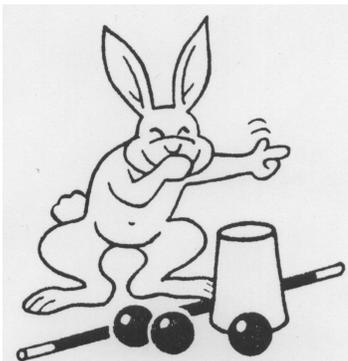




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INSTALLATION BANQUET, GROUP PHOTO, & COMEDY NIGHT!



February is here and another VMC year draws to a close. I have enjoyed my year as President of a truly unique and wonderful club! This month's meeting promises to be a fabulous beginning to another great year as we have the installation of the 2005/2006 VMC executive on Thursday,

February 24th, 2005 at the Best Western Sand's Hotel, 1755 Davie Street, Vancouver, BC. There will be a mini buffet (Chicken Paprika, Vegetarian Lasagna, potatoes, rice, assorted cooked veggies, caesar & green salad, raw veggies, buns, coffee, tea & pastries) for \$23.00 per person. (RSVP before Feb 22 to Karen 604-418-3407) Doors & bar opens at 6:30 pm, dinner starts at 7:00 pm.

Those who wish to come and join us after the dinner are welcome to do so at 8:00 pm. The evenings festivities will kick off with the presentation of the David Culos Memorial Trophy for the Golden Rabbit Award, (which is awarded to the member who has unselfishly given of their time and efforts for the advancement of the VMC),

the VMC's newest Trophy, The Murray Award