

## New Host Hotel For 2006 Conference

Yes, it's true! We lost our lease and had to move. Just kidding, but we really do have a new location for our 2006 conference and show, scheduled for Friday, January 27 through Sunday, January 29. We will be headquartering at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel, located just off I-90, exit 59 at the northeast edge of Rapid City. This move was forced, as our former host hotel wanted to gear their efforts toward accommodating more stock show guests.

The good news is the Ramkota is very excited to have our business. They will be our host hotel for the 2007 International Bison Conference, so this will be a fantastic opportunity to check the place out and become familiar with their staff and services. We think you'll find this hotel to be very accommodating and an improvement over our previous location.

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 has a brand new, indoor water park 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. This new location offers quite a few amenities that we have not previously had.

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.

If you would like to see the new hotel and check out their services, you'll find them on the web at: [www.rapidcity.ramkota.com](http://www.rapidcity.ramkota.com).

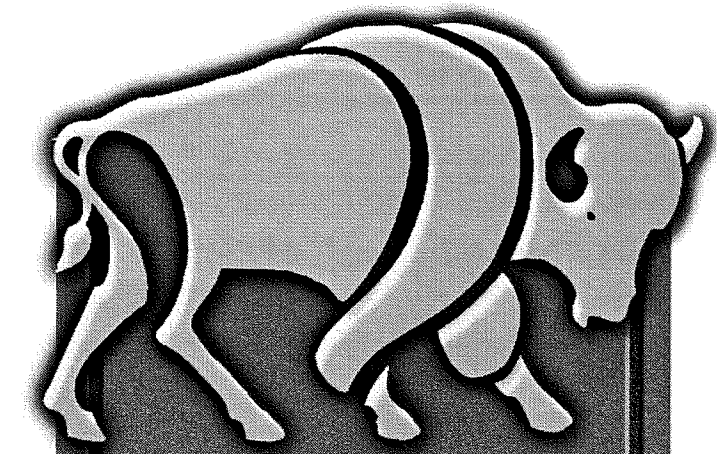
**When you are making hotel reservations, please ask for the room block for Dakota Territory Buffalo Association. They have put together a special price of \$79 per night for our group and a block of rooms has been set aside. The hotel phone number is (605) 343-8550. Call today and make your reservations now.**

## What's Coming Up...See Details Inside

There is a lot of information included in this newsletter. The 2006 Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale and Winter Conference is scheduled for Friday, January 27 through Sunday, January 29, 2006. 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. Last year was the first year for this auction and the response was so great that we are doing it again this year. The auction will be held on Saturday, December 3 at St. Onge Livestock. There is already more than 100 head consigned, so 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 among the highest of the consignment auctions in the country. We will also be advertising this auction throughout the fall, so get your consignments in so they can be featured in upcoming advertising.

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!



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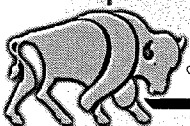
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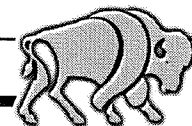
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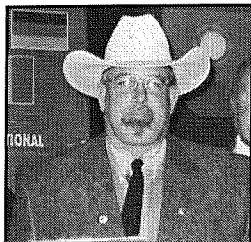
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## Remarks From The President: Jud Seaman



Good Day! I trust that this finds everyone in good spirits and that you have enjoyed a successful calving season and are ready for the fall activities to begin.

I want to first thank every one for entrusting your association in to my care. I promise that I will do what ever is needed to protect and guide this association in the direction that is most beneficial to the

majority of the membership. This is your association and your input will be listened to and considered before decisions are made.

I have a challenge for each and every member of this association and that is to become involved in the upcoming events, be it the upcoming conferences or helping with the upcoming 2007 IBC. We are in need of committed volunteers that all have a strength which can be utilized in some fashion at our upcoming events. Each event will be more memorable and enjoyable and beneficial to other members if you will give of your time and talent.

Under the prior leadership of this association we have committed to work more closely with the National Bison Association and that is an ongoing project that we will continue to pursue.

At the time of this writing, the first auction of the season is on

## Notes From The DTBA Office

Greetings to everyone! Let me start by offering an apology for missing the spring newsletter this year. I think my plate finally ran over and I suffered from a serious case of burnout, which many of you had warned me about! Trust me, next time I WILL listen. That's no excuse for the lack of communication on my part and I shoulder the blame entirely. Communication is vital to the success of our association and I let you all down in that respect. Again, my sincere apologies to each and every one of you.

With that said, this issue is packed full of information, both recapping past events and looking ahead to the fall and winter activities. If you have any questions about the information, entry forms or other events, don't hesitate to call or email for more details. The website has also been updated in the last couple of days, so you can check there for additional information as well.

The association has been busy this spring and summer. We participated in the NAB Summer Conference, the Dutch Oven Cookoff in Yankton and also had a booth at the Custer State Park Arts Festival. IBC planning has been underway and much of the "behind the scenes" activity has come together. There is still a lot of work to do for that event, so feel free to jump in and join us.

There will be plenty of communication coming out of the office in the next couple of months. Watch your email for up-to-the-minute news and check the mailbox for newsletters. Hope to see you at the fall events. - Karen

## Welcome New DTBA Members!

Robert Carr, Lemmon, SD

Monty Hepper, Quarter Circle Y Co., Mobridge, SD

Rollie and Elle Hill, Broken Heart Ranch, Rapid City, SD

Steve and Carolyn Kokjohn, Farmington, IA

Irvin and Bonnie Salzer, Salzer Ranch, Mobridge, SD

Chad Bullinger, NPMI, Inc. (Homestead Gourmet products), New Rockford, ND

tap. There seems to be a resurgence in the industry right now and the meetings and events that I've attended are filled with a positive and optimistic attitude. I hope that will continue throughout the year.

As you will have noted from the front page, we have a new host hotel for our 2006 activities. This is a positive move for us and I know you will enjoy the new atmosphere and the folks at the Ramkota are eager to work with us, so make your reservations now and plan to attend in January.

Our 2006 Black Hills Buffalo Classic marks the tenth anniversary of this event, and really for our association. We have some special celebrations lined up to mark this special occasion. It seems hard to believe that ten years have gone by. As I look back on where we have been and where we are today, I see a very solid group of producers that have learned many lessons and are committed to making this industry a success. It has not been easy, but we are moving forward.

We will be having an IBC meeting following the Custer State Park auction on November 19. We can use all the help we can get, so please join us for that meeting. It will be at the park office at approximately 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 19. Our next board meeting will be a conference call on Monday, November 28. If you have any items to discuss, please contact a director and we will add those items to our agenda for that meeting.

May the good Lord bless each one of you.

## Calendar Of Buffalo Events

**Monday, October 31:** The Nature Conservancy Sealed Bid Sale Deadline. For NE, OK, SD and ND preserves. 402-722-4440.

**Monday, October 31:** North Dakota Buffalo Foundation Sealed Bid Calf Sale deadline. Contact National Buffalo Museum, Jamestown, ND. 701-252-8648.

**Saturday, November 19:** Custer State Park Fall Classic live animal auction, Buffalo Corrals, Custer State Park, SD. 605-255-4515.

**Sunday, November 20:** Fort Robinson Buffalo Auction, Crawford Livestock Auction. Crawford, NE. (308) 665-2900.

**Friday, November 25 and Saturday, November 26:** Minnesota Buffalo Assn. Legends of the Fall Show and Sale, Albany, MN. 507-454-2828.

**Thursday, December 1 through Saturday, December 3:** Western Bison Assn. Wild West Buffalo Stampede Show and Sale. Golden Spike Arena, Ogden, UT. 505-770-7751.

**Saturday, December 3:** St. Onge Livestock Auction and Dakota Territory Buffalo Association Consignment Auction. St. Onge Livestock, St. Onge, SD. 605-923-6383 or 605-641-7268.

**Saturday, December 10:** North Dakota Buffalo Assn. Fall Auction. KIST Livestock, Mandan, ND. 701-530-1997.

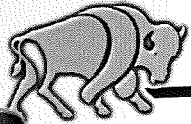
**Saturday, January 7, 2006:** Flying H Buffalo Ranch Production Auction. McLaughlin Livestock, McLaughlin, SD. (605) 823-4497.

