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MAY 2003

CLOSE-UP COMPETITION AT MAY MEETING

The next meeting of IBM Ring #92 – The Vancouver Magic Circle takes place on Thursday May 22nd, 2003 at the Sunrise Community hall in Vancouver. Doors will open at 6:30 and a free lecture will start at 7:00pm. **Matthew Johnson** will be presenting his lecture, which has a little something for everyone. Some of the topics include: close-up, silk work, kids magic, choreography, the use of tables, as well as his line of magic that sells through many international magic dealers for very reasonable prices. The business portion of the meeting will start at 8:00pm.

The feature of the May meeting will feature the H.B. MacLean Trophy. This will be awarded to the adult with the best close-up routine with anything other than a deck of playing cards while not exceeding the time limit of 10 minutes. The second competition will feature the Dick Gardner Trophy. This will be awarded to the junior member with the best close-up routine also not exceeding the time limit of 10 minutes but a deck of cards are allowed to be used according to the performers preference. 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.

CHARLES HOWARD TROPHY AT APRIL MEETING



President David Wilson awards David Watters with the Charles Howard Trophy for the year 2003

Our April meeting started out with a workshop on Improv-magic hosted by **Karen Eskilson**. She selected two teams, **Glen LaBarre & Chris Taylor** vs. Cameron Fisk & **David Hamil**. They were provided with a limited number of props and the audience shouted key words they were only allowed to use and had to perform the magic according to these limitations. It made for a hilarious 50 minutes as well as a very productive workshop. David & Cameron won in a tight contest decided by an impartial panel of judges. During the business meeting we welcomed **David Cameron** who just had a triple bypass surgery only 32 days ago and now he looks like he's worth a million dollars (Canadian). We also send our best wishes to veteran member **Lon Mandrake** who is going in for a hip replacement surgery soon. **Jose Almenares** supplied the food the social hour. He is manager of a local Church's Chicken so guess what the main appetizer was. Delicious!!! The big competition of the evening was the Charles Howard Trophy for the best effect using gimmicked cards.

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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!



Murray Sawchuk has just signed a contract to star as the bartender in a new TV sitcom. The Pilot titled "Malibu Bar" which will begin filming in May.

The Magic Castle named James Dimmire Stage Magician of The Year. Congratulations James!

SYM Assembly 120 is looking for young junior members to headline in their holiday magic extravaganza in Anchorage Alaska. If any of you would like more information, please contact **Leo Haglund** at (503) 246-3005.

Member **Anderson Chow** continues to work Countless hours on our new club website with regular updates. You can check out our website at www.ibmring92.com. Keep up the great work Anderson!

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

2003 CHILDREN'S MAGICIAN OF THE YEAR

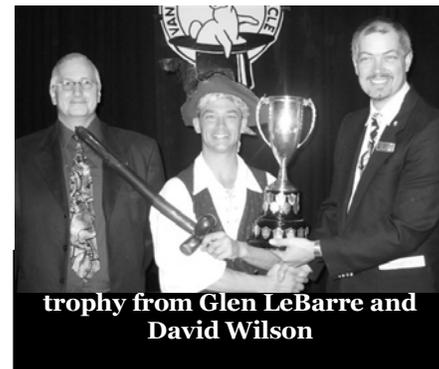


Competition performers pose with Wilf Rutherford Trophy

On Saturday May 3rd, 2003 The Vancouver Magic Circle IBM Ring #92 hosted their annual Wilf Rutherford trophy competition for Children's Magician of the Year award. Held at the studio theatre at the Shadbolt Centre for the arts in Burnaby B.C. this venue lends itself nicely to the competition. A sold out audience of 250 spectators watched an enthusiastic nine VMC members vie for one of our clubs most sought after awards. Last year's winner **Matthew Johnson** was the master of

ceremonies and kept everyone laughing between acts, which included **Dustin Anderson** (the Purple Pirate), **Jeff Mcleod** a.k.a. the yo-yo guy, **Andrew Yeo**, **Graham Kita** and lovely daughter **Jennifer**, **Dave** and **Trevor Watters** (The Watter Boys), **Jose Almenares**, **Rick Mearns** (Tricky Ricky), **Graeme Kingston** (Bobby Loonie), and **Gary Savard**.

