

OTTER POINT & SHIRLEY RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (OPSRRA) INFORMATION UPDATE **February 2011**

The Otter Point & Shirley Residents & Ratepayers Association (OPSRRA) is a registered non-profit society with an elected Board of Directors and strives to present the points-of-view of its members to local government. OPSRRA was founded in 1992 and has a membership of about **400**. Any resident or property owner in Shirley and Otter Point who are age 18 or over are eligible for membership.

Lifetime memberships cost \$5.00 per person and are available from OPSRRA directors—see our web site (www.opsrra.ca) for further information and on-line registration. Associate (non-voting) memberships are available for persons who do not reside or own property in Shirley or Otter Point, but who wish to support the Association.

The purpose of our society is to:

- Ensure that the development of the two communities of Shirley and Otter Point takes place in an orderly way and in the best interests of its residents.
- Co-operate with local government and other public bodies in the furtherance of the objectives of the society and benefits to the community.
- Concern itself with the performance of government agencies.
- Encourage citizens to stand for public office.
- Promote community spirit and sense of identity by organizing or supporting appropriate activities.

Are you an OPSRRA member? Do you want to receive the OPSRRA newsletter and notice of meetings directly to your e-mail address? OPSRRA now emails this newsletter to over **285** of our members. Contact Arnie Campbell at: d.acampbell@shaw.ca if you want to receive this membership service.

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1. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Contact Arnie Campbell at: d.acampbell@shaw.ca or **250-642-3113** to have your community event listed in our monthly community events calendar.

Wednesday
February 2

Note:
new start time

**Sooke & Electoral Area Parks & Recreation
Commission (SEAPARC)**
Monthly Meeting
6:30 p.m.
Board Room
SEAPARC Leisure Complex
2168 Philips Road Sooke BC

Saturday
February 5

Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society
**Explore a new community trail into the Matheson Lake
Regional Park**
9:30 a.m.

Meet at the Galloping Goose parking lot at Roche Cove.
Car pool to the new trail head.

A 1.5 to 2 hour hike on a single-track forest trail.
Dress for the weather and bring a snack.

The hike ends at the Roche Cove parking lot.

Phone Rosemary Jorna, 250-642-2767 or email
sid2767@shaw.ca for details.

Web site:
www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca

Saturday
February 12

**Otter Point Official Community Plan
Public Ideas Forum**

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

John Muir Elementary School
Sooke BC

Identification of community issues
Updating local mapping

See Newsletter item below.

Tuesday
February 15

JDF Electoral Area Land Use Committee (LUC)
Monthly Meeting

7:00 p.m.
District of Sooke Council Chambers
2225 Otter Point Road, Sooke BC

Obtain the agenda the Friday before the meeting on the
CRD website at:

http://www.crd.bc.ca/agendas/juandefucalandusecom_/index.htm

Select the year and month of the agenda you wish to read.

Sunday
February 20 **Shirley Soup and Sandwich Lunch**
Noon to 2:00 p.m.
Shirley Community Hall
All you can eat soup and sandwiches
\$10 Adults
\$ 5 Children

Monday
February 21 **OPSRRA Board of Directors**
Monthly Meeting
Members welcome!
7:30 p.m.
Board Room
SEAPARC Leisure Complex
2168 Philips Road Sooke BC
Agenda available on request.
Contact Arnie Campbell at d.acampbell@shaw.ca

Tuesday
February 22 **Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks & Recreation**
Commission
Monthly Meeting
5:00 p.m.
JDF Electoral Area Services Office
2-6868 West Coast Road, Sooke BC

Wednesday
February 23 **Otter Point Official Community Plan Review**
Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Otter Point Fire Hall
3727 Otter Point Road, Otter Point BC
Identification of community issues
See OPSRRA newsletter article below for details.

Wednesday
March 2 **Sooke & Electoral Area Parks & Recreation**
Commission (SEAPARC)
Monthly Meeting
6:30 p.m.
Board Room
SEAPARC Leisure Complex
2168 Philips Road Sooke BC

Saturday
March 5

Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society

Kemp Lake

9:30 a.m.

Meet at 2452 Kemp Lake Road to car pool to the trail head.

