

# The Ryder

Ryde Community Co-operative Inc.

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*Working together in a co-operative way to be one voice and one community*

## Events

Mark your calendar.  
Details in newsletter.

- **Bid Euchre:** Wed March 11 and every other Wednesday @ 1pm
- **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** Sat March 21 @ 3pm
- **Irish Stew Dinner** Sat March 21 @ 5pm, following the AGM
- **Sewing Group:** Mondays from 11am

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## Join the Co-op

Have you renewed your membership yet? If you haven't been a member in the past, now is the time to **join the Ryde Community Co-op**. In order to vote at the Annual General Meeting, you need to have a paid-up membership and we'd really like to have you there.

Your membership entitles you to a lower price for our (mostly) monthly dinners: \$5/person or \$20/family of 4 or more. Without your membership, the price rises to \$7/person or \$25/family of 4 or more. The former Ryde School (now our Community Centre) is also available for private functions. Again, your membership entitles you to the lower rent of \$40/event instead of \$50 for non-members. The facilities are used for a myriad of events: family gatherings, showers, dances, meetings, etc.

The **Annual General Meeting** takes place at the former Ryde School on Barkway Rd on

**Saturday March 21.** The meeting will start at 3pm and will be followed by an Irish stew dinner at 5pm. Seven directors will be elected and it is the job of the membership to vote them in. Any paid-up member may be elected. These 7 directors are responsible for organizing the events for the Community Centre, events such as the dinners, sewing group, euchre, Health and Wellness series, and more. Of course, we're always looking for new interests to present to the community. Your ideas are most welcome.

We show "Pride in Ryde" by working together. We work together at the Community Centre to make our events and activities enjoyable for everyone. The directors are just that. They need some help with setting up tables and chairs, decorating for community dinners, or putting things away after the dinners. Remember, we are ALL volunteers. Help a little, help a lot, but please help. Many hands make light work. ❖

## Sew News

The ladies of the sewing group will hold a Craft Bazaar on Aug. 15. Hand-made articles will be on display and for sale from 10:00 – 4:00. We already have some crafters booking a table to showcase their talents. Are you crafty? Spaces will be rented for \$5.00 (bring your own table), or rent a 4 ft. table for \$10.00 or an 8 ft. table for \$15.00. When you rent a space, we will send you a map of the layout so that you can choose your own

space. Book early to get the best spots by calling **Carol @ 684-9931**.

The sewing ladies are now busy with their own contribution to the Craft Bazaar. It's amazing how many different talents are represented by this group. Why not join us? Every Monday we laugh, chit chat, sew, drink tea, and let our hair down. It's a great social encounter and a chance to learn some new stuff.❖

*Katriina Alanko*

**At Right:** Food, Fun, and Fellowship abounded at the Youth Winter Retreat hosted by the Ryde Centennial Free Methodist Church in February.



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Events and Goings-on

• **Bid Euchre**

Bid euchre is alive and well. Starting on March 11, and every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 1:00. The players are putting together an Irish Stew dinner for the community right after the AGM. Please call **Louise Speicher @ 687-1475** to book your space for dinner. Any volunteers to help with the dinner set-up, etc. should let Louise know they are willing to lend a hand.

• **Health and Wellness**

Look for a new session in late April. **Susan Montgomery** of the Arthritis Society with **Katriina Alanko** will be presenting a workshop on Pain Self-Management. If you have arthritis, then this is an important session for you to attend. Arthritis pain is awful and anything you can do at home to alleviate it is wonderful. The April newsletter will confirm the date and particulars. ❖

Welcome to the Community

Meet **Donna Sutherland** & Peoples' Choice Chili Champ **Bob Reyburn** (shown here with Cody and Bentley) who recently moved full time to Kahshe Lake from Toronto. They're living in the family cottage while their new home is being built. They hope to be moved in by April. Donna's family has been cottaging here for the past 60 years.

Donna spent about 25 years as a house painter and is now applying her skills in the new house. Bob spent many years as an engineer with Inco in Sudbury and is now semi-retired. He teaches part time for Laurentian University in their on-line programs. While in Toronto both were heavily involved in dragon boat racing. They competed for Canada at the World Dragon Boat Championships in Sydney Australia in September 2007. Kahshe Lake residents may have seen them training in outrigger canoes during the summer months. We look forward to meeting Donna and Bob at community events. ❖



Many Thanks

There are many members who come out to our functions and lend a hand with setting up and cleaning away. Thank you. A special thanks to **Bruce Stephenson** who spends his time and resources making sure the

school premises work the way they're supposed to. He keeps his eagle eye on things and makes a very valuable contribution to the Co-op. Thank you, Bruce. ❖

Ryde Community Co-op — 2009 Membership Form



Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your extra donation will help us work towards improving our community centre and the various programs we offer.

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 = Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_