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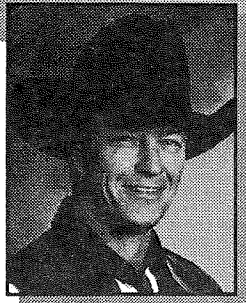
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DAKOTA TERRITORY

BUFFALO ASSOCIATION



SEPTEMBER 1999



From the President

I just recently returned from the National Bison Association Summer Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. The Dakota Territory Buffalo Association was very well represented. It is encouraging to see so many people take the time out of their busy schedules to get involved with the NBA. It was an excellent conference and full of very informative and educational speakers.

We also had the opportunity to tour Kentucky Bison Co. and Blue Grass Bison. The hospitality was unsurpassed. Both places went all out to provide meals, games and activities for all ages. It is always a learning experience and a lot of fun besides to go on these ranch tours.

Speaking of education, the DTBA will hold another informational meeting for new producers in Miles City, Montana on Friday, September 17. It will be at the Range Riders Museum beginning at 11:30 a.m. Contact Chris Michal at 406-784-2131 for further information. Please make plans to attend. On Wednesday, September 22, Chamber of Commerce members from Rapid City, Spearfish, Deadwood, Belle Fourche, Sturgis and Newell will be hosted to a noon meal and tour of the buffalo herd at our ranch 25 miles northeast of Newell. I would like some buffalo producers there to help educate these people as to the advantages of raising buffalo and the benefits of eating heart healthy bison! Please RSVP us at 605-748-2410 so we can plan the meal accordingly. Thank you.

In our area, the moisture was exceptional this year. The grass is better than I've ever seen it. From what I've been hearing, it sounds like everyone had a pretty good calf crop. Haying is winding down as well. Now you can start hauling it. Or better yet, take a break and go build some fence or more corrals!

Greg Smeenk

Website Update

The DTBA website, www.dakotabuffalo.com, has been up and running since early June of this year. The site offers information about the DTBA as well as bison in general. It also features a membership listing, events calendar and news items of interest to both members and other bison producers.

One of the newest features to be offered on the website is a classified advertising section. For \$10 per month, DTBA members can advertise bison or bison-related equipment for sale. All items must be relative to bison or they will not be run. Some of the guidelines are: the ad must be no more than 20 words in length; the ad costs \$10 per month and the member will be responsible to submit the \$10 payment in advance. If the ad is to carry over into another month, the member is again responsible for submitting the \$10 payment before the ad will run again.

If you are interested in placing an ad on the DTBA website, please send a written copy of the ad plus the \$10 payment to: Stan Swanson, 1566 Redbird Rd., Lusk, WY 58225. If you have any questions regarding the classified advertising section of the website, you may call Stan Swanson at (605) 923-4972 or Roy Liedtke at (307) 682-6599.

In other website news, if you have any news items for the website, please contact Stan Swanson at the above number. We are encouraging all members to give us their e-mail addresses if they have one. You can send your e-mail address to info@dakotabuffalo.com, the website address.

A Big Thanks to the Crofts

A big thank you goes out to DTBA members Jerry and Duffy Croft. On Saturday, August 28, they opened their Teepee Creek Ranch near Deadwood, SD to all the members of the DTBA for a potluck gathering. Jerry and Duffy wanted to host an event that had no strings attached...no show, no sale, no speakers. Just lots of fun and friendship.

Although rain hampered their efforts, Jerry and Duffy made the most of the day and everyone in attendance had a great time. There were some excellent salads, desserts and of course, bison burgers, to suit most any taste. A number of individuals and families gathered at the Croft's, braving mud and rain showers. But, the fun was well worth it.

The Croft's have a little cabin and teepee just up the hill from their house and that's where the picnic was held. The meadow provided a serene atmosphere that made relaxing and visiting very easy. No phones ringing, no television and not a cell phone in sight! The Croft's definitely succeeded in making their outing a special day.

