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VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS RING 92

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April General Meeting Gimmicked Card Night

The next meeting of IBM RING #92, The VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE, takes place on Thursday April 24th, 2008 at the Sunrise Community Hall in Vancouver. Doors open at 6:30 for socializing and the workshop is slated for 7:00pm. This months workshop is Interactive Bag Magic. Come prepared to demonstrate, teach, or learn magic that uses bags (egg bags, change bags, double walled bags, etc.). The Business meeting will begin at 8:00pm, followed by light refreshments, and then on to the competition for the Charles Howard Trophy.

This trophy is awarded in recognition of excellence in magic using gimmicks in a card effect or routine. During the course of the routine or effect, a gimmick must be used (i.e. gimmicked card, gimmicked wallet, gimmicked device, etc.). The spirit of this competition is to encourage the growth in the use of gimmicks to enhance magic.

If you would like to enter the competition, please contact our Competition Chairman Bruce Hunt at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting at 604-591-9353 or via email at bruce.hunt@ibmring92.com.

See you there!

The Magical Minutes

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Ring 92 to honour Tony Eng

In a vote by the general membership, it was a unanimous decision that Tony Eng would be awarded a Life-time membership.

Tony Eng has been our member for many years. He has served as Territorial Vice-President for the IBM for the past decade and has always been a true ambassador to magic.

This could have been a great article....

Yes, this could have been a great article, but it's not. Why not you ask?? Well.... Because you didn't write it.

That's right, the Magical Minutes is desperately in need of your material to put in print. Send us your pictures, your thoughts, your ideas or just your general ramblings. Just keep a magical theme and maybe we'll

include it in one of next newsletters.

Send your submissions to:

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March in review.....

At our General Meeting in March, Gary Savard started the opening workshop with a new concept for our ring; Interactive Rope Magic. Instead of sitting in rows, with most people staring at the back of the head of the person in front of them, we sat in a large circle with members taking turns demonstrating and/or teaching magic with ropes. The idea was to get more people involved and talking to each other. First up was Dennis Hewson with rings on rope followed by the Bowline knot. Several other members stepped up to demonstrate their



Don Pacht asks for a pair of scissors to assist Shawn Farquhar with a little snip.

Submitted by Munro Mackenzie

routines including Jack Bastow with the help of his grandson Cyrus doing a rope through the middle, Jonathan Hamilton with a ring on and off a



Bruce Hunt has Gary Savard tie some secure knots.

rope, Bruce Hunt with an impossible solid through solid routine, Jens Henriksen and a story about the Shoe Lace Knot, James Hanson with a rope through neck, Shawn Farquhar untying a knotted rope without letting his hands leave the rope, Don Pacht showing his prowess, and a routine that had Neil Kremer really tied up.

Past Presidents and One Trick Night

After refreshments, supplied by David Wilson and Dennis Chan, the second half of the March meeting was Past Presidents and One Trick Night. Our constitution states that each member should entertain at least once a year, so O.T.N. is a dead easy way to fulfill your obligation. In attendance was Past President David Murdoch (1968). Past Presidents who performed for the crowd included David Wilson ('81, '92, and '03), Shawn Farquhar ('88 and '93), Gary Savard ('00) and Mike Norden ('06 and '07). Other members to perform included Glenn LaBarre, Anthony Young, Lon

Mandrake, Rod Chow, Munro Mackenzie, Jack Mellor, Trevor Watters, Joji Yamashita, Neil Kremer, Don Pacht, Damien Carriere, Jonathan Hamilton and James Hanson. The entertainment concluded with Gary Savard and Gord Boyes, with the aid of a leaf blower, inflating a huge (6' diameter) balloon into which Jesse Boyes crawled. With the aid of a small balloon to plug the hole, Brianna, a guest, also climbed in and the two of them shuffled the balloon across the stage.

The 50/50 draw of \$48 was won by Jonathan Hamilton.

Pictures from Past Presidents and One Trick Night

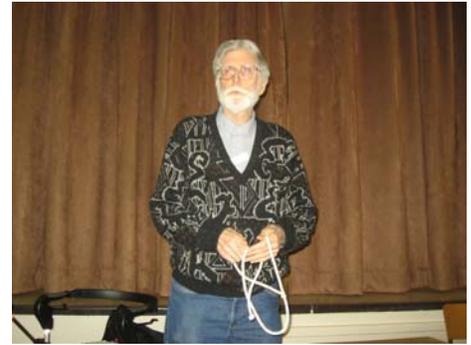
Thanks to Rod Chow, we have some pictures to share. If you take pictures at any meetings or events, be sure to send them to us!



