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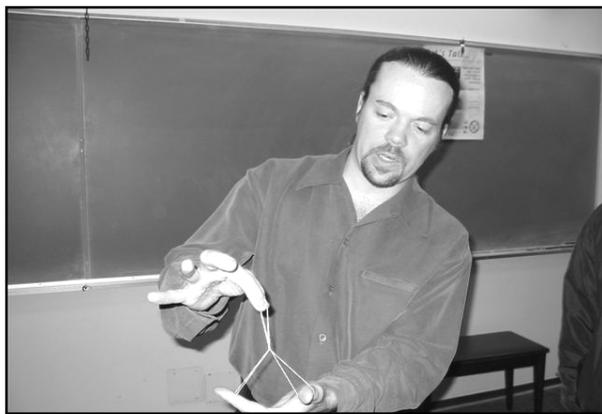
## COMEDY COMPETITION AT JUNE MEETING

The next meeting of IBM Ring #92 – The Vancouver Magic Circle takes place on Thursday June 26th, 2003 at the Sunrise Community hall in Vancouver. Doors will open at 6:30 and the workshop will begin at 7:00pm. Victor Dezso will be the host of this workshop that will cover the secrets of great promotional photos. For more information on Victor, please turn to page four. The business portion of the meeting will start at 8:00pm.

The feature of the June meeting will feature the Cecil Ackery Trophy. This will be awarded to the adult with the best comedy routine while not exceeding the time limit of 10 minutes. The second competition will feature the Rick Honey Trophy. This will be awarded to the junior member with the best comedy routine also not exceeding the time limit of 10 minutes. If you like to register as one of the competitors for any of these competitions, please contact our Trophy Chairman **Glen LaBarre** at 604-468-6265.

For any of those who have purchased any of the wonderful club apparel, we encourage you to bring your attire to the next meeting for a group photo that we will be submitting to the Linking Ring.

## CLOSE-UP COMPETITION AND DAN HARLAN IN MAY



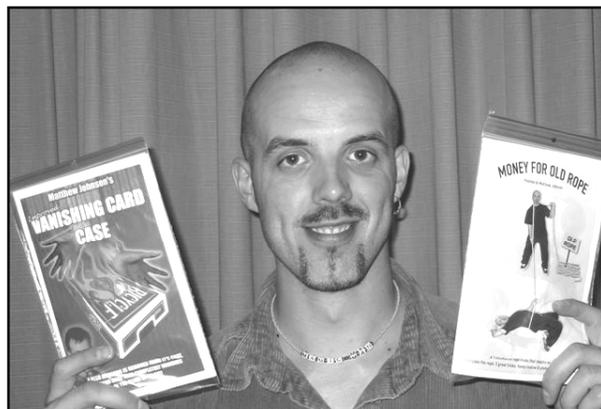
DAN HARLAN AND CRAZY MAN'S HANDCUFFS

the evening flew by quite quickly leaving magicians wanting more. **Eric Lenz** won the \$20.00 draw for members who had pre-registered. Dan's assistant Pandora was nice to look at too. 23 members and 17 non-members benefited from Dan's wisdom.

Our regular meeting started with an astounding lecture by **Matthew Johnson** VMC member and a great professional entertainer. He performed from a standard case demonstrating how music could be used so effectively. Silks, cards, linking rings, and more flowed from the fluid hands, lips and hips of Matthew.

They say April showers bring May Flowers and by the 20th of April we had exceeded our monthly quota but we did not set a record for rainfall. However, the first of our Mayflowers was a lecture by the stellar Dan Harlan returning with a whole new deck of effects. He

displayed brand new lecture material that had something for everyone. It was most enjoyable and the



MATTHEW JOHNSON AT HIS LECTURE

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ALL MEETINGS OF THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE ARE HELD AT  
THE SUNRISE COMMUNITY HALL LOCATED AT  
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**TIDBITS FROM THE TOPHAT!**



Both **Shawn Farquhar** and **Rod Chow** brought home awards while at the Canadian Association of Magicians convention in Kitchener, Ontario. Shawn was presented the "Canadian Magician of the Year" Award by the President of CAM, Joan Caesar, as judged by vote of the membership of CAM from a slate of other stellar magicians in Canada. Joan Caesar also presented Rod with the 1st Place Trophy, and in addition to this, the People's Choice Award Trophy. Way to go guys!



