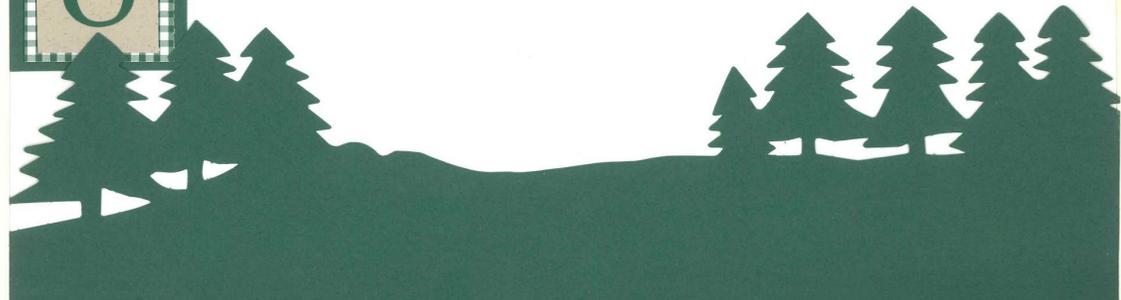


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Promoting & Preserving Bison
Through
Education, Research & Marketing

B I S O N

ASSOCIATION



First Meeting

January 1997

First Officers

President - Merle Maass
Vice President - Bill Rogers
Sec/treas - Patty Smith



Patty Merle Bill



1st Members of the Board

2nd

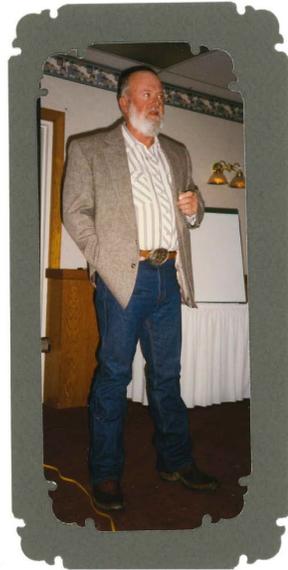


pres. merle • v.p. Bill • Dan Martin • John Painter
DIRECTORS
sec/treas Patty • Brian Ward • Barbara Caudill



Brian Ward • Patty • Dan Martin • John Painter
DIRECTORS
sec/ April
V.P. Bob Dineen • Pres. Bill Rogers • treas Chaffin

April 1997



Dan Martin
Meeting Chairman

Annual
Spring
Meeting



Dave Hayes ~ Spomer Ranch



Brian Ward Del Hensel
Buccellosis discussions

Members



DIAMOND

FIRST FALL



Ken Klemm speaking



Dan Martin Merle Maass



Ken Klemm

Bob & Owen Dineen

Gail Severson

John Painter

FALL RANCH

WORKSHOP 1996



Bob & Owen Dineen



Mike Duncan



Ken talks about management & record keeping

Dinner is Served

Diamond



Tail

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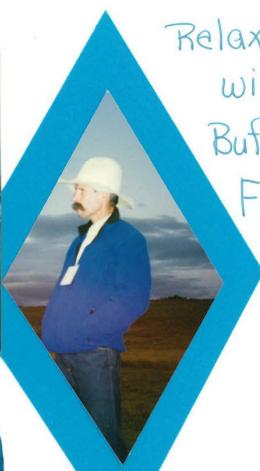
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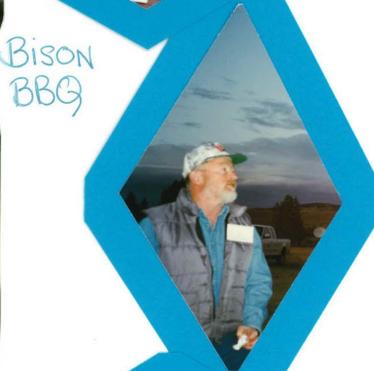


Tail

Relaxing with Buffalo Friends



Bison BBQ



9/96

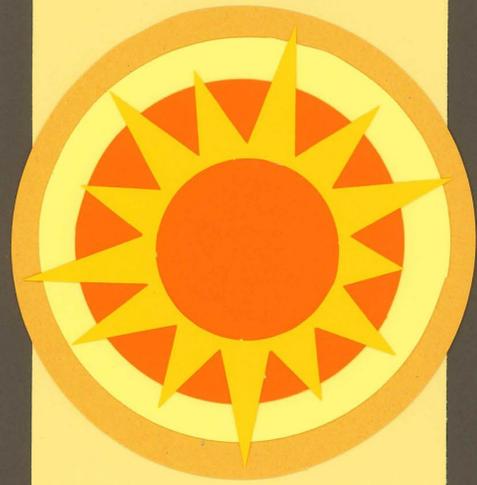
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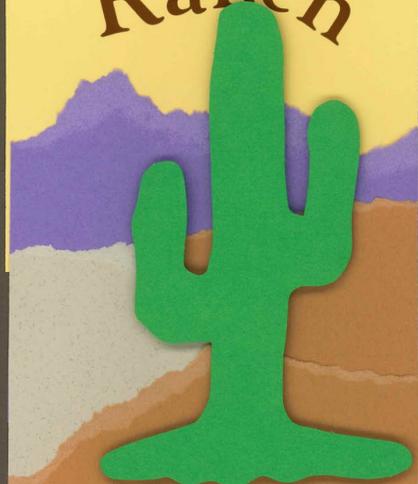
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Thankyou
for
a
Great
Workshop!



Cerro
San
Cristobal
Ranch



NEAR TAOS, NEW MEXICO

Fall Workshop

September 1997

Alfred Keller, Owner
John Painter, Manager





we saw a bull get semen tested



→ Kevin & Eva Cooves



Jennifer ↓

CSU Girls

Christa ←

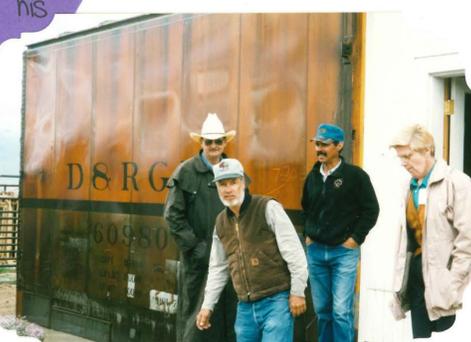


For Lunch we had Traditional Mexican Food



We learned about aging bison using tooth development

John stores his feed in a rail road car →



COCKTAILS &



Bill Rogers

Kathy Rogers



Patty Smith · Marlene Groves



Dave
Spomer



Kim
Hensel Gail
Gervson



merle &
Susan
Maass



DINNER



Tom & April
Chaffin



Patty Smith
John Painter



Kim Tatsch



Diane · Gail · Cam
Ward · Severson · Hensel



Vance Forepaugh & Jill Crotty



Eva, Keven
Groves

marlene, dave
groves



IN TAOS

kicking u



pour heels





SCENIC MESA
fall workshop





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RANCH 1998

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525/554/698/727 3300 Drive
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IT'S NICE TO LEARN



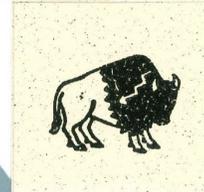
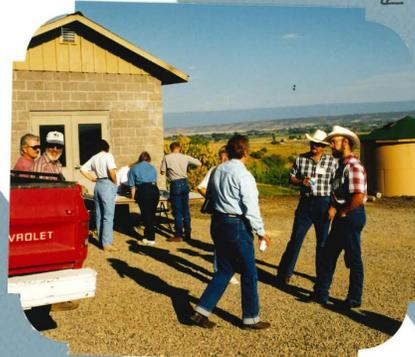
EDUCATION

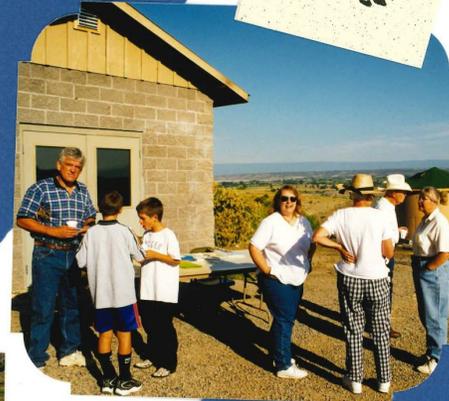


COFFEE & DONUTS
IN THE A.M.

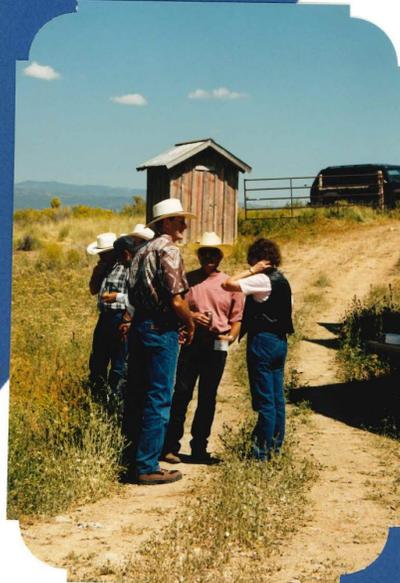


Here is where the fire was the day before



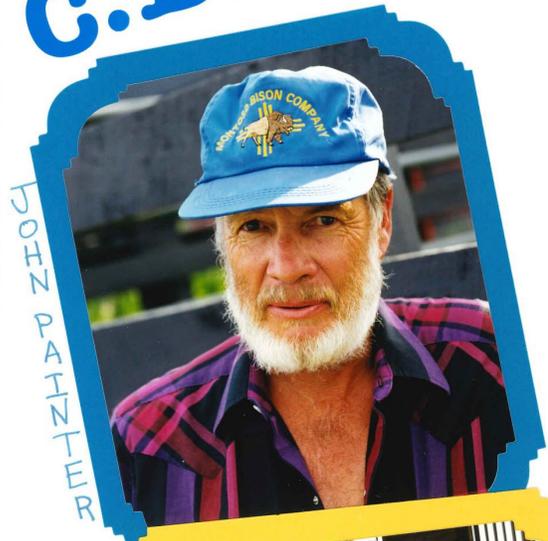


GREAT BUILDING & GREAT FOOD



C.B.A. MEMBERS

AUGUST 1999



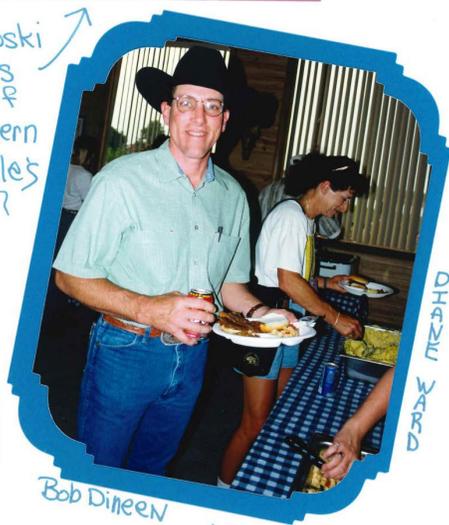
JOHN PAINTER



Zeb Trynoski has his pick of southern belles?