Duffy says she would like to make the event an annual affair, so be watching next summer for the invite in your mailbox.

Bison Burger Recipe

On Thursday, July 29, two members of the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association were guests on the local noon show in Rapid City. Jacki Limpert of Slim Buttes Buffalo and Sherry Smeenk of Thunder Canyon Buffalo were on KOTA television's Noon Show with Debra Jensen.

Jacki and Sherry prepared Bison Burgers for their recipe. The women wanted to make something that would be easy for novice bison meat preparers to fix. They also gave out lots of good information about bison meat and nutrition. Jacki and Sherry are hoping to do more of these local noon shows to help promote bison in our region. Be sure and watch the Noon Show and we'll try and keep you updated as to when they will be on again.

Dakota Territory Buffalo Association Bison Burger Recipe:

Mix with one pound of ground bison burger:

- 1/4 cup of chopped onion.
- 1/4 cup of chopped green pepper.
- 1/2 teaspoon of granulated garlic.
- 1/4 teaspoon of salt.
- 1/8 teaspoon of hotshot pepper.

Let the mixture stand for 30 minutes. Form 3 burgers and barbecue on the grill at medium temperature for eight minutes on each side. Enjoy!

Sherry Smeenk: 605-748-2410

Jacki Limpert: 605-866-4846

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DTBA 1999 Summer Conference Recap

If you're the kind of person who likes to baha or go four-wheeling through all kinds of terrain, you missed out on a fantastic opportunity if you didn't attend the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association Summer Conference. The conference was held the first weekend in June in Chadron, Nebraska and thanks to mother nature, the ranch tours turned into some interesting drives.

The conference kicked off with a Friday night social, complete with torrential downpours, tornado sightings and lots of lightening all around the region. But that didn't stop the attendees from talking about their favorite subject, bison. The social put everyone in the right frame of mind for the weekend and introduced several new members to the association.

On Saturday, the DTBA members enjoyed a buffet breakfast and tour guide for the day, Jim Budd filled them in on the day's plans. Jim and his wife, Sharon and their son, Doug, did an outstanding job of revamping plans due to the weather. We piled into the four wheel drives and headed out west of Chadron to the Oglala National Forest where Jim has a herd of buffalo.

Trying to find Jim's buffalo in the hills of the forest was a riot. People bounced around in the backs of pickups and mud was flying around every corner. When we finally did find some buffalo at the top of the hills, you had to look quick as they sprinted off in the other direction just as we arrived. It made for a beautiful tour of the forest and quite an interesting drive to lunch, especially if you were in the group with Jim's son Doug and his son-in-law, Shane Bennett.

We were treated to a spectacular lunch prepared by Sharon and crew. The meal was excellent and the cooks got many thanks from hungry buffalo hunters.

After a tour of Jim's corrals, we were off to the Hudson-Meng Bison Bonebed, but not before Jim told us we had to stop at a place called The Drifter Cookshack. We found the neat little stop and discovered small, wooden buildings filled with antiques along with five cent coffee, lemonade and saporilla drinks. After some time there, we went on to the bonebed site which was very interesting. Excavations are currently in progress and small portions of the bonebed are uncovered and in the process of being laser photographed and cataloged. After hearing the history of the bonebed, members rounded back up and headed back to Chadron for the evening meal and entertainment.

The entertainment for the evening was cowboy poet and singer Howard Parker from Gordon, NE. His songs and poems brought laughter and smiles to the crowd. That was followed by the DTBA fun auction and the whole show was watching DTBA President Greg Smeenk's son, Jed, entertain. His eyes lit up when someone brought in a huge candy bar and of course, dad couldn't resist and Jed got to take it home. (According to the latest report, he's STILL eating it!) He was bidding on the candy bar as much as dad was. He also managed to model some bison boxer shorts

and the crowd loved it. So did Jed, his grin a mile wide. The auction is a fund raiser for the DTBA, but on that night, twenty percent of the proceeds were donated to fellow bison producer, Dale Dilley, who was again battling cancer.

