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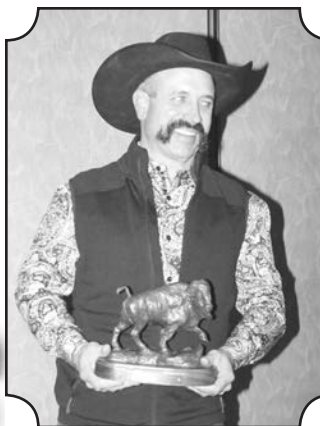
## A Time To Reflect And Reward

By Karen Conley

Chad Kremer photo by Samantha Limpert

The DTBA 20th Anniversary celebration was a smashing success, with plenty of fun, educational opportunities and much reminiscing. It was a fitting time to take a few moments to honor some individuals who have gone above and beyond for our association and the buffalo.

Chad Kremer was the recipient of the Pioneer Award this year.



The award is given on an as needed basis and Chad joins just six other recipients and is the first since 2012. This award is presented to those individuals who go above and beyond for both our association and the buffalo industry in general.

Chad is a charter member of the association and has played a vital role in so many areas. He has served on the board and is a past president, as well as the outgoing show/sale co-chairman. Behind the scenes, Chad has been my right arm for many years...the driving force behind getting the show and sale handled. From pen set up to feeding and watering to helping tally points for various awards, Chad has been right there. Always quiet and always working. When asked, no matter the task, the answer is always yes.

Through his job as herd manager at Custer State Park, Chad has helped to foster a great working relationship between the park and our association. We have partnered on numerous projects and Chad has worked tirelessly to get the park participating in the Young Guns and Girlz Gone Wild classes.

One of the biggest challenges Chad took on was the 2007 International Bison Conference. He was the engineer behind the Wagon Train that took place just ahead of the conference in Custer State Park. Clearing trails, lining up food, entertainment, horses, wagons, security, hosting the media...it was a circus and the ringleader never faltered. I vividly remember the sweltering heat and hauling down pickup loads of cases of water and Chad was right there to help unload, despite the fact that he had a million other things to oversee.

Chad is one of the quiet ones that just gets things done. His passion for the animal and the people in this industry is unrivaled. He has the best interest of the animals at heart and strives to help any newcomers with a welcoming smile and words of wisdom.

I could tell many stories about the selfless attitude, the generous heart and someone who truly values all that this animal and the industry gives us. Chad's family, wife Suzi and children Hannah, Grace and Isaac, have been by his side every step of the way and he has instilled in all of them that same sense of value and generosity.

Thank you, Chad. Your efforts to better the industry and the DTBA have helped to build a solid foundation for a bright future.

Another staunch supporter of the DTBA and the industry was honored on this same evening. A special award was given to the entire Limpert family, Sandy, Jacki, Brodie and Samantha. The family operates Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch and they have played a crucial role in keeping our Young Guns and Girlz Gone Wild classes afloat in years where we were searching for host ranches and coming up empty handed.

Under their guidance and watchful eye, the classes have blossomed and, as a direct result, the auction has grown into one of

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## Notes From The President - Brodie Limpert

Hello everyone!

My name is Brodie Limpert and I am very excited to serve as the new President of the DTBA. Our family owns and operates Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch in Harding County, South Dakota. I am the fourth generation on our ranch and I have been very fortunate to have grown up in the bison industry. I am very proud of our association and all the people involved with it.

Our 20th Anniversary Conference this past year was a huge success. Not only did we have a record number of attendants but our sale was off the charts as well. The video auction of the Girlz Gone Wild class this year was a hit. Welfare of the animals is paramount and not running these animals through a live ring is something we are really going to continue to look at as we continue moving forward with these performance tested classes.

Based on the very productive board of directors planning retreat from last year, the new board had

a retreat in mid-March. As a board, we believe it is important to reflect on the previous year and adjust for the new year. This meeting was key in updating and educating newly elected board members about our active association.

I would also like to personally thank our host ranches for this year. Larry Carr of the Rafter K Bar has another great set of Young Guns bulls at his ranch and Kevin Leier of Heartland Bison also has a new crop of fine heifers. Without these host ranches and all of our other volunteers, none of this would be possible.

Well it is that time! There is always more work to be done outside than in the office. Thank you all for trusting me as well as our great board of directors to represent you. I hope you are all having a great summer!

~ Brodie



## 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. In the next newsletter, we'll spotlight a "job description" and some information from previous host ranches so anyone interested can get an idea of what to expect and what is needed from a host ranch, both overall and with respect to each class of animals.

