



# THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS RING 92

## THE MAGICAL MINUTES



Affiliated with the PACIFIC COAST ASSOCIATION OF MAGICIANS -- OCTOBER 2004

### ANNUAL AUCTION AND HALLOWEEN NIGHT!



The next meeting of IBM Ring #92 The Vancouver Magic Circle takes place on Thursday, October 28th, 2004 at the Sunrise Community Hall in Vancouver. It is our Annual magic auction. Doors will open at 6:00pm for setup for those selling and preview time for potential buyers. First come first sell 10 items, then rotate. There will be no business meeting this month. The auction is scheduled to get underway at 7:30pm. Bring your old magic to sell and bring cash to pick up some treasures.

### WEEKEND OF MAGIC A SUCCESS!

The Vancouver Magic Circle's very own Weekend of Magic, the best mini convention in the Pacific Northwest, was held Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> 2004 at the Best Western Sands by the Sea Hotel in downtown Vancouver. The doors opened Friday at 5:00pm to allow an eager crowd entry.

IBM Territorial Vice President **Tony Eng** held a delicious reception to welcome the gathering throng. After the reception, the next activity was the hilarious crowd hooting One Hand Cut-a-Thon followed by the Avian Balloon Twisting Olympics. There had to be several heats in each event as so many eager participants wished to show their skills.

One of the highlights of the official opening ceremonies featured the awarding of the new "Murray Award". **Murray** himself made the inaugural presentation to David Watters who won for the year 2003. **Murray** actually laid the ground rules for this new annual award presented for the most creative magical performance.

The evening opened with a gala by Johnny Thompson that held us spellbound. Next **Murray** lectured on how to make your act commercial yet competitive. Some real good tips here. The evening closed with an enticing dealers room display.

Saturday started with the old war horse himself, **Stan Kramien**, lecturing on "How to Book yourself". A more knowledgeable person for that endeavor couldn't be found. Great.

Once again the dealers tempted us, and then we gathered at the spectacular English Bay for the 2004 conference photo. Rick Anderson of Tacoma did the honors as the official photographer. The wind was cool but the sun shone on an excited crowd.

The magical lunch had a talented group of tablehopping magicians entertaining everyone that included, **Juan Garcia, Jeremy Heryet, Ray Parker, Chris Pataki, Cameron Fisk, and Rick Mearns**. The first lecture of the afternoon featured Johnny Thompson revealing his huge varied talent. He was followed by Jim Pace lecturing on "Keeping it Visual".



President Karen Eskilson, 2003 Murray Award winner David Watters, Murray

This led to the dinner break, during which time a buffet dinner and show was held in the Board Room. This extra ticket event featured the award winning magic and comedy of V.M.C. member **Trevor Watters** and Lorena with a little help from Tequila their African Lion tamed chihuahua.

The Stars of Magic show under the outstanding M.C.'ing of **Ray Medway** started with Mr. Blue, **Murray** himself doing his patented C.D. act followed by local **Kelvin Ng** with his new dove show. Ray Parker of Victoria had the house in stitches with his cowboy act in spite of his English accent.

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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## NEW MEMBERS INITIATED AT SEPT. MEETING



**President Karen Eskilson with New initiates:  
Alym Amlani, Frank Pataki, Claus Ritter, & John Smithman**

Our September meeting marked the return to magic after our summer hiatus.

The evening started off with a workshop, presented by **Dennis Chan**, demonstrating with an 'exposee' of an allied art.... Ventriloquism. Dennis made us aware of the many attributes a ventriloquist must possess that most of us did not appreciate such as: diaphragm breathing, proper phonetics, the ability to say words that sound like other words and the knowledge of certain words that are anathema to a ventriloquist. It was also interesting to note that he kept referring to his "figure" whereas we thought "dummy". He also showed how he packed his "figure" away like the crown jewels. Very enlightening.

The next portion was the "How does it work?" section we feature every year. Members with problem apparatus sought help in using it. Always someone has an answer. This goes on all year on a one to one basis though.

President **Karen Eskilson** brought the business meeting to order and some reports were presented by various executive members including: **Ray Roch** who presented a report he prepared on safety and magic.

Voting for the new Murray Award was then held with all members in good standing being allowed to cast ballots. This new trophy, donated to the club by **Murray Sawchuck**, is awarded for "the most creative magical performance" each year. Nominees for inaugural 2003 running included: **Rod Chow, David Watters, Jeff McLeod, and Matthew Johnson**. Results of the vote were not released as the presentation would take place 8 days later at our Weekend of Magic 2004, where the award would be presented by **Murray** himself.

**David Wilson** next revealed the exciting details for the Weekend of Magic 2004 held at the beginning of October. There will be 13 acts ranging from old warhorse **Stan Kramien** to 7 year old Jack Chow, son of VMC member **Rod Chow**. It looks like a busy mini convention.

The next item was the installation of new members. The prospective installees were required to perform three effects to prove their proficiency in magic and desire to advance.

The variety of magic presented was delightful and wholesomely entertaining. The successful candidates were **Alym Amlani, Frank Pataki, Claus Ritter, and John Smithman**. They met with the approval of the membership so were then officially inducted into our midst in the Vancouver Magic Circle's secret initiation ceremony.

**Munro Mackenzie** - Ring Reporter.

## TIDBITS FROM THE TOPHAT!

For anyone that may have missed out, we still have some Weekend of Magic 2004 souvenir's available for sale.

W.O.M. 2004 group photo - \$4.00 ea.

W.O.M. 2004 color poster - \$5.00 ea., See **David Wilson**

The VMC is once again offering for sale club golf shirts & club vests emblazoned with the VMC logo. If you are interested in proudly wearing our club insignia, please contact **David Wilson** or **David Watters** for more info.

