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## Winter Conference Slated for February 3-5

By Karen Conley

Fresh off a very successful 20th anniversary event, the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association (DTBA) is preparing for their 21st annual winter conference and live animal auction in Rapid City, SD in early February of 2017. The conference is slated for Friday, February 3 and Saturday, February 4 at the Ramkota Hotel and The Black Hills Buffalo Classic Live Animal Auction will take place on Sunday, February 5 at the Bridger Steel Pavilion at the Central States Fairgrounds.

Working off the theme of "Restoring an Icon Through Profitable Ranching", the group will be celebrating the recent naming of bison as the national mammal. There will be plenty of patriotic fare to celebrate this milestone, including red, white and blue decorations!

The conference will kick off on Friday with board and committee meetings, followed by a Welcoming Reception at Prairie Edge in downtown Rapid City. On Saturday, attendees will convene at the Ramkota for a day of learning and networking, with numerous industry leaders leading the discussions. The featured speaker for the day will be Dave Pratt with Ranch Management Consultants in Fairfield, California. Pratt is one of the most sought after speakers and respected authorities on sustainable ranching in North America. He's earned a reputation for innovative teaching with a practical edge and has helped hundreds of farmers and ranchers develop and implement strategies to improve their land, strengthen their relationships and increase profit. His programs, which include the Ranching For Profit School and Executive Link, have benefited thousands of families and millions of acres. Pratt will lead our attendees through his presentation, "The 3 Secrets For Increasing Profit". Many northern plains ranchers are familiar with Pratt and have attended his workshops and Ranching for Profit schools. We are very excited to have him joining us for the weekend.

On Saturday evening, the awards banquet will take place, followed by the fun auction. Awards will be presented for individuals in the group as well as for our live animal classes, the Young Guns Yearling Breeding Bull Challenge, the Girlz Gone Wild Two Year Old Bred Heifer Challenge and the Cutting Edge Carcass Contests for both bulls and heifers. Additionally, the Producer of the Year will be named, with ranches having to compete in both the challenge classes and at least one of the carcass classes to be eligible for the award.

On Sunday, the live animal auction will take place at the fairgrounds, with both live and online bidding available for interested buyers. The DTBA will be selling animals in the Young Guns and Girlz Gone Wild classes. Animals in these classes are among some of the best breeding stock in the nation and the averages on both classes have been the top or second to the top class averages in the country the past few years.

The Young Guns Yearling Breeding Bull Challenge sees consignors sending their best bull calves to a host ranch for one year. The bulls are kept in a group and handled and fed the same way, with both a grass test and a feed test being done on the group. All their data is recorded and the top breeding bull prospects are then brought to the Black Hills Buffalo Classic to be sold. What is offered is the best of the best from some of the nation's top ranches. This year's class features 59 head of bulls from 19 different consignors. The bull challenge has been hosted by Larry and Renee Carr at the Rafter K Bar Ranch at Prairie City, SD.

The Girlz Gone Wild Two Year Old Bred Heifer Challenge is a one-of-a-kind class. Yearling heifers are delivered to a host ranch and they stay there for one year in a group that is strictly grass fed. During the breeding season, bulls are added to the group to breed them and data is collected. The heifers come to the

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## Notes From The President - Brodie Limpert

Well, another year is in the books here at Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch. We just got done weaning calves from the big herd and the animals are doing well. Our calves weighed up nicely and the breed up on our cows was great as well. It's always a relief to get our own roundup done for the year and then we get to enjoy receiving all the other calves from around the country and watch them grow!

Our host ranches for our two performance classes are working hard and getting ready to bring all the animals to Rapid City in February. Both classes of animals will be worked the first weekend of January and receive all vaccination and health requirements for our sale. All the data will be collected and the live judging will be done that week as well, so our sale catalog will be complete and floating around by the time the Gold Trophy Show and Sale in Denver rolls around.

Our show and sale committee has been working hard this year, based off of last year's sale and consignor meeting recommendations. With changing host ranches and our evolving performance classes, a few changes were made again in areas such as scoring criteria and delivery time frames for new entries.



I encourage all consignors to read these rules and regulations carefully as it is so important for the host ranches and our association to have class entries consigned, paid in full and delivered in a specific time frame.

The winter conference committee is wrapping up the agenda for our conference and it's shaping up to be a great weekend of events. Our keynote speaker for our event will be Dave Pratt with Ranch Management Consultants. We are all very excited to have him for a speaker and look forward to his presentation.

Our marketing and promotions team is also getting geared up for our conference and sale. Another full color flyer will be following up this newsletter with updated pictures and information on both classes. Pay attention to the DTBA website as well as our YouTube and Facebook links. As the two classes of animals are being worked, a lot of pictures and individual videos

and data will be available. I am very excited to see all the animals come to town and I hope to see you all in Rapid City in February for our Winter Conference and the Black Hills Buffalo Classic Auction!

~ Brodie

## Make Hotel Reservations NOW!

Our host hotel for our Winter Conference will be the Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City.

On Friday afternoon, February 3, we will have a board meeting, a consignor meeting and our welcoming reception at Prairie Edge. Saturday, February 4 is conference day and awards banquet that evening and our auctions will be held on Sunday, February 5. Please make your hotel reservations accordingly. **We have a room block set aside, just ask for the Dakota Territory room block when you make reservations. The hotel number is (605) 343-8550. Don't wait! The hotel sells out this weekend every year. Call today!**

## Board of Directors Needs Candidates

At our annual meeting coming up in February, we will have two positions open on the Board of Directors. If anyone is interested in serving on the board, please contact the office or any of the current board members. Positions are for three year terms.