**Monday, January 9 through Friday, January 13:** Custer State Park Fax and Phone Auction. For March 2006 delivery. Custer State Park, SD. (605) 255-4515.

**Thursday, January 19 through Saturday, January 21:** National Bison Assn. Winter Conference and Gold Trophy Show and Sale. Denver, CO. 303-292-2833.

**Friday, January 27 through Sunday, January 29:** Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale and Winter Conference. Rapid City, SD. 605-923-6383.

**Saturday, February 11:** North Dakota Buffalo Assn. Spring Auction. KIST Livestock, Mandan, ND. 701-530-1997.



# DAKOTA TERRITORY BUFFALO ASSOCIATION WINNERS CHOICE RAFFLE

## 2 GREAT PRIZES! BIG WINNERS!

Tickets are \$10 each or 3/\$25

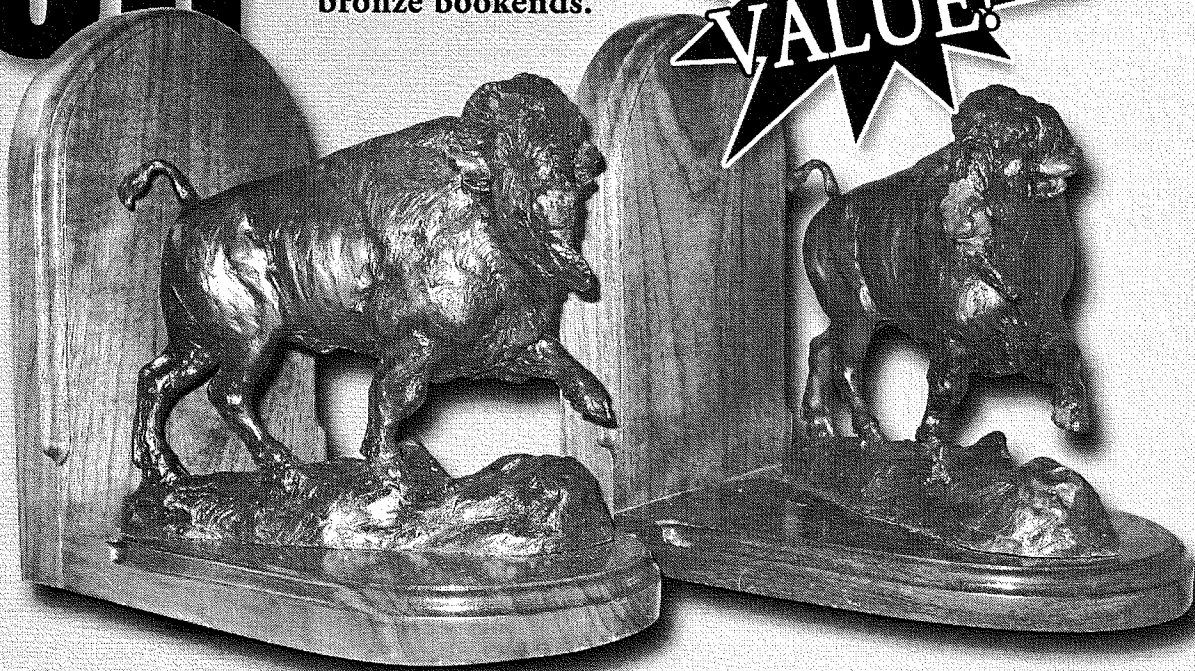
Win a trip for two to the National Bison Association  
Winter Conference in Denver, Colorado January 19-21, 2006  
(DTBA pays for two nights stay at host hotel  
and 2 NBA Full Conference registrations.)

A \$500  
VALUE!

# OR

Choose the one of a kind  
**Tony Chytka**  
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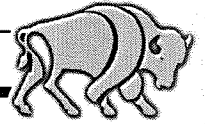
A \$1000  
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Drawing will be held November 19, 2005 at the  
Custer State Park Buffalo Auction. Need not be present to win.

To purchase tickets, contact DTBA at (605) 923-6383 or e-mail [info@dakotabuffalo.com](mailto:info@dakotabuffalo.com)  
or stop by our booth at the Custer State Park Buffalo Auction, November 19.





## Anthrax Alert: Information Below

This past summer and into the fall, some of our region, especially eastern South Dakota, has experienced problems with Anthrax. South Dakota State Veterinarian, Dr. Sam Holland, has provided information about the disease and what can be done to help prevent it. Dr. Holland notes that buffalo seem particularly susceptible to anthrax, and are certainly exposed, therefore we strongly recommend including anthrax vaccination as part of the annual herd health plan. Of particular concern for anthrax, of course, is proper and timely diagnosis and disposal of carcasses to prevent further contaminated soil sites and to address public health concerns.

Here is some information from Dr. Holland.

Anthrax is usually an acute, febrile disease of virtually all warm blooded animals including man. In the usual septicemic form it usually has a rapid fatal course.

South Dakota is one of the recognized areas in the United States where repeat outbreaks occur.

This Anthrax organism can form spores when exposed to oxygen. These spores are very resistant to extremes of temperature, chemical disinfectants and desiccation and therefore may persist in the environment for long periods of time.

Epidemics tend to occur in association with periods of marked climatic or ecologic change such as heavy rainfall, flooding or drought.

Outbreaks of Anthrax are commonly associated with neutral or alkaline calcareous soils. In these areas the spores apparently revert to the vegetative form and multiply to infectious levels so that cattle, horses, mules, sheep and goats may readily become infected when grazing such areas.

These outbreaks occur usually when the minimal daily temperature is above 60 degrees F.

Even in endemic areas, Anthrax occurs irregularly, often with many years elapsing between occurrences on a given place or area.

***There does seem to be evidence however that if there is an outbreak of Anthrax on a given year that there will also be some Anthrax the concurrent year.***

There is an effective nonencapsulated Sterne-strain vaccine used for livestock immunization. This vaccine should be administered 2 to 4 weeks prior to the season outbreaks tend to occur.

As of October 3, 2005, there has been 54 confirmed positive outbreaks in 17 counties in South Dakota. Counties that have confirmed buffalo death loss include: Buffalo, Dewey, Potter, Spink, Sully and Tripp.

Anthrax is a very serious quarantinable disease because it can cause the rapid loss of a large number of animals in a very short time. Often times animals are found dead with no illness detected. Anthrax is also communicable to humans as well as other animals through carcasses so that strict enforcement of quarantine and proper burning and burying of carcasses suspected to have died from Anthrax is important. Anthrax is not usually spread from animal to animal and quarantines are imposed to prevent further soil contamination by movement of affected cattle.

Producers are alerted to outbreaks so they can consult their veterinarians and vaccinate their livestock if deemed appropriate.

Dr. Holland reports that Anthrax spores survive in contaminated soil indefinitely and that much of South Dakota has the potential of experiencing an outbreak.

Significant climate changes such as drought, floods, and winds can expose Anthrax spores to grazing livestock. In alkaline soils, high humidity and high temperatures present conditions for the Anthrax spores to vegetate and become infectious to grazing livestock.

For more information, contact The Animal Industry Board at (605) 773-3321. See more information on page 9.

## Calling All Cooks! We Need You

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. One thing we'd like to do this time is offer more buffalo meat recipes as well as more information on the preparation and handling of the meat.

Be watching in the next newsletter for more information on this upcoming project. We will be handing out recipe forms and collecting them in the next few months. 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.

## Winner's Choice Raffle Opportunity

Since January of this year, DTBA has been promoting a new raffle. It's the Winner's Choice raffle and we need your help to make it a success.

As part of our commitment to working with the National Bison Association, the DTBA board decided to raffle off a set of Tony Chytka bronze bookends OR a two night stay at the Westin Westminster and two full NAB Winter Conference registrations that will be valid this January.

