

Anderson Pioneer Award Recipient

By Karen Conley

In the buffalo business, it's all about relationships. They are forged in business and friendship, through good times and bad. Your word and a handshake are the foundation of the relationships, the people are the heart and soul.

For so many of us, this industry has provided us with lifelong friends, an extended family if you will. This past February, Dakota Territory Buffalo Association was proud to honor one of our own. A business partner, a friend and more importantly, a member of this buffalo family we all cherish.

Back in 1950, a small meat plant was built more than a mile outside of Rapid City, South Dakota and became known as Ken's Western Meats. In April of 1979, Ken's Western Meat was purchased at complete auction by Wayne Anderson. Wayne's son, Bruce, was enlisted to help run the plant as a way to enhance the family's feedlot operation. Bruce's partner at the time was Rollie Hartman.

In May of 1979, a young man came along and met Bruce in a meeting that was destined to forge one of those lasting partnerships. Jud Seaman stopped by the plant, met Bruce and landed himself a job that would last until July of 1999. Jud eventually bought out Rollie and became Bruce's partner in RC Western Meats.

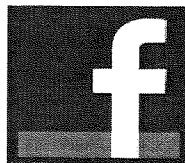
The plant dealt mostly in beef, pork and game. They began processing some buffalo back in 1979, with Wall Drug being their biggest customer. In the late 80s, RC Western Meats found itself short of buffalo meat to supply their customers. In an effort to find more buffalo to supply the plant's needs, Jud attended the Gold Trophy Show and Sale one year and purchased every two-year-old bull and one or two yearling bulls.

That was the turning point for the little meat plant on the edge of Rapid City. They began attending buffalo functions and building those relationships. In July of 1999, Jud left the plant and Bruce became the sole owner of RC Western Meats. Al Holzer stepped in and took up the role of plant manager. Office manager, Gail Hise, was and still is another key person in the plant's operations. Bruce then hired Ken Eisenhauer as the first salesman and with the addition of Jeff Storm to the sales team, the plant was positioned for future growth.

Changing the name to Western Buffalo Company, Bruce took the final step in his commitment to the buffalo industry, dedicating the plant and staff to the full time business of processing buffalo. During the late 1990s, they began to see a glut of buffalo, which was immediately followed by the industry plummet of 2000 and 2001. Western Buffalo Company became a lifeline to so many producers, keeping them afloat by purchasing their animals and sending them out the door with a check in hand to keep them going.

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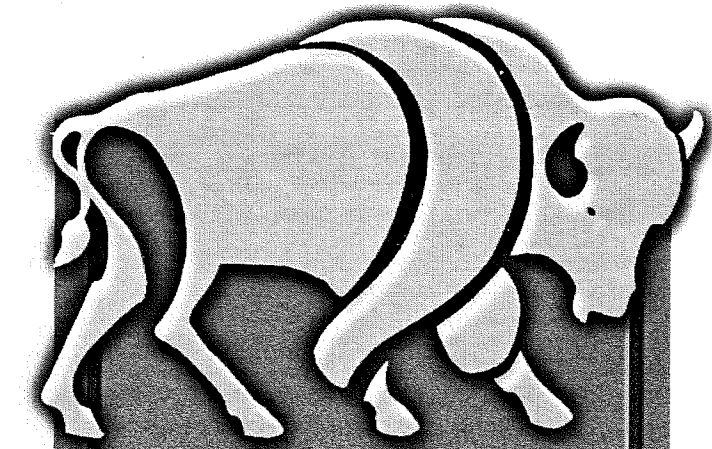
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The association now has our own page on the popular social networking site, Facebook. The board felt that it would be a beneficial place for the association to share our message and be a valuable tool to help keep our Facebook friends updated on current happenings. We are posting updates and photos for

both the Young Guns and Girlz Gone Wild classes and our upcoming conference and show and sale.

If you are not already on Facebook, considering joining. We'd love to have you stop by our page and like us! Your comments and feedback are also welcome and needed so we can make this an area that is beneficial for you to use.



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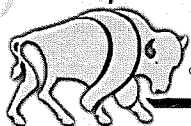
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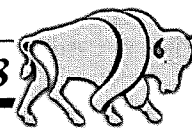
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Dakota Territory Buffalo Association Newsletter

Summer 2013



Notes From The President - Wendy Hutchinson

It's been an exciting year for DTBA! We were very excited to host the NBA Summer Conference in Deadwood this past June. It was very successful and well attended. A big thank you to everyone who worked to make the conference happen and to John and Melanie Cammack who were our host ranch. We received a lot of positive feedback about the whole event and it's a great way to promote our association.

As you may know, we launched a new Facebook page last year that I hope you are all "like"-ing it. This fall, we are planning on updating the DTBA website. We have not made any major changes to the site since it was originally launched. The upgrades will make the site more user-friendly, including the ability to register online for our conferences and also to pay membership dues online. An expanded, up-to-date member's only area will also be included. Be watching for details on a fresh, new website this fall.

Taking a moment to look back, the Winter Conference and show and sale were very successful. The Winter Conference netted over

\$9,000 and the Show and Sale made over \$19,000 in commission, keeping the organization in good financial shape.

