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SUMMER PICNIC & PUBLIC SHOW AT QUEENS PARK!



The next function of IBM RING #92 The VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE takes place on Sunday, September 4th, 2005 at the Band Shell in Queens Park, New Westminister, BC. It is our annual summer picnic and a magic show for the public. The Barbecue will be fired up at noon for a picnic lunch. The VMC will be providing hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, & cold drinks to all VMC members and their families who **phone ahead** to register. (We need to know how much of everything to buy) Call **Karen** at 604-418-3407 to let her know how many people will be attending with you. At 2:00pm, a magic show for the public has been planned. **Mike "Rufus Rangler" Norden** is scheduled to act as Master of Ceremonies for the afternoon, officiating over the 4 act show which includes: **Trevor Watters, David Watters, Kelvin Ng, and Jeff Christensen**. Afterwards a few brave members will be attempting to achieve their "magic wand degree" by presenting a fifteen minute performance for the first time. If you would like more information about the show or the wand holders degree, contact show coordinator **Walter Rutek** at 604-591-1930. **Please note:** the picnic will take place, rain or shine, however the public magic show will be forced to cancel if it is raining.

JUNE MEETING SAW A FLURRY OF FINGER FLICKING!!!

Our June 2005 meeting featured a workshop by competition chairman **Walter Rutek** titled: "Here comes the judge". It was a meaningful review with skits on how to judge a magic act, and for competitors, what mistakes to avoid. It was obvious Walter spent a lot of time preparing for the presentation including writing and printing (at his own expense) an eleven page booklet about the ins & outs of judging and competing, that he handed out to everyone in attendance. A real first class job Walter! The business meeting, chaired by president **Eskilson**, saw the election of **Stan Kramien**, of Beaverton, Oregon, To the status of life member in Ring #92 for his many years of kind and generous association with our club. Also, after operating far too long with the lowest membership fees in the world, the general membership voted in a modest fee increase that will take effect in 2006. HALLELUJAH!!! During the refreshment break, **Juan & Marcia Garcia** with the assistance of young daughter Emily, worked their magic in the kitchen whipping up a tableful of delectable delights that were enjoyed by all.

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Last year's winner Kelvin Ng stands beside Alym Amlani as he receives the 2005 Ray Gamble trophy from Karen Eskilson

ALL MEETINGS OF THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE ARE HELD AT THE SUNRISE COMMUNITY HALL LOCATED AT 1950 WINDERMERE STREET, VANCOUVER, B.C. (unless otherwise stated)

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tabulation of the scores by competition chairman **Walter Rutek**, The 2005 Ray Gamble trophy winner was **Alym Amlani**. Decks of cards that were used during the evenings competitions were raffled off after the competition to lucky ticket holders: **John Nasar**, **Byron Chong**, **Errol Lipschitz**, **Mike Norden**, and **David Cameron**. The 50/50 draw of \$83.50, one of the largest pots this year, was won by **John Nasar**. A karaoke machine and two wireless microphones were raffled off in a separate draw, courtesy of a surprise donation by **David Murdoch** earlier in the evening. The karaoke machine was won by **Derek Skelton**, one microphone was won by **Joe Ward** and the other by **Walter Rutek**. **David Murdoch** earmarked the \$125.00 raised in this raffle to go to the Vancouver Magic Circle. A very kind and generous gesture. 44 members and 11 guests enjoyed a magical evening.

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Food wranglers Marcia & Emily Garcia



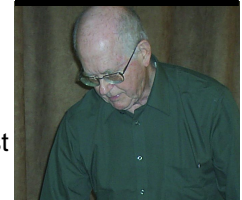
Gerry Hennessey



Neale Bacon



Mike Glenister



Jack Bastow



David Hamil



Dennis Chan gets Amanda O'Leary to draw the 50/50 cash prize ticket

Munro MacKenzie Ring Reporter
with material from **David Wilson & Kelvin Ng**

FROM THE DESKTOP OF THE PRESIDENT...