We have sold a number of tickets, but since this is a "buffalo-specific" type raffle, we could sure sell more! Every member should purchase a chance to win, as the trip to Denver is more than worth every dime! The Westin is a luxury hotel and the networking, learning and opportunity presented by the NAB conference is well worth a drive to Denver.

With that in mind, you will find a packet of three raffle tickets in your newsletter. Tickets sell for \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Buy a few yourself or sell to your friends. The drawing will take place after the Custer State Park auction on November 19. You can turn in tickets and money at that time, if you are planning to attend the auction, or send them to the DTBA PO Box and we'll make sure you get in the raffle. This is a great opportunity to make an affordable trip to the NAB gathering. It's also a great way to help out your association with a fund raiser.

If you have any questions about the raffle or need more tickets, please give Karen a call or send an email and we can help you out. Good Luck!

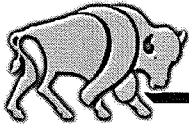
## St. Onge Consignment Auction

Due to the overwhelming success of the first St. Onge Livestock Buffalo Auction, arrangements have been made for another open consignment auction this year. The auction will be on Saturday, December 3 and will begin at 1:00 p.m. 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, for more information. You DO NOT need to be a DTBA member to consign animals. Anyone is welcome to do so.

Early consignments include: 25 six year old bred cows; 30 mixed calves; 28 yearling heifers and 10 semen-tested yearling breeding bulls from Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch. Other consignments are pending at this time.

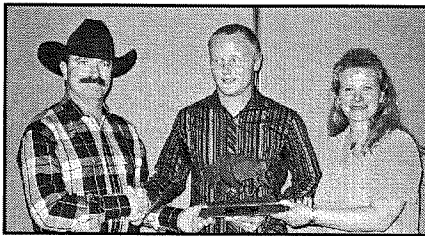




# Results From The 2005 Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show And Sale



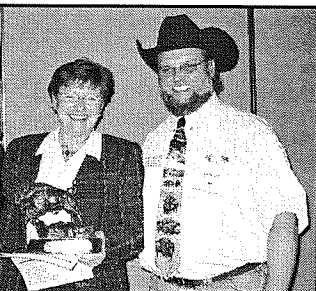
**Casey Byrd, center, was the 2005 Classic Producer of the Year. Michael and Kathleen Gear were the trophy sponsors.**



**Casey Byrd, center, accept the Grand Champion Bull trophy from sponsors Jacki and Sandy Limpert.**



**Ed and Deanna Nolz, center and right, accept the Reserve Grand Champion Bull trophy from sponsor Jim Butler.**



**Gail Griffin accepts the Gold Carcass Bull award on behalf of Mark and Kathy Gehl. Rod Sather was the trophy sponsor. Cash award sponsors were Mike Thiel, Joe Painter and Travis Mickelson.**

**Producer of the Year:** Casey Byrd, Buffalo Dance Bison, Ridgeview, SD.

**Rookie of the Year:** Steve Schmitz and David Staum, Double S Buffalo Co., Elk Point, SD.

**Grand Champion Male:** A yearling bull from Buffalo Dance Bison.

**Reserve Champion Male:** A bull calf from Nolz Poor Farm Bison, Ed and Deanna Nolz, Sioux Falls, SD.

**Grand Champion Female:** A two year old bred heifer from Red Canyon Ranch, Michael and Kathleen Gear, Thermopolis, WY.

**Reserve Champion Female:** A yearling heifer from Antelope Creek Bison Ranch, Doug Candee, Dickinson, ND.

**Heifer Calves:** 1. Buffalo Dance Bison; 2. Nolz Poor Farm Bison; 3. Antelope Creek Bison Ranch. Honorable Mention: Red Canyon Ranch.

**Pen of Three Heifer Calves:** 1. 777 Ranch, Margaret Hillenbrand, Rapid City, SD; 2. Nolz Poor Farm Bison; 3. Vigilante Buffalo Company, Vince and Lori Hayes, Alder, MT.

**Yearling Heifers:** 1. Antelope Creek Bison Ranch; 2. Trails End River Bison, Larry and Dixie Byrd, Presho, SD; 3. Buffalo Dance Bison. Honorable Mention: Blue Valley Ranch, Galloway, Inc., Perry Handyside, manager, Kremmling, CO.

**Pen of Two Yearling Heifers:** 1. Buffalo Dance Bison; 2. Antelope Creek Bison Ranch; 3. Diamond Tail Ranch, Mike Duncan, owner, Scott Butcher, manager, Jelms, WY.

**Two Year Old Bred Heifers:** 1. Red Canyon Ranch; 2. North Slope Buffalo Ranch, Corey Snyder, Lyman, WY; 3. Buffalo Dance Bison.

**Pen of Two Two Year Old Bred Heifers:** 1. not awarded; 2. Buffalo Dance Bison; 3. Double S Buffalo Co.

**Bull Calves:** 1. Nolz Poor Farm Bison; 2. Buffalo Dance Bison; 3. Red Canyon Ranch.

**Pen of Three Bull Calves:** 1. Nolz Poor Farm Bison; 2. Double S Buffalo Co.; 3. Buffalo Pass Ranch, Inc., Dennis and Marsha Tuel and Mike and Tricia Vetrone, Fergus Falls, MN.

**Yearling Bulls:** 1. Buffalo Dance Bison; 2. Prairie Rose Buffalo Ranch, Heath and Danielle Peterson, Revillo, SD; 3. Horscreek Bison, Steve and Roxann McFarland, Hettinger, ND.

**Carcass Bulls:** 1. Gehl's Buffalo Hill Ranch, Mark and Kathy Gehl, Prescott, WI; 2. Prairie Rose Buffalo Ranch; 3. Blue Valley Ranch, Galloway, Inc.

**Carcass Heifers:** 1. Gehl's Buffalo Hill Ranch; 2. Diamond Tail Ranch; 3. High Point Bison, Glen and Jill Klawonn, Pine Bluffs, WY.

### Sale Results

**Heifer Calves:** 7 head sold. Prices ranged from \$400 to \$900 per head with an average of \$572 per head.

**Pen of Three Heifer Calves:** 21 head sold. Prices ranged from \$400 to \$500 per head with an average of \$457 per head.

**Yearling Heifers:** 12 head sold. Prices ranged from \$650 to \$1,600 per head with an average of \$959 per head.

**Pen of Two Yearling Heifers:** 14 head sold. Prices ranged from \$650 to \$1,050 per head with an average of \$871 per head.

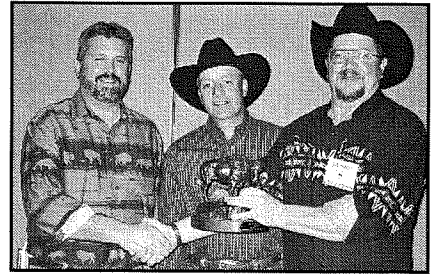
**Two Year Old Bred Heifers:** 7 head sold. Prices ranged from \$1,400 to \$4,100 per head with an average of \$2,057 per head.

**Pen of Two Two Year Old Bred Heifers:** 4 head sold. Prices ranged from \$1,100 to \$1,400 per head with an average of \$1,250 per head.

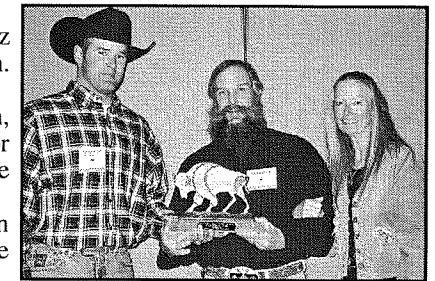
**Bull Calves:** 8 head sold. Prices ranged from \$450 to \$1,400 per head with an average of \$863 per head.

**Pen of Three Bull Calves:** 9 head sold. Prices ranged from \$550 to \$1,050 per head with an average of \$750 per head.

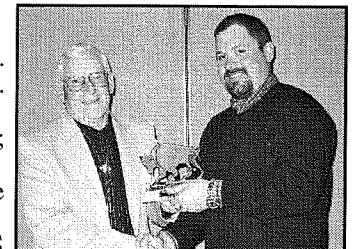
**Yearling Bulls:** 13 head sold. Prices ranged from \$1,000 to \$3,500 per head with an average of \$1,742 per head.



