



VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS RING 92

PACIFIC COAST ASSOCIATION OF MAGICIANS

Installation Banquet!

The main event of March was our Installation of our new executive to guide the Ring during 2008. President Gord. Boyes; 1st v.p. Bruce Hunt; 2nd v.p. Gary Savard; Secretary Karen Eskilson; Treasurer David Wilson; and Sgt. at Arms Denzil Bee. They were duly sworn in by past president Ray Medway. After this we managed to cuddle up for our annual club photo. This year we had a professional photographer take the picture so hopefully we will receive copies in a more timely fashion. During the dinner and prior, Dennis Hewson and Jens Henricksen entertained the crowd with walk about. The final duty of past president Mike Norden was the issuing of special awards. Too many to mention in this short article but it is rewarding to



realize so many people go the extra mile for the benefit of our ring. However, I should note that Mr. & Mrs. Ray Culos, and Mr. & Mrs. John Sawchuk presented special awards on behalf of their sons. Next Clinton W. Gray, acting as M.C. got the competitions underway after Bruce Hunt read the rules. First the Rick Honey Comedy competition for juniors was lead off by Jack & Nicholas Chow with a very colourful and fast moving routine. Next Chrissie

Marshall did a funny stint with the help of her dad. Finally Jonathan Hamilton with the help of Shyann Mandrake did some unusual card effects. Jonathan was the eventual winner. The Cecil Ackery comedy trophy for adults was lead off by Gord Boyes and Gary Savard doing a Professors Nightmare variation. They are developing quite knack for working together. Next Mike Norden with the help of Shawn Farquahar did a mind reading act featuring drawing-the Michaelangelo of Magic; followed by Bruce Hunt doing a very clever midway act featuring an Extract of Miracle with a handy dandy applicator top. Really quite funny. But Mike won and Bruce was second. About 50 members and guests enjoyed the evening. Eric Wolstenholme won the 50/50 draw of \$75.00. Munro MacKenzie.

Leaping in with Comedy!

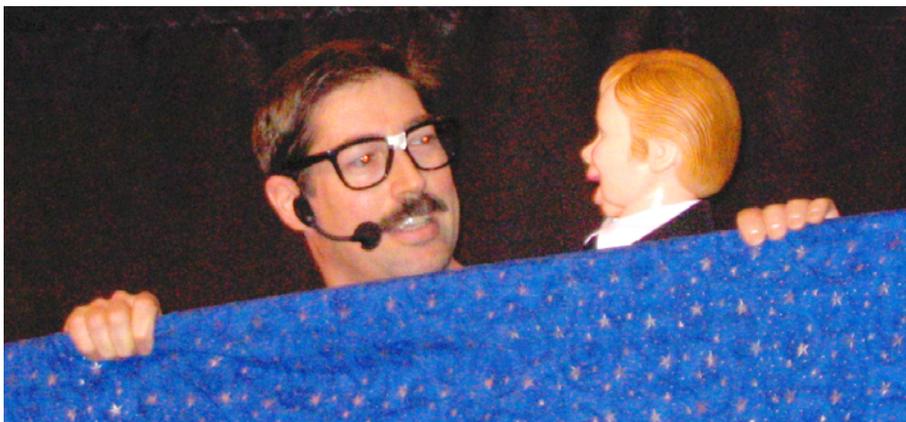
February 29th a fun time has had by all with the annual competition for the Cecil Ackery Comedy Trophy for adults and the Rick Honey Comedy Trophy for juniors.

Following that was Mike Norden with a comedy mentalist act and then Bruce Hunt trying to sell his comedy concoction. The winner of the Cecil Ackery Comedy Trophy was Mike Norden with Bruce Hunt being the runner up.



The adult competition saw the return of The Magic G Spots, Gary Savard and Gord Boyes, doing a lampoon of several of our members.

The junior competition saw 3 great acts, Jack and Nicholas Chow followed by Chrissie Marshall and then Jonathan Hamilton. The Rick Honey Comedy Trophy for juniors was awarded to Jonathan Hamilton.



