



# THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS RING 92



## THE MAGICAL MINUTES

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### RAY GAMBLE TROPHY TO BE FEATURED AT MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

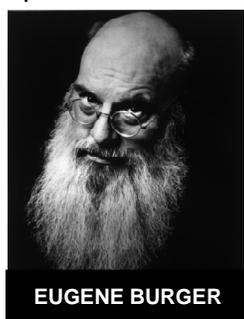
The next meeting of IBM Ring #92 – The Vancouver Magic Circle takes place on Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at the Sunrise Community Hall in Vancouver. Doors will open at 6:30pm for socializing and at 7:00pm a workshop on “Performing close-up magic – what works well, and why.” will be hosted by **Ray Roch**.



The business meeting is scheduled for 8:00pm, followed by refreshment time and then on to the featured event of the evening, the 2004 running of the Ray Gamble trophy competition – The best card effect using a previously unopened deck of cards. Members wishing to enter this popular contest are encouraged to call trophy chairman **Glen LaBarre** at 604-468-6265 ahead of time to sign up.

### VALENTINE MONTH SEES LECTURE AND INSTALLATION BANQUET!

February is Valentine month and Ring#92 had a real sweetheart of a beginning. On 15 Feb. we had an unusual Sunday lecture by the legendary Eugene Burger. He looked younger than on T.V. and when he laughed his “spade” beard and body shook like jelly, like a friend of mine who visits in December wearing a red suit. I found him so soft spoken that I did not hear everything; however, I



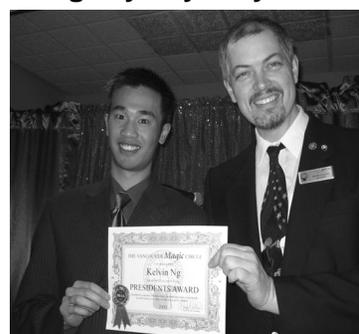
EUGENE BURGER

appreciated his philosophy of “learn to present as we are drowning in tricks”, so true of many of us. I had not seen his stage show but loved his long thread and candle effect that I had seen. **Jens Henriksen** won the \$20.00 attendees draw. The crowd was a respectable 70 of which 41

were VMC members.

Our February meeting was the annual installation banquet for our new 2004 executives. Before dinner we were entertained by roving magicians **Neil Bacon, Walter Ruteck, Dennis Hewson** and **Cameron Fisk**. After everyone enjoyed the scrumptious buffet dinner, outgoing President **David Wilson** presided over his last official duty – presenting of the past year awards.

The David Culos memorial trophy for the Golden Rabbit Award - went to **Craig Prystay**, who was in Las Vegas attending the wedding of his niece. Craig is also the General Manager of the Sands Hotel where we held the dinner. The nominees for this award were **Munro MacKenzie, Rod Chow, David Wilson, David Watters, Anderson Chow, Craig Prystay, Ray Medway, Kelvin Ng**, and



Kelvin Ng receives Presidents Award from David Wilson

**Karen Eskilson.**

This impressive list of people was recognized as members who go the “Extra” mile for the club. Next up was the President’s award for the person he thinks was most helpful in his tenure. It went to **Kelvin Ng**, our hard working

editor of the Magical Minutes, the club’s monthly newsletter. Next venerable member **Ray Medway** installed the new 2004 executive with all due solemnity.

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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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**Karen Eskilson**, our first lady president and once again lovely in red received a bouquet of flowers to celebrate the occasion, followed by vows of; first vice president **Ray Roch**; second vice president **Dennis Hewson**; secretary **David Watters**; treasurer **David Wilson**; and Sgt. at Arms **Dennis "The Bulldog" Chan**. Next the members posed for the 2004 club photo by **Jack Bastow**. He is a stickler for "the tall ones in the Back and the shorter ones in Front."

Next trophy chairman **Glen LaBarre** introduced the competitors for the Rick Honey Comedy trophy (juniors). **Cameron Fisk** led off with a good routine followed by **Alex Tirkanits**. Alex won in a very tight vote. The actual host of the competitions was **Reg Donnelly**, last year's winner of the Cecil Ackery Comedy trophy. He had a very impressive list of competitors



2004 Comedy Trophy Winners  
Jeff McLeod & Alex Tirkanits

starting with **Jeff McLeod**, **Jose Almenares**, **Neil Bacon**, and finally **Donovan Atreides**. The winner was **Jeff McLeod** with an unusual presentation of his wonderful Linking Rings done to the song "Danke Shoen" with misguided music that made it

hilarious. The 50/50 draw of \$80.00 was won by **Munro MacKenzie**. While the scores were being tabulated Reg entertained for a bit, then Mathew Levy a juggler from Jamaica, was a guest performer. He entertained with comedy and juggling and his last presentation was to cut a watermelon in half that was resting on a prone **David Wilson** protected by a mere hand towel. Matthew used a two handed sword (claymore?) and with a mighty swing did only cut the melon cleanly in half. (David assured us he was NOT worried) Yeah!! Yeah!! 41 members and 30 guests enjoyed the evening.

