

# Hags on Nags

## January 2010 Newsletter

### 2010 Hags on Nags Membership

It's a new year.....a time to reflect on the past and plan for the future. This holds true for many things...including your 2010 Hags on Nags membership.



I wrote about it last year, but I think it warrants repeating. Our beloved horses are definitely on to something! No one has to tell them why a herd is important, but have *you* ever considered the perks of being part of a "herd?" Whether horses or humans, the benefits of being part of a herd are very much the same.

- 1) There is a certain **safety** when you are with others vs. alone. Even insurance now!
- 2) The herd also provides **support and encouragement** when you need it. And you will.
- 3) The herd provides **playmates!!!!** And lots of fun and laughs!
- 4) Another benefit of the herd is in **accessing resources**.....borrow, share, etc.
- 5) Let's not forget about accessing the **collective wisdom** of the herd. Great networking.

6) Herd mates can also **provide comfort** in times of loss.

I could expand on all of those things, but I think you all get the point. Whatever your involvement in Hags on Nags has been in the past, a new year is a perfect time to set new goals. Please take the time to consider the benefits of being part of the Hags on Nags "Herd." Your involvement *at any level* is welcomed and appreciated and where else can you get so much for so little?

Send **\$10** membership to **Sherri Torrison** at *8235 Hwy KK Milton, WI 53563*

## Coming Soon.....

### Mark Your Calendar for our Annual Meeting



**Saturday, January 23!** That's the date set for our annual meeting. We have only one meeting all year long so PLEASE plan to attend! This year we will meet at the **Johnstown Community Center**, *9937 E County Road A, Janesville, WI 53546* at **10:00 a.m.** As a special treat for 2010, all members attending the meeting will receive a special HON "thank you" gift. (Sorry, I won't be

mailing anything...you have to be there!) **Diane F** will coordinate the fixins' for a wonderful brunch, so watch for notice about what to bring. We'll have some socializing time and then will roll up our sleeves to plan events for the whole year. Please put this important meeting on your calendar and plan to attend.

### Tack Sale

The Jefferson Co. Tack Sale is **Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**. As a "perk" for our members, the Hags on Nags Saddle Club has reserved two tables for those of you that have things to sell. The sale is located at the **Jefferson County Fairgrounds** *503 N. Jackson St. in Jefferson, WI*. The admission cost is \$2 per person. Doors open at **9:00 am** (no early sales) and all vendors are asked to stay until 1:30 p.m. We will need volunteers to sit at the tables and someone to coordinate a schedule, get start up cash, set up and take down the tables. Sellers keep 100% of their profits but are asked to respect space constraints and spend time supervising the tables. If you are willing to coordinate the day, please contact me ([slrogers@idcnet.com](mailto:slrogers@idcnet.com)) right away!

## You "Herd" it Here First...

Our club continues to grow and it is exciting to see how it evolves with that growth. The Filly Forum was created as the club grew, and the forum will continue to evolve with more responsibilities throughout 2010. I would also like to propose that our membership database be re-organized to become more user-friendly. Since our membership has branched out throughout the state (and beyond!), I think it would be helpful to organize into "districts" so that riders can more easily find each other. **Diane F** has volunteered to do this "range" organization, so if you have comments or suggestions or questions, please contact her. ([dpapcke@centurytel.net](mailto:dpapcke@centurytel.net)) Watch for more details as the 2010 membership comes together.

## Return Trip to South Dakota?



If you have any interest in joining Les and I (and others!) in our pilgrimage to the Black Hills of South Dakota, **now** is the time to start making definite plans! Many of you have made the trip in the past and have enjoyed the stay at Elkhaven Horse Camp near Keystone.

In 2010 we will make the trip on **June 19<sup>th</sup>** and spend the week soaking up the sunshine and beautiful scenery. Check out the website <http://www.elkhavenhorsecamp.com/index.html> or talk to me about details. This might be our last trip out there for awhile, so please consider joining us!

