

The Charles Howard Ring



VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

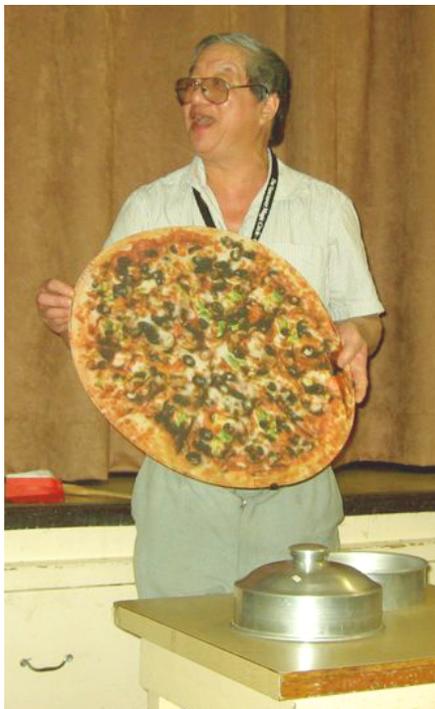
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS RING 92

affiliated with the
PACIFIC COAST ASSOCIATION OF MAGICIANS

Ring Tricks! Elections! Initiations!

Our Annual General Meeting was held on January 24th at the Sunrise Community Hall in Vancouver. After not seeing everyone over the Holiday break it was a very social atmosphere. We started the evening a workshop organized by Mike Norden titled "Ringing in the New Year" in honour of 2008. The idea was to use tricks with 'ring' theme and people got the idea. Jack Bastow, Bruce Hunt, Dennis Hewson, Juan Garcia, Denzil Bee, Joji Yamashita, Michael Nemath, Don Pacht, Dennis Chan, Henry Tom, Neil Kremer, Munro MacKenzie, Alexander Seamen, and Rod Chow all contributed to the show. Many tricks with Rings and Rope, a 'Ring / No Ring' Bell, some finger ring magic, linking rings and of course more ring on a rope! Thank you to all who participated.

Next we were onto the Business Meeting part of the night. It was time for the General Elections and ALL nominees got into their positions by acclamation! So here is your new Executive for 2008:



- President - Gord Boyes
- 1st VP - Gary Savard
- 2nd VP - Bruce Hunt
- Secretary - Karen Eskilson
- Treasurer - David Wilson
- Sergeant at Arms - Denzil Bee

Congratulations to all - come out and see them get installed at the Installation Banquet on Friday February 29th.

Next up was the "secret Ceremony" for the Initiation of New Members. Before the new members, and some old who missed ever getting initiated,

could become full fledged members they had to perform 3 successful tricks for the audience. Back up again were Neil Kremer, Bruce Hunt, Don Pacht, Michael Nemath, and Dennis Chan. They all performed very nicely and were approved for Initiation. At this point we did the 50/50 draw, won by Jesse Boyes for the amount of \$38.00. Jesse Boyes and Denzil Bee each won Chinese PomPom Trick & Eric Wolstenholme won Blooming Blossom Trick, all donated by Omni Magic. We then had to say goodbye to all the guests and juniors as they could not witness the secret ceremony. For this part of the evening we

and paddle
the
horror
sworn to secrecy.

We hope to see the members who did not make it this join us next year!

Installation Banquet!

The next meeting of I.B.M. Ring #92 the Vancouver Magic Circle will take place on Friday, February 29th, 2008 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 5:30 p.m. for cocktails & socializing, and at 6:15 p.m. a Buffet Dinner, in honour of our newly elected executive, will be held in the Pacific Ballroom.

Dinner price is \$21.50 per adult and \$14 per child, which includes all taxes & gratuity, with cheques made out to the Sands Hotel. Spouses and guests are welcome. If you would like to attend the dinner portion of the evening,

Please RSVP by email to mike.norden@ibmring92.com or call 604-476-1577 before February 26th to let us know how many are in your party.

