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Join Us For "The Tatanka Tours"

Welcome to the 2004 Dakota Territory Buffalo Association Winter Conference and Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale. The events will take place beginning on Friday, January 30 and end with the live animal auction on Sunday, February 1. The conference will take place in the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn and the show and sale will be held in the adjacent Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City, SD.

The weekend's activities begin on Friday evening when everyone is invited to attend the social at Prairie Edge Trading Co. and Galleries in downtown Rapid City, just minutes from the host hotel. This social offers attendees the opportunity to not only sample great food and visit with other producers, but to do some shopping as well. The Prairie Edge store is open for shopping during the social and the atmosphere of the entire evening has made this a very popular event.

On Saturday, the conference gets underway with a general membership meeting in the morning and an update on buffalo health from South Dakota State Veterinarian Dr. Sam Holland. We will also take nominations for two positions on the board of directors.

Okay, so pretty much business as usual, you say. Well, just before lunch is when our conference takes on a different twist. Since the DTBA has always been known to take a bit of a different road, we decided to do just that...take to the road. We will load up on buses and go for a road trip on Saturday afternoon. Of course, lunch will be served on the buses as we are enroute to our afternoon destinations.

"The Tatanka Tours...A Journey Through Our Past As We Plan For The Future" is the theme of our excursion. Our first stop will be just outside of Deadwood, SD where we will have the opportunity to visit Kevin Costner's "Tatanka, Story of the Bison". This fabulous sculpture, by local artist Peggy Detmers, will leave you in awe of the magnificent creature that we all admire. Be sure to dress warm. After all, it is winter and the sculptures are outside!

Following our visit to Tatanka, we will load up on the buses and head for the High Plains Heritage Center just outside of Spearfish, SD. This one's indoors and you will have the opportunity to view the rich heritage of South Dakota and see how the buffalo were instrumental to survival of the Native Americans and the pioneers.

Enroute to our site visits, we will be doing some planning for the future of our association. With so many changes in this industry the past few years, it's once again time to focus on our future and decide what the DTBA can and should do for our members. This is your opportunity to voice your opinion, get feedback and set a course for the future of your association. Before we depart for home, we'll take a few minutes at the museum to cover what the different bus groups have gone over and then we'll switch moderators on each bus and finish our discussions on the way back to Rapid City.

We'll wind up back in Rapid City late on Saturday afternoon. After a short break in the activities, the evening banquet and awards ceremony will get underway with a fun auction to follow.

While conference attendees are being educated and entertained, some serious competition will be taking place. The 2004 Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale is promising to be one of the best industry events of the year. When the judging is finished, the award winners will be announced during the Saturday evening banquet. Winners of the Reality Based Carcass Class will also be announced during the banquet.

On Sunday, the morning gets underway with judge's comments and the Black Hills Buffalo Classic Sale begins at 10 a.m. in the arena of the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center. The sale is open to the public with no admission fee charged.





Remarks From The President: Scott Peterson



Well, it's just about conference time. I hope you will all be able to join us in Rapid City for our winter event. We have tried to create a lineup that has something for everyone and the costs have been kept at the same level as in past years to allow as many of our members the opportunity to participate.

When you review the tentative agenda, please note that our "Tatanka Tours" are more than just an outing for our members. While we are heading to

and from our destinations, each bus will have a moderator on board. Their job will be to direct the conversation on each bus. What we are looking for is input for the association and for our members. Sort of a "strategic planning" on the road, if you will!

This is YOUR opportunity to voice your opinion and offer your input into the direction of the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association. So many things have changed in the past few years and your board of directors is looking to you for guidance as we begin a new year. What are our strengths? Our weaknesses? What changes would you like to see? What improvements? New projects?

I sincerely hope that each one of you will take a few minutes to reflect on those questions. Write down your answers or your questions and bring them to the meeting. Better yet, send them in ahead of time and give the board some ideas on where to direct our conversations. Each member is unique and has their own distinct ideas, thoughts and suggestions. There are no right or wrong answers. But we do need and want your input as our association

Sharps Buffalo Rifle Raffle

As a fund raiser for the year, the DTBA board gave approval to raffle off the final rifle in the DTBA's limited edition series Sharps Buffalo Rifle. The gun is number 20 of 25 and is the FINAL gun available in the series. All other guns have been previously sold.