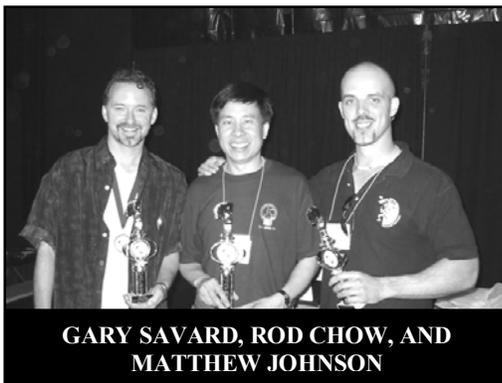
**Murray Sawchuk** has just filmed an episode of Reno 911. Reno 911 is a spoof on the 'reality show' Cops... It's parodies on all the different episodes. Murray's episode is where he is getting pulled over for drunk driving, as he is going to his gig in Reno, NV... and is asked if he has anything on him... The fun begins after that... Be sure to watch 'Reno 911'. Be sure to look out for the debut mid July.



If you have any Tidbits or interesting news please let us know so we can share this with the rest of the club! Phone the tidbit hotline at 604-617-8047 or email [vmcnews@ibmring92.com](mailto:vmcnews@ibmring92.com)

**STAN KRAMIEN'S 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL JAMBOREE**

For the past 16 years, **Stan Kramien** has been putting together one of the most enjoyable weekends for magicians in Newberg Oregon. This year was once again another success. With two big shows, 15 big acts, 5 big lectures, 20 big dealers, a magic auction hosted by the Vancouver Magic Circle and not to mention a huge Texas style BBQ. Mark Wilson and his lovely Wife Nani Darnell Wilson shared their past experiences in the television magic business with their great lecture. Whit Hayden also hosted a lecture and performed in the All Star show with his infamous comedy Linking Ring routine. VMC member **Jeff McLeod** was also part of the all-



**GARY SAVARD, ROD CHOW, AND MATTHEW JOHNSON**

star show and performed his hilarious chicken dance as well as his amazing aerial yoyo stunts to rave reviews. Out of town member **Dave Womach** performed in both Friday and Saturday All-star shows. Opening with his signature award winning dove act on Friday and Illusions on Saturday. Great Job Dave! Finally, The announcements of the stage and close-up contests out of the six placements, three of the six placements were the Vancouver Magic Circle's own **Rod Chow**, first place close-up, **Matthew Johnson**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place close-up, and **Gary Savard**, 3<sup>rd</sup> place stage. Well-done gentlemen!

Be sure not to miss out next year's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Magic Jamboree!



**DAVID WILSON, STAN KRAMIEN, AND DAVID WATTERS**

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ALEX TIRKANITS IS AWARDED WITH THE DICK GARDNER TROPHY

During the business meeting we observed a few minutes of silence for our two long time members who passed away this month-George Watson and Len Hiebert.

Next, we welcomed two new members-Walter Rutek, a recent member from Eric Lenz's class; and Bernice Hughes- the daughter of well known British magician Jack Hughes.

the evening as well as George Weisfeld all the way from Berlin, Germany to enjoy the evening. Be sure to give your thanks to Juan Garcia and his wife Marcia for the fantastic food prepared for the social hour. We were fortunate in that we had their five-year old daughter Emily along as official taste tester. A delightfully tasty feast too.



JOSE ALMENARES IS AWARDED WITH THE H.B. MACLEAN TROPHY

The winner of the 50/50 draw was Peter Barrett who's winning of a promising \$25.00. There were two competitions tonight. The Dick Gardner Trophy for juniors for close-up magic, cards permitted, not exceeding ten minutes. Alex Tirkanits, Jeremy Heryet & Cameron Fisk was the promising contender for the honors. Alex won with a most entertaining history lesson and demonstration on Cups and Balls and a nicely black shirt to boot. The H.B.MacLean trophy for Adults in close-up, cards NOT permitted, for a ten minute limit, was contested by Kelvin Ng, Jose Almenares, & Andrew Yeo. Jose

won with a delightful variation on Professor's Nightmare plus a



JR. MEMBER CAMERON FISK

won with a delightful variation colourful changing heart appearing under alternating card blanks. Trophy chairperson and chief judge Glen LaBarre was proud to award the trophies to the respective winners. During all these competitions M.C. Matthew Johnson kept the crowd loose and entertained as only he can. This meeting was nothing but a wonderful bouquet of Mayflowers for our month of May.



