The next meeting of IBM Ring 92 will take place on Thursday April 27, 2006 at the Sunrise Community hall at 1950 Windermere Street in Vancouver. Doors will open at 6:30 and workshop will start at 7.

This month's workshop presenter is Clinton W. Gray who will introduce his SCAMPER technique of creative discovery. This is a system Clinton developed six years ago to create new magical effects and original routines. During the workshop, he will demonstrate and explain many of these effects, to better illustrate the seven steps of SCAMPERing!

The business portion of the meeting will start at 8:00 pm. With Mike using his cattle prod and whip to keep everyone in line, we should wrap that up very quickly.

Refreshments will follow the meeting and from there we’ll move into the heavily contested competition for the Charles Howard Trophy. This will be awarded to the individual with the best effect using Gimmick Cards not exceeding the time limit of 10 minutes. If you would like to register as one of the competitors, please contact our Trophy Chairman Walter Ruteck at walter.ruteck@ibming92.com or phone him at (604) 591-1930.

The membership went wild! The emails came flooding in, and phone started ringing! David Wilson wanted the food catered for the next meeting and Glen LaBarre was researching Copperfield’s favorite foods on the net! Matthew Johnson was on cloud nine, and David Murdoch was inviting everyone under the sun to the meeting. Gary Savard was ecstatic… until his wife pointed out what day it was - APRIL FOOLS! Over 20 of you fell hard for the practical joke, while others guessed pretty quick - Like 10 year-old Jesse Boyes who emailed Mike to let him know that Mr. Copperfield would be dining at his house the night before the meeting…just in case they might be late.

David Copperfield
New Member!

April started out with a shock this year. Our amazing President, Mike Norden, sent out an email with some fantastic news! It would seem that Mike's brother in law is a realtor and had the pleasure of renting out a house to a magician who was filming a part in a movie over the next few months. He was able to introduce Mike to this person, who in turn wanted to come to our next meeting and do a mini-lecture. To top it off Mike was able to sign him up for 3 years as a member! Who was this amazing magician?! The email said you had to visit the website to find out - so many of you did. Only to discover it was none other than the great David Copperfield!!!
March Madness from page 1

While the business meeting was unfolding, tantalizing aromas filled the air, quaffing out from the kitchen where Marcia & Juan Garcia were busy cooking up some of their specialties for the refreshment break. When the business meeting broke, they were ready for the crowd with a table full of tantalizing treats among which were chicken fingers, pork ribs, veggies & dip, nachos & salsa, cinnamon twist rolls, coffee, and orange juice.

During the socializing that followed some members stopped by the head table to pick up their new membership recognition pins they had not received yet. Proudly displaying their new hardware were Byron Chong, Juan Garcia, Jens Henriksen, Glen LaBarre, Eric Lenz, & Ray Roch.

As everyone was getting settled in for the evenings feature magical entertainment, a lucky ticket was drawn for the 50/50 draw. Claiming the cash pot prize of $50.50 was a jovial Ray Roch (who said “he never wins”... Ya, right Ray). A War of the Worlds DVD, donated by Mike Norden, was the consolation prize won by David Hamil.

For all members signed up to receive the Club’s newsletter via e-mail, a special $20.00 cash draw was won by Thomas Jono.

It was then full speed ahead with our annual Past President’s and ONE TRICK NIGHT, the evening where everyone gets a chance to shine by showing a little something from their repertoire.

Leading off the pack for the Past Presidents was Gary Savard (2000), doing a match book trick with help of Guest Emily Garcia; then David Wilson (1981,1992 & 2003) did the old Pee & Shell Game that ended with an 8 ball under each shell; David Watters (2002), presented a Mini Zig Zag illusion that used Rocky the Raccoon; and Mike Norden (Current President) did an Invisible card prediction.