Our annual VMC Christmas dinner slated for Sunday, November 28th, 2004 is just around the corner. President **Karen Eskilson** will be taking on the monstrous task of coordinating the food for our pot luck festive feast. As in years past, the club will be responsible for supplying the turkey, but everything else laid out for the dinner will be provided by those attending. Please be ready with a few ideas on what to bring and how many people will be attending when Karen calls you. (and please remember if **everyone** was to bring dessert, it wouldn't be much of a dinner.) As it is an RSVP event, if the date is drawing near and you haven't heard from anyone, please give Karen a call at 604-255-9946.

**Rick Mearns** seems to be everywhere these days. He was recently sighted in North Vancouver at a shooting of a commercial for Toys "R" Us. Way to go Rick, keep up the good work!



**Rick Mearns performing for Toys'R'us!**

Here are some updates for our 2004 Ring#92 yearbook.

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## Conjurers Calendar

A MONTHLY GUIDE TO MAGIC AND  
EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28th, 2004**  
**IBM RING #92 - THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE**  
**OCTOBER MEETING**  
**VMC ANNUAL MAGIC AUCTION**  
**6:00PM - DOORS OPEN / PREVIEW**  
**7:30PM - MAGIC AUCTION**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28TH, 2004 - 7:30PM**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, 2004 - 7:30PM**  
**ABRACADABRA SHOW**  
with **TREVOR WATTERS & LORENA, JEFF McLEOD,**  
**DAVID WILSON, JACK CHOW, & KELVIN NG**  
**NORTH DELTA SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
Tickets : \$10.00 each - call 604-202-2874

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, 2004 - 1:00PM**  
**THE RAY MEDWAY MAGIC SHOW**  
**VALLEY FAIR MALL, 227TH & LOUGHEED HWY**  
**MAPLE RIDGE, B.C.**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH - 5:30PM & 8:30PM**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH - 5:30 & 8:30PM**  
**DAVID COPPERFIELD**

An intimate evening of grand illusion  
**QUEEN ELIZABETH THEATRE, VANCOUVER, B.C.**  
Tickets : TICKETMASTER 604-280-4444

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH, 2004**  
**IBM RING #92 - VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE**  
**ANNUAL CHISTMAS DINNER & SHOW**  
**WILLIAM SHELLY TROPHY (ADULT)**  
**PERCY POOLE TROPHY (JUNIOR)**  
**BEST WESTERN SANDS HOTEL**  
**1755 DAVIE STREET, VANCOUVER, B.C.**  
**5:00PM - DOORS OPEN**  
**6:00PM - DINNER**  
**7:00ish - SHOW/COMPETITIONS**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 2004**  
**1:00PM - JEFF McBRIDE WORKSHOP**  
**7:00PM - JEFF McBRIDE LECTURE**  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 2004**  
**8:00PM - THE ABRACADAZZLE SHOW**  
starring **JEFF McBRIDE**  
**MOUNT BAKER THEATRE, BELLINGHAM, WA**  
Tickets & info for all three shows contact :  
**MBT Box Office - 360-734-6080**  
**(Sponsored by WALTON BEVERAGE)**



Lorena Paradon & Trevor Watters



Murray!



TVP Tony Eng, and Craig Prystay



Rod Chow presents One-hand cut-a-thon contest winners



7 year old Jack Chow

# WEEKEND OF MAGIC REPORT

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He was followed by **Stan Kramien** the old master himself; next was the youngest performer 7 year-old Jack Chow who demonstrated his Juvenile First place at the recent Pacific Coast Association of Magicians convention this past August in Seattle. Jim Pace did an act I really liked as it was so appealing. Brian Cook next demonstrated how you can do magic with gloves on. I found it hard to see how he could be so dexterous.

The main event was the Great Tomsoni and Co. The great POLE came through dead pan with a most entertaining act. His wife Pam, was the most bored dizzy assistant I have even seen. I can't reveal the highlight of the act as you would have to see it to believe it was so revealing. WOW!!

The dealers' room and the social suite kept the late night people going until way past my bedtime.

Sunday morning opened with a great lecture by **Matthew Johnson** entitled "Mixing it up". This was followed by The Magicians Weakest Link game show. This is the brain child of **Dave Watters** and M.C.'d by Cathy Watters. It is hilarious and demonstrates some devious thinking by the participants to eliminate their neighboring competitors. Cathy had a hard time controlling their chicanery.

The final event of the weekend was the Close-Up show featuring a whirlwind treat by Brian Cook, **Tony Eng**, **Jeff Mcleod**, Jim Pace, and **Murray**, who nearly sent our safety officer into orbit, and finally Johnny Thompson who had his foot out the door to catch a plane.

Many door prizes were donated and the Vancouver Magic Circle would like to gratefully acknowledge the contributions from Clownin' Around magic, Tony's Trick & Joke Shop, Party Empire, Dave & Cathie Watters, **Dennis Chan**, The Magicclass, **Matthew Johnson**, Cheryl & **David Wilson**, White Rabbit Magic, and **Craig Prystay** of the Best Western Sands hotel who donated our grand prize DVD player won by **Colleen Leigh** on Saturday night. Each participant in the weekend received a monogrammed Vancouver Magic Circle garment bag donated by **Eric Wolstenholme**. He has done this for several years.

No weekend of this complexity can be a success without the hard work of many individuals but most especially the co-chairmen **David Wilson** and **Ray Medway**.

But the next time I see Pam Thompson I want to bid on her gum contract.

A very tired ring reporter **Munro MacKenzie**.



Ray Parker



Matthew and Sue, Newly weds congratulations!



Jim & Devon Pace



Our host Ray Medway



The Great Thomsoni



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