



Recognitions and Awards

The Canadian Bison Association's success is due to the commitment of its members and other bison enthusiasts. There have been a number of ways that contributions of producers have been recognized at the national level.

Premier Exhibitor

For those who have been bringing bison to the national show and Sale, a Premier Exhibitor award was established in 1993. The award is provided annually to the producer with the highest number of points from all classes combined. The winners are listed below.

- 1993 – Dick and Irene Fish Interlake Bison Ranch, Manitoba
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- 1995 – Jack, Marie, and Jason Evans, Claire Side Bison Ranch, Saskatchewan
- 1996 – Trent Switzer Tatonka Bison Ranch, Saskatchewan
- 1997 – Allan and Laretta Schweitzer Checotah Ranch, Saskatchewan
- 1998 – Joe and Georgina Orcheski Buffalo Hill Ranch, Alberta
- 1999 - Jack, Marie, and Jason Evans, Claire Side Bison Ranch, Saskatchewan
- 2000 - Lorne, Louise, Jason, Nolan Miller Silver Creek Bison Ranch, Manitoba
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- 2004 – Ben Hudye, Hudye Farms Saskatchewan
- 2005 - Lorne, Louise, Jason, Nolan Miller Silver Creek Bison Ranch, Manitoba
- 2006 – Bill, Fay, Cindy, Sandy Bouffioux XY Bison British Columbia
- 2007 - Lorne, Louise, Jason, Nolan Miller Silver Creek Bison Ranch, Manitoba
- 2008 – Amanda Schweitzer Saskatchewan
- 2009 – Mark Silzer and Cec Stumberg Wolverine Bison Company, Saskatchewan
 - Trevor and Jodie Gompf Bison Spirit Ranch, Manitoba

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2015 – Lorne, Louise, Jason, Nolan Miller Silver Creek Bison Ranch, Manitoba
2016 – Lorne, Louise, Jason, Nolan Miller Silver Creek Bison Ranch, Manitoba



Silver Creek Bison Ranch 2016

Myrt Lenton Memorial Award



Myrt Lenton

Myrt Lenton was passionate about the bison industry. Myrt and Bill Lenton got their first bison in the mid 1960s making them one of the pioneers of the industry. After their entry into the industry, Myrt worked tirelessly to promote the industry to all. Myrt and Bill were members of the Western Canadian Buffalo Association – the precursor to the Canadian Bison Association. In 1986 she took on the task of secretary of the Canadian Bison Association and was a major force in communication through “Bison Bits” which was followed by Smoke Signals. Myrt wrote articles and volunteered her time for countless events. Unfortunately Myrt died in a car accident on November 20, 1994. It is in her memory that this award is provided.

The Myrt Lenton Memorial Award was established to recognize members of the Canadian Bison Association who have unselfishly given their time and provided their tireless effort to maintain and give purpose to membership. The award consists of a Bronzed sculpture of a bison cow with a new-born calf. Each recipient presented with the award is allowed to keep the sculpture for a year. An engraved plaque is given to the recipient to keep. The Myrt Lenton Memorial Award winners are listed below.



- 1995 - Gervais Bisson, Quebec
- 1996 - Dr. Bill and Mary Belch, Ontario
- 1997 - Don and Paulette Scott, Saskatchewan
- 1998 - Norm and Lorraine Moore, Alberta
- 1999 - Del and Cam Hansel, Colorado, USA
- 2000 - Bill Lenton, Manitoba
- 2001 - John and Joanne Dorey, Alberta
- 2002 - Clay and Jean Curry, Alberta
- 2003 - Bill and Faye Bouffioux, British Columbia
- 2004 – Jim Quick, Saskatchewan
- 2005 - Mel Mathews, British Columbia

2006 - Pierre Belanger, Ontario
2007 - Gary, Carolyn, and Brad Fakeley, Alberta
2008 - Lorne and Louise Miller, Manitoba
2009 - Ray and Audrey Blais, Saskatchewan
2010 - Rod Potter, Ontario
2011 - Len and Beverly Ross, Alberta
2012 - Terry Kremeniuk, Saskatchewan
2013 – Mark Silzer, Saskatchewan
2014 – Bernard and Isobel Vere British Columbia
2015 –Thomas Ackerman Posthumously
2016 – Dr. Murray Woodbury



Todd Dowd and 2016 Recipient Dr. Murray Woodbury

LILIANE KOT Memorial Scholarship Award



Liliane Kot devoted her life to her family, her faith and her great passion for the bison industry. She was a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother. The bison industry lost Liliane on November 5, 2007. In memory of her life, husband Bernie Kot and their children and grandchildren of K1 Bison Ranch developed the Liliane Kot Memorial Scholarship.

Each year a scholarship of \$500 is awarded to a selected individual. Each year a perpetual award is presented to the recipient who is able to keep the award for a year. An engraved gift is also given to the recipient. Criteria for the scholarship include:

- Be active members or their families must be active members in the Canadian Bison Association
- Actively involved in some sector of the bison industry
- Applicants must be attending or accepted into post secondary education or training.

Scholarship winners to date include:

2009 – Heather Van Haren Alberta
2010 – Brooke Korte Saskatchewan
2011 – Cali Lewis Alberta
2012 - Shauna Griller Saskatchewan
2013 – Gina Van Haren Alberta
2014 – Taisha Tenaschuck, Saskatchewan
2015 – Jessica Boos, Alberta
2016 – Danielle Moran Manitoba & Colton Lewis Alberta



Danielle Moran 2016



Colton Lewis 2016