Our Young Guns challenge was the premiere event! By now, you have probably heard the Jumpoff Ranch won Producer of the Year. Scott Peterson delivered an inspiring and heartfelt acceptance speech and declared, "This organization contributed to my success. Over half of my bulls are Young Guns bulls from this show and sale!" What a wonderful endorsement! It took some time for that event to come into its own, but now it is a well-respected competition with producers from all over coming to purchase bulls based on their performance. We are sure that our Girlz Gone Wild competition will prove successful as well. This first year of the competition went well and over time we will continue to receive feedback on the females that come out of this program and into your herds.

It is looking to be a great year for the buffalo business! Thanks for all your support and I look forward to seeing you at this year's exciting events.



Calendar Of Buffalo Events

September 27 - 29: 20th Annual Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup and Arts Festival. Custer State Park, SD. (605) 255-4515 or <http://gfp.sd.gov/state-parks/directory/custer/events/buffalo-roundup.aspx>.

October 5: RJB Bison Ranch Dispersal Auction. Harwood, TX. Contact Richard Burns at (713) 436-9089.

November 10 - 12: Canadian Bison Assn. 30th Annual Convention and National Show and Sale. Regina Delta, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. (306) 522-4766 or www.canadianbison.ca.

November 16: 48th Annual Custer State Park Fall Classic Buffalo Auction. Buffalo Corrals, Custer State Park, SD. (605) 255-4515 or CusterStatePark@state.sd.us.

November 29 - 30: Minnesota Buffalo Assn. Legends of the Fall Show and Sale and Minnesota's Harvest Auction. Central Livestock Auction, Albany, MN. (507) 454-2828 or info@mnbison.org.

December 1: Prairie Sky Guest and Game Ranch 1st Annual Buffalo Auction. Approx. 240 head of 2013 calves. Veblen, SD. Call Bruce Prins at (605) 738-2411.

December 7: Kansas Buffalo Assn. 24th Annual Fall Buffalo Auction. Farmers and Ranchers Livestock Commission Company, Salina, KS. (620) 345-6526 or blackkettlebuffalo@gmail.com.

December 7: Western Bison Assn. Wild West Buffalo Stampede Show and Sale and conference. Golden Spike Event Center, Ogden, UT. (575) 770-7751 or www.westernbison.org.

January 10 & 11, 2014: North Dakota Buffalo Assn. Fall Meeting and Buffalo Auction. Rugby Livestock Sales, Rugby, ND. (701) 208-0440 or www.ndbuffalo.net.

January 22 - 24: National Bison Assn. Winter Conference. The Denver Renaissance Hotel, Denver, CO. (303) 292-2833 or www.bison-central.com.

January 25: National Bison Assn. Gold Trophy Show and Sale. National Western Livestock Auction Center, Denver, CO. (303) 292-2833 or www.bisoncentral.com.

February 7 - 8: Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Winter Conference. Best Western Ramkota Hotel, Rapid City, SD. (605) 858-0961 or info@dakotabuffalo.com.

February 9: Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale, Central States Fairgrounds, Rapid City, SD. (605) 858-0961 or info@dakotabuffalo.com.

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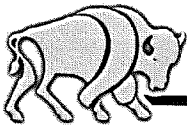
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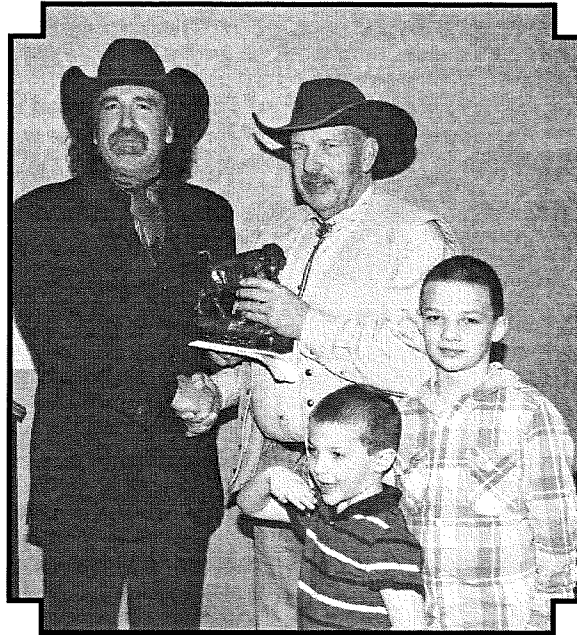
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"Bruce committed himself and the plant to buffalo at a critical time while the industry was in a downturn," says Scott Peterson, a good friend of Bruce and customer at Western Buffalo Company. "His actions had a major impact on the industry, especially in our region."

Peterson also noted those personal relationships that have served Western Buffalo Company so well. "Bruce runs his business based on relationships he has developed with the industry and the people in the industry. That has allowed him to become one of the major players in our industry today."

