Newsletter August - December 2026

The AMS summer program has been packed with action over the last six weeks! Alongside our regular Monday and Friday meetups, Thursdays feature a great walk followed by some legendary—and wildly competitive—bocce games. (Yes, looking at you, "Mr. Tall A"!)

While our skills and accuracy when chasing that elusive pallino might leave a smidge of room for improvement, duo Bruce and Brian have been nearly unstoppable—dropping only a single game in six weeks!

Instead of showing off the champions, I've decided to highlight my own winning team from Court A! Here's an action shot of Mr. G scoring a point for the Red Team—though my Green Team claimed overall victory and bragging rights for the week. Next week is a whole new ballgame. If you're a Men's Shedder or just love a bit of fun, come out and test your skills against the "champions of champions." Bribes are encouraged, cheating is definitely not, and reverse scoring is only frowned upon if you get caught!

In Other News:

- **Amica Visit:** We had a fantastic turnout, great meeting, and delicious lunch at Amica two weeks ago.
- **Guest Speaker:** A big thanks to our guest speaker from Treasure Mills today! The presentation was insightful, eloquent, and—best of all—came with plenty of delicious free samples.

Also, a very heartfelt thank you to the Aurora Royal Canadian Legion for being our gracious hosts for the past two months while the parking lot and surroundings at our usual meeting place, the Aurora Seniors Centre, parking lot and surrounds undergo upgrades and refurbishments.

Upcoming Events & News:

- **Fall Carpet Bowling:** Timeslots are currently being finalized.
- **September:** We will be assisting with 'Open Door Aurora'—a great time to connect with the community.
- **October:** Several fairs and AMS presentations—another great opportunity to highlight the many health and community benefits of the Shed.
- **November:** Exciting guest speakers are lined up, and we'll be supporting the Poppy Drive and Town of Aurora and ASA events.
- **December:** Assisting the Salvation Army with their Kettle Drive and attending local fairs and events.

Looking for community, purpose, and good conversation? Retirement brings new freedom, but staying active, connected, and involved is what keeps life rewarding. Aurora Men's Shed offers a warm, welcoming space for mature adults to build genuine friendships, learn new skills, and give back—shoulder to shoulder. Whether you're sharing a story over coffee or lending a hand in local initiatives, there's always a seat at the table.

Learn more about our local group on the Aurora Seniors Centre Men's Shed Page, or connect with the town on the Aurora LinkedIn Page.

Till next time – keep well, healthy and safe.

Anton Coetzee - AMS President.