A 1.5 to 2 hour hike on good forest trails. Dress for the weather and bring a snack.

Phone Rosemary Jorna, 250-642-2767 or email

sid2767@shaw.ca for details.

Web site:

www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca

Mondays

Karate for all ages

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Shirley Community Hall

Contact Alida Long: 250-642-4631

Tuesdays

Yoga

6:30 p.m.

Shirley Community Hall

Thursdays

Shirley Quilters and Crafters

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Shirley Community Hall

Everyone welcome

Contact Christien Shipton: 250-646-2687

Thursdays

Nia Dance / Movement Class

6:45 to 8:00 p.m.

Shirley Community Hall

Contact Melody Kimmell:

250-646-2995

movingmelody@gmail.com

2. **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: OPSRRA 2011-2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

OPSRRA will be holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) in March, 2011. Elections for all executive and director positions are held annually at the AGM. A majority of the present directors intend to stand for re-election. Nominations for any position can be sent to:

Nominations Committee

c/o Arnie Campbell, President, OPSRRA

250-642-3113

d.acampbell@shaw.ca

Indicate either a personal interest in being nominated as a director or nominate someone else.

A nominee must be a resident or property owner in either Shirley or Otter Point and a voting member of the association at the time of the election. Nominations are accepted from the floor at the AGM.

3. DO YOU HAVE A PHOTOGRAPH OF SKOOKUM GULCH TRESTLE?

OPSRRA member Bud Gibbons is looking for any picture of the former trestle bridge over Skookum Gulch at the end of Blackfish Road in Otter Point. The trestle was built in the 1920s and was part of the old road from Otter Point to Shirley. It was torn down in the late 1950s. The Sooke Region Museum doesn't have a picture of it nor does the Department of Highways. Contact Bud if you can help him locate a picture at:

250-642-6864

BlackFishBedandBreakfast@telus.net

4. LOOKING FOR MAPS SHOWING OLD LOGGING RAILWAYS IN OTTER POINT

The Sooke Region Museum knows that maps exist showing the old logging railways in Otter Point. One find is a Department of National Defence map from 1935 that identifies a logging railway that ran along the south side of De Mamiel Stream, crossed present day Robinson Road and then followed the route that is presently Tugwell Road. Identifying the routes of these sometimes temporary rail lines which ran through the community from the early to mid 1900s first came up at last November's Otter Point Official Community Plan mapping workshop. Efforts to find a copy of other maps have come to a dead end. If you know where a map might be found, contact either:

Sooke Region Museum archivist Elida Peers

250-642-6351

historian@sookeregionmuseum.com

or Arnie Campbell

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d.acampbell@shaw.ca

5. UPDATE: OTTER POINT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW

For the love of your community and the people who live here, please take time on the St. Valentine's weekend to join others from Otter Point at the Public Ideas Forum at John Muir Elementary School from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, February 12.

Please arrive by 1:00 p.m. (unlike the November drop-in mapping workshop), and you may stay until 4:00 p.m.

The forum will consist of a brief presentation of the work done by the Official Community Plan (OCP) Review Committee to identify important issues in the community, followed by a series of small group workshop sessions to add to, comment on and validate community issues identified by the committee under the broad themes of:

- Vision & Sense of Place;
- Parks, Trails and Transportation;
- Natural Environment & Habitat;

- Drinking Water & Infrastructure;
- Economic Development, Agriculture, Forestry & Aquaculture;
- Residential Types & Locations.

We encourage OPSRRA members to participate; OPSRRA lobbied for three years to have the Otter Point OCP reopened because of the shortcomings in the original plan including:

- Incomplete and inaccurate mapping;
- The need for watershed and sensitive eco-system identification and protection;
- Community agreement on the boundaries for Settlement Containment Areas.

This review is a unique opportunity to identify what you feel is most important in our community before continuing land development makes many of those decisions for us, whether we like the outcomes or not!

The Regional Director has accessed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the federal gas tax credit program to off-set the cost of the OCP review and a sensitive eco-system inventor; we'll not see this level of financial support for an Otter Point OCP review again. If the Otter Point review format is considered successful, then Shirley and Jordan River as well as other JDFEA communities such as East Sooke and Port Renfrew may be in line for similar funding for a comprehensive review of their OCPs.