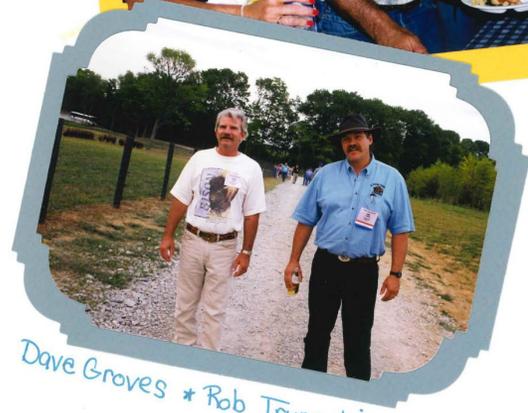


DIANE & Brian Ward



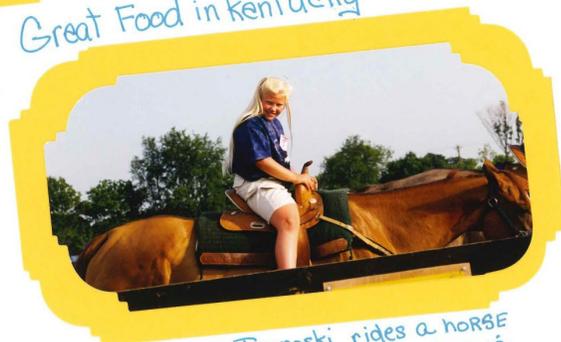
BOB DINEEN

Bob Dineen



Dave Groves * Rob Trynoski

Great Food in Kentucky



Courtlee Trynoski rides a horse at the Aliens.

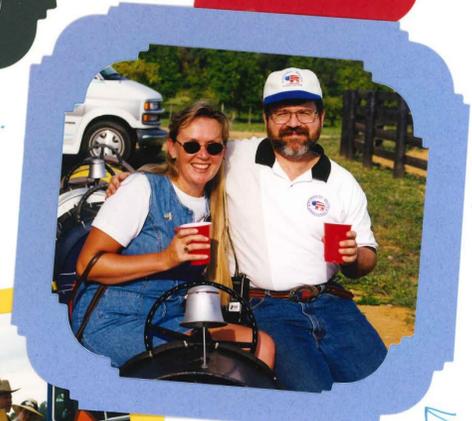
IN KENTUCKY



Diane Ward
→



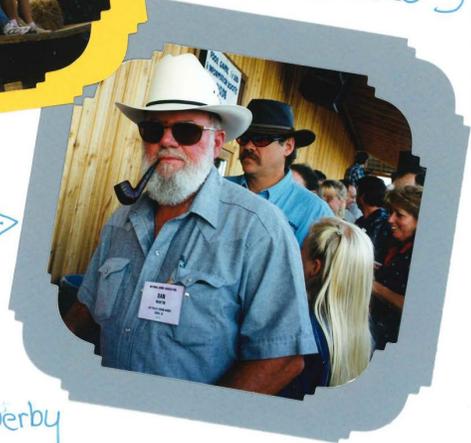
Cam & Del Hensel
current president of the N.B.A.
←
mike Duncan
Dan Martin and his



←
marlene Groves



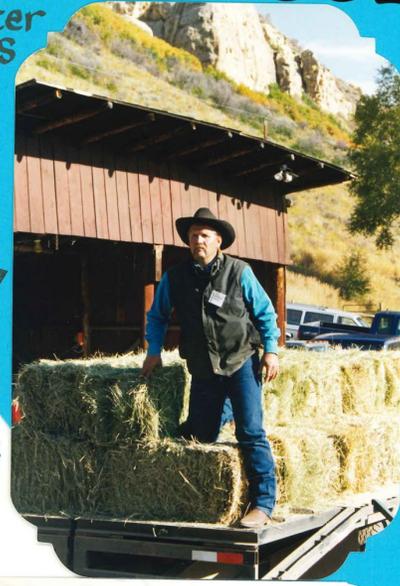
Dan Martin
→



Rob Trynaski
at the
Kentucky Derby
←
Museum

Middle Creek

Andred & Carole Hunter
OWNERS



Roy →

← OUR HOSTS



KEVIN YEAROUT
VISITS FROM
KANSAS

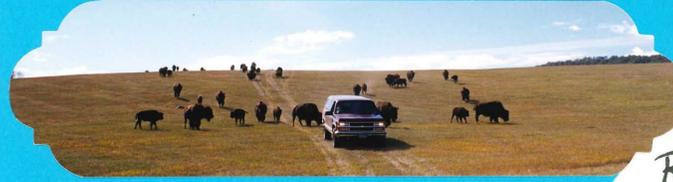


The hay ride to see the
Buffs was a fun way to go!



fall workshop

Bison Company



Roy
& Donna
ROZELL
MANAGERS



BEAUTIFUL
COUNTRY
near Steamboat **1999**

LUNCH

Thinking? →

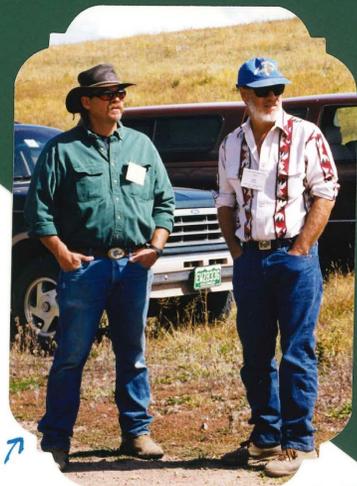


Resting? ←



ROY & DAVE GROUPS

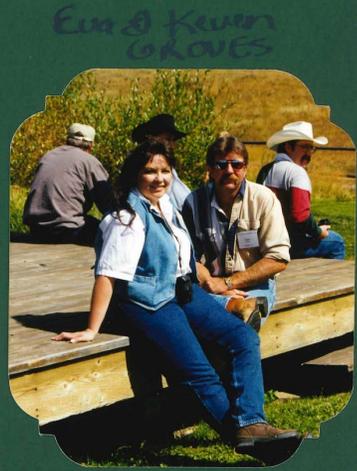
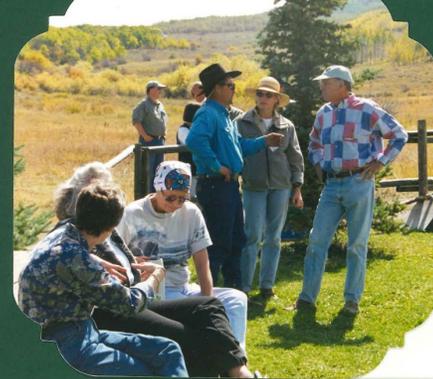




Lunch was a Spread!



Wow. Look at the bad line



Eric & Kevin GRAVES

Patty Smith
Lauri Dineen



COME
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MOY
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Merle Maass

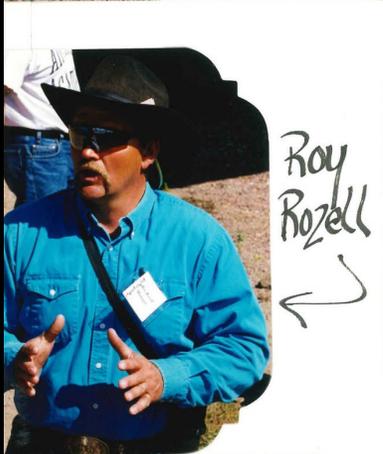


Roy gave us a great tour

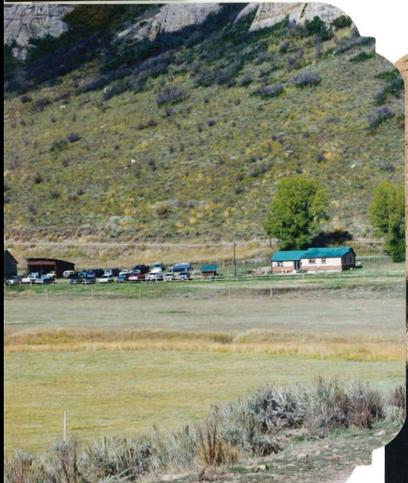




Thank
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Workshop
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Roy
Rozell
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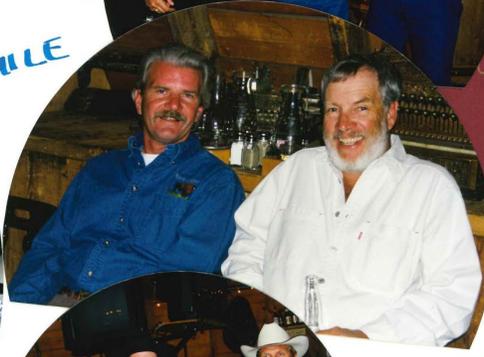
CBA
&
NBA
Presidents
Taking a
Break to
have some
laughs



VISIT
TALK
SMILE



The
Thank
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FRIENDS



FUN
FUN
FUN



Buddies





A PHOTO PER TABLE

SEPT. 1999



FUN & CHEER



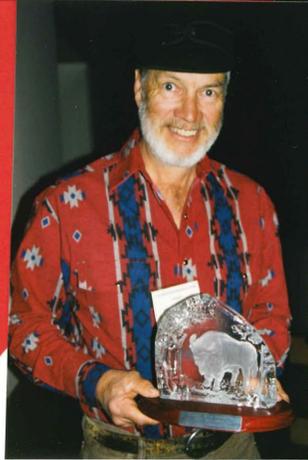
BUNK!