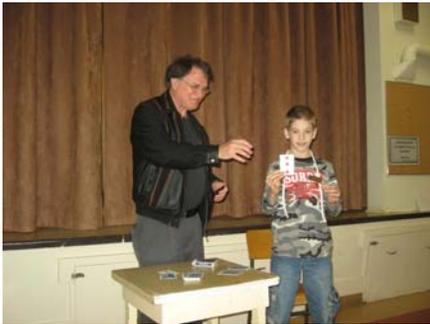
Wanna bet??



We vote him to be our next Treasurer!



I don't remember what he did, but Munro was entertaining.



Lon Mandrake tries to get his card back from Jesse Boyes.



Why is it fogged up???



Jack Mellor playing with a full deck.



Wanna have a sword fight?



Listen to my new promo. Do you BELIEVE??



Damien Carriere with some new PN moves



Now you kids, don't do this at home!



Don Pacht demonstrates his gentle touch.



It's not over till... Oh... never mind.

Leftovers

Leftovers aren't always great, but these ones were. Some awards and certificates that we weren't able to deliver in February were given out at our March meeting.

Andy Mo received a Helping Hands certificate, Frank Pataki received his nomination for the Golden Rabbit award, Don Pacht received his Murray

Award for "Most Creative Magical Performance", and Jack Bastow received his nomination for the Stan Kramien Showmanship Award.



Andy Mo receives his Helping Hands certificate.



Frank Pataki receives his Golden Rabbit Nomination.



Don Pacht Reieves his Murray Award

Whistle if you like this picture

Submitted by Gord Boyes

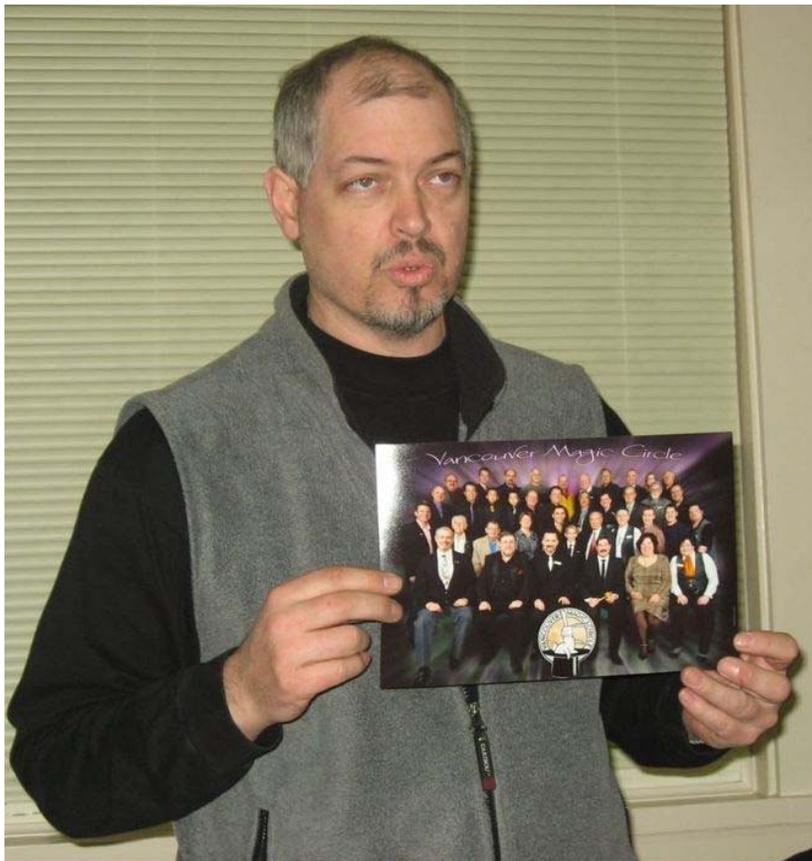
No no no, not the picture of David Wilson, the picture that David Wilson is holding.

David has been working hard on a backlog of club photos. After being dogged by newly elected president Gord Boyes, David finally got his act together and got this years photo out in record time.

OK, not really, but David told me I could take the credit. Yes, that's the kind of people this club has, people who do tons of work and rarely take the credit they deserve.

Honestly, a big thank you to David for the work he's doing as Treasurer, as well as taking care of archives, apparel, photos, memberships, roster book, various functions for the club, etc etc etc..

Watch for several years of club photos to be distributed soon, free to people in the picture, available for purchase for others.



Beauty eh.

Lecture Review—Steve Beam

Submitted by David Parker

On Friday April, 11, 2008, Douglas college was home for the Vancouver Magic Circle's lecture by Steve Beam. The 7:30 lecture started right on time at 7:45, when our illustrious President, Gord Boyes, introduced Steve. Steve Beam has been inventing, performing, and teaching card magic for over thirty years. In addition to authoring more than 25 books, he edited and published *The Trapdoor*. This underground journal of magic spanned fifteen years and 1500 pages which, by Steve's own calculations, averages out to almost 900 pages a year! Steve lives with his long-suffering bride and three daughters (the resident card-pickers), along with thousands of decks of cards in Cary, North Carolina - the thimble capitol of the world.