**Dave Staum, left, and Steve Schmitz, center, accept the Rookie of the Year trophy from sponsor Brad Beavers.**



**Tim Robertson, left, of Blue Valley Ranch, sponsored the Grand Champion Female trophy awarded to Michael and Kathleen Gear.**



**Doug Candee, left, took home the Reserve Grand Champion Female award. Lance and Tahma Kuck were the sponsors.**



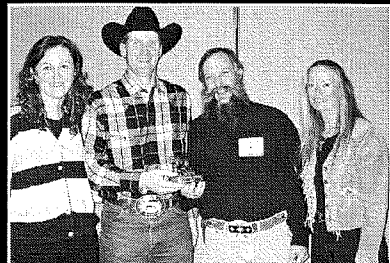
**Gail Griffin accepts the Gold Carcass Heifer award for Mark and Kathy Gehl. Farm Credit Services of America was the sponsor. Cash award sponsors were Mike Thiel, Joe Painter and Travis Mickelson.**



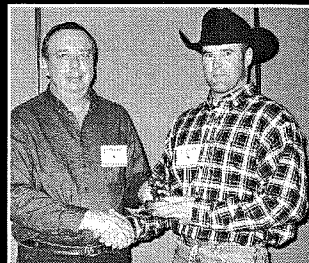
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Casey Byrd, left, accepts the Bronze trophy for his Two Year Old Bred Heifer entry. Sponsors were Susan and Merle Maass.



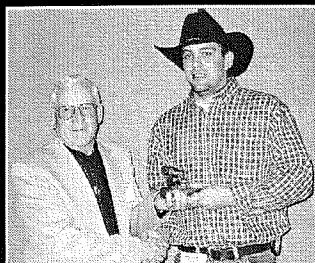
Trophy sponsors LeAnn and Wayne Buchholz present the Bronze Bull Calf trophy to Michael and Kathleen Gear.



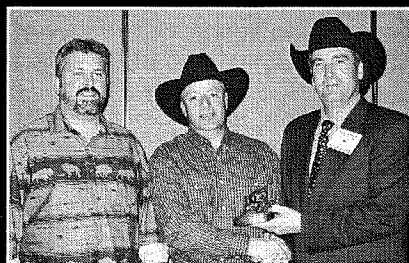
Stan Savelkoul, on behalf of trophy sponsor Pete's Truck and Trailer, presents the Bronze Bull Carcass award to Tim Robertson.



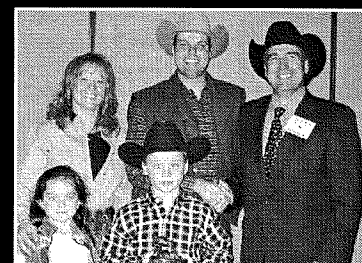
Scott Peterson accepts the trophy for the Bronze Heifer Carcass on behalf of Glen and Jill Klawonn. Trophy sponsors were Susan and Merle Maass.



Doug Candee, left, accepts the trophy for the Bronze Heifer Calf from Nate Schmitz, representing trophy sponsor Union County Fertilizer.



Dave Staum and Steve Schmitz, left and center, accept the Bronze Pen of 2 Two Year Old Bred Heifer trophy from Scott Peterson, representing sponsor DTBA.



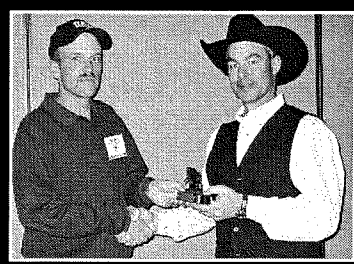
Scott Peterson, right, presents the Bronze Pen of Two Yearling Heifers trophy to the Scott Butcher family. Double S Buffalo Company was the sponsor.



Todd Goetz, left, presents BHBC Judge John Bowron with the Judge's Trophy. The Buffalo Heard was the sponsor.



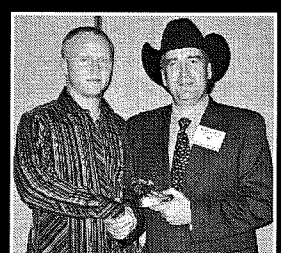
Mike Vetrone, left, took home the Bronze Pen of Three Bull Calves trophy, sponsored by Nancy and Tom Hepper.



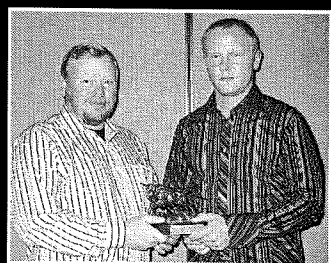
Paul Smail, left, accepts the Bronze Pen of Three Heifer Calf trophy from Curt Olson, representing sponsor St. Onge Livestock.



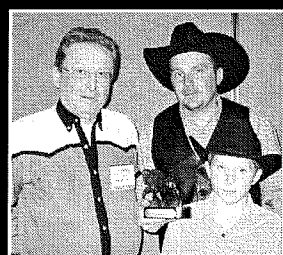
Trophy sponsor, Steve Allard, left, presents the Bronze Yearling Bull trophy to Roxann and Steve McFarland.



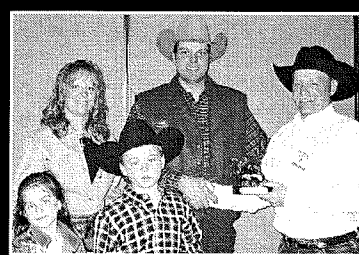
Casey Byrd, left, took home the Bronze Yearling Heifer trophy. Scott Peterson represented sponsors Doug and Sandy Stukel.



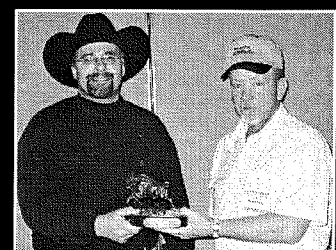
Larry Carr, left, represented trophy sponsor Linweld and presented the Silver Bull Calf trophy to Casey Byrd.



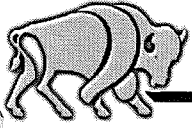
Trophy sponsor Floyd Johnson, left, presented the Silver Two Year Old Bred Heifer award to Corey and Alex Snyder.



Sponsor Perry Handyside, right, presents the Silver Heifer Carcass trophy to the Scott Butcher family.



Heath Peterson, left, was awarded the Silver Bull Carcass trophy from Kelly Schumacher of Scranton Equity Feeds.



# Results From The 2005 Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show And Sale



Ed Nolz, left, accepts the Silver Heifer Calf award from sponsors Steve and Roxann McFarland. Larry Carr also helped sponsor the trophy.



Casey Byrd accepts the Silver Pen of 2 Two Year Old Bred Heifer award from Scott Peterson. DTBA was the sponsor.



Ed Nolz, left, congratulates Doug Candee on winning the Silver Pen of Two Yearling Heifers trophy. Ed and Deanna Nolz were the sponsors.



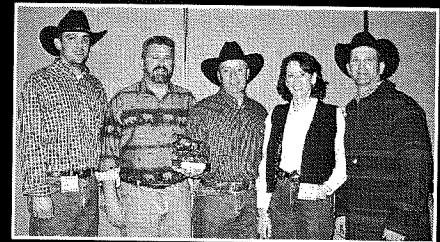
Heath Peterson, center, took home the Silver Yearling Bull trophy for his entry. Wayne and LeAnn Buchholz were the sponsors.



The Silver Pen of Three Heifer Calves trophy was presented to Ed and Deanna Nolz by sponsor Tim Robertson, left, of Blue Valley Ranch.



Larry and Dixie Byrd, left, were presented with the Silver Yearling Heifer trophy from sponsors Irma and Tom LeFaive.



