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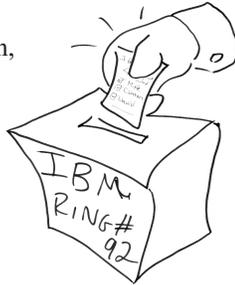
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS RING 92

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The MOST important election in January

The next function of I.B.M. Ring# 92 the Vancouver Magic Circle takes place on Thursday, January 26th, 2006 at the Sunrise Community Hall, 1950 Windermere Street, Vancouver, BC

Doors will open at 6:30 pm. A mentalism workshop by Christopher Taylor will start 7:00 pm. The business meeting will begin promptly at 8:00 pm. It is our Annual General Meeting & Elections Night, so come prepared to vote for the new executive that will guide our



club through 2006.

Starting at 9 pm we will have a brand new mini-contest called *"Who's Trick is It, Anyway?"* Based upon the theatre sports concept, Mike Norden and Clinton W. Gray will host this crazy competition designed to get everyone of the club members participating.

Finally, In an exclusive to the Vancouver Magic Circle, The Legendary Eric Lenz's Magic Shop, *"The Magic Class,"* will be on location with a giant "Going Out of Business Sale."

Do you wish to run for office or do you wish to nominate someone for office? Would like to be a member of one of the committees appointed by the executive?

If so please contact Munro MacKenzie via email at vmcmagicmack@shaw.ca or leave a message for him at 604-325-5735.

Your recommendations will be brought forward at the meeting on January 26, 2006. Your input is vital for the continuing advance of the Vancouver Magic Circle.

2005 Christmas dinner was a SOLD OUT affair

The Vancouver Magic Circle's 2005 Christmas Dinner & Show took place on Sunday, November 27th, 2005 at the beautiful Best Western Sands Hotel, in Downtown Vancouver. The sold out Yule Tide celebration saw a total of 54 Ring #92 members and 70 family & friends sign the attendance sheets that evening.

Walter Ruteck did a splendid job as the overall event coordinator. His weeks of planning and attention to detail showed in everything from the printed table programmes to the well

planned & executed schedule.

Mike Norden, pinch hitting as the announcer for the evening kept things moving along nicely, as David Wilson busily collected banquet money and signatures on the sign in lists.

Table hopping Magicians entertained the crowd during the pre-dinner cocktail hour. Seen plying their trade around the room were Michael Glenister, Jens Henriksen, Ray Roch, Ray Wong, & Anthony Young.

The dinner was a potluck style,



The Purple Pirate (Dustin Anderson) poses with matey Juan Garcia

traditional festive feast with members bringing food as assigned by Walter and the turkeys being provided by the club. Julie Bennett, Dennis Chan, Melody Hewson, Cathie Watters, & Cheryl Wilson were the volunteers who spent the afternoon cooking the birds at home.

Dennis Chan was in charge in the kitchen and did an admiral job with the logistics of receiving a lot of food in a short amount of time. He and his crew of Amanda O'Leary, Kristen Binnington, Christina Ruteck, Latisha Ruteck-Fraser, & Court Fraser worked feverishly to sort, heat, & set out everything in time to start the dinner precisely at 6:15 p.m.



Santa entertain young and old alike...



... as does Kelvin Ng!



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Christmas Dinner *from page 1*

One of the enchanting details that Walter arranged for was to have harpist Colette Garipy play lovely music during the course of dinner.

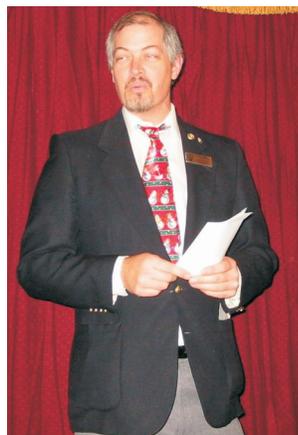
After the delicious meal, focus for the evening turned to activities on the stage. All the children in the audience were invited up to sit at the front, at which time Juan Garcia presented some magic for the younger set. Walking amongst the kids he produced coin after coin from their noses, ears, & elbows, enough to fill his pail, to shrieks of delight from the crowd. He then kept everyone captivated with a couple of festive themed, audience participation effects.