Members that participated in O.T.N. (in order of appearance) were: Craig Prystay doing an Elmsley Count effect he calls “Hell if I know”; Dennis Chan made an origami magic card box for Glen LaBarre; Jesse Boyes, our newest Junior member did a finger chopper effect on a brave Chris Patakai; Munro MacKenzie did the Princess Card Trick; Claus Ritter showed his version of Leap of Las Vegas; David Hamel did the elevator card trick; Walter Ruteck with a clever torn and restored tissue paper to rabbit from top hat; Chris Patakai did a coin transfer to a locked box; Cameron Fisk did some trained card miracles including an Ace of Spades production; Trevor Watters vanished an elephant, yes ...really! Frank Patakai demonstrated a very nice Multum in Parvo with beer & finishing with a large Stein; Jens Henriksen did a knotty straw effect; Ray Roch did a Flim Flam Man effect; Reg Donnelly showed a Horse of a Different Color; Eric Lenz did a sponge ball effect that finished with the ball turning into a rabbit; Joji Yamashita found Emily Garcia’s 10 of spades that was lost in the pack; Jack Mellor presented an old time delight, a Cups and Balls routine to rhyming chatter; Dennis Hewson did a rope effect that finished with him pulling the knots off the rope and giving them away; Richard Whittington performed a Daryl Fooler Dooler; Jamie D. Grant (newest member) performed a signature transposition with cards; Thomas Jono found guest Dawn Jones (a.k.a. Cupcake) 4 of spades written in ashes on his arm; Glen LaBarre tried for a miracle using cards but missed, claiming a hang nail was the culprit; Rod Chow did money magic with a restored and increasing bill; Jonathan Hamilton (guest) did a blue deck, red deck effect; and Past President Juan Garcia (1990) who had been occupied in the kitchen earlier, finished off the evening with a trick from his brother in South Africa, the Garcia Card Trick Prediction.

38 members and 5 guests enjoyed an entertaining and magical March meeting.

Reported by David Wilson
Hey Clint,

Can you put the following details into a cool flyer with graphic etc. for the "OPEN HOUSE"? Thanx,

Mike

What: Vancouver Magic Circle Open House
When: Saturday, June 10, 2006 from 12 pm - 4 pm
Where: Sunrise Community Hall
Who: This a get-together for all the magic community and we encourage you to invite all your friends, bring your family, kids, siblings - bring everyone! It will be a reunion as we are inviting all our past members too!
Why: It will be like no event we have ever held & there will be:

- Competition - it's a secret!
- Games and 'Magic Sports'
- Face Painting
- Lots of $$$ in Door Prizes!
- IBM Ring 92 Apparel (hats, lanyards, pins, pens & more)
- Magic Trick Demos
- Magic Wand Degrees (contact Walter)
- Our new Information Booth
- Balloon Twisting
- Clowin’-Around & Party Empire
- Concession Food Stand!
  - BBQ, pop, chips,
- TONS of fun!

How: Please RSVP to rsvp@ibmring92.com or call 604-476-1577
Ted and Marion Outerbridge's, *Magical Moments in Time* comedy and illusion show came to Maple Ridge last month. Performing professionally since 1983, Outerbridge has delighted audiences in over 100 cities coast to coast, and has been featured in theatres on both sides of the Atlantic. Based in Montreal, the Outerbridges have done everything from making Fortune 500 executives appear to creating the magic for Kathleen Turner and Christopher Reeves in Tri-Star Pictures’ *Switching Channels*.

A number of members of the Vancouver Magic Circle attended the show which played to a decent sized audience and was filled with illusions based on time and clocks. Some very interesting ideas were employed and the show had a great flow. Audience participation was included and Ted did a great effect with a youngsters shoe... burnt it to a crisp!

The show featured an amazing ending, where Ted was securely bound in a straitjacket and put into a shadow style box. He could be seen moving around and pushing on the fabric walls until the last second - and then the walls came down and he was standing at the back of the theatre! Great illusion!

Present for the show were Lori Farquhar, Trevor Watters and Lorena, Cameron Fisk, and Mike Norden.

**Rod Chow featured in new book**

Rod Chow is one of the feature contributors in the new book titled "SWITCH - Unfolding the $100 Bill Change" written by John Lovick and published by Murphy's Magic Supplies.

This is a large format hard cover book, in the works for several years, and covering virtually every aspect of the bill change, by the inventor and many famous names in magic. Rod is, of course, well known in the VMC for his unique Money Magic, and four of Rod's original bill change and production techniques are detailed here for the first time, in 17 pages with 55 step by step illustrations.
President’s Perspective

Hello Ring #92

As you might have noticed about me, I am very interested in making the general membership feel appreciated for what they do, and for just being a member. To me the saying 'Membership has its Privileges' should ring true with this club!

That was my goal with the Membership Appreciation Awards, and now I have pushed the envelope even further. We are putting on a FREE lecture. Yes, free. It is Friday, July 7th, 2006. For more information, see Tidbits from the Top Hat. I think you all deserve it. But remember, it is only open to the first 100 people who pre-register!

On top of that we are having our first 'Open House'. Again, I want to welcome current, new, old and potential members to 'Open House'. Again, I want to welcome pre-register!