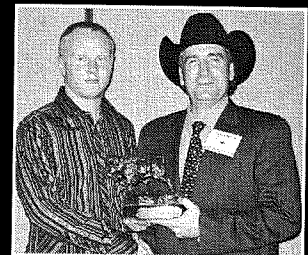
Tom and Nancy Hepper, right, sponsored the Silver Pen of Three Bull Calves trophy, awarded to (l to r) Nate Schmitz, Dave Staum and Steve Schmitz.



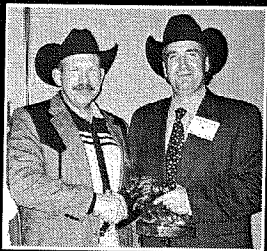
Michael and Kathleen Gear were awarded the Gold Two Year Old Bred Heifer trophy, sponsored by Susan and Scott Peterson.



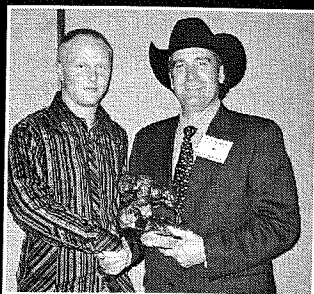
Monty and Nancy Allen, left, sponsored the Gold Bull Calf trophy, presented to Deanna and Ed Nolz.



Casey Byrd accepts the Gold Pen of Two Yearling Heifers trophy from Scott Peterson, on behalf of sponsors Tedd and Carmen Thompson.



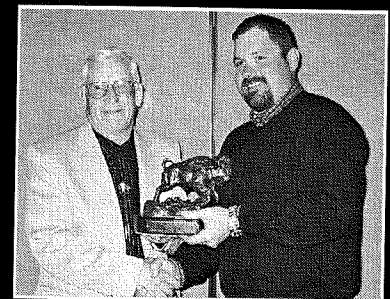
Scott Peterson, left, awards the Gold Pen of Three Heifer Calves trophy to Bruce Anderson, who accepted on behalf of Margaret Hillenbrand. Pioneer Bank and Trust was the trophy sponsor.



The Gold Yearling Bull trophy was awarded to Casey Byrd, left. Scott Peterson awarded on behalf of sponsor Valley Banks of Eastern South Dakota.



The Gold Pen of Three Bull Calves was awarded to Deanna and Ed Nolz, left. Scott Peterson was in for sponsor, Beal Distributing.



Doug Candee, left, was presented the Gold Yearling Heifer trophy by sponsor Lance Kuck.





## Thank You To Everyone Who Helps Make Our Events A Success!

As many of you well know, it takes a lot of time, manpower and planning to put on our winter conference and live animal show and sale every year. In addition to sponsors, there are a lot of volunteer hours that go into this event every year. At the risk of leaving someone out (and if we do, please let Karen know so we can acknowledge you in the next newsletter), we'd like to publicly thank everyone who helped at the event this past year.

First off, thank you to our winter conference chairperson, Jacki Limpert. She spends a lot of time on the phone lining up speakers, the hotel details and talking with Karen to make sure everything is taken care of and runs smoothly. Jacki does a great job and we appreciate all that she does to make our conferences top notch. She also helps line up trophy and conference sponsors. The Board of Directors also lined up a number of sponsors this year and for that, a huge thank you. We had a number of new sponsors and that is awesome news!

At the beginning of January, we hold the Reality Based Carcass Class. Thanks to Bruce Anderson, owner of Western Buffalo Company, for letting us come in and take over his plant for however long is needed to do our contest. Bruce also spends a lot of time plugging in numbers and formulating the data that you receive each year. Al Holzer, the plant manager, spends his time helping unload animals, making sure the carcasses are handled properly, instructing the contest judges and keeping the contest running smoothly. And finally, thanks to everyone at Western Buffalo Company for pitching in and helping us with the contest each year and making room for Karen to set up shop for the duration.

Helping with the show and sale animals, of course, a big thanks to our show chairman, Chad Kremer. Conditions were a bit chilly this year, but Chad and crew did a great job taking care of the animals out back. Helping Chad was Zane Holcomb, Tom LeFaive and Larry Rolfstad. Steve Sutton's crew also helped out throughout the weekend. Steve acts as our sale chairman and again, he puts in numerous hours putting together the pens and show ring. We couldn't have our show without Steve and his crew, so a big thank you to all involved in making that happen.

Thanks to our vendors, Felecia Sargent from that National Buffalo Museum in Jamestown, ND and Larry and Linda Rolfstad, Rocking R Bison Leather, Rapid City, SD.

The Rolfstads again donated a beautiful buffalo leather trimmed coat for our Fun Auction Buyer raffle. Marilyn Butcher was the lucky winner of the coat. Many thanks to Larry and Linda for their generosity in helping us encourage folks to buy, buy, buy at the Fun Auction!

There were plenty of other folks who helped out at the conference, including Lorene Bender, Merle and Susan Maass, Todd Goetz, Mike Goetz, Paul Conley, Nancy Allen, Roy Liedtke, Gail Griffin, Dave Kalil, Jud Seaman, Ron Bradeen, Steve Schmitz, Scott Peterson, Nancy Hepper ...and at the risk of forgetting someone, we'll stop there. If you held a door, loaded boxes in or

out, watched the registration desk or helped find something Karen lost, sponsored a trophy or event, brought items for the fun auction or purchased items at the fun auction, just know that your efforts are greatly appreciated. We could not do an event this big without your help and thanks to you, it happens.

Many thanks to Cammack Ranch Supply in Union Center for helping to sponsor the ear tags for our show animals.

Our evening entertainment was comedian Gordy Pratt. He was sponsored by Scott and Susan Peterson, Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch and Ron and Jil Bradeen and Jud Seaman, Bradeen Auctions. Everyone enjoyed Gordy's antics and much fun was had with jokes and songs!

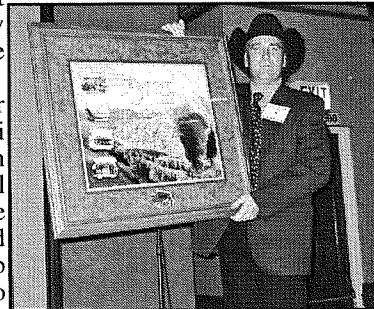
Finally, one of the events that makes our DTBA conference so unique is our Welcoming Reception at Prairie Edge Trading Company and Gallery. We can't begin to thank them enough for opening their downtown store for us and providing the food and beverages for our reception. Duane Lammers spearheads this project every year and, with help from Colleen Miller at Prairie Edge, Triple 7 Ranch and Dakota Mill and Grain, makes it a fun, exciting event. There are people who talk about this reception and look forward to it all year long. We appreciate this unique opportunity and thank these folks for their hospitality.

And now, for the rest of the story...you heard about it, you may have read about it, but if you weren't there, you didn't experience it. During the auction on Sunday morning, there was a small incident...okay, a rather large, shaggy incident. We had a yearling bull that just felt he would rather spend some time touring the civic center than to stay in the ring. While he was being auctioned, this particular bull became very agitated and ended up hooking the panels that connect the sale ring to the bucking chutes. Well, to make a long story short, one minute he was in the ring, the next minute he was out of the ring. The bull found an open gate out of the main arena and

proceeded to go check out the new trailers on display behind the bleachers. With everyone running around, he got a bit out of sorts and headed for the nearest door...which just so happened to lead into the dressing room. It was there that the now famous "squeaky clean" bull stayed until the rest of the auction was over. The bull belonged to Corey Snyder when he entered the auction ring and when he finally returned, much cleaner and freshened up, he belonged to Boyd Meyer. Thankfully this incident, which could have been very serious, turned out to be

the talk of the town for the next few days. Hopefully, we won't be topping this little incident at the sale this year. Leave it to the DTBA to make their mark on the industry...stay tuned for next year's "soap" opera...as the buffalo world turns.

