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CWA 9th Annual Weld-Off
Draws Students From Across
The Atlantic Provinces

The 9th annual CWA Student Weld-Off was held on April 18, 2008, at Nova Scotia Community College – Burrige Campus in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. 16 participants competed in this one day event, coming from Moncton (NB), Pictou, Yarmouth, Port Hawkesbury, Metro Halifax, Sydney, Georgetown (PEI), and Port aux Basques NFL.

The competition started at 8:00 AM with an overview of the shop OH&S procedures followed by the rules for the hands on competition. Following that the participants got right into the project. All competitors constructed the same projects in a set amount of time.

After the completion of the practical project, the students wrote a theory exam to test their knowledge of welding theory.

The projects were evaluated by Industry Professional for assembly, weld quality, accuracy, and safe work practices.



Participants Working on their Projects



Industry was very supportive again with prizes for the participants.



All after a long day of welding and anxious to find out about the results.



The top three placers in the competition. Pictured from left to right are Fernand Boivin from the Canadian Welding Association, Kyle Potter from NSCC, Burridge Campus in third place; Vernon Vautour from NBCC, Moncton Campus in first place; and Joe Goodwin from NSCC, Burridge Campus in second place, and Dave Ellsworth from the Canadian Welding Bureau.

All competitors received prizes and student memberships to the CWA. The Weld-Off trophy is going to the NBCC – Moncton Campus.

Special thanks have to go out to many people.

The Weld-Off Committee: Fernand Boivin (Event Co-Chair), Kristy Waalderbos (CWA Student Membership Chair), Dave Ellsworth (Event co-chair), and many others from the all the participants and their Instructors.

The judges: Dave Ellsworth (CWB), Louis Blim, Robert Robicheaud and Jordan Wagner.

Nova Scotia Community College, Burridge Campus for the use of their facility. Special thanks to Marcel Cottreau, Principal; Mel Pottier, Department Chair; Peter Doucette and Jerry Davis, Welding Faculty for allowing us to use of the welding shop.

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This year competition became for the first time to be an Atlantic Event with Port aux Basques participating, next year which will be our 10th year in the making and will be held at the NSCC, Pictou Campus. Information on the competition will be posted at a later date on the CWA Web Site.

Looking forward to see you all next year.

Fernand Boivin
NS Chapter Chair