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TARABISH

Tuesday 7:00 p.m downstairs

POOL

Wed. 7:00 p.m. - Downstairs

BINGO

THURSDAY, 7:00 PM

UPSTAIRS

WASHER TOSS

Friday 7:00 p.m.

Downstairs

THE CIRCLE

Saturday

7:00 p.m Upstairs

45s CARD GAME

EVERY MONDAY

7:30 pm

INSTALLATION OF
OFFICERS

Wednesday

Jan. 17th at 7:00 pm

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NEW YEARS EVE

North Sydney Fire Hall
Pierce Street, North Sydney
Sunday, December 31st
9:00 - 1:00

\$20.00 per person
Finger Foods, Party
Favors
& Fireworks

A Reminder to all Clubs, and
Organizations that our deadline
for news is Tuesday at 5:00 pm
in order to make it into
Wednesday's edition.

**BRANCH 008 LEGION
N E W
YEARS TICKETS -**

**Roast
Beef**

Supper 6:30 - 8:00, Eat
In Only, Music by
Tommy Capstick -
\$25.00 per ticket avail-
able at Downstairs bar.

SUNDAY BINGO

Sydney Mines Seniors &
Pensioners, Club Fraser Av-
enue, Sydney Mines - **2:00 pm**

NO BINGO THIS WEEK

**Merry Christmas To All
Our Members**

MONDAY FUN NIGHT - 7 PM

45^S CARD GAME

Wednesdays 7:30 pm

No Dance Next Week
Due To Christmas
Holidays
New Years Dance
Paul Woodfine and
Backroads playing
\$15.00 each
Time - 9:00 - 1:00

SATURDAY DANCE

8 - 12 - \$5.00 at Door

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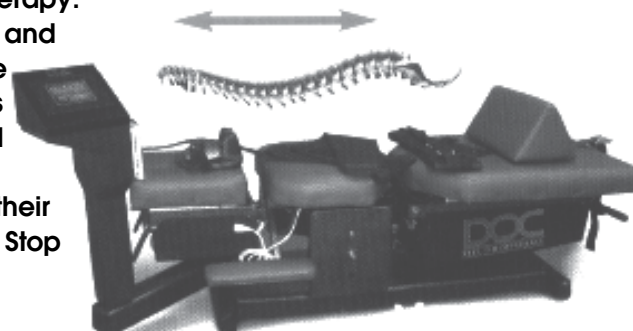
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LITTLE WAS KNOWN ABOUT THE 4TH KING

New Years Levee & House Decorating

New Deal Development Ltd. Sydney Mines is co-sponsoring the Sydney Mines New Years Levee along with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 008 Sydney Mines.



It will be held at Branch 008 Legion on Main Street, Sydney Mines.

ate: Sunday, January, 7, 2024

Wine and cheese, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Speeches and greetings, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Music and lunch, 4:00 - 7:00 pm.

Judging of Best Decorated house in Sydney Mines lights is Wednesday, December 27th from 6:00 - 9:00 pm

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BRANCH 008 LEGION - SYDNEY MINES

TUESDAY NIGHT BINGO - 7:30 PM

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NEW HOURS - 1:00 - 12:00 - Monday - Saturday - Closed Sunday

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Take 2

PAUL POWER

The last time I was at a New Year's Eve dance the DJ played a song by Jive Bunny & the Mastermixers; as a former DJ I was surprised to hear it because it was a long time since I had a request to play that song, but the crowd loved it and filled the dancefloor. Jive Bunny is actually the father and son team of John and Andrew Pickles who took the original mega-mixes by England DJ/producer Les Hemstock; he worked his audio magic for the Music Factory's Mastermix DJ music service (suppliers of special mixes and collections for DJ's). John and Andrew created instrumental music beds to link the samples of hundreds of songs from various decades; the first being "Swing The Mood", released in 1989. The song soon became their first UK number 1 hit-and eventually topped the charts in 10 other countries. The track used Glenn Miller's "In The Mood" as the intro and closer, with samples of Bill Haley and the Comets, Danny and the Juniors, Elvis Presley and



Haley and the Comets, Danny and the Juniors, Elvis Presley and the Everly Brothers wedged in-between. There were copyright issues when they tried to release the British versions in North America, so that's why some of the Jive Bunny stuff sounds different. That success led to hit number 2; "That's What I Like" shot right to number 1 in the UK in October of 1989 and stayed there for 3 weeks, and in other countries. The track used the theme from the TV show "Hawaii-5-0" to open and close the mix, with samples from Dion, Chubby Checker, Little Richard and more. I know there's people out there (especially DJ's) who cringe at the very mention of Jive Bunny & the Mastermixers, considering the songs 'cheesy', but many people love the mixes. So unless you are lactose-intolerant musically, a little cheese (courtesy of Jive Bunny & the Mastermixers) never hurt anyone.