SPRING CONFERENCE 2000



Thankyou
John
Painter



At the Denver Natural
History Museum



Let's
talk-
over a
drink
malenegroves &
Susan Maass

DINNER AT THE



The Always
Smiling
Patti Smith



Merle Maass
Jill Crotty
Vance Forepaugh
KAREN COCHRAN



BUCKHORN EXCHANGE



Bob Frey



DAVE
Whittlesey ↑





DAVE GROVES
← Rob Trynoski

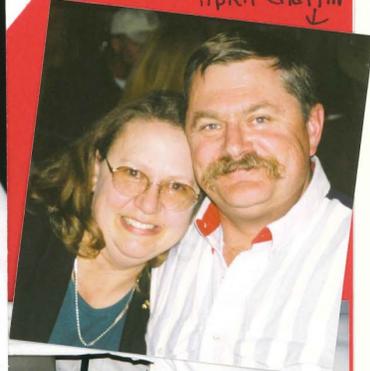
Patti &
Gail ↑



DeTomaso



Jim & Karen
← Cochran Tom &
April Chaffin ↓





Del Hensel



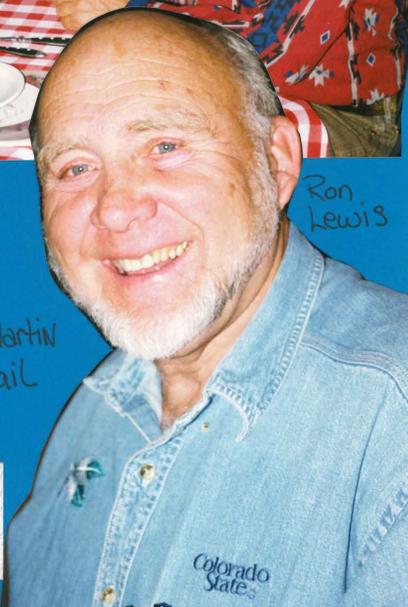
Brian &
Dianne
WBBB
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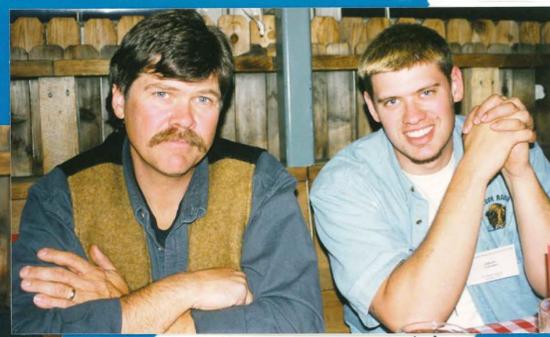
Dan Martin
& Gail



Ron
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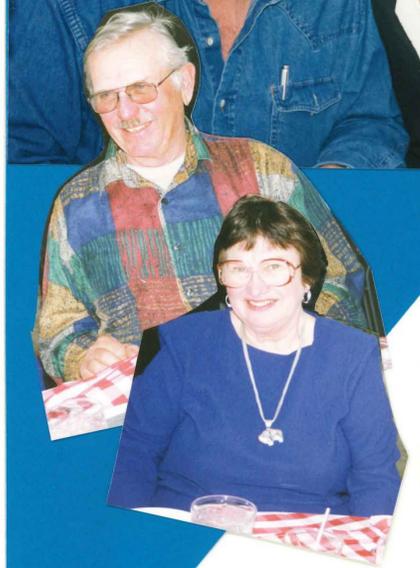


Roy & Donna Rozell



Rob & Jason Trynoski

Newlyweds
Jill and GLEN Klawonn

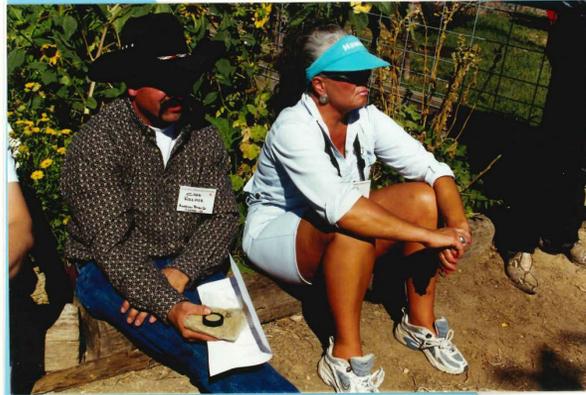


KEVIN & EVA GROVES

DAVE HAYES



FALL 2000 BUFFALO WILDS RANCH



Susan Maass



KEVEN & EVA GROVES



HOSTS TOM & APRIL CHAFFIN



John Painter Rob Trynoski



RAWHIDE ENERGY STATION



The afternoon & Lunch
at Silver Ridge Bison Co.
Anthony & Lenny DeTomaso



SPRING 2001

at the Cliffhouse
in Manitou
Springs



Paul Lyman



Frank
GAC packing



Bob
Dineen Dr. Ackerman
Kent Caudill



Roy
Rozell →
Susan
Hess →

Co Dept of Ag
Steve Bornmann



Bob Dineen



Rob
Trynoski Co Dept. of Health
Larry Bornmann



BOARD MEETING



Lunch



Silent Auction

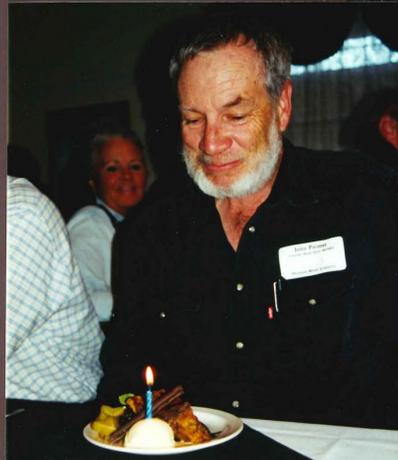


Dinner



Chef
Lawrence
Johnson

DINNER



"Birthday Boy" John Painter

Roy Rozell Bob Dineen



DAVE Whittlesey ↑

Patti Smith
↓
Bob Dineen



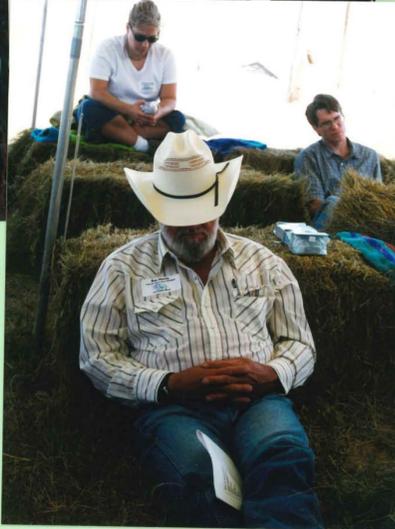
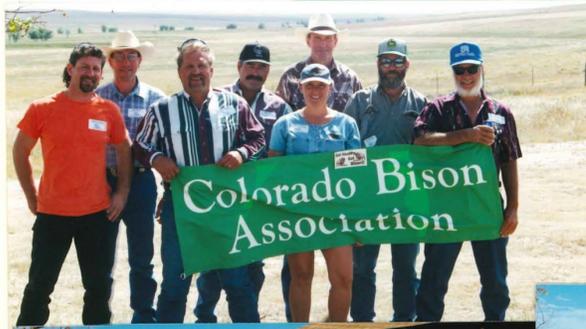
Spring 2001 Conference is over

FALL 2001 CONFERENCE

Deer Trail



OUR HOSTS
BARBARA & KENT
CAUDILL



Putting our heads together ←
Putting our head down →

KB CRESCENT RANCH

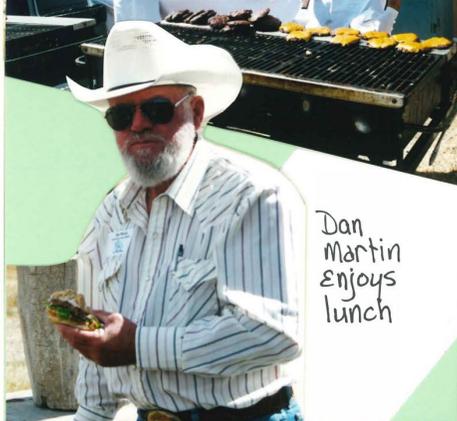


what a spread!



yellow starthistle
(*Centaurea solstitialis*)

- Annual
- Reproduces by seed
- 1 to 2 feet tall
- Infests approx. 10 million acres in California
- Found in Mesa, Boulder, Larimer Counties in CO



Dan Martin
Enjoys
lunch



Jill Klawonn
checks out some
Buffalo hair for
spinning



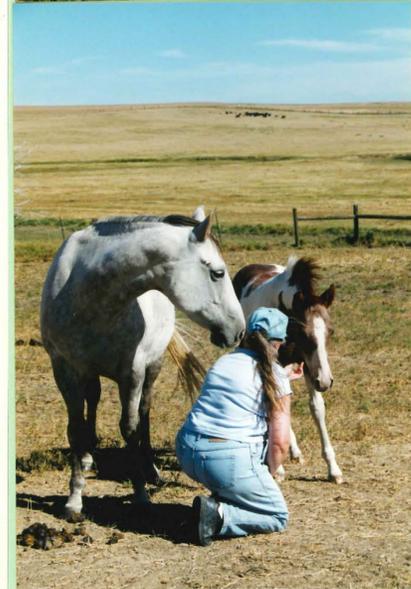
John
Painter
deep in thought

Touring the KBCrescent Ranch



Barbara has paint horses

The Buffalo





OH BOY, DINNER
WAS JUST AS
GOOD AS LUNCH

LOOKING AT
THE SCRAPBOOK

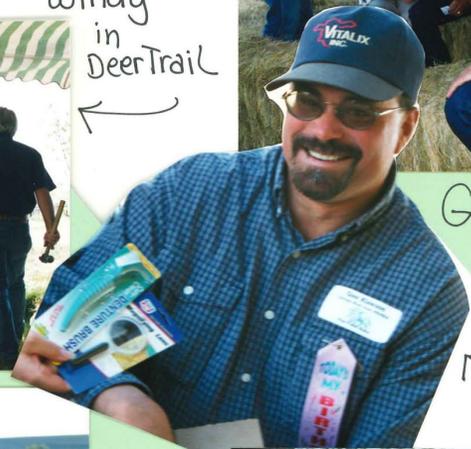


Roy
Rozell

Really
windy
in
Deer Trail



Glen Klawonn
has a big
40th
Birthday



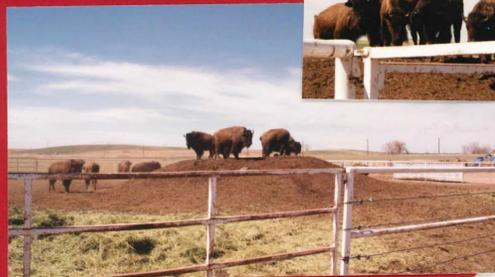
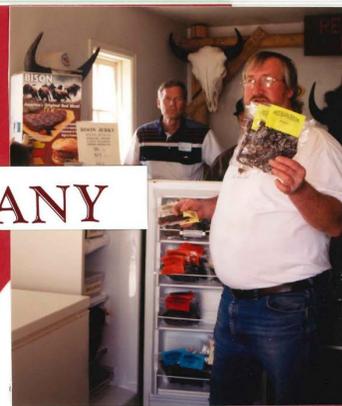
THANK
you
Kent &
Barbara
for a
wonderful
DAY



OUR DAY HAS COME TO AN END

SPOMER RANCH

RED BARN BISON COMPANY



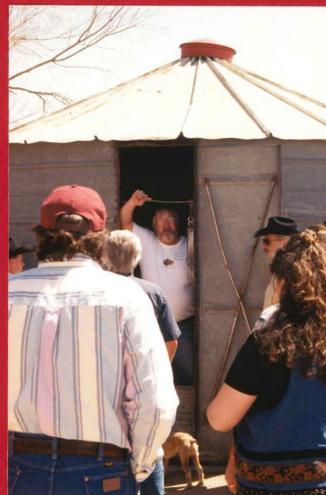
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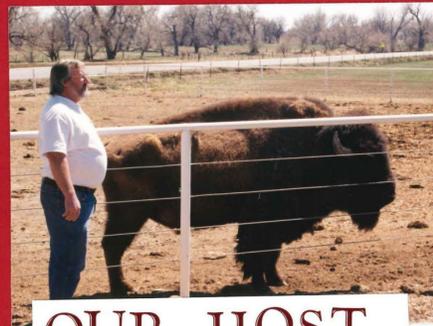
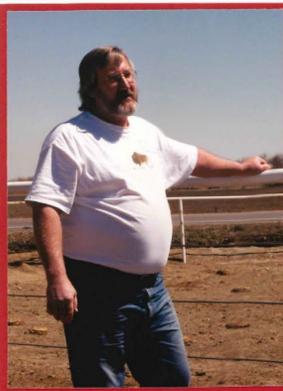


new members
Boyd &
Allison
Meyer



Taking the
Tour





OUR HOST
DAVE HAYES

CONFERENCE 2002



GATE TO PLATE
DAVE DOES IT ALL!