## Country Care Program Ends

*I recently received the following notice about an end to the money making program we have enjoyed over the past several years. Every time a HON member purchased something from the catalog, a portion went to our club. Not any more...*

As a participant of the Country Care program, we want to take the time to say thank you for your support. Pets United appreciates having had the opportunity to work and help your organization achieve its goals over the past year. After evaluating the program results and the effect of the current economic environment, Pets United, LLC has made a decision to not continue supporting the program. We will be reevaluating this program in the future and we will contact you if we decide to reactive the program. Regrettably, there will be no further distribution of funds to participating organization that had cumulated less than \$50.00 prior to Sept. 21, 2009.



Speaking of members, we had two new members join in December. Please join me in welcoming Karen F. and Linda W. to our "herd."

**Karen F** lives in Rockford, IL and owns 4 Paso Finos...three mares and a gelding. Karen has many diverse interests, from scuba diving to travel to cooking, gardening and medicine. She's loved horses all her life but has only been an owner for the past several years. **Linda W** lives in Slinger, WI. She has a registered Belgian gelding and plans to buy a trailer soon. Linda volunteers at Rides and Reins, a therapeutic riding facility. She has artistic talent and has done a lot of work on horse farms and is currently managing some of the day to day activities at R & R.



## News From Our Members

\*\*\*\*\* Did you travel over the holidays? **Diane and Floyd** went to Florida and **Sandy and Les** went to California and **Ronda S** went to Texas, all to visit relatives. Business took **Kris A** to CA in December. **Linda and Dan** left right after Christmas with their horses to spend a month in Arizona. **Sibyl** is currently in Germany! How about the rest of you? Hope you all enjoyed the holidays.... where ever you have been or plan to go!

\*\*\*\*\* **Natalie** and her boyfriend recently bought a small farmette, moving from Milwaukee to Kewaskum, WI. While she's finding out how much work is involved with it all, Natalie is enjoying the opportunity to have her two horses in her backyard finally.

\*\*\*\*\* **Sharon S** wants to share information about a Horse Related Facebook organization....Read about the Horse Angels.

Horselovers can accomplish miracles, as a group of Facebookers are proving each and every week. The group, headed up by Sharon Catalano-Crumb, has made it their mission to save each and every horse destined for slaughter at the Camelot Auction House in Cranberry, NJ; every week, the messages of hope and support fly on Facebook, as the group rallies to raise donations to bail the horses out, pay for transportation and quarantine, and to secure permanent homes for these helpless creatures who depend on people like this to take care of them in their time of need. The tireless efforts of Sharon and her group over the past several weeks have secured the lives of each and every horse that would have otherwise endured a torturous journey to an even more torturous and

unthinkable end at one of the slaughterhouses in Canada or Mexico, to ultimately end up on the plates of some foreign country who condones the eating of these magnificent, intelligent, and caring creatures. The horses that come through the auction house include former racers, children's ponies, show horses, jumpers and dressage, larger "work horses", and even donkeys; some are neglected or in need of rehab; a great many are only in need of a home and a forever friend. This group, dedicated though they are, needs your help. They are desperately in need of donations, no matter how small (it all adds up!); donated or low-cost transportation, sanctuary or foster homes, and permanent homes. The horses are being transported all over the country, to wherever they need to go to find safety and care. This group will not give up; they grow in numbers each and every week, and will continue to accomplish miracles with continued and growing support.

For anyone interested in watching the action and participating in the group discussions and efforts, use your Facebook account (or create one if you don't have one yet), and send friend-requests to the following people:

Sharon Catalano-Crumb - our fearless leader; posts notes and pictures as soon as she receives them, in constant communication with Rebecca, Dee and Kara (see below) from Thursday morning until they are all safe. Keeps track of who is available and makes sure to bail out as many as we can as we go along. Amy Butewicz - Our auction girl who goes and gets pictures and descriptions each week Kara Vik - teams horses bailed out up with the people who want a horse, some are specifically requested horses. Rebecca Montaldo is teamed up with Sharon to make sure NO horse is overlooked. Dee D'Antonio Iannello - the person you call if you bailed out a horse and need to know how to get it to you. Dee will be in contact with Stacy Hindt regarding the transport needs of horses we bail out and the availability at Stacy's. Stacy Hindt - Our local transportation expert who also quarantines and provides temporary placement when she has room. Sharon posts the pictures of the horses needing rescue on her profile, in a photo album titled "NJ Killpen Horses [date]". She also maintains an album of those that have been rescued to date, titled "Horses saved from NJ Killpen". Many adopters also post photos of their horses, safe and happy in their new homes. Donations can be made as follows:

PayPal is the safest way to send money on line!!