After a nearly two-hour show, the audience filed out into the lobby to cast their ballots for their favorite performer. After the audience returned to their seats, and while votes were being counted, **Matthew Johnson** presented a very colorful and humorous act. After door prizes were drawn, the 2003 Wilf Rutherford Trophy winner was announced. **Dustin Anderson** was voted Children's Magician of the Year. Congratulations Purple Pirate! And thank you to those that helped out in putting this entire show together.



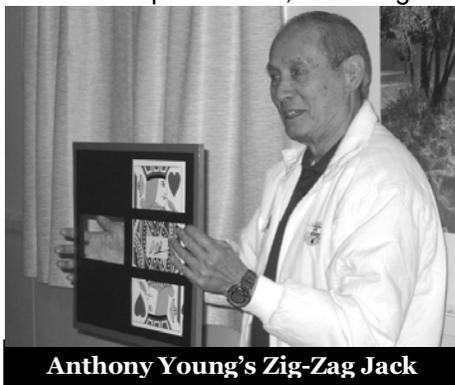
trophy from Glen LeBarre and David Wilson

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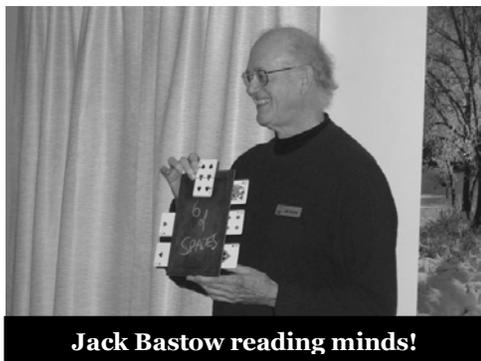
Jose Almenares the Chicken Man

was very visual and clever. **Kelvin Ng** had a selection appear in a mini-card box that was produced from a seemingly regular card box. **Jose Almenares**, after his warm up exercises, had a signed card appear from a sealed envelope after being chosen by a helper. Veteran **Jack Mellor** did a 5 Jack routine from a red deck finally appearing as a blue deck. **Gerry Hennessy** did a terrific Gambler routine in the fashion of the famous Lennart Green. But was it a gimmicked deck? He had me fooled. **Andrew**



Anthony Young's Zig-Zag Jack

Yeo produced an Ace of Diamonds from a blank deck of cards. **Jack Bastow** had 2 volunteers chose 15 cards each and put them in sealed envelopes but when the envelopes were examined one had 12 cards and the other 18 cards. **Chris Taylor** had **Karen Eskilson** chose a card mentally which he had chosen and placed on the table. Next **David Watters** did a clever comic routine on thought transposition with a volunteer from the audience, using the most imaginative "Machinery" to help transport the thought.



Jack Bastow reading minds!

Finally **Lon Mandrake** needed 3 volunteers to help and eventually had **Karen** produce a predicted Jack of Hearts with a blue back appear in a red deck. The winner was **David Watters**. The lucky winner of the 50/50 draw of \$44.00 was **Jose Almenares**. The final event of a wonderful evening was to enjoy a videotaping of **Rod Chow's** "Wish maker" routine for presentation for an upcoming magic competition in Las Vegas. We all gave Rod a huge round of applause for his excellent routine. The 41 members and 9 guests had an enjoyable night of magic fun and skill.