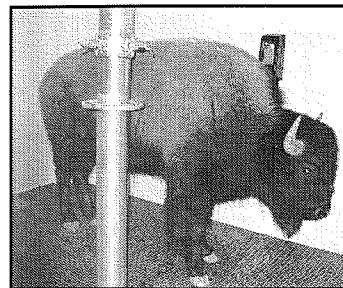
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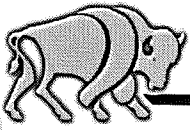


**Outgoing DTBA President, Scott Peterson, was surprised to find a Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch collage print as a "thank-you" for his years of service to the association.**



**Marilyn Butcher, center, was the lucky winner of the Fun Auction Purchase Raffle. Larry and Linda Rolfstad donated a buffalo leather trimmed coat as the prize for this raffle.**





## Anthrax: What You Should Know *Information provided by SD Animal Industry Board*

### ANTHRAX:

Anthrax is a zoonotic disease of mammals and humans that is caused by a spore-forming bacterium called *Bacillus anthracis*. Anthrax has a worldwide distribution. Ruminants such as cattle, buffalo, sheep, and goats are the most susceptible. Other farm animals such as horses and swine are more resistant, but can be affected.

### TRANSMISSION:

During their vegetative stage, cells of the anthrax agent multiply in the lymph nodes of susceptible animals. When cells of *B. anthracis* escape from the animal's body and are exposed to oxygen, they form spores. These spores are highly resistant to heat, cold, chemical disinfectants, and long dry periods. *B. anthracis* spores are reported to survive for years in the environment. Environmental persistence may involve a number of factors, including high levels of soil nitrogen and organic content, alkaline soil (a pH level higher than 6.0), and ambient temperatures higher than 60 degrees.

Animals are usually infected by ingesting soil-borne spores, such as in contaminated feed or water. Spores can be ingested directly from the soil through grazing or from forage contaminated with infected soil. When periods of drought cause livestock to graze much closer to the ground, animals may ingest spores in soil they accidentally eat along with forage.

Biting flies and other insects may harbor vegetative Anthrax and have also been reported to be vehicles for mechanical transmission.

Anthrax is endemic to parts of the United States, including South Dakota, and outbreaks occur sporadically as environmental conditions allow.

### SYMPTOMS OF ANTHRAX:

The incubation period for Anthrax in animals is typically 3 to 7 days with a range of 1 to 14 days, or more.

In cattle and sheep, the course of illness may last about 1 to 2 hours. Clinical signs such as fever up to 107 degrees, muscle tremors, respiratory distress, and convulsions often go unnoticed. After death, there may be bloody discharges from the natural openings of the body, rapid bloating, a lack of rigor mortis, and the presence of unclotted blood. This failure of blood to clot is due to a toxin released by *B. anthracis*.

Although Anthrax in horses and related animals is uncommon, clinical manifestations depend upon how the infection occurred. If due to ingestion of spores, septicemia, fever, colic, and enteritis are prominent. Anthrax due to insect bite introduction (mechanical transmission) is characterized by localized hot, painful, edematous, and subcutaneous swellings at the bite location that spread to the throat, lower neck, floor of the thorax, abdomen, prepuce, and mammary glands. These horses may have a high fever and dyspnea due to swelling of the throat, or colic due to intestinal involvement.

Swine, dogs, and cats usually show a characteristic swelling of the neck secondary to regional lymph node involvement, which causes difficult eating and drinking. An intestinal form of anthrax with severe enteritis sometimes occurs in these species. Many carnivores apparently have a natural resistance, and recovery is common.

### VACCINATION:

Annual vaccination of livestock in endemic areas is recommended 2-4 weeks prior to the expected season of onset. The vaccine is a nonencapsulated attenuated variant strain of *B. anthracis*. Immunity develops 7-10 days after vaccination. The Sterne anthrax vaccine produced in the United States is licensed for use in livestock (cattle, sheep, horses, goats, and swine) only.

### TREATMENT:

*B. anthracis* is highly susceptible to a number of antibiotics. Penicillin and oxytetracycline have been reported to be good therapeutic agents.

Because the vaccine must germinate and grow in the vaccinated animal's body to provide protection, antibiotics should not be administered to healthy animals either at the time of, or shortly after, the administration of the anthrax vaccine. Follow label directions on the vaccine insert.

When anthrax is suspected or confirmed, use of antibiotics simultaneous to administering vaccine may be prescribed. Consult your veterinarian IMMEDIATELY when acute deaths occur.

### IF YOU SUSPECT ANTHRAX IN YOUR HERD:

Sudden death of one or several animals during mid to late summer can be an indication of Anthrax. DO NOT move suspicious carcasses; doing so could spread the disease further and may also put you at risk of exposure to the disease as well. Contact your private herd veterinarian who will collect the appropriate diagnostic samples and either confirm or rule-out Anthrax as the cause of death. If a presumptive diagnosis of Anthrax is made, a vaccination and treatment regimen may be initiated.

### IF ANTHRAX IS CONFIRMED:

Your veterinarian will report the confirmed Anthrax case to the State Veterinarian, who will issue a quarantine. No movement of animals onto or off of the affected premises is permitted during the quarantine period. The quarantine will be released by the Animal Industry Board 30 days after the last affected carcass is properly disposed of.

All affected carcasses must be burned and buried. All equipment, vehicles, and working facilities must be cleaned thoroughly in preparation for disinfectant. A 10% bleach solution is a recommended sanitizing agent for equipment and materials.

### CAN HUMANS GET ANTHRAX?

Anthrax is communicable to humans. It is important to recognize that recent terrorist events involving Anthrax are the result of a manufactured and micronized culture of spores. Respiratory Anthrax is unusual in man. The large spores involved in livestock anthrax cases do present some risk to people handling animals and carcasses in infected herds. The "skin form" of Anthrax may be acquired by people handling these animals if proper precautions are not observed. Wear PROTECTIVE CLOTHING: gloves, boots, long sleeves. Discard or thoroughly wash clothing. Contact your primary health care provider for medical advice concerning Anthrax. You may also contact the South Dakota Department of Health at 605-773-3361 or 1-800-738-2301 (in state) or visit their website at: <http://www.state.sd.us/doh/>.

For More Information, contact the Animal Industry Board at (605)773-3321 or visit our website at [www.state.sd.us/aib](http://www.state.sd.us/aib)

## DTBA Members....In The News....On Television....In The Spotlight!

Michael and Kathleen Gear were named in a spring issue of Western Horseman magazine. They were noted for receiving the Western Writers of America Golden Spur award for their book, People of the Raven. Kathleen was also honored recently as an inductee into the Women Who Write the West Hall of Fame. Michael and Kathleen are amazing in their knowledge and written works and the honors are well deserved! Steve Sutton garnered a two page story in the latest issue of America's Horse, a magazine for American Quarter Horse Association members. Steve and his family are well known for their horses and the subject of the story was the retirement of his long-time pickup horse, BA. The story noted the history of the Sutton family, their rodeo roots and their long association with quarter horses. By the way, many of you who have attended the Black Hills Stock Show Rodeo would recognize BA, as he's been a behind the scenes part of that event for many years. And no, BA does not stand for bad attitude...think big hindquarters!



### Meeting Minutes for March 28, 2005 Telephone Conference

President Jud Seaman called the meeting to order. Also present were Jacki Limpert, Lorene Bender, Tom LeFaive, Chad Kremer and Executive Director, Karen Conley. Steve Schmitz joined the call shortly thereafter.

Limpert presented a verbal treasurer's report. An electronic version was not available at this time. She also reported that she had taken in the information to have our taxes done and the accountants will also help us set up the books for the new fiscal year beginning April 1, 2005. There will be some adjustments that need to be made to accommodate the change and that will all be done by the accountants. We should have the updated April 1 financials by the end of April.

Steve Schmitz made a motion to approve the verbal financials as presented. Tom LeFaive seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next agenda item was a recap of the 2005 Winter Conference. All agreed that things went very smoothly, but Schmitz pointed out that we should work to improve attendance at our conferences. He would like to put a self-addressed, stamped postcard in the next newsletter to try and get some feedback from the membership on what we can do to improve attendance and why people do or do not attend.

Limpert suggested putting the consignor's meeting in with the general membership meeting as a way of drawing in more people. LeFaive noted that might also give buyers the opportunity to comment and ask questions. This issue will be explored further prior to the 2006 conference.