On Sunday, the group had a short business meeting, discussing a variety of things, including some future plans for the association. It was noted that a big thank you went out to conference organizers, Jim and Sharon Budd and Jerry and Bev Austin. They did an excellent job. Chad Kremer and Dixie Byrd, the Education Committee co-chairs, updated members on their efforts, including a possible video production, working with the South Dakota Ag in the Classroom project, and even trying to get on the Agri-Talk radio program, a nationwide radio show.

Roy Liedtke gave an update on the DTBA website, which is now up and running. He also thanked Jacki Limpert for her part in getting some DTBA promotional items ordered and offered for sale. The items, such as shirts, sweatshirts, can coolers and other items, were all big sellers at the summer conference. Roy also talked about a video production as well as the need for all members to help promote the sales of bison meat.

Just after the meeting was adjourned it began raining, but the group headed out for Fort

Robinson, just west of Crawford, to view that herd and have lunch. The drive was mostly in the rain and the lunch at the corrals was not looking too good at this point.

Jim Lemmon was the host at Fort Robinson and after some more four-wheeling around the buffalo pasture, in the wrong direction of course, we finally arrived back at the main area of the Fort for lunch. We ate in the historic mare barn, where pictures of the Fort's great remount sires and dams graced the walls. Jim explained to the crowd how the herd at Fort Robinson is maintained and managed. Lots of questions were fielded and much of the lunch talk was about how the Fort Robinson herd is managed. After lunch, Jim lead us through the pasture, again a muddy baha, to the corrals. The corral system is very interesting and Jim and two other handlers designed it and have made modifications to it over the years. In his 39 years with the park, Jim has seen many changes, but he admits he stayed on because of the buffalo.

The corral system is a unique set up and many of the producers in the crowd were interested in how it worked. They even got out a tape measure to take measurements, as many of them commented on how they would like to have something similar at home. After driving back through the pastures, the conference came to a close and everyone headed out for home. Attendees were from Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming and Wisconsin. The next general membership meeting for the DTBA will be the Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale held in conjunction with the Black Hills Stock Show in January in Rapid City, SD.





Upcoming Events

Wednesday, September 15, 1999:

Custer State Park Sealed Bid Calf Sale (for March 2000 delivery). Contact the office at 605-255-4515.

Friday, September 17, 1999:

New Producer Information Day, hosted by the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association, Range Riders Museum, Miles City, MT. Call Chris Michal at 406-784-2131.

Monday, October 4 through Thursday, October 7, 1999:

Annual Fall Roundup of Buffalo at Custer State Park, Custer, SD. Call 605-255-4515 for complete information on this event.

Saturday, October 23, 1999:

Badlands Circuit Finals Buffalo Auction, Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, Rapid City, SD. Contact Steve Sutton at 605-258-2863 or 605-258-2596 for details.

Saturday, October 23, 1999:

Dakota Territory Buffalo Association Board meeting, Rapid City, SD at 6:30 p.m. Call 605-343-2889 for information.

Saturday, October 30, 1999:

Old West Buffalo Ranch sale, at the ranch, Onida, SD. Contact Steve Sutton at 605-258-2863 or 605-258-2596.

Thursday, November 18, 1999:

Milliron Bison Company sale, at the ranch, Hot Springs, SD. Contact Kevin Casey at 605-343-2251.

Friday, November 19, 1999:

Dakota Territory Buffalo Association Board Meeting, Custer, SD. Contact the association at 605-343-2889 for exact location and time.

Saturday, November 20, 1999:

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

Comments From Jason Sparling, 2000 BHBC Show Chairman

Dear DTBA Membership,

The year 2000 Show and Sale is just around the corner. There are a few changes in the rules and requirements that we would like to point out this year. All of these changes can be found on your entry form as well.