The raffle cost is \$10 per ticket or three tickets for \$25. The winner will receive the gun, a very unique item. Not only is the gun considered a piece of art, it is also a functional weapon. The drawing will be held at the conclusion of the Black Hills Stock Show, on February 8, 2004. The winner will be notified at that time. You need not be present to win.

Some of our board members and our international social director, Rod Sather, are selling tickets and Karen also has them available at the DTBA office and at the regional show/sales. We will sell them at the winter conference as well as in our Black Hills Stock Show booth.

If you would like to volunteer to sell tickets in your area, I can give you books of tickets (10 in a book) and provide you with flyers/posters that show the gun and tell about the raffle.

If every member would sell one book of tickets, the DTBA would be a huge winner. As you all know, funds are limited, so the association is working to promote buffalo, buffalo meat and by products and this raffle will generate income from OUTSIDE our industry as well as give us some publicity. That's important and I hope you will all take a book of tickets to sell. Thanks in advance for your help with this important project.

To obtain books of tickets or for more information, contact Karen at 605-923-6383 or e-mail to: info@dakotabuffalo.com.

Again, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to own a gun of this type. Once it's gone, there are no more! Don't miss out!

continues to grow and expand in our activities and reach.

The fall sales have shown an increase in prices across the board. While many of you didn't show or sell animals last year, I would encourage you to consider doing so at this time. There are many new buyers out there and they are looking for quality animals to add to their programs. Our show and sale in January offers you the venue to show your animals and we are doing all we can to ensure that there will be active buyers in the stands on auction day. What better means of marketing your animals than to show the world what you have to offer. Talk is fine, but the proof is in the animal. If you haven't consigned animals to the Black Hills Classic, there is still time and spots available. Contact Karen at the office for more information and details. If you are not currently a DTBA members, she can take care of that for you as well.

While your in Rapid City, don't miss the opportunity to take home some excellent animals from our sale. We have a very diverse lineup of consignors and a great selection of animals. There are genetics offered here that you won't find at other shows and sales. This is your opportunity to take home some of these influential genetics and put them to work in your herd.

I am looking forward to visiting with you all at our conference. Once again, we'll kick off the event with a social at Prairie Edge. I can't begin to thank Duane Lammers and the crew at the store for lining up this popular event. It gets our conference off to a great start and we are glad they are willing to host us each year.

Again, please take some time to think about the direction of the association and be willing to share your thoughts as we journey through the past and plan for our future.

See you in Rapid City!

Time To Pay 2004 Membership Dues

If you haven't paid your DTBA dues for 2004, please include the \$50 membership fee with your conference registration fees. Check on the front mailing label of this newsletter. The year your dues have been paid through is highlighted on the mailing label. If it says "2003", you need to renew your dues at this time. If it is beyond that, your dues are current through the end of the year indicated. It's much easier to take care of this now than to wait until the conference or after.

In this issue, you will find a DTBA Winter Conference Registration form that has a spot indicated on it for 2004 DTBA dues. If you are including that money in with your conference registration, please check the appropriate box on the form so the money can be allotted to the correct area.

If you will not be attending the Winter Conference, please fill out the form and return it with your 2004 dues. I know everyone has filled out the form before, but address changes, email changes and other such information is difficult to update without those forms. Also, if you fill out the bottom half of the information sheet, your ranch information will be included on the DTBA website and is also included in the membership directory and resource guides.

Some of you have already paid your dues for 2004. Thank you! If you have any new changes or updates to your information, please fill out and return the membership registration sheet. You may indicate that your dues are already paid. Thanks!

Welcome New DTBA Members!

Roy and Cheryl Krivoruchka,
Indian Springs Bison, Belfield, ND



Winter Conference Costs Set

The cost for the 2004 DTBA Winter Conference has been set at \$90 per person. This fee includes all conference activities, one breakfast, one lunch and the Saturday evening banquet.

For each paid in full conference registration, you will have the option of purchasing one banquet only ticket at an additional cost of \$45. You must purchase one full conference fee to take advantage of this option. There will be NO banquet only tickets available at the door. Late registrations and walk-ins will be required to pay the full conference fee plus a late registration fee.