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. Call (605) 519-1326 or email info@dakotabuffalo.com.

## VISION

The vision of the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association is to perpetuate buffalo as the great North American native animal.

## MISSION

The mission of the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association is to promote buffalo and furnish a positive forum for creativity and camaraderie among a diverse membership.

## VALUES & GUIDING PRINCIPALS

To practice integrity and be ethical in all our dealings.  
To be visionary and proactive for the bison industry.  
To help our members be successful.

## Welcome New Members!

**Kristopher Brown - Grand View Bison Ranch**  
Cadott, WI

**Glen Carr - Crazy Arrow Ranch**  
Conifer, CO

**Marcio Del Corso, Lead, SD**

**Hugh & Hollis Espy - Espy Ranch**  
Forsyth, MT

**Larry Langerock - Double L Bison**  
Marion, SD

**Greg Nott - Big Heart Bison**  
Carr, CO

**Rick & Mary Mishler - Crown Crest Ranch**  
Vivian, SD

**Dave & Mary Jo Rapp - Triple R Ranch**  
Vivian, SD

**Chris & Grace Seivert - Hanging Buffalo Ranch**  
Carpenter, WY

**Deb Welsh - Half Ass Ranch**  
Ogallala, NE





## Calendar Of Buffalo Events

**August 5:** National Bison Assn. Free Bison Advantage Outreach and Education Workshop, National Buffalo Museum, Jamestown, ND. For information and to register, contact Jim at the NBA. 303-292-2833 or jim@bisoncentral.com.

**August 5 - 7:** North Dakota Buffalo Assn. 25th Anniversary Ranch Tours Bus Trip. Jamestown, ND. www.ndbuffalo.com

**September 7:** National Bison Assn. Free Bison Advantage Outreach and Education Workshop, Ruhter Bison Ranch, Urbana, IL. For information and to register, contact Jim at the NBA. 303-292-2833 or jim@bisoncentral.com.

**September 16:** National Bison Assn. Free Bison Advantage Outreach and Education Workshop, Cook's Bison Ranch, Wolcottville, IN. For information and to register, contact Jim at the NBA. 303-292-2833 or jim@bisoncentral.com.

**September 29 - October 1:** Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup and Arts Festival. Custer State Park, SD. (605) 255-4515 or http://gfp.sd.gov/state-parks/directory/custer/

**November 19:** 51st Annual Custer State Park Fall Classic Bison Auction. Custer State Park. (605) 255-4515 or http://gfp.sd.gov/state-parks/directory/custer/

**November 19:** 2nd Annual 777 Ranch Buffalo Production Auction. Hotel Alex Johnson Ballroom, Rapid City, SD. Contact Moritz Espy at (605) 430-7471 or moritz@777bisonranch.com or Mimi Hillenbrand at mimi@777bisonranch.com.

**November 25 - 26:** Minnesota Buffalo Assn. Annual Legends of the Fall Bison Auction and Bison Fundamentals Education Class. Central Livestock Sale Barn, Albany, MN. (507) 454-2828 or www.mnbison.org.

**December 1:** Brownotter Buffalo Ranch Annual Production Auction. Contact Ron Brownotter at (605) 848-2623 or www.bradeenauction.com for updates and information.

**December 1 - 3:** Western Bison Assn. Wild West Buffalo Stampede meeting and show and sale. Golden Spike Events Center, Ogden, UT. www.westernbison.org.

**December 3:** Kansas Buffalo Assn. 27th Annual Fall Buffalo Auction. Farmers and Ranchers Livestock Commission Company, Salina, KS. (620) 345-6526 or www.kansasbuffalo.org.

**January 13 - 14, 2017:** North Dakota Buffalo Assn. Annual Meeting and Buffalo Auction. Napoleon, ND. www.ndbuffalo.com or (701) 340-6282.

**January 18 - 20:** National Bison Assn. Winter Conference, Denver, CO. (303) 292-2833 or 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.

**February 3 - 4:** Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Winter Conference. Best Western Ramkota Hotel, Rapid City, SD. (605) 519-1326 or 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.

**March 31 - April 2:** Minnesota Buffalo Assn. Annual Spring Conference. Mahnommen, MN. www.mnbison.org.

**July 4 - 7:** 5th International Bison Conference. Big Sky, MT. www.bisoncentral.com.

## Check Out DTBA on YouTube

The DTBA is excited to announce that we have created a YouTube channel dedicated to the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association. From educational material to updates for the Girlz Gone Wild and Young Guns classes, this media outlet will be a great resource for us to connect with you for more information. Subscribe to the channel so you don't miss out!