At this time, current board member Moritz Espy is eligible to run for another term and has indicated he will do so. Marielle Hewitt will be stepping down due to term limits and her vacancy will need to be filled with a new person.

Our board is crucial to the success of your association. Any of our board members are more than willing to share their experiences with any prospective candidates.

Contact information for all of our board members can be found on the front page of this newsletter. Become a difference maker!

## Winter Conference Slated for February 3-5

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Black Hills Buffalo Classic as two-year-old bred heifers and are among some of the most sought after breeding females in the country. This year's heifer class features 49 head of heifers from 16 consignors competing for top honors. The class has been hosted by the Kevin Leier and Lee Leier families on their Heartland Bison Ranch near Rugby, ND.

Both of these classes have been extremely successful for the association. The Young Guns program began in 2009, followed by the Girlz Gone Wild in 2013. The shift in gears by the association has been extremely successful and both programs have received nationwide recognition. In the United States, these are the only programs of this type for buffalo. The Canadian Bison Association began a Canadian Bison Bull Draft in 2014, modeled in part on the DTBA's Young Guns program. It has also been a very successful program in Canada.

Details about the Young Guns and Girlz Gone Wild will be available in early January 2017. Final cuts for the auction will be made and a full color catalog with all the performance data will be released in mid-January and will also be available online on the DTBA's website at [www.dakotabuffalo.com](http://www.dakotabuffalo.com), their Facebook page and their YouTube channel. Photos and video of all the auction animals will be available on all those sites as well as at [www.bradeenauction.hibid.com](http://www.bradeenauction.hibid.com) where interested buyers can see data, photos and video on each animal and register to bid online for the auction if they cannot attend in person.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Rapid City. It's going to be a festive, patriotic weekend and you don't want to miss out on any of the educational opportunities, the fun and some fantastic animals at the auction!

## Welcome New Members!

Michael Botha, Big Sky, MT  
Jenny Brown, Plymouth, WI

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DTBA on  
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## Membership Fees For 2017 Now Due

Membership fees are now due for the 2017 year. Our membership year runs from January 1 through December 31 each year.

The year your dues have been paid through is above your name on the mailing label of this newsletter. If it says "2016", you need to renew your dues at this time. If the date on your newsletter is 2015 or prior, your dues need to be paid now in order to reinstate your membership and continue to receive goods and services from the association. Of course, some have already paid their membership dues and it will be reflected on your label with a "2017". Annual dues are just \$75 for the year.

All our members are important to us. Please renew today to continue receiving goods and services from the association.

## Welcoming Reception at Prairie Edge

Thanks to the continuing generosity of Mimi Hillenbrand of the 777 Ranch and the great staff at the store, we will be having the popular Welcoming Reception at Prairie Edge in downtown Rapid City as a kick-off to our Winter Conference. The store is unique and the hospitality is top notch, so if you have never had the chance to get there, you need to do this!

The reception will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 3. Prairie Edge is located at 606 Main Street, right in the heart of downtown Rapid City. Food and beverages are courtesy of the event sponsors. You can shop and browse around the expansive store during the reception.

Following the reception, there is an ice skating rink across the street from the east side of the store. That is Main Street Square. They rent ice skates and are open until later in the evening, so some of you might want to lace up and take to the ice! Other evening events include the PRCA rodeo at the civic center, a concert at the fairgrounds and of course, the infamous DTBA Hospitality Room will be open at the Ramkota hotel.

## Sponsorships Needed For 2017

With our 2017 events in the not so distant future, we are still in need of sponsorships. There are trophy sponsorships available at this time for our Young Guns Yearling Breeding Bull Challenge, the Girlz Gone Wild Two Year Old Bred Heifer Challenge and the Cutting Edge Carcass Class Bulls and Heifers. Additionally, our Producer of the Year sponsorships are available.

We are also looking for cash sponsors for our Winter Conference speakers, events and coffee breaks. Anyone interested in sponsoring other specific items, such as conference folders, signage for our sponsors, etc. is more than welcome to do so. Thank you to those of you who have so graciously stepped forward to sponsor and/or donate up to this point. Your generosity is much appreciated!

For more information on sponsorships, contact Karen at (605) 519-1326 or email to: [info@dakotabuffalo.com](mailto:info@dakotabuffalo.com).

## Meet Conference Speaker Dave Pratt

Our main conference speaker this year will be Dave Pratt with Ranch Management Consultants in Fairfield, California.

Pratt is one of the most sought after speakers and respected authorities on sustainable ranching in North America. He's earned a reputation for innovative teaching with a practical edge and has helped hundreds of farmers and ranchers develop and implement strategies to improve their land, strengthen their relationships and increase profit. His programs, which include the Ranching For Profit School and Executive Link, have benefited thousands of families and millions of acres.



Dave's new book, *Healthy Land, Happy Families and Profitable Businesses* has received high acclaim from industry leaders. Joel Salatin said, "This book delivers more meaningful advice in one small space than I've ever seen."

Wayne Fahsholtz, former President and CEO of Padlock Ranch advised, "If you are serious about wanting your ranch to be successful/sustainable, then this is an important read."