The Talented
Jill Klawonn
demonstrates the
Art of Spinning

Buffalo hair
of course

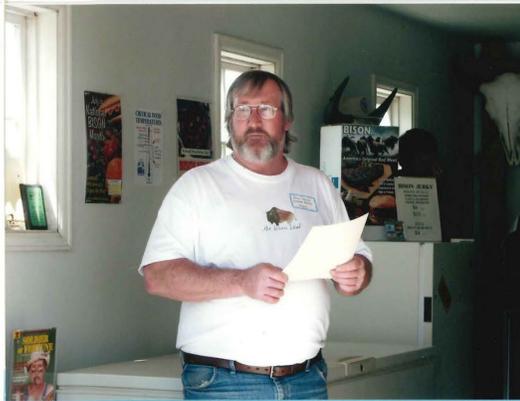


Thankyou
Jill



Spring
2002





Spring Conference 2002 Touring Dave Hayes operation



After the ranch tour the group headed to the Mad Russian for dinner



HIGHWIRE



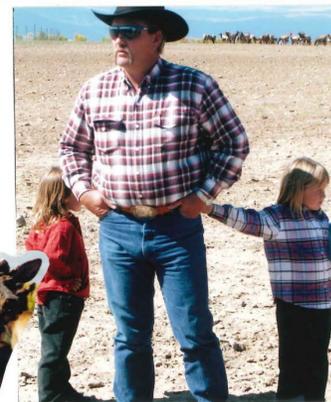
Come and get a treat!



Patty



Keven and Eva Groves

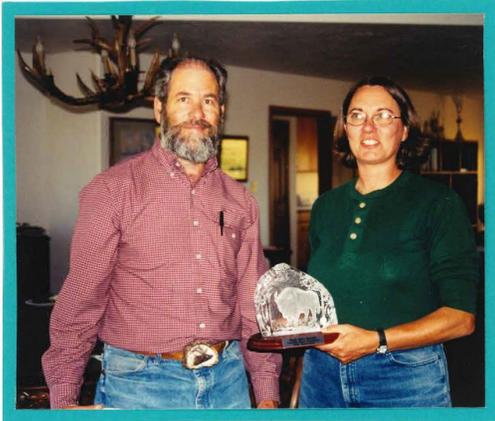


Roy and his girls

RANCH

Hotchkiss

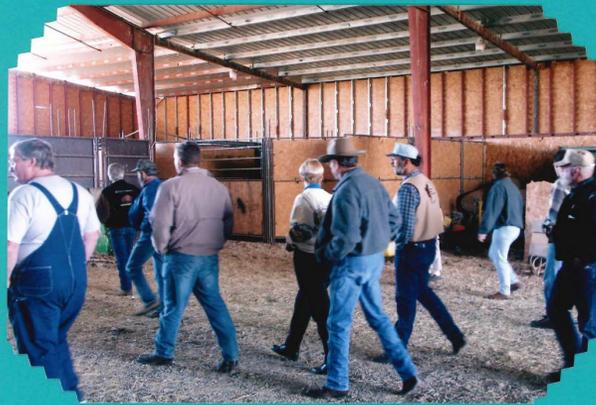
Colorado



Our Hosts Dave and Sue Whittelsey!
Thanks for a great day!

Fall 2002





3-D!

Dave W.

Dave G.

Dave H

Touring High Wine Ranch's
Working facilities.



Beautiful Views!



BUFFALO BOOTH

at
the
National
Western
Stock
Show



Thanks to all the volunteers who
built and staffed the booth each year!



This annual event is a big hit with the public.
Our booth is the most visited in the NWSS Hall
of Education



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Spring Conference at the Air Force Academy Colorado Springs, CO

new board of directors



Susan Popp Ray Thienan Jill Klumpp Roy Rozell Kottie Jonjak Marlene Gravo Dave Whitlosey David Hayes

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NBA director Dave Carter

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Tom Chaffin and Dan Martin

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Better for you. Better for Colorado.

coloradoproud.org

The Colorado Proud marketing program was presented.



Roy presents a gift to Jim Rubbing, State of Colorado Marketing Director

Spring 2003



CBA members

Kent Caudill

Ray Thieman



Vance and Jill



We had many wonderful items donated for the fun auction, including a homemade apple pie from Roy Rosa!!



Marlene presents Roy with a few outgoing President gifts!

The Shoydaks



2004



Patty Smith



Ray Rosale

Rob Trynoski

1st Annual Colorado Bison Association
Peak to Peak Bison Sale!
Denver, CO at the NUSS yards.

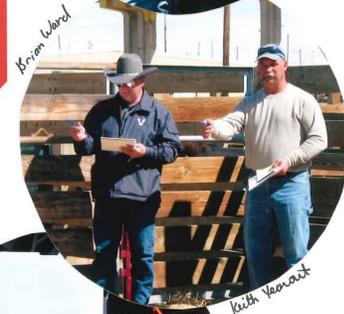


Melanie Grove



Dan Maston

Duffy Goff



Kristin Ward

Keith Yearoux



Dave Grove



Judge Keith Yearoux



"The Office"

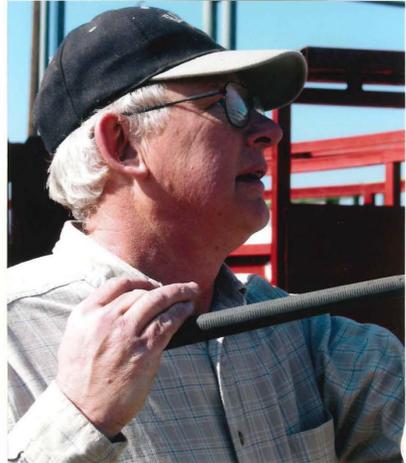


Co-producer of the year award
R.L. Bison - Rob + Lee Ann Trynoski and Mosquito Park
Enjapico - Rod Sether, Tom Junk representative



2004
Consignors

Checking in animals Roy and Brian



Ray
Thieman
Sale
Chairman

Some of the crew enjoying breakfast burritos



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G



CBA members Boyd Debbie Thieman Kent Fullerton



Katie gets a massage from Dan



Mardene + Jill

Spring Conference at the Weld County Annex Bldg. in Longmont, CO. We had speakers from CSU talking about animal ID in the morning and Wayne Yauk giving a carcass cutting demo in the afternoon. We ended the day with a buffalo prime rib dinner.



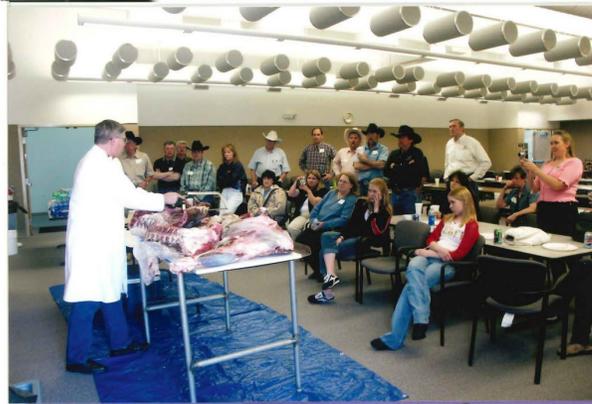
Kent Caudill



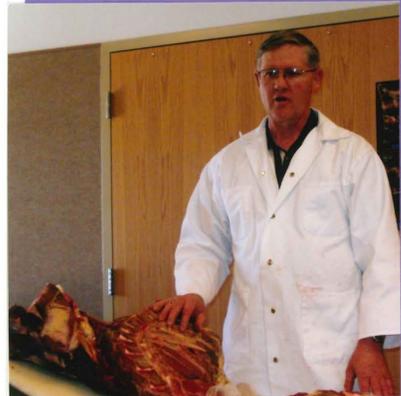
Our fun auction!



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Wayne Yauk from Yauk's Specialty Meats gave a fantastic carcass cutting demo. He fielded many questions and shared a lot of great information. Thanks Wayne and Dave!



The cuts were packaged and sold to CBA members later in the day.

April 2004



Prairie Ridge

2004



Our hosts:
Ray and Debbie Thuman
and family
Limon, CO.

We enjoyed touring 2 ranches, a 4-H
buffalo presentation, financial seminars,
and lots of social time!



Ray's Pets!



Kent Fullerton gets up close and personal with one of Ray's bulls!



Kent, Jill, Dave, Ray, Katie, Boyd, Roy, Marlene
2004 Board of Directors



Buffalo Ranch

We enjoyed a taco bar at the Limon Community Center. Ray and Debbie gave out door prizes.



Katia Jeniak



Patty Smith



Boyd

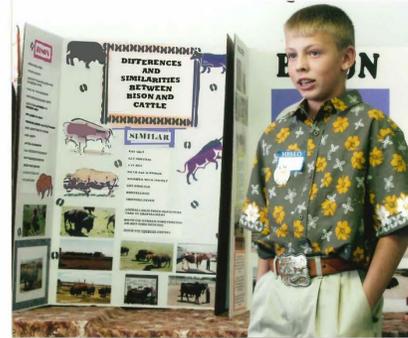


Callison Meyers

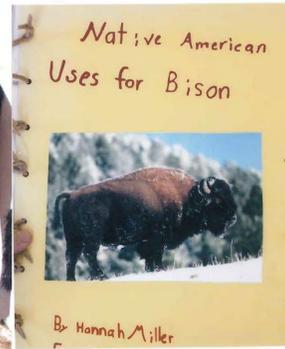


Dave Groves

Fall 2004



CBA members learned about Quickbooks accounting software and Ray also gave a seminar on finances. Everyone seems to enjoy the day. We ended the day with a hot roast buffalo dinner. Thanks Ray + Debbie!



Native American Uses for Bison



By Hannah Miller

The 4-H kids shared their buffalo projects with us and told us what they learned. They might become future buffalo ranchers!



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RMBA bison events set for March 11-12

Rocky Mountain Buffalo Association

The Rocky Mountain Buffalo Association (RMBA) will hold its second annual Peak to Peak Bison Sale, March 12, at the National Western Complex in Denver.