Steve was dressed in a jacket and tie, and started off by introducing himself as a graduate of the Darwin Ortiz School for Humorous Patter, and the David Blain School of Video Editing.

While he is known for Semi-Automatic (better known as self-working) card tricks, he opened with an effect called Mr. Jimmy, which was a comedy finger-puppet effect.

That was followed by card effects - an Ace Production, Card Compression, Mortality (where the life of Lon Mandrake was put at risk by the Aces of Spades), Exchange, and 3 Piece Combo. All of these effects are basically self working and require no sleight of hand (unless you live in Canada and have to miscount 6 for 5 to accommodate the different spelling of the word "colour").

I really enjoyed his sense of humour and one-liners - he had me chuckling all night, even though some of his Magician jokes went over my head. And tied to his sense of humour, and what I really appreciated was how every one of his tricks had a detailed story to go along with it. So instead of being a card trick, it was part of a story - and a funny one at that.

After the break, Lon Mandrake recovered sufficiently from his brush with death to win the "lucky member who registered in advance and gets his (or her) admission back draw". Steve was then fortunate enough to be presented with the coveted VMC pen (oooooh), the very fancy VMC garment bag (aaaaahhhh), and a taste of Canada for you to take home Maple Leaf cookies (yummy).

After the break, Steve did a trick called Turning Heads. Then he told us a wonderful story of how he hated thimble magic and wrote not-so-nice stuff about it in *The Trapdoor*, until he got totally fooled several times by the thimble magic of Joe Mogar. This ultimately led to him spending 2 years writing a book on thimble magic - and he displayed his nimble thimble skill to us with his Presidential Opener trick.

Finally, he showed us his closing routine for the past several years - Multiple Impact - a great effect where several people each select a card and return it to the deck, which he never touches -then after some comedy interaction with an audience member, he is able to name everyone's card - as well as an additional surprise.

I think that all 23 members and 3 guests thoroughly enjoyed Steve's magic and sense of humour, and a pleasant evening was had by all. Those of us who joined him afterwards at Boston Pizza, were treated to a display of his sleight of hand magic, which totally blew us all away. Now I need to go and find his lecture notes on his sleight of hand magic, as I never bought that book during the lecture.

Presidents Perspective

Submitted by Gord Boyes

Want to know how to have more fun? It's simple, just come to all the VMC events, get to know people, and get more involved. I know from experience that it's a recipe for success.

An example... well, I'm really not much of a "card guy" and to be brutally honest I wasn't really excited about attending the Steve Beam lecture. Boy, am I glad I did. Not only did I learn a few things but I was thoroughly

entertained for the evening by probably the most entertaining "card guy" I've met.

That's what the X-ellent Lecture Series is all about. Nowhere else in Canada or America is such a fabulous concentration of great talent coming through on a consistent basis.

I'm thankful for the club and hope you all get as much enjoyment out of it as I do.



April 25th and 26th, 2008

Kramien's Magic Jamboree

The most fun you will ever have at a magic gathering. Shows, dealer exhibits, contents, refreshments and meals.

Big Evening Shows—You'll be treated to a professionally produced Friday night show and the All-Star Saturday night show on the big stage in the Big Top Arena.

Sunday June 15th, 2008

What better way to celebrate Fathers Day than by attending the Childrens Magician of the Year competition??

Our monthly competition conducted at the Shadbolt Theater in Burnaby. Support the club by helping promote and sell tickets. More details to follow soon.

September 13th, 2008

Lynnwood Ring of Fire presents
DAY OF MAGIC 7

At the fabulous Everett Historical Theater. Don't miss the 2 big lectures, a swap meet, the anything goes contest, the gala evening show, and much MUCH more!

More information to follow in future months

Dan Garrett
The Wizard's Way



Coming in June '08

Our next guest lecturer is Dan Garrett in June 2008.

Dan Garrett is a name known to most of you, as a performer, inventor and lecturer. He is Past National President of the Society of American Magicians, Past TVP (Georgia) for the International Brotherhood of Magicians, twice voted Greater Atlanta Magician of the year, Member of the Inner Magic Circle with Gold Star, and winner of much to many accolades and trophies to list here. Dan performed to worldwide audience live on CNN Headline News. He was one of the select group of magi-

cians hand-picked to perform at the Washington, DC, Candlelight Inaugural Dinner for President George W. Bush in 2000. Please don't hold any of these things against him, though. Dan is really a cool guy.

David Copperfield said, "Dan Garrett has one of magic's most entertaining and creative minds."

In the past Dan served as a feature writer for MAGIC magazine. Dan wrote the popular Pandora's Box column in M-U-M magazine for over a decade, and currently is on it's trick review staff.

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