

# The Ryder

Ryde Community Co-operative Inc.  
*Working together in a co-operative way to be one voice and one community*

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## Coming Events

- **Spaghetti Dinner**  
Saturday Nov 20  
5:30PM.
- **Christmas Afternoon Tea and Cookie Exchange**  
December 15th from  
2:00 to 4:00PM
- **Bid Euchre**  
continues on the 2nd  
and 4th Wednesdays  
of the month at the  
home of Eileen  
Taverner. New  
players are always  
welcome. For more  
information contact  
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*All events take place at the  
Ryde Community Centre  
unless otherwise noted*

## A Firing Range on Merkley Road?

On September 28th, 2010, at a Public Meeting in the Gravenhurst Council Chambers, over 30 area residents opposed a request for a zoning amendment to permit a shooting range to be constructed on Fire Road A3 [at the corner where Merkley Rd. and Lewisham Rd. meet].

The Gravenhurst and District Conservation Club, represented by President, Michael White, presented a proposal to rezone 4 hectares on a 39 hectare (97 acre) parcel of land to build a 3 bench firing range. The firing benches are 50 to 200 yards away from their respective berms, and would catch stray bullets and should absorb some of the sound generated.

The Club owns 241 hectares (597 acres) and next plans to build a sporting clays range if the majority of the members want it. They also hope to provide a safe location for the OPP to train their officers. The club now has 14

members and it expects to grow, but does not want membership to exceed 100.

The club will carry insurance and conform to the standards required by the Chief Firearms Office.

Council turned down the zoning amendment request. The Conservation Club is not appealing council's decision at the OMB, as they are eligible to reapply for a zoning change on their property. It will be an ongoing concern for local property owners.

Increased noise and traffic from the proposed firing range is a concern to residents and to businesses involving horses. Hunt club owners are concerned about the loss of game. Naturalists are investigating the impact of noise and loss of habitat for wildlife that will happen with a firing range on Merkley Road. ❖

## Spaghetti Dinner this Saturday

The popular Ryde Community Co-op **spaghetti dinner** is on for this Saturday November 20, starting around 5:30PM. Admission is \$7.00 per person and \$20.00 per family. Co-ordinators are Nadine Groves and Cheryl Cooper (phone numbers below). ❖



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## Candidate Meet 'n' Greet Well Attended

On September 30th the Co-op hosted an All Candidate Meet 'n' Greet before the municipal election. It was quite well attended by both candidates and voters. People met and mingled and talked very informally with candidates and enjoyed a few goodies brought in – thanks to those who prepared and donated them.



A good idea and a good way to meet those whom we were considering for the new council. Thanks again to the organizers. ❖

## New Kitchen Items from the Bid Euchre Group

Just in time for the spaghetti dinner, the Bid Euchre group has purchased two new pasta pots and some other useful equipment for the community centre kitchen. Serving utensils to match the chafing dishes donated by the group last year are certainly going to come in handy.

Thanks once again to the euchre players who are choosing to continue to support the community centre even while meeting at the home of a group member who for health reasons cannot get out to the centre. ❖

## Christmas Afternoon Tea

On **December 15th** from 2:00 to 4:00PM at the Ryde Coop Community Centre, we are planning to have a Christmas Afternoon Tea and Cookie Exchange.

We would like to invite everyone to join us for a Christmas Tea. It is a wonderful way to meet old and new neighbours so ... if you are new to the area ... this is a special invitation. Just come and enjoy tea and visiting. We may have some surprises for you too. Cost of the Christmas Tea? ... a silver collection or donation of cookies.

you note ingredients (to avoid food allergies) and your initials, on the label ... and if you would like to put the recipe there, that is a great idea too. Please have cookies in sealed packages .... you may use tinfoil or plastic plates but not Styrofoam items.

Wendy had a good suggestion that some vendors or crafty individuals might be interested in having a table set-up with things of interest to allow folks some Christmas Stocking Shopping. If you are interested, please call **Barb Taylor** at 687-4591 or email at [vbtaylor@sympatico.ca](mailto:vbtaylor@sympatico.ca) ❖

All who would like to join the "cookie exchange" just need to bring your cookies, packaged in dozen sized unit. We ask that

## Other Events and Goings-on...

- **Pilates Classes** with Maria O'Grady continue, **Jan 10, 2011 - Mar 7, 2011**  
**Mondays - 6:00 - 7:00pm "Easy does it"** This class is for beginners/advanced beginners. No prior experience in pilates is necessary.  
**Mondays - 7:00 - 8:00pm "Let's take it up a Notch"** This class is for those who have some pilates experience and would like to challenge themselves.

Minimum class size for each class is 6, and the maximum is 8. Cost is \$82 (includes HST) for 8 sessions. To register contact **Maria O'Grady** at (705) 687-5359 or email at [balgarvey@aol.com](mailto:balgarvey@aol.com), **no later than January 7th**, please.. If you are interested in additional classes

including small group, privates and semi-privates do inform Maria so she can contact you as soon as classes are set up.

- The **Annual Chili Dinner** will be held January 15, 2011. Admission is \$7.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. Proceeds from the dinner will once again be donated to the Salvation Army Food Bank in Gravenhurst. We are looking for four or five chilli chefs to cook up a favourite or new and adventurous recipe for us. Variety has literally been the spice of life for these events!! Salad, corn bread and desserts will round out the menu. Please contact Arleigh (687-3597) to volunteer. ❖