

# Meet Our Staff

## Trail Shop Halifax

### Joachim Stroink

*Trail Shop team member since 2005!*

Position: Owner/Operator  
Hometown: Halifax, NS  
Interests: Skiing, ice climbing, canoeing, camping, mountaineering, entrepreneurship/ small business, innovation, community programming  
Background: A strong passion for outdoor life. Graduate of Saint Mary's University Geography program

### Steve Maly

*Trail Shop team member since April 2005!*

Position: Halifax Shop Manager  
Hometown: Halifax, NS  
Interests: Paddling, hiking, foul weather camping, generally not being inside.  
Background: Steve grew up in downtown Halifax, taking any opportunity he could to get out of the city and into the woods. After a brief stint in Canada's big cities (sic Montreal and Toronto) he returned to the beautiful coastline of Nova Scotia and hasn't looked back.

### Lisa Foote

*Trail Shop team member since I learned how to tell time!*

Position: Trail Shop's #1 Employee  
Hometown: Dartmouth, NS  
Interests: Family and travelling  
Background: Lisa counts things. Her brain may explode one day due to an overload of numbers.

### Nancy Snooks

*Trail Shop team member since April 2005!*

Position: Trail Shop's MVP  
Hometown: St. John, NFLD  
Interests: Home renovations and the outdoors  
Background: Nancy keeps us happy all the time but especially once every two weeks when it's payday!

### John Annett

*Trail Shop team member since before I could do long division!*

Position: Hard-goods buyer  
Hometown: Gaspé, QC

Interests: Family, kayaking, mountaineering, snowshoeing, pool, teaching Niv how to prepare food.

Background: Jon is a wealth of knowledge in all things outdoor adventure related. Ask him anything, anything at all and he will steer you in the right direction!

## Jan-Sebastian LaPierre

*Trail Shop team member since Sept 2006!*

Position: Morale Officer

Hometown: Halifax, NS

Interests: Playing outside and feeling a serious outdoor adrenalin addiction.

Background: Jan has a debilitating addiction to the outdoors. So much so that it has affected his ability to do any constructive work that is not outside and therefore awesome. You can find him most days trying to convert other junkies somewhere near water.

## Jennie Dobrowolski

*Trail Shop team member since August 2009!*

Position: Supervisor, Floor Staff

Hometown: Porters Lake, NS

Interests: Traveling, wildlife, hiking, alpine skiing and other frozen-surfaced sports, trail running, camping.

Background: Jennie loves traveling to obscure places to learn about our planet's diverse and delicate ecology. She prefers the extreme seasons, but admits that spring and fall are the most ideal to be outside.

## Grant MacIntosh

*Trail Shop team member since Sept 2009!*

Position: Hardware

Hometown: Halifax, NS

Interests: Easting, Snowboarding, canoeing and kayaking

Background: Grant is big and moves stuff around the store when people tell him too. He also likes fast pace crazy dance music and wendys.

## Jeff Zahavich

*Trail Shop team member since 2007 (with a 3-year hiatus)*

Position: Footwear, Hardware and Community Events

Hometown: Charlottetown, PE

Interests: Ironman triathlon, snowshoeing, barefoot running and thumb wrestling.

Background: Jeff is an exercise physiology geek who likes ranting about anything to anyone who will listen. He is an avid cyclist (road & mountain), trail runner and beach bum.

## Wyndham Bourne

*Trail Shop team member since Feb 2010!*

Position: Sales Staff  
Hometown: Halifax, NS  
Interests: Music, snowboarding, biking, animals, planet Earth and the universe, skydiving with wingsuits (some day)  
Background: Wyndham was born and raised in Halifax and has always loved having animals around the house. An amazing trip to the Utah canyonlands as a young teen inspired him to get involved with the outdoors.

## Lisa Bidinosti

*Trail Shop team member since November 2010!*

Position: Halifax Floor Staff  
Hometown: Brandon, Manitoba  
Interests: Traveling, wildlife conservation, camping, hiking, canoeing, yoga and just being outdoors.  
Background: Lisa has enjoyed living, working and going to school in a variety of countries and has recently relocated from Hawaii.

## Tisha Evison

*Trail Shop team member since November 2009!*

Position: Helping you stay functionally and comfortably clothed.  
Hometown: Calgary, AB  
Interests: Too many to list (although most related to sports, the outdoors and the arts)  
Background: Grew up in the cold, and has finally figured out how to stay warm. Loves sliding sports and can't imagine a life without the outdoors.

## Nick Lalonde

*Trail Shop team member since Sept 2010!*

Position: Footwear, Clothing  
Hometown: Fall River, NS  
Interests: Skiing, hiking, canoeing, camping, travel  
Background: I studied biology and conservation at McGill University, Montreal, and have now returned to the Maritimes to enjoy all that its great outdoors has to offer.

## Laura Bennett

*Trail Shop team member since Oct 2008!*

Position: Cash/clothing  
Hometown: Kingston, Ontario  
Interests: Camping, hiking, biking, nature and Wyndham's stories  
Background: Laura may be an upper Canadian, but she has called Nova Scotia home since 1998. She loves to being outside, learning new things, random facts, and helping people find what they are looking for. She has an irrational fear of vampires, and is not down with the Twilight saga craze.

## Trail Shop Wolfville

### Niv Harrison

*Trail Shop team member since Sept 2009!*

Position: Shop Manager / Website Coordinator

Hometown: Wolfville, NS

Interests: Camping, canoeing, hiking, soccer.

Background: Niv is a business man with a briefcase and a convincing smile. Niv grew up in the Valley and is proud to be servicing the community he has grown to love.

### Mark Fredericks

*Trail Shop team member since Sept 2009!*

Position: Sales staff

Hometown: Wolfville, NS

Interests: Cycling, frisbee, camping, hiking, kayaking, snowshoeing, snowboarding

Background: Mark is a lover of all things outside and wanted to protect the natural areas he enjoys exploring. His studies lead him to the world of urban/rural planning where he tries his best to design great communities in an effort to prevent sprawl into our wild regions.

### Etienne Randonnee

*Trail Shop team member since Sept 2011!*

Position: Sales Staff

Hometown: Wolfville

Interests: Hiking, backpacking, long trails, beach scrambling, bush whacking & going to the difficult locals.

Background: Bred & born Nova Scotian. A long trail enthusiast, Appalachian Trail, West Coast Trail, Foothills Trail & Cape Chignecto to mention but a few. Following a lifetime of outdoor pursuits that fuel my soul & I'm not dead yet.

### Clare Annett

*Trail Shop team member since Sept 2009!*

Position: Sales staff

Hometown: Halifax, NS

Interests: Gymnastics, Fashion, Eating.

Background: Clare juggles work, school and extracurricular activities happily- who wants to be bored!? She got her love of the outdoors from her dad who had her out camping when she was still in a crib. She also loves the holiday season and gets giddy when a Christmas song comes on...

## Jason Keddy aka. Jaybird

*Trail Shop team member since Nov 2010!*

Position: Sales Staff

Hometown: Wolfville, NS

Interests: Skateboarding, snowboarding, playing guitar, backyard camp fires, and friends

Background: I grew up in the beautiful Annapolis Valley. I love spending time in the ocean when I'm not nursing my worn out knees from 15 years of skateboarding.