Those who wish to join us after dinner, are welcome to do so at 7:30 p.m. Award presentations for the year 2006 will be handed out, followed by the installation of our newly elected executive officers. At approximately 8:30 p.m. a photo shoot will be held in the boardroom for the Club's 2008 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 \$89.00 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 or the evening and \$7 for overnight.

Sale!

I have a large Bird Cage I need to Sell for a reasonable price that would be perfect for Magicians who have Doves or Parrots.

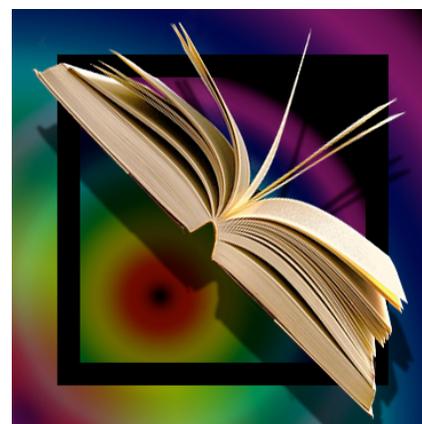
It cost me over a \$1000, but of course I just need to make sure it gets into the hands of someone who can use it.

Everything else is up for grabs as well. (Except the Magic for now. I'd like to keep this as my hobby.) I've got wine making and stained glass equipment, not to mention a house full of collected junk I've been saving for over 30 years. HELP me cleanse my soul!!!

Depending on whether we decide to go to Mexico, (warm), or the East Coast, (brrrr Cold), different things will need to be gotten rid of.

The house is on the market fast to take advantage of the Dollar and the Exchange Rates. It is being shown next week and I'm nowhere near ready.

Please contact Glen LaBarre at (604) 468-6265 or glenlabarre@shaw.ca



New Magic Club!!

A new magic club has started up in Prince George. Past Vancouver Magic Circle President Bob Masterson is president of the new club. Also a Magic Shoppe has opened up. It is run by William the Conjurer." He comes from Edmonton. Bob Masterson says 'Hello to the Vancouver Magic Circle.'

President's Report



Hello again! My farewell message appeared in last issue, so while I still wish to thank everyone

for their support over the last 2 years, I thought I would use this last column for some fun! Many readers commented on how much they like the Vegas Reviews I did last year so I flew back a few months ago and caught even more shows!

First off - if you go to Vegas you need to catch Mac King. Hands down the best show and the most reasonably priced. Nicole and I got up on stage with Mac for his 'Invisible Cloak' trick and it was a blast....so I guess that means my advertising can now say "Appeared on Stage With Mac King In Las Vegas!"

We saw Nathan Burton again (free tickets). and it is a great afternoon show and I do recommend it. Also in the Planet Hollywood Hotel (formerly the Aladdin) is Steve Wyrick. This was the first time seeing his show and we had heard mixed reviews. After talking to one of the stage hands it seems that past shows by Steve might have left a little to be desired, but this new show was supposed to me quite good. We went in with some raised expectations.

Steve is a pretty personable guy and has some charisma and charm. While not in the David Copperfield category, he did manage to pull the audience in and entertain. His tricks were polished and some were quite original. Overall it was a great show! The only thing I found was his audience management skills need to improve. While on stage he is great, but his close up tricks like the Himber Ring, or his take on Sam the Bellhop with

volunteers seemed to lack the finesse you would expect. I believe his show will greatly improve and be one you will want to catch!

We show another Cirque show while there, so that makes five I have seen now - very cool! We thought about seeing Hans Klok, but I just stopped by after the show was let out and met Pamela Anderson instead - got my picture taken and (it helps to be from BC!) but alas, the picture did not turn out so I have no proof of this engagement...much to the delight of my wife I am sure.

