



TODD MINTZ: UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY

TODD IN ACTION



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Glenn Potter gave us a wonderful editorial for the bulletin (and this was his first attempt)



Don Mintz, introduced us to his son Todd, our Guest Speaker today. Todd in his work-a-day world is a Chartered Public Accountant. Todd is more widely known as one of Canada's most celebrated Nature and Underwater Photographers. His images have been recognized and awarded prizes in numerous international photography competitions. Todd recently completed his first solo exhibit at the Saskatchewan Science Centre and the Kramer IMAX Theatre. The exhibit featured over 40 of Todd's images which are imbedded in aluminum, a medium in which he enjoys displaying his photographs.

Todd has won numerous "Best of Show" honours and has been published throughout the world in museums, magazines, books, journals and ads. He has been a participant in expeditions all over the world but his passion has been to focus on scenes of the Arctic and lesser known sharks.

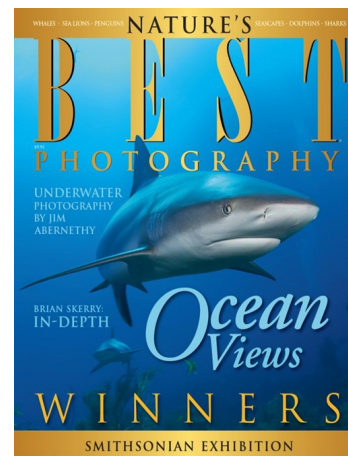
He is a member of the prestigious Explorers Club whose individuals have contributed to the cause of exploration and the furtherance of scientific knowledge of the world. He also belongs to the Ocean Artists Society which focuses on using ocean art to promote a greater awareness of our need to protect and preserve our natural environment.



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Todd introduced his presentation by informing us about the aims of the Explorers Club and how they are well known for their collections of pictures on the exploration of Mount Everest and the first landing on the Moon. He indicated that many of the pictures in his presentation will be from the eight trips he has made to the Arctic. He drew our attention to the photographic display he had set up and indicated they were unique due to their mounting on "printed aluminum". This is medium in which he has found his "niche".

He began with one of his favourite Arctic subjects, the Narwal. Other shots followed from his entries in the National Geographic magazine, the Smithsonian Competition and cover shots on the magazines such as "Scuba" and "Diving"



He took us back to the Arctic and talked about diving in these waters. He explained and showed us how you enter the water through large holes which enabled the diver to go under the ice shelf that is usually over six feet thick. These waters could be up to 3000 feet deep. For safety while diving, the diver teams were always tethered to the surface and together due to the currents that were always flowing under the ice which could move you away from your entry/exit point. Another danger is posed by an iceberg rolling while you might be under it. He informed us about his "dry suit" and wearing thermal clothing to protect you against the cold. Even so you are often borderline hypothermic upon the completion of a dive. He pointed out the danger of having your air tank freeze and the need for you or your partner to carry a spare.

The Polar Bear: Todd showed us shots of Polar Bears and how they were not always as dangerous as we are commonly lead to believe (Naturally there were exceptions). One picture was of a Polar Bear den that was taken in minus 35 degrees.

Back to a pod of Narwals with their long tusks which is not a weapon but may be used by the animal to help them "sense" their surroundings.

Scenes of the Arctic: Baffin Island with its mountains which are very different than our Rockies.



Todd talked about how easy it is to sleep even though its full daylight. The body is working hard burning energy and it needs to have its rest so getting to sleep happens quickly. Next we were treated to his "shark pictures". He tries to focus on the lesser known varieties and is especially fond of the "tiger shark" and pointed out that like the polar bears the shark too often suffers from a "bad rap".



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The “fisherman’s delight” - shots of the Adams River salmon run. He explained how he would be in the cold fast running water for eight to ten hours a day in order to obtain the kind of pictures he wanted,

There was a spectacular picture of a mother fox and her kitten. Todd described how he sat for hours in a blind, being interrupted by a dog but patiently waiting for the right moment in order to obtain the “perfect shot” and it was!