You must include full payment with your conference registration in order for it to be processed. All DTBA Winter Conference Registrations must be postmarked by Wednesday, January 21, 2004. Registrations postmarked after that date will be charged a \$30 late fee. There will be no exceptions! Pre-registration helps us to obtain an accurate count for the meals so that we are not paying for too many meals and to help ensure that we have adequate food for all attendees. Your help with this is GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Prairie Edge Will Host Reception

Once again, Prairie Edge Trading Company and Galleries will open their doors to members attending the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association Winter Conference. The store, along with Triple Seven Ranch and Dakota Mill and Grain, will be hosting the welcoming reception and social. The activities will be held at the Prairie Edge store located on the corner of Sixth and Main Streets in downtown Rapid City.

The reception will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday, January 30 and last until 7:00 p.m. During this time, attendees will have the opportunity to register for the Winter Conference and pick up their registration materials. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served and the chance to visit with fellow buffalo enthusiasts while doing a little shopping will be the highlight of the evening. Please make plans to join us for a fun and entertaining evening sponsored by these gracious hosts.

Door Prizes Will Be Available!

As another new project this year, we are working to line up a variety of door prizes and give aways for our bus tour. Do you have any suggestions? Do you know of any products or services that our members would benefit from?

Your ideas and suggestions are welcome. If you have a product or service you would like to offer as a prize, please do so. It's good promotion for you and the word of mouth advertising is the best you can "buy"!

If you know of someone who might be willing to donate a product or service, please feel free to invite them to do so. Or if you prefer, contact the DTBA office and give Karen the contact information and she will take care of the rest.

We think you'll like some of these nifty prizes. For these give-aways, you MUST be in attendance to win!

New Board Members Needed

Wanted! Alive and kicking! New Board Members for the DTBA. There will be two positions available and they will be for three year terms. The election will be held during the DTBA Winter Conference.

What's needed? Fresh ideas. Enthusiasm. Time to donate to the organization.

If you are interested in volunteering for this important role, please contact Rod Sather at (605) 683-4120 or Karen Conley at (605) 923-7755 for more information.

Sponsorships Needed For 2004

With the 2004 Black Hills Buffalo Classic show and sale and the DTBA Winter Conference right around the corner, we are still in need of sponsorships. There are a few trophy sponsorships available at this time, as we added more trophies and some of our sponsors have switched classes and/or upgraded. We are also looking for cash sponsors for our Carcass Class, as the entry fees do not cover the entire amount of the awards.

Anyone interested in sponsoring other specific items, such as conference folders, signage for our sponsors, etc. is more than welcome to do so. Please contact Karen at the DTBA office to see what types of sponsorships, including trophies, are available and the costs associated with them. Thank you to those of you who have so graciously stepped forward to sponsor and/or donate up to this point. Your efforts help us to provide a full slate of activities for a reasonable price for our conference participants.

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

THANK YOU!!!

Early Registration Incentive!!

As an added incentive to pre-register for the 2004 Winter Conference, we will be offering a buffalo leather trimmed vest to one lucky winner!

DTBA members, Larry and Linda Rolfstad of Rapid City, have graciously agreed to donate one of their new vests to the association. The Rolfstads operate Rocking R Bison Leather and their products are fantastic and we are delighted to feature one of their new vests as added incentive for our members to attend the conference.

Here's how it will work. For every paid in full pre-registration (does not include banquet only registrations) postmarked by the January 21, 2004 deadline, you will get one entry into the drawing. So, if a couple registers, both of their names go in the drawing. During the awards banquet on Saturday night, we will draw a winner from the eligible names. The winner will meet with the Rolfstads to custom order the vest. If desired, the Rolfstads will arrange to embroider the winner's first name on the front of the coat and a clip art design with their ranch name on the back for no additional charge.

How's that for a little added incentive? Remember, to be eligible, you must have your registration paid in full and post-marked by January 21, 2004.

Our thanks to the Rolfstads for their generous donation to the DTBA. Good luck to everyone and get your registrations in NOW!

Fun Auction To Benefit DTBA

Don't forget to bring your Fun Auction items with you to the DTBA Winter Conference. The Fun Auction is slated to begin immediately following the Black Hills Buffalo Classic Awards presentation on Saturday, January 31. Be creative and dare to be different! Your Fun Auction items are donated to be auctioned off and the subsequent proceeds go back to the DTBA. This is a fun and creative way to do your Christmas shopping, redecorate or just help out the DTBA. Remember, it's YOUR association and you get out of it what you put into it. The Fun Auction has traditionally been one of the largest fund-raising events for this association and we are encouraging members to keep that in mind, not only when you bring items, but also as you participate in the auction. Through the generosity of our members, we are able to keep membership costs to a minimum and still accomplish many goals. Let's see who can bring the most creative or unique item to this year's Fun Auction!



