



Northland 300 Ride

Northland 300 Snowmobilers Raise \$182,000 Plus for Special Olympics!

Riding for a Reason! Lack of snow didn't stop Northland 300 snowmobilers from raising funds and riding for a cause near and dear to their heart, Special Olympics Minnesota. Opening Ceremonies held Thursday, January 26 at Superior Shores Resort in Two Harbors kicked off the 24th annual event. Special Olympics athletes from the Two Harbors area ran in the "Flame of Hope" for the first time in 2012. Special Guest Mayor of Two Harbors, Randy Bolen, wished 74 riders well. Jim Glaser sang the National Anthem and Two Harbors American Legion Color Guard were present. A special invocation was given by Father Michael Lyons from Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Two Harbors. Riders departed in teams, stopping at checkpoints along the way before arriving in Tower where sleds were dropped and the riding began on area lakes and trails.

Announced at Saturday's evening banquet, 2012 Northland 300 snowmobilers raised \$182,456 (\$146,022 Cash + \$36,434 In-Kind) for Special Olympics Minnesota.

The Baker's Dozen (top 13 fundraisers) raised a total of \$73,703. Special Awards were presented to riders and Gold, Silver and Bronze Sponsors and Partners of the Northland 300. Marc Williams and Kathy Karkula were recognized for being involved with the Northland 300 for all 24 years.

Winners of the 2012 Northland 300 Raffle:

1ST PRIZE: Vera Olsen, Two Harbors, MN (2011 Yamaha Grizzly 550 FI ATV-Sponsored by Hitching Post Motorsports)

2ND PRIZE: Mike Walker, New Richmond, WI (\$1000 Cash-Sponsored by Ken Deminsky, Northland 300 Participant)

3RD PRIZE: Bill St. Martin, Mendota, MN (Brainerd International Raceway Performance Driving School for One Person-Sponsored by Brainerd International Raceway)

4TH PRIZE: Terry Kubach, White Bear Lake, MN (\$700 Travel Voucher-Sponsored by IBEW Local 110)

5TH PRIZE: Ken Deminsky, Champlin, MN (Champagne Weekend for Two at Superior Shores Resort-Donated by Superior Shores Resort, Two Harbors, MN)

6TH PRIZE: Bob Hoppe, Vadnais Heights, MN (Fortune Bay Weekend for Two-Sponsored by Fortune Bay Casino Resort)

7TH PRIZE: Shawn Novak, Savage, MN (\$500 Gas Card-Sponsored by Ken Deminsky, Northland 300 Participant)

8TH PRIZE: Roxi Lovgrer, Somerset, WI (\$500 Cub Grocery Card-Sponsored by Foley & Mansfield, PLLP)

9TH PRIZE: Don Briner, Canyon, MN (\$400 Gift Certificate-Tire Proz-Donated by Tire Proz - Stillwater & Hudson)

10TH PRIZE: Tim Peters, Minneapolis, MN (\$350 Store Gift Certificate-Stillwater Discount Package-Sponsored by Discount Tires - Stillwater)

Northland 300 participants have raised more than \$3.6 Million for Special Olympics Minnesota in 24 years.

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