In his owl shots, he stressed how important it was to have patience to get the image you’re seeking and not to “impact or interfere with nature”.

He closed by taking us back to his display and he indicated that each of his prints would be from an edition or run of 25 using the “printed aluminum” medium. He later informed us that he would donate 10% back to the club on any of the purchases made by club members.

Question Period:

Todd answered questions about his training indicating that he was largely self-taught but received significant tips from many professionals. He uses a Canon 5DSR camera and it’s encased in a special housing for his underwater work.

President Murray closed the presentation by thanking Todd. Murray has known Todd since he was a child and he informed us that as a young boy Todd would not get into a bathtub with five inches of water in it. Don and Donna had to give his swimming lessons before he would really consider using the tub!

A donation of \$100 was made to our “Stay In School” fund as a thanks to Todd for his presentation.





RCCS: CLUB NEWS

The club membership gathered at Rotary House with the display of members birthdays on the screen. Celebrating this week are: **Bill LeClair, Frank King, Tom Walton, Steve Mason, Neil Fraser and Chas Filipski**. Thanks to **Terry Allen** for all his work in putting these names together. ***Terry would love to have some help with this project.***

At the appointed hour **President Murray Flegel** opened the meeting with his set of trivia facts:

- In 1908 the Calgary Rugby Football Club re-organizes as the "Tigers"
- In 1939 the first jet aircraft flew.
- And TODAY is national "Just Because Day"!!

We then joined with our accompanist, **Lisa Fernandes**, to sing spirited renditions of "O Canada" and "Rotary Grace". President Murray then introduced the head table: Don Mintz; his son Todd Mintz (our guest speaker), Larry Koper; Sherry Austin; and Bryan Targett.



Our bulletin editor this week is **Glenn Potter** (his first Bulletin) and our photographer is **Mel Gray**.

Health of the Club: **President Murray** reported that Greg Martin is home and doing well but tires easily and Tommy Low is also out of the hospital and doing well.

Guests: **Jack Haman** began his introduction of our visitors and guests with a humorous story, something about the NDP and a "little bit of BULL". Then he introduced the eighteen people who had come to join us. Todd Mintz; Donna Mintz; Devon Mintz; Pat Burns; Mary McPhee; Vane Plesse; Anina Arvo, our current exchange student; Linda Tattersall; Brenda McKinley; Myrna Dube; Leon Popik; Sam Switzer; Jadie Tsang; Aurelia Saldua; Ted Stack; Stan Cichon; Lorna Hamm and Arlene Flegel.

Cleven Awards: **President Murray** indicated that the Cleven Awards would take place on November 26th as a regular lunch meeting.



CRCF: **Sherry Austin** reported that October is CRCF Month. Over the next five years the Federal Government has pledged two dollars to match every charity dollar raised to go towards the eradication of polio world wide. The Government has also committed six million dollars to medical issues in the treatment of Mothers and Babies. On Sept 16th, the Parks Foundation and Mattamy Homes invite us to attend the opening of northeast leg or phase three of the Greenway Project. It's hoped the final thirteen kilometres of the project will be completed by Spring, 2017

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Sergeant at Arms: Jim Fitzowich began by drawing attention to the fact that **Len Hamm** swung a "mighty golf club" on Wednesday at Mackenzie Meadows and was FOUR over par. That cost Len \$20! Jim then proceeded to pry monies from **Art Borzel**, **Keith Davis**, **Rick Scott** and, of course, **Bruce MacDonald**, along with their respective tables, using humorous questions about the history of the NDP and the CCF parties in Canada.