Volunteers Needed For BHSS Booth

The Dakota Territory Buffalo Association will again have a booth set up in the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center during the 2004 Black Hills Stock Show. The booth has a display and literature about the association and we will also be selling DTBA/NDBA cookbooks and DTBA merchandise. The highlight of this year's booth will be selling raffle tickets for the Sharps Buffalo Rifle that will be drawn for after the Black Hills Stock Show is over. The dates for the Black Hills Stock Show are January 30 through February 8, 2004.

We are looking for people interested in volunteering to man the booth during this time. The trade show usually opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 8 p.m. each night. The exception is the Wednesday night (February 4) when it closes at 5 p.m. to allow people to attend the Stockman's Banquet and Ball.

This is an excellent opportunity for the association to get the message out about buffalo and buffalo meat and it's also lots of fun to visit with people passing through. Your help is needed to make this a successful venture and we appreciate any assistance with this. You can work all or part of a day, any time is welcome.

In exchange for volunteering your time, the board of directors will allow members who are manning the booth to distribute their flyers or business cards (no actual products) while they are volunteering. This is an added incentive for you to make contacts and develop leads for animal and meat sales or any by-products that you might be offering. It is in your best interest to take a few hours of your time and sit in the booth. Not only will you be helping your association, but you will also be helping yourself.

There is also a need for people interested in selling DTBA items such as sweatshirts, caps, t-shirts and other items during the Winter Conference. We usually have a table set up in the foyer of the hotel and someone needs to man the area during the day of our conference. It would help to have several people taking turns, so no one would have to miss all the activities for the day. Again, if you're interested in volunteering for this, call or e-mail Karen at the DTBA office to sign up. Thanks in advance to all our wonderful volunteers!

Please Make Your Hotel Reservations As Soon As Possible!

It's time to make your reservations for our 2004 Black Hills Buffalo Classic and our Winter Conference. Once again, our host hotel will be the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn, located right across the parking lot from the civic center where the show and sale is held. Room rates are the same, with a regular room rate of \$71 per night and suites at \$91 per night. Our room block is reserved through Sunday, January 4, 2004, but you are encouraged to get rooms reserved early, as the hotel fills up with stock show participants.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE RUSHMORE PLAZA HOLIDAY INN REQUIRES A 24 HOUR CANCELLATION NOTICE FOR ANY ROOMS BOOKED DURING THIS WEEKEND! IF YOU DO NOT GIVE THEM THE NOTICE, YOU RISK BEING CHARGED FOR THE ROOM.

To make reservations, you may call the hotel directly or book rooms via the internet. To make phone reservations, the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn has assigned two reservation specialists to assist us with our group. Sherry and Amy will be available to you Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. They will ensure your needs and the needs of this group are a top priority. Amy may be reached by calling (605) 348-4000, extension 7035 and Sherry is available at (605) 348-4000, extension 7035. Our group booking code is "ABU" and make sure you indicate you are with the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association.

To make reservations online, do the following:

1. Got to: www.holidayinnrapidcity.com.

Volunteers Needed For Animals

The Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale (BHBC) is a huge event for the DTBA. It takes many hours and many volunteers to put all the events together and we can't begin to thank enough, those who step forward and help out. At the 2003 show, it was noted by sale chairman, Steve Sutton and show chairman, Chad Kremer, how much they appreciated everyone who pitched in to help feed, water and move animals.

Once again, with our 2004 event looming around the corner, Steve and Chad would like to have some volunteers step forward and assist with the buffalo. Since the dates are in place, they are looking for people willing to be on hand Friday, January 30 to help unload and pen animals. There is also a need for some extra hands to water and feed the animals as they are penned throughout the course of the day. This will take a number of people, and Steve and Chad encourage consignors to pitch in and help, especially getting water to the animals as soon as possible after they are unloaded and penned.

Throughout the weekend, we will need a core crew that can help with daily feeding, watering and also moving animals while the judges are selecting animals. On Sunday, sale day, volunteers are needed to help sort and pen the animals throughout the day and until loadout is completed for the day. Steve is also asking for a couple of people who could be available the following Monday for approximately half a day to help finish with loading out the sale animals.

