will not have the buffalo in our "backyard", the Ramkota will be offering free shuttle service for our members and guests. They have agreed to run a free shuttle to and from the civic center as often as we need it and pretty much all hours of the day. If you are bringing animals and have a trailer to park, there is plenty of room at the Ramkota to do so, but you will also be able to park at the civic center and ride the shuttle if you desire.

It just keeps getting better, too! The Ramkota's indoor water park has been a big hit and it's awesome. The kids (and adults!) will love it, so bring along the entire family for a little mini-vacation. For the ladies who like to shop, well, the Rushmore Mall is within walking distance or just a minute's drive away.

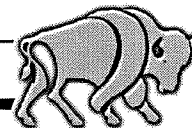
For those of you who love fine dining, we've got that covered as well. Minerva's restaurant is located in the Ramkota complex and they will also be catering our meals and breaks. Their food is superb and they specialize in convention food service, so we are expecting to enjoy some awesome dining! And yes, they love to prepare and serve buffalo meat, so we are in a great atmosphere. Our banquet meal last year won rave reviews from everyone and we are expecting the same type of service and food this year.

If you would like to see the hotel and check out their services, you'll find them on the web at: www.rapidcity.ramkota.com.

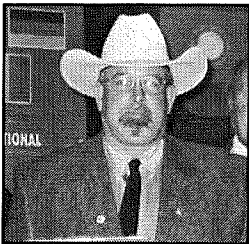
When you are making hotel reservations, please ask for the room block for Dakota Territory. They have put together a special price of \$79 per night for our group and a block of rooms has been set aside. The hotel phone number is (605) 343-8550. Call today and make your reservations now. The hotel did sell out last year on Saturday night, so please make your reservations now to ensure you'll have a great place to stay during the conference.

Join us on Saturday morning, November 18 at the Custer State Park Buffalo Corrals. We will be having an informal breakfast gathering, beginning at 8 a.m. Western Buffalo Company will be sponsoring this event and Bruce is bringing the buffalo sausage! DTBA directors will be on hand and Karen might even flip some pancakes! You'll just have to come and find out. Join us for the fun!





Remarks From The President: Jud Seaman



DTBA members, your board of directors have been working hard to organize an enjoyable and informative winter conference, we have been examining our insurance coverage, updating our trophies for the upcoming years, organizing the IBC 2007, and organizing what we hope will be a very good consignment auction to be held in St. Onge on the 2nd of Dec.

In conjunction with the Custer State Park annual fall auction, we are planning an informal producer meeting the morning of the

Welcome New DTBA Members!

Bill Arnado, Tatonka Enterprises, Inc.,
West Yellowstone, MT
John Daly, Pukwana, SD

Sponsorships Needed For 2007 Events

With our 2007 events right around the corner, we are still in need of sponsorships. There are trophy sponsorships available at this time, as we added more trophies and some of our sponsors have switched classes and/or upgraded. We are also looking for cash sponsors for our Carcass Class, as the entry fees do not cover the entire amount of the awards.

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 efforts help us to provide a full slate of activities for a reasonable price for our conference participants.

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

CONSIGNORS NEEDED NOW!

Due to the overwhelming success of the first two St. Onge Livestock Buffalo Auctions, arrangements have been made for another open consignment auction this year. The auction will be on Saturday, December 2 and will begin at 12 noon at St. Onge Livestock in St. Onge, SD. For those of you who are not familiar with that area, St. Onge is located just southeast of Belle Fourche on Highway 34.

Entry forms and rules are included in this newsletter. You can also contact the DTBA office or Scott Peterson (605) 641-7268, Jud Seaman (605) 390-1419 or St. Onge Livestock at 1-800-249-1995 for more information. You DO NOT need to be a DTBA member to consign animals. Anyone is welcome to do so.

At this time, we are in need of consignors to make this sale a go this year. Please contact any of the people listed on the entry forms or St. Onge Livestock and get your consignments in today. If we do not get more consignments in short order, the sale will not happen this year and we may jeopardize any future sales as well. We need your support to continue on with this important regional sale.

DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR RECIPES FOR OUR NEW COOKBOOK! We'd like to have it ready to debut at the IBC 2007!

auction, Saturday, November 18 at 8 a.m. at the corrals. Western Buffalo Company will be sponsoring a light breakfast, so we hope you will come and join us before the auction.

Mark your calendars to attend any of the upcoming DTBA events.

If you have input, let any of the directors know and we as a group will address them.

May you all have a safe and enjoyable fall animal working schedule, may your calves all be healthy and heavy, and your cows be pregnant.

~ Jud

Calendar Of Buffalo Events

Saturday, November 18: Custer State Park Fall Classic Buffalo Auction, Buffalo Corrals, CSP, SD. 605-255-4515.

Sunday, November 19: Ft. Robinson Bison Auction, Crawford Livestock Market, Crawford, NE. 308-665-2900 or 308-665-2220.

Friday, November 24 and Saturday, November 25: Minnesota Buffalo Assn. Legends of the Fall Show and Sale, Albany, MN. 507-454-2828.

Thursday, November 30 through Saturday, December 2: Western Bison Assn. Wild West Buffalo Stampede Show and Sale, Golden Spike Events Center, Ogden, UT. 505-770-7751.

Saturday, December 2: St. Onge Livestock Company and Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Auction, St. Onge, SD. 605-923-6383 or 605-642-2200.

Saturday, December 2: Kansas Buffalo Assn. Annual Fall Buffalo Auction, Farmers and Ranchers Livestock Commission Co., Salina, KS. 316-721-0970.

Thursday, December 7: Missouri Bison Assn. 10th Anniversary Fall Show and Sale, Lolli Bros. Livestock Market, Macon, MO. 660-695-3586

Saturday, December 9: North Dakota Buffalo Assn. Fall Auction, KIST Livestock Auction, Mandan, ND. 701-252-1122.

Tuesday, December 12: Open Consignment Buffalo Auction, Winner Livestock, Winner, SD. 605-472-1000.

Saturday, January 6, 2007: Flying H Ranch 8th Annual Production Auction. At the ranch, Mobridge, SD. 605-845-3705.

Monday, January 8 through Friday, January 12: Custer State Park Internet Sale (for March 2007 delivery). 605-255-4515.

Wednesday, January 17 through Saturday, January 20: National Bison Assn. Winter Conference and GTSS, Denver, CO. 303-292-2833.

Friday, January 26 and Saturday, January 27: Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Winter Conference. Rapid City, SD. 605-923-6383.

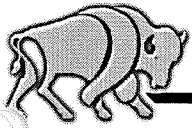
Sunday, January 28: Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale, Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Arena, Rapid City, SD. 605-923-6383.