More information about the OCP review can be found at:

http://www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/landuse/otterpoint_ocr.htm

Note: Unable to attend Saturday, February 12 but still want to participate in the identification of important community issues? Email otterpoint@hblanarc.ca for an electronic version of the workbook used at the forum. Once you complete and submit your ideas, they will be included with material collected at the forum.

OPSRRA Board Submission to the Review of the Otter Point OCP

On January 26, 2011, the OPSRRA Board of Directors made an initial submission to the Advisory Committee which is reviewing the Otter Point OCP. In that submission (see the OPSRRA web site under Community Plans for the full submission, the Board suggested that the review of the Otter Point Official Community Plan is timely given:

- The community experience gained over the past five years using Otter Point's first Official Community Plan;
- The development of the 2008 Strategic Vision for Otter Point, Shirley and Jordan River that identified broad community values and goals as well as strategies to achieve those goals;
- New provincial legislation requiring CRD planning to reduce greenhouse gas emissions throughout the CRD area; and
- The current review of the CRD Regional Growth Strategy, expected to be completed in 2012-2013 that will likely maintain a number of regional planning goals that are binding upon Otter Point.

The Board further suggested to the Advisory Committee that a number of interrelated and sometimes conflicting community issues and pressures for change need to be recognized when reviewing the Official Community Plan. These include:

- The high value many Otter Point residents place on the preservation of rural green space, the natural beauty of the area, and the maintenance of a rural lifestyle with privacy and "elbow room";
- Ongoing provincial, regional and local public debate about the impacts of global climate change and the future role of non-urban areas such as Otter Point in managing greenhouse gas emissions, increasing local food security, and dealing with extreme weather events;
- Current and anticipated CRD regional planning goals of keeping regional urban growth compact and avoiding the development of urban sprawl by maintaining policies such as restricting CRD water and sewage services west of Sooke;
- Growing concern by residents about maintaining a secure water supply and the recognition that a community-wide planning process is needed to:
 - Assess long term community water supply options (including Kemp Lake water, potential CRD water, and a mix of potable well water and catch/retain residential cistern systems);
 - Identify potential community water supply development costs;
 - Establish measures to manage and protect local water supplies.
- Growing recognition that science-based information and planning standards should be the basis for identifying and conserving the natural environment, particularly dominant sensitive ecosystems, streams, watersheds, aquifers and bodies of water;
- General awareness that long-term land use planning in Otter Point should be integrated with long-term planning for the provision and funding of fire protection, security of water supply, transportation, and other services;
- Growing recognition by Otter Point residents that governmental decisions about local environmental conservation, community services, and land use planning are made primarily by decision makers who are neither residents of Otter Point nor elected by Otter Point residents;
- Increasing interest in Otter Point in the establishment of a parks and trails network linked to trails in neighbouring Sooke and Shirley, which would support local and tourism-related outdoor recreational activities;
- Ongoing and anticipated initiatives by large commercial land developers and the construction industry to have Otter Point develop as a small-lot, high-density, low-regulation, rural "bedroom village" for the Capital Regional District; and
- Growing community concern that such a "business only" development model will lead to ongoing deforestation, environmental degradation, small-lot urban sprawl, higher property taxes, and the loss of the district's rural character.

The Board pointed out that the challenge for Otter Point is to support a review of its OCP which recognizes external planning requirements while reconciling community values about strengthening environmental conservation, dealing with community water supply issues, and establishing long-term development goals that

are better integrated with planning for necessary community services. The challenge for the Advisory Committee is to develop specific recommendations about how the existing OCP should be revised or replaced with a substantially new OCP in a manner which reflects broad community concerns and priorities.

The submission concluded by drawing to the attention of the Advisory Committee a number of background documents which it might find useful to consider as it researches and develops its recommendations:

Highlands Official Community Plan: <http://www.highlands.bc.ca/>

Metchosin Official Community Plan: www.district.metchosin.bc.ca/

Green Bylaws Toolkit: <http://www.greenbylaws.ca/>

Water Balance Model: <http://bc.waterbalance.ca/>

The OPSRRA Board of Directors welcomes hearing ideas and suggestions from all OPSRRA members and also encourages them to participate in the Otter Point OCP review process.