Dustin Anderson, the Purple Pirate, helped build momentum by demonstrating some of his patented, high energy antics that he's so well known for. Then Santa (a.k.a. Joe Ward) arrived, and Candy Canes & Gifts were handed out to the kids as they came up to sit on Santa's knee. Cathie Watters & Christina Ruteck assisted by acting as santa's elves.

Next, Kelvin Ng stepped forward to host the evening show which is our annual trophy competition for Stage Magic. Opening acts were two Junior Members who were up for the challenge.

Jack Chow did a very colorful, fast paced silks & scarf's production number to music, and Chris Pataki presented a Mentalism effect which involved a prediction, an easel, 15 framed pictures, free choice by the audience to select a picture, and the help of Kayle Macmillan to reveal a perfect match.

In the adult classification, the four contenders were Damien Carriere, assisted by his pretty wife Michele, presented a lesson from his "Practical School of Magic" showing how he cleans up his breakfast dishes, by making them magically disappear. Trevor Watters, assisted by the lovely Lorena Paradon, opened with the old Hankie to Orange to Egg to Dove to Chihuahua Trick ... hah! That was followed with rope through neck and a nice presentation of the Twister illusion to finish. Andrew Yeo, did a very visual cups & balls routine using two tall tumblers, a ball, and a pair of sunglasses that had a nice strawberry milkshake finish. He wound things up with an enjoyable hat & cane soft shoe dance number that utilized paper ball manipulation and fancy cane handling. Clinton W. Gray, "the Prestidigitainer", did a torn & restored newspaper routine that had him place a hilarious telephone call into "the Magicians Help Hotline". The laughter had barely died down when he had a playing card selected and shown to the audience, then in a cute sequence, a piece of rope and a handkerchief became



David Wilson says something important

a neckerchief and lasso which "Cowboy Clint" used to find the selected card in a cowboy boot.

While the score sheets were being tabulated by contest chairman Walter Ruteck, last years adult winner Kelvin Ng, did his great dove act to finish the entertainment part of the show. In between acts, door prizes donated by Ken Gerbrandt of Ken's Illusionarium in Kamloops, were drawn. Juan Garcia took home a Magic Book by Michael Ammar and Gary Spence won "the Encyclopedia of Suspensions and Levitations" which he graciously donated back to our Club's Magic Library.

The 50/50 draw with a record pot of \$164.50,



Stage Competitors (clockwise from top) Lorena Paradon & Trevor Watters, Jack Chow & Clinton W. Gray, Andrew Yeo, Chris Pataki, and Damien Carriere

thanks to the awesome salesmanship of Mike Norden & Nicole Mitchell, was won by a very happy Frank Pataki.

As the evening drew to a close, the big moment arrived with the announcement of the Stage Contest Winners. The 2005 Percy Poole Junior Trophy was awarded to Jack Chow, and the 2005 William Shelly Trophy was given to Clinton W. Gray. Congratulations to all for a great show and wonderful evening.

Special thanks are extended to Clinton W. Gray and David Waters for their hard hard work back stage, Joe Ward for picking up the turkeys, Cathie Watters for doing all the shopping for the kids "Santa Gifts," and coming in under budget ! And we can't forget Craig Prystay, for the use of his elegant hotel to hold our function, and for his continuing assistance all night long that helped to make the evening a success.

By David Wilson with information from Munro MacKenzie

TIDBITS FROM THE TOP HAT

Jiri and Jennifer Slovencik are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Conner James born on New Years eve at 7:35 pm weight 8lbs. 3 oz. Jiri admits he's not getting much sleep, but on the plus side, with 21 waking hours a day he has so much more time to practice sleight-of-hand!