Limpert informed that board that she had recently received a call from the Holiday Inn letting us know that we would not be able to have our 2006 conference there. They are going to host dances the first week-end of the stock show, thereby making our banquet and meeting rooms unavailable for us to use. The only other hotel in Rapid City that can accommodate our large group is the Ramkota. Limpert has talked to them and they are very excited to host our conference. She and Conley met with them during a recent IBC meeting (the Ramkota will be our host hotel for that event in 2007) and both feel very comfortable that they can meet or exceed our previous venue. A contract has been signed already, as we needed to move quickly to secure the facility. Other than location, this should be a positive move for our conference.

The discussion then moved to the show and sale. As of yet, there has not been a show chairman selected for 2006. Limpert suggested Joe Painter and all agreed he would be an excellent choice. Limpert will visit with him and see if he is interested.

Kremer noted that we need to have a sifting committee on hand when the animals are being unloaded. There has been a few isolated cases where a consignor has gone against the rules of the sifting committee and he feels having the committee there to back the show chairman in these decisions might quell those incidents. There was talk about how to deal with this type of situation. One suggestion was to implement a rule stating that "consignors not following the rules or complying with the judgements of the show chairman and sifting committee will be penalized and could result in being banned from the show". President Seaman asked that Conley send along a copy of the show rules to all board members and we put this issue on the agenda for the next meeting, thereby allowing time to think and discuss options.

Ear tags were discussed and all agreed that we would like to use Cammack Ranch Supply again if they are willing to sponsor the cost of the tags, as they did this year. Although there was some initial confusion

resulting in the tags being sent out a few days later than planned, they were still sent out in a timely manner and the numbering system worked well. LeFaive suggested putting the lot numbers on both sides of the tag for better visibility. Limpert commented that Cammacks were agreeable to sponsoring costs, but wanted to put their name on the tags for some promotion. It was suggested that if we could print numbers on both sides of the tag, perhaps Cammacks would instead exchange that promotion for an ad in the sale catalog or some other form of promotion for them. Limpert and Conley will visit with them about this early in the fall and determine how it will be handled.

The new classes this year were well received, although a bit light on numbers. All board members felt it will take time for the new classes to catch on and it was agreed that we will offer the same classes for the 2006 show and sale. The board talked about the option of canceling a class if there were not enough entries, but it was decided to leave this issue alone for the time being and see if the class size will increase once consignors become familiar with the new classes.

Show entry forms, ear tags mailing out and teeth certification deadlines will remain the same for the 2006 show and sale.

The carcass class was discussed. During the consignor's meeting in January, carcass entrants expressed concern that the minimum carcass weight for heifers was too high. They suggested 435 pounds as the minimum. With that change, the consignors expressed their support of the class and most agreed that they would again bring heifer entries if that change was made. Tom LeFaive made a motion to change the minimum carcass weight for heifers to 435 pounds and to leave the rest of the carcass class structure unchanged. Steve Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next year will mark the DTBA's tenth anniversary and the end of our agreement with Tony Chytka on the current trophies. Several options were discussed, but it was decided to offer Tony Chytka the first option for a different style of bronze trophy for another ten years. President Seaman will visit with Tony regarding this matter and see if he is interested in creating a new design for us to use.

President Seaman brought the conference back to the table for discussion. He asked if the board felt the conference weekend is too full. He was wondering if we should offer some of the activities on Friday afternoon as a way of freeing up Saturday a bit more. There are other options available and this issue will be put on the agenda for the next board meeting.

The NAB Summer Conference will be held in Rochester, Minnesota in late July. Several members of the board are planning to attend. President Seaman asked Conley to check with Gail Griffin to see if there is a time set aside for state and regional associations to hold meetings. Support for the Minnesota Association and the NAB was encouraged and we will also encourage the membership to attend as well.

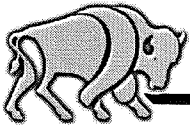
Limpert and Conley updated the board on the recent IBC planning meeting. There was discussion about how DTBA can help to promote the event. President Seaman asked if anyone had planned to talk to the governor about making a "buffalo day" or some other designation during the event. As no one had brought this up, President Seaman volunteered to visit with the governor's office about doing some type of promotion for this.

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

## DTBA Members...In The News...On Television...In The Spotlight!

Spearfish rancher, **Gene Johnson**, opened up his buffalo and elk ranch to the Smith family from Pennsylvania this past May. Cody Smith, 10, suffers from leukemia and members of his community held a fundraiser to send him and his family on a vacation. The Smith family toured the hills, but Cody wanted to see an elk up close, so Gene was asked to help out and gladly did so. At the deepest part of the ranch near the Wyoming border, armed with a bucket-full of oats and corn, Cody got his wish as the elk came to within just a few feet of him to feed. Then it was back into the vehicle to find some buffalo for feeding. On the other side of the ranch, a short amount of coaxing brought a few bulls right up to the blazer, where Cody hung out the window and fed them an ear of corn. Cody and his family thoroughly enjoyed the experience. **Harold and Darla Loewen** had a bit of a press day out at their farm near Carpenter. Midwest Living magazine and Iowa public television sent crews out to their farm to take photographs of the buffalo and of their wheat harvest. Midwest Living is doing a book on foods of the midwest, so items may appear in the book, magazine or on a special for Iowa public television. Our own **Jud Seaman** was named the National Bison Association Member of the Year this past January at the NAB meeting in Denver. Jud was recognized for his many years of contributions to the buffalo industry, both serving as a volunteer or as an auctioneer. Jud excels at the fund raising Fun Auctions and does a number of them for various associations around the country. Congratulations to Jud on this most deserving honor! **Larry and Linda Rolfstad** were honored as the winners of the first-ever Great Plains Bison Jerky Contest. The contest was part of the Great Plains Bison-teniel Dutch Oven Cookoff held in Yankton this past August. Their jerky entry was named the winner out of six entries from around the country. Congratulations to the Rolfstads!





### Meeting Minutes for August 22, 2005 Telephone Conference

President Jud Seaman called the meeting to order. Also present were Steve Schmitz, Lorene Bender, Chad Kremer and Executive Director, Karen Conley. Irma LeFaive sat in to take notes for Tom LeFaive.

President Seaman asked if everyone had received the minutes from the March 23 meeting. All present had read and approved the minutes. Bender made a motion to accept the March 23 minutes as submitted. Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was gone through. At this time, the report only reflected the new fiscal year beginning on April 1, 2005. Board members asked to be provided with a treasurer's report from January 1, 2005 through March 31, 2005. This would reflect the change in our bylaws to begin our fiscal year in April instead of January. Conley will talk to the bookkeeper and get the report for that time period and provide it to all the board members as soon as possible. It was brought up that we need to inquire about the depreciation on our booth displays, as our current report reflects the price paid for those displays. Conley will ask Limpert to look into this and report back at our next board meeting.

Chad Kremer made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as shown, with additional information being supplied as soon as possible. Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was discussion about the NBA's trip to Washington D.C. Conley wondered if anyone from our area was going. President Seaman noted that he attended last year and felt it was worthwhile, but during our winter meeting, the members indicated that they did not feel the association should pay to send someone. Conley noted that Bruce Anderson would be attending. She will visit with Bruce upon his return to get feedback on the trip.