Saturday, March 17: Missouri Bison Assn. Spring Sale, Mo-Kan Livestock, Butler, MO. 660-695-3586.

Friday, March 30 through Sunday, April 1: Minnesota Buffalo Assn. Annual Educational Conference, Morton, MN. 507-454-2828.

Friday, July 20 through Tuesday, July 24: Plains, Train and Tatanka Wagon Trek and Horseback Ride through Custer State Park, the IBC 2007 kickoff event. Custer State Park, SD. 605-923-6383 or www.ibt2007.com.

Tuesday, July 24 through Saturday, July 28: International Bison Conference 2007. Rapid City, SD. 605-923-6383 or www.ibt2007.com.



FLYING H RANCH

8th Annual Production Sale

SAT., JANUARY 6, 2007

1:00PM CST

At the Ranch

10 Miles West of Mobridge, SD



Selling at the ranch will be:

**600 HEAD OF BULL AND HEIFER CALVES
50-75 HEAD OF BRED COWS and 6 BIG HERD BULLS**

Following the live auction we will be having a video auction.

*Selling on the video auction
will be:*

**40 HEAD of 800-850lb 2 YEAR OLD HEIFERS
80 HEAD of 550-650lb YEARLING HEIFERS**

*Consigned by Curt & Marcie Hepper
Flying H Buffalo Ranch, Raleigh, ND*

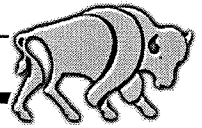
40 HEAD of GOOD HEIFER CALVES

*Consigned by The Triple Seven Ranch
Rapid City, SD*

FLYING H RANCH
Tom Hepper
PO Box 663 ~ Mobridge, SD 57601
605-845-3705
Cell 605-850-3625
hepper@westriv.com



Come early, have lunch and view the buffalo.



Winter Conference Preview

With January quickly approaching, the DTBA board has been busy making plans for the upcoming Winter Conference. The dates will be Friday, January 26 through Sunday, January 28, 2007. The conference will be held at the Ramkota Hotel (see story on front of newsletter) and our show and sale will be held at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center.

We will enjoy the fun and great atmosphere of Prairie Edge Trading Company and Galleries on that Friday night and there might be a few fun, new things to do once the welcoming reception is over. Professional bullriding will be going on at the stock show that night as well.

On Saturday, our conference is coming together. Thanks to the input of you, our members, we will be featuring topics such as low stress handling, nutritional needs of the buffalo and we will have a panel of producers who will offer information and tips on feeding meat animals and getting them ready for slaughter.

There will also be updated information on the IBC 2007 event and you will have the opportunity to sign up as a volunteer for this awesome gathering.

We will have our banquet on Saturday night, followed by the Fun Auction. What an awesome time that was last year!

The live animal auction will begin at 9 a.m on Sunday morning at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center arena. Judges will be on hand at the pens prior to the auction to discuss their placings in the various class.

We'll be seeing you in January in Rapid City! Registration information will be posted on the web site and mail out in late December.



Ashley McFarland, daughter of Steve and Roxanne, spent her summer raising this bottle calf, Sienna. Ashley even showed the calf in 4-H. Roxanne reported in late September that Sienna weighed about 400 pounds and is weaned but she still thinks the humans are her mother. She had also bonded with Ashley's 4-H heifer and everyone thought it was hilarious to see Sienna try to sneak up behind the heifer to try and sneak a drink!



We Need Your Recipes!

You've got a copy or two around the house and you've given them out as gifts. They are the ever-popular DTBA cookbooks.

Believe it or not, since the cookbook came out in July of 2002, we have sold nearly 2,000 copies of the book. It has been a great fund raiser for the DTBA and a great way to spread the message about buffalo meat.

After running out of cookbooks due to unexpected demand, the board authorized a reprint order of 500 books. This will tide us over until we can get a new cookbook organized and printed. Yup, we're going to do it again. The cookbooks are so popular that we feel another version would be money and time well spent. We'd also like to offer more buffalo meat recipes as well as more information on the preparation and handling of the meat.


There is a form in this newsletter for submissions. I can send out more or you can email recipes or write them down on any handy piece of paper. You are welcome to make copies of the form and submit as many recipes as you like. The more we have, the better our cookbook will be. When writing your recipes, please make sure all the ingredients are listed as well as measurements and cooking times. Include your name and ranch name.

The goal is to have a brand new cookbook in time for the July 2007 IBC event. Start looking in your recipe files! We need everyone to participate.

A big thank you to those who have already sent in recipes. Everyone has one or two (and even more) great recipes they can share with others to help make this cookbook the best one yet. The first one met with rave reviews and offered up some fantastic recipes. We need another book full of them just like that. Keep them coming! Who knows...maybe there will be some sort of prize or goodies for the person who submits the most recipes!

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NBA To Offer Free Training

The National Bison Association (NBA) is pleased to announce the Risk Management Training Series. The NBA, in conjunction with the Billings USDA Risk Management



Agency and the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association, is developing an interactive training in the field of bison production and risk management.

This project is being funded by the USDA

Risk Management Agency and targets both existing and prospective bison producers in the Dakota, Montana, Wyoming region. Working with the Billings RMA office, the NBA will establish this training series in its effort to expand the limited learning opportunities offered to the bison industry today. The NBA has chosen this region due to the diverse nature of its producers as well as the sheer number of farmers and ranchers raising bison. The NBA's goal is to establish this training in your region and eventually offer similar trainings nation wide in an effort to increase bison production.

The training series will be offered to residents of South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana and Wyoming free of charge. The workshop will be offered at the Dakota Territory winter conference January 26 and 27 in Rapid City.

Anyone interested in participating should contact NBA Assistant Director, Jim Matheson by emailing him at jim@bisoncentral.com, or by calling (303) 292-2833.

DTBA Sales Arena Postings

The following listings were on the DTBA website Sales Arena at time of print.

Added: 09/16/2006

By: Travis Mickelson, Mickelson Ranch
300 coming 2 year old hievers \$1000; 120 bull calves \$1.40 per lb.; 120 hieffer calves \$700; 40 mixed coming 2 year old hievers and bulls; 30 bred coming 3 year olds \$1300. Call Travis at (605) 748-2405 or cell (605) 441-3361.

Email: sdbuffalohunt@yahoo.com

Added: 10/12/2006

By: Steve Schmitz, Double S Buffalo Co.
Want to purchase 2006 bull calves. Phone 605-966-5770 Cell 605-675-9040.

Added: 10/30/2006

By: Larry Rolfstad, Rocking R Bison Ltd
50 3-10 year old bison cows with spring 2006 calves at side. \$1400/pair. Available 12-06. 605-718-2302.