JR. MEMBER JEREMY HERYET

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# CONJURERS' CALENDAR

A MONTHLY GUIDE TO MAGIC AND EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

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THURSDAY JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2003  
 IBM RING #92 - VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE  
 REGULAR MEETING  
 7:00 SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER  
 VICTOR DEZSO REVEALING  
 SECRETS OF GREAT PROMO PHOTOS  
 8:00 BUSINESS MEETING  
 CECIL ACKERY TROPHY – ADULT COMEDY  
 RICK HONEY TROPHY – JUNIOR COMEDY

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THURSDAY, JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>, – SUNDAY AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2003  
 PCAM 2003 CONVENTION  
 EXECUTIVE HOTEL & RESORTS  
 COQUITLAM BC  
 Register on line at [www.magiChampion.com](http://www.magiChampion.com)

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2003  
 IBM RING #92 – VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE  
 ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC  
 QUEENS PARK NEW WESTMINSTER  
 12:00 PM  
 MAGIC WAND DEGREE  
 CONTACT GLEN LaBARRE TO REGISTER  
 FOR A MAGIC WAND  
 ALL-STAR SHOW

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THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2003  
 IBM RING #92 - VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE  
 REGULAR MEETING  
 7:00 WORKSHOP  
 8:00 BUSINESS MEETING  
 NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

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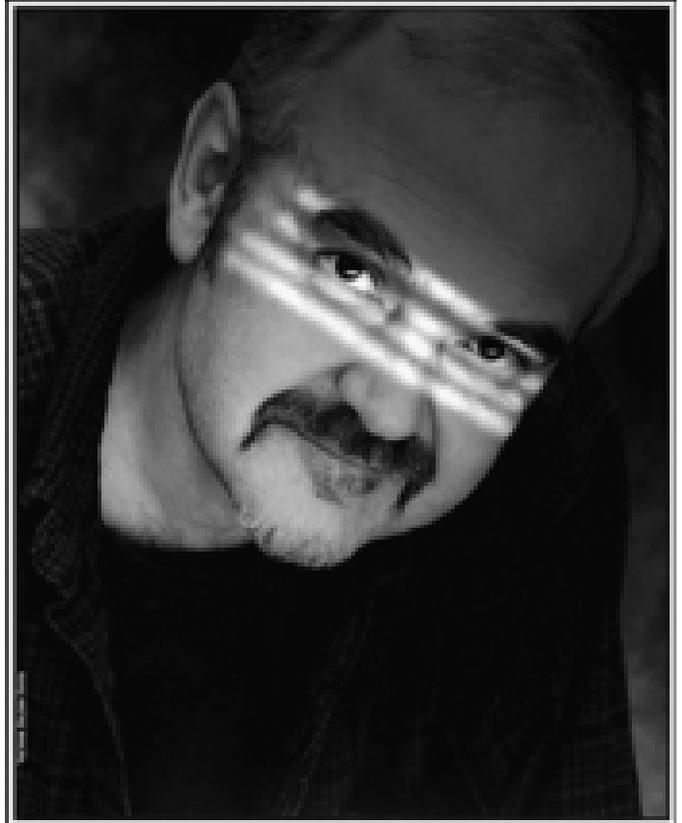
THURSDAY OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2003  
 IBM RING #92 – VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE  
 REGULAR MEETING  
 7:00 WORKSHOP  
 8:00 BUSINESS MEETING  
 VMC ANNUAL MAGIC AUCTION

The June 2003 Vancouver Magic Circle workshop will be:

## "The Secrets of Great Promo Photo's Revealed!!!"

featuring *Victor Dezso* owner of *Victor Dezso Foto*

The Vancouver Magic Circle is pleased to announce that June's workshop will feature one of BC's Premier photographers, Victor Dezso. He has taken promotional photos for a huge number of clients in the entertainment industry for the past 26 years. Find out why such a large number of bands, actors, jugglers, comedians, professional speakers and others have booked him to do their promo photos at this special VMC educational session. Victor owns a fully equipped photography studio complete with backdrops, scenes, lighting, special effects and unique positioning dollies that can only be found at his studio. Many of the lighting effects have been custom built by Victor, some as far back as 20 years ago, that are only just now coming into vogue with other professional photographers. His other areas of specialty include commercial photography, tabletop products, architecture and specialized portraits.



So what is Victor's magic? He fully understands and promotes that there are 2 very important factors to making an exceptionally good promo photo:

- 1) What he does as a professional photographer and
- 2) What you do as the person being photographed!

The optimum results can be attained when both are in perfect harmony. These are just 2 of the "Secrets" Victor

will delve into detail on at the June Workshop at 7pm. There are a number of Canadian based entertainers that have had promo shots taken by Victor that include: Rick Mearns, The Checkerboard Guy, The Rubber Chicken Guy, Steve Hocevar, Ray Medway, Rod Boss, Graham Kita, BIF Naked, Prism, Collin James and many, many more. In fact, if you have ever played in a band chances are Victor has photographed you!

Come and see and hear the "**Secrets Revealed**" on how to get excellent results in promo photo's from a long standing professional that has photographed the Who's Who of the entertainment and acting industries in Western Canada!! You won't want to miss this informative workshop presented by a serious and dedicated professional!!!

## June Meeting of The Vancouver Magic Circle

**Date: Thursday June 26th**

**Time: 7pm Sharp**

**Sunrise Community Hall Vancouver, BC**