"This year's Peak to Peak Bison Sale will have over 150 live bison for sale, representing over 17 consignors from Colorado and the surrounding region," said Marlene Groves, RMBA president. "The auction will open with the selling of a bred, 2-year-old bison heifer (the only one) donated by Poudre Basin Buffalo Company, which is owned by Boyd Meyers. Money from the sale will benefit Tsunami victims."

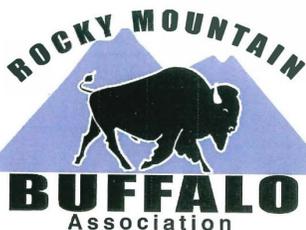
RMBA's spring conference activities begin on Friday, March 11, at the Ramada Inn, I-25 & 120th, where the focus will be learning more about the many uses of buffalo by-products.

RMBA is a non-profit organization, serving nearly 100 members in the Rocky Mountain region with a mission of promoting and preserving bison through education, research and marketing.

For more information about the RMBA, the Peak to Peak Bison Sale or the upcoming conference, contact RMBA at (303) 243-0900, or go to

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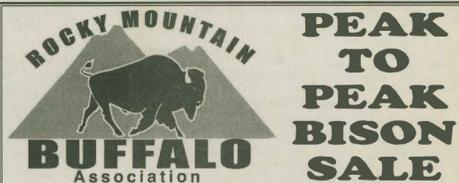
March 7-2



Our new logo!

At the fall 2004 workshop, CBA members voted to change our name to Rocky Mountain Buffalo Assoc. to extend our representing area.

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MARCH 12, 2005 • 10:00 AM
Buy or Sell
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Production Bison & Breeding Stock & Show Bison

The RMBA is proud to offer a live auction of bison every spring. The sale is an annual event featuring both a show with judged breeding bison & a production sale for non-judged production bison. Quality breeding & production bison from the Rocky Mountain region are available at the sale.



No Show-Only Class, No Reserves, No Minimums.
2004 & 2005 Judges: Brian Ward & Keith Yearout
Sale is open to young bison *males & females*
born in 2003 & 2004



7 SHOW CLASSES:

- Bull Calves • Heifer Calves • Yearling Bulls • Yearling Heifers
- Pen 2 Bull Calves • Pen 2 Heifer Calves • Pen 2 Yearling Heifers



2005 Sale & Show Information

160 animals already consigned
10 new consignors
Each class has at least seven entries

2004 Sale Results

The 2004 Sale was a great success. Over 140 animals consigned from 18 consignors from 5 different states. The sale gross was \$75,000 with 20 different buyers. The overall average price for a bison at the sale was \$620. The Grand Champion Male was the highest price animal at \$4,000.

For any additional information on the 2005 Peak to Peak Sale, contact Sale Chairman Ray Thieman at raytm@plains.net or 719-775-8742

Schwab Auctions, LLC is proud to return to the Peak to Peak Bison Sale for another year & wish to thank the Rocky Mountain Buffalo Association, consignors, & buyers for placing your trust & confidence with us.

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Bison association extends name

DENVER — The Colorado Bison Association established in 1996, with members in Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Arizona, Oklahoma, Wisconsin and Kentucky, will now be known as the Rocky Mountain Buffalo Association (RMBA.)

"During the association's fall meeting, members voted to change the name, thereby extending their represented area," said RMBA President Marlene Groves. "The name Rocky Mountain Buffalo Association better reflects our regional group of bison ranchers and will enable the association to expand services to its members and offer more educational opportunities for consumers."

The next event for RMBA is the spring conference at the Holiday Inn Northglenn (I-25 & 120th) March 11, 2005. (AP)

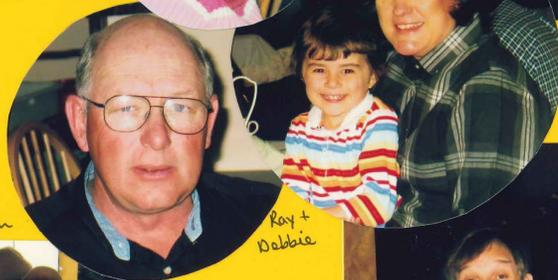
Ag Journal
Nov 19, 2004

Spring Conference and Sale
and Show! March 10-13, 2005

Thursday animals were unloaded in the Yards and in the evening we held a BBQ dinner and dance at the Stock Yards Inn.



Katie



Dave Martin

Ray + Debbie



The CBA members who attended the dinner and dance had a great time. Ray + Debbie Threemans granddaughter Katie, kept us all entertained!



Michael + Kathy Bear of Red Canyon Ranch enjoying the evening!



Dinner is almost ready!



Jill Klawonn + Karen Smith
Twin Sisters

Karen Smith, of Swift and Co. gave a presentation on buffalo and cattle by-products

Consignors study the sale catalog during the consignors meeting

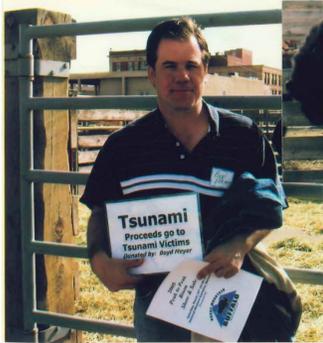


Del Schwab, auctioneer.



2nd Annual Peak to Peak Show and Sale

In the Yards....

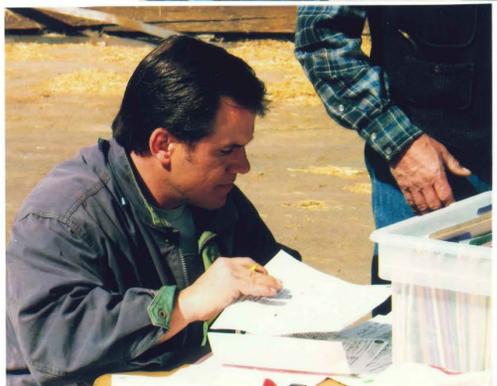


Boyd Meyers donated this 2 yr old bred heifer to our Tsunami fund.

Part of our hardworking crew takes a break



Paper work

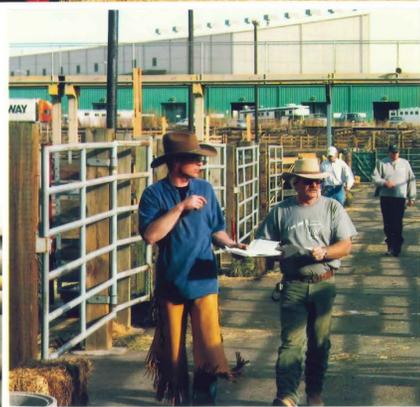


Unloading

Roy

Keith Yearout and Brian Ward

Our judges working hard placing animals and picking the winners.



Sorting animals



Everyone had a great time visiting with old and new friends



Tia Kezell pets "shannon" Mike and Kathy Gears dog

fixing what the buffalo tore down!



Thanks to all our hardworking volunteers and yard crew! Your hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated



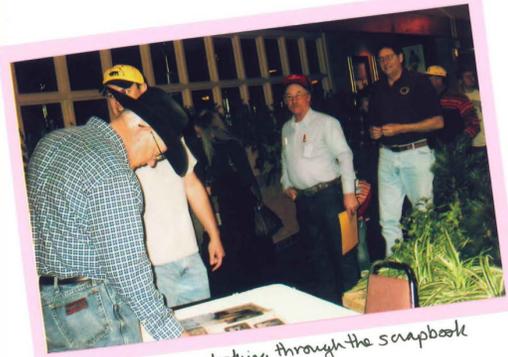
Marlene and Katie



← Katie and Brian water animals



Conference. Our conference held the business meeting and elections in the morning.



Everyone loves looking through the scrapbook

Jill and Dave check in attendees



Lunch was delicious! -our feature item was deli roast buffalo!



"Keep bidding on those fun auction items!"
Our afternoon speaker was Karen Smith of Swift + Co, who gave a talk on "offal" or buff by products. We announced the winner of the jar of jerky.

The board of directors gave outgoing president Marlene Groves a beautiful jacket embroidered with the new logo. She loved it!





Thank you,
Consignors, for
the great quality
bison consigned to
the 2nd annual
Peak to Peak Bison
Show and Sale!



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Awards Banquet
Congratulations to all
the winners; thank you
sponsors!

Over All Winner:
Boyd + Allison Meyers
Cold Creek Bison Co.



Emcee: Bill Rogers

Awards





Thanks to everyone who helped make the show/sale a success!



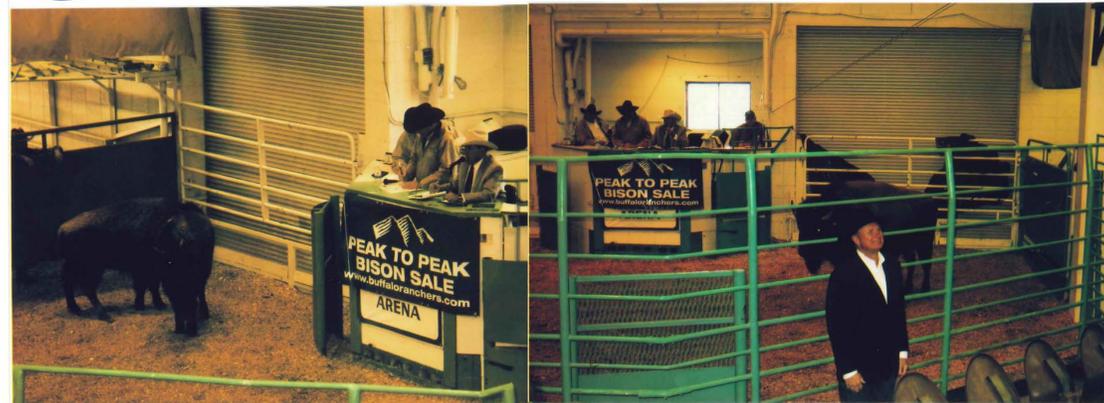
All consignors received wine and wine glasses courtesy of Lay Valley Bison



Colorado Ag Commissioner Don Arment gave a short speech to start off the evening and welcome everyone.



SALE!

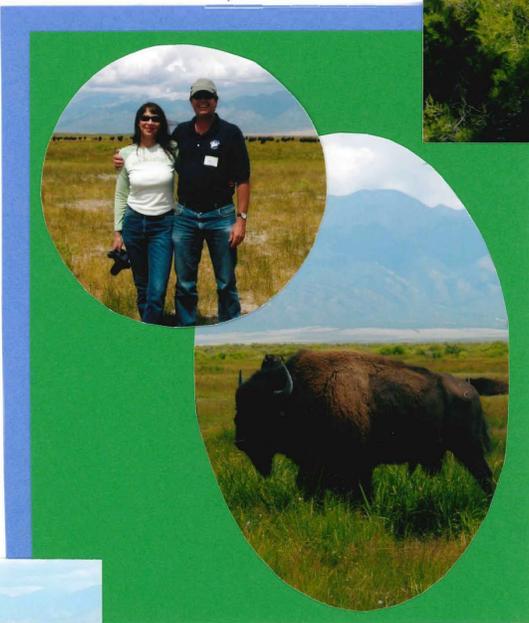




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August, 2005

Hosts: Tom and Heidi Sabel





Beautiful scenery, buffalo, and weather!