Added: 11/6/06

By: Sheri Settle
50 to 100 head of calves for sale. Also a few cows. Call Sheri at 605-341-7504.

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Friday, January 26 - Sunday, January 28, 2007
www.dakotabuffalo.com for details

BUFFALO AUCTION

Tuesday, December 12, 2006 • 1:00 p.m. CDT
WINNER LIVESTOCK AUCTION • WINNER, SD

Early Consignments Include:

Leonard Heim - (6) three/four year old breeding bulls
(200 - 250) two/three year old bred heifers

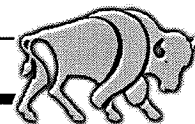
Other Consignors - (40) heifer calves • (15) bull calves
(30) yearling heifers
(15) open cows • (15) bred cows
(7) yearling bulls • (5) two year old bulls

Watch for additional consignments to be listed soon!

For more information about the animals or consigning to the auction, please call

CHAD HEIM, AUCTIONEER (605) 472-1000

WINNER LIVESTOCK AUCTION (605) 842-0451 • LEONARD HEIM (605) 842-0198



International Bison Conference 2007...The Thunder Is Growing!

With less than a year before the gala event, organizers of the International Bison Conference 2007 (IBC 2007) are kicking into high gear and plans are being finalized for what promises to be an event you won't want to miss!

The Plains, Trains and Tatanka Wagon Train and Horseback Ride will be the kickoff event for the IBC 2007. The dates for the wagon train are July 20 through July 24. Although this is an additional cost, optional event, interest is very high for the 150 available spots. Applications for the event have been mailed out to all current buffalo/bison association members and are also available online at www.ibc2007.com and www.bisoncentral.com. Details and information about the wagon train are included with the application packet. There are still spots available for this once-in-a-lifetime event, so get your applications forms in today!

The wagon train committee is still in need of a few specialized volunteers. If you are a medical doctor, veterinarian or farrier, we would like to visit with you about lending your skills to our group for the wagon train. You can contact Chad Kremer at (605) 255-4800, ext. 221 or e-mail him at: chad.kremer@state.sd.us. You can also contact Karen Conley with the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association at (605) 923-6383 or e-mail: info@dakotabuffalo.com.

On Tuesday, July 24, the opening ceremonies of the 2007 IBC will take place in the late afternoon/early evening at Mt. Rushmore National Memorial. For those that have never seen the "Shrine of Democracy", you'll be in for a real treat. There will be a private reception with a keynote speaker out on the terrace and then we'll join the general public for the nightly lighting ceremony where the four faces will be illuminated in the evening sky. Selecting this location for our opening night was a natural. Mt. Rushmore is synonymous with South Dakota and is an integral part of western South Dakota's landscape.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings, our activities will take place at our host hotel, the Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center (www.ramkota.com/rapidcity), located just off Interstate 90 on the eastern edge of Rapid City. The conference will get underway with morning educational sessions structured around the themes of Bison Heritage and History on Wednesday, Bison in the Marketplace on Thursday and Bison Production and Animal Husbandry on Friday. The National Bison Association and the Canadian Bison Association are working diligently to line up a slate of speakers and presenters with informative and timely topics that will be of interest to all bison enthusiasts.

The afternoon and evenings will be full of fun and entertainment for everyone. On Wednesday, some participants will want to attend the optional Foundation Supper at Crazy Horse Monument, while others might opt for a chuckwagon supper and cowboy entertainment. Still others might choose to strike out on their own and explore the area and the many fine offerings of food and fun. Thursday afternoon and evening, our activities will focus on downtown Rapid City. The IBC committee is working to put together what we might term a festival of sorts, with music, food, shopping and the like. The downtown area is rich in history and offers everything from bistros to fine dining to nightclubs; all within a few short blocks of each other, so walking through and soaking up the sights and sounds of the area is something

you'll want to make time for. While we won't go so far as to call it a "metro" area, there's plenty to see and enjoy right in the heart of Rapid City. Small town atmosphere with plenty of variety! One of the evening highlights will be an auction of a 2007 Harley Davidson Heritage Softail motorcycle, one of our fundraisers. This will be similar to the motorcycle that is being raffled, so buy raffle tickets for a chance or bid at the auction and KNOW you'll ride it home!

Friday's outing will be one that everyone will be looking forward to. Have you ever heard of Deadwood? You know, the place where Wild Bill Hickock and Calamity Jane hung out? Shootouts on Main Street, saloon hall girls and plenty of wild west fun are the hallmark of one of South Dakota's most notorious towns. Nestled in the Black Hills, Deadwood's historical atmosphere attracts visitors from around the globe. Our day of fun in Deadwood will coincide with one of the town's biggest weekend, the Days of '76! There will be parades, outdoor activities, plenty of PRCA rodeo action, and of course, the gambling halls will welcome you with open arms! The IBC committee is working to line up blocks of rodeo tickets for those that want to see the action and also working to hopefully incorporate some of our group into the daily parade and other activities. If you saw the movie, *Dances With Wolves*, you'll remember the lead actor, Kevin Costner. Just north of Deadwood sits "Tatanka - The Story of the Bison" which was built and is owned by none other than Kevin Costner. He also owns the Midnight Star casino on Main Street. We are hoping to incorporate the Tatanka exhibit into our day in Deadwood.

On Saturday, plan to spend the day with us in the centerpiece of our IBC offering, Custer State Park. This park is just as famous as those nearby faces carved into the hills and you won't want to miss this special day as our guests. There will be tours of the buffalo herd, fly fishing events, a picnic and plenty of time to sightsee and relax in this special place. Custer State Park is one of the most scenic places in the area and if you're lucky, a tour through the park will find you gazing at the lovely hills, the prairies, perhaps the buffalo herd, a glimpse of the elk as they head deep into the forest and even some of the smallest creatures in the park, the prairie dogs! You'll want to plan to spend the entire day with us and make sure all the family comes along.

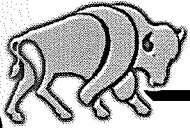
Attendees and families will have their work cut out for them in narrowing down their choices of where to go and what to do! You'll have free time to explore the area and within 30 to 45 minutes in any direction, you'll find a variety of things to do. East of Rapid City, the Badlands National Park is a must see. The road will twist and wind you through pinnacles and buttes of eroded land beautifully crafted by Mother Nature. Head south from Rapid City and you'll find Angostura Reservoir, the Mammoth Site, Crazy Horse Monument and even the Wild Horse Sanctuary. North of Rapid City finds scenic destinations such as Spearfish Canyon, Vanocker Canyon, Bear Butte and even farther north, the likes of Crow Buttes and miles of nothing but grass and livestock - beautiful in its remoteness. To the west, you can visit Pactola Reservoir, Sheridan Lake, Cheyenne Crossing, Devils Tower, The Vore Buffalo Jump and the beautiful Black Hills.