Stan Parsons called it, "...the best book ever written about ranching anywhere."

On Saturday, February 4, Pratt will lead our attendees through his presentation, "The 3 Secrets For Increasing Profit". Pratt will be tailoring it to the buffalo industry, but his message resonates across all livestock production models.

We are very excited to have Dave lead us through his presentation and learn more about how we can all work to improve our operations and make the most of each day!

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## Volunteers Needed For Winter Conference

The DTBA winter conference is shaping up to be a fantastic weekend full of learning, laughter and a huge celebration. Along with all those things comes an increased need for volunteers to help with conference activities.

The Winter Conference Committee is asking for a few volunteers to help with some room set ups, stuffing conference folders, unloading and loading up all the DTBA merchandise and items needed for the conference, assisting with conference check-in, help setting up for the banquet. We would also like to have someone who would man the DTBA booth at the fairgrounds on Sunday during the auction. We'd like to sell some of our merchandise but we are always shorthanded that morning. If someone could do that an hour or so before the auction and for a short time after the auction, we'd love to make that happen!

If you have some time to volunteer and would like to find out more information about volunteer opportunities, contact Karen in the DTBA office at (605) 519-1326 or her cell at (605) 381-3738 or email [info@dakotabuffalo.com](mailto:info@dakotabuffalo.com)

Thank you all so much!

## Calendar Of Buffalo Events

**January 18 - 20:** National Bison Assn. Winter Conference, Denver, CO. (303) 292-2833 or [www.bisoncentral.com](http://www.bisoncentral.com).

**January 21:** National Bison Assn. Gold Trophy Show and Sale. National Western Livestock Auction Center, Denver, CO. (303) 292-2833 or [www.bisoncentral.com](http://www.bisoncentral.com).

**February 3 - 4:** Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Winter Conference. Best Western Ramkota Hotel, Rapid City, SD. (605) 519-1326 or [info@dakotabuffalo.com](mailto:info@dakotabuffalo.com).

**February 5:** Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale, Central States Fairgrounds, Rapid City, SD. (605) 519-1326 or [info@dakotabuffalo.com](mailto:info@dakotabuffalo.com).

**March 31 - April 2:** Minnesota Buffalo Assn. Annual Spring Conference. Mahanomen, MN. [www.mnbison.org](http://www.mnbison.org).

**July 4 - 7:** 5th International Bison Conference. Big Sky, MT. [www.bisoncentral.com](http://www.bisoncentral.com).



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## **DTBA Winter Conference Tentative Schedule of Events**

### ***"Restoring An Icon Through Profitable Ranching"***

#### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017**

**12:00 noon to 4:30 p.m.** - Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale entries arrive and unload at the Bridger Steel Pavilion, Central States Fairgrounds.

#### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2017**

**8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon** - Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale entries arrive and unload at the Bridger Steel Pavilion, Central States Fairgrounds.

**12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** - Board of Director's meeting. All members are welcome. Executive Lounge, Ramkota Hotel.

**2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** - Consignor's Meeting. Will be held at the Ramkota Hotel in the Executive Lounge.

**5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** - Welcoming Party at Prairie Edge Trading Co. & Galleries, 606 Main St., Rapid City, SD.

**7:30 p.m. - ????????** - Evening on your own. The hospitality room will be open in the Executive Lounge at the Ramkota Hotel.

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017 - All events in Sylvan I & II rooms unless otherwise indicated**

**7:30 a.m.** - Registration - Foyer area of the Convention Center II.

**8:00 a.m.** - Continental Breakfast available in Sylvan I & II.

**8:30 a.m.** - Welcome and announcements, Call Business Meeting to Order, present board candidates.

**9:30 a.m.** - Jim Matheson, Assistant Director, National Bison Association Update

**10:00 a.m.** - Coffee Break.

**10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.** - Terri LaBrie, SD Department of Ag, Ag Development & Financing Options

**10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.** - TBD, South Dakota State Veterinarian's Office, Update on Animal Health Issues

**11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.** - Jim Stone, Executive Director and Mike Faith, Vice-President, InterTribal Buffalo Council

**11:45 a.m.** - Board of Director's Elections and Conclusion of Business Meeting.

**12:00 p.m.** - Lunch, Pactola and Sheridan rooms.

**1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** - Dave Pratt, Ranch Management Consultants. "Three Secrets for Increasing Profit".

**2:30 p.m.** - Coffee Break (in the back of the room at your leisure during the presentation).

**5:30 p.m.** - Social with cash bar, held in the Sheridan and Pactola rooms.

**6:15 p.m.** - Banquet.

**7:15 p.m.** - Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show awards presented.

**7:45 p.m.** - Bison Bingo and FUN AUCTION!!

**10:00 p.m.** - Hospitality Room open in the Executive Lounge immediately after the Fun Auction.

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017**

Breakfast on your own.

**7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.** - Animal viewing in the pens on the south side of the Bridger Steel Pavilion, Central States Fairgrounds. Bidder registration will be in the Lion's Club building adjacent to the Bridger Steel Pavilion, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.** - Black Hills Buffalo Classic judges and Girlz Gone Wild and Young Guns Host Ranches available for comments and information. Sale ring in the Bridger Steel Pavilion.