In the Yearling Heifer Class, all the entries will be required to have an open certificate from their veterinarian. With the high dollars these buffalo are bringing, we want the buyers to be confident that their purchases will fit into their program.

Also this year, we will have four judges, two for females and two for males. In the past, the judge's biggest complaint has been the time restrictions. We want to make sure the top placing animals are exactly that, TOP PLACING BUFFALO. With the time restrictions eliminated, judges can spend more time on each class. With the emphasis on top quality animals, we feel that this is an area we should not overlook and are proud to do everything we can to assist in the judge's job.

IMPORTANT: The year 2000 Show and Sale will be requiring a 4-way test. Meaning that all bison must be tested for Tuberculosis, Brucellosis, Anaplasmosis, Blue Tongue and the tests must be **NEGATIVE!**

There will be no tolerance for undesirable animals. Undesirable animals will be loaded back onto the trailer and the

Brucellosis Update

A recent United States Animal Health Association newsletter carried a report from South Dakota State Veterinarian, Dr. Sam Holland. The report was on brucellosis in bison and it gave an update on the one remaining herd in South Dakota that was infected with the disease.

Dr. Holland gave a history of the Triple U Buffalo Ranch located in Western South Dakota. For the past 17 years, the herd has been under quarantine and working to control and eventually eradicate brucellosis from its ranks. According to Dr. Holland, this bison herd has been the one thing holding South Dakota back from gaining a free state status. Cattle in the state have been declared free of brucellosis for the past nine years.

With much patience and persistence, the herd has been in a major cleanup status since 1990, when the ranch proprietor contacted Holland to ask if he thought they should start testing their herd. Holland says that call was the beginning of a long-term clean-up program. Initial testing showed the overall infection rate of over 20 percent.

Some of the major players in this eradication effort included reducing the herd size to under 3,000 head, keeping clean groups separate, timely testing, and the use of the RB51 vaccine and boosters. Holland said the most difficult task was keeping the animals separated, which at times required maintaining from eight to twelve separate populations on the ranch.

In early 1999, USDA officials, ranch management and Dr. Holland all signed an agreement to do a partial depopulation over a short time frame. With 2,700 animals being tested and 1,200 testing negative, the depopulation efforts were massive. All of the infected animals were removed from the ranch earlier this year and the remaining animals have tested negative to this point. A herd plan remains in place and testing will continue at 60 day intervals for the next year and a half.

While it took a huge effort from everyone involved, Holland notes that this is a giant step toward moving the clean-up forward and putting to rest a 40-year old chapter in the brucellosis program.

consignor is responsible for feed and care of said animals. This is a SHOW and Sale, not an average sale. A sifting committee is in place to make these decisions and the decisions are FINAL.

The Dakota Territory Buffalo Association takes a great deal of pride in The Black Hills Buffalo Classic. Every year we strive to make the show better in every way. Since the first show, our quality has steadily improved every year. I believe we owe a great deal of THANKS to you, the PRODUCER. Everyone that has been involved with the development of this show and sale should be very proud of what has been accomplished. I believe our show is one of the top shows in the country and I am honored to be a part of it, and so should you. THANKS!!!

This year, there will be a Rookie of the Year award presented. It will honor a rookie striving for excellence as so many of our producers do every year. The support of the up and coming people in the bison business is important and we are honored to be able to offer this type of award for our 2000 show.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to give me a call at 605-472-2281.

Sincerely,
Jason Sparling, Show Chairman

Dakota Territory Buffalo Association
 2000 Black Hills Buffalo Classic
 Show and Sale, Jan. 27-29, 2000
 Black Hills Stock Show, Rapid City, SD

ENTRY FORM

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

Ranch: _____

Owner: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

ENTRY FEES: Show and Sale Bison - \$50/head. Pen of three - \$100/entry. Pen of two - \$100/entry.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Entries must be postmarked October 15th or later. Entries postmarked prior to October 15th will not be accepted. Entry deadline is November 15th, one entry per consignor per class. After November 15th, two entry per consignor will be allowed if a class is not full until a deadline of Dec. 1, 1999.