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RAPID CITY, SD



THE THUNDER
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For more information about the area and attractions, visit www.abc2007.com and view the "Area Attractions" box. Click on any of the links and you'll learn more about what this area has to offer. Each site you visit will also have links to other sites, so be prepared to spend some time planning this vacation.

The Ramkota Hotel is now accepting reservations for our IBC guests. You can make reservations by contacting the hotel at (605) 343-8550 and ask for the International Bison Conference block. Many have also inquired about alternate hotels, camping accommodations and other places to stay.

That information can be found on the IBC web site under the "Area Attractions" box. The best place to start is with the Rapid City Convention and Visitors Bureau link that will take you to area campgrounds and other accommodations. They also have a place you can request visitor information, so if you like, just send them the inquiry and they will mail out information to you about the area. Whether you are camping or staying in a hotel, we encourage you to make those reservations and plans now, as the summer tourist season will be at its peak during our conference and it's not unusual for hotels and campgrounds to be full. Not to mention that just one week after our conference, we have this little event in Sturgis that finds us hosting

about 300,000+ guests each year...the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. Many of the rally goers are coming to the area a week or two early, so you must get your reservations in as soon as possible or

you might find yourself without any place to bed down!

Fundraising for the IBC is well underway with a series of raffles. The IBC committee is selling raffle tickets for a Buffalo Hair-On Coat, which will be custom fitted to the winner and made by Georgia Derrick of BisonRidge Ranch in Wisconsin. Tickets for the coat are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. We are also selling tickets for a commemorative buffalo artwork saddle created by saddlemaker and buffalo producer, Jerry Croft of Deadwood, SD. Many of you have seen the saddle on display at various meetings

and auctions and can attest to the craftsmanship that went into it. The saddle tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50. Our third raffle is for a 2007 Harley Davidson Heritage Softail motorcycle with buffalo leather saddlebags and seat and custom painting. The tickets for the motorcycle are \$30 each or 3 for \$75. Tickets will be available at many of the buffalo events this fall and winter or you can contact the IBC committee to purchase them over the phone. Call Karen at (605) 923-6383 or e-mail to: info@dakotabuffalo.com for more information on ticket purchases. Better yet, look for the IBC booth at your area shows, sales and meetings and buy your tickets there and pick up information about the conference and the Rapid City area.

IBC Needs YOU!

Are you interested in volunteering your time and talents to help your association host a large gathering here in the Black Hills? If so, we need you!

The IBC Committee will be recruiting volunteers to help with all aspects of the IBC event. Be watching future newsletters for sign up information. We will also be signing up helpers during the Winter Conference in January.

If you want to volunteer now, we'll gladly sign you up. Need more information? We can help with that, too. Contact Karen Conley at 605-923-6383 or email to: info@dakotabuffalo.com to get the details and get your name on the list.

Your rewards will be great. New friends, new contacts, a whole lot of fun and the satisfaction of helping your association.

SIGN UP TODAY!!

We hope you will all make plans to join us in Rapid City in July of 2007. We'll be pulling out all the stops to make your stay here full of memories that will last you a lifetime!

DTBA Website Expands To Offer Members Only Section

With the ongoing drought situations in the Dakotas and Northern Plains regions, many of our producers have been adversely affected by lack of feed and water, fires, harsh weather conditions and other related situations.

In an effort to help our members, the DTBA would like to introduce the Buffalo Digest. Postings to this digest will be monitored and must be related to looking for assistance or offering advice/suggestions for dealing with these weather-related conditions. We will also be posting information on drought-related programs and assistance being offered by state and federal agencies.

Postings for animals for sale or animals wanted will not be accepted on this digest. Please post these items in our Sales Arena section as you have been doing.

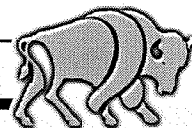
Please post for items such as pasture needed, hay or feeds needed, information on where to find feed sources, tips and suggestions on dealing with drought situations, etc. Postings will be emailed twice weekly to all members with valid email addresses. You may opt out of the list-serv at any time. By logging into the new section, you can access the articles and postings at any time.

Depending on how this Buffalo Digest goes, we may expand

the posting to include other pertinent issues and timely topics, but for now, please keep your postings related to the topics listed.

To access this new section, go to the DTBA website at: www.dakotabuffalo.com. Click on the Newsletter button at the top of the page. You will see a DTBA Member News header at the top of the box. Click on the member login button. The first time you do this, click on the "Forgot your password" link and you can then go in and enter your email address and phone number, click on reset password and the site will automatically email you a random password. Go back to the login section, enter your email and the password that was sent to you. You will then have access to the member area. At that point, you can go in and change your password to another word of your choice. Please remember that you must use the same email address as the one listed in our membership directory or you will not be allowed access to the section. If you need to update your email information, please contact the office and we'll take care of it for you.

If you have any questions, comments or need help setting up your account in this new section, just contact Karen at the office and she can help you or answer questions. Get posting!



National Bison Association Issues Action Alert For Drought Relief

Press Release from the National Bison Association

Westminster, Colorado (November 13, 2006) Lawmakers heading back to Washington, D.C. to wrap up the unfinished business for the 2006 session are being urged by the National Bison Association to assure that the pending drought assistance package include language assuring that buffalo ranchers will be eligible for aid.

In a letter to U.S. Sen. Kent Conrad (D-ND) and all of the co-sponsors of the Emergency Farm Relief Act of 2006, National Bison Association Executive Director Dave Carter wrote, "Bison ranches across the country are facing the same devastating weather-related conditions as cattle ranchers. Like their neighbors in the cattle business, our members have been forced to purchase expensive hay and forage to make up for the lack of adequate grass."

"We are compelled to write this letter because the U.S. Department of Agriculture implemented the recent Livestock Assistance Grant Program in a manner that allowed State Departments of Agriculture to discriminate against the bison industry," Carter added. "In South Dakota, Texas and Minnesota, for example, bison ranchers were deemed ineligible to apply for any Livestock Assistance Grant Program funding."

Congress is scheduled to consider final passage of a \$4.9 billion disaster assistance package when it returns for its lame duck session this week. The legislation contains provisions that allow livestock producers to obtain compensation for drought related livestock losses in 2005 and 2006. The legislation, however, does not define livestock.

Carter noted that the bison industry is just emerging to profitability after suffering four years of disastrous prices from 1999 through 2003.

"Unlike their neighbors in the cattle business, our members are already digging out of several years of record low prices for their animals. Consequently, bison producers' financial reserves were already depleted before this drought settled in," Carter wrote.