For anyone who is unaware...IBM Ring #92 the Vancouver Magic Circle has a website...not just any website mind you... but an award winning website... thanks to our very own, now internationally sought after Webmaster, Mike Norden.

On July 1st, during the International Brotherhood of Magicians annual convention held in Reno, Nevada this year, the Vancouver Magic Circle's website was selected winner of the "Website of Excellence for 2005". There were several VMC members attending who made enough noise at the announcement to ensure the rest of the conventioners knew we had representation there.

"This year we had a clear winner: The Charles Howard Ring, [Ring 92](http://www.ibmring92.com) of Vancouver, BC, Canada. Mike Norden webmaster" - Mike Durant, IBM Website Chairman

As the winner for 2005, Mike Norden has been invited to sit as a judge on next year's panel to choose the 2006 IBM website winner.

Norden has painstakingly added archival photos, newsletters & so much more to make our website one of the best out there. I know he has spent countless hours working to get it to the level it is now and many more to keep it updated for members & visitors alike.

A special thanks to Perry Pasqueletto, Norden's website helper, whom he says he would have been hard pressed to get everything done without.

On behalf of the Vancouver Magic Circle's Executive, Board of Directors, and all members, I would like to formally thank Mike Norden for all his time, hard work & dedication to create & run our ring's fabulous website. We all appreciate what you have done for the club and thank you for your efforts.

If you have not been to the website yet, what are you waiting for? Check out the archives, advertise your show, sign the guest book, check out the photos, see what's available in the library at...

<http://www.ibmring92.com>

Karen Eskilson

President of the Vancouver Magic Circle
IBM Ring #92 - The Charles Howard Ring

"Home of the Award Winning Website"



Ring #92 Webmaster Mike Norden with the 2005 IBM website award

IAN MCLEOD INDUCTED INTO



Ian listens intently as Ray Medway prepares for the presentation of the Order of Excalibur award

The Vancouver Magic Circle became Ring 92 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians 56 years ago on April 21st 1949. **Ian McLeod** is the first and only member of the Vancouver Magic Circle to be awarded the IBM Order of Excalibur Award which is for 50 continuous years of membership. He is also the first living member to receive this award in BC. What an achievement!! As a recap, The IBM was founded in Canada by Len Vintus of Winnipeg in 1922 He was IBM member #1 and the first President of the IBM. Today there are over 300 I.B.M. Rings worldwide, boasting some 14,000 members making it the largest magic organization of its kind in the world.

On July 28th of this year, current and previous executive members of the Vancouver Magic Circle, Ian's son Al McLeod and wife Valerie, daughter Marion and a number of good friends held a gathering to celebrate this momentous occasion. **Ray Medway** open up the festivities with some background information on both Ian and this prestigious award. Vancouver Magic Circle President **Karen Eskilson** offered her personal congratulations and thoughts on this special occasion. She followed by reading out a wonderful and warmly worded letter on this outstanding achievement sent over by

our IBM Territorial Vice President, **Tony Eng**. The coveted Certificate, Pin and Ribbon were then graciously and humorously presented by **David Wilson** with the OOOOOH, AAAAH, Ouch audience participation component fully in tact! All attendees lined up to personally congratulate Ian one at a time. Long time friend **Munro MacKenzie** was feverishly taking notes to capture this occasion. Thanks Munro! Also in attendance were **David Murdoch, Jack Mellor, Eric Lenz, Dennis Chan, David Watters, Trevor Watters, and Joe Ward**.



Ian Enjoys the video presentation of well wishers with family and friends

Several members of the VMC including **Shawn Farquhar** and **David Wilson** drove to the IBM International convention in Reno this year to personally pick up the Excalibur Award and certificate of behalf of Ian. **Shawn Farquhar** captured on film a large number of IBM Past Presidents as well as the current President sending congratulatory speeches to **Ian McLeod**. These video messages were recorded onto a DVD. The speeches were played and presented as a keepsake to Ian and his family as a memento of this very special achievement. (Thank you Shawn!!!)

