

# You Did It ... Thank You So Very Much From The Hags On Nags Riding Group

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Sponsored by the riding group, Hags on Nags (HONS), 168 horses and riders participated in the Pink Ribbon Ride for the Cure on Sunday, Oct. 4, a cool, cloudy and definitely brisk Sunday at Kettle Moraine Ranch near Eagle. \$17,475.95 was collected for the Wisconsin Breast Cancer Coalition (WBCC), from donations collected by participating riders, silent auction items bid and won, raffle tickets sold and other donations. The Pink Ribbon Ride was dedicated to loved ones who have battled breast cancer and to HON member Suzanne Daniels Shadel, who passed away from breast cancer five years ago. Her sister, daughter and grandchildren were on hand for the ride.

Each rider was asked to donate at least \$35 for early registration, or \$40 on the day of the ride. 12-year-old Breanna Vaughn of Nashotah, had the largest donation of \$1,200. Her grandfather had agreed to double the donations she collected; she collected more than \$600 and her grandfather kept his word and matched it. Karin Stork of Whitewater contributed \$1,023.

The Pink Ribbon Ride for the Cure was especially meaningful for HON member Ellen Pautsch, Beloit, who was riding a horse that had belonged to her good friend who passed away from breast cancer four years ago.

Local companies and individuals made contributions toward advertising, food and miscellaneous expenses, as well as donating silent auction items. Al and Cindy Gagliano, both cancer survivors themselves, allowed HON to use their ranch as the headquarters for the ride. A special thank you to those companies and individuals and to Al and his crew. Without them, our benefit ride would not have been possible.

There were 105 silent auction items sold, as well raffle tickets for four unique donated items. The winner of the raffle for a beautiful handmade quilt was P.J. Deschler of Roscoe, Ill. The custom sign certificate by SignWorks was won by Ginny Hoff of Edgerton. The Chris



Family Ride

Cox training DVDs went to Joice Campbell, Cary, Ill., and the Riverside Bed and Breakfast certificate was won by Steve Hepp, Watertown.

Suzanne Daniels Shadel's husband made a special monetary donation to be used toward the purchase and printing of t-shirts for this special day. The first 50 riders received a free t-shirt and many other t-shirts were sold, which added to HON's donation to WBCC.

Besides the wonderful trail riding, the day offered other activities. Riders could enjoy a fun course of challenges including a "car wash" with swinging foam noodles and a duck pond where riders tried capturing pink rubber ducks. Susan Peterson, Kindred Spirits

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Highest Donations from Karin Stork and Breanna Vaughn.



Kettle Moraine Ranch

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Equine Massage, did horse massages, with donations going to the WBCC. The Kettle Moraine Rough Riders Drill Team pleased the crowd with two performances. Joe Roberts and the Country Classics performed classic country hits in the warmth of the big barn.

Experiences were shared and the beautiful Kettle Moraine trails enjoyed while supporting the fight against one of the deadliest diseases, breast cancer.

The enthusiastic comments and tremendous support this ride received from riders has encouraged HON to consider undertaking another benefit ride next year. Several ladies joined HON as a result of their experience that day.



### Rest Time

How can we describe our experience in sponsoring the Pink Ribbon Ride for the Cure? Incredible, and beyond our

wildest expectations, hopes and dreams. It was a day we won't forget.