**10:00 a.m.** - Black Hills Buffalo Classic Sale, Bridger Steel Pavilion.

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777 Ranch 2nd Annual Production Auction - November 19, 2016 - South Dakota							
Class	Animals Sold	High \$	Low \$	Average \$	2015 Average	Average Weight	Price/lb.
Heifer Calves	150	\$1,900.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,653.00	\$1,200.00	330	\$5.10
Bull Calves	230	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$1,750.00	370	\$5.68
Yearling Bulls	85	\$2,660.00	\$2,575.00	\$2,592.00	\$2,225.00	640	\$4.05
Two Year Old Breeding Bulls	17	\$4,000.00	\$2,950.00	\$3,359.00	\$2,769.00	1110	\$3.03
<b>Total Animals Sold</b>	<b>482</b>						

The Hotel Alex Johnson, Rapid City, SD presented a great atmosphere for this event, which saw animals being sold via video with live and online bidding. A good crowd on hand with 32 registered bidders on site and online, representing 12 states. There was active bidding on both platforms with 10 buyers taking home animals. The animals were in excellent condition with weights being steady on the heifer calves and yearling bulls and up significantly on the bull calves and breeding bulls in comparison to last year's numbers.

Prins Ranch (Prairie Sky) Fourth Annual Buffalo Auction - November 27, 2016 Sisseton, SD							
Class	Animals Sold	High \$	Low \$	Average \$	2015 Average	Average Weight	Price/lb.
Bull Calves	44	\$2,200.00	\$2,150.00	\$2,159.00	\$1,950.00	406	\$5.32
Bull Calves, Light Cut	2	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,375.00	283	\$5.83
Heifer Calves	47	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,464.00	390	\$4.62
Heifer Calves, Light Cut	5	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,400.00	294	\$5.44
Mature Cows, Open	10	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$1,758.00	916	\$2.84
Meat Bulls, Hornless	2	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mature Trophy Bulls	3	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total Animals Sold</b>	<b>113</b>						

This was the fourth production sale for Bruce Prins' ranch. Prices and weights were up from last year, reflecting the more favorable weather conditions at the ranch this past year. A good turnout of buyers, with many repeat buyers testifying to the quality of animals from this grass fed program.

January 21 - National Bison Assn. Gold Trophy Show and Sale, Denver, CO  
February 5 - Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Black Hills Buffalo Classic, Rapid City, SD  
March 11 - Eastern Bison Assn. Annual Auction, Harrisburg, PA

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**Brownnotter Buffalo Ranch Production Auction - November 28, 2016****Mobridge, SD**

Class	Animals Sold	High \$	Low \$	Average \$	2015 Average	Average Weight	Price/lb.
Bull Calves, Heavy Cut	96	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00	\$1,876.00	448	\$5.13
Bull Calves, Medium Cut	55	\$2,270.00	\$2,240.00	\$2,245.00	\$1,684.00	378	\$5.94
Heifer Calves, Heavy Cut	56	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,876.00	433	\$4.39
Heifer Calves, Medium Cut	89	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,190.00	367	\$5.18
Yearling Bulls	18	\$2,900.00	\$2,900.00	\$2,900.00	\$2,050.00	817	\$3.55
<b>Total Animals Sold</b>	<b>314</b>						

This was the first year for an all video auction for the Brownnotter Ranch. Animals were in excellent condition with weights and prices up in all categories. Only one draft, medium cut bull calves, was split into two drafts. All others groups sold in one draft. This is a grass only program with minimal input and the animals are green and ready to go on to any type of program. Active bidding from both live and online bidders.

**Custer State Park Fall Classic - November 19, 2016**

Class	Animals Sold	High \$	Low \$	Average \$	2015 Average	Average Weight	Price/lb.
Mature Cows, Bred	9	\$3,800.00	\$3,100.00	\$3,456.00	\$2,267.00	981	\$3.52
Mature Cows, Open	38	\$2,800.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,489.00	\$1,786.00	1005	\$2.48
Two Year Old Heifers, Bred	10	\$4,100.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,740.00	\$2,450.00	914	\$4.09
Yearling Heifers	30	\$3,200.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,790.00	\$1,846.00	688	\$4.06
Heifer Calves, Heavy Cut	20	\$2,250.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,225.00	\$1,325.00	439	\$5.07
Heifer Calves, Light Cut	18	\$2,150.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,111.00	\$1,331.00	394	\$5.36
Bull Calves, Heavy Cut	37	\$2,350.00	\$2,350.00	\$2,350.00	\$2,012.00	449	\$5.23
Bull Calves, Light Cut	21	\$2,200.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,138.00	\$1,882.00	398	\$5.37
Yearling Bulls	40	\$3,100.00	\$2,550.00	\$2,763.00	\$2,204.00	749	\$3.69
Two Year Old Grade Bulls	8	\$3,250.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,781.00	\$1,990.00	868	\$3.20
Two Year Old Breeding Bulls	24	\$3,700.00	\$2,900.00	\$3,250.00	\$2,739.00	1124	\$2.89
<b>Total Animals Sold</b>	<b>255</b>						

A beautiful day in Custer State Park for the 51st Annual Fall Classic Bison Auction. This year marked a format change for the auction, with all animals being sold via video in the park's new Visitor Center. There were 35 registered bidders onsite and 17 online bidders. Overall, auction participants were pleased with the new format and it was certainly less stressful for the animals. There was active bidding both live and online in all classes. Bidder represented 17 states, with animals going home to 15 different buyers. This offering from the park was one of the best in recent years. All classes of animals were up significantly in weights and in excellent condition.