Go to YouTube.com and search for Dakota Territory Buffalo Association. From there you will find our channel and you can subscribe for all the updates and new postings.

There are new videos posted for both the Young Guns and Girlz Gone Wild classes, with the footage being shot within just the past few days.

Watch for more updates and lots of information on our new channel!



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## Looking Back - Things Don't Always Go As Planned...

By Zane "Grizz" Holcomb

Twenty years ago in a stuffy and crowded room we fought and argued over a name, the mission and our goals. We all wanted the same thing, and through trial and tribulation, we arrive where we are today in 2016. We still fight and argue, the only thing different is new faces, gray hairs and reading glasses.

One thing stands out, consistently, above all other factors when it comes to the DTBA. The ability to morph, change, adjust and improve. We, as an association, went from being the new kid on the block to being respected and leading the industry. Yes we had growing pains, but young minds and "out of the box" thinking propelled our animals to the forefront. The Young Guns and Girlz Gone Wild classes have proven to the masses to the truth in our producers and our honesty. The clean slate, even playing field if you want, that our entries start with is the most comprehensive and truthful test of any animal. I perused many other stats from other associations and producers throughout the sale season and the numbers do not lie. The buffalo from the Black Hills Buffalo Classic are the best for true producers. Performance begets quality.



*This is an artist's rendition of the "incident" involving Grizz and the black bull in the yards this year. While we are very thankful that Grizz survived the encounter, it sure made for some great laughs and this trophy brought \$325 at the Fun Auction to commemorate the event.*

*Many thanks to the creative minds behind the trophy and to Todd Goetz for creating this gem on short notice with materials on hand...right down to the wire and duct tape on Grizz's hook! It took some time to get out the details in between fits of laughter, but Todd got the idea and set out to capture the moment for everyone to enjoy!*

A huge tip of the hat goes to Kevin Leier of Heartland Bison and the Limpert clan of Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch. Kevin did an outstanding job with the Girlz, what a beautiful group of heifers. And Limperts for relentless support of the Young Guns and dedication to the program. The aforementioned people and all involved make things happen, so as a group, we further our commitment to clean and clear quality. Hard to beat in any industry, thank you.

I owe debt of gratitude to Marielle, Mimi and Moritz, Justin, Chris, Oscar (Silent Bob), Chad and more (please forgive me if I forgot anyone). Things don't always go according to plan and one never knows how things will turn out. The damned odds makers in Vegas would have NEVER envisioned the transpiring of events that did take place. Even with my fertile and twisted mind would I have

foreseen taking an arse-ripping from a flat backed long tail...in my world? Not all black lives matter. Some look better with crows on the carcass, but that is just me.

A special "Congratulations" goes to Chad Kremer and Slim Buttes. Two awards earned, well deserved and right. Kremer and Limperts are the kind of members that make sure things do not become stagnant. Positive and forward thinking is paramount to our success. Job well done and thank you from the DTBA.

To sum it all up, the first two decades of the DTBA's existence and success lies in our members. Dedication, going the extra mile, and a belief in a living symbol of our nation, culture and heritage is the reason this association is what it is today. We currently have a progressive and aggressive board of directors, fresh thinking minds that KNOW the pitfalls of apathy and "the good old boys network". The old saying goes, "Lead, follow, or get out of the way." The DTBA may be wiping the bugs out of our eyes, but we damned sure aren't swallowing dust.

And like Chad Kremer, who has elected to step down from the show co-chairman's role, I too, am passing the torch on my part in the affair. Time for another change, but no worries, we all roll with the flow.... see you all next year!



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## A Time To Reflect And Reward

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the most successful in the country. The Limpert family hosted the Young Guns bull challenge for four years in a row, sacrificing their own pastures and feed pens for the class and at the same



time, growing the class to new levels by opening up entry limits to allow three to four times the number of entries we previously saw. This took the class to a whole new level and set the standard very high.

Additionally, in 2014, with no host ranch available for the Girlz Gone Wild class, the Limperts again stepped up to the plate and took on

this class along with the Young Guns. They made arrangements to pasture the heifers at another ranch, but all the work and final holding period was done at Slim Buttes.