Munro MacKenzie Ring Reporter

CONJURERS' CALENDAR

A MONTHLY GUIDE TO MAGIC AND EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

THURSDAY, MAY 22ND, 2003

IBM RING #92 - VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
REGULAR MEETING

7:00 LECTURE BY MATTHEW JOHNSON
A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

8:00 BUSINESS MEETING

H.B. MACLEAN TROPHY – CLOSE-UP
DICK GARDNER TROPHY – JUNIOR CLOSE-UP

FRIDAY, MAY 23 & SATURDAY MAY 24, 2003

STAN KRAMIEN'S SIXTEENTH ANNUAL
NORTHWEST MAGIC JAMBOREE

FEATURING MILT LARSEN, MARK WILSON,
WHIT HAYDEN, PETE BIRO, & JEFF MCLEOD

BIG TOP RANCH, NEWBERG OREGON

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THURSDAY JUNE 26TH, 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

THURSDAY, JULY 31 – SUNDAY AUGUST 3,
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AUGUST

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DATE – TO BE ANNOUNCED

MAGIC WAND DEGREE



News **BROKEN WAND** News

WATSON, George Thomas - IBM Number #12631M

George was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba November 17th, 1908 and lived in Delta BC, Canada. He passed away peacefully in his sleep on April 26th, 2003 at the age of 94. George, now 14 years later, joins his loving wife and best friend, Gladys.

Known as "Magic George", he loved to entertain, always bringing smiles to faces and warmth to hearts with his magic, piano playing and wit. A great lover of life, "Magic George" stayed young at heart, living an active and happy life right to his last breath. He spent his recent years learning Spanish and sign language, studying holistic and Chinese medicine, playing table tennis, doing tai-chi, walking,

swimming and warming hearts with his piano playing and as always performing close-up miracles with his magic. He also traveled to Mexico many times with his good friend Ian McLeod.

George joined the Vancouver Magic Circle IBM Ring #92 in 1950 and went on to serve as President in 1956. He received the "Order of Merlin" as a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and was also awarded a lifetime membership of the Vancouver Magic Circle IBM Ring #92 in 1992. He showed up to meetings with such a positive demeanor, everyone liked George. He always had something in his pocket to perform magic with along with a twinkle in his eyes.

As an entrepreneur and active community member, George built numerous successful businesses; he was General Manager for Atlas Diesel (supplying marine engines for WWII), and was an administrator of the BC Sheet Metal Association. His community involvement included: President of the Vancouver Active Service Club, raising funds for the Cripple Children's Hospital; Vice-Chairman of the War Services Fund.

Hearing him tell stories of his remarkable life will be greatly missed, including those of: traveling on the road with Mandrake the Magician; playing piano for the old "Silent Movie" theatres; dancing with Lucille Ball; playing piano with Mickey Rooney; getting Babe Ruth to autograph a ball for his ill brother; playing piano and organ while Gladys sang in churches about town; and too many more to mention.

George is survived by his loving family: 3 sons, 1 daughter, nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. His daughter Wendy was a regular at many magic functions and was very supportive of his magic. We are thankful for her involvement that ensured we got to see George at many of our magical functions. He was an inspiration to his family and to all members of the Vancouver Magic Circle and will never be forgotten. His magic will never leave his family and friends, "Abracadabra" until we meet again! At George's request, there will be no memorial service.

News **BROKEN WAND** News

HIEBERT, Jacob Leonard – IBM Number #15950R

Len Hiebert passed away on April 30th, 2003 at the age of 79. He was predeceased by his wife Doris, on May 13th, 1999 and is survived by his son Don and daughters Kerry and Beverly as well as 3 grandchildren. Len was born on May 7th, 1923 in Winkler Manitoba.

Len was a long time member at the Vancouver Magic Circle IBM Ring #92 and held the office of VMC President in 1972. After retiring in the early 1980's, Len and Gladis moved to Nelson B.C. where he remained as an out of town member of the Vancouver Magic Circle. After Gladis's passing in 1999, Len moved back down to the Lower Mainland and attended a few of our monthly meetings. He had a great sense of humor and will be missed by all his friends and family.

A Memorial service will be held Saturday May 24th, at 4pm at the Unity in Action Church 1630 Edinburgh street New Westminster.