AROUND THE TOWN

NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS EVENTS

GLEN GRAY - EDITOR

Sell, **Christmas** has come and gone once again and this year we were in the midst of moving into **seniors housing** and there was chaos for several weeks as we downsized from one apartment to the other but finally on **Christmas Eve** we finished up and celebrated Christmas in our new apartment - thank you to all who helped us in the move in all the rain and wind..... To help celebrate **New Years**, there are several options for you this year - the North Sydney Fire Hall will have a **New Years Dance** on Sunday, December 31st from 9:00 - 1:00, see page 2 for details - Branch 008 Legion in Sydney Mines is offering a **Roast Beef Supper** 6:30 - 8:00, eat In Only, Dance to follow with Tommy Capstick - \$25.00 per ticket.... the Sydney Mines Seniors Club is holding a **New Years Dance**, with Paul Woodfine and Backroads playing \$15.00 each - Time - 9:00 - 1:00 New Deal Development Ltd. Sydney Mines is co-sponsoring the **Sydney Mines New Years Levee** along with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 008 Sydney Mines - it will be held at Branch 008 Legion on Main Street, Sydney Mines - **Sunday, January, 7, 2024** - Wine and cheese, 2:00 - 3:00 pm, Speeches and greetings, 3:00 - 4:00 pm, Music and lunch, 4:00 - 7:00 pm... if you are looking for some things to keep visiting children entertained, **THIS WEEK COMMUNITY NEWS** has collected a variety of children's activities that you can use this year to keep them occupied while you prepare the Christmas Dinner - logon to our website - www.kleeradio.com - and click on the Christmas Page Link where you will find over **100 activities** to keep them amused..... on page 6 you will find a new years story about the **Annual Polar Bear Dip**, this is a true story and I never tire reliving it at new years..... I just wanted to let you know how compassionate **Northside people** are - I now walk with a cane and whenever I am carrying a package, or climbing a step, many people offer to assist me and I want to acknowledge your **thoughtfulness** at this special time of year - **Merry Christmas** to all of you and **be safe** in the new year and we'll see you back here in 2024 - If you need a new **2024 calendar**, find it on our **DOWNLOADS** page - www.kleeradio.com



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THIS WEEK COMMUNITY NEWS has collected a variety of children's activities that you can use this year to keep them occupied while you prepare the Christmas Dinner.

Logon to our website - www.kleeradio.com - and click on the Christmas Page Link. There you will find a whole slew of activities such as - 120 Craft Projects, Stories, Color Pages, Find The Differences, Masks, Hidden Objects, Cutouts, Board Games, Mazes, Crossword, Tic Tac Toe, Word Search, I Spy and Paper Airplanes to mention a few.

There is also a Bingo Game and you can print as many cards as you want and the Bingo caller software will display the random numbers for the game, a great time killer and you can have some dollar store items on hand as prizes.

In addition, we also have a variety of audio stories to occupy their time. Stories such as - Aladdin and His Magic Lamp, The Gingerbread Boy, Dr. Seuss Green Eggs and Ham, Joseph's Coat Of Many Colors, Peter & The Wolf, The Shoemaker and The Elves, Dumbo, The Princess & The Pea, Tweety Pie, Mickey Mouses's Birthday, The Three Little Pigs, Prince Bertie & The Dragon, Puss In Boots, Ferdnan The Bull, The Grasshopper and The Ants, Moses In The Bullushes, Little Red Riding Hood, Winnie The Pooh & Tigger, How The Camel Got His Hump and The Missing Bunny will provide hours of entertainment.