This family is dedicated to the buffalo business and we are so fortunate to have them as members of the DTBA. Sandy was the first president of the association and served on the board for a number of years. Jacki took her turn on the board, serving as a director and then secretary/treasurer. The torch has been passed on to the next generation, with son Brodie moving up through the board and now presiding over the organization.

As a token of our appreciation for their contributions, Scott Peterson and Marielle Hewitt presented the family with customized miniature wine barrels and engraved flasks. Our thanks to this family for their generosity, dedication and unwavering support of the DTBA and its programs and members.

*Watch for more photos in upcoming newsletters, on our Facebook page, our YouTube channel and on our website!*



*Outgoing board member and past president, Wendy Hutchinson, accepts an appreciation plaque from DTBA President, Marielle Hewitt.*

*Wendy has been a driving force behind the DTBA leadership and we truly appreciate all she has done for us...especially those financial spreadsheets!*



*Winners in the Cutting Edge Carcass Contest Heifers were, right to left, Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch and Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch. Sponsors were Holcomb Buffalo Ranch, North Dakota Buffalo Association and Cammack Buffalo Ranch.*

*Thanks to an astute uncle Lane, Taber Cammack was presented with the first ever Junior Producer Award! Taber has entered a bull in the Young Guns contest that past two years.*



*Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch was named Producer of the Year for the second year in a row. The Limpert family, Sandy, Jacki, Brodie and Samantha, placed animals in the Young Guns, Girlz Gone Wild and Cutting Edge Carcass Heifer classes to claim the award.*

*Sponsors of the award include: Bradeen Auctions, Western Buffalo Company, Rocky Mountain Natural Meats, Mosquito Park Enterprises, Scranton Equity Feeds and 777 Ranch.*