**Munro MacKenzie**. Ring Reporter.



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## TIDBITS FROM THE TOPHAT!

The 2004 Children's Magician of the Year competition for the Wilf Rutherford Trophy has been booked for Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004 into the Studio Theatre at the Shadbolt Centre for the performing arts, Burnaby, BC. Any Ring #92 member wishing to enter this years Competition is asked to let trophy chairman **Glen LaBarre** know before May 7<sup>th</sup> @ 604-468-6265. Last year's winner **Dustin Anderson** will be acting as host & M.C. for this fun & festive family show. All seats are only \$5.00 each with show tickets and programme advertising now available. Both can be arranged for at upcoming monthly magic meetings or by phoning Treasurer **David Wilson** @ 604-467-7887.

Dates for Ring #92 – Vancouver Magic Circle's Weekend of Magic 2004 have been announced. Be sure to mark Friday, Oct 1<sup>st</sup> to Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> on your calendars. Registration will start in late April.

**Stan Kramien** has added more performers to the bill for his 17<sup>th</sup> annual N.W. Magic Jamboree coming this April 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. Just booked are "Magician's Magician" Daryl Martinez, funny man Angel Ocasio, "Rope & Knot Guy" Dennis Loomis, and one of the all time greats in magic, Jerry Andrus. Registration is available online at: [stankramien@yahoo.com](mailto:stankramien@yahoo.com) or if you have any questions call Stan directly at 503-277-2478.

If you are planning to attend this summers PCAM convention in Seattle, but have been putting off getting your registration, **Now** is definitely the time. Registration prices are set to increase March 31<sup>st</sup>, from the current \$130US up to \$150US. Register online at [www.seattlepcam2004.com](http://www.seattlepcam2004.com).

Our congratulations to Ring #92 member **Christopher Taylor** for having his awesome 13 page "One Man Parade" published in the March 2004 issue of I.B.M.'s Linking Ring magazine. Way to go Christopher!

Some exciting magic news from Ring #92 member **Neil Marshall**, tells us that his bid for Vancouver to host the 2007 US Deaf magicians' festival has been accepted. The Bi-annual event features magic lectures, stage shows, and competitions, just like you would find at most magic conventions except everything is geared for the hearing impaired. No date has been set yet but it is hoped to piggy back with another major magic event that year. The festival took place in Las Vegas, NV in 2003 and is set for Boston, MA in 2005.

**Rick Mearns** has recently added magical advisor to his long list of accomplishments. Rick taught a local actor on The Collector's series how to perform psychic surgery. When asked what they do with the bits of chicken used in this stunt, Rick was quick to reply "Oh that's easy, it's *re-psychic-able* (recyclable)!"

**Ray Roch** informed us that Dr Brad Turner's wife Barbara died of an aneurysm last week. The funeral was held on Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at the White Rock Baptist Church, 1657 - 140<sup>th</sup> street, South Surrey. Brad is a past member of the VMC and SAM magic clubs and is still a good friend to many magicians in the magic community.

IBM TVP for BC **Tony Eng** reports that Dr. Mel Gooderham passed away on Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004, at his home in Kelowna. He was 88 years old. Friend to, many in BC's magic community, Mel was a big supporter of magic in our province. He helped start Kelowna's Ogopogo magic Ring, was a member of Ring #183 – The Victoria Magic Circle and attended many Vancouver Magic Circle conferences over the years. We give our condolences to his family and friends.

Magic creator and author Jim Steinmeyer was in town briefly at the beginning of March for a guest appearance on CTV's Vicki Gabreau show. The show was telecast on Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Watch for it in re-runs.

## Conjurers Calendar

A MONTHLY GUIDE TO MAGIC AND EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

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THURSDAY, MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2004

IBM RING #92 - VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE  
MARCH MEETING  
7:00PM – WORKSHOP  
8:00PM – BUSINESS MEETING  
8:45PM – RAY GAMBLE  
TROPHY COMPETITION

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THURS, APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, & FRI, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2004  
H2O MAGIC PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS  
"ABRACADABRA"

FEATURING: MATTHEW JOHNSON,  
JEFF MCLEOD AND TREVOR WATTERS  
SHOW TIMES 7:30 PM – TICKETS \$10.00 EA  
NORTH DELTA SENIOR SECONDARY  
11447 82<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE, NORTH DELTA  
TICKETS & INFO: 604-590-4465

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THURSDAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2004

IBM RING #92 – VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE  
APRIL MEETING  
7:00PM – WORKSHOP  
8:00PM – BUSINESS MEETING  
8:45PM – GIMMICK CARD NIGHT -  
CHARLES HOWARD TROPHY

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FRI, APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup> & SAT, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>

STAN KRAMIEN'S 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
NORTHWEST MAGIC JAMBOREE  
At the one and only BIG TOP RANCH  
NEWBERG, OREGON, U.S.A.

