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While the Men's Shed movement continues to grow across Canada, there are still many who have not heard about these groups. They're primarily a social gathering for men to get together and talk and listen. The snowbirds who would normally be gone to Florida or other southern US locations have traded information at our gatherings about trips to other countries such as Portugal and Mexico and have booked alternate trips. For those staying here it's been a rough start to the new year, what with all the road closures but we continue to plan other activities.

The woodworking group has completed four shuffleboards, many thanks to the funding we received last year from the Municipality of North Bruce Peninsula to help cover the material costs. The boards look fantastic and the guys should be proud of the results of their efforts. Scott Elliott really did an excellent job of organizing and teaching new woodworking skills. Fortunately for the group, Scott had invested in a saw that immediately stops the blade (with a very loud shotgun sound!) if the blade contacts metal or skin, and they learned by accident how this mechanism works. Next workshops will be teaching us to sharpen chisels, hand planer blades and scraping tools. Then they'll find another technical plan to work on to build their woodworking skills.

PHOTO: Michael Latimer, Jim Martell and Terry Dovaston are three of the group of ten, showing off the four finished boards. Credit Scott Elliott.

Our next monthly Saturday meeting is February 21st starting at 9 until 11, and every Monday morning we meet for coffee 9am-11am at Canadian Legion Branch 202, 6 Hellyer Road on Highway 6 4 km north of Ferndale. Doors open at 8:45. There is also a coffee gathering every Wednesday at 10 am in Wiarton at 451 Frank street, Matthew Mutch hosting. If you would like further information on how to get involved with the Men's Shed movement, please contact us at brucemensshed@gmail.com or call Gerry at (519) 793-3005.

"Somewhere to Go. Something to Do. Someone to Talk to".