



# THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS RING 92

## THE MAGICAL MINUTES

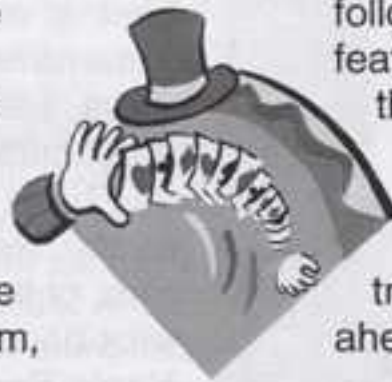


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### GIMMICKS, GAFFS, AND GADGETS FOR APRIL MEETING

The next meeting of IBM Ring #92 – The Vancouver Magic Circle takes place on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2004 at the Sunrise Community Hall in Vancouver. Doors will open at 6:30pm for socializing and at 7:00pm a workshop on "The Card Shark" hosted by **Gerry Hennessey**. The business meeting is scheduled for 8:00pm,



followed by refreshment time and then onto the featured event of the evening, the 2004 running of the Charles Howard trophy competition – Excellence in magic using gimmicks in a card effect or routine. Members wishing to enter this popular contest are encouraged to call trophy chairman **Glen LaBarre** at 604-468-6265 ahead of time to sign up.

### MARCH MEETING REPORT!

Doors for the Sunrise community hall were a little late in opening for our March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting leaving a goodly number of us waiting in a wet cold rain. Our treasurer, who has to pick up the key for the community hall, travels a long way from his home to the hall and with heavy traffic volume to contend with, he was tardy. However, after getting into the hall, everyone pitched in to setup quickly and the monthly workshop finally got underway.



Workshop with Ray Roch!

**Ray Roch**, with a masters degree of excellence from the FFFF group, talked about "Close-up magic-what works and why". He contends that appearances is everything and to floss your teeth before going on

stage. (That brought a chuckle.) He started his demonstration by making a gift box from 6 playing cards to a great presentation of the OLD shell

game, a magic effect that goes back to antiquity. Ray is not very tall and has hands like boxing gloves but has the dexterity of a brain surgeon, Marvelous. The business meeting was



2004 Ray Gamble Trophy Winner Kelvin Ng

supposed to be our introduction to our first lady President **Karen Eskilson**, but she was victim of the flu and unable to attend. First Vice President **Ray Roch**, chaired the meeting with notes sent along from Karen. After the business meeting, ...Continued on Page 2

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refreshments & snacks prepared by Neale Bacon were enjoyed by all. Next up Sergeant-at-Arms **Dennis "The Bulldog", Chan**, had a ticket drawn from the hat for the evenings 50/50 draw. The lucky winner of the \$45.50 jackpot was **Gerry Hennessey**. The feature entertainment of the evening was the Ray Gamble trophy competition, best card effect from a previously sealed deck, 10 minute time limit. **Matthew Johnson**, last year's winner, acted as



Quick witted M.C. Matthew Johnson

M.C. and kept the event moving smartly & aptly with jokes and magic between acts. This allowed the judges plenty of time for filling out score sheets after each of the competitors. First up was **Jose Almenares**, a gift from Cuba, with a smooth presentation featuring the four heart cards appearing on top. Next was **Andrew Yeo**, of the radiant smile and slick handling, followed by **Neale Bacon** with a clever "Cards Across" effect by Dan Harlan with a Star Trek variation. **Gerry Hennessey** presented a gambling routine in a Lennart Green style, very clever. The oldest competitor **Munro MacKenzie**, did "The Gambler", taught to him by **Eric Lenz** who in turn was taught by Billy McComb of Magic Castle fame.



Dennis "The Bulldog" Chan (left) & 50/50 draw winner Gerry Hennessey

**Donovan Atreides** spoiled a great effect by turning it into a card stab which immediately disqualified him upon introduction of a knife. The rules of the competition clearly states that nothing else may be used. Finally **Kelvin Ng**, the youngest competitor, a mere 21 year old, did an "Aced Heinstein Triumph" routine which was judged the winner of the prestigious event and richly deserved. **Glen LaBarre**, trophy chairman was kept busy totaling scores. At the end of the evening he presented each competitor a critique form showing their average marks. This is something the club has been clamoring for as it gives the competitor an idea of the audience perception of their presentation, an excellent learning tool. 51 members and 7 guests enjoyed the wet but exciting evening

**Munro MacKenzie-  
Ring Reporter**



Jose Almenares



Andrew Yeo



Neale Bacon



Gerry Hennessey



Munro MacKenzie



Donovan Atreides

## TIDBITS FROM THE TOPHAT!



This summer's PCAM convention in Seattle is really starting to take shape. PCAM President Brian Cook

recently released names of some newly signed performers which include: Luna Shemada, Dirk Losander, Victor & Diamond, Simon Lovell, Chad Long, and Stephen Minch along with previously announced performers, Max Howard, Joanie Spina, Steffan Soule, Sylvester the Jester, Paul W. Cummins, and Paul Romhany. PCAM Seattle is now 50% sold out and the hotel is starting to fill up as well. Don't delay! Register online now before the next price increase July 1<sup>st</sup>. Stay tuned to all the latest updates by visiting their website @ [www.2004pcamseattle.com](http://www.2004pcamseattle.com)

Ring #92 member **Ray Wong** had a feature article on him appear in the 2004 issue of the West coast Families magazine. Check out Ray's website at [www.raywongmagic.com](http://www.raywongmagic.com)

Junior member **Cameron Fisk** recently performed in a show at the Vancouver East cultural centre.