CONSIGNOR	GIRLZ GONE WILD HEIFERS	PRICE	BUYER
Strategy Buffalo Company, Schroth, Dave	PINK 920 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$6,750	Sheyenne River Bison, Lautt, David
Sheyenne River Bison, Lautt, David	PINK 939 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$6,000	Lone Tree Bison
Cammack Buffalo Ranch, Cammack, John	PINK 952 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$5,500	Strategy Buffalo Company, Schroth, Dave
Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, Limpert, Sandy	PINK 930 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$5,000	Sheyenne River Bison, Lautt, David
Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, Limpert, Sandy	PINK 932 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$5,750	Cammack Brothers, Cammack, John
Longreach Buffalo Company, LLC, Hardy, Kelly	PINK 911 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$3,500	Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Peterson, Scott
Longreach Buffalo Company, LLC, Hardy, Kelly	PINK 912 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$4,000	The Buffalo Heard, Conley, Karen
Blue Valley Ranch, Steuben, Sherry	PINK 914 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$3,900	Cold Creek Buffalo Company - Meyer, Boyd & Allison
Blue Valley Ranch, Steuben, Sherry	PINK 915 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$3,400	Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Peterson, Scott
Tatanka Hills, Stormo, Kevin	PINK 917 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$6,300	Circle G Ranch, Geide, Orrin
Tatanka Hills, Stormo, Kevin	PINK 918 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$5,700	Circle G Ranch, Geide, Orrin
Longreach Buffalo Company, LLC, Hardy, Kelly	PINK 913 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$4,000	Sheyenne River Bison, Lautt, David
Circle G Ranch, Geide, Orrin	PINK 919 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$5,300	Sheyenne River Bison, Lautt, David
Cold Creek Buffalo Company - Meyer, Boyd & Allison	PINK 922 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$7,750	101 Buffalo Ranch, Davis, John
Cold Creek Buffalo Company - Meyer, Boyd & Allison	PINK 923 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$6,200	Circle G Ranch, Geide, Orrin
777 Ranch, Hillenbrand, Margaret	PINK 924 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$3,100	Big Sky Ranch, Woodall, Doug
Custer State Park, Kremer, Chad	PINK 925 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$4,000	Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Peterson, Scott
Custer State Park, Kremer, Chad	PINK 926 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$3,250	Big Sky Ranch, Woodall, Doug
Custer State Park, Kremer, Chad	PINK 927 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$3,200	Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Peterson, Scott
Custer State Park, Kremer, Chad	PINK 928 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$3,100	Big Sky Ranch, Woodall, Doug
Horsecreek Bison Co., McFarland, Steve & Roxann	PINK 931 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$5,100	Sheyenne River Bison, Lautt, David
Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, Limpert, Sandy	PINK 933 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$5,500	Sheyenne River Bison, Lautt, David
Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, Limpert, Sandy	PINK 934 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$5,500	Sheyenne River Bison, Lautt, David
Sheyenne River Bison, Lautt, David	PINK 935 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$8,000	Lone Tree Bison
Sheyenne River Bison, Lautt, David	PINK 936 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$5,600	Circle G Ranch, Geide, Orrin
Sheyenne River Bison, Lautt, David	PINK 938 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$5,200	Lone Tree Bison
Cold Creek Buffalo Company - Meyer, Boyd & Allison	PINK 940 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$5,250	Sheyenne River Bison, Lautt, David
KenMar Buffalo Ranch, Homelvig, Ryan	PINK 941 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$3,250	Sheyenne River Bison, Lautt, David
KenMar Buffalo Ranch, Homelvig, Ryan	PINK 942 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$4,500	Sheyenne River Bison, Lautt, David
KenMar Buffalo Ranch, Homelvig, Ryan	PINK 943 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$4,500	Sheyenne River Bison, Lautt, David
KenMar Buffalo Ranch, Homelvig, Ryan	PINK 944 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$5,800	Circle G Ranch, Geide, Orrin
KenMar Buffalo Ranch, Homelvig, Ryan	PINK 945 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$3,600	Hidden Bison Ranch, Meyer, Dan
KenMar Buffalo Ranch, Homelvig, Ryan	PINK 946 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$4,500	Sheyenne River Bison, Lautt, David
Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Peterson, Scott	PINK 947 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$7,100	Circle G Ranch, Geide, Orrin
Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Peterson, Scott	PINK 948 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$6,000	Sheyenne River Bison, Lautt, David
Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Peterson, Scott	PINK 949 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$8,700	Circle G Ranch, Geide, Orrin
Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Peterson, Scott	PINK 950 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$8,750	Sheyenne River Bison, Lautt, David
Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Peterson, Scott	PINK 951 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$6,250	Circle G Ranch, Geide, Orrin
Cammack Buffalo Ranch, Cammack, John	PINK 953 GIRLZ GONE WILD 2YO BRED HFR	\$4,000	Sheyenne River Bison, Lautt, David
	<b>Average on 39 head</b>	<b>\$5,200</b>	
CONSIGNOR	YOUNG GUNS BULLS	PRICE	BUYER
Tatanka Hills, Stormo, Kevin	YELLOW 41 YOUNG GUNS YRLG BULL	\$12,900	Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Peterson, Scott
Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, Limpert, Sandy	YELLOW 74 YOUNG GUNS YRLG BULL	\$9,250	Sheyenne River Bison, Lautt, David
Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, Limpert, Sandy	YELLOW 69 YOUNG GUNS YRLG BULL	\$8,500	Falcon Ridge Buffalo Ranch, Penn, Robert
Cold Creek Buffalo Company - Meyer, Boyd & Allison	YELLOW 11 YOUNG GUNS YRLG BULL	\$7,600	Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Peterson, Scott
Tatanka Hills, Stormo, Kevin	YELLOW 37 YOUNG GUNS YRLG BULL	\$5,000	Bourk, John
Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, Limpert, Sandy	YELLOW 67 YOUNG GUNS YRLG BULL	\$5,500	777 Ranch, Espy, Moritz
Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, Limpert, Sandy	YELLOW 71 YOUNG GUNS YRLG BULL	\$6,500	Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Peterson, Scott
Double Diamond Buffalo Ranch, Melius, Jay	YELLOW 38 YOUNG GUNS YRLG BULL	\$5,000	Heim Buffalo Ranch, Heim, Chad
Cammack Buffalo Ranch, Cammack, John	YELLOW 15 YOUNG GUNS YRLG BULL	\$5,250	Blue Valley Ranch, Steuben, Sherry
Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Peterson, Scott	YELLOW 65 YOUNG GUNS YRLG BULL	\$5,600	Long Reach Buffalo Company, Hardy, Kelly
Cold Creek Buffalo Company - Meyer, Boyd & Allison	YELLOW 18 YOUNG GUNS YRLG BULL	\$10,000	Blue Valley Ranch, Steuben, Sherry
Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Peterson, Scott	YELLOW 23 YOUNG GUNS YRLG BULL	\$5,750	Long Reach Buffalo Company, Hardy, Kelly
Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Peterson, Scott	YELLOW 10 YOUNG GUNS YRLG BULL	\$4,750	Bourk, John
Cammack Buffalo Ranch, Cammack, John	YELLOW 49 YOUNG GUNS YRLG BULL	\$7,000	Holmen, Kris
Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, Limpert, Sandy	YELLOW 70 YOUNG GUNS YRLG BULL	\$9,500	Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Peterson, Scott
Cold Creek Buffalo Company - Meyer, Boyd & Allison	YELLOW 35 YOUNG GUNS YRLG BULL	\$3,750	Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Peterson, Scott
Robinson, Kevin	YELLOW 4 YOUNG GUNS YRLG BULL	\$4,000	Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Peterson, Scott
Cammack Buffalo Ranch, Cammack, John	YELLOW 40 YOUNG GUNS YRLG BULL	\$5,750	Cold Creek Buffalo Company - Meyer, Boyd & Allison
Cammack Buffalo Ranch, Cammack, John	YELLOW 24 YOUNG GUNS YRLG BULL	\$13,250	Heartland Bison North Gate, Leier, Kevin
Tatanka Hills, Stormo, Kevin	YELLOW 48 YOUNG GUNS YRLG BULL	\$5,000	Heim Buffalo Ranch, Heim, Chad
Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Peterson, Scott	YELLOW 28 YOUNG GUNS YRLG BULL	\$6,500	Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, Limpert, Sandy
Cammack Buffalo Ranch, Cammack, John	YELLOW 45 YOUNG GUNS YRLG BULL	\$9,500	Circle G Ranch, Geide, Orrin
Cammack Buffalo Ranch, Cammack, John	YELLOW 52 YOUNG GUNS YRLG BULL	\$12,250	Sheyenne River Bison, Lautt, David
Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Peterson, Scott	YELLOW 57 YOUNG GUNS YRLG BULL	\$4,300	Wind Creek Ranch, Moser, Wayne
Falcon Ridge Buffalo Ranch, Penn, Robert	YELLOW 7 YOUNG GUNS YRLG BULL	\$3,500	Hein Buffalo Ranch, Hein, Steve
Longreach Buffalo Company, LLC, Hardy, Kelly	YELLOW 16 YOUNG GUNS YRLG BULL	\$3,000	Cold Creek Buffalo Company - Meyer, Boyd & Allison
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Cammack Buffalo Ranch, Cammack Taber	YELLOW 50 YOUNG GUNS YRLG BULL	\$5,700	Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Peterson, Scott
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Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, Limpert, Sandy	YELLOW 72 YOUNG GUNS YRLG BULL	\$5,750	Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Peterson, Scott
Rafter K Bar, Carr, Larry	YELLOW 42 YOUNG GUNS YRLG BULL	\$4,400	Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Peterson, Scott
	<b>Average on 31 head</b>	<b>\$6,527</b>	