Wayne Fritz, Vice-President, Otter Point and Shirley Residents and Ratepayers Association

6. APPRECIATION LETTER TO ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

OPSRRA sent the following letter of appreciation to our elected representatives (Dr. Keith Martin MP, John Horgan MLA and Regional Director Mick Hicks) January 15, 2011:

Gentlemen:

The directors of OPSRRA would like to extend our thanks to you for your representation of the communities of Shirley and Otter Point over the past year.

One of the purposes of our association is to lobby our elected officials in an effort to provide benefits to our communities and to improve governance and the performance of government agencies. We have had mixed results, over the past 19 years, when it came to achieving these objectives. However, in recent years we have enjoyed unprecedented access and cooperation from each of you.

At the conclusion of last November's Town Hall meeting at the Shirley Hall I thanked you for your attendance and made a closing comment that given the nature of politics it was unlikely we would have an opportunity to have the three of you together again in a community forum. Within two days of that event Dr. Martin announced his intention not to run in the next federal election and more recently John Horgan has announced that he is running for the leadership of his provincial party. Fall elections will soon determine whether Mike Hicks remains for another term as regional director.

To have had three elected representatives from sometimes different parts of the political spectrum working together in a respectful and cooperative manner is refreshing. With pending departures and job changes the circle will necessarily be broken. Our association has benefited from the work which you have undertaken on behalf of the community. We now wish you well as you move forward, whether in politics or private endeavours and we will look forward to building new

relationships with you or your successors as roles change and political futures are decided.

Regards, Arnie Campbell
President, OPSRRA

7. 2010 GRANTS-IN-AID

The Juan de Fuca Electoral Area (JDFEA) has a budget for discretionary grants that allows the regional director to respond to requests from organizations and agencies which provide a service to residents of the JDFEA. These grants are recommended by the regional director and approved by the Electoral Area Services Committee of the Capital Regional District Board. The budget for grants-in-aid 2010 was \$40,710 and a request for \$38,500 is in this year's budget estimates. More information about the JDFEA budget can be found on the JDF web site: <http://www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/budget.htm> or by going directly to the JDF PDF budget spreadsheet: [Tax Report](#)

Grants approved in 2010:

Grant	Amount
Port Renfrew Health and Social Services Society	\$2,000.00
John Muir Elementary School Parent Advisory Council*	\$2,000.00
Saseenos Elementary School Parent Advisory Council*	\$2,000.00
Sooke Elementary School Parent Advisory Council*	\$2,000.00
Sooke Canada Day Society	\$1,000.00
JDF Regional Park Watch Society	\$1,000.00
Scouts Canada, Camp Barnard	\$500.00
Willis Point Community Association	\$3,000.00
East Sooke Community Association	\$2,000.00
Willis Point Community Association	\$4,000.00
Juan de Fuca Marine Rescue Society	\$1,000.00
Sooke Philharmonic Society	\$1,000.00
Total	\$22,500.00

*Grants towards the cost of retaining school crossing guards at schools attended by children from the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area.

8. SERVICES COVERED BY YOUR PROPERTY TAXES (OR NOT)

Property assessment notices were sent to property owners last month and tax notices based upon these assessments will be sent-out later in the spring. Last

month's newsletter described the initiative of the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area (JDFEA) Regional Director and OPSRRA to explain the JDFEA budget process, show the actual budgets for 2008 through 2010 and the projected budget for 2011. This information can be viewed at: <http://www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/budget.htm>

However, our property taxes do not cover all the services which we receive, and what is covered varies by community and even within a community. For example, if you live anywhere in the JDFEA except Port Renfrew, your property taxes do not pay for **garbage collection**, instead the property owner or tenant purchases a private service (at their discretion). The Capital Regional District (CRD) provides a recycling service throughout the electoral area paid through your property taxes.

Very few residents in the JDFEA are connected to the CRD **water** system. Residents have a mixture of water sources that includes public utilities, wells, cisterns and water drawn from creeks and rivers.