Bruce's level of involvement does not stop at the doors of the meat plant. He has taken a personal interest in the industry and immersed himself in opportunities to help promote and further the buffalo. He has served on the board of directors for the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association as both a director and as the president. Bruce also gives his time to the National Bison Association, serving as a regional director and now as the vice president. He attends many regional meetings and auctions and has given countless presentations and industry updates, thus becoming a valued resource in



Scott Peterson, left, presents Bruce Anderson with the DTBA Pioneer Award. Bruce's sons, Hoyt, center and Wyatt, right, joined him for the presentation.

this ever-changing landscape of buffalo production.

At the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association Winter Conference this past February, Bruce was recognized by the association for his dedication to the buffalo industry. The association presented him with their Pioneer Award. This award is bestowed upon those who have gone above and beyond in their efforts to further the cause of the buffalo. Bruce is the sixth recipient of the award in the association's 17 year history.

"I am so fortunate to be a part of this industry," notes Anderson. "I was lucky enough to be able to have the ability to create a revenue stream for buffalo producers while being able to make a living for my family. I have received far more than I have ever given in this industry and for that I am very grateful."

Those relationships forged over the years have served Bruce and his business well. His personal involvement, his integrity and his desire to better the industry have served the

rest of us very well. We are fortunate to have him as a valued member of our buffalo family and he is truly one of the pioneers of today's buffalo industry.

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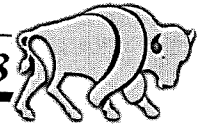
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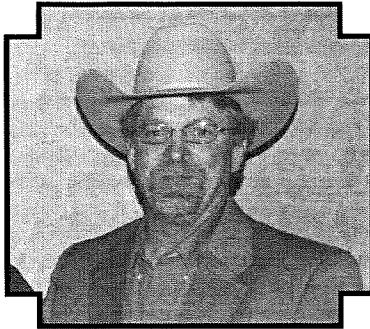
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2013 Show and Sale Puts Stamp Of Validation On Program



By Zane Holcomb

There are times in the course of things to pass that one gets to witness a minor bit of history being made. And I got to see it.....

A few years ago, Scott Peterson told me that try as he might he could not get any of his bulls to win a trophy. Scott tried more than once for Producer of the Year and went home empty. Then came his

regroup, utilizing the mantra of the DTBA (that being the Producers Association) and investing in his and the DTBA's belief. That sort of belief and devotion caused a little ripple at the time, but a wave came after, a big wave. And the surfer dude on top was the Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, owned by Scott and Susan and managed by Joe Dickman, Young Guns bulls were bought and turned out with the cows. And what a difference a few bulls can make. For those of you not in attendance, Jumpoff walked away with Producer of the Year, both Grand Champion Male AND Female, along with about a dozen more trophies. Well earned ones, too. Scott stood at the podium and the words he said had more effect than he knows. "Seventy five percent of my breed bulls have come from Young Guns." It may not have seemed like much at the time, but it hit me quickly. And I can sum it up in one word.... VALIDATION.

The flagship classes of the DTBA started with the Carcass Class and now include Young Guns and Girlz Gone Wild. These three classes may be the only true tests in the industry. And now the DTBA has stepped into a new light. Jumpoff's 2013 showing certainly proved to the world that good ideas, and actually walking the walk, works. This year, thanks to Scott and Joe, the DTBA received validation.

You say you want confirmation? How about the judges (Mike

Thiel, Dan and Jake Meyers) taking home in their trailers at least two gold trophy winners, a silver winner plus numerous other buffalo? Those guys know what works. Mike may have bought the "sleeper" of the entire sale; sometimes one critter doesn't get enough looks, even with the stats and information on Young Guns. I'll be excited to see how the sleeper turns out. And in the Meyer trailer went a couple of Pens of Five Heifer Calves plus others that will be certain to shine. Thanks guys, and the next time we gather? I'll buy the first round!

This was the first year of the Girlz Gone Wild and damned if the Cammack contingency didn't set the bar way high on the first time at bat. What a nice group of bred heifers that was. And along with Young Guns, Girlz Gone Wild is going to make one swing for the fences every time. Dang.... can you imagine the quality you would have if???? Dream situation, get a couple of the top Young Guns bulls, buy the entire lot of Girlz Gone Wild and you'd have one the top herds in the world. I dare you to try and get a better start. I don't think one can match it.

All of our host ranches for the Young Guns and Girlz Gone Wild classes have shown support to the DTBA that is unequaled. This year in particular, with having to deal with drought and very expensive hay, both host ranches lost money on the deal. But this is where devotion leads to validation, confirmation and downright PROOF! Thanks to all of you, supporting our flagships truly set the DTBA at the top of the heap. Often imitated but never equaled, is that how the saying goes?

And Top Congratulations are due to Bruce Anderson, our newest Pioneer Award recipient. Bruce has been there through thick and thin, supporting the industry and individuals throughout the past 20 years I have been in the business. A huge and strong gear in all the mechanisms that make up the buffalo industry, Bruce truly deserves any and all accolades he can get. Most of us raise the product, but Bruce actually sees that we get money for it. Thank you, Bruce.

I can't thank consignors and buyers enough. They ALL brought AND took home buffalo I wish I had. Many a trophy winner went in the same trailer and at the same time, many of those trailers went a different direction. The DTBA truly is spread out and I really like what I see. Getting better every year, yessiree!