In addition to directly contacting the prime sponsors of the emergency legislation, the NBA issued an action alert to its membership urging ranchers to contact their members of congress on the issue.

Note: If an actual email address is not listed, click on the link to the Senator's Web site and then use the "Contact Me" feature to compose and send a message.

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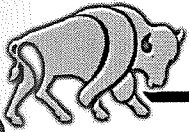
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Editor's Note: This is an extremely important issue that is affecion many producers in the region and especially in South Dakota, which has been hard hit from the drought for a number of years now. As the number one buffalo producing state, it's a slap in the face to South Dakota producers to be excluded from this legislation by our state. A recent article in the Rapid City Journal (Rapid City, SD) highlighted what some of our producers are going through. Sandy Limpert, Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, Buffalo and Tom Hepper, Flying H Ranch, Mobridge, both did an excellent job of putting the issue into terms anyone can understand. Coupled with some excellent photos of, well, no grass, the article made the front page of the newspaper and did much to bring attention to this issue. To view the article, go to the following link: <http://www.rcjonline.com/articles/2006/11/07/news/local/news01.txt>.

Please contact your senators today and let them know that buffalo ARE livestock and need to be included in this and any future weather-related legislation for livestock.



Thank You For Being A Great Family!

As many of you already know, Courtney Limpert, daughter of Sandy and Jacki Limpert, Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, recently had surgery to remove a brain aneurism and suffered some complications from the surgery.



Courtney shares a big hug with Nancy Hepper during last year's conference banquet.

We have been sending out email updates on Courtney's condition and for those of you who don't have email, wanted to let you all know about the situation.

Courtney is currently at Children's Hospital in Boston, but Jacki is hoping they will transfer her to a hospital in Denver within the next week, hopefully before Thanksgiving. At least they will be closer to home and within driving distance for the family so they can

come and visit Courtney.

It's been a long haul for the entire family and Sandy and Jacki wanted to let you all know how much they appreciate your prayers, concerns and emails about Courtney. It has helped them a great deal to see such an outpouring of concern for their daughter and we all know that it will help bring a smile to Courtney's face when she hears about it.

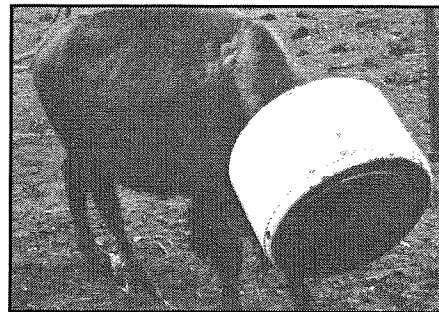
Please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Courtney will most likely have a long recovery period and she will need our continued support in the days and weeks ahead.

Thank you all for being such a great family. It means so much to someone in this type of situation to have the support of so many friends and family members. Once again, this big buffalo family of ours has shown what they are really made of. You are the best!

We will continue to send out periodic email updates as Courtney's condition warrants.

DTBA Members In The News

Congratulations to **Dr. Sam Holland**, South Dakota State Veterinarian. Dr. Holland was honored by the National Assembly of State Animal Health Officials for his contributions to animal health in the regulatory field. **Sandy Limpert**, Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch and **Tom Hepper**, Flying H Ranch, were both interviewed for a newspaper article on the lack of drought relief funding for buffalo producers and the toll that drought has taken on regional producers. **Harold and Darla Loewen**, Possibility Farm Bed and Breakfast, had their business and their buffalo featured in numerous publications this past summer, including a book titled Taste of the Midwest, newspapers Rapid City Journal and Sioux Falls Argus Leader, Midwest Living magazine and even a television special produced by Iowa Public Television. All they initially did was tell the SD Department of Tourism they would gladly host Dan Karercher, editor-in-chief of Midwest Living magazine. Way to go! **Sutton Rodeo, Inc. (Steve Sutton)**, produced two rodeos that have been nominated for PRCA recognition. The Black Hills Stock Show Rodeo in Rapid City was nominated as Indoor Rodeo of the Year, and the Crystal Springs Ranch Rodeo in Clear Lake was nominated as Small Outdoor Rodeo of the Year. The winner will be announced at the PRCA convention Wednesday, Nov. 29, in Las Vegas just prior to the start of the National Finals Rodeo. **Jud Seaman**, Quality Auction Services, was awarded the first runner up at the South Dakota Auctioneers Association Bid Calling Contest this past September. Fourteen contestants were vying for the top honors.



Sharon Stime sent in this picture of one of their heifers that found herself in a bit of a pickle, or shall we say, a bit of "tub"ble!

Sharon's husband, Mark, helped the heifer get unstuck and she was no worse for the wear, just embarrassed!

ADVERTISE IN THE DTBA NEWSLETTER!

The Dakota Territory Buffalo Association is now accepting black and white advertisements for our newsletters. These newsletters are mailed to all of our members, as well as being distributed at various buffalo events around the country. Additionally, it is available for viewing electronically on our website. Get your message out to a wide audience by using our newsletter.

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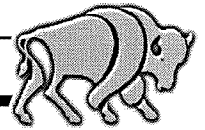
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- 1/2 page - \$40 per issue
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Newsletters are published in the months of January, April, July and October. Ad materials must be submitted to the DTBA office by the 15th of the month preceding publication (ie. December 15 for January publication). Price shown above is for camera-ready advertisements. Design service is available for an additional charge. For more information, please contact the DTBA office at (605) 923-6383 or e-mail to: info@dakotabuffalo.com.

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Meeting Minutes From The Board of Directors

Board Meeting Minutes for the
Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Board Meeting
May 22, 2006 • Telephone Conference

President Jud Seaman called the meeting to order. Also present were board members Chad Kremer, Bruce Anderson, Mimi Hillenbrand and executive director, Karen Conley. Board member Steve Schmitz joined the meeting in progress. National Bison Association Regional Director, Scott Peterson, was also present for a portion of the meeting.

President Seaman asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 27 meeting. Hillenbrand made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Seaman then asked Conley and Anderson to review the financial report that was emailed to all directors earlier. There were no questions regarding the report and President Seaman asked the other board members their opinion on taking funds from our savings account and putting them into our Piper Jaffray money market account. All agreed it would be a good move. President Seaman directed Anderson to transfer \$15,000 from the savings to checking account and to then take those funds and re-invest in the Piper Jaffray account. Conley will have the accountant cut a check for that amount once Anderson has transferred the money.

Peterson noted that the IBC account will be established in the next month and once it is operating and has funds available, Conley should do the paperwork to have the IBC reimburse the DTBA for monies spent on behalf of the IBC up to this point. From that time forward, the IBC account should be able to pay its own bills and deposits as needed.