First you need to make an account using your credit card! Then follow these steps!

1. Go to top of page select "Send Money"
2. Paste working4them@gmail.com on "To" box - This account is set up specifically for this effort, and gets the funds to Sharon at the Auction House quickly so that she can post bail.
3. Put in amount ... See More
4. Select "personal"
5. Select "Gift"
6. Select "continue"

**NJ Killpen Horse Rescue Facebook Group Horse Angels**

\*\*\*\*\* From **Babs H**, our NOB (North of the Border) HON  
**Greetings from the Hag up North**



I, for one, am glad to see the end of 2009. It has not been the best year for me and this last month when we were supposed to experience happiness and joy during the Holiday Season; I had the most miserable Christmas ever. Other than Christmas Eve where I managed to spend some time with my youngest son and his girlfriend, the rest of the days were spent alone...so very alone. My oldest son had to stay near the base where he

is stationed (on Vancouver Island) so a visit with him was not possible. Ian, my husband, is serving in Afghanistan and was not able to be home so the holidays were some of the loneliest days I have ever experienced. I did decorate my house and even managed to bring a little bit of atmosphere into the place but it just was not the same without him. For company I had my old Border Collie Lili inside (she is old and has problems with one of her hips) and my black cat Pumpkin. Pretty sad eh?

Christmas Eve and the days following brought a lot of blowing snow our way. So much so that by the time my son and his girlfriend left, the long ½ mile driveway was filled in with snow and even with a four wheel drive vehicle, there was no way to get through. I was stranded but was ok with that. Didn't have plans to go anywhere anyhow. The tractor my husband bought just this past summer wouldn't start so we couldn't use that to plough the snow. We had such cold weather at the beginning of December that the tractor just froze. We don't use it often enough without hubby being home so it just sat in the cold and froze...sigh. Go figure.

We finally made the decision to put our little Appendix Quarter Horse Mare in for some serious training. She is proving to be quite catty and since she is running horse bred top and bottom; we might have to make the decision to sell her. She is too much for me and will definitely be too much for my husband as he hardly rides at all. This girl needs to be worked continuously and is just wasting her talent at my place. She would make an awesome barrel horse!! So after three months of training, we may put her up for sale. My husband doesn't want to part with her (he has had her since she was a weanling) but her talent needs to be furthered on by someone who knows their stuff. We don't.

I also have my Morgan gelding Eddie back at the stable where they have an indoor riding arena. He spent one month with a trainer and I am excited about trying him out. I haven't ridden him in a couple of months and although he is back at the stable waiting for me, I have been pretty sick the last two weeks so am unable to ride.

One of my new tasks for the New Year is that I now sit on the Manitoba Light Horse Association Board as a Director. My new position has me taking care of the Quarterly Newsletter, as well as organizing our participation in two Parades that Brandon hosts. I

am really excited about this new venture although I am also nervous. Our first Newsletter is out in January 2010 and I haven't gotten it finished yet!! Yikes!

I am really excited for the 8<sup>th</sup> of January to come around as my husband will be home for a visit for approximately three weeks! Then at the end of January he will head back to Afghanistan until some time in May/June. This will be his last visit home until he returns permanently. I can't wait. I have missed him so much. I think as you grow older you really do realize the important things in your life...and your "other half" is very important!

My resolution for the New Year is quite easy...get off my butt and get on with it... whatever "IT" may be. Plain and simple!

I wish you all a Happy New Year!!

Your NOB HON, Babs

## January Birthdays

- Debbie M January 12
- Martha F January 12
- Ann P January 16
- Lee R January 26
- Laura K January 31



Remember, birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live!!! Happy Birthday to you all!

Happy Trails, Sandy