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 accommodated from noon until dark on Jan. 26 and from daylight to noon on Jan. 27. Judging will be on Jan. 27 and 28 and the sale will be on Saturday, Jan. 29 at 1 p.m.
4. Special Show ear tags will be sent for each animal entered and must be applied in the left ear.

CLASSES

- Bull Calves ('99)
 - Yearling Bulls ('98)
 - Two Year Old Bulls ('97)
 - Pen of Two Yearling Heifers ('98)
- Heifer Calves ('99)
 - Yearling Heifers ('98)
 - Two Year Old Bred Heifers ('97)
 - Pen of Three Heifer Calves ('99)

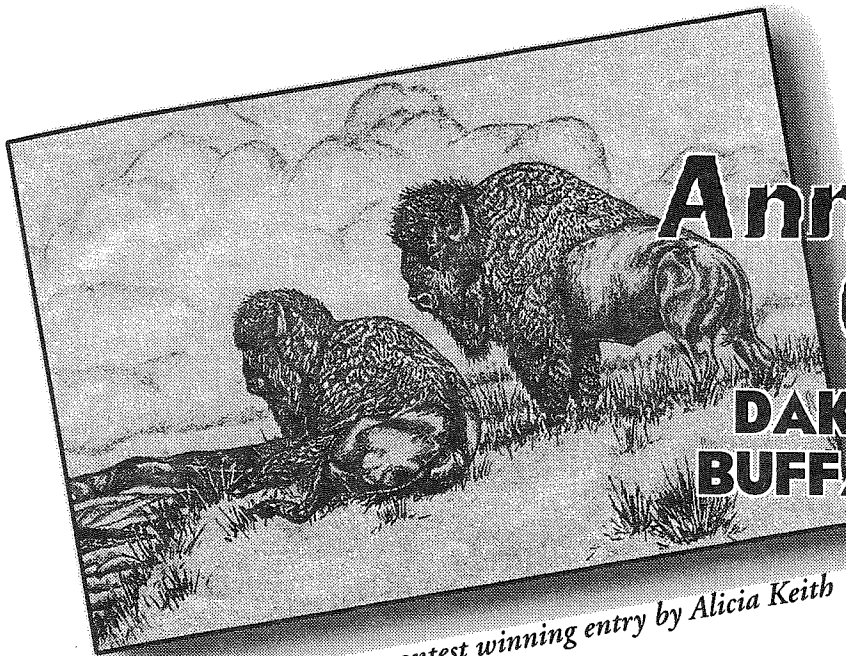
Show ID #	Class (enter each animal)	Sex	Birth Year	NABR ID #	Show & Sale \$50	Pen \$100

Total \$ _____ \$ _____

Mail entries and fees to Sale Chairman Steve Sutton, P.O. Box 313, Onida, SD 57564. Phone 605-258-2863.
 Make fees payable to: Dakota Territory Buffalo Association.

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

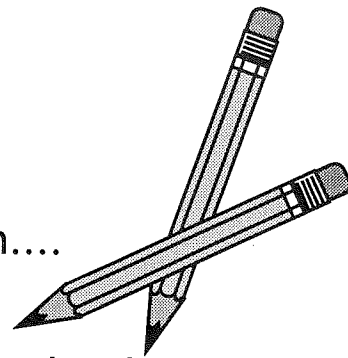
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1999 DTBA poster contest winning entry by Alicia Keith

Fourth Annual Poster Contest

**DAKOTA TERRITORY
BUFFALO ASSOCIATION**



THEME: Buffalo, The Legend Lives On....

MEDIAN: Pencil Drawing

SIZE: 8 x 11 inches

STUDENTS: Junior and Senior High School

GRAND PRIZE WINNER

- A weekend stay in Rapid City during the Black Hills Stock Show.
- Three free tickets to the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association Convention Banquet.
- Three free tickets to the Black Hills Stock Show Rodeo.
- Poster will be used as advertising for the Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale.

