



# Royal City Men's Club

*RCMC Newsletter*

*January 2020*

## *Meetings:*

Thursday January 9th.

**Mike Bechtold - Dieppe**

## Presentation:

Mike will speak about the Battle of Dieppe in World War 2.

## Bio:

Mike Bechtold holds a PhD in History from the University of New South Wales, Canberra, Australia and an MA & Honours BA from Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. Mike is the author or editor of eight books and numerous articles. His most recent book is *Flying to Victory: Raymond Collishaw and the Western Desert Campaign* (University of Oklahoma Press, 2017). He specializes in the fields of military air power (especially tactical air operations in the First and Second World Wars), the Canadian army in Normandy and Northwest Europe, and the Canadian Corps in the Great War. Mike is the Executive Director of the Juno Beach Centre Association and teaches history part time at Wilfrid Laurier University. For 22 years Mike worked as the Communications Director of the Laurier Centre for Military Strategic and Disarmament Studies and the Managing Editor of *Canadian Military History*, an academic quarterly journal.



**9:30 Refreshments – 10:00 Speaker**

**Thursday January 23rd.**

**Kyle Horner - Distressed Wildlife - Owl Recovery**

**Presentation:**

**Wild Ontario is an environmental education program with a special set of tools - a team of non-releasable birds-of-prey. These once-wild animals have been permanently injured as a result of encounters with people, and can no longer survive in nature. Wild Ontario provides a permanent home for these birds, and an important job too: teaching about nature, and how humans affect it. This presentation will cover Wild Ontario's unique history, current mission, and the philosophy behind their educational programming. Their feathered friends will be on-hand too, so don't forget to bring your camera!**

**History:**

**In 1981 the Wild Bird Clinic was created at the University of Guelph's Ontario Veterinary College. The clinic treated sick and injured birds for release back to the wild. In 1987 a Turkey Vulture was admitted to the Wild Bird Clinic with a common injury - a broken wing caused by a car collision. Attempts to save the vulture's wing proved unsuccessful and it was amputated, making him non-releasable. In 1990 Dr. Bruce Hunter and clinic volunteers formed the Wild Bird Clinic Education Program to teach the community about human impact on nature, using Socrates the Turkey Vulture to spread the message. Over the next 15 years the program gained new birds and volunteers, and continued to perform outreach in the community. Due to funding constraints, the Wild Bird Clinic was forced to close its doors in 2006. A small team of dedicated volunteers salvaged and revamped the education program, temporarily called Wildlife Education & Environmental Program. In 2010 the program was rebranded and relaunched as Wild Ontario, with a focus entirely on environment, education and outreach. Today Wild Ontario continues to grow, deliver programs, provide experiential learning for volunteers, and pursue Dr. Hunter's original goal of reducing human impact on nature.**

**Additional Information:**

Additional information about the program along with photos can be found here: [www.wildontario.ca/clients](http://www.wildontario.ca/clients). I wonder if you might just want to use our logo or a photo of a bird in lieu of a headshot...while it's likely to be me presenting, there's a chance it might be our program director and I wouldn't want to have a photo of the wrong person!

We are looking forward to the talk!

Kyle Horner, Education Coordinator



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## *Future Meetings*

Meetings for February 2020:

Thursday Feb. 6th. and Thursday Feb. 20th.

## *Activities & Events*

**Coffee/Breakfast 10:am**

at **Symposium**  
or the

**AirPark Café:50 Skyway Dr. Guelph Airport**

**Thurs. January 16th. and Thurs. January 30th.**

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

### Events:

**Sweetheart Dinner Friday February 14th.  
at Symposium**

Contact for Events & Activities - Ken Marchant: [marchjack@rogers.com](mailto:marchjack@rogers.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.**