



VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS RING 92

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Come get fed up with the newly elected executive

The next meeting of I.B.M. Ring #92 the Vancouver Magic Circle will take place on Friday, February 24th, 2006 at the Best Western Sands Hotel, 1755 Davie Street, Vancouver, BC. It is our Annual Installation Banquet, Club Group Photo, & Comedy Night.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. for cocktails & socializing, and at 7 p.m. a Buffet Dinner, in honour of our newly elected executive, will be held in the Pacific Ballroom. Dinner price is \$20 per person, which includes all taxes & gratuity. Spouses and guests are welcome. If you would like to attend the dinner portion of the evening, Please RSVP Karen Eskilson at 604-418-3407 before February 22 to let her know how

many are in your party.

Those who wish to join us after dinner, are welcome to do so at 8p.m. Award presentations for the year 2005 will be handed out, followed by the installation of our newly elected executive officers into office.

At approximately 8:30 p.m. a photo shoot by our resident photographer Jack Bastow will be



We voted for this guy?!!

held down in the boardroom for the Club's 2006 Group Photo. (We encourage all members to attend for this photo)

Then it's back to the ballroom for fun & laughs with our

Comedy Magic Competitions. Up for grabs are the Cecil Ackery Comedy Trophy for adult members and the Rick Honey Comedy Trophy for junior members. If you would like to enter either of these contests be sure to call Competition Chairman Walter Ruteck at 604-591-1930 at least 24 hours ahead of time.

For anyone wishing to make a night (or Weekend) out of this festive evening, the Best Western Sands hotel has offered Ring #92 members the incredibly low Room Rate of only \$69.00 a night. Reserve your room by calling the hotel front desk at 604-682-1831. For those driving to the Hotel, parking rates are \$5 for the evening and \$7 for overnight.

Olrans beat Masters of Disaster 130 to 120

Although dark and rainy outside, it was a bright & fun filled evening inside the Sunrise Community Hall, for I.B.M. Ring #92's first magic gathering of 2006.

Doors opened for our January 26th meeting at 6:30 p.m. and the hall quickly filled with a sizeable crowd of almost 70 people. The sound of socializing and chit chat could be heard around the room as Sergeant-at Arms, Dennis Chan signed everyone in and his assistant for the evening, Joe Ward, sold 50/50 tickets.

Not long after the doors opened, the legendary Eric Lenz, along with wife Donna and confidant Mark

Steele, had a gigantic mobile "Going Out of Business Sale" up and running for his magic shop "The Magic Class." Three large tables were covered with magic merchandise and many a magi were mesmerized by the magnificent meed. Shopping for great deals proved to be a popular past time throughout the evening.

On the other end of the room Ring #92 Librarian Greg Dietlein, had a few boxes of the club's literary wealth out on display and available for checkout.

The workshop for the evening started at 7:10 p.m. and was run by Educator/Author/one half of the *Two Men in Black*, Christopher Taylor with a 30 minute presentation on mentalism, that was both entertaining and enlightening. (You can read a review of his book, *Inside Out* on our website, and his newest creation "Equinox" is available exclusively from www.alakazam.co.uk)

The business meeting followed, chaired by President Karen Eskilson, who managed to catch a few people

off guard by actually starting the meeting 15 minutes early, at 7:45 p.m. It was our annual general meeting and elections night.

Reports were given by Secretary



Craig Prystay and Ray Roch ensure Lon Mandrake & Shawn Farquhar don't take too many goodies

David Watters, 2nd Vice President Dennis Hewson, and treasurer David Wilson, who's financial statement was voted on and accepted by the general membership.



Members patiently endure the club politics



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Who's Trick *from page 1*

President Eskilson then ran through a list of items on her agenda and gave a report on Vancouver's fledgling Magic Youth International group that Ring#92 is proudly supporting. She also discussed a number of upcoming magic events, including Stan Kramien's 19th Annual Northwest Magic Jamboree, happening this May.

George McVey, a former VMC member and guest for the evening, was acknowledged and given special thanks for his kind donation to the club's library of a vintage magic book: *Howard Thurston's Card Tricks*, published in 1903.