At left, winners in the Young Guns Yearling Breeding Bull Challenge. From right to left: Tatanka Hills, Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, Cold Creek Buffalo Company and Tatanka Hills.

Sponsors included Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Diesel Machinery, Inc., Sheyenne River Bison, Wind Creek Ranch and Buffalo Gold Premium Fibers.

At right, winners in the Girlz Gone Wild Two Year Old Bred Heifer Challenge. From right to left: Strategy Buffalo Company, Sheyenne River Bison, Cammack Buffalo Ranch, Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch and Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch.

Sponsors included Northstar Bison, Heartland Bison Ranch, Buffalo Gold, Bakken Bison Ranch and Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch.

Below, winners of the Cutting Edge Carcass Bulls include, right to left, Falcon Ridge Buffalo Ranch, Holcomb Buffalo Ranch and Cold Creek Buffalo Company.

Sponsors included Longreach Buffalo Company, Dakota R.V. and the North Dakota Buffalo Association.



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## Buffaloed By Climate Change - Winter Conference Presentation

*Shrinking bison implications with respect to adaptation, vulnerability, and resilience in the bison industry*

By Jeff M. Martin

Dear Reader,

My sincerest apologies for not making it to the DTBA show and sale back in February. Winter weather along the East Coast caused the cancellation of my flight.

Bison are survivors of the last Ice Age, which wiped out the mammoths and mastodons. However, bison did not come through the end of the last ice age unchanged; modern bison are half the size they were as recently as 8,000 years ago. Studying the morphology change of Bison requires using the fossil record to understand how they adapted to previous climatic changes. I am analyzing more than 1200 fossil bison from more than 65 North American paleontological sites representing 72,000 years of time; a portion of this data is shown in Figure 1. Furthermore, these body size changes have been correlated with the Greenland Ice Sheet Project 2 ( $\delta^{18}O$ ) oxygen isotope data, which indicates temperature. Overall, as temperatures increase, bison shrink and adapt their body size within a few generations. By comparing fossil and modern bison bones, we know that full-grown males of fossil bison (*Bison antiquus*) were around 3500 pounds while today's modern bison (*Bison bison*) are around 2000 pounds. Once we consider the temperature as the driving force on body size, we can project into the future with predicted temperature increases.