- East Sooke: The Seagirt Water Improvement District is connected to the Greater Victoria Drinking Water System by a pipeline under Sooke Harbour. It purchases water from the Greater Victoria system and manages the distribution of this water to 86 households in the Seagirt Road area. The improvement district taxes users to pay for the management and maintenance of the system and bills for the water they use. The Wilderness Mountain Drinking Water System in East Sooke draws water from the Wilfred Reservoir on Mount Matheson. The CRD oversees this system which taxes about 80 residential lots for the service.
- Shirley: Sheringham Waterworks B.C. Ltd. (a water utility operated by a limited company) services about 110 households in Shirley. The company draws water from Goudie Creek.
- Otter Point: the Kemp Lake Water Works Improvement District supplies water to about 450 households. As in the Seagirt system, the improvement district meters water use, does its own billing and makes its own assessment for connection fees and other costs.
- Port Renfrew: The CRD manages a community water system for Beach Camp and Snuggery Cove paid for through taxes to the CRD. The water source is a well that currently provides drinking water to about 128 parcels.
- Other residents of the four electoral area communities mentioned have to find and manage their own water supply, including paying their costs for drilling, inspections, equipment and repairs and even for water trucked in when their supply fails.

Everyone in the JDFEA is responsible for their own **sewage** disposal except for some residents of Port Renfrew who are on a community sewage system paid through their property taxes.

Tax requisitions do not cover all costs which is why "users" sometimes pay their share through fees and permits. Some of these services are cost recovery or close to it. For example, through permit and inspection fees, the CRD **Building Inspection** Services last year recovered an estimated 94% of its costs in the JDFEA. However this service is shared with the other two electoral areas in the CRD and unfortunately the Gulf Islands and Salt Spring Island Electoral Areas (EAs) only had an estimated 61% cost recovery in 2010. Because we share the building inspection services with these two other electoral areas our JDFEA requisition of \$69,537 was used to cover the overall cost of this service to the CRD.

In past years the tax payers from the other two EAs have sometimes helped to subsidize building inspections in the JDFEA.

Examples such as these make trying to compare tax rates between different areas of the JDFEA extremely difficult. Trying to compare electoral area tax rates to those of incorporated areas within the CRD is approaching the impossible. One conclusion is that our taxes are lower in the unincorporated areas, the electoral areas, compared to incorporated areas of the CRD. One reason for this is that the province picks-up most of our policing, road construction and road maintenance costs; we are subsidized by tax payers elsewhere in the province. On the other hand, fire protection and search and rescue services are provided by volunteers and paid for through grants and fund raising as well as taxes. Trying to do comparisons means including or excluding which services are actually being covered by your tax dollar to ensure apples and oranges are being compared with each other instead of lemons.

9. COMMUNITY SIGNAGE INITIATIVE

One suggestion in the 2008 Otter Point, Shirley and Jordan River Strategic Vision report was to consider erecting highway signage identifying the communities of Shirley and Otter Point. OPSRRA has been looking into this possibility over the past 6 months and has discussed the idea with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI), the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Economic Development Commission (EDC), the Shirley Community Association and the OPSRRA membership at our November, 2010 general meeting. Representative drawings of the signs and a budget have been completed and funding applications have been submitted to the Sooke Region Rotary Club and the EDC. If the funding is approved and the MoTI agrees to the size and location of the signs we would like to proceed with this community initiative by the summer of 2011.

10. SOOKE REGION HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Sooke Region Historical Society, operator of the Sooke Region Museum and Visitor Information Centre, held its Annual General Meeting on January 23, 2011.

The society operated on a budget of \$354,139 in 2010, compared with \$447,138 in 2009. This decrease was necessary as revenues for 2010 were down by about \$131,000 because of a significant drop in government grants and donations. The operation of the museum is supported by donations, fund raising, gift shop revenues, sale of memberships, exhibition fees, government grants and a tax levy of \$122,500 from the residents of the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area and the District of Sooke.