**DTBA Caps And Jackets Available**

We have a nice selection of the new DTBA jackets available, along with some fancy new caps!

The jackets are all black with red trim and the DTBA logo on the left chest in red. On the back, in between the shoulders, we have been putting the Young Guns and Girlz Gone Wild logos in their respective colors. Jackets can be done with all of the above or just the DTBA logo on the front. Cost is \$65 for a front logo jacket and \$70 for the front and back logos. Limited sizes available now.

The ball caps are all black with Young Guns and Girlz Gone Wild in their respective colors and DTBA on the back of the cap in the same blue or pink. Caps are \$10 each.

During the conference, we will also have other clothing items available, including a nice assortment of long sleeve shirts!

We will have these items available at our Winter Conference in February, but if you'd like to get them early, let Karen know in the DTBA office and we'll get your items put together for you and most likely delivered at the next buffalo event!



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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**DON'T FORGET YOUR  
FUN AUCTION ITEMS!**  
Be creative, be unique...and have FUN!

## International Bison Conference Set for July 4-8, 2017 In Big Sky, Montana

*From the National Bison Association/IBC 2017*

The once-every-5-year International Bison Conference (IBC) is a celebration of the American bison and typically draws nearly 500 attendees from around the world! Most attendees hail from North America, but all are welcome. The 2017 IBC will be an exceptional event in part due to its location, just one hour outside of Yellowstone National Park and just 30 minutes from Ted Turner's famed Flying D bison ranch, both of which we'll tour as part of the conference. Please mark your calendars for this special event that is not to be missed!

The IBC planning committee has announced three very special fund raising raffle prizes available in honor of this once-every-five-years event. Drawings will be on July 7 at the IBC, though you don't need to be present to win.

### **Yellowstone Bull Raffle**

**Tickets are \$25 US/\$30 Canadian**

A very special opportunity awaits with this Yellowstone yearling bull, donated by Turner Enterprises, Inc. This is a second generation bull directly descended from the from the Yellowstone National Park bison herd.



### **Shiloh 1874 Sporter No. 3 Rifle Raffle**

**Tickets are \$20 US/\$25 Canadian**

We're also raffling off one commemorative 1874 Sporter No. 3 buffalo rifle from Montana-based Shiloh Rifle Co., of which only 15 will be made. We also have 13 of these rifles for direct-purchase for \$5,000/each. The Shiloh Sharps Gun Co. crafted 15 unique reproduction 1874 Sporter No. 3 rifles specifically for the 2017 IBC. Each 45/70 caliber black powder cartridge rifle has a



30" full heavy octagon barrel, with semi-fancy wood, a traditional steel butt-plate, pewter trip, and full Buckhorn and Blade front. Each rifle is engraved with a full buffalo on the hammer side, and is individually numbered with IBC001 through IBC015.

### **Sierra Grande Lodge and Spa Stay Raffle**

**Tickets are \$20 US/\$25 Canadian**

Indulge in a 4-night stay for four people at Ted Turner's historic Sierra Grande Lodge and Spa in Truth or Consequences, NM ([www.sierragrandelodge.com](http://www.sierragrandelodge.com)), along with credit toward The Restaurant at Sierra Grande, The Spa at Sierra Grande, and an adventure tour on one of Ted Turner's ranches. The Sierra Grande is known for its unparalleled combination of luxurious accommodations, rustic charm, amazing food and relaxing spa and mineral baths. As part of this package, you will have a half-day adventure tour for 4 people on either the Armendaris or Ladder Ranches.



More details can be found at [www.IBC2017.com](http://www.IBC2017.com). If you are interested in purchasing raffle tickets, contact Karen in the DTBA office, as we have them available. (605) 519-1326 or [info@dakotabuffalo.com](mailto:info@dakotabuffalo.com).





# WINTER CONFERENCE & MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Host Hotel is the Best Western Ramkota, Rapid City, SD  
(605)343-8550 - Dakota Territory room block

*Registrations must be postmarked by January 25.*

*Mail to: DTBA*

*P.O. Box 4104  
Rapid City, SD 57709*

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Web Site Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People Attending DTBA 2017 Winter Conference @ \$95 Per Person\* \_\_\_\_\_

**\*PRICE SHOWN INCLUDES ALL BREAKS, SATURDAY LUNCH AND EVENING BANQUET MEAL**

Names of Those Attending \_\_\_\_\_

#Additional Adult Banquet Only Tickets\* @ \$60 each \_\_\_\_\_ Names \_\_\_\_\_

**\*ONLY NEEDED FOR THOSE NOT PURCHASING THE FULL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION ABOVE**

#Children's Banquet Only Ticket (10 yrs. and under) @ \$18 Per Child \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR SATURDAY, FEB. 4 BANQUET ONLY. PRICE INCLUDES A SALAD, CHICKEN STRIP MEAL WITH FRENCH FRIES AND MILK.**

2017 DTBA Membership Dues @ \$75 Each \_\_\_\_\_

*There will be a \$30 late fee for registration at the door and meals cannot be guaranteed.*

Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE DAKOTA TERRITORY BUFFALO ASSOCIATION or DTBA  
REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2017.**

☐ I prefer to receive newsletters and communications via email. ☐ I prefer to receive newsletters and communications via postal service.