There was no other business regarding the financials at this time. Kremer made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as shown. Hillenbrand seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Seaman then referred the board to the issue of the Running of the Bulls in Deadwood in July of 2007. Information about this proposal was sent via email to all directors and President Seaman briefly explained about the situation. Peterson then spoke on behalf of the NBA and their position on this issue, which was to not endorse it due to the conflicting times with the IBC event and the risk factors involved. There was much discussion about the event and all directors voiced their opinions. President Seaman then told Peterson that the consensus of the DTBA was to not support the event as presented. Peterson will be taking that information back to the NBA and they will also formulate and issue a position about the proposal. Seaman, Kremer and Peterson all indicated that they would be attending the meeting in Deadwood regarding this issue.

Peterson then went on to update the DTBA board on the IBC event. IBC 2007, a non-profit corporation, has applied for a tax ID number and will be using Pummel and Associates in Belle Fourche to do the accounting for the corporation. Banking will be done through Wells Fargo Banks. During a recent NBA board meeting, Peterson said a review of the IBC 2000 event noted that the hosting party should receive some compensation for the work done to put on an event of this size. The NBA board voted to give the DTBA ten percent of the monies off the top before being split proportionately between the NBA and CBA.

Peterson also reported that the National Buffalo Foundation will be giving the IBC a \$10,000 grant to help fund the event. The CBA also has grant monies that are earmarked for the IBC.

Peterson asked for any questions regarding the Running of the Bulls or the IBC event and being there were none, he exited the meeting at that time.

Conley noted that she is receiving feedback postcards from the Winter Conference. In the near future, she will compile the answers from all the postcards and forward that information to the board for review.

The trophies for the 2007 event are not secured at this time. President Seaman will continue to try and contact Tony Chytka to see if he is interested in designing a new bronze for us to use and to figure up a cost for any new trophies. The board would like to see a meeting with Chytka and the DTBA representative set up by June 1 so information can be shared and decisions made by the next meeting.

Discussion on the 2006 Summer Meeting and Ranch Tours was tabled due to Tom LeFaive not being present for the meeting. Conley will contact him and request that information be sent to her by June 1 so that she can forward to the other directors for review and plans can be finalized.

Conley asked for clarification on the December St. Onge buffalo auction. President Seaman indicated he will talk with Scott Peterson to see what needs to be done on this auction. Anderson volunteered to do what he could and Hillenbrand volunteered herself and Dave Schroth to help with animals in the yards. All agreed that due to lack of interest/response, an auction in the eastern half of the state would not be pursued at this time.

Conley reviewed a number of requests for meat donations or reduced price meat supplies and/or participation requests. It was agreed to sponsor a buffalo meat meal for the National 4-H Shooting Sports Foundation meet in Rapid City the end of June. Anderson estimated a cost of \$750 to \$800 with the numbers proposed. He felt the donation should be capped at \$1,000. DTBA will pay for \$500 of the cost and Western Buffalo Company will pick up the remaining cost on this sponsorship. Participants from

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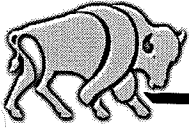
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Meeting Minutes From The Board of Directors

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around the country will be in attendance and for many, this will be their first time to sample buffalo meat. Kremer made a motion to approve the meat donation as outlined. Hillenbrand seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The association insurance policy was discussed. Conley is not comfortable with some of the wording regarding our show and sale and feels we need to address this issue in person with Black Hills Agency representatives so we are all on the same page before the 2007 event. President Seaman asked that she provide copies of the current policy to all board members to review. We will discuss this at the next meeting and then, if needed, set up a meeting with the insurance agents to review our policy.

The Membership Directory will be produced this fall. Good response so far. Same size and style as the previous one. Production to begin in August with a completion date of October 1 to begin distribution this fall.

The National Buffalo Museum in Jamestown is in need of additional funding to help with building projects such as new windows. DTBA has been very supportive each year of this cause and Anderson made a motion to send a \$2,000 check to the museum to be used for building improvements. Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The topic of New Producer Seminars was discussed. All agreed that we need to revive these seminars as a way to bring new people into our industry and offer our assistance to them when they are starting out. The board would like to try and hold one in conjunction with the November live animal auction at

Custer State Park. Partnering with Bradeen Auctions on Friday night to incorporate a seminar was discussed as well as Friday during the day at the buffalo corrals or early Saturday morning at the corrals. Hillenbrand also offered the 777 Ranch for tours, as it is located near the park. It was also decided to put on a formal seminar the Saturday morning of the St. Onge auction. One was scheduled for this past year, but no plans were finalized in time to get this done. The board will begin working on putting together a minimum of two New Producer Seminars before the end of the year.

Conley asked for input and discussion about the financial situation, specifically the need for two signatures on petty cash checks. This becomes a problem when officers are spread out across the state. The bank has our account set up for two signatures on anything that is cashed. Conley would like to have it be one signature, as checks can only be cashed (with current wording) for up to \$500 at this time. Anderson made a motion that checks to be cashed over \$2,000 require two signatures but under that amount only one signature would be required. Kremer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Conley will check with the bank to make sure we can implement this procedure and get back to the directors with a final answer. If it can, she will provide the necessary paperwork and officer signatures to the bank to implement this change.

There being no further business, Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kremer seconded the motion. Motion carried. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place during the summer meeting at a time and location to be determined.

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Tuesday, July 24 - Opening ceremonies of the 2007 IBC at Mt. Rushmore National Memorial.

Wednesday, July 25 - Bison Heritage and History. The optional Foundation Dinner will take place at Crazy Horse Monument.

Thursday, July 26 - Bison In The Marketplace. Afternoon and evening activities in the Rapid City area. There will be optional motorcycle tours of the Black Hills.

Friday, July 27 - Bison Production and Animal Husbandry. In the afternoon, we will load up and head north to Deadwood for an afternoon and evening of wild west fun!

Saturday, July 28 - Ranch Day at Custer State Park. Buffalo herd tours, fly fishing, trail rides, a festive lunch and historical time at the corrals, as we celebrate the birthplace of our modern buffalo industry.

HOST HOTEL: Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center in Rapid City. Call (605) 343-8550 for reservations. Please ask for the International Bison Conference room block.

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PLEASE SEND IN ONLY IF YOU ARE A NEW MEMBER OR HAVE NOT PAID YOUR 2007 DUES!
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Buffalo Auction

**Saturday, December 2, 2006 - 12:00 Noon, MST
St. Onge Livestock, St. Onge, SD**

**Join us at 11:00 a.m. for a Producer's Meeting
Hosted by the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association**

THE ASSOCIATION WILL HAVE MEMBERS ON HAND TO DISCUSS BUFFALO PRODUCTION, THE STATE OF THE INDUSTRY AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE. DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BUFFALO AND TO PURCHASE QUALITY STOCK IN A VARIETY OF CLASSES.