Elected to the society's Board of Directors for a two year term:

Liz Johnson	Vice President
Lorna Barry	Treasurer
Lorne Christensen	Director
Francois Gething	Director (Past President)
Pete Wilford	Director
Al Beddows	Director

Directors with one year remaining in their term:

Ray Vowles	President
Mike Thomas	Secretary
Shirley Vowles	Director

Joan Titus Director
Bob Stinson Director

Appointments to the Board of Directors:

Rose Dumont T'Sou-ke Nation
Anne Boquist Juan de Fuca Electoral Area
Dave Bennett District of Sooke

11. DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

Otter Point is the location of the Jack Brooks Fish Hatchery which is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year? It is located on Rocky Creek near DeMamiel Stream and is operated by the Sooke Salmon Enhancement Society. Jack Brooks was a Department of Fisheries conservation officer who in the 1970s started placing salmon incubator boxes in a tributary of the Sooke River. His early fish conservation and stream rehabilitation efforts were appreciated by local fishermen and contributed to the formation of the Sooke Conservation Society, a group of volunteers who collected salmon eggs in the fall and then cared for them as they grew into salmon fry that were released into the Strait of Juan de Fuca the next summer. When the Sooke Lions Club decided to help build a fish hatchery with incubation trays and rearing pens on Rocky Creek in 1981 it was named after Jack Brooks.

This month's **Did You Know That?** came from *Profiles of a Community and The Sooke Story—The History and the Heartbeat* published by the Sooke Region Museum.

Do you have local historical information that you would like to share, or questions that you would like answered? If so, let us know and we'll try to help. Contact Arnie Campbell by phone (250-642-3113) or by email: d.acampbell@shaw.ca

12. OPSRRA SMALL BUSINESS LISTINGS

Do you operate a small business? Are you an OPSRRA member? OPSRRA is offering a free business listing service for members, on its web site: www.opsrra.ca. We will list non-members for a suitable donation!

The purpose of this service is to provide an opportunity for businesses in Jordan River, Shirley and Otter Point to advertise their goods and services to their local community. We anticipate having listings for accommodation, farm produce, art, furniture-making, fishing charters, eco-tours, firewood, knitting, soaps, landscaping, bookkeeping, sewing, spas and more. More information, businesses already listed, and an on-line registration form are available on OPSRRA's web site (www.opsrra.ca) under **Business Listings**.

Note: OPSRRA does not accept responsibility for the services provided. Always check references and ask for confirmation of Work Safe B.C. Registration if applicable.

Support local businesses. The OPSRRA web site has more information about the following business listings

1001 Welding & Equipment Repair

Accent in Grooming

A Point of View B & B

ALM Organic Farm

Beaches West B & B

Bear Home Remodelling

Birds Edge Press

Bridge over Troubled Water Autism Intervention & Respite Service

DanCyn Kioti Excavation

Eagle Cove Beachfront Guest Suite

Fancy That Esthetics & Body Care

Farmer Notary—Shawna Farmer, Notary Public.

Full Circle Seeds

Heron's Rest B & B

Jambo Pet Sitting Service

Kirsten Sykes, Realtor

Knotty Beds by Nature

Le Sooke Spa

Malahat Farm Heritage Cottage

Ocean Wilderness Inn

Otter Point Beach House

Otter Point Electrical Service

Reflexology by Marlene Barry

Rock Beach Grill and Groceries
(formerly Kemp Lake Store & Cafe)

Rhythm's Edge Percussion Shop

Road's End Construction

Sandy's Drywall Ltd

Smiling Goat Farm Sitting Service

Stick in the Mud Coffee House

Straitview Ridge Bed & Breakfast

Three Sisters Farm

Tugwell Creek Honey Farm

Tugwell Creek Meadery

Welcome Wagon

Wood Visions

13. BACK ISSUES OF THE OPSRRA NEWSLETTER

Back issues of the OPSRRA newsletter are available on the OPSRRA web site.

This monthly newsletter is prepared by the directors of OPSRRA. It is available to members by e-mail and to others on our web site: www.opsrra.ca. To have an item you would like to have considered for placement in the newsletter, or make a comment about the newsletter, contact an OPSRRA director. OPSRRA tries to verify the correctness of the information in this newsletter; if we got it wrong we will acknowledge that and make a correction as quickly as possible.