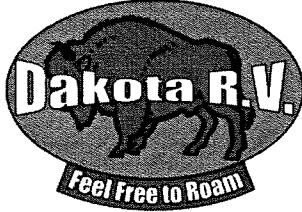
Thanks go out to Peter Cook, Dave Carter and John and Gaylynn Flochinni, always good to see you all and others from the NBA. You guys are our front line of defense and the NBA is intrinsic is the success of the entire industry. Not a member? Get out of the easy chair and become proactive. Do it now!

And now to get the attention of Little Miss Marielle and John C. for another quote... "He married a fat widow woman up on the Pecos and had him a passle of kids. Which what you might as well do since you don't want to go chase BUFFALO!" Augustus McCrae, Lonesome Dove.

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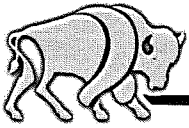
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DTBA Member Flocchini Named NBA Member of the Year



From the National Bison Association

John Flocchini of Durham Ranch near Wright, WY, was honored as the National Bison Association's Member of the Year at the association's annual winter conference in Denver in late January.

Flocchini was recognized for his outstanding commitment to the association, and to the bison industry.

Gail Griffin, chair of the association's past president's council, noted that Flocchini was honored in large part because is "decades as a National Bison Association volunteer and his dedication to improving all aspects of the bison industry."

Flocchini current served as President of the National Bison

Association from 2010-2012, and current chairs the association's board of directors. His previous positions on the board include Vice President, Secretary Treasurer, and Director at Large.

Flocchini is also active in the association's Commercial Marketers' Committee, the Membership Committee and several other committees.

He has also been instrumental in guiding the association's efforts to address issues impacting the health of bison herds. Flocchini serves on the Board of Directors of the National Buffalo Foundation, which is dedicating significant resources to bison herd health issues.

As a family-owner and operating manager of the Durham Ranch, he is the latest in a line of Flocchinis that have pioneered the modern commercial bison business. The Flocchini family has been in the bison business since the mid-1960's, when they purchased the Durham Ranch.

John Flocchini is also a graduate of the Wyoming Agricultural Leadership Program.

CSP Buffalo Roundup Day Changes To Friday

If you are planning to attend the buffalo roundup at Custer State Park this year, make note of the change in the actual roundup. The buffalo will be rounded up and moved into the corrals on FRIDAY, September 27. The Arts Festival will be held over the weekend in the usual location near the State Game Lodge on Saturday, September 28 and Sunday, September 29.

DTBA will again have a booth at the Arts Festival. We will be located on the east edge of the festival grounds and all you need to do is look for the cargo trailer with the DTBA logo on it and that's us! We will have informational handouts about buffalo, buffalo meat and buffalo production. There will also be a great selection of clothing, Bison Producer's handbooks and the National Bison Association is going to be sending us some informational handouts and caps and their new instructional DVD.

The Arts Festival is a great buffalo-focused event and if you have the chance to take it in that weekend, please do so. Stop by the DTBA booth and say hi and check out the latest in merchandise and information!

Anyone that would like to help man the booth over the weekend is most welcome. Festival hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m .on Saturday and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

More information about the buffalo roundup and the Arts Festival can be found on the Custer State Park website at: <http://gfp.sd.gov/state-parks/directory/custer/events/buffalo-roundup.aspx>.



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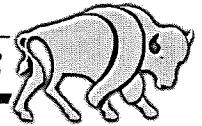


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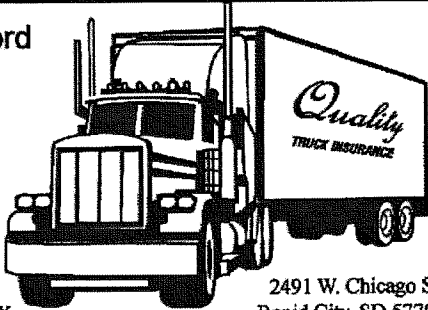
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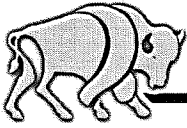
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2013 Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show & Sale Results
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Show Results

Producer of the Year: Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Scott, Susan, Jon & Jayme Peterson, Buffalo, SD.

Grand Champion Male: Yearling Bull from Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch. Bull sold for \$7,750 to Doug Paulson, Heart River Bison of Manning, ND.

Reserve Champion Male: Young Guns Yearling bull from Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, Sandy & Jacki Limpert. Bull sold for \$9,500 to Jason Bender of Britton, SD.

Grand Champion Female: Girlz Gone Wild Two Year Old Bred Heifer from Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch. Heifer sold for \$6,000 to Lee Leier, Heartland Bison, Rugby, ND.

Reserve Champion Female: Girlz Gone Wild Two Year Old Bred Heifer from Cold Creek Buffalo Company, Boyd & Allison Meyer, Windsor, CO. Heifer sold for \$6,400 to Kevin Leier, Heartland Bison North Gate, Rugby, ND.

Two Year Old Bred Heifer

1. Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch; 2. Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch; 3. KenMar Buffalo Ranch, Peter Cook & Ryan Homelvig, New Rockford, ND.

Yearling Heifer

1. Blue Valley Ranch, Perry Handyside, Mgr., Kremmling, CO; 2. KenMar Buffalo Ranch; 3. Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch.