Webmaster Mike Norden, gave a quick update on new additions to the club's website, and informed us of up coming plans for the Vancouver Magic Circle to apply for the I.B.M.'s "Ring Quality Award".

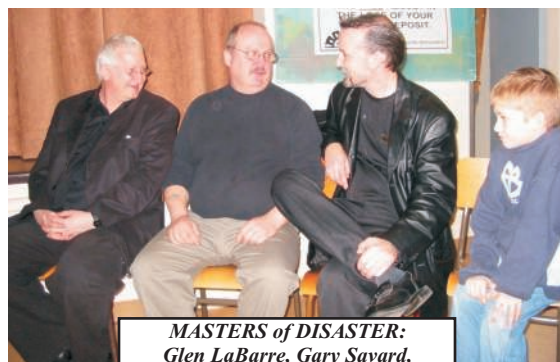


Jesse gestures...

Dennis "The Bulldog" Chan was then let loose on the crowd, and in that totally unique Bulldog style, reminded everyone to be sure to wear their Ring 92 Name Badges at all meetings and functions, or as per club rules, will be levied a fine of twenty dollars... Just kidding, one dollar!

Nominations committee chairman Munro MacKenzie, stepped up next to conduct our annual elections of officers, and did so in a professional and upstanding manner. Nominations were opened to the floor, but with no further names being put forward for any of the six positions available, Munro's recommended slate of candidates were all elected to office by acclamation.

As the business meeting drew to a close, Craig Prystay, our volunteer refreshment coordinator for the evening, was ready for the crowd with two tables full of tantalizing treats. Crackers & cheese, Veggies & dip, white cheddar popcorn, mini pizzas, Cajun black pepper chicken wings, a platter of cookies, an absolutely awesome apple betty, and juice & coffee were all among the featured items that quickly pulled a



MASTERS of DISASTER:
Glen LaBarre, Gary Savard,
Dave Watters, and Jesse Boyes



OLRAMS:
Dustin Anderson, Shawn Farquhar,
Cameron Fisk, and Chris Pataki

disappearing act.

After everyone had enjoyed a leisurely refreshment break with good food and small talk, it was time for the anticipated 50/50 draw. The handsome sum of \$80.50 was claimed by a smiling Joji Yamashita.

Juan Garcia performed a nice routine with "Spelling Bee," a children's effect that Eric Lenz had up for sale at his table, and had received requests for a demonstration.

It was then on to the Feature Entertainment for the evening, a Madcap Magic Style Theatre Sports Game Show titled "Who's Trick is it, Anyway?" hosted by those two new masters of mayhem, Clinton W. Gray and Mike Norden.

Eight members of the audience were selected as contestants, and divided into two teams of four. Team One with Glen LaBarre, Gary Savard, Dave Watters, & Jesse Boyes chose to call themselves *The Masters of Disaster* after being instructed to think of a team name. Team Two with Dustin Anderson, Shawn Farquhar, Cameron Fisk, & Chris Pataki picked the name *The Oloram's* (which they revealed was *Marlo* spelled backwards).

As on TV game shows, contestants were awarded points after completing each assigned task. Karen Eskilson, David Parker, & Rod Chow were the astute panel of judges, that held up score cards just like at Olympic sporting events.

The two teams were then pitted against each other in a series of challenges, all with a magic theme, all humorous & fun. Pantomiming a magic trick, mystery balloon twisting, the translator, & a tag team magic trick were among the dastardly deeds doled out by the devious hosts.

It was 70 minutes of hilarity & good clean fun that saw the *Oloram's* reigned as champions with a score of 130 to 120. I think *The Masters of Disaster* were heard calling for a re-match. Stay tuned for further installments.

52 members and 16 Guests enjoyed a jovial time at our January meeting.

Reported by David Wilson

TIDBITS FROM THE TOP HAT

CONJURORS' CALENDAR

the monthly guide to magic & events in our community

Vancouver has the largest Chinese population in Canada, and the second largest in North America, so the Chinese New Year celebrations are a big deal. Last year many of us enjoyed seeing Juliana Chen perform. This year our Neale Bacon did the honours. He stated that the ventriloquism part of his show went over very well - yet he had no translator.