Magic junkies will be

delighted to hear that the weekly magicians get together is still going strong down at Checkers Bar in the Best Western Sands hotel. The "Drinking Magicians Club", the unofficial social club of all magicians in the Lower Mainland area, meets every Friday for chatter, magic, camaraderie, food and beverage. The March 12<sup>th</sup> gathering was auspicious as it marked the 45<sup>th</sup> birthday of **Neale Bacon** and the 81st birthday of **Munro MacKenzie**. The crowd included hotel G.M. **Craig Prystay**, who provided a delicious birthday cake, Neale's wife and son, **Lon Mandrake** with his wife **Linda**, **Joe Ward**, **Eric Lenz**, **Jacko Mellor**, **George Patey**, **Bill Eliason**, **Graeme Kingston**, **Peter Rolston**, **Ambrose** and **Anthony** and a few others. It was an altogether a pleasant convivial evening. Could the fact that the appetizers were half price have been a factor?

### THE VANCOUVER *Magic* CIRCLE

L.B.M. RING #92  
PRESENTS

## MAGIC FOR YOUNGSTERS



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SUNDAY, MAY 30th 2004

1:00 P.M.

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## Conjurers Calendar

A MONTHLY GUIDE TO MAGIC AND  
EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

THURSDAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2004  
IBM RING #92 – VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE  
APRIL MEETING  
7:00PM – WORKSHOP  
8:00PM – BUSINESS MEETING  
8:45PM – GIMMICK CARD NIGHT  
CHARLES HOWARD TROPHY

FRI, APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup> & SAT, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>  
STAN KRAMIEN'S 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
NORTHWEST MAGIC JAMBOREE  
At the one and only BIG TOP RANCH  
NEWBERG, OREGON, U.S.A.

TUESDAY, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2004  
MICHAEL AMMAR LECTURE  
7:30PM – ROOM 2203  
DOUGLAS COLLEGE, NEW WESTMINSTER  
Reservations: David Wilson @ 604-467-7887

THURSDAY, MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2004  
IBM RING #92 – VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE  
MAY MEETING  
7:00PM – WORKSHOP  
8:00PM – BUSINESS MEETING  
8:45PM – CLOSE-UP NIGHT  
HB MACLEAN TROPHY- ADULTS  
DICK GARDNER TROPHY - JUNIORS

SUNDAY, MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> 2004 – 1:00PM  
IBM RING #92 – VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE  
2004 CHILDRENS MAGICIAN OF THE YEAR  
STUDIO THEATRE @ SHADBOLT CENTRE  
BURNABY BC  
ALL TICKETS – \$5.00 ea. – 604-467-7887

THURSDAY, JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2004  
IBM RING #92 – VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE  
RECEPTION AND SHOW FOR  
VISITING IBM PRESIDENT TONY WILSON  
BEST WESTERN SANDS HOTEL  
1755 DAVIE STREET, VANCOUVER

AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2004  
2004 P.C.A.M. CONVENTION  
SEA-TAC MARRIOTT HOTEL, SEATTLE, WA  
Hotel Reservations: 1-800-314-0925  
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[www.seattlepcam2004.com](http://www.seattlepcam2004.com)

# IBM RING #92 - The Vancouver *Magic Circle*

LECTURE SERIES PROUDLY PRESENTS:

# MICHAEL AMMAR

# LECTURE

At the turn of the millennium, Magic Magazine listed Michael Ammar as one of **"The Most Influential Magicians of the Twentieth Century."** It's no wonder, as one of the most prolific authors and teachers of magic in the world, Michael's awards and achievements are unequalled. Michael became only the second American in the 45-year history of the event to win the **Gold Medal for Close-Up Magic** at the 15<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Magic (FISM) in Lausanne, Switzerland in 1982. Since that time, he has amassed 6 awards from the prestigious **Academy of Magical Arts** in Beverly Hills, California - the maximum number of voted awards for which he is eligible.

#### AWARDS

2003 Distinguished Alumni, West Virginia University, 2003  
 "Magician of the Year", Tannens New York, 2002  
 Best Close-Up Magic, World Magic Awards, Fox 2000  
 Gold Medalist, World Sleight of Hand Competition, FISM 1982  
 Best Sleight of Hand, "The International Magic Awards", 1992  
 Best Sleight of Hand, "The International Magic Awards", 1991  
 Best Parlor Magician, Academy of Magical Arts 1990  
 Best Parlor Magician, Academy of Magical Arts 1985  
 Best Close-up Magician, Academy of Magical Arts 1983  
 Best Lecturer, Academy of Magical Arts 1983  
 Best Lecturer, Academy of Magical Arts 1982  
 Best Close-up Magician, Academy of Magical Arts 1981



**Date: Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

**7:30 PM, Room 2203**

**Douglas College, 700 Royal Ave New Westminster**

**Pre-registration: \$20.00 VMC Members / \$25.00 Non-members**

**Admission at the door: \$25.00 VMC Members / \$30.00 Non-members**

**To Register Call David Wilson at 604-467-7887**