After teaching magic for nearly 30 years, and introducing our art to literally thousands of people, the legendary ERIC LENZ is hanging up his magic wand and retiring. In an exclusive to the Vancouver Magic Circle, Eric's Magic Shop, "The Magic Class," will be on location at

David Acer Lecture Reviewed by Mike Norden

David Acer came to town with his lecture on December 1, 2005 and entertained 39 Ring #92 members and 17 guests. After being introduced by Ring President, Karen Eskilson, David burst forth in his wacky and funny style that has won over many fans!

He taught some great card tricks of which "Overtime" was a gem. You could see many members working hard jotting down notes! (I just bought the lecture notes...much easier). A great ring trick that has the ring ending up on David's glasses made for a good chuckle.

If you do mentalism, or even if you don't then here is a gag for you! David gets a spectator to think of any hour of the day and then read his



Dennis Hewson & David Acer are all smiles

our January 26th meeting with a giant "Going Out of Business Sale." Everything must go.. amazing magic at amazing prices!

It was once estimated that nearly half the members of Ring 92 have come to us through Eric's night school courses. His illustrious career as an instructor has left very big shoes to fill at the Vancouver School board (or, in this case, a very big top hat), but the challenge has been accepted by Eric's successor and protege Mark Steele. We wish Mark all the best.

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mind and draws a clock with the hour hand pointing at an hour of the day. The spectator then calls out his selected hour and David reveals his prediction and it matches... after David rotated the pad of paper!

Some bill switches, thumb tip work and more valuable card tricks followed this. After intermission David did one of his many marketed tricks and one of my favourites, *Party of Six*. Glen LaBarre sure got a close up for this trick... apparently David knows how to get in your face so to speak.

A four ace production and a vending machine card transposition (that we will all use) followed. A coins across was shown, but the really funny part was when young Nicolas Chow picked up some dropped coins and put them in his pocket. Yep, he will definitely follow in his father's, Rod Chow, footsteps... insurance salesman!

Closing out the show he brought 4 people up on stage for a giant elastic band trick we are all familiar with. If you saw the show at PCAM 2004 then you know what I mean. A great lecture for our club by a great Canadian magician and comedian. Visit our website at www.ibmring92.com to vote on what you thought!

CONJURORS' CALENDAR

the monthly guide to magic & events in our community

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2006

Rossner Productions presents
MagicFest 2006 in Courtenay, BC
 This annual show stars IBM Ring #92 members The Farquhars, Clinton W. Gray, Greg Ladret and Matthew Johnson. Tickets are \$10 for the matinee, and \$25 for the evening show and are available at the Sid Williams theatre box office, or call (250) 338-2430.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2006

I.B.M. Ring #92 the Vancouver Magic Circle
January Meeting
 Annual General Meeting & Elections Night
 7:00 pm Workshop
 8:00 pm Business Meeting

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2006

Ring #92 the Vancouver Magic Circle presents
Lecture by Silly Billy (David Kay)
 7:30 pm - Room # 2203 - Douglas College
 Reserve your seat today and save \$\$\$
 Call David Wilson at 604-467-7887

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2006

S.A.M. #95 - The Carl Hemeon Assembly
**Meeting, Pub Night,
 & Lon Mandrake's Retirement Party Bash**
 7:00 pm - California Pub
 7677 134th Street, Surrey, BC
 Free admission and all are welcome but attendees must be over 19 years of age. For more information contact Lon Mandrake at 604-591-5839

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
 Cecil Ackery Comedy Trophy
 Rick Honey Comedy Trophy

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2006

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

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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Murray Hatfield and his show rolled into town over the Christmas and New Year holidays. I saw the show in Burnaby on the 8th and what a show! Even better than last year only because our very own Jeff McLeod was on the bill.

The start ran late, only because it was so sold out that they were having trouble finding seats for everyone! Murray started the show with an appearance from two thin mirrors that really got the crowd started. Then it was a quick introduction to Ring 92 member Jeff McLeod. If you have not seen Jeff's act then you are missing out. If you have, well if it is possible it is even better than the last 5 times I have had the pleasure of seeing it. Jeff rocked the crowd!