President Murray closed the meeting with the idea to "Be A Gift to the World"



The following proposed new member has been approved by the Board of Directors. If any Member objects to her joining our Club or to the assigned classification, an objection must be filed in writing & delivered to the Club Secretary by **September 7th, 2015**

Name: Myrna Dube Classification: Public Project Development

Proposed by: Jack Thompson Seconded by: Keith Davis

SOCIALIZING AT ROTARY:

The Hamm's, The Burn's and those other characters: Len, Larry and Bryan





2015 RCCS: EVENT CALENDAR AND VISITATION

SEPTEMBER 2015

- Sept 3 Jim Button: Village Brewery
Sept 10 Brock Warner: War Child
Sept 11 to 13 Waterton Peace Park Assembly
Sept 17 District Governor's Visit: Martin Harvey
Sept 17 Partners Member Breakfast/ Coffee Party: 9:30 am: Calgary Golf & Country Club
Sept 24 Fran Porter: When The Ship Has No Stabilizers

OCTOBER 2015

- Oct 1 Trish Lund: Alberta Guide Dogs
Oct 8 Senator Scott Tannas
Oct 12 Cowboys Casino: Contact Bill Sumner to volunteer
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Oct 15 To be announced
Oct 22 Erin Hutchinson: Aspen Family Homes
Oct 23 Partners Oktoberfest: 6:00 pm: Pinebrook Golf & Country Club
Oct 29 Patty Kilgallon: Children's Cottage

NOVEMBER 2015

- Nov 5 To be announced
Nov 11 Rotary Remembers at the Carriage House
Nov 12 NO MEETING AT ROTARY HOUSE DUE TO ROTARY REMEMBERS NOV 11
Nov 19 To be announced
Nov 26 Cleven Awards Luncheon

DECEMBER 2015

- Dec 3 To be announced
Dec 10 Glencoe Club: Christmas Luncheon
Dec 17 Christmas Social
Dec 24 NO MEETING AT ROTARY HOUSE DUE TO CHRISTMAS
Dec 31 NO MEETING AT ROTARY HOUSE DUE TO NEW YEAR'S EVE

JANUARY 2016

- Jan 7 Mid Year State of the Union Address



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one you know that could use a visit.



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(403) 281 9719: Home if you know of anyone that may need a ride to our meet-
ings



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**Thanks to Stephen Cobb for
his hard work**

**Also, thanks to Corinne
Wilkinson and Mel Gray
for the Photos**





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A NEW YEAR, A NEW BEGINNING

I hope that **September 17th** is already marked down on your calendars. This is the day of our Fall Coffee Party where we can catch up on our summer while visiting and sign up for our Fall activities together. Watch for details in our formal invitation.

I look forward to seeing you all.

President Maureen Watson



PARTNER'S PEN - BOOK CLUB

September is synonymous with The Partner's Coffee Party and our annual Book Club Sale. Start gathering your books and bring them to the Calgary Golf and Country Club on September 17. If you enjoyed the book, chances are that someone else will enjoy it as well. Please leave those tattered old books or general interest books at home and bring current books that will be of interest. Marianne Jost has kindly offered to take the unsold books. Hardcover is \$3, softcover is \$2. The proceeds from the book sale allows us to further support It's a Crime not to Read through the Calgary Library Foundation.

Monday, September 21st is our meeting at the Calgary Golf and Country Club. We will start the meeting at 9:30 sharp so please arrive in time to get settled. Coffee, tea, fruit and pastries will be served. The cost is \$16 and it is appreciated if you bring exact change. You must confirm your attendance by noon on the Thursday before the meeting as the Country Club needs to know the numbers. Further details will be forwarded by email. Happy Reading!

Wanda McNeil, 2015 - 2016 Book Club Chair

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HELLO EVERYONE:

As Past President I am assigned the position as Chair of Project Research. I will have a committee of approximately 10 volunteers to help me with research of Charities and the allocation of monies we receive from the Rotarians of the dream home sales

But, we are also open to any suggestions if the Partners have any favourite Charities they would like us to consider

They can send me the info by email l.legare@shaw.ca or call me

Thanks a bunch.

Linda Legare

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CONTACT INFO

Sad News for President Murray Flegel



*Our Deepest
Sympathy*

President Murray's youngest sister, Shelley Williams, passed away at the age of 61 in Regina, Saskatchewan on Saturday, May 29th.

We are very sorry to hear of this and we send our condolences and prayers to the Flegel Family

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