**Please mark each of the following that apply to your current operation:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Breeding Stock	<input type="checkbox"/> Meat	<input type="checkbox"/> Hides
<input type="checkbox"/> Feeder	<input type="checkbox"/> Specialty Meats	<input type="checkbox"/> Skulls
<input type="checkbox"/> Offer Absentee Ownership	<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Concession	<input type="checkbox"/> Leather
<input type="checkbox"/> Hunts	<input type="checkbox"/> Gift Boxes	<input type="checkbox"/> Handling Equipment
<input type="checkbox"/> Tours	<input type="checkbox"/> Other By Products	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Production Auction - Date _____ Location _____		

I agree to allow the DTBA to publish this information in a Membership Directory and on their website.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**2017 DTBA Black Hills Buffalo Classic Entry Form**  
**February 3 - February 5, 2017**  
**Central States Fairgrounds, Rapid City, SD**  
**Sale: Sunday, February 5 • 10:00 a.m. • Bridger Steel Pavilion**

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Karen Conley (605) 381-3738 or info@dakotabuffalo.com

Ranch \_\_\_\_\_

Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**The Cutting Edge Bull & Heifer Carcass Contest**

**Live Animals Delivered to Western Buffalo Company on Tues., January 10, 2017**

Two entries per consignor in each class, up to a total of 20 head, unless additional space is available. No health papers are needed. All entries will be mouthed when they arrive at Western Buffalo Company on the slaughter date. **Only bulls with all their baby teeth will be accepted and heifers can not have more than two permanent teeth.**

**The minimum weight for bull carcasses is 525 pounds. The minimum weight for heifer carcasses is 425 pounds.** Carcasses not meeting the minimum weight will be disqualified and there will be no entry fee refund.

Western Buffalo Company has agreed to purchase carcasses at an approximate price of \$5.00 for bulls and \$4.90 for heifers or the consignor may pay the processing fee and take the meat home. All other terms and conditions relating to the carcasses will still apply to those that are disqualified from the contest.

SDSU and a State Inspector will be on hand to oversee contest. All cuts will be trimmed to 1/4" fat cover and the ground will be tested for fat content and a sliding scale for value of product will be used.

All buffalo will be boxed separately and frozen. Cut test sheets on each carcass will be developed showing how the cuts or group of cuts affect the bottom line. The winner will be the buffalo that yields the most percentage of profit.

The ribeye from ALL carcass class entries will be used as the main entree at the DTBA Awards Banquet. If you want the meat back from your animals, the ribeye area will not be included. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS!

<b>Class</b>	<b>No. of Head</b>	<b>Entry Fee</b>	<b>Total</b>
Carcass Bulls	_____	x \$50=	_____
Carcass Heifers	_____	x \$50=	_____

☐ I would like to Western Buffalo Company to purchase my carcass at the prices listed above.

☐ I want the meat back from my carcass entry and agree to pay the processing fees to Western Buffalo Company.

**Young Guns and Girlz Gone Wild entry information on the reverse side of this form. Consignor signature required for all entries.**

# Young Guns Yearling Bull & Girlz Gone Wild Heifer Challenges

**Commission Fee - 9%** when entries are sold at the following year's auction. There will be a limit of 3 entries per consignor for Girlz Gone Wild and 6 entries per consignor for Young Guns. **Consignments will be taken on a first come, first serve basis based upon postmark of entry forms. Deadline to postmark entries is January 21, 2017. Payment in full must accompany the entry form or it will be nullified. No phone or email entries accepted.**

Entry limits will be designated by each host ranch and in the case of too many entries in a class, each consignor (based on entry form postmark – latest to earliest) will be asked to drop one animal until there is room for all interested consignors to have at least one animal entered per class. Refunds on entry fees will be given to those consignors that are asked to scale back their entries based on class size.

Class	No. of Head	Entry Fee	Total
Young Guns Yearling Bull Challenge (2016 bull calves)	_____	x \$1,100 =	_____
Girlz Gone Wild Heifer Challenge (2015 yearling heifers)	_____	x \$950 =	_____

## DELIVERY DATES FOR YOUNG GUNS CALVES: Host Ranch - Rafter K Bar - Larry Carr, Prairie City, SD

Bull calves for the Young Guns class may be delivered to the show and sale grounds during entry times for the Black Hills Buffalo Classic show and sale as noted in the terms and conditions. We have also made arrangements with several ranches that will act as a holding facility for entries and transportation to the host ranch will be provided from those locations. **Any animals that do not have health papers or meet all the health requirements will not be unloaded at the host ranch and will forfeit their entry fee and spot in the class. A copy of all health papers will be provided to the DTBA office by the host ranch or the consignor. Delivery window is from February 2 to February 20, 2017. No animals will be accepted at the host ranch past the February 20 deadline.**

## DELIVERY DATES FOR GIRLZ GONE WILD HEIFERS: Host Ranch - Heartland Bison Ranch - Kevin Leier, Rugby, ND

Yearling heifers for the Girlz Gone Wild class may be delivered to the show and sale grounds during entry times for the Black Hills Buffalo Classic show and sale as noted in the terms and conditions. We have also made arrangements with several ranches that will act as a holding facility for entries and transportation to the host ranch will be provided from those locations. **Any animals that do not have health papers or meet all the health requirements will not be unloaded at the host ranch and will forfeit their entry fee and spot in the class. A copy of all health papers will be provided to the DTBA office by the host ranch or the consignor. Delivery window is from February 2 to February 20, 2017. No animals will be accepted at the host ranch past the February 20 deadline.**