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On hand to award the Murray award for the "Most Creative Magical Performance" were Murray's parents, John and Arlene Sawchuk. This years recipient was Glen LaBarre. Also on hand was nominee Rod "always a bridesmaid" Chow.



On February 29th several of our prestigious awards were handed out to deserving individuals. There are so many people that deserve these rewards that it's incredibly difficult to narrow them down to single recipients.



It was then on to the Presidents Award, for demonstration of commitment to performing a role or duty. Once again it was difficult for our then-still-president Mike Norden to narrow it down to a single recipient from the many deserving individuals, but there is one name that rose above the others because of the many things he does to contribute to the success of the club. Not only performing a role or duty, but performing several including being an official club photographer, being a stage manager at numerous events throughout the year, not only being an active member but also bringing the rest of his family to partake and participate at many meetings and events, the very deserving recipient is Rod Chow. Thank you for all your hard work Rod!!



The inaugural presentation of the Stan Kramien award for "The Best Showmanship" in a magic routine was the presented to the first ever recipient, Gary Savard. Other nominees were Jack Bastow and Rod "always a bridesmaid" Chow.

Ray and Judy Culos were on hand to award the Dave Culos Memorial Trophy for the Golden Rabbit Award to a member who has unselfishly given of their time and efforts for the advancement of the Vancouver Magic Circle. The recipient was Clinton W Gray. Other nominees included David Wilson, Karen Eskilson, Munro Mackenzie, Frank Pataki, John Smithman, Mike Norden, Dennis Hewson, and Rod "always a bridesmaid" Chow.



Steve Beam Lecture!

good reruns of Gilligan's Island just to see another magic lecture.

Well, for starters, this is my first time lecturing in the Pacific northwest. And, as editor and publisher of the underground sleight of hand journal *The Trapdoor* for fifteen years and author of the best-selling seven-volume *Semi-Automatic Card Tricks* series, I have a truckload of material available to share with you now that I know I'm competing with Ginger and Mary Ann.

I guarantee that you'll see more usable, practical, and entertaining material in this one lecture than you garnered from your entire photocopy of *Greater Magic*. (Photocopies of *Greater Magic* will also be available at the lecture.) And remember my motto? less than three

percent filler.

Sure, it's mostly card tricks? but you've long since outgrown the notion that it's the props that make the performer. You'll see how to make a deck of cards come alive? and more importantly, how to pack an entire evening's entertainment in your pocket.

And when it's all over, you can go home with your newfound performance material, grab some popcorn and a Coke, and punch up *Gilligan's Island* on your Betamax. Being a magician just doesn't get any better than this. I hope to see you there.

Best,
Steve Beam
<http://www.SteveBeam.com>



Our next lecture is Steve Beam on Friday, April 11th at 7:30pm at Douglas College in New West.

Hi Vancouver,

My name is Steve Beam and will be in your area in April. I want to take a moment to invite you to my lecture, *Magic With No Entertainment Value*. Now you may be asking yourself why you should miss perfectly

One Trick Night!

One Trick Night - Thursday, March 27th!

Our next meeting is Thursday March 27th, 2008 at the Sunrise Community Hall in Vancouver. It is Past Presidents night and One Trick Night. This is a great way for all the members to fulfill their duty to perform once a year. Just come out and perform one trick and have some fun! We'll be opening with a workshop of "Interactive Rope Magic", so bring some rope and accessories (scissors, ring, etc.) and be prepared to do a rope effect, learn one, or help someone else learn a new way of handling an old effect. Doors open at 6:30pm.



President's Report



Wow, 2 years ago if someone had suggested that I would someday be President of The

Vancouver Magic Circle I'd have accused them of being somewhat insane. Now here I am, proud and honoured to be elected into that position.

Like most children (I think), I was interested in magic when I was young. Unfortunately there was no way that my parents would entertain the idea of encouraging such an impractical pursuit or allowing me to spend money on something they would think of as being silly or a waste. I never knew of any magic shops and of course back then we didn't have the Internet to learn about these things.

