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### Drillin' and Snolf'n for Polar Bear Dip

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Alexandria Bay - To get the community in the mood for the annual Polar Bear Dip, there were two fundraising events for "Budman" Bud Mulchy designed to spark interest, according to Karen Peters, President, Friends of River Hospital.

Saturday, Feb. 21, an auger hole-drilling contest was held near Uncle Sam's Boat Tours. Three contestants entered their trusty augers. Contest rules stated the augers had to have a name and the contestants were to drill two holes. The fastest driller would win. Dan Gaebel, Alexandria Bay, Bill Major, Seneca Falls and Ralph Marino, Alexandria Bay rounded out the contestants. Bill Major won the event and after struggling to get started, Ralph Marino grabbed

second place. Dan Gaebel didn't show much speed and took third.

On Sunday, Feb. 22, the big Snolf (snow golf) tournament was held in the village dock area. Actually starting near Cavallario's, 25 three-person teams teed off with bright day glow green tennis balls. A small piece of carpet represented the greens, with piles of snow as traps. Karen Peters named the event an 'International' tournament as one team came from Switzerland. Yvonne Bauman, Das Village House owner, had family visiting that enjoyed playing. Sylvia Weiland liked the game because "nobody laughed at you if you are a beginner, like me." Hammi Basig joined Weiland and Bauman on the team.



Dan Gaebel, left and Ralph Marino, right, both of Alexandria Bay, and Bill Major, center, Seneca Falls, stand ready to drill ice holes to raise funds for "Budman," Bud Mulchy, and River Hospital.

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Sylvia Weiland, Switzerland, chips to the greens in the "Budman" Snolf tournament at the Alexandria Bay village dock, Sunday, Feb. 22.