Murray performed an ambitious card routine with an audience member (friend of mine!) while using a giant screen to show the audience a better view. The selected and signed card ended up INSIDE the battery compartment of the remote.

Next up was Costume Change artist Danny Cole. Wow. Bam costume change. Bam costume change again, and again. Blew me away, but I actually was more stunned when he chased a chair around the stage, gave up and then just sat in mid air. And then crossed one leg over the other. Unbelievable looking illusion folks. After that he did a great CD manipulation routine that would have made our own Murray Sawchuk raise an eyebrow.

Another great dance routine came on stage. Looking at the things this crew can do...well let's just say I am officially on a diet. After this a trick that had a picture of Teresa slid into a large printing press machine and it turned into Teresa herself right out of the rollers!

Chipper Lowell came on next. I don't recall him really doing much magic...I was too busy getting picked on, brought up on stage, and did I mention getting picked on? That's okay because I was too busy laughing my head off! What a funny guy. Words cannot explain, but he was off the wall.

Murray closed his show with his "Excalibur" illusion. Teresa was locked in a clear box and surrounded by long swords. Murray surrounded the box with a curtain and ala sub trunk switched places, as fast as it took you to read that. But wait. It was not Murray in the box but one of the dancers and Murray then appeared at the back of the theatre!

Another great show and I cannot wait for next year. I saw many of our members there supporting the magic cause. See you at the next show that rolls into town.

Nicholas & Jack Chow Make Headlines

You may have caught our youngest members, Nicholas Chow, 5, and older brother Jack, 8, in the news over the Christmas holidays. They were featured on five television stations with interviews and performance highlights of their international award winning magic acts, in three newspapers with photos reporting the story of their magic successes, and on the Society of American Magicians and Society of Young Magician's news website. Look for them soon in the inaugural issue of the new look S.A.M., January 2006 M.U.M. and in the I.B.M. Linking Ring.

Walking past one of many Asian Pacific Post newspaper boxes around town, from December to January, it's uncanny to see Nicholas' famous photo right there, visible through the glass, on the front cover of the posted paper with the heading "Nicholas, 5, is simply magical". Inside the headline is "Five-year-old BC kid is Pacific Coast's Harry Potter". Nicholas is also featured on the front page of the paper's website.

The Vancouver Province, "Magic runs in Chow family Illusionists: Brothers Jack, 8, and Nicholas, 5, learned from their dad" and the Sing Tao Daily "Youngest magician steals hearts from audience" both ran full page, in depth, articles featuring the boys and their dad, Rod. The Sing Tao feature contained 9 full colour photos!

Global TV (repeated on CHEK TV, Victoria), City TV "Littlest magician in

the narrowest building" and Fairchild TV (the largest Chinese language station) all came down separately to the Chow's narrowest building in the world where the boys and their lovely and beautiful young assistants, cousins, Melody Choi, 4, and Juliana Chow, 6, performed each of their full acts, each time, in the very narrow quarters for the cameras and reporters. Channel M sent a crew to tape one of their four performances at Science World, where the group performed in the Science Theatre, in front of cheering audiences during the holidays.

Nicholas and Jack are currently doing a taping for Kids CBC where you may soon catch them between cartoons doing a bit of magic for the national television youngster audience.



Taping of Kids CBC. (Top row) cameraman Ross, host Kush, & producer Manon. (Bottom row) Jack, Melody, Juliana & Nicholas.

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WEB CORNER

Mike Norden

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You can find out our meeting dates, upcoming lectures & events, magic shows coming to town, where our members are performing, download the latest (and archived) newsletters and so much more. You can even pay your dues online with a credit card and BTW, the dues are due!

As your humble webmaster I am working hard on hundreds of pictures and hope to have all of them up by next newsletter. If I don't, please feel free to yell at me! If you have something to contribute please email webmaster@ibmring92.com.

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