Heifer Calf

1. Nolz Poor Farm Bison, Ed & Deanna Nolz, Sioux Falls, SD; 2. Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch; 3. Nolz Poor Farm Bison.

Top 5 Heifer Calves

1. Laughing Water Ranch, LLC, Lance & Tagma Kuck, Bassett, NE; 2. Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch; 3. Nolz Poor Farm Bison.

Bull Calf

1. Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch; 2. Nolz Poor Farm Bison; 3. Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch.

Top Five Bull Calves

1. Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch; 2. Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch; 3. Nolz Poor Farm Bison.

Yearling Bulls

1. Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch; 2. KenMar Buffalo Ranch; 3. Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch.

Young Guns Yearling Bull Challenge

1. Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch; 2. Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch; 3. Cold Creek Buffalo Company.

Girlz Gone Wild Two Year Old Bred Heifer Challenge

1. Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch; 2. Cold Creek Buffalo Company; 3. Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch.

Reality Based Carcass Class Bull

1. KenMar Buffalo Ranch; 2. KenMar Buffalo Ranch; 3. Tatanka Hills, Kevin & Joan Stormo, Lake Norden, SD.

Reality Based Carcass Class Heifer

1. KenMar Buffalo Ranch; 2. Blue Valley Ranch; 3. Riata Buffalo, The Casey Family, Rapid City, SD.

Sale Results

Two Year Old Bred Heifer: 4 head sold. Prices ranged from \$2,000 to \$2,800 with an average of \$2,513 per head.

Yearling Heifer: 6 head sold. Prices ranged from \$1,500 to \$3,400 with an average of \$2,117 per head.

Heifer Calf: 8 head sold. Prices ranged from \$1,050 to \$1,600 with an average of \$1,419 per head.

Top Five Heifer Calves: 6 pens/30 head sold. Prices ranged from \$1,000 to \$1,350 per head with an average of \$1,200 per head.

Bull Calf: 8 head sold. Prices ranged from \$1,150 to \$5,250 per head with an average of \$1,919 per head.

Top Five Bull Calves: 5 pens/25 head sold. Prices ranged from \$1,250 to \$1,600 per head with an average of \$1,470 per head.

Yearling Bull: 5 head sold. Prices ranged from \$2,500 to \$7,750 per head with an average of \$4,530 per head.

Young Guns Yearling Bull Challenge: 20 head sold. Prices ranged from \$2,500 to \$12,000 per head with an average of \$5,390 per head.

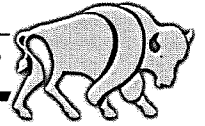
Girlz Gone Wild Two Year Old Bred Heifer Challenge: 18 head sold. Prices ranged from \$2,250 to \$6,400 with an average of \$3,428 per head.

Consignment Heifer Calves: 5 head sold. Price was \$1,050 per head.

Consignment Yearling Heifers: 10 head sold. Price was \$1,000 per head.

Consignment Bull Calves: 4 head sold. Price was \$1,150 per head.

Consignment Yearling Bulls: 10 head sold. Price was \$1,175 per head.

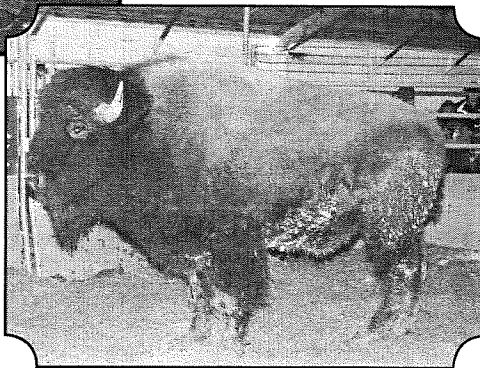
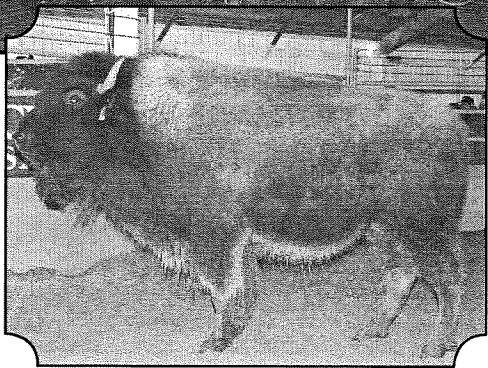


Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch was named Producer of the Year at the 2013 Black Hills Buffalo Classic. Additionally, the ranch also had the Grand Champion Female (below left) and Grand Champion Male (below right).

The Producer of the Year trophy is sponsored by Mosquito Park Enterprises, Rod and Lynnette Sather and Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Scott and Susan Peterson. On hand to present and accept the award for the ranch, at left, Rod and Lynnette Sather, Susan, Jayme, Jon and Scott Peterson and ranch manager, Joe Dickman and Sara Orth.

The Grand Champion Heifer was the Jumpoff entry in the Girlz Gone Wild Two Year Old Bred Heifer Challenge. The Grand Champion Bull was the ranch's entry in the Yearling Bull class.