CONSIGNMENTS ACCEPTED FOR:

**Heifer Calves (06) Bull Calves (06)
Yearling Heifers (05) Yearling Bulls (05)
Two Year Old Heifers (04) Two Year Old Bulls (04)
Open Cows Cull Cows**

Please read all of these instructions before working your buffalo for the St. Onge Livestock Buffalo Auction.

Keep these rules for reference when working your animals and share a copy with your vet.

You do not have to be a member of the Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. to consign animals to this auction.

1. Each buffalo must be listed on the health papers along with their corresponding metal ID tag (unless they are females under 12 months of age) and consignor's ranch dangle tag. All other tags must be removed from the animal.
2. Bangs tested or vaccinate
 - a. All female animals over 12 months of age must be tested
 - b. Heifer calves 4-12 months can be vaccinated or tested. (Non tested or non-vaccinated can't go to Mont. or Wyo.).
3. Slaughter cows do not have to be Bangs or TB tested. Slaughter cows will be sold last.
4. If females are preg checked, it must be noted on the health papers.
5. Females are sold as open or preg checked only. No such thing as pasture exposed.
6. Commission fee is 6% on all buffalo. No sales are 6% of the last bid. St. Onge Livestock will charge and additional \$15 per head yardage fee on all buffalo still there past Sunday noon.
7. All buffalo must be at the sale barn by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday December 2, 2006.
8. Buffalo must be in saleable condition. Buffalo are sold as is and any guarantee is between the buyer and seller.
9. All animals will be insured on day of sale for \$.08 per \$100.
10. Please make every effort to sort animals before delivering them to the sale barn.
11. Make sure your vet reads these rules. If your animals do not meet these rules they will not be unloaded.
12. If you or your vet have any questions please call: St. Onge Livestock 1-800-249-1995; Curt Olson 605-641-2855; Scott Peterson 605-641-7268, Karen Conley 605-923-6383 or Jud Seaman 605-390-1419.

To Consign Animals, Contact:

St. Onge Livestock • (800) 249-1995

Consignment deadline is Thursday, November 30, 2006

St. Onge Livestock Third Annual Buffalo Sale
 Held In Conjunction with the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association
Saturday, December 2, 2006 • St. Onge Livestock, St. Onge, SD
ENTRY FORM

(Please use a separate entry form for each owner. Information will be printed as completed below.)

Ranch: _____

Owner: _____

Address: _____

Town, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Fax: _____ e-mail: _____

Entry Deadline: Entries must be consigned by November 30, 2006

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AUCTION

1. All buffalo must have the following or they will NOT be unloaded:
 - a. Health Certificate. (Metal and Dangle tags must be same as on health.)
 - b. Permanent metal ID tag, (unless they are female 12 months of age or younger.)
 - c. Consignor's ranch dangle tag only, remove all other tags.
 - d. Bangs vaccinated or tested, (If non-vacs or not tested they can only stay in SD if they are 12 months or older.)
2. All buffalo must be checked in no later than 9:00 a.m. MST, Saturday, December 2, 2006.
3. Animals must be in saleable condition, buffalo sold "AS-IS", and any guarantees are between the buyer and seller.
4. Buffalo become responsibility on the buyer when Auctioneer declares SOLD.
5. Commission fee is 6%. No sales are 6% of the last bid.
6. St. Onge Livestock and DTBA do not insure death loss. This is the owner's responsibility.
7. Please make every effort to sort animals before delivering them to the sale barn.

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| CLASS | No. Of Hd. |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Heifer Calves (06) | _____ |
| Yearling Heifers (05) | _____ |
| 2 Yr. Old Heifers (04) | _____ |
| Bull Calves (06) | _____ |
| Yearling Bulls (05) | _____ |
| 2 Yr. Old Bulls (04) | _____ |
| Cull Cows | _____ |
| Bred Cows | _____ |

Mail entries to St. Onge Livestock, P.O. Box 290, St. Onge, SD 57779.
Phone: 800-249-1995. E-mail stonge@rushmore.com. Fax: 605-642-7628

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

Signed _____ Dated _____

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Jan. 26 - Jan. 28, 2007 • Rapid City, SD
Sale: Sunday, Jan. 28 at 9:00 a.m. SHARP!
Terms & Conditions
Sale Chairman • Steve Sutton • (605) 258-2863

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

1. Negative Tuberculosis test (caudal fold) on all animals. Test must have been done within 25 days of sale date.
2. Negative Brucellosis test on all animals. Test must have been done within 25 days of sale date.
3. Negative Anaplasmosis test on all animals. Test must have been done within 25 days of sale date.
4. All females MUST be calfhood vaccinated for Brucellosis. Show tag numbers, metal tag numbers and BV tattoo numbers must correctly coincide on the Health Certificate.
5. All animals must be treated with INJECTABLE ivermec. *IMPORTANT:* Animals coming from south of the southern Wyoming-Nebraska-Iowa borders must be injected within 10 days of the show date. Animals coming from north of these southern borders must be injected within 25 days of the show date.
6. ALL yearling bulls MUST be semen checked and certified fertile. *IMPORTANT!* Yearling buffalo bulls mature later than beef bulls and are often harder to test. Make sure your veterinarian knows this!
7. All two year old heifers must be certified at least 90 days pregnant.
8. All yearling heifers must be certified OPEN.
9. **PLEASE NOTE!** A consignor bringing in two year old bred heifers will be required to have a Teeth Affidavit Form filled out and signed by their veterinarian indicating that the veterinarian checked the animal between November 29, 2006 and January 25, 2007 and the animal had only two adult teeth at the time of inspection. Two year old animals who arrive at the show grounds and do not have a completed Teeth Affidavit Form will not be unloaded and the consignor will forfeit any entry fees for those animals. A National Bison Assn. tooth chart is included in this entry packet for your reference and a Teeth Affidavit form is also included. Any two year old animal that has four or more fully erupted teeth will be immediately disqualified and the consignor will forfeit any entry fees.
10. Three copies must be furnished with the original health certificate. Separate health certificates are required for each animal. Pens of three can be on one certificate with three copies.
11. *Animals WILL NOT be unloaded if the health certificates do not meet ALL of the above requirements. NO EXCEPTIONS! Pregnancy test, semen test, ivermec and mouthing must be written across the bottom of each health certificate with the date and signature of your veterinarian. Keep your test paperwork with you in case it is needed.*
12. Any animal entered in the Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale can not have entered another show and sale in the six months prior to the Black Hills Buffalo Classic event.