HONORABLE MENTION WINNERS:

- Four posters will receive gift packs of Bison Meat (valued at \$25).

Posters are due on November 1, 1999

Mail to:

Dakota Territory Buffalo Association

PO Box 4104

Rapid City, SD 57709

**DAKOTA TERRITORY
BUFFALO ASSOCIATION**

**Fourth
Annual Poster
Contest**

ATTACH ENTRY FORM TO POSTER

School _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Posters become property of Dakota Territory Buffalo Association

2000 Black Hills Buffalo Classic Terms & Conditions

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. Negative Blue Tongue test on all animals. Test must have been done within 25 days of sale date.
5. ALL females MUST be calfhooed vaccinated for Brucellosis. Show tag numbers, metal tag numbers and BV tattoo numbers must correctly coincide on the Health Certificate.
6. 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.
7. ALL yearling and two-year-old bulls MUST be semen checked and certified fertile. IMPORTANT: Yearling buffalo bulls mature later than beef bulls and are often harder to test. In comparison, a two year old buffalo bull is like testing a one year old beef bull. Make sure your veterinarian knows this!
8. All two year old heifers must be certified at least 90 days pregnant.
9. All yearling heifers must be certified OPEN. IMPORTANT: This is a new rule this year. Our feeling is that the buyers are paying a lot of money for these buffalo and we want these females to fit into their program.
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 mousing 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 may be needed.

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, 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.

ENTRY LIMITS AND DEADLINES

Twenty (20) head for all classes except two year old bulls. Twelve (12) two year old bulls will be allowed. One (1) head per consignor per class until November 15. If a class is not filled by this date, you will be allowed two (2) head per consignor per class until December 1. Waiting list will apply based on the earliest postal dates. Limits per consignor will be enforced. Limits per class are flexible depending upon overall entries.

CLASSIC PRODUCER AWARD

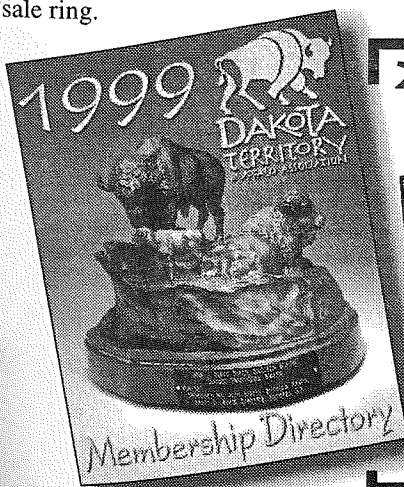
(Determined on a point system)

Points for Gold, Silver and Bronze awards will be given on a 3-2-1 basis. A Grand Champion will earn one extra point. A Reserve Champion will earn one-half point. In the case of a tie, the producer winning trophies in the most classes will prevail. Example: two silvers and one bronze will beat one gold and one silver, etc. If still tied, a Grand and then Reserve will prevail. In the case of two consignments, only one can be awarded points for the Classic Producer Award.

LIABILITY

1. The consignor assumes all responsibilities in regards to, but not limited to, the above terms and conditions of this show and sale. The DTBA acts only as agents and will assume NO responsibility in the event of injury or death to any animal or for any discrepancy between buyers and consignors.
2. The Judges and/or Show and Sale Committee reserve the right to disqualify and remove any animal from the Show and Sale if the animals appears to be of an undesirable quality or of the wrong age. A chute will also be on hand. the Committee's decisions will be final.

NOTE: The sifting committee will have no tolerance for animals that are undesirable. Any undesirable animals will be loaded back on to the consignor's trailer. It will be the responsibility of the consignor to provide feed and care for his/her animal.