Tickets for the Vancouver Magic Circle's 2006 Children's Magician of the Year Show are on sale NOW! This popular event has been a sellout the last number of years, so don't be disappointed, buy your tickets early before they up and vanish. All seats are only $7.00 each. The sale of advertising has also begun for the C.M.O.T.Y. souvenir show program book.

Advertising prices are: full page $60.00, half page $35.00, Business card $12.00. Contact David Wilson at 604-467-7887 to reserve your ad space. If you would like to become one of the competitors for the Children's Magician of the Year, please contact competition chairman Walter Ruteck at 604-591-1930. Deadline for competition entry is May 1st.

I am also into helping others - individually and as a club. I started this by organizing the Bowl for Big Brothers this year and raising $1,910 for the cause. I am going to follow this up with a 'Balloon-A-Thon for Hunger' during the summer and a 'Magicians for Cancer' in October, for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. I hope you will be a part of this with me.

My energy for ideas and fun are only fueled by the membership. You are what makes this club so great. Come out to our new functions and mingle with everyone. Talk to that person you have not talked to before. Re-ignite an old friendship. Share the gift of magic with a child. We have so much to offer and we are only limited by our imagination.

I look forward to the year ahead, with members like you.

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SPONSORS SPOTLIGHT

MAGIC DEPOT - WWW.MAGIC.ORG

What a sponsor we have for you this month! One of our new sponsors for 2006, Aaron from Magic Depot has gone all out to please our club. He is donating $100 in gift certificates for our April meetings as well as 10% to all members!

Canada is viewed as domestic on The Magic Depot web site, eligible for all U.S. discounts and shipping charges. And their new 3000 square foot creative headquarters and second showroom is opening this month in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Here are a few words from Aaron: “Ladies and gentlemen of Ring

92! Aaron Smith here from The Magic Depot at magic.org! Visit my web site for more than 4000 magic tricks, books, DVDs, accessories, and supplies. Write RING 92 10% OFF in the comments box during the checkout process, and I'll deduct a full 10% off your order!”

Thanks Aaron! Visit www.magic.org and see what it's all about!

WEB CORNER

Mike Norden

Wow, we have a lot of updates for you this month! First off - there are over 400 NEW pictures in the photo gallery. The pages are now sorted by year and 2005 has tons of photos. On one of the pictures on the site it says, "You are a winner!" on the description of the picture. Email me what picture it is and you might win something big!

We have 18 new sponsors! Please check out their ad banners on each page and visit their sites. They are the sole reason we have a top notch website AND some of them are going to be donating door prizes, giving discounts and more!

Over the next few months I will be one of the judges for this years IBM Website of the Year - we will see who compares to our award-winning site. On another note - I was asked to re-do the IBM site itself! Alas, I do not have the time for this project, but I am very honoured to have been asked.

We have added a Lectures page on the site so you can view upcoming lectures and click on past lectures and view photos or read the write up in the newsletters. We also changed the merchandise page to payments as a few people found it difficult to find where to pay their dues. Hope that helps!

We are also giving EVERYONE an ibmring92.com email address. This way we always know what each other's email address is! It will be your first name, then a '.' followed by your last name - example: first.lastname@ibmring92.com. We will forward all the emails to your existing email address listed in the roster book. You don't have to do anything - except let us know when you change your email address! :

Mike Norden is Ring 92's webmaster. He was recently contacted by David Copperfield to completely redesign davidcopperfield.com. Way to go, Mike!
The electronic newsletter is getting a lot of attention! Not only do you receive it earlier, save paper and money, and get it in colour - but also you could win $20! Thomas Jono knows all about this as he won the loot at the last meeting. Up for grabs this meeting is a $20 gift certificate from Magic Depot. If you have already signed up then you are entered into the draw - if you have not signed up...why not?! You can win $$!!! Email the Webmaster to get on the list.

Dave Womach has just signed a 2-year contract with the SandCastle in Saipan. He will be performing 2 shows nightly, 6 days a week - that is 1,176 shows in the next 2 years! Dave, already a big name in the magic community, is moving up the chain faster than you can say hocus-pocus! We wish Dave all the best in his new endeavor! Check him out at:

http://www.davewomach.com

If you would like to do your Magic Wand Degree, the Picnic or the Open House is the perfect opportunity to get it done! Email Walter Ruteck and he’ll ensure everything is set up for you.