Additionally, I am studying how this reduction in body size affects the bison industry. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change assessment reports that, in the 21st century, the global average temperature will rise between 2°F (1°C) and 7°F (4°C) higher than the 20th century global average temperature.

With this temperature increase, bison will further diminish to nearly three-quarters of their current size (Figure 2). This difference would not be observed in the current generation of the bison population, but as new generations are produced, the difference will become apparent when these new generations are full grown. Projected maximum weight reached is between 6% and 22% less than our current bison, for a 2°F and 7°F global temperature increase, respectively (Figure 3).

Thus far, my research is preliminary and based on rough numbers. I am currently working to expand my research to include an extensive stakeholder citizen science project with you! You can participate in this network, called Project BISON: Bison Industry & Science Observation Network, of information sharing between ranchers and scientists so we can all better understand bison body size changes. This research is focused on utilizing your regional perspectives, since different regions will be experiencing varied climate change impacts. More information can be found at [www.ProjectBISON.net](http://www.ProjectBISON.net) or email me at [bisonjeff@hotmail.com](mailto:bisonjeff@hotmail.com).

Initial research has been supported by the generosity and training of the National Science Foundation (NSF) Adaptation to Abrupt Climate Change (A2C2) Integrative Research and Education Traineeship (IGERT), but further funds are needed to advance this research project. Other sources are being pursued through the University of Maine, The Mammoth Site of Hot Springs (SD), and the National Science Foundation. For my next year of research, I need a total of \$30,000 of support. Western Bison Association has already generously donated \$10,000 towards this project and an account has been created with the National Buffalo Foundation ([www.nationalbuffalofoundation.org](http://www.nationalbuffalofoundation.org)). Any level of donation and/or support is appreciated.

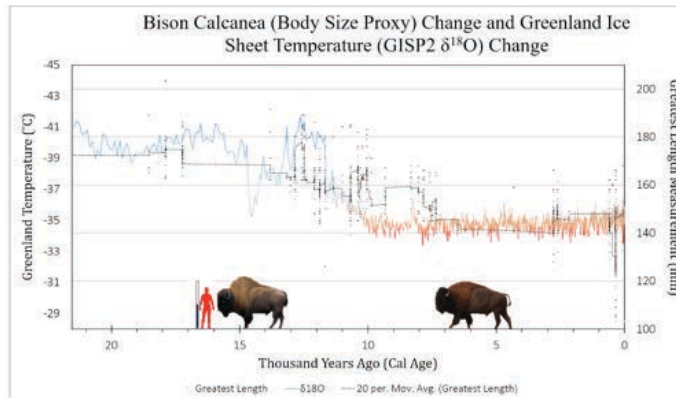


Figure 1. Left to right: time progresses to today and temperature increases (red). There is a strong correlation between temperature and average length of the calcaneus (heel bone); the calcaneus is an indicator of body size. The hash-marks are individual length measurements of fossil bison and the black dotted line is the averages these lengths at each site. The red/blue line is the temperature proxy from GISP2. Notice the sharp decrease at approximately 800 years ago, which was the time of the Medieval Climate Anomaly (a.k.a. Medieval Warm Period) followed by a sharp increase in size during the Little Ice Age (300-500 years ago).

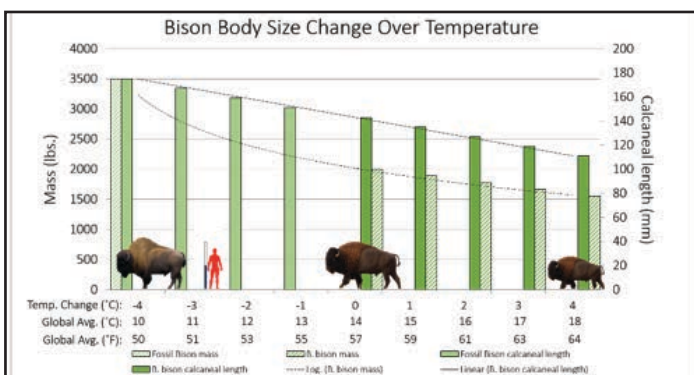


Figure 2. Projected bison mass and calcaneal length of future bison based on data from fossil and modern bison.