2000 DAKOTA TERRITORY BUFFALO ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

DIRECTORY AD DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 15, 1999

FULL PAGE COLOR AD \$460 plus maximum ad set-up charge of \$300	1/2 PAGE COLOR AD \$295 plus maximum ad set-up charge of \$200	1/4 PAGE COLOR AD \$195 plus maximum ad set-up charge of \$50	INSIDE FRONT COVER \$510 plus maximum ad set-up charge of \$300	INSIDE BACK COVER \$510 plus maximum ad set-up charge of \$300	OUTSIDE BACK COVER \$610 plus maximum ad set-up charge of \$300
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No set-up charge for camera ready ads - there is a \$50 color separation charge for each picture.

The Association Directory will be produced by Simpson Creative Printers in Rapid City. They are wonderful to work with, if you need help putting an ad together, contact Jeri at (605) 342-1056

If you have any ideas about the cover, or pictures from the summer conference and 1999 Black Hills Buffalo Classic please let me know, Kim Sutton (605) 258-2863



1999 National Bison Association Summer Conference

The banks of the Ohio River provided the backdrop to the 1999 National Bison Association Summer Conference. It was held in Louisville, Kentucky the second week of August and was well worth traveling to attend.

The host farm for the conference, Kentucky Bison Company and Woodland Farm, did an excellent job of taking care of all the details. Steve Wilson, his family and staff outdid themselves and made each attendee feel right at home.

On Wednesday evening, the big event was the Chairmen's Dinner which benefits the National Buffalo Foundation and the Throlson American Bison Foundation. Historic Churchill Downs was the site of the event and dinner was held in the Kentucky Derby Museum.

Thursday morning found NBA President Del Hensel addressing the general membership meeting. He filled in the audience on a variety of items that are being addressed at this time or are on the agenda for future study and committee reports were given from the various chairpersons.

Humor and history marked the opening speaker, Dr. Ted Franklin Belue. He is a native of Kentucky, a historian, author and scholar with a sense of humor. His presentation on Buffalo in America's First Far West examined the role of buffalo in early America as well as taking a look at how the Native Americans and early settlers lived during that period of time.

Another featured speaker was Allan Nation, the editor or the Stockman Grass Farmer. Allan spoke to the membership on two occasions, once discussing the economics of grass farming and the other presentation was on the marketing of specialty meats.

The Turn 'N Learn sessions offered a variety of topics and presentations. Art and Jane Stewart, owners of Needmore Buffalo Farm in Elizabeth, IN, gave a presentation on their farm and tourist operation. Dr. Gil Myers, an independent consultant and researcher from Magnolia, KY, gave an informative presentation on controlling parasites in a bison herd.

Steve Sarson of Solidlock, USA gave a presentation on fencing and how to get the most out of it. With the economic and tax situations as they are today, many people were interested in the sessions presented by Elizabeth Paris. Her presentation on "Preserving Our Lifestyles For Future Generations" was well attended and very informative.

Joe Brandl of Dubois, WY is the owner of Absaroka Western Designs and Tannery. He presented information on buffalo hide tanning, a guide to the do's and don'ts of tanning a hide. Brandl's sense of humor made the whole presentation as he led the audience through the steps needed to get the hide to the tannery in the best possible condition.

Austin and Jan Moseley of Texas Bison Company gave an overview of their ranch operations. They market their grass-fed bison in the area around their hometown, Caddo Mills, Texas.



Waiting to tour Churchill Downs

Skip Sayers presented an overview of the history and marketing of Sayersbrook Bison Ranch. This Missouri showplace has expanded from a bison ranch all the way to opening a USDA approved processing plant and kitchen.

An orthopedic surgeon gave a presentation on the musculoskeletal form and function of bison. Dr. Marlowe Goble, who is also a bison producer, took a no-nonsense, practical approach to showing the audience the form and function of the bison.