Conley informed the board that there was less than one case of cookbooks left in the inventory. She was wondering if we should order more or if we should concentrate on publishing a new cookbook. They have been an excellent fund raiser as well as a good tool for promoting our members and buffalo meat in general. After discussion, it was decided to have Conley check on costs to have 500 books reprinted to tide us over while we work on producing a new cookbook. The goal is to have a new cookbook published in time for the 2007 International Bison Conference. Schmitz made a motion to reprint 500 cookbooks, if the cost is reasonable. Kremer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Seaman brought up the possibility of the association making a donation to the National Buffalo Museum in Jamestown, ND. They are in need of a new air conditioning/heating system and have other operational needs as well. Bender offered that the DTBA should consider budgeting in a donation to the association every year, as she felt it was a valuable resource for the buffalo industry. Others agreed that the museum is a good thing for our industry and we should support it as much as possible. President Seaman suggested making a \$2,500 donation, based on an email from museum director, Felicia Sargent, that detailed the needs and costs associated with them. Bender made a motion to send the National Buffalo Museum a donation in the amount of \$2,500 for them to use as needed for operational purposes. Kremer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Conley asked the board if the association should attend the Dutch Oven Cookoff in Yankton, SD the end of August. She has been in touch with the organizer and apparently the event has been re-worked with better attendance and promotion. DTBA previously attended the event two years ago, but without much success. Organizers have made concessions to the association to get us to attend, so the board agreed to have Conley attend the event. They had also asked for a prize donation. The board agreed to donate \$250 toward the grand prize for the cookoff. They would like to see that money used for a meat purchase for the winner. Conley will talk to the organizers and get this arranged.

DTBA will again have a booth at the Custer State Park Arts Festival and Buffalo Roundup. This has been an excellent venue for the association and we will continue to attend regularly. Other events that were discussed were the Women in Blue Jeans conference and the AgFest. President Seaman asked Conley to find out more information about the Women in Blue Jeans event and to see about getting us a spot secured for the AgFest event. Conley will report back at the next meeting.

Conley asked the board about having an awning put on the DTBA cargo trailer. There are several outdoor events that we attend and use the trailer as a backdrop and an awning would be nice for shade and as insurance against the weather. Cost would be around \$700 for a rollout awning off the side of the trailer. Bender made a motion to purchase and install the awning. Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The bylaws were the next item on the agenda. Conley prints off copies of the bylaws to distribute and with the recent change made to the fiscal year, she was wondering if this would be a good time to read through the bylaws to determine if there is anything else that needs to be updated or that we need to alert the membership to with regard to possible voting to amend any bylaws. Conley will provide the board with an electronic copy of the bylaws that they can read through and we will discuss any possible changes or amendments at the next meeting.

Conley updated the board about some health concerns in South Dakota, including an anthrax outbreak that has hit some of our producers and has also been detected in North Dakota. She has talked to the state veterinarian, Dr. Sam Holland, for information and will be including that in the next newsletter so as to make our producers aware of the problem.

The board discussed the upcoming show and sale in January. At a previous meeting, they had discussed implementing a non-compliance rule for consignors who chose to go against the rulings of the show and sale committee. The wording of this rule was discussed and Conley will amend the show and sale rules to reflect this addition and then email a copy to all board members to review before our show information mails out to the members.

This will be the last year for our current trophies, so the board had previously discussed several options. President Seaman had left a message for Tony Chytka to talk about the situation, but he had not heard back anything. He will continue to try and reach him and report back at the next meeting. Kremer had another suggestion and he will follow up on this and report back at the next meeting.

Plans are already being made for the 2006 Winter Conference, which will also be the tenth anniversary of the association. Conley asked for speaker suggestions and the following were recommended: Bob Ash, Dr. Dave Hunter and also to have Dr. Holland update our members on the anthrax problem. Conley will check into the costs associated with Bob Ash and Irma LeFaive agreed to contact Dr. Hunter to see if he would be available.

Bender noted that we will be needing two directors in January. She will be eligible to run again, but is not sure of her plans at this point. Limpert will finish with her term as well, but she cannot run again due to term limits. President Seaman suggested putting a permanent nominating committee in place, consisting of past presidents. At this time, that would include Scott Peterson and Sandy Limpert. He would like them to compile a list of at least three nominees. All agreed this would be a good idea.

Conley asked for input on promoting the International Bison Conference as well as the DTBA. The board agreed that we need to do everything possible to promote the IBC event. Conley noted that she will be attending many of the shows, sales and conferences around the country and will do her best to promote in as many venues as possible. President Seaman suggested using one of the display booths to promote the IBC event. Conley will put together an IBC display booth that we can take to various events to help promote the event.

At the present time, the financial situation for the IBC committee has not been finalized. The IBC committee has commissioned Jerry Croft to build an IBC saddle for a fundraising raffle. They need to make a down payment to Croft for the saddle, which will cost \$4,000 upon completion. The down payment will be \$1,000. President Seaman asked that the association go ahead and fund the down payment, with the understanding that the money will be paid back to the DTBA from the IBC funds. Bender suggested creating a "non-interest bearing loan" designation on our financials for any IBC funding that the DTBA does. Schmitz made a motion to pay Jerry Croft \$1,000 down payment on the IBC saddle with the understanding that the money will be refunded to the association. Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Conley told the board that Scott Peterson has made arrangements for another open consignment auction at St. Onge Livestock on Saturday, December 3. DTBA will be promoting the auction to our members and the agreement is that DTBA will get a portion of the commission in exchange for promotion of the auction. Schmitz asked about possibly having a consignment auction east river and President Seaman suggested checking with the sale barn in Huron. President Seaman will contact the sale barn to see if something can be worked out or if they are interested in working with us on an auction.

There being no further business, Schmitz made a motion to adjourn. Bender seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

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



**DAKOTA**  
**TERRITORY**  
BUFFALO ASSOCIATION

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE SEND IN ONLY IF YOU ARE A NEW MEMBER OR HAVE NOT PAID YOUR 2005 DUES!  
Membership dues are valid from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005. Dues paid at this time will be credited toward the 2005 membership year.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Ranch Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

**\$50**





# Buffalo Auction

**Saturday, December 3, 2005 - 1:30 P.M. MST**  
**St. Onge Livestock, St. Onge, SD**

**Join us at 12 Noon for a Producer's Seminar**  
**Hosted by the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association**

THE ASSOCIATION WILL HAVE MEMBERS ON HAND TO DISCUSS BUFFALO PRODUCTION 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:

<b>Heifer Calves (05)</b>	<b>Bull Calves (05)</b>
<b>Yearling Heifers (04)</b>	<b>Yearling Bulls (04)</b>
<b>Two Year Old Heifers (03)</b>	<b>Two Year Old Bulls (03)</b>
<b>Open Cows</b>	<b>Cull Cows</b>

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 and consignor's ranch dangler tag.
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 5% on all buffalo. No sales are 5% 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 10:00 a.m. on Saturday December 3, 2005.
8. Buffalo must be in saleable condition. Buffalo are sold as is and any guarantee is between the buyer and seller.
9. St. Onge Livestock & Dakota Territory Buffalo Association do not insure death loss. This is the owner's responsibility.
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 or Karen Conley 605-923-6383.

## To Consign Animals, Contact:

St. Onge Livestock • (800) 249-1995

*Consignment deadline is Wednesday, November 30, 2005*



**St. Onge Livestock Second Annual Buffalo Sale**  
**Held In Conjunction with the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association**  
**Saturday, December 3, 2005 • 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, 2005**

**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 10:00 a.m. MST, Saturday, December 3, 2005.
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 5%. No sales are 5% 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.

**CLASSES**

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>No. Of Hd.</b>
Heifer Calves (05)	_____
Yearling Heifers (04)	_____
2 Yr. Old Heifers (03)	_____
Bull Calves (05)	_____
Yearling Bulls (04)	_____
2 Yr. Old Bulls (03)	_____
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 \_\_\_\_\_

Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show & Sale  
Jan. 27 - Jan. 29, 2006 • Rapid City, SD

# 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, 2005 and January 26, 2006)

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:



# 2006 DTBA REALITY-BASED BULL & HEIFER CARCASS CLASS

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

**Rapid City, SD • January 27 - January 29, 2006**

**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 MUST BE POSTMARKED NO EARLIER THAN OCTOBER 31. ENTRIES POSTMARKED BEFORE OCTOBER 31 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Consignors will be notified by November 30 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. **NEW - 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 \$1.65 for bulls and \$1.55 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 9, 2006 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 auctioned off during the Black Hills Buffalo Classic events 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 carcasses 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 27, 2006 at the Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City, SD. Your attendance is encouraged at this meeting.



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Date January 9, 2006

1st Place - \$2,500    2nd Place - \$1,000    3rd Place - \$500

## 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

\_\_\_\_\_  
**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