It makes for a long weekend and it seems like the weather is too hot or too cold, but we all appreciate the volunteers who step forward to help care for the buffalo.

If you are interested in volunteering your time to help with this, please contact Karen at the DTBA office, 605-923-6383 or e-mail to: info@dakotabuffalo.com. You can also contact Chad Kremer, our show chairman, at 605-255-5636 or e-mail: chad.kremer@state.sd.us

2. Click on reservations.
3. Input your arrival date and number of nights you will be staying.
4. Input the code "ABU" in the GROUP BOOKING CODE space at the bottom of the page.
5. Click on CHECK AVAILABILITY.
6. A list of available rooms in the DTBA block will display. Please click on the room type you prefer.
7. Enter all your information with the reservation.
8. A confirmation number will appear when the reservation is complete.

Another option for booking your room is to fill out the enclosed fax sheet (insert in this newsletter) and fax it to the hotel. They will confirm your reservation by fax or phone once the fax sheet has been received.

Whatever option you choose, please book rooms as soon as possible. Again, the room block will be released on January 4, 2004 and the rooms are usually reserved immediately.

Additional rooms may be available at another nearby hotel, The Howard Johnson Express Inn and Suites. We have not made any arrangements with this hotel for group rates, but you are welcome to call them to find out about rates and availability during our conference. They are located on the west side of the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center and it's approximately three blocks from our host hotel. Their number is: (605) 737-4656.

Other hotel information is available through the DTBA office.



IBC'N You In Rapid City...We Hope!

As some of you will recall from our January 2002 meeting, our president, Scott Peterson, mentioned that our association was interested in making a bid to host the International Bison Conference in 2007.

Well, whatever happened to that idea? Here's the latest.

After much discussion, the board agreed to go ahead and pursue this idea. Members working on this to date are: Scott Peterson, Jud Seaman, Jacki Limpert, Ron Walker, Chad Kremer and Karen Conley. They are working in conjunction with Michelle Lintz at the Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce.

With direction from the National Bison Association, this group was making tentative plans and tossing around ideas and suggestions. During the NBA's Summer Conference, the DTBA was informed that they were one of the finalists to host this event. The selection was narrowed down to two cities, Rapid City and Louisville, KY.

The group was asked to make a presentation to the Canadian Bison Association Board of Directors at their meeting in November. Scott, Ron and Karen traveled to Regina, Saskatchewan where they made their presentation to the board. This was the only IBC presentation made to the Canadian board.

Plans are now underway to prepare a presentation to the National Bison Association Board of Directors in January at the NBA's Winter Conference. The group is polishing their presentation and hopefully more of our committee members will be able to attend this meeting and help in the presentation.

While there has been no decision made as of yet, we are hopeful that we'll have good news to share with our members at our Winter Conference or at the very least, shortly thereafter. The committee feels our chances at this opportunity are very good and everyone is hopeful that the IBC will be coming to Rapid City in 2007.

Since November, many DTBA members and buffalo enthusiasts have been treated to our IBC buttons. These great designer buttons tout the slogan "IBC'N You In Rapid City 2007". Karen has been handing them out all fall at all the events and so far, the reception has been wonderful. People seem to be very receptive to our bid to host this huge event and the comments have all been positive. Karen will continue to hand out the buttons and talk up DTBA and Rapid City. If you will be attending the NBA event in Denver in January, make sure and get a button and help support our efforts. The more people are talking about it, the more influence we can create to help the CBA and NBA make a decision in our favor.

Be thinking about what YOU can offer to this event, should we be privileged enough to host it. We will need many volunteers and lots of manpower to host an event of this size, so each and every DTBA member has something to offer. The gains that can be realized from this event are enormous, both to the association and to you personally. We hope that each and every one of you will become involved in this project should it materialize.

Keep your fingers crossed!!!

There are still openings in both the Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show in all classes and in the Carcass Class. If you are interested in entering, please do so as soon as possible. If you need additional information or entry rules/forms, please contact the DTBA office.

Not A Member? No Problem!

If you are reading this newsletter but are not a current member of the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association, not to worry. If you would like to attend our conference and show/sale, you are more than welcome. You do not need to be a member to attend these events and your conference costs will be the same.