Half the fun of these conferences are the farm/ranch tours and this year was no exception. On Thursday evening, Robert and Julie Allen of Blue Grass

Bison, opened their farm to all to enjoy a barbecue and tour of their facility. On Saturday, the day was spent at the host farm, Woodland Farm. The Wilson family and the staff of Kentucky Bison Company went all out for the affair, with horse and carriage tours of the farm, tractor tours, fishing tournaments, hiking adventures, Native American activities, craft exhibits, bluegrass music and tours of the farm's historic house as it is being reconstructed to its original splendor.

Next year, the NBA Summer Conference will be held in conjunction with the Canadian Bison Association as they host the International Bison Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

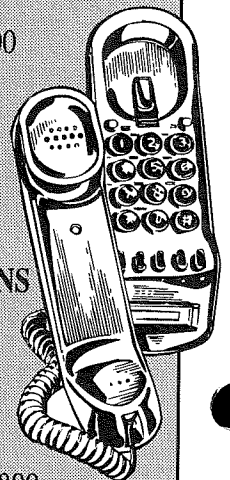
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Tatanka Studies

The Northern Plains Bison Education Network's (NPBEN) Summer Institute, "Tatanka Studies" was held at Lower Brule on July 22 and 23. Approximately 125 instructors, interns and students from South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota were in attendance, including representatives from 10 Tribal Colleges and SDSU, NDSU and ISU.

Activities included a traditional Plains Indian Buffalo Kill Ceremony and butchering demonstration, a brain-tanning demonstration and classroom presentations on the Institute's theme, Returning Harmony to the Land. The diverse group's reaction to the Summer Institute was overwhelmingly positive with the Kill Ceremony, Field Studies and hands-on experiences being the over-all favorites.

Native Americans felt the Institute touched a cultural nerve and were very appreciative of the opportunity to participate because of the subject matter and its importance to future generations. Non-Indians, including a group of German exchange students and instructors from Oglala Lakota College, were impressed with the diversity of the group and the

opportunity to understand the Native American views on bison husbandry, holistic resource management and their cultural and spiritual connections to the land and animals. The non-Indian ranchers in attendance were pleasantly surprised to learn that they share many of the same values and beliefs and were anxious to apply the concepts presented at the Institute.

The NPBEN's Second Annual Summer Institute will be held at Lower Brule and will again be sponsored by Lower Brule Community College. Participants of this year's Institute are already looking forward to the next session. Preliminary plans for the Year 2000 event include an on-site tipi village and evening story-telling activities explaining the role of bison in Native myth and legend, sinew making and other by-product use demonstrations, and programs on public and tribal herd history origins and native plant usage and importance to the ecology.

To be added to the mailing list for information on next year's "Tatanka Studies" Summer Institute, call Lower Brule Community College at 605-474-9232.



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Photo Contest Winners

This past spring, the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association held a photo contest. The contest was sponsored by Jerry and Duffy Croft of Teepee Creek Buffalo in Deadwood, SD. The photo contest serves more than one purpose, as the photos become the property of the DTBA and are used on the display booths that are used to promote the association and bison in general.

The spring photo contest winners were announced at the DTBA Summer Conference in Chadron, NE. The first place winner was Sherry Smeenk and she received \$100 for her buffalo in the snow photo. Daryl Hukenlaible was the second place winner and he was awarded \$75 for his bison photo. The third place winner was Linda Anderson who received \$50 for her photo. A calf picture won Sue Melius fourth place and \$25. The contest was judged by Jim and Sharon Fridley of Newcastle, WY.

From left to right: Sue Melius, Sherry Smeenk, Linda Anderson, and contest sponsors Jerry and Duffy Croft.



Buffalo Census

Beginning in the next few weeks, the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association will be conducting a census to establish the number of buffalo in the state of South Dakota.

Callers will be contacting producers in the state to find out the number of animals in their herd. When you are contacted, please be as honest as possible in helping to tabulate these census figures.

The census will be anonymous and the numbers will be used only for the purpose of establishing a total number of animals in the state.

Thanks in advance for your help in this project.

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