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Ian is a past president of the Vancouver Magic Circle (1959) and winner of several prestigious awards that include:

- Ray Gamble Trophy for Best Impromptu Magic with cards
- HB McLean Trophy for Excellence in Close Up Magic
- David Culos Memorial Trophy for the Golden Rabbit Award
- Magic Wand Holders Degree

Ian formally worked in advertising for Woodward's stores and was quite involved with such projects as the \$1.49 Day promotions etc. As many of you are aware, he is a great story teller and always has a clean and funny joke to tell. Story telling comes naturally for Ian, he is a warm caring, giving individual I am proud to have as a friend.

He still attends many of the events put on by the Vancouver Magic Circle every year. Ian is a lifetime member of the Vancouver Magic Circle and will be turning 90 years old in October of this year. His story telling abilities also transfer seamlessly to newspaper and radio as Ian was interviewed by both. Professional and comfortable are words that come to mind when you hear Ian being asked questions.

During interviews with Dan Hilborn of the Burnaby Now Newspaper and the "on air" radio interview with Pryia with "On the Coast" at CBC Radio ... Ian was asked to describe his favourite magic trick. Without hesitation Ian said it was Copentro. They ask him what it is and he replies that the magician shows large glass, a small glass and a wooden base. The small glass is placed on the base and the large glass inverted over the small one. Four coins are shown resting on a stand. One by one the coins **vanish!** And, one by one, they **appear inside the small glass!** Each coin is heard clearly tinkling as it arrives in the small glass. The effect on the audience is truly startling! Each interviewer asks "How is that done?" . "Why of course by magic" says Ian without hesitation once again. His little smile and matter of fact tone let them know that the secrets would not be found out today!

Once again, Congratulations Ian on achieving this most impressive Order of Excalibur!!

Respectfully submitted by
Ray Medway
 Past President



Jo-Ann Medway gives a congratulatory kiss to Ian McLeod



Posing for the newspaper photographer standing from (L to R): Joe Ward, Al McLeod, Eric Lenz, Marion McLeod, Shawn Farquhar, David Wilson, Karen Eskilson, David Murdoch, Dave Watters, Jack Mellor.
 Kneeling: Ray Medway & Dennis Chan.
 Seated: Ian McLeod floating award

INAGURAL RUN OF NEW TROPHY AT SEPTEMBER MEETING!!!



Photo of figurine to be mounted on top of the new TipTop & Tootsie Trophy

In the Spring of 2005 David Watters & **Craig Prystay** were talking about a trophy competition in memory of two VMC Order of Merlin members, **George Patey** and **Bill Eliason**. Together George & Bill brought class to the VMC and years of entertainment to Vancouver including, among other things, the Haunted House at The Pacific National Exhibition.

This will be a Halloween theme competition. Since our October meeting is a busy auction night, it was decided that September would be a great time to see some Halloween magic.

Things came together when **David Wilson** donated a statue given to George and Bill by their good friend Doug Henning, (cousin of the Magician Doug Henning) this statue is of a clown pulling a rabbit out of a hat, how fitting for a Halloween theme. **Craig Prystay** & the Best Western Sands Hotel have offered to have a trophy base built for the statue. Annual keeper trophies will be donated by the Best Western Sands Hotel as well. The trophy is named after a pair of Bill & George's characters who were named Tip-Top and Tootsie, a couple of aristocrat tramps.

The Tip Top & Tootsie trophy is awarded in recognition of excellence in Halloween magic by an **Adult or Junior Member**. One trick or effect of a Halloween Theme (**Stage, Close-up or Platform**) must be performed (ten minute time limit). The spirit of this competition is to encourage growth in the field of Halloween magic. (A favorite of George Patey, & **Bill Eliason**, for whom the trophy is in honour of.)

"24-HOUR NOTICE" NOW REQUIRED TO ENTER ALL CLUB COMPETITIONS!

In an attempt to make all trophy competitions run smoother and a little less hectic, the executive has voted in a motion that requires all competitors to inform the trophy chairman of their intention to compete at least 24 hours ahead of time. Anyone failing to give "24 hours of notice" may now be refused entry into a contest by the trophy chairman.