Scott noted later that he was very pleased to have his animals named grand champions in both the male and female classes in the same year AND win Producer of the Year.



2013 Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale



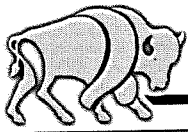
The Carcass Class Bull winners included Gold, KenMar Buffalo Ranch, Peter Cook, sponsored by Nolz Poor Farm Bison; Silver, KenMar Buffalo Ranch, Ryan Homelvig, sponsored by Blue Valley Ranch; and Bronze, Tatanka Hills, Kevin & Joan Stormo, sponsored by Erickson's Meat Market, Steve McFarland presenting.



The Carcass Class Heifer winners included Silver, Blue Valley Ranch, sponsored by Renner Corner Locker, Ed Nolz presenting; Bronze, Riata Buffalo, Martin Waage accepting, sponsored by Western Buffalo Company and Gold, Ken Mar Buffalo Ranch, Ryan Homelvig, sponsored by Western Buffalo Company.

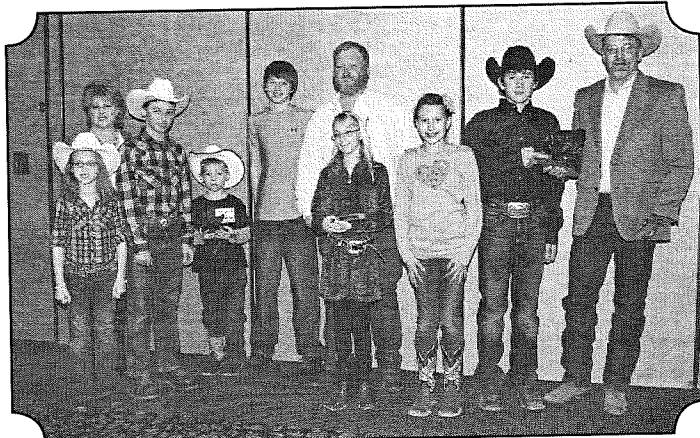
Bull calf class winners included: Gold, Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Jayme Peterson accepting from Evie Woodall on behalf of the North Dakota Buffalo Assn.; Silver, Nolz Poor Farm Bison, the Nolz family accepting from the sponsoring Lutt family; and Bronze, Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Jon Peterson accepting from John Cammack, who presented on behalf of sponsors Black Feathers Buffalo.





At Left: Heifer Class winners included: Gold, Nolz Poor Farm Bison, Ed Nolz, sponsored by Mickelson Buffalo Ranch; Silver, Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Joe Dickman and Sara Orth, sponsored by Linweld, Larry Carr presenting; and Bronze, Nolz Poor Farm Bison, the Nolz family, sponsored by Dakota R.V., Mark Barry.

Below: Top 5 Heifer Calves winners were: Laughing Water Ranch, Lance Kuck, sponsored by 777 Ranch, Moritz Espy presenting; Silver, Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Joe Dickman, sponsored by Cold Creek Buffalo Company, Boyd Meyer; and Bronze, Nolz Poor Farm Bison, the Nolz family, presented by Chad Kremer on behalf of sponsor Custer State Park Resort Company.



Above: Top 5 Bull Calves winners included: Bronze, Nolz Poor Farm Bison, the Nolz family, sponsored by Laughing Water Ranch; Silver, Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Jayme Peterson, sponsored by 777 Ranch, Moritz Espy presenting; and Gold, Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Jon Peterson, sponsored by Zane Holcomb, Holcomb Buffalo Ranch.



Above: Yearling Heifer winners were Gold, Blue Valley Ranch, sponsored by Longreach Buffalo Company, Wendy Hutchinson and Kelly Hardy; Silver, KenMar Buffalo Ranch, Ryan Homelvig, sponsored by Laughing Water Ranch; and Bronze, Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Jon and Jayme Peterson, sponsored by Standing Rock Buffalo Ranch, presented on their behalf by Evie Woodall.

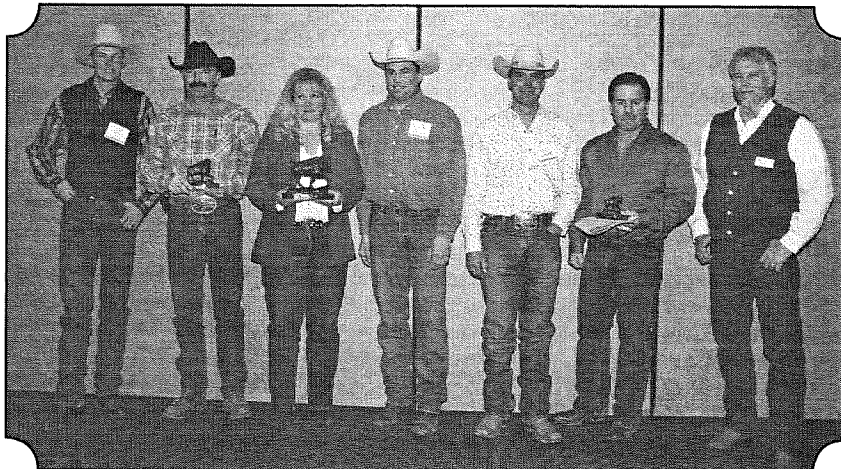


At left: Two Year Old Bred Heifer winners included Gold, Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Jayme Peterson, presented by Chad Kremer on behalf of Custer State Park Resort Company; Silver, Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Jon Peterson, presented by John Cammack for sponsors Hofer-Lowewn Bison Ranch; and Bronze, KenMar Buffalo Ranch, Peter Cook, sponsored by Scranton Equity Feeds, Steve McFarland presenting.