Easy To Keep New Years Resolutions

- 1 - I resolve to not roll my eyes when my neighbours start to brag about their children and their accomplishments.
- 2 - I resolve not to eat chopped liver ever.
- 3 - I resolve to eat dessert first whenever I feel like it and not be concerned about what others think.
- 4 - I resolve not to act my age. I've got this far in life and I'll throw a tantrum whenever I feel like it.
- 5 - I resolve not to feel embarrassed going out in public in my pajama bottoms.
- 6 - I resolve to finish all the DIY projects I started and abandoned in 2022, or, well, maybe just one of them
- 7 - I resolve not to get into any more Facebook snits even though some of my friends are \$%^&.

Christmas Traditions Around The World

MARTINIQUE - In the French Caribbean island of Martinique, la ribote is a longstanding tradition where families visit their neighbors during Advent and on New Year's Day bearing holiday food like yams, boudin créole, pâtés salés, and pork stew. They sing Christmas carols together into the early hours of the morning, adding their own creole verses to traditional lyrics.

NORWAY - In Norway, the Christmas season, called julebord, begins Dec. 3, filling up local bars and restaurants throughout the month. Families celebrate Little Christmas on Dec. 23; each have their own ritual for the day that may include decorating the tree, making a gingerbread house, and eating risengrøt (hot rice pudding).

IRELAND

The Irish leave a tall red candle in a front window overnight, a welcoming symbol of warmth

and shelter for the holiday season. Traditional Christmas fare in Ireland often includes homemade roast goose, vegetables, cranberries, and potatoes.

BARBADOS

A Christmas table in Barbados isn't complete without a baked ham decorated with pineapple and sorrel glazes, a rum cake, and Jug Jug, a dish inspired by the Scottish influence on the island combining pigeon peas, guinea corn flour, herbs, and salt meat.

POLAND - On Christmas Eve in Poland, many families share opłatek (an unleavened religious wafer), each person breaking off a piece as they wish

CHURCH DIRECTORY

St Matthew Wesley United Church Church service is held on Sunday at 27 St Columba Drive, Leitches Creek at 11:00 am. ALL ARE WELCOME - the office phone number is 902-577-8472

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BRANCH 008 UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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Annual Polar Bear Dip

There's a New Year's Day tradition in many cold, icy towns and villages that never fails to draw the curious and the crazies. I'm speaking of the annual Polar Bear Dip where normally sane and rational people don skimpy bathing suits and run into ice cold, frigid ocean water. Why do they do this? Most people say it's for a lark, others say it's to keep them from getting colds and others are just plain drunk or stupid....or both.

At any rate, it was always something our family went to see during the Christmas vacation. We would pile in the car all dressed in winter boots and winter jackets and head down to South Bar where the cold waters of the Atlantic Ocean waited. The area that the swimmers would enter the water was known locally as Polar Bear because even in the heat of summer the water was extremely cold.



Many people bring cameras and cheer on the brave souls and usually the local TV station and newspaper cover the event. We usually took a camera to take some pictures. This year, 1988, we had a special reason to be there. Our Uncle Ned decided to become a Polar Bear. He wasn't especially athletic and he was usually pale so we wondered why he would want to try this.

When the time came for the swimmers to go in, a starter would line the swimmers up and set off a starter pistol and they all ran and dived into the water. As I've said, Ned wasn't particularly athletically gifted so when the starter's gun went off, Ned surged forward but he started to slip and lose his footing. He grabbed at the nearest handhold which happened to be Nellie Pearson's butt. She retaliated with a slap that sent Ned swirling to the right. Again he grabbed for a handhold and it was the back of Sammy Dufour's swim trunks.

Down went Ned, down went Sammy's trunks. The two of them were sliding and slipping until they both entered the water, Sammy minus his trunks and Ned half choked and disoriented. Cameras clicked, senior women hooted and Sammy turned a wonderful shade of red. By this time Ned was actually in the water still holding onto Sammy's trunks. Sammy ripped them out of his hand and put them back on. When Ned tried to stand he was paralyzed with the cold and several of the retuning Polar Bear members fell over him and ended up in a tangle of shivering bodies.

I thought my father was going to have a heart attack as he was laughing so hard. My mother had tears running down her face and Dorothy Muldoon, 96, her first time at the Polar Bear Dip remarked, "If I knew it was going to be this much fun, I'd have come a long time ago."

Uncle Ned never went back for the annual dip but we still have pictures and every once in awhile, I take them out of the album for a good laugh.

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May this Christmas be a Safe
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forward to seeing you again in
2024 - Merry Christmas!



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