

Water Talk

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What is Half a Minute Worth to You?

Investing thirty seconds could save you days of repair work, thousands of dollars in accident costs, and possibly a painful injury or worse. Before leaving the yard each morning, and again before starting each job or trip, take thirty seconds to think about what you are going to do, and how you plan to do it — safely!

Planning for safety should be an integral part of all job preparation. The brief thirty seconds mentally reviewing your safety action plan before starting work can be the best investment you ever make. During the review, you may even identify something forgotten or omitted from your initial job safety plan. Get in the habit of always investing thirty seconds to review your safety plan and you will become more efficient and productive at work, at play, and at home. Teach your employees to pause and think for thirty seconds about themselves, their crew, and their drill rig in terms of safety and all benefit.

So many accident reports read: employee

did not stop to think, did not wear or bring their personal protective equipment, did not have proper tools with them, was in a hurry to complete the job, did not check their completed work, did not clean up their work area when done, or did not properly load truck for return trip to yard. A few seconds spent reviewing safe work requirements and asking, “Do I have all that is needed?” could prevent most of these accidents.

Have you ever seen the safety signs that say “Think” instead of “Think”? The one word message is “stop and think” before acting. Shortcuts at work or in safety planning may save time – until the accident happens. Then you can spend days, and thousands of dollars, cleaning up for the few seconds “saved” by the shortcut.

Teach your employees to invest thirty seconds to think safety before acting. It’s a good investment for everyone.

Taken from the *Water Well Journal*.

Who We Are

NSGWA is an Industry Association of five divisions: Well Drillers, Well Diggers, Pump Installers, Manufacturers, and Suppliers and Technical. The Board of Directors consists of five volunteers and a Secretary-Treasurer. Our By-Laws, Memorandum of Association and Memorandum of Understanding with NS Environment can be found on our website: <<http://www.nsgwa.ca>>. We have a toll-free number (1-888-242-4440) to better serve you.

Awards Dinner

2011 Awards Dinner Recipients

The dinner rewards individuals from within the industry who have proven their perseverance and ability through skills they have obtained from experience and/or training or have done something remarkable for their customers. The recipients for the awards this year are as follows: Brian Leblanc of Yarmouth won the Pump Installer's Award; Dean Walker of Lake Echo won the Founder's Award; Robb Kell of Antigonish won the Wayne MacRae (Digger's) Award; and Hub Well Drilling won the Driller's Award. We congratulate each one of these award winners and anticipate seeing who will be the recipient next year.



Board member Christopher Smith presents Blake MacDonald the Wayne MacRae (Digger's) Award for Robb Kell (who wasn't able to make it) of Kells Enterprises Ltd. Antigonish.

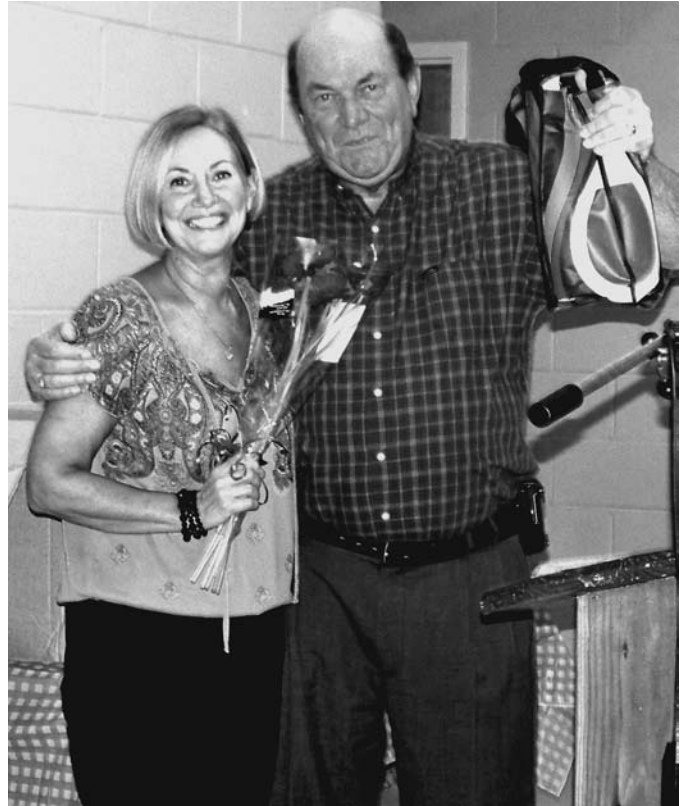


President of NSGWA Arthur Jefferson (middle) presents the Driller's Award to Hub Well Drilling.

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Brian LeBlanc of Acadian Plumbing, Heating & Electrical Yarmouth gives his thanks for the Pump Installer's award.



Our emcee Wayne MacRae and his "better half" the beautiful Jackie Connolly



Dean Walker of Atlantic Water Investigations Lake Echo, winner of the Founder's Award, with our photographer and helper Grant Walker.

Upcoming Events

Atlantic Water Well Convention (AWWA)

Date: October 21–22, 2011

Where: Ramada Crystal Palace, **Greater Moncton Area**

499 Paul Street

Dieppe/Moncton, NB E1A 6S5

** If you require additional information, please contact Noreene McGuire at 902-845-1084

NSGWA Fall Meeting

Date: November 19, 2011

Where: Best Western Glengarry,
150 Willow Street,
Truro, NS

Time: 1:00 pm

Agenda (subject to change)

- Review of previous minutes
- Review of agenda
- NSE update
-presented by Blake MacDonald, NSE
- Presentation
- 2012 regionals
- Other business
- Adjournment

NSGWA Annual General Meeting

Date: January 28, 2012

Where: Best Western Glengarry,
150 willow Street,
Truro, NS

Time: 1: 00 pm

Continuing Education Points Apply



ATLANTIC WATER INVESTIGATIONS LIMITED Est. 1993

- Well Water & Septic Inspection
- Pipeline Video Inspection

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In-Situ Geothermal Conductivity Earth Energy Testing
Drill/Dug Well Water Quantity & Quality Tests/Cleaning
QP2 Septic System Dye Test/Tank Locate/Smoke Blower
CCTV Pan & Tilt Robot Crawler Well Video Inspection
Radon Gas Monitors Locate Buried Well Cables/Lines
Salt Water Well Intrusion Downhole Temp/Cond Profile

Database for Points

Starting January 2012 the database will be available on the website for you to review your points. Meanwhile, if you require your status of CEP points for this session, please contact Noreene at 1-888-242-4440.

Meet your Board of Directors

In office until the AGM January 2013

Arthur Jefferson

President of NSGWA and Director of the Well Drillers Division. Arthur works for DJ's Well Drilling Ltd., Annapolis County.

John Kidson

Vice President of NSGWA and Director of the Diggers Division. John owns and operates Westside Trucking Ltd., Halifax County.

Mark Verge

Director of the Pump Installers Division. Mark is owner and operator of Aim Pumps & Filtration, Halifax County.

Christopher Smith

Director of the Technical Division. Christopher is the owner/operator of C. A. Smith Mechanical, Antigonish.

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Director of the Manufacturing and Suppliers Division. Paul presently works for Atlantic Purification Systems Ltd.

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Noreene McGuire

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