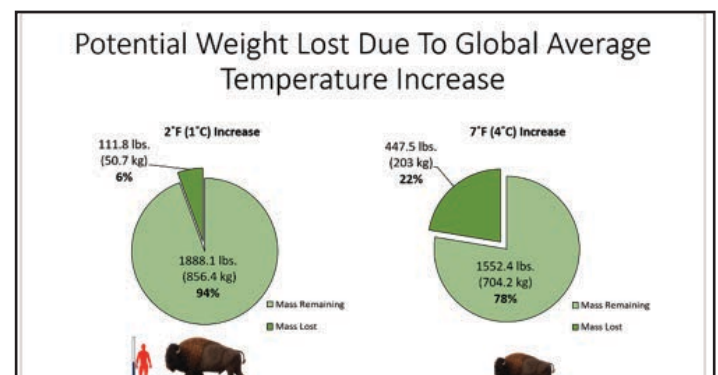


Figure 3. Projected weight loss due to global temperature increase; notice the anticipated mass of bison reaching a maximum of 1550 pounds with 7°F global average temperature increase.



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- **Thank you to** Heartland Bison Ranch, Kevin & Anne Leier; Lee & Rebecca Leier, **for hosting the 2016 group of Girlz Gone Wild heifers**
- **Please take a moment to thank our yard crew at the auction on Sunday. They volunteer many hours for set-up, penning and make sure the animals are well cared for and handled safely. Thank you all!!**

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Our 20th Anniversary celebration was a huge success. So much planning and work went into the whole event and so many helping hands made it happen. We're sure to miss a name or two, but we would really like to thank everyone involved.

Winter Conference Committee: Perry Handyside, Marielle Hewitt, Melanie Cammack, Jill O'Brien and Amy Heim.

Show and Sale Committee: Boyd Meyer, Chad Kremer, Sandy Limpert, Brodie Limpert, Kevin Leier, Larry Carr, Marielle, Hewitt, John Cammack, Zane Holcomb.

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Animal Consignors: 777 Ranch, Blue Valley Ranch, Cammack Buffalo Ranch, Cold Creek Buffalo Company, Custer State Park, Double Diamond Buffalo Ranch, Falcon Ridge Buffalo Ranch, Holcomb Buffalo Ranch, Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, KenMar Buffalo Ranch, Kevin & Nola Robinson, Longreach Buffalo Company, Rafter K Bar, Sheyenne River Bison, Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, Strategy Buffalo Company and Tatanka Hills

Purchasing animals at the auction this year were: Sheyenne River Bison, Strategy Buffalo Company, Cammack Buffalo Ranch, Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, The Buffalo Heard, Cold Creek Buffalo Company, Circle G Ranch, 101 Buffalo Ranch, Big Sky Ranch, Hidden Bison Ranch, Falcon Ridge Buffalo Ranch, John Bourk, 777 Ranch, Heim Buffalo Ranch, Blue Valley Ranch, Longreach Buffalo Company, Kris Holeman, Heartland Bison North Gate, Wind Creek Ranch and Hein Buffalo Ranch.

Thank you does not begin to cover all that was done and all that was given to this association, but it's a start. As we enter into the next chapter of the DTBA, the heart and soul of this organization is the members, the volunteers and those that are passionate about the buffalo. What a ride and it's only just begun!



*Past President, Chad Kremer, takes a turn at cutting the 20th anniversary cake during the banquet. Current board members and past presidents served cake to more than 200 attendees.*

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## Checking In With The Young Guns and Girlz Gone Wild!

*By Kevin Leier*

The 2016/2017 Girlz Gone Wild class is currently out on pasture at Heartland Bison Ranch near Rugby, ND. These heifers are in excellent condition as they roam their 600 acre pasture and get ready to hit the rut season. There are 49 heifers in the class and 5 bulls from KenMar Buffalo Ranch and Heartland Bison Ranch running on the group. The heifers come from fourteen different ranches and went out to grass on April 9 with an average weight of 781 pounds.

The Young Guns are currently progressing through the grass performance period of the competition. There are 63 bulls in the class running at Rafter K Bar

Ranch in Prairie City, SD. These bulls are in excellent condition and are really looking good as they shed their winter coats. The bulls come from 19 different ranches. They were worked on April 23 and went out to grass on May 13. The average weight on the bulls was 660 pounds.

Below are recent photos of both groups. You can find more photos on our Facebook page and video on our new YouTube channel!