There are a few magic shows rolling into town this Spring. Come out to the ACT Theatre on March 25th to see Ted and Marion Outerbridge. Our very own Cameron Fisk will be headlining at the ACT Theatre in April in a show called "Theatrix Presents: Magic!" - way to go Cameron! You can visit our website for more information under Events and Who's Where. Buy your tickets now!

Kelvin Ng was seen hosting a workshop at UBC on close-up magic and basic sleight of hand, on Friday, February 10th, to help raise money for the UBC youth club, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing extra-curricular activities for students!

Instead of heading south as he usually does, Snow Bird Warren Pready will be spending the winter in BC this year. He tells us, he'll be practicing walking on his new hip. We hope to see him showing it off at one of our meetings real soon.

Magicfest is an Annual show on the Island and is held in January. Our own Shawn Farquhar, Clinton W. Gray, Matthew Johnson and Greg Ladret put on a great show and had a blast! On the same night The Medways were entertaining at the Victoria Magic Circle's Annual Dinner - what a night of magic on the big Island!

There is a program on Channel 5 called "New Tricks" about a group of retired detectives brought back to solve old cases. With that in mind a group of local magicians, mostly older, have been getting together to talk about and perform magic of the past. The only rule is that the trick must have been invented before 1956 (over 50 years). The group meets informally at Jack Bastow's place on the second Thursday of the month. Participation varies but regulars are Alf & Gary Spence, Munro MacKenzie, Jack Mellor, Joe Ward, Walter Ruteck, Jens Henriksen and Florence Lam. The object is to keep old magic alive, and also to recognize how many of the new tricks are really the old ones dressed up a little. All are welcome, so give Jack Bastow a call at 604-254-1139 to join the gang.

Murray Sawchuck was in the local news of late. He was featured in the Burnaby Now and they did a whole story on local boy done good! It talked about his new contract with the Flamingo Hotel in Vegas and more! Check out the article in the Archives section for the full story.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2006

I.B.M. Ring #92 the Vancouver Magic Circle
February Meeting
Best Western Sands Hotel
1755 Davie Street, Vancouver BC
Installation Dinner, Group Photo, Comedy Night
6:00 p.m. Doors / Happy Hour
7:00 p.m. Buffet Dinner
8:00 p.m. Awards / Executive Installation
8:30 p.m. Annual Group Photo
9:00 p.m. Comedy Magic Competition
Cecil Ackery Comedy Trophy - Adults
Rick Honey Comedy Trophy - Juniors

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2006

I.B.M. Ring #92 the Vancouver Magic Circle
March Meeting
Past Presidents & One Trick Night

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2006

Ring #92 the Vancouver Magic Circle presents
A Lecture by Patrick Page

THURSDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2006

Ring #92 the Vancouver Magic Circle
April Meeting
Gimmick Card Night - Charles Howard Trophy

FRI, MAY 19TH & SAT, MAY 20TH, 2006

Stan Kramien presents his
19th Annual N.W. Magic Jamboree
Big Top Ranch, Newberg, Oregon. Lectures, Shows, Meals, and open Bar are ALL INCLUDED
Registration: Magicians \$125.00 US
Juniors & Spouses .. \$ 60.00 US
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SUNDAY, MAY 28TH, 2006 - 1:00 P.M.

Ring #92 the Vancouver Magic Circle presents
2006 Children's Magician of the Year Show
Studio Theatre @ Shadbolt Centre for the Arts
6450 Deer Lake Avenue, Burnaby, BC



Update your roster book...

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Silly Billy Lecture

Reviewed by Mike Norden

David Kaye AKA Silly Billy strolled into town for a great lecture on Jan 27th at Douglas College. A wee bit of panic as our lecturer did not show upon time - apparently all the trains in New York are under-ground and he got stuck at a crossing here!

After quickly setting up David burst forth with the energy he is known for. David is the top children's performer in New York. His shows command anywhere from \$500-\$600 and he is booked months and months in advance. If we can't learn something from this guy....