HORNS

Dehorned animals accepted are yearling and two year old heifers ONLY. All others must have either two good horns or broken horns which have fully healed. We will work with you in case of a broken horn while at the show. Severe bleeders cannot enter the sale ring.

EAR TAGS

Show tags, NBA Source Verification tags, metal vaccine/tag and registration button are the only tags accepted to be in the buffalo's ear. Consignors will be responsible for applying the show tags in the LEFT ear. This must be done before the animals will be allowed to unload. Any animal that shows up with an extra tag will be charged \$50 to take the tag out.

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show & Sale
Jan. 26 - Jan. 28, 2007 • Rapid City, SD**

ENTRY FORM

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

Ranch _____

Owner _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

ENTRY FEES: Individual Animal - \$50/head. Pen of Two/Three - \$100/entry. Commission Fee - 9%.

ENTRY PERIOD: The entry period will BEGIN on November 15, 2006. Entries will be accepted by mail only and the postmark date will be used as the qualifying factor for the entries. **ENTRIES MAY NOT BE POST-MARKED EARLIER THAN NOVEMBER 15. ENTRIES POSTMARKED BEFORE NOVEMBER 15 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** Entry deadline is December 8, one entry per consignor per class. After December 8, two entries per consignor will be allowed if a class is not full, until a deadline of Dec. 18, 2006.

1. Entry fee includes pen and feed. (Animals may be penned together in their respective classes.)
2. Entry fee is non-refundable.
3. Animals will be unloaded from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 26. These times will be strictly adhered to as a veterinarian will be on site to check health papers. Judging will take place on Jan. 26 and Jan. 27 and the auction will be held on Sunday, Jan. 28. Announcements will begin at 8:30 a.m. and animals will sell at 9 a.m. sharp!
4. Special show ear tags will be sent for each animal entered and must be applied in the left ear. Ear tags will begin mailing on December 26, 2006.

CLASSES

- Bull Calves (2006)
 - Pen of 3 Bull Calves (2006)
 - Yearling Bulls (2005)
 - Two Year Old Bred Heifers (2004)
- Heifer Calves (2006)
 - Pen of 3 Heifer Calves (2006)
 - Yearling Heifers (2005)
 - Pen of 2 Yearling Heifers (2005)
 - Pen of 2 Two Year Old Bred Heifers (2004)

| Show ID | #Class (enter each animal) | Sex | Birth Year | NABR ID# | Show & Sale \$50 | Pen \$100 |
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Total \$ _____ \$ _____

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

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Teeth Affidavit Form

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

Ranch: _____

Owner: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Examination Date: _____

(Must be between November 29, 2006 and January 25, 2007)

Animal Name: _____

BHBC Ear Tag No. _____

Ranch Ear Tag No. _____

Brucellosis Metal Test Tag No. _____

Classification:

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

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

ALL DECISIONS OF THE SHOW AND SALE COMMITTEE ARE FINAL.

Signature of Examining Veterinarian Required

Printed Name of Veterinarian

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Additional Remarks:

2007 DTBA REALITY-BASED BULL & HEIFER CARCASS CLASS

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

Rapid City, SD • January 26 - January 28, 2007

Limited To 12 Head of Bulls and 12 Head of Heifers

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

1st Place - \$2,500

2nd Place - \$1,000

3rd Place - \$500

CARCASS CLASS ENTRY INFORMATION AND TERMS

1. Entry fee is \$300 per consignment. One entry per consignor in each class. ENTRIES MAY NOT BE POSTMARKED BEFORE NOVEMBER 15. ENTRIES POSTMARKED BEFORE NOVEMBER 15 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Consignors will be notified by December 8 if their entries are drawn for the contest.
2. All entries will be mouthed when they arrive at Western Buffalo Company on the slaughter date. On that date, only bulls with all their baby teeth will be accepted and heifers can not have more than two permanent teeth.
3. **PLEASE NOTE:** In keeping with the reality-based theme of this contest, the DTBA Board of Directors has implemented new weight minimums on animals entering this contest. The minimum weight for bull carcasses will be 550 pounds. The minimum weight for heifer carcasses will be 435 pounds. Please keep this in mind as you select animals to bring to the contest. Carcasses not meeting the minimum weight requirements will be disqualified from the contest and there will be no entry fee refund. Western Buffalo Company has agreed to purchase those carcasses at an approximate price of \$1.85 for bulls and \$1.75 for heifers, depending on the market, or the consignor may pay the processing fee and take the meat home. All other terms and conditions relating to the carcasses will still apply to those that are disqualified from the contest.
4. No health papers are needed on the animals participating in the Carcass Class.
5. **Bulls and heifers will be delivered live to Western Buffalo Company in Rapid City, SD on Monday, January 8, 2007 only.** Please be aware that, given the work schedule at Western Buffalo Company, the association is trying to work within a set time frame. We will be able to process all entries in one day.
6. South Dakota State University and a State Inspector will be on hand to oversee the testing of the meat cuts. All cuts will be trimmed to 1/4" fat cover and the ground buffalo will be tested for fat content and a sliding scale for value of product will be set up.
7. All buffalo will be boxed separately and frozen. Cut test sheets on each carcass will be developed showing how the cuts or group of cuts affect the bottom line.
8. The winner of the Carcass Class will be the buffalo that yields the most percentage of profit.
9. The winning carcasses will become the property of the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association and will be purchased by Western Buffalo Company with the proceeds going to the association.
10. The ribeye from ALL carcass class entries is donated and will be used as the main entree at the DTBA Awards Banquet during our Winter Conference. The cost of the ribeyes from ALL the entries is put into one lump sum and then equally deducted from each consignor's check. If you want the meat back from your animals, be aware that the ribeye area will not be included. There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
11. All other entries will have the option of paying a modest processing fee and taking their carcass home or Western Buffalo Company will purchase the carcass s outlined above.
12. Consignors will be asked to provide a history of entries, to include items such as days on feed, type of feed, genetics, weaning weight, last available weight at home, etc. Please keep this in mind as you prepare your entries. All entries will be photographed at Western Buffalo Company prior to slaughter.
13. Class winners will receive points that go toward the BHBC Producer of the Year award.
14. Entry fee is not refundable. Consignors must be in good standing with the association to enter.
15. There will be a Consignor's Meeting at 3 p.m. on Friday, January 26, 2007 at the Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City, SD. Your attendance is encouraged at this meeting.

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ENTRY FORM

BULL

HEIFER

Ranch _____

Owner _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

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

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

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

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

Signature of Consignor Required

Date

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

Mail completed entry forms and payment to:

Dakota Territory Buffalo Association

PO Box 4104

Rapid City, SD 57709