



# REELS AND SPUDS

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**\*\*\*NEW\*\*\* IRONWORKERS LOCAL 752 WEBSITE...CHECK IT OUT!!**

[www.ironworkerslocal752.com](http://www.ironworkerslocal752.com)

## Seasons Greetings and Best Wishes for a Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

Roderick MacLennan, Business Manager

John Wilson, President, Training Coordinator and Business Agent



Executive Members:

George MacDougall, Kenny Lake,  
Major Gullickson, Stephen Richards

Tim Jardine and Henry Budge

Art Fougere, Vice-President

## Announcing...

With deepest sympathy from your brothers...

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of Brothers John Brenna, Lawrence Desrosiers, Brian Dunn and Roy MacNeill who passed away during the year.

## Dues Reminder...

\*\*If you don't work the first week of the month, your employer does not deduct dues for that month.\*\*

\*\*If you fall behind 6 months, you become suspended from the Union.\*\*

***Please check with the Union Office on your standing.***

## Notes from the desk...

Please remember to forward any changes of addresses to the Union Office. This is important so that you may continue to receive your dues receipts, taxation receipts and correspondence.

## PIN PARTY

**We are planning a pin party for 25 year plus members..information will be forthcoming..**

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## *YOUR SAFETY – YOUR LIFE*

We are taking part in a technical review of the Crane Operators Regulations and Fall Protection Regulations with the Department of Labour and Workforce Development. It is hoped that this will be concluded in 2009..

We all need each other – Work Safety!



## IN THE NEWS.....

NS Power is planning to convert the old Power Plant (now a movie studio) on Water Street in Halifax into their main office. A big ironwork job! The 176,000 sq ft sports facility in Halifax will start this Spring, 1000 tons of steel.

Tenders are out on work at the Sydney Tar Ponds; this is a multi-million dollar project unique to our area as this is a contaminated site.

Our contractors are “busy preparing tenders”; they advise that the first 6 months look good!

Infrastructure from the Federal Government will build and repair many bridges, water treatment facilities, sewage treatment facilities and hockey rinks. We should see these projects by Summer and thru 2010.

Although the West is slowing down, we expect there will continue to be work for many of our members as they have developed a good reputation. Despite the economic outlook, we shall do well this year.

## YEAR END SCOOPS



As we look back at 2008, it was a very positive year. We had a lot of work and there were times we were short on some jobs. There was an abundance of work in Western Canada and many members were able to get employment there for which we are grateful.

A new collective Agreement for Cape Breton Island was signed in July.

The financial picture for the Local remains stable as reflected in our audit, in fact we had an increase in revenue and expenses remained steadfast.

Our website has been upgraded. If you have any suggestions, please let us know.

The employment outlook is very good for at least the first 6 months of 2009, both in Cape Breton and Mainland.



and Staff MESSAGES FROM THE TRAINING OFFICE

It has been a very busy year as always with training. The following is a summary of what has taken place:

- ~8 welding tests (over 100 members)
- ~5 demand First Aid Training sessions (approximately 60 members)
- ~6 demand Fall Protection courses (approximately 80 members)
- ~5 Zoomboom/Scissorlift courses (approximately 70 members)
- ~Rigging (15 members)
- ~On-line WHMIS & Safety Orientation (20 members)
- ~Confined Space (20 members)
- ~Leadership for Safety Excellence (25 members)
- ~Hazard ID (2 members)
- ~Fall Protection Supervisor (1 member)
- ~Construction Safety Supervisor (1 member)
- ~WHMIS Supervisor (1 member)

We would also like to acknowledge the successful completion of the Better SuperVision course by the following members:

Bill Gillis	James Miller	Ken Green
Kris Lockhart	Mark Shields	Corey Langille
Luke Cuvilier		

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our congratulations to those members who completed their Red Seal Upgrade course via Ironworkers Local 725 Red Seal On-line Training Program. Lawrence Boyd was the on-line instructor and did an outstanding job. Thanks Lawrence! The following are a list of members who passed:

Bill Thomas	David C. Beaver	Joe MacDougall
Neil Horne	Randy Hiltz	Mike Oickle (results unknown)

This on-line course was conducted by the Ironworkers Local 752 Training Office and partially funded by the NS Department of Education.

We are just finishing up a classroom Red Seal course and the following members are registered to write on December 20, 2008:

Donald MacDonald, Doug Jeffrey, Brendon Tate, John Luddington, Larry Tate, Ron Boudreau, David Bowie, Gerald Breen Sr., Gerald Breen Jr., Bernie MacDonnell, Chris Britten, Paul Gallant, Frank MacFarlane.

Good Luck to you all! If there are any members interested in obtaining their Red Seal, please contact John Wilson.

It has been a full year for the Apprentices too! The following group of first year students just completed December 12, 2008:

Joey Anderson, Scott Pearce, Robert Fraser, Darren Banks, Kyle Bisonette, Matthew Perrott, Justin Brown, Brian Cotter, Dale Dugas, Jaeson Fredericks, Ben Jollimore, Josh Wedlake, Jon Nickerson and Josh Murray.

Our next group to start in January will be writing their Red Seal in February 2009:

Stephen Dedrick, Joe Clarke, Cory Angowski, Josh LeBlanc, Scott Quinn, Jon MacDonald, Michel Theriault, Jody Withrow, Sean-Paul Thibeault, Pat Asseff and Wayne Wright.

Level 2 students to start in March:

Adam Campbell, Quentin Asseff, Sean Carter, Ken Lowther, Glen Marchand, Brian Martell, Matthew Byrne, Doug Joyce, Andrew Nickel, Scott Graham, Sean Nickerson, Jeff Kennedy, Geoff White, Shane Pettipas and Joel Redden.

All welding tests and scheduled demand training will be posted on our website. Please check it regularly and leave your comments, suggestions, and e-mail addresses.

From the Training Office, Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

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### **DID YOU KNOW????**

~We have more than 4000 bridges in Nova Scotia.

~Moe Lamirande, a long time member of this Local, now retired, was inducted into the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame. Moe played professional hockey for many years. Congratulations Moe!!