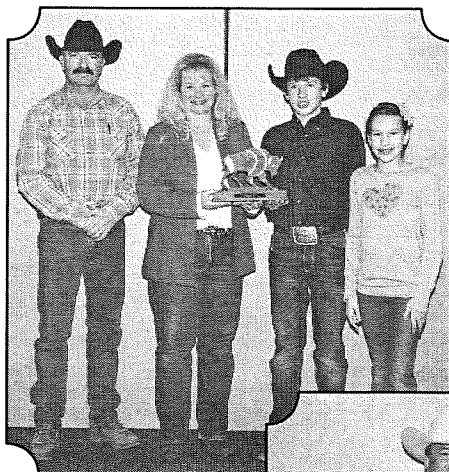
Above: Yearling Bull winners were: Gold, Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Jon Peterson, sponsored by Elk Pass Ranch and presented on their behalf by John Cammack; Silver, KenMar Buffalo Ranch, Peter Cook, sponsored by Fischer Rounds & Assoc.; Bronze, Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Jayme Peterson, sponsored by Brodie and Samantha Limpert.





At Left: Winners in the Young Guns Yearling Bull Challenge included Gold, Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, Sandy Limpert, sponsored by Blue Valley Ranch; Silver, Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, Jacki Limpert, sponsored by Cammack Buffalo Ranch, John Cammack; and Bronze, Cold Creek Buffalo Ranch, Boyd Meyer, sponsored by Diesel Machinery, Inc., Mary Berry presenting.

Below: Winners in the inaugural Girlz Gone Wild Two Year Old Bred Heifer Challenge included Bronze, Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, Brodie and Samantha Limpert, sponsored by Sheyenne River Bison, the Lauth family; Silver, Cold Creek Buffalo Company, Boyd Meyer, sponsored by KenMar Buffalo Ranch, Peter Cook; and Gold, Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Jon and Jayme Peterson, sponsored by Northstar Bison, the Graese family.



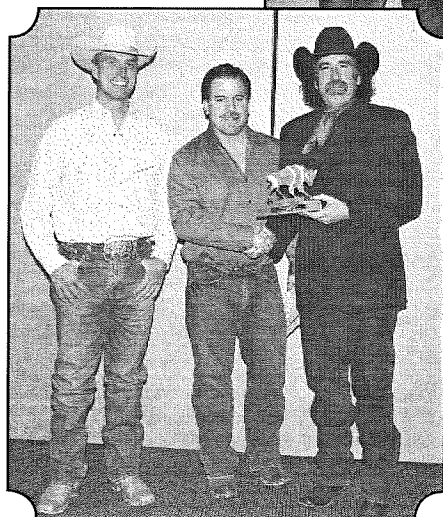
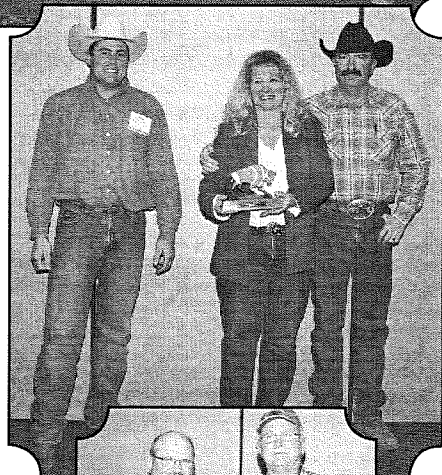
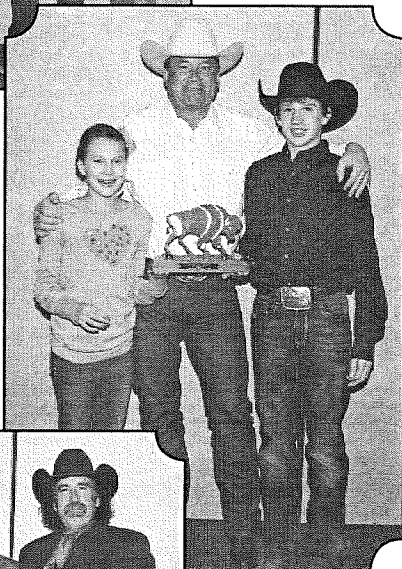
At Left: Taking home the Grand Champion Bull trophy was Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Jon and Jayme Peterson accepting and sponsored by Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, Sandy and Jacki Limpert.