*Beautiful mountains, sand dunes, buffalo
grazing the prairie*

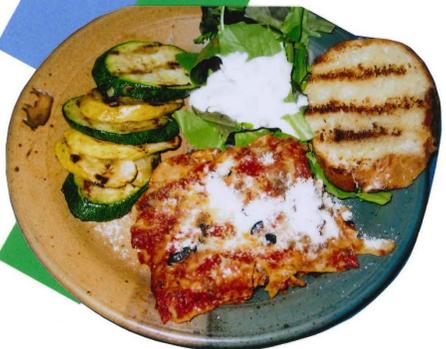




← a hummingbird enjoys some summer nectar



Delicious meals



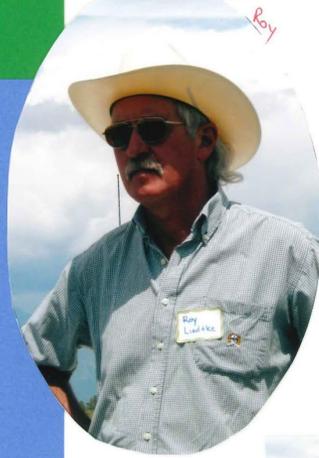
Dan, Brian, Katie, Patty



Thanks for a great conference!

Boyd, Rusty, Del, Bill





"I am having fun month!!"



October

2005



Back row

Dave Groves - director (Buffalo Groves)

Larry Higgins - director (Heart Rock Bison)

Katherine Jonjack - President (Blue Mountain Bison)

Patty Smith - director (Lay Valley Bison)

Dave Hayes - Sec/Treas (Spomen Ranch / Red Barn Bison)

Front Row

Marlene Groves - Past President (Buffalo Groves)

Boyd Meyers - Vice President (Cold Creek Bison)

Jill Klaworn - director (High Point Bison)



Celebrating... 2006
 10th anniversary of the Rocky Mountain Buffalo Association!
 100th anniversary of National Western Stock Show!



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**FREE GIVEAWAY ~ Stuffed Buffalo Toys & Thousands of Buffalo Nickels
 In Celebration of the Rocky Mountain Buffalo Association's 10th Anniversary
 & National Western Stock Show's 100th Anniversary!**

DENVER, COLO.—The Rocky Mountain Buffalo Association (RMBA) will giveaway stuffed buffalo toys to celebrate their 10th anniversary, and buffalo nickels to celebrate the National Western's 100th anniversary!

"This year is special to both the Rocky Mountain Buffalo Association and the National Western Stock Show (NWSS); as both organizations are celebrating anniversaries," said Katherine Jonjak, RMBA President. "It's the 10th Anniversary for RMBA and the 100th Anniversary for NWSS."

According to Marlene Groves, RMBA Past President, "RMBA will first giveaway ten stuffed buffalo toys, then one thousand buffalo nickels each Saturday and Sunday during the 2006 National Western Stock Show, starting at 10:00 am (to children 12 and under, accompanied by a parent; and only 1 item per child)."

"The National Western Stock Show will host more than 20,000 school children during its 100th Anniversary. We are pleased to have the support of the Rocky Mountain Buffalo Association in our mission to preserve our western heritage through education" states Kati Anderson, NWSS.

RMBA is a non-profit organization, serving nearly 100 members in the Rocky Mountain region with a mission of promoting and preserving bison through education, research and marketing. RMBA's educational buffalo booth at the NWSS provides a wonderful opportunity for children and adults to learn about buffalo history, buffalo (the animal), buffalo meat (also called bison meat), as well as the buffalo industry.

According to research, buffalo meat is a delicious, lean red meat with a slight sweet flavor. It is lower in fat, calories and cholesterol than beef, pork, and chicken; even boasting half the fat of turkey and twice the protein, making buffalo meat the perfect meat to incorporate into a New Year's Diet or any resolution to eat better.

"With more and more consumers looking for healthier and tastier food, buffalo meat sales are growing, and with that, so are the opportunities in the buffalo industry," said RMBA Vice President, Boyd Meyers.

On going RMBA activities include a spring conference, fall workshop at a working buffalo ranch, and their annual Peak to Peak Live Bison Sale, held the 2nd Saturday of March, in Denver, also at the NWSS.

To locate a local RMBA member to purchase meat, or for more information about the Rocky Mountain Buffalo Association, visit the website www.buffaloranchers.com or call 303-243-0900.

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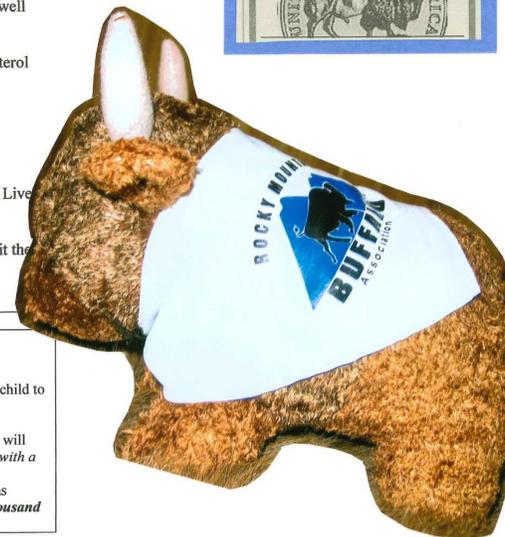
<p>PICTURE BELOW: Stuffed Buffalo Toys</p> 	<p>RMBA 10th Anniversary & NWSS 100th Anniversary Giveaway Rules</p> <p>(A) Giveaway items are for children 12 and under (no exceptions). (B) Only one (1) Giveaway item per child. (C) Child must be present to win. (D) Parent must accompany child and parent must sign RMBA permission slip for child to receive stuffed buffalo toy. (E) RMBA Board Member Children/Grandchildren are excluded. (F) Each Saturday & Sunday during the 2006 NWSS, starting at 10:00 am, RMBA will distribute ten stuffed toy buffalo to the first ten qualifying children (12 and under with a parents signed permission). (G) Each Saturday & Sunday during the 2006 NWSS, immediately after RMBA has distributed their 10th Anniversary stuffed toy buffalo RMBA will distribute one thousand buffalo nickels to qualifying children (12 and under).</p>
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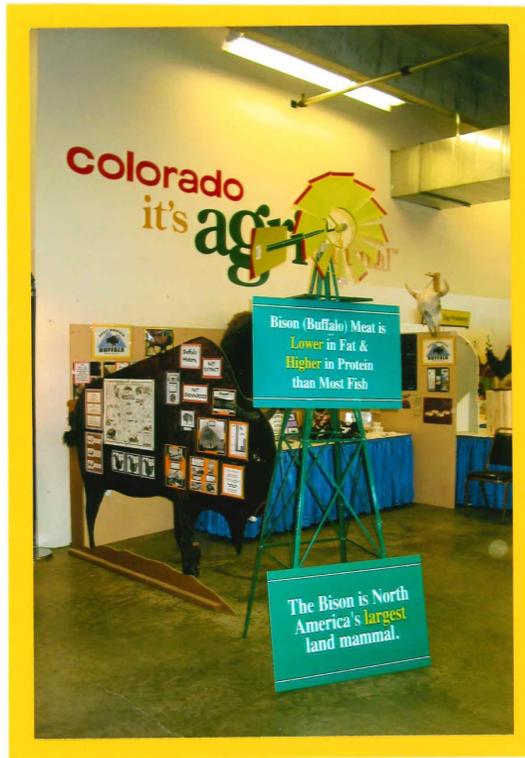
4A Rocky Mountain News
 MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2006

NO BULL, THAT'S A LOTTA BUFFALO

10 Number of stuffed buffaloes the Rocky Mountain Buffalo Association will give away to kids 12 and under each Saturday and Sunday during the 100th National Western Stock Show and Rodeo, which kicks off Jan. 6.

1,000 Number of buffalo nickels the RMBA will give away each Saturday and Sunday of the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo to kids 12 and under.



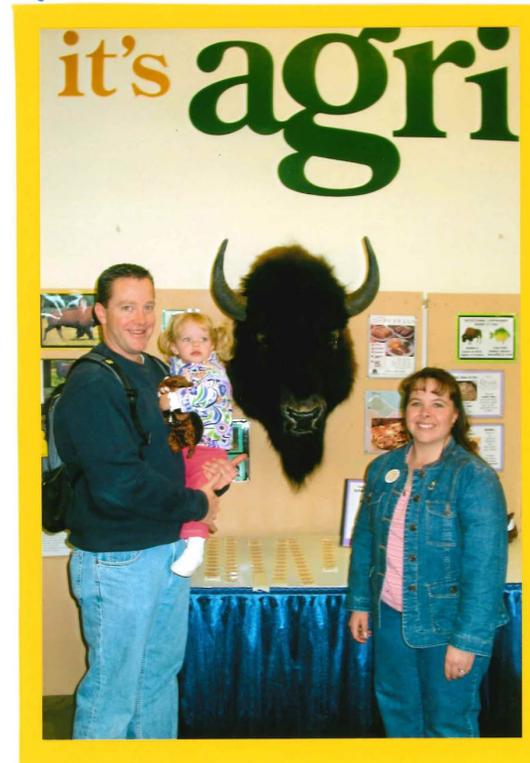
The board of directors handed out stuffed buffalos on the morning of Jun. 7, 2006.

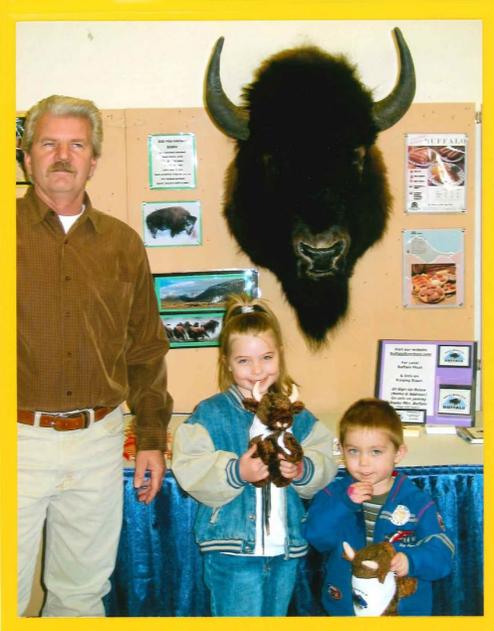


Back row: Dave Groves, Patty Smith, Boyd Meyers, Larry Higgins, Dave Hayes
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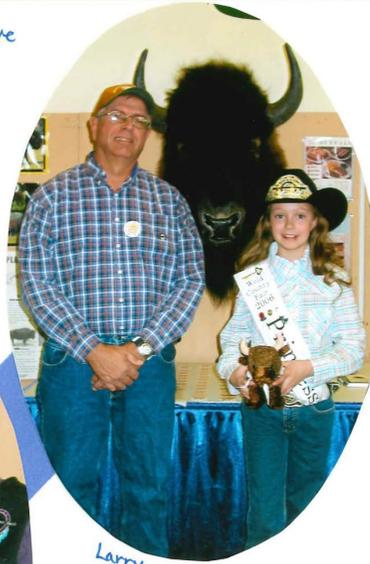
Thanks to all the volunteers who built, maintain, and staff the RMBA booth during the National Western.





