



SHED SPEAK

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New Internal Communication Tool!

Do you want to know how to send an email message to ALL Shed members at once (eg "Happy New Year All")? If so, then read on....

To accomplish that you would send your message to a special email address (given below).

When you send to that address, the mail system looks up the current list of members and sends the message to all of them. This member list is maintained manually by our team when members join or leave the shed.

The address you need to send to is:

members_naismithmensshed@googlegroups.com

Please add this to your contact list under "Naismith Members" for ease of finding the address when you want it. When you type in "Naismith Members" in the "to" box, the address will appear.



I'd like to thank whomever told
my mom that WTF
means "WOW THAT'S
FANTASTIC".
Her texts are so much
more fun now.

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NMS Sales Facebook page - facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555750130974

To unsubscribe send an email to
<naismitheditor@gmail.com>
with the one word "Unsubscribe".

Meet the new guys on the Coordinating Team

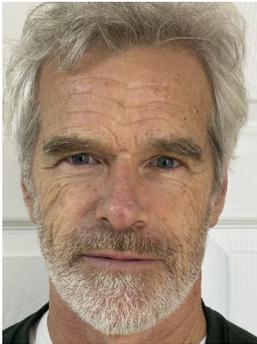
Bob McCormick -- Coordinating Team Leader



I've lived in the Ottawa area all of my working years. During that time I built a chain of 15 retail locations over a period of 10 years before selling them. I also owned a wholesale business where we supplied all of the necessary products and equipment to operate a hair salon. I had 8 sales reps and serviced all of eastern and northern Ontario.

My wife and I moved to Almonte 3 years ago and have really enjoyed getting to know people and getting involved in the community.

Jim Dagg – Secretary/Records Keeper

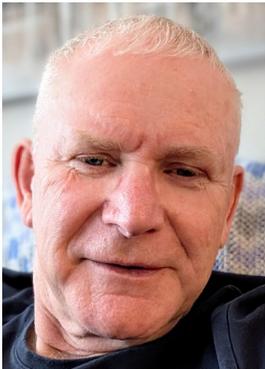


Jim has lived in Almonte since the late 1980s. He and his wife Maureen raised their two children here and are happy that both Lucas and MeiLing still live in the Ottawa area.

Jim worked in high tech - primarily as a computer programmer - for his entire working career, mainly working for the company which became Kinaxis.

Jim enjoys playing sports (soccer, pickleball, and curling - which is new this year), as well as doing projects around the house and cottage.

Ivan Mitchelmore -- Project Coordinator



Ivan retired from Nova Scotia in 2021.

He and his wife bought a house in Almonte in 2019. They moved here to live close to their son (Bradley) who is working and living in Ottawa.

I was introduced to the Sheddors by Doug Johnson during a curling game at the Carleton Place Curling Club. I enjoy the Shed breakfasts and the game days that follow. I also plan to do some more time at the wood shop -- when I get more time!

Ritchie Argue – Special Events Coordinator



Ritchie is shy or forgetful, but here's what your editor knows about him:

He is single again after the death of his wife;

He has had heart surgery in the last year and will need help with special events;

He is, among other things, a keeper of bees;

He works hard at anything the NMS is involved in;

He is not expected to come up with special events and do all the work – he **coordinates** the ideas other bring forward -- so share your ideas with him!

Three Reminders

#1 -- Our first **breakfast** of 2026 will be **Thursday, January 8 at 8:00 a.m.** at the Gourmet in Carleton Place on Hwy #7.



#2 -- On **Friday, January 16** we will once again meet at the Board Room in the Gatehouse at the **Mill of Kintail** for a fellowship gathering of coffee and conversation from **9:30 to 11:30**. We're looking for a volunteer or two to provide snacks for that meeting.

In a week or so, please expect to receive from Bob McCormick, information on getting our Shed incorporated as a Not For Profit group. Also expect to receive from Nick Fry the final revision of our Terms of Reference so you can be prepared to ratify these things at the meeting.

Ritchie Argue is arranging for a **catered lunch** following the meeting, but there will be **no breakfast that week** (Thursday, Jan 15)!!! However the game players may decide to play games that morning at the library. Check our calendar on the website for more information on these things and others such as work at the MoK and a new carving group that meets at the work shop on alternate Fridays.

#3 – **Membership Dues** of \$50 are due as of **January 1!** John says he is grateful and encouraged that several members have already paid their dues! If the amount for dues is a burden to your finances, speak to our John who is authorized to adjust the amount.

We prefer payment by e-transfer. You can do this by logging in to your bank's website and initiating a transfer. When you initiate the transfer, you will be asked for the email address to which you want to send the transfer. The email address you should send the transfer to is: **naismithmember@gmail.com**. We suggest that you copy-and-paste the red text from this newsletter into your e-transfer form. But if you prefer to pay with cash, please put the cash in an envelope with your name and the words "2026 Dues" on it. Please, **no cheques or loose cash!**

What good is our website?

First of all it **helps all our neighbours** to find us and communicate with us offering used tools and unneeded wood or inviting us to do a project with or for them or to ask how to join the Shed.

But **second, it helps us** (a) to find contact information for fellow Shedders, (b) to find photos of our members so we can put names with faces (**only 16 of 68 members so far – please send Nick a head shot of yourself so this can become more complete**), (c) to check the calendar when we forget what's on each week, (d) to see what we have for sale, (we're looking at expanding this to include craft items made by the hobbyists among us), (e) to locate past issues of Shed Speak, (f) to stay up to date on what's happening with the Gamers, in the workshop or the work out at the Mill of Kintail.

Please bookmark our website and visit often and tell your friends about it!

And last but not least
a bit of humour and a few wise words
to lighten our day and direct us in the days to come!

Your fingers have
fingertips but your
toes don't have toetips.
Yet, you can tiptoe but
not tipfinger



When you ask me what I am doing
today, and I say "nothing". It does
not mean I am free. It means I am
doing nothing



How do you see yourself? #humor