TIDBITS FROM THE TOPHAT!

Murray Hatfield has announced the names of guest performers for his annual MAGIC N MIRACLES cross Canada tour this winter. Joining Murray, Teresa & Cody the Wonder Dog will be Danny Cole, Chipper Lowell, and one of the Vancouver Magic Circle's very own, Jeff McLeod. Check out all the tour information, schedule and times on line at: www.magicnmiracles.com

Big news from Vancouver Island. After 18 years in the Magic & novelty business, **Tony & Ann Eng** have sold their Legendary TONY'S TRICK & JOKE SHOP at 688 Broughton Street in Victoria, B.C. The new owner is none other than famed Canadian illusionist, Murray Hatfield. The hand-over is scheduled for January 16th, 2006, just after Murray finishes his Annual Magic 'n Miracles tour. At this point in time, Murray sees no changes in the shop. It will be business as usual and the store will continue to be called Tony's Trick & Joke Shop for at least another year. Murray & Teresa are selling their home in Calgary and moving to Victoria to take up residence full time. Welcome to the West coast you two, we know you're going to love it here. As for Tony, he will continue to be a big influence on B.C.'s magic scene. He was just elected the 05/06 President of IBM Ring #183 The Victoria Magic Circle. He is also preparing to assume the Presidency of the P.C.A.M. from **Shawn Farquhar** on Sept. 30th, which means Tony will be at the helm during the 2006 P.C.A.M. Convention in Victoria next year. Of course, all this is in addition to the incredible job Tony continues to do as IBM Territorial Vice-President for British Columbia.

Inventive guy **Matthew Johnson** has done it again. He's released another brand new magic effect through Murphy's Magic. Matthew tells us "Stabbed in the pack" is sure to please any magician looking to add something new to their repertoire and comes complete with gimmicked cards printed by the US Playing Card Company on Bicycle card stock. Matthew also told us part of his busy schedule in the next while includes, a three week lecture tour of Northern England starting October 1st, and before he leaves, a show with fellow Vancouver Magic Circle member **Justin Gilbert**, on Friday, September 16th, 2005 at the Delta Firehall Centre for the Arts. Tickets for the 7:30pm show are available by calling the box office at: 604-596-1025

Neale Bacon's "CAN VENT" Ventriloquists Conference is just around the corner. A whole lot of fun is planned for September 16th & 17th, 2005 down at the Best Western Sands Hotel in Vancouver. For more information or to register give Neale a call at: 604-525-5089

Former Vancouver Magic Circle member Ray Parker, who now lives in Victoria, has been excitedly spreading the news that he has a new website. Check it out for yourself at: www.raymadhatter.com

TIDBITS FROM THE TOPHAT!

Jack Mellor is trying to track down who now owns a 2' X 3' framed print of "The Gambler", an item that he sold at one of our magic auctions within the last few years. If you have any information about its whereabouts, Jack would love to hear from you at: 604-277-5372.

Murray Sawchuk's parents, John & Arlene Sawchuk called to say they have a couple of Black tuxedos up for sale. They were doing a little summer cleaning and came across the costumes that Murray used in his early days. One is size 39 Regular with 33" Pants, the other is a Short butler style jacket that is a 40 large, with 33 1/2" Pants. They are asking \$50.00 each. If you are interested in a new outfit for your act, please give them a call at 604-435-8761.

To show his appreciation for all that the VMC has given him, **Gerry Hennessey** has a standing offer to all VMC members... Once a month he puts in an order to Murphy's Magic Supplies at <http://www.murphysmagicsupplies.com/> and will give VMC members **20% off retail, no tax and no shipping charges.** So if there is anything you need that Murphy's sells, you can contact Gerry at brits@uniserve.com

Be sure to mark this on your Calendar! The Vancouver Magic Circle will be hosting a "Magical Bon Voyage" party at the Best Western Sands Hotel on Saturday September 24th, in celebration of the 2005 PCAM convention, leaving Vancouver the next day aboard the MS Norwegian Star cruise ship. We hope to treat the dozens of visiting magicians coming into town for the cruise to a big Vancouver welcome and a night to remember. All magic enthusiasts and their significant others are welcome. We encourage all magicians to bring a few of their favorite pocket magic effects to show amongst the crowd. To everyone registered for the cruise, Katherine from Cruise Holidays will be there that evening handing out your tickets for the cruise. A word of advice from hotel manager **Craig Prystay**: "For everyone planning to drive to the hotel, plan your car pools. The hotel is sold out & parking will be at a premium."