Dave

The kids were so excited to receive their own stuffed buffalos!
The board of directors and booth volunteers then handed out "eat buff" stickers and lots of buffalo nickels.



Larry



Patty



Melene



Boyd

Debbie Thimmon



Dave



Katie

NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW

Association celebrates 10th year at show

By Rhonda Moore
Staff Writer

The Rocky Mountain Buffalo Association celebrates its 10th anniversary with free giveaways at this year's National Western Stock Show in this, its sixth year of participation at the stock show.

The Kiowa-based Buffalo Groves Ranch, as an association member, looks forward to the stock show crowds in its ongoing effort to raise awareness about buffalo meat as an alternative to beef.

"The RMBA booth is in the kid's section of the Hall of Education where all the different agricultural organizations and industries work together cooperatively to promote agriculture in Colorado and the western area," said Marlene Groves, owner of Buffalo Groves. "We've done a booth for six years and it's been one of the most successful booths in the area."

The association's booth is stocked full of interactive, hands-on activities to appeal to the 20,000 school children expected to attend the National Western Stock Show's 100th anniversary event, beginning Saturday.

Cut out in the shape of a buffalo, the booth is set up with historical information about the origin, numbers and history of the buffalo on one side, and hands-on elements of the buffalo on the other side.

"They can touch a buffalo hide with fur on, they can touch pieces of buffalo leather, they can compare it to deer leather so they can see the difference, they can see the rib bone, the scapula, we have a bladder on there," Groves said. "Basically there's a bunch of infor-



MARLENE GROVES / COURTESY PHOTO

The Rocky Mountain Buffalo Association is giving away stuffed buffalo toys for its 10th anniversary.

mation for kids to learn about pieces and parts of the buffalo. We kind of call it the buffalo store; for Native Americans that's what it would be reflected as. We're trying to paint the picture so children and adults can learn about the buffalo and the Native American relationship."

To further highlight the special anniversaries at this year's stock show, the association will give away 10 stuffed buffalo toys and 1,000 buffalo nickels on weekends at the stock show. The giveaways will begin at 10 a.m. while supplies last each Saturday and

Sunday until the stock show is over, Groves said.

The association is a nonprofit organization, serving nearly 100 members in the Rocky Mountain region with a mission of promoting and preserving bison through education, research and marketing.

Groves and her husband, David, have been members from the beginning, with Groves serving as past president and David as a present board member.

The association's educational buffalo booth at the stock show provides an

opportunity for children and adults to learn about buffalo history, the buffalo, buffalo meat, and the buffalo industry.

"We share information about buffalo meat so kids can learn about it and when adults get to that portion and they're always amazed at the comparison to beef in fat, cholesterol and things of that nature," Groves said. "Buffalo meat is becoming more mainstream and we're trying to share more information, which is really why we all raise buffalo so we can have this wonderful meat product at the end."

Buffalo meat is touted by the association as a delicious, lean, red meat with a slight sweet flavor. Research shows it is lower in fat, calories and cholesterol than beef, pork, and chicken with half the fat of turkey and twice the protein.

Buffalo Groves is among those ranches that raise grass-fed buffalo meat, with deliveries throughout the Denver area and beyond.

While no meat will be available for sale at the stock show, informational brochures will be available for those interested in more information about buffalo as a diet alternative.

And the fun-filled booth remains a draw for visitors of every age, Groves said.

"In the past, this booth has been one of the most photographed booths by visitors because we have a buffalo head mounted in the booth," she said. "Very often you'll see people taking their family pictures with the head. It's very fun to participate in."

Contact Rhonda Moore at
rmoore@ccnewspapers.net.

PEAK TO PEAK

SHOW - SALE AND PRODUCTION SALE
March 11, 2006



10:00 am National Western Livestock Arena
Denver, Colorado

JUDGES: Brian Ward and Bob Dineen

Lowest commission for any sale in the country - 5%

Every animal entered sells - No reserves

For more information or to consign call:

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General Meeting & Awards Dinner on Friday 10th, at the Host Hotel
Holiday Inn Denver, CO call 800-638-8941 to get your RMBA rate (\$69 per night)

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Only young bison males and females born in 2004 & 2005 are for sale. All animals will have health papers and be ship ready. All animals are tested for TB & Brucellosis plus injected with Ivomectrin. All heifers will be bangs vaccinated. Show heifers will be certified open. Show yearling bulls will be semen checked.

Auctioneer: Schwab Auctions



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2006 Sale & Show

Information

120 animals
already consigned
20 new consignors

Each class has at least seven entries

The 2005 sale was a great success for the buyers and sellers. We are looking forward to another great auction opportunity for the bison industry.

For any additional information on the 2006 Peak to Peak Sale, contact Sale Chairman Dave Groves at groves@buffalোগroves.com or 303-621-1111

Schwab Auctions, LLC is proud to return to the Peak to Peak Bison Sale for another year & wish to thank the Rocky Mountain Buffalo Association, consignors, & buyers for placing your trust & confidence with us.

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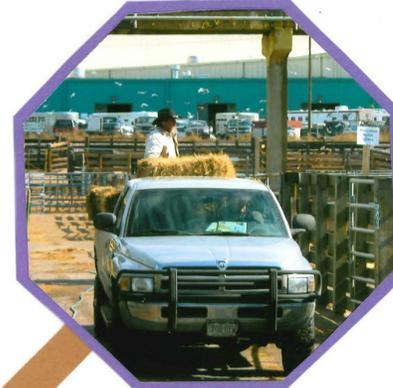
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Sorting buffs



Marlene Groves



Feeding the buffs

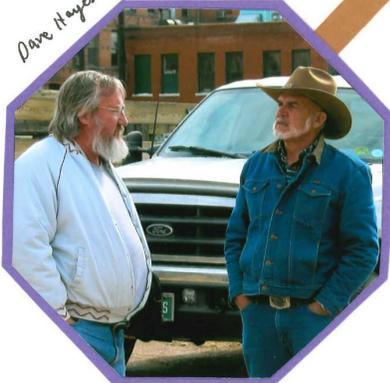
Don Martin and friends

Dave and Keven Groves



Roy Kozell and Larry Higgins

Dave Hayes and Tom Sowle



Katherine Tojtek



Brian Plahn



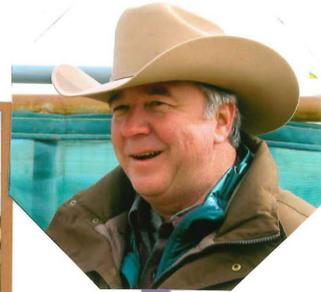


Judge
Bob Dineen



Judge
Brian Ward

The judges had a tough job sorting through all the high quality animals brought to the show by the consignors.



RMBA members/sale help/consignors relax



The crew takes a well deserved break

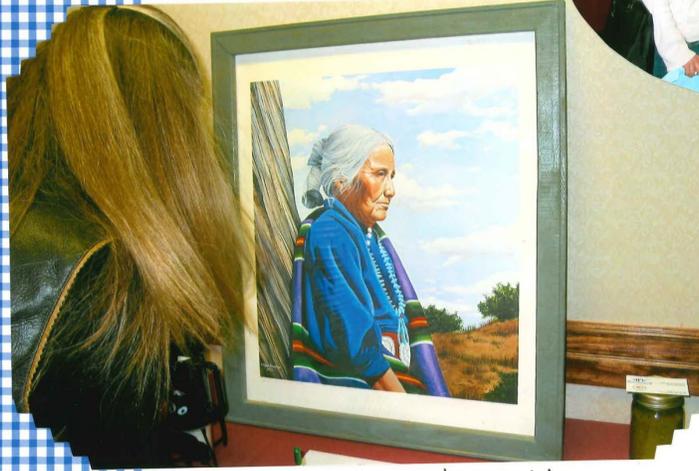


The crew of sale volunteers did a great job and we appreciate their hard work!

Thank You!

RMBA members gathered for an evening of fun!

The silent auction featured everything from autographed books, to jewelry, to artwork and award winning salsa.



Thanks to all fun auction bidders

Past President Bill Rogers emceed the evening. As always, he kept us entertained and informed while presenting the awards for the Peak to Peak show.
Thanks Bill!



We enjoyed a prime rib banquet with tiramisu for dessert. Delicious!

Larry and Jeremiah Higgins



Brian Plahn and daughter Elizabeth



Blue Mountain Bison donated wine and glasses to each consignor!
Thanks!

2006 Consignors



Producer of the Year was awarded to Boyd and Allison Meyer of Cold Creek Bison. Congratulations!



The auction was conducted by Schwab Auctions.



Peak to Peak Bison Sale was well attended by many people from around the country.





Ted Turner's home at Vermejo

RMBA Fall Conference September 8,9 2006



The beautiful lodge
had many artistic
taxidermy mounts
and photographs.



conference attendees arrive
and unpack.



Northern
Vermejo Park Ranch, New Mexico

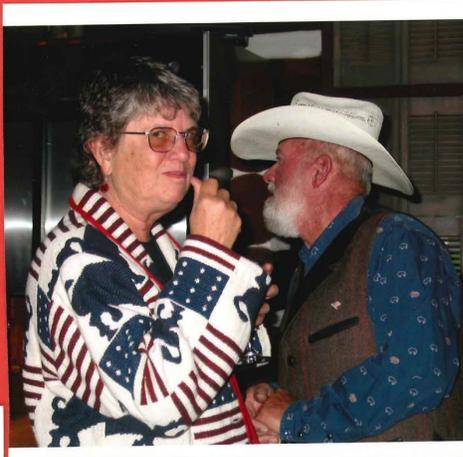


Vermejo Park Ranch



Marv Jensen, our host

Impassing lodges, guest cottages, expert guides, and a well-trained staff serve guests



Friday Evening Social time



Vermejo Park Ranch has accomadated guests since the early 1900's. Ted Turner purchased the ranch a decade ago.

Evening Dining
Friday September 8, 2006



Smoked
Prime
Rib!

