

# The Ryder

Ryde Community Co-operative Inc.

Volume 2, Issue I

## Dates to Mark on your Calendar:

- Monday, April 25th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm - new Yoga session starts
- Thursday, Friday
  & Saturday, April
  28, 29 & 30 Ryde
  Community Clean Up Event
- Sunday, July 10 -11 am - Harmony Corners United Church annual service

## This Month's Reminder:

The Fire Rating is now HIGH. Extreme caution must be taken with all open flames! NO DAYTIME BURNING is permitted. Small fires are allowed between two hours before sunset and two hours after sunrise. You must be with your fire at all times and have sufficient tools and water available to extinguish it.

## Spring Cleanup in Ryde

The Ryde Community Clean-Up Event is set for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 28, 29, and 30. Get a neighbourhood group together, or make it a family project. The Town of Gravenhurst will supply garbage bags or you may use your own. Pick up your free bags at 1611 Doe Lake Rd (Wit's End B&B) any time after April 25th. You are asked to clean up the roadsides near your property and any other public places you see that need attention. Then at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday April 30th you are invited to bring your collection to the Ryde Community Centre for drop off and enjoy free hot-dogs and cold drinks, courtesy of the Ryde Community Co-op.

We need a volunteer with a pick-up truck to drive the litter to the landfill site. Please call **Carol Wagg** with your offer of assistance, **687-6992**.

This is one of our Communities in Bloom projects. We are also extending an invitation to the Housey's Rapids Property Owners Association and the Snowcrest Riders who have signage posted regarding the "adopt a road program".



Last year's Merkley Road cleanup crew: Barb Holden, Anne Myshok, Janet Merkley & Allison Holder (Jane Braden missed the photo)

Youth needing high school community service hours are welcome and encouraged to participate. Why not get a few friends together and all earn some community service hour credits? Students are needed to help with yard clean up at the Centre - these hours could also be credited towards your community service requirements. Many hands make light work! \*

## A New Executive ... and a New Look for The Ryder

Your new executive positions have been determined as follows for the rest of the year:

**President:** Chris Holden **Secretary:** Jane Braden **Treasurer:** Randy Jorgensen

**Property Director:** Bruce Stephenson **Directors:** Shawn Kerswell, Wendy Pilger and

Carol Wagg

**Building &** 

It is really great to see some new faces with new ideas on our executive. As outgoing President, I want to thank all those who have contributed in the past.

We hope to have *The Ryder* out the third week of every month. **Carol Wagg** has agreed to write a 'special interest' item with each issue. **Wendy Pilger** will continue to provide the rest of the items with all the dates and times and whatnot, while **Randy Jorgensen** will continue to do the layout and printing.

We're always looking for a sponsor for our newsletters. Contact any of the executive members if you would like to sponsor an issue.

Your comments are welcome as well! \*



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The **Communities in Bloom** project was a great success last year. The community garden between the fire hall and the school was rejuvenated and looked beautiful. This year we are looking for another group of volunteers to maintain this garden and the one along the front of the Community Centre, and perhaps initiate a new project. Anyone who is interested in this is asked to contact the local CIB coordinator Carol Wagg at

687-6992, and a meeting time and date will be set.

As well, some of the properties in our community were selected for Daisy Awards last year by the judges. Let's see more this year and everyone get involved and show our Pride of Living in Ryde! ❖



#### Fitness Classes

The next session of Yoga with Judy will be starting up on Monday, April 25th at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm - cost will be determined based on the number of registered participants If you are interested in attending Tai Chi Classes on **Saturday mornings** from 11:00 to 12:00, please contact

Wendy to express your interest. If we receive a minimum number of persons expressing interest, we will be holding a demonstration class - please contact Wendy at 687-4575 or twsm.pilger@sympatico.ca <

### A Mini-History of the Ryde Community Centre

Schools in **Barkway** -S.S.#I - log schoolhouse (mid-1870's) was replaced with frame school (1902).

Housey's Rapids - S.S.#2 - log schoolhouse (1875) built on Lot S.S.#7 - Created by splitting S.S.#3 in 1886. Log school built, 25, Conc. 7, replaced by new frame school 1904.

Lewisham - S.S.#3 - log school built in 1879 (Lot 10, Conc. 4), was burned and replace by a frame structure in 1898 on Lot 5 Conc. 5 which was in use until 1949.

Tryon's Corners - S.S.#4 - Ceased prior to 1911, became a house, later burned

**Buck Lake** - S.S.#5 - log school built 1880, destroyed by a bush fire in 1881. Log house belonging to Mr. Chris Ruttan used as school until 1890 when the current frame building was

built. Closed June 1961 and pupils transported to Barkway or Housey's Rapids.

closed in 1908, eventually sold.

Ryde Central School opened 1962 and served students who had formerly attended at Barkway, Housey's Rapids and Buck Lake. Closed as a school in 2000 and taken over by the Town of Gravenhurst, used as a Community gathering place by agreement with the Town.

(Source - A Brief History of the Schools of Muskoka - Gary Denniss) •

### This Edition's Sponsor:



Wit's End Bed and Breakfast is entering its eighth season of offering accommodation to Muskoka visitors. Tourists and weekend getaways are a mainstay, but weddings, family reunions and local camps provide a lot of our clientele. People love our rural location, the view and the wildlife they see from our sunroom, interaction with other travelers they meet here in our home, and the local information we are able to share. They also enjoy our breakfast specialties which include our "Eggs in Phyllo Cups" and waffles with fresh fruit pictured on the cover of the Gravenhurst Visitor Guide this year. In 2004 we were voted "Best B&B in South Muskoka" by readers of *The Muskokan*. Accommodation Gift Certificates are available.

We are open year round by reservation. Perhaps you saw some of our XC ski workshops in progress this past winter. We'll be offering them once a month from December through February.

We invite you to stop in for a house and garden tour on **Sunday May 22** from 1-3pm. Refreshments will be served. Wit's End Bed and Breakfast Carol Wagg and Mike Caslin, 1611 Doe Lake Road, 687-6992 www.witsendbb.com