Check out our website www.ibmring92.com or www.vancouvermagiccircle.com and see all the updates! Vote on our polls and check out the events page. There will be many new photos added very soon! Please email any tricks or jokes to our webmaster to have them added to our site, as we are always looking for more content. You can pay your 2006 Membership dues with credit card on the website now. Check it out! If you have not signed our guestbook yet, please do.

On July 28th, a small group of members met at the home of a venerable member **Jack Bastow**, to discuss the preservation of old magic, a favorite subject of Jacks. This was all a result of Jack's proposal to form a group of interested members to study magic that is at least 50 years old. Anyone wishing to attend future meetings are welcome.

Conjurers Calendar

A MONTHLY GUIDE TO MAGIC AND EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th, 2005
IBM RING #92 THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
Noon - SUMMER PICNIC
2:00 pm - PUBLIC SHOW
QUEEN'S PARK BAND SHELL, New Westminster, B.C.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th, 2005
IBM RING #92 THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
Presents the BARRY RICHARDSON LECTURE
7:30 pm - Room 2203, Douglas College
700 Royal Avenue, New Westminster, B.C.
Reserve your seat and save \$: 604-467-7887

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd, 2005
IBM RING #92 THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
SEPTEMBER MEETING - INITIATION NIGHT
7:00 pm - Workshop
8:00 pm - Business Meeting
9:00 ish - TipTop & Tootsie Trophy Competition
- Initiation of New Members

MAGICAL BON VOYAGE PARTY
Celebrating the 2005 P.C.A.M. CONVENTION
Sponsored by SHAWN FARQUHAR and hosted by
I.B.M. RING #92 The VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th, 2005 - 7:00 pm
in the Capilano Ballroom at the
Best Western Sands Hotel
1755 Davie Street, Vancouver, B.C.
Open to all Magic Enthusiasts & thier Partners

SHAWN FARQUHAR PRESENTS the
2005 P.C.A.M. CONVENTION
SUNDAY, SEPT 25th to FRIDAY, SEPT, 30th, 2005
aboard Norwegian Cruise Lines - NORWEGIAN STAR
traveling from VANCOUVER to LOS ANGELES
info: www.magichampion.com

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27th, 2005
IBM RING #92 The VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
OCTOBER MEETING - ANNUAL MAGIC AUCTION
6:00 pm - Doors open / Set-up /Viewing
7:30 pm - Auction begins

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27th, 2005
IBM RING #92 The VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
2005 CHRISTMAS DINNER & SHOW
William Shelly Trophy Competition (Adults)
Percy Poole Trophy Competition (Juniors)
Best Western Sands Hotel
1755 Davie Street, Vancouver, B.C.

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Dr. Richardson earns a reputation for using metaphors and magical demonstrations to illustrate simple and powerful ideas. He is famous for his book "Theatre of the mind" that was a successful hit. He will be attending with the sequel to this book called "Act II". His style is humble, personable, and real. Barrie Richardson's lecture will also excite and delight your senses. Please attend early and bring your mind. You will learn items like: Impromptu card at any number, a telephone number prediction, a simple bill in lemon routine, An optical brainwave effect Plus much more!

Date: Friday, September 9th, 2005

7:30 PM, Room 2203

Douglas College, 700 Royal Ave,

New Westminster

Pre-registration: \$20.00 VMC Members / \$25.00 Non-members

Admission at the door: \$25.00 VMC Members / \$30.00 Non-members

To Register Call David Wilson at 604-467-7887