I stopped off at Denny & Lee's magic shop and saw Losander! Only in Vegas....well the next time I go I will see the Amazing Jonathan and give a report. Of course since I now own a time share in Planer Hollywood I have a place to stay....sigh.....anyone want to rent it?

Web Corner

Mike Norden, Ring 92 Webmaster

We have a new sponsor set up on the website so you will see some new faces and some old faces that have always sponsored us – we can't thank them enough for what they do to support the club. The Sponsor Spotlight will start up again next month so please watch for so you can support those who support us. As well there is a link on the site for a list of the sponsors and links to their sites.

We would like to take a moment to give a special mention to Neil Kremer form Omni magic show is a huge supporter of the club, brining door prizes to almost every meeting and event and we want to make sure he knows how much her is appreciated – so check them out at omnimagic.com

We have Rick Mearns as our Member Spotlight and David Hamil has joined up for the \$10 lifetime deluxe ad on the Magician for Hire Page. Contact me if you are interested in participating in this worthwhile program. Thank you all again for your ongoing support of this website – we have just hit over 750,000 hits in the 3 year – truly amazing!

Calendar

Friday - February 22nd, 2008
IBM Ring #92 The Vancouver
Magic Circle
Xcellent Lecture Series Presents:
Ken Scott!
7:30pm in Room #1606
Douglas College, New West
\$20 Advance for Members / \$25
at door
\$30 Advance for Non-members /
\$35 at door
RSVP to David Wilson if you are
coming.

Friday - February 29th, 2008
IBM Ring #92 The Vancouver
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Installation Banquet Meeting
Tickets are \$21.50 each
Please RSVP to Mike Norden
Door Open 5pm at the Sands
Hotel

Thursday - March 27th, 2008
IBM Ring #92 The Vancouver
Magic Circle
Past Presidents and One-Trick
Night
7:00 pm - The fun begins!
Wednesday - April 9th, 2008

Thursday - April 24th, 2008
IBM Ring #92 The Vancouver
Magic Circle
Gimmick Card Night
Charles Howard Trophy
Competition
7:00 pm - The fun begins!

April 25th & 26th 2008
Stan Kramien Presents:
The 2008 Northwest Magic
Jamboree
Visit www.magicjamboree.com
for more info!

Lecture: Ken Scott



Our next Lecture will be held on
Friday February 22nd, 2008 in
room 2003 at Douglas College in
New West at 7:30pm. Please
contact David Wilson to pre-
register for the lecture and get
the early bird price!

Hello Vancouver Magi,

My name is Ken Scott. I've been a
full time entertainer for 18 years.
I specialize in performing for
family audiences. From school
shows, libraries, to birthday
parties, I always bring a unique
blend of comedy magic to my

audiences which make me
memorable. I'll be in your area in
February.

Attend my lecture and I'll share
with you PROVEN ideas and
routines that work for me which
will work for you. I'll spend time
even teaching you simple things
like how to make your clients
remember your name. Also I will
share routines that are straight
out of my performing show. You
will get ideas and routines that
work!

Whether you are a performer
who performs for adults and/or
kids shows, you will learn
something from my lecture. In
addition, I'll share my version of
"Fantasy Magician". This is one
of my signature routines that
continue to help get me booked. I
now offer it to you.

Newletter!

Dear Fellow Magicians,

I am Denzil Bee and I am, as of last issue,
constructing the newsletter. I would very much
appreciate any content you might provide.



Articles would be very welcome, about magic,
experiences you have had, narratives and
descriptions, places you have been, great magicians

you have seen, techniques and performance tips you might wish to
share... These are only a very few suggestions! If you are performing
or have performed we would be very interested to hear about it, and
pictures are always welcome as well to adorn your article! As you see
we have a notice of a sale of magic equipment included this issue. Any
magical photos or artwork you have would also be very welcome and
serve to brighten our newsletter. Thank you very much!

Please send any articles, announcements, or especially photos to me
at murduck@gmail.com