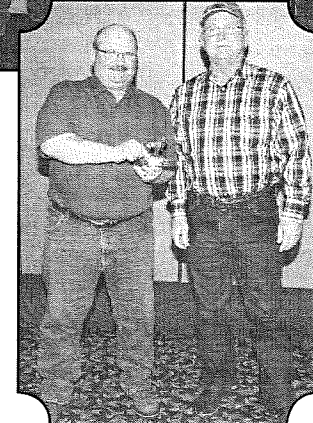
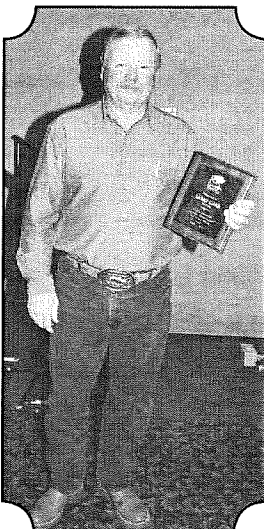
At Right: Reserve Grand Champion Bull was awarded to Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, Sandy and Jacki Limpert. John Cammack presented on behalf of sponsor Elk Pass Ranch, Dan Huber.

Below: Outgoing Board member, Larry Carr, was presented a plaque in appreciation for his service to the association.

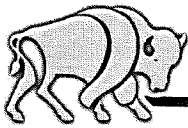
At Right: The Grand Champion Heifer trophy was presented to Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Jon and Jayme Peterson accepting. Ron Bradeen presented on behalf of sponsor Bradeen Auctions.



At Left: Reserve Grand Champion Heifer went to Cold Creek Buffalo Company, Boyd Meyer and Dave Schroth. Scott Peterson presented on behalf of sponsor Prairie Rose Buffalo Ranch, Heath Peterson.



Outgoing judge, Mike Thiel, left, receives a bronze from sponsor Rod Bakken, to thank him for his service.



Show and Sale Committee Seeking Potential Host Ranches

At the request of the DTBA Show and Sale Committee, the office is asking for names of anyone who might be interested in participating as a host ranch for one of our performance classes, Girlz Gone Wild Two Year Old Bred Heifer Challenge or the Young Guns Yearling Bull Challenge.

We are looking to compile a list for future years. At the 2014 Winter Conference, we will set aside a time to meet with anyone interested in learning more about what is required of these host ranches and what it takes to get the job done.

These two performance-tested classes are taking off and creating quite a splash in the buffalo world and not only is it a benefit for the producers who consign animals, it can certainly be a huge benefit for the host ranch. What better way to showcase your operation than to

prove it by bringing first class breeding bull prospects to our sale or putting your best bulls on a group of young heifers that will be purchased by buyers around the country. This is a great opportunity for everyone involved and in order to continue to grow these classes and take the lead in the industry, we need more people willing to host the classes at their ranch.

For more information or to add your name to the list of potential host ranches (no obligation, just to show interest), please call or email the office. In our conference newsletter/emails, we will announce the time and location for a meeting for anyone interested in learning more about this vital role in our association's future.

Call (605) 858-0961 or email info@dakotabuffalo.com.

Young Guns and Girlz Gone Wild Updates and Information

The Dakota Territory Buffalo Association (DTBA) is already making plans for the 17th Annual Winter Conference and Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale, slated for February 7 - 9, 2014 in Rapid City, SD. The conference will take place at the Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center, while the show and sale events will be held at the Central States Fairgrounds with the sale set for Sunday, February 9.

The association is home to the Young Guns Yearling Bull Challenge and the Girlz Gone Wild Two Year Old Bred Heifer Challenge. Both of these performance classes are well underway already, with 68 head of bulls in the Young Guns class and 15 head of heifers in the Girlz Gone Wild class. The Young Guns class will be trimmed down to the top 20-30 head that will make the cut for the show and sale, thus making those bulls the best of the best!

The Young Guns bulls were brought in from their grass test on August 6 with an average weight of 793 pounds on 68 head. 38 of the bulls were in the 800 pound range, with one coming in at 900 pounds and several just right under that threshold. The host ranch,

Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, has noted this is by far the best set of bulls this class has produced.

The Girlz Gone Wild heifers were put out to grass on June 9 and averaged 821 pounds on 15 head. The host ranch, Cammack Buffalo Ranch, has put their best two home-grown bulls on these heifers and they are excited about the class and how well the heifers are looking this fall.

We will be posting more information about these two classes, as well as our carcass class, additional show and sale offerings and the Winter Conference, on our website and Facebook pages. Entry information for the 2014 show and sale will be available early this fall.

Producers interested in entering bull calves or yearling heifers in the 2015 performance challenge classes are encouraged to start selecting animals now and get your spot reserved in the 2014 incoming classes. Keep in mind that the 2013 Young Guns bulls had the highest average yearling bull sale price in the country last year. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to showcase your breeding program.



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In late April, DTBA was contacted by the South Dakota Newspaper Association to see if we would be interested in being a sponsor for their convention banquet. The banquet was held at Mt. Rushmore National Memorial and the group served buffalo prime rib for their banquet meal. Of course we said yes! What a great opportunity to put our product right in the mouth of the media!

The convention was a joint effort between the South Dakota and North Dakota Newspaper Associations. Nearly 200 editors, publishers and owners of newspapers in both states were in attendance at the banquet. Our own Bruce Anderson with Western Buffalo Company, attended the banquet and gave some remarks on behalf of the buffalo industry. The feedback after the banquet was very positive and the president of the National Newspaper Association was on hand for the meal and gave it rave reviews!