Through my teen years and into adulthood, I always had an interest in magic in the back of my mind, being somewhat envious of performers I would see, but being far too busy with the rat race to actually do anything about it. When my son Jesse was about 5 years old I showed him and his sister Amy a couple of tricks and they showed some interest. Suddenly it dawned on me that I now had children, and that I could now spend money on "silly" things like magic with the excuse that I was doing it for them. At that time we lived outside of Seattle, so we went

down to the magic shop at Pike Place Market and bought a few things.

A couple of years later we moved to Las Vegas. Of the two children, Jesse had shown a definite interest in magic. In the two years that we lived in Vegas we got to know a fellow some of you might have heard of, Earl Chaney, who ran a magic shop called Planet Mirth. Earl was very good about showing us what we should spend our money on and how to use it. At this point it was mostly just for our own enjoyment, or to show some of the neighborhood children.

In 2005 we moved to Abbotsford and hired a local magician for Jesse's birthday party. The magician was so good, and the kids enjoyed his show so much, that a few weeks afterward my wife phoned him to ask if we could hire him to teach Jesse magic. We agreed on a price for a one hour lesson, and when the fellow came over he very generously ended up staying more than 3 hours. He then astonished us with an offer to come over once a week and work with Jesse at no charge.

Most of you probably know who that local magician was; of course it was none other than our own Gary Savard. After a little while, Gary invited Jesse and me to come to a VMC meeting. We enjoyed it so much that we immediately joined up.

I am so thankful for many things, for meeting and becoming great friends with Gary Savard, for being welcomed into the Vancouver Magic Circle, for meeting new people at VMC and becoming friends with them. The past 2 years has been a great time for me, and a great time for Jesse and I as a father and son.

I have received a great deal from the VMC, and now I look forward to contributing to the continued success of the club, with hopes that it can be as beneficial for others as it has been for myself and Jesse.

I hope you'll find me very approachable and would very much appreciate it if members would share their ideas, feedback or comments with me.



Kramien's Jamboree 2007!



These are a few of my random photos of Kramien's Jamboree last April. First is Damien Carriere and Shawn Whitehead at we started off from David Watters' home. Next is David Wilsom purchasing our ice and lottery tickets. Then the bridge over the Columbia River. There is Jesse Boyes at the registration table, our VMC table, and Stan Kramien. There are a few photos of the performances from the first night. Matthias with his 19th century act, David Frederic Ashton III with his dancing table, an old vaudville act of sand-painting, and lastly Tom Gallo doing an escape act with fire.

Ken Scott Lecture!



On Friday night February 22nd at 7:30pm, thirty plus members and guests of the V.M.C. showed up at Douglas College for yet another offering in the Lee Asher X-ellent lecture series.

This time it was magic entertainer Ken Scott who lives in Atlanta, Georgia, and manages to somehow eak out a living earning a six figure income made from doing mainly children's shows. He presently performs over 150 birthday party shows (and actually admits to it!) a year and fills the rest of his very busy schedule with school, library, and corporate shows. I won't go into the rest of his long history because you can find that on his website, www.kenscottmagic.com

It was a real pleasure to see a pro at work sharing his tips and ideas for entertaining children and families. As far as the magic is concerned, there wasn't anything really new that you couldn't buy from a dealer and he is not a great magic inventor, but most of his stuff consists of taking existing ideas, customizing them to your show and programming everything together. The real gem hidden in the center of his lecture was a simple lesson on how to entertain your audience, keep them happy, and keep your name out there to earn a reasonable dollar.

Ken is a very personable fellow and it is not hard to see why he is so successful. Not only was he happy to share his ideas, but he was also very

approachable for anyone wanting to ask him questions about – well,anything! His lecture consisted of show opener using silks (pop off knots, blendo, dancing hank) then on to some tips about using a remote music system as part of the comedy and magic (touching his sign that kept falling down turned his music on and off). There were other routines with a Happy Birthday Rabbit silk (change bag, 20th century silks), a “Wandering CD” effect, and his handling of the Malini Egg Bag. At this point Ken wanted to take a break, but his audience urged him to keep going (at least one more routine!). He went on to show a see-through mesh bag force with hollow colored eggs – and then we took a break to see what DVD's, books and effects he had for sale. Before the rush to the table, Ken gave all of us a free copy of his lecture notes (“Making the Birthday Dough”) which freed up a couple of extra dollars in our wallets to get that “thing” that most intrigued us.