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TUESDAY, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2004

MICHAEL AMMAR LECTURE  
7:30PM  
DOUGLAS COLLEGE, NEW WESTMINSTER  
Reservations: David Wilson @ 604-467-7887

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SUNDAY, MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> 2004 – 1:00PM

IBM RING #92 – VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE  
2004 CHILDRENS MAGICIAN OF THE YEAR  
STUDIO THEATRE @ SHADBOLT CENTRE  
BURNABY BC  
ALL TICKETS – \$5.00 ea. – 604-467-7887

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AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2004

2004 P.C.A.M. CONVENTION  
SEA-TAC MARRIOTT HOTEL, SEATTLE, WA  
Hotel Reservations: 1-800-314-0925  
PCAM Convention Info:  
[www.seattlepcam2004.com](http://www.seattlepcam2004.com)

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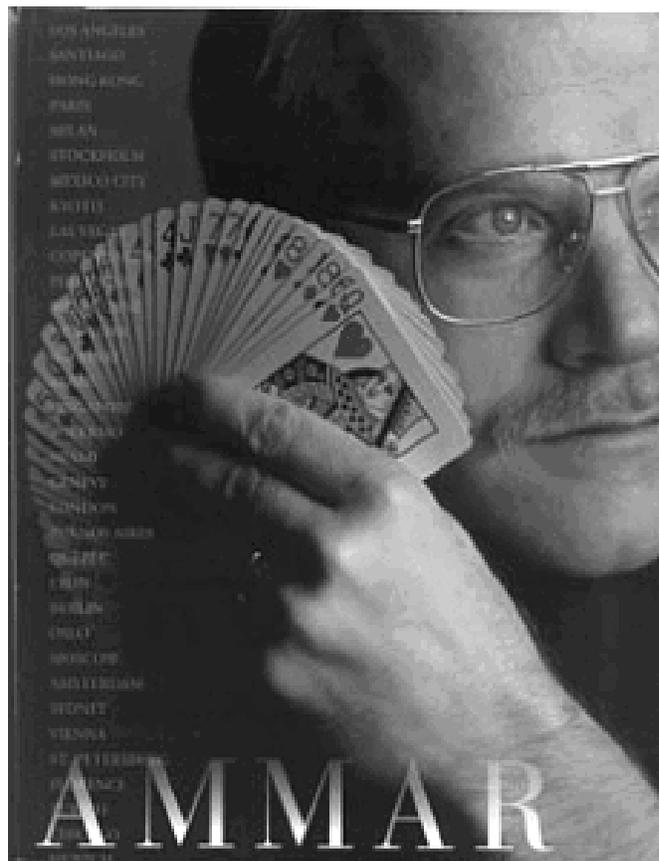
*Lecture series proudly presents:*

## Michael Ammar

At the turn of the millennium, Magic Magazine listed Michael Ammar as one of “**The Most Influential Magicians of the Twentieth Century.**” It’s no wonder, as one of the most prolific authors and teachers of magic in the world, Michael’s awards and achievements are unequalled. Michael became only the second American in the 45-year history of the event to win the **Gold Medal for Close-Up Magic** at the 15<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Magic (FISM) in Lausanne, Switzerland in 1982. Since that time, he has amassed 6 awards from the prestigious **Academy of Magical Arts** in Beverly Hills, California - the maximum number of voted awards for which he is eligible.

### AWARDS

**2003 Distinguished Alumni**, West Virginia University, 2003  
**“Magician of the Year”**, Tannens New York, 2002  
**Best Close-Up Magic**, World Magic Awards, Fox 2000  
**Gold Medalist**, World Sleight of Hand Competition, FISM 1982  
**Best Sleight of Hand**, “The International Magic Awards”, 1992  
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**Best Parlor Magician**, Academy of Magical Arts 1990  
**Best Parlor Magician**, Academy of Magical Arts 1985  
**Best Close-up Magician**, Academy of Magical Arts 1983  
**Best Lecturer**, Academy of Magical Arts 1983  
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**Best Close-up Magician**, Academy of Magical Arts 1981



**Date: Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at 7:30 PM**  
**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**