Fellow entertainer and friend to many Ring #92 members, DON NELSON and his alter ego “HELLO THE CLOWN” passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 1st. God must have a tremendous sense of humor. What other day would GOD and “Hello” choose to raise Don to his eternal rest place than April Fools Day. A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, April 15 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Andrews United Church in Maple Ridge.

“Hello” wanted his memorial to be one of laughter and joy – and all who attend were asked to wear their full entertainers costume and to bring helium-filled balloon(s). One cannot be sad walking into a funeral carrying a balloon!

Our condolences to all his family and friends.

We have a Special Event Lecture  
JULY 7th. This is very special and important news for our members. We want to make sure you get every pennies worth from your membership dues. We want you to feel like a valued member of this club - and each and every one of you are. To show our appreciation for the work you all do, and for just being a member we are providing all our members with a free lecture.

Yes, a FREE LECTURE! We are inviting all our members out for Friday, July 7, 2006 for a lecture by Justin Miller. Don’t know of him? Well you should! He is a rising star in the magic world and we are lucky to be able to book him.

We are inviting all our past members to join us for this special event - so we are limiting this to the first 100 people who RSVP to rsvp@ibmring92.com. Do you think that is a crazy number of people?! Well, we have 150 members and we have mailed out over 110 tickets to guests and former members....you do the math! Email NOW to reserve your FREE seat!

The Annual Summer Picnic has been set - Sunday July 30th at the Band shell in Queens Park, New Westminster. Come with the whole family. There will be food, games, food, prizes, food, contests, magic wand degrees...and did we mention food?! Dave Watters is the heading up the committee for the picnic so if you want to volunteer, help out, or just let us know you are coming then give him a jingle or email him at dave.waters@ibmring92.com

We are entering into a few parades in the next few months - like the May Day Parade in Port Coquitlam on May 13th and the Mountain Festival in Maple Ridge on May 6th. Stop by to see us if you’re out-n-about. If you would like to participate in the parades please email parades@ibmring92.com

CONJURORS’ CALENDAR

the monthly guide to magic & events in our community

**SATURDAY, APRIL 15**

**IBM Ring #339 - Lynnwood, WA**

**The North West Ring Of Fire presents SMOKE & MIRRORS**

Everett Theater, 2911 Colby Ave., Everett, WA

Tickets are $8-$12 (US)

Box office: 425-258-6766

www.everetttheatre.org.

**APRIL 20th, 21st, 22nd - 7 pm**

**APRIL 22nd, 23rd - 1 pm**

Theatrrix Presents the play

**MAGIC! - STARRING CAMERON FISK**

Maple Ridge Arts Centre & Theatre (The ACT)

For tickets visit theactmapleridge.org

**FRIDAY, APRIL 21st, **

**7:30 pm**

the Vancouver Magic Circle presents

**A LECTURE BY PATRICK PAGE**

Room #2203 - Douglas College

700 Royal Avenue, New Westminster, BC

Reserve your seat by calling 604-467-7887

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27th, 2006**

**IB.M. Ring #92 the Vancouver Magic Circle APRIL MEETING**

Gimmick Card Night - Charles Howard Trophy

6:30 pm Doors

7:00 pm Clinton W Gray workshop

8:00 pm Business Meeting

9:00 ish Competition

**FRI, MAY 19th & SAT, MAY 20th, 2006**

Stan Kramien’s 19th Annual

**N.W. MAGIC JAMBOREE**

Big Top Ranch, Newberg, Oregon, U.S.A.

**THURSDAY, MAY 25th, 2006**

**IB.M. Ring #92 the Vancouver Magic Circle MAY MEETING**

Close Up Night - H.B. MacLean Trophy (Adult)

Dick Gardener Trophy (Juniors)

**SUNDAY, MAY 28th, 2006 - 1 pm**

**RING #92 the Vancouver Magic Circle presents 2006 CHILDREN’S MAGICIAN OF THE YEAR**

Studio Theatre @ the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts - 6450 Deer Lake Ave., Burnaby, BC

Tickets available by calling 604-467-7887

**FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2006 - 7:30 pm**

the Vancouver Magic Circle presents

**A LECTURE BY SAL PIACENTE**

Room #2203 - Douglas College

700 Royal Avenue, New Westminster, BC

Reserve your seat by calling 604-467-7887

**SATURDAY, JUNE 10th, 2006 - 12 pm to 4 pm**

the Vancouver Magic Circle presents

**1ST ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE!**

Sunrise Community Hall, 1950 Windermere St.

Free for all members, past members and guests...bring everyone!

For more info, see the flyer in this newsletter.