On to part two. More tips with a sound system, a table to table routine with flash paper and a Hershey's Kiss, a baseball glove (picture) card reveal, then an interesting combination of “Out to Lunch” and “Cardiographic” with business sized cards. A few gags items, then some effects he uses

in his library shows (book of treasures, giant sucker 3 card Monte, envelope force with giant crayon from the envelope).

The final routine (the piece de resistance) was something that he does at every show and even got him a gig where he got to work on stage with Ted Turner (at least the back of him!). This is a comedy routine somewhat similar to the one we have seen Shawn Farquhar perform with a false tuxedo front.

The “assistant” stands in front of the magician who sticks his arms through the suit to perform some simple but goofy magic effects to music. Ken likes to use an adult for this, although he sometimes uses a child. The victim/assistant he used was none other than Gary Savard. It was a riot to see Gary's facial expressions as he went through various simple effects (with a little prodding from Scott). When it was over and Gary was headed back to his seat, Scott very graciously stopped him and offered to return the watch that he had stolen (???) from him during the act!

The lecture ended just after 10:30pm and a good time was had by all. Many of us went away with valuable information on how to kick our family oriented show up to the next level, and a new respect for children's magic. The evening ended with about a dozen of us heading over to the Boston Pizza, then heading home around midnight.

Calendar Gary Savard!

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

Friday – April 11nd, 2008
IBM Ring #92 Presents:
Steve Beam – Lecture
7:30 pm Douglas College, New
Westminster

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

Thursday - May 22nd, 2008
IBM Ring #92 The Vancouver
Magic Circle
Close-Up Night
HB MacLean & Dick Gardner
(Jr.) Competition
7:00 pm - The fun begins!

Sunday - June 15th, 2008
IBM Ring #92 The Vancouver
Magic Circle
Children's Magician of the
Year
Wilf Rutherford Trophy
Competition
Shadbolt Theatre New
Westminster
1:00 pm - The fun begins!



CAN PEOPLE actually see into the future? Local magician Gary Savard doesn't go quite that far, but he does believe he can predict the news!

As part of his magic act during the Gotta Be Kiddin festival taking place at Tradex on March 1-2, Savard plans to perform his headline prediction illusion.

"I came across the headline prediction about six or eight months ago and thought this would be a good venue to perform it," said Savard.

About two weeks ago, Savard mailed an envelope to the Abbotsford News. The sealed document has remained in the News office under lock and key since its arrival.

On March 1, during Savard's 3:30 p.m. show, a representative of the News will bring the envelope on stage.

When it's opened, it should contain the headline from the Saturday March 1 edition. "We don't even know what the headline is going to be yet, so I can't see how he can have it sealed in an envelope already," said News assistant editor Neil Corbett.

Compared to most magicians, Savard is considered a bit of a late bloomer. "I didn't start performing magic until I was 19," he said. He knew he wanted to perform, but didn't know what would work for him. "Acting didn't really work for me, I couldn't sing and I couldn't play an instrument," he said with a laugh.

But once the magic bug bit him, Savard knew he'd found his calling. "I started by doing some school shows and other small performances," he said. "I actually learned a lot from the early shows. I had performed some illusions and put my props on a second table after I had used them. At the end of my show, half the kids came up to look at the rabbit, but the other half started looking at all my stuff on the table. "That was my first lesson – Put your stuff away!" he explained.

Savard has gone on to perform on cruise ships, teach magic in New York and he still performs adult and kids shows across the province. Now married to his lovely assistant Jeannie, he has two children – five-year-old Madison and 20-year-old Michael. For information, visit www.nowthatmagic.net.

Steve Beam

Inventor - Performer - Teacher



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Douglas College, New Westminster

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