Holding facilities for both classes will include:

Cold Creek Buffalo Company, Cheyenne, WY (entries accepted between January 23 and February 1 only)

Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, Buffalo, SD (host ranch and consignor will work with them to coordinate drop off dates)

- ☐ I will deliver Young Guns and/or Girlz Gone Wild entries during the BHBC entry times, Feb. 3 and Feb. 4, 2017.
- ☐ I will work with the DTBA/host ranch to coordinate delivery of my entries to the host ranch by February 20, 2017.

**Total of all entry fees on both sides of form. Include full payment. \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**All entry fees includes pen and feed. All entry fees are non-refundable. Must be a current member to consign.**

**All entry fees are non-refundable and non-negotiable.** The consignor assumes all responsibilities in regard to the health requirements and terms and conditions of this show and sale as outlined. **The Dakota Territory Buffalo Association acts only as an agent and will assume NO responsibility in the event of injury or death to any animal or for any discrepancy between the buyer and the consignor. Any death loss incurred at any time during the course of Young Guns or Girlz Gone Wild performance-based classes is at the consignor's own risk and no compensation will be given for any reason.** Consignor agrees to indemnify and hold the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association, the host ranches and its officers, members, directors, employees or agents, harmless from and against any lawsuits, claims, action or causes of action, arising out of, or in connection with, any errors or omissions of Consignor, its agents, representatives or employees, with respect to Consignor's duties and responsibilities set forth in this Agreement. This obligation by Consignor includes, but is not limited to, the cost of defense, payment of any judgments and payment of any expenses and for attorney's fees and other costs which may be incurred.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Consignor Required**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

*Make checks payable to: Dakota Territory Buffalo Association or DTBA*

**Mail completed entry forms and payment to:**

**Dakota Territory Buffalo Association • PO Box 4104 • Rapid City, SD 57709**

**Entry form and payment in full must be postmarked by January 21, 2017**



# 2017 DTBA Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show & Sale

For more information or any questions, contact Karen Conley (605) 381-3738 or [info@dakotabuffalo.com](mailto:info@dakotabuffalo.com)

## HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL INCOMING CHALLENGE CLASS ENTRIES

1. Negative Tuberculosis test (caudal fold) on all animals. Test must have been done within 30 days of delivery date.
2. Negative Brucellosis test on all animals. Test must have been done within 30 days of delivery date.
3. **NEW!** Negative Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVD) PI test prior to arrival. (Note: all available BVD PI tests acceptable. Blood test is least invasive)
4. All females **MUST** be calfhooed vaccinated for Brucellosis. Ranch tag numbers, metal tag numbers and BV tattoo numbers must correctly coincide on the Health Certificate.
5. All animals must be treated with INJECTABLE ivermec.
6. All yearling heifers entered into the Girlz Gone Wild challenge must be certified OPEN.
7. All yearling heifers and bull calves entered into the challenge classes must have a Mycoplasma vaccination within 30 days of delivery date. We are requiring this to help ensure commingled animals have the best opportunity to stay healthy and for the safety of the host ranch. Please have your veterinarian note vaccination date on the health papers.
8. The host ranch is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDING** the bull calves be given Pulmo Guard PHM and 7-way at least three weeks prior to delivery to the host ranch. Again, this is being recommended to ensure the best opportunity for the calves to stay healthy and be in good condition when they begin the challenge.
9. All animals must have a metal ID that correlates with their ranch tag and both numbers must be noted on the health papers. Please make sure the color of the ranch tag is also noted on the health papers in case of duplicate ranch tag numbers.
10. All animals must be delivered to the respective host ranches (or the BHBC yards during entry times noted on the entry form) between February 2 and February 20. Host ranches will not accept any animals after February 20, 2017.

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## TERMS FOR ~~YOUNG GUNS~~ YEARLING BULL CHALLENGE & GIRLZ GONE WILD HEIFER CHALLENGE