SOUP

New Mexico Green Chile Stew

SALAD

*Caesar Salad
Tossed with Herbed Croutons*

-Or-

*Mixed Green Salad
With Your Choice of Dressing*

HOUSE WINES BY THE GLASS

2002 Bogle Merlot (Graton, CA)	\$7.00
2002 Bogle Cabernet Sauvignon (Graton, CA)	\$7.00
2004 Gruet Chardonnay (Albuquerque, NM)	\$7.00

SUGGESTED WINES BY THE BOTTLE

2001 Chardonnay, Vermejo Private Reserve (Sonoma, CA)	\$38.00
2000 Chardonnay, Cakebread Cellars (Napa, CA)	\$54.00

**** ENTREES ****

SMOKED BISON PRIME RIB

*With Horseradish Sour Cream and Au Jus
Served with a Baked Potato*

GRILLED BISON TENDERLOIN

*Topped with a Wild Mushroom Demi Glaze
Served with Boursin Cheese Mashed Potatoes*

PAN SEARED HALIBUT STEAK

*Topped with a Asian Jicama Slaw and Sesame Seeds
Served With Wild Rice Pilaf*



Grilled
Bison Tenderloin!



Thanks to the chef
for our wonderful
dinner!

**** DESSERT ***

Fresh Strawberries with Cream or Liqueur

-Or-

House Made Bread Pudding with Whiskey Caramel Sauce

flora & fauna

Firecracker flower



castle rock

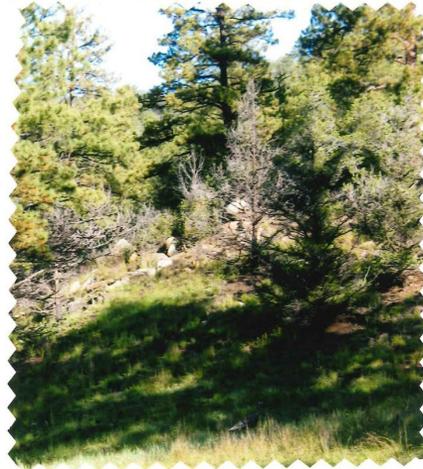


coal bed methane gas well



This bear likes chokecherries!





600,000 acres of natural majestic beauty



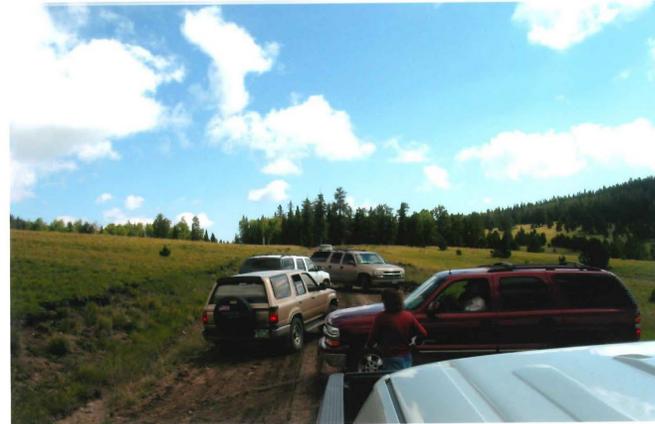


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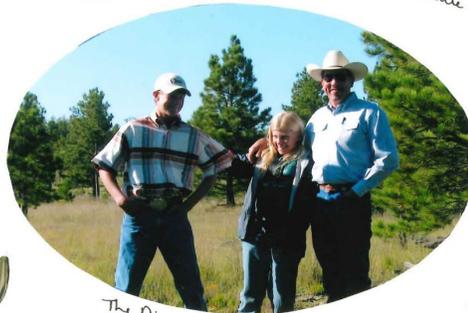


Members and families



Laurie Dineen

Tudi Arnell



The Dineen family

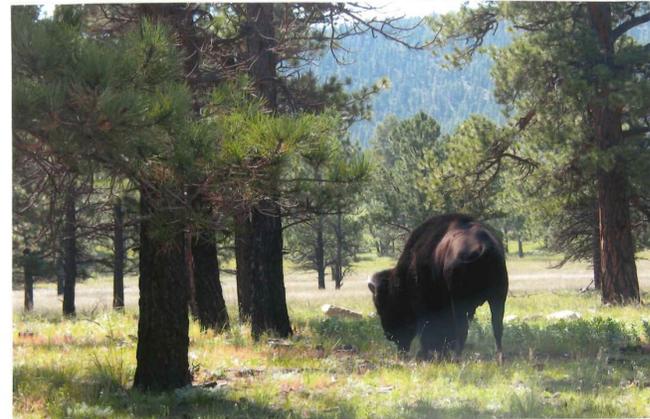


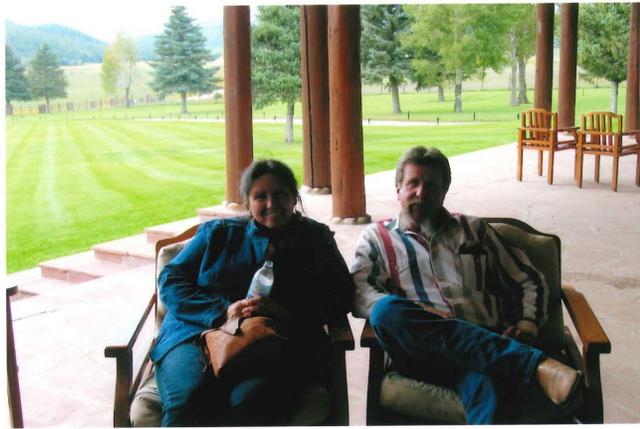
Malene Groves





The Castle Rock herd of bison with genetics from Yellowstone National Park -about 150 animals. The southern herd is 1000 animals for production



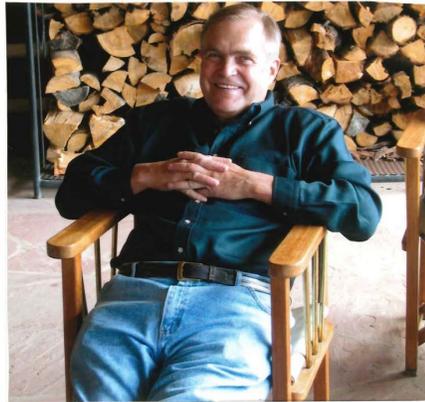


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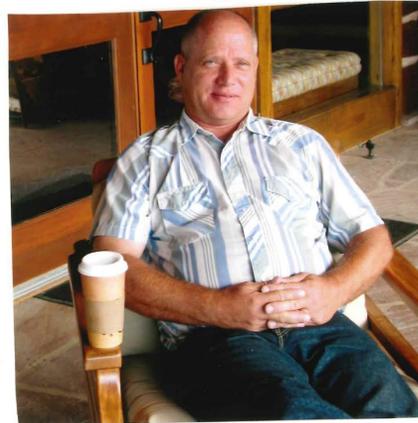


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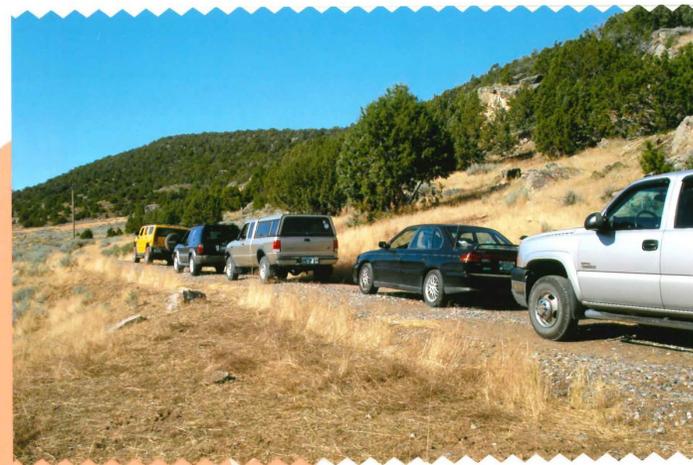
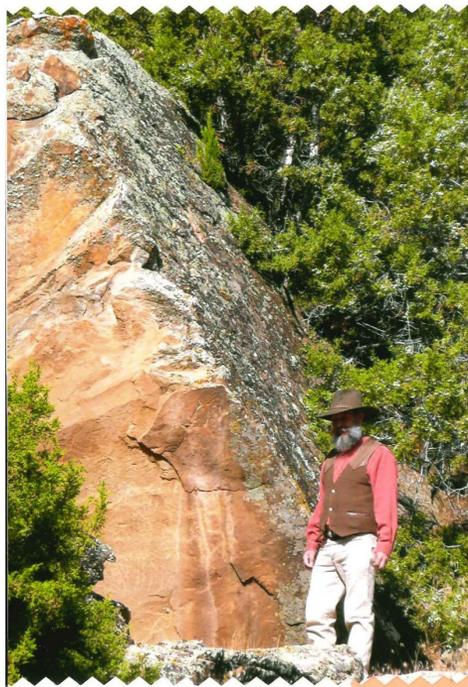
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Buffalo meat
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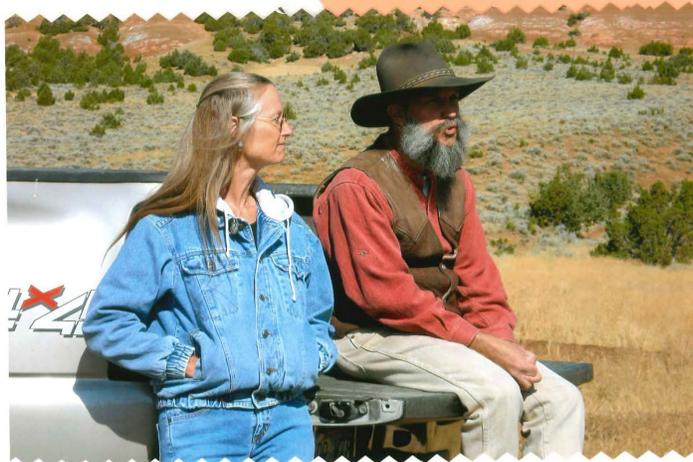
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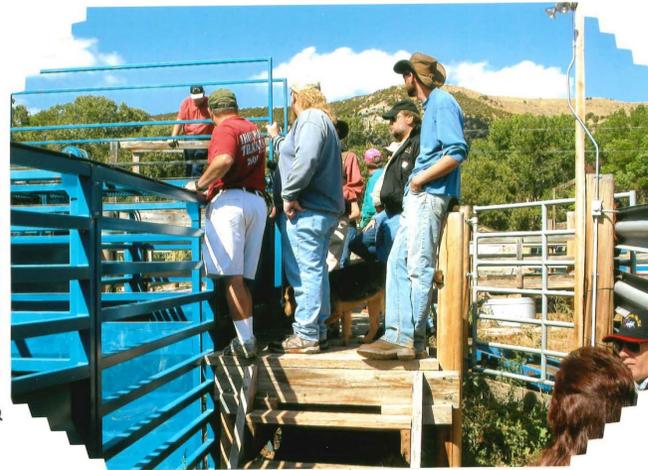


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Susan

Kathy & Mike



Working Facilities



Mike

"Buttercote the Wonder Dog!"



Dave



Patty



Susan



Kathy

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Boyd



The beautiful buffalo
at
Red Canyon Ranch

Patty Smith presenting Mike and Kathy
with our thank you gift.





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