



# Royal City Men's Club

## RCMC Newsletter

January 2019

### January Meetings

#### Dr Jim Mottin – “Animal Adventures” - January 10<sup>th</sup>. 2019

##### Presentation:

I would be pleased to present “Animal Adventures’ to the RCMC on January 10, 2019. I will be able to cut my Elora Adventure Club talk on the same subject down to 45 minutes by leaving out a few pics of some species, no problem. I have presented to the RCMC twice before: “Idiosyncratic Perspectives On Italy” and “Backpacking the Grand Canyon” and enjoyed your membership both times. Attached are 3 pics you can use for announcing the talk, as you see fit. Below is a short bio and description of the presentation, which may be the same as the one Ed asked me for, Ed having attended the Elora Adventure Club presentation.

##### Bio:

"Retired now for 16 1/2 years, Dr. Jim Mottin of the UoG Psychology Department presents his Elora Adventure Club talk called “Animal Adventures.” Jim was trained as a hunter at a very, very early age, but put down the gun at 17 and took up photography. He was nick named Deep River Jim (DrJ) by a hiking buddy, retired UoG English prof Marshal Matson, the name coming from an author of books on the wild in the 40s that Marshal new as a youth. Marshal was always amazed at the ability of Jim to spot wildlife on their many all day hikes together. With numerous accompanying photos, Jim will share some of his wildlife adventures from the jungles, the canyon lands, and beyond, though some adventures precluded photos."



Howler Monkey; one of Jim's many friends

## Ian Evans - “Australia by Bicycle South to North” – January 24<sup>th</sup>. 2019

### Presentation:

It is over 40 degrees C, the bike is buried to the axles in soft sand and there are millions of flies trying to get in your eyes, nose, ears, and mouth. And you still have 2,500 KMS to go. Welcome to cycling through the Australian outback. Ever since my earlier expedition in 2012, I had always wanted to revisit Australia and especially the centre with Alice Springs and Uluru. When in the fall of 2016, 2 friends suggested that we go, the expedition was on! We did lots of research and decided to follow the track of the first European to complete the trek from Adelaide to Darwin through the outback, even starting at the same house he did in 1862.

### Bio:

Ian has embraced adventure all his life - from scaling the shed roof at aged 3 to skiing to the South Pole at aged 58. He has also climbed 5 of the "7 Summits" ", cycled 5,000 KMS solo & unsupported across Australia (twice) around the coastline of Iceland and to the Arctic Ocean and run 10 marathons.

But the thing about Ian is that he is an ordinary guy, from a rural background in England, who has decided to push himself to achieve extraordinary things at the very edge of his own comfort zone. He is not an explorer, world record holder or super-fit world-class endurance athlete, but is a Chartered Accountant who has led in many ways a regular life.



## *Future Meetings*

### **Future general meetings for February 2019:**

Thurs. Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>. And Thurs. Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>.

## *Activities & Events*

Coffee/Breakfast 10:am at the **AirPark Café**:50 Skyway Dr. at the Guelph Airport:519-836-0984  
or Symposium Cafe

**Thurs. Jan. 17th. and Thurs. Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**This is an informal get together and all RCMC members are welcome.**

### **Events:**

Art Gallery of Guelph - January 30th. 2019

Sweetheart Dinner February 14<sup>th</sup>. Details to be announced

**Contact for Events & Activities - Ray Biffis: [col.biffis@gmail.com](mailto:col.biffis@gmail.com)**

## *Other News*

There is a new What's New section on the Home page of our website. This will give you quick links to any new information which has been posted on the website.

If you have any new content for the website, please send to Ritchie Zelk at  
[edna.ritchie@sympatico.ca](mailto:edna.ritchie@sympatico.ca)

## *Membership*

Please send any updates to your entry in the Membership Directory, including any change in email address, to Del Campbell, 519-826-0679, [susan-delcampbell@sympatico.ca](mailto:susan-delcampbell@sympatico.ca)

**Members are encouraged to invite male friends and acquaintances to our meetings.**