David performs as a character known as Silly Billy and has graced the covers of Genii, Magic magazine, The New Yorker and others. He writes a monthly column in Magic Magazine and has a great new book out called *Seriously Silly* that is the new Bible for kid show performers. If we can't learn something from this guy....

David has shows set for age groups and



Henry Tom and Silly Billy (David Kaye)

has many sight gags and funny lines. One of the favorites was a solution to the popular problem of runaway children just wandering onto your stage area when you are performing. He suggests grabbing a bullhorn from your case and saying things like, "Lost child on Aisle Three" or "Attention shoppers - have you lost a child?" Very funny... I think Radio Shack will be out of bullhorns very soon.

David uses many wand props such as the feather duster wand and the Silly Wand. The latter is a tube that stretches when pulled and makes for many funny antics and gags. Yes, he sold out of those after the show. Not only did David show us some great tricks and gags to do, but he is also a master at marketing. At \$500 a show he would have to be! He spent a good hour going over ideas to increase your image and get more shows. I am sure many of our members went home to revamp many things and study and read David's book and lecture notes. If we can't learn something from this guy...

40 Ring #92 members and 10 guests attended. It was a great lecture that ran late into the evening and yours truly did not get out of there until 12:30a.m! Did you know the underground parking is locked at Midnight?! I do now!

The Lecture Attendee's prize draw, the return of their \$20 lecture admission, was won by Ron Plonis. Please check out our website and vote on what you thought of the Silly Billy lecture.

Your Vancouver Magic Circle has entered a team into the Bowl For Big Brothers Challenge in March. Mike Norden, David Wilson, Karen Eskilson, Dustin Anderson & Matthew Johnson will be displaying their skills on March 4th to raise money for a great cause. If you would like to join our team email Mike Norden, or if you would like to help out by donating please visit the our website and click on the link on the home page. We have raised \$500 so far!

WEB CORNER

Mike Norden

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We have over 375 new photos coming - yes, that takes a lot of time. I might be divorced before I am married at this rate! But please send me more - I need photos from the David Acer and David Kaye lecture. (there are too many David's in magic)

We would love our members to click on the link on the home page to donate money to the Bowl For Big Brothers cause that the club has entered a team for. You get an instant tax receipt and you help out some less fortunate children - it's a Win-Win!

Also - DUES ARE DUE NOW! If you have not paid please do so. The deadline is FEBRUARY 28th! If you do not have your dues paid then you will not be in the roster book for 2006. For those last minute shoppers you can pay online with your Credit Card on our website - just go to the "Merchandise" link. Pay for 3 years for a better deal while you're at it.

We have a new "Member Spotlight" this month - Neale Bacon! Check it out, and if you missed last months, Rod Chow, just click on his name in the members section.

We also encourage our members to show up at the next meeting as many awards will be given out - including the NEW "Rufus" award for best website! Also, we will have the new Vancouver Magic Circle pins for years of service. This is something you do not want to miss.

Continue checking the site for updates on the events page and others- we keep things pretty current now.

Mike Norden is Ring 92's webmaster. To contact him, call 604-916-9879 or email webmaster@ibmring92.com.

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CLOWNIN' AROUND

Clownin' Around is Vancouver's Magic Store and is located in the Kids Market at Granville Island - 2nd Floor of course. Don't let the name fool you - they're serious about magic!

Clownin' Around has been helping professional and amateur magicians find the right magic trick for over 6 years now. They stock all your essential magic tricks, props, DVDS, accessories, supplies and more... over 400 items in stock! Additionally, they offer a great selection of poi, juggling clubs, fire torches, and

contact juggling balls.

Need to liven up the office party? They put the whoop in "Whoopie Cushion." Corner grocery store run out of Rubber Chickens - they have a coop full! (if the chickens escape we sure hope that they can re-coop their loses!)

Their secret weapon? You'll have to come in to find out (Hint: It's Amanda and Joe - two of our members!).

Drop by and say Hi or call at 604-682-0244.