1. Animals entered into the 2017-2018 Young Guns Yearling Bull Challenge and the Girlz Gone Wild Bred Heifer Challenge will be delivered as per instructions on the entry form. The Young Guns Yearling Breeding Bull Challenge and Girlz Gone Wild Two Year Old Bred Heifer Challenge will begin upon arrival of all entered animals at the host ranch, with a deadline of February 20, 2017 for all entries to be delivered to the host ranches.
2. Animals that do not make the final cut into the sale will be transported to Western Buffalo Company at the earliest convenience of the host ranch for processing, with the consignor receiving a check from Western Buffalo Company for the carcass, less any processing fees if applicable.
  - a) Non-Semen tested bulls – If bulls make the cut for the auction and more than 5% (guideline depending upon number of entries) of the bulls do not semen test, consignor can take their non-testing bulls home. Additionally, if a bull makes the final cut and gets injured during working and cannot go to the auction, the consignor has the option to take that bull home. The previous rule about white blood cells in the semen will remain as is, with consignors being able to take home bulls that make the cut but have white blood cells in the semen at time of testing.
  - b) Weights – Bulls must weight at least 1,100 pounds to make the cut into the auction. If they are in the top 20% of grass gains on the group, minimum weight would be relaxed to 1,050 pounds. Heifers must weigh at least 750 pounds to make the final cut into the auction
3. All data collected on the animals during the contest will be provided at the completion of the contest.
4. At the end of the one year period, all eligible animals will return to compete at the Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale as yearling bulls and two year old bred heifers. All animals will be tested as per the rules for the Black Hills Buffalo Classic. All testing/ tagging, etc. will be done by the host ranch before the animals are returned for the show. Entry fees into the following year's show and sale are part of the initial entry fee into the class and will also include the costs associated with the testing requirements.
5. Criteria for judging the Young Guns Bull Challenge will be divided into five categories. The categories will be Feed gain (20%); Grass gain (20%); Total gain (35%); Ribeye score (10%); Live judging (15%). Scrotal measurement will be provided but it not part of the scoring process. The winner will be the bull that has the highest combined score based on those five elements.
6. Criteria for judging the Girlz Gone Wild Heifer Challenge will be divided into three categories. The categories will be: Grass gain (50%); Ribeye score (15%); Live two year old judging (35%). The winner will be the heifer that has the highest combined score based on those three elements.
7. Any death loss incurred at any time during the course of Young Guns or Girlz Gone Wild performance-based classes is at the consignor's own risk and no compensation will be given for any reason. All entry fees are non-refundable and non-negotiable.

## CONSIGNOR MEETING

There will be a Show and Sale/Carcass Class consignor's meeting held on Friday, February 3, 2017 at 2 p.m. at the Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City in the Executive Lounge (far northwest corner of the building on the second floor).

## EAR TAGS

Show tags, NBA Source Verification tags, metal vaccine/tag and registration button are the only tags allowed in the buffalo's ear. Yearling heifers being entered into the Girlz Gone Wild Heifer Challenge and bull calves entering the Young Guns Yearling Bull Challenge may be delivered with ranch tags. **PLEASE NOTE THE RANCH TAG COLOR AND NUMBER ON YOUR ENTRY FORM OR HEALTH CERTIFICATE.** All bull calves and yearling heifers in the Young Guns and Girlz Gone Wild challenge class will be re-tagged upon arrival at the host ranch.

## ENTRY LIMITS AND DEADLINES

**Young Guns Yearling Bull Challenge and Girlz Gone Wild Heifer Challenge:** For the 2017 class of Young Guns, the minimum number of entries will be 30 head and maximum will be 60 head. For Girlz Gone Wild, the minimum number of entries will be 30 head and the maximum will be 60 head. If limits are not reached by the January 21 postmark entry deadline, the classes could be cancelled at the host ranch's discretion. There will be a limit of 3 entries per consignor for Girlz Gone Wild and 6 entries per consignor for Young Guns. **Consignments will be taken on a first come, first serve basis based upon postmark of entry forms. Deadline to postmark entries is January 21, 2017. Payment in full must accompany the entry form or it will not be accepted. No phone or email entries will be accepted.**

In the case of too many entries in a class, each consignor (based on entry form postmark – latest to earliest) will be asked to drop one animal until there is room for all interested consignors to have at least one animal entered per class. Refunds on entry fees will be given to those consignors that are asked to scale back their entries based on class size.

## ARRIVAL AND LOADOUT TIME

Animals will be unloaded at the Bridger Steel Pavilion (formerly the Captain Glen building) at the Central States Fairgrounds. Pens will be located just south of the Bridger Steel Pavilion building. Animals may be unloaded on Thursday, February 2 from 12:00 noon until 4:30 p.m. and on Friday, February 3 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Load out after the sale will begin at the conclusion of the sale, as soon as payment and health forms are in order and continue until dark. On Monday, February 6, if needed, loadout will take place from 7:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. All animals MUST be off the grounds by 12:00 noon on Monday, February 6. Any animals left in the pens after dark on Sunday evening are there at owner's risk. If you are not loading out following the sale on Sunday, please make arrangements with the yard crew or Karen in the office.

## PRODUCER OF THE YEAR AWARD (Determined on a point system)

**To qualify for the Producer of the Year, a ranch must have at least one entry in the following classes: Young Guns Yearling Bull Challenge, Girlz Gone Wild Two Year Old Bred Heifer Challenge and either a bull or heifer entry into the Cutting Edge Carcass Contest.** Points for Gold, Silver and Bronze awards will be given on a 3-2-1 basis. If a consignor has more than one entry placing in a particular class, only their highest placing animal in that class will count for points toward the Producer of the Year award.

There will only be one Producer of the Year award given out in a respective year. Should there be a tie for that award, the show and sale committee and the DTBA board of directors will use the following criteria to break the tie: Other placings in the same class and number of classes entered. Multiple entries in a class will be scored as deep as needed to break the tie. All decisions of the judges, the show and sale committee and the board of directors will be final.

## 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 the buyers and the consignors. Any death loss incurred at any time during the course of Young Guns or Girlz Gone Wild performance-based classes is at the consignor's own risk and no compensation will be given for any reason. All entry fees are non-refundable and non-negotiable.

2. The Judges and/or Show Committee, Sifting Committee (appointed by the DTBA Board of Directors and the Show Chairman) reserve the right to inspect any animals and may ultimately disqualify/remove any animal for any reason they deem necessary. Committee decisions are final.