Our hope is that once you join in on our activities, you'll find our members to be helpful and friendly and the information you'll learn to be important.

Should you decide to join our association, you are most welcome. Your membership dues go a long way toward helping us reach our goals of promotion, education, research and distribution of information. All these goals are driven by an admiration of the buffalo and the people who are tied to them.

We hope that you will join us for the conference and better yet, we hope that you will like what you see and become a member of the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association, The Producer's Association.

If you are interested in entering animals in our show and sale, you will need to join the association to do so. However, that's a simple fix and for only \$50 for the year, you will enjoy all the benefits of membership.

Please contact the DTBA office for more information on becoming a member or about our events.

Winter Conference Trade Show

For the first time, the board of directors has created the opportunity for trade show booths to be available at our winter conference this January.

We have a limited number of trade show spaces available and they are filling up fast! The booths will be set up in the foyer area of the hotel, just outside our meeting rooms. Vendors have the option of setting up for business on Friday afternoon or just on Saturday. There should be enough traffic around the hotel to warrant opening on Friday afternoon, but that will be up to the individual businesses.

So far, we have clothing, buffalo merchandise and furniture booths lined up to exhibit at our conference. This is not part of the Black Hills Stock Show and vendors will only be allowed to set up during the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association conference activities.

If you are interested in setting up a trade show or display booth, please contact the DTBA office for information and to register. Booths are available on a first come, first serve basis and are limited to a total of eight.

CARCASS VIDEO AVAILABLE

If you would like to order a copy of the buffalo carcass cut-up demonstration that was held during our winter conference in January, copies are available.

The cost for a VHS tape, with the hour long demonstration and talk, will be \$20 per tape. This price will include tax, where applicable, and shipping.

To order a copy, please call, write or e-mail the DTBA office.

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TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR 2004 DTBA WINTER CONFERENCE ***“The Tatanka Tours...A Journey Through Our Past As We Plan For The Future”***

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2004

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Board of Directors Meeting. Open to the membership. Will be held at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn. Room location TBA.

12 noon - Trade show displays can be set up in the foyer outside meeting rooms.

1:00 p.m. - Trade show displays open for business (optional)

3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Consignor's Meeting. For 2004 show/sale consignors only. Will be held at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn. Room location TBA.

5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Registration and Welcoming Party at Prairie Edge Trading Co. & Galleries, 606 Main St., Rapid City, SD. Sponsored by Prairie Edge Trading Co. & Galleries, Triple Seven Ranch and Dakota Mill and Grain.

7:30 p.m. - Black Hills Stock Show PRCA Bull Riding performance, Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Arena. On your own. Or you can choose to “socialize” with fellow producers!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2004

7:00 a.m. - Registration - Foyer of Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn meeting rooms.

7:00 a.m. - Breakfast, on your own.

7:00 a.m. - Trade show booths open.

8:00 a.m. - DTBA Business Meeting begins with call to order, introductions, secretary's report, treasurer's report, old business, nominations of directors and new business. Election of new officers.

10:30 a.m. - South Dakota State Veterinarian, Dr. Sam Holland. Update on animal health issues and buffalo testing requirements.

11:00 a.m. - Board buses in front of Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn.

11:30 a.m. - Buses depart for Deadwood and Spearfish, SD “Tatanka Tours” locations.

4:30 p.m. - Return from “The Tatanka Tours”.

5:30 p.m. - Social with cash bar, held in the atrium.

6:30 p.m. - Prime Rib banquet.

7:00 p.m. - Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show awards presented.

8:00 p.m. - Fun Auction.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2004

7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. - Breakfast Buffet, Salon A.

7:30 a.m. - Judge's Comments begin, Salon A. Breakfast will be available through the Judge's Comments.

8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. - Animal viewing in the pens on the north side of the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Arena.

10:00 a.m. - Black Hills Buffalo Classic Sale gets underway, Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Arena.

The judging of the animals for the Black Hills Buffalo Classic will begin on Friday, January 30 at 12 noon.

There is a block of rooms reserved at the host hotel, the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn. You are encouraged to make your room reservations NOW, as there are a limited number of rooms available. The demand for rooms at the hotel is high due to the Black Hills Stock Show being held at the same time as the DTBA events. The block of rooms for DTBA will be released on January 4, 2004, so please make reservations prior to that date.

Please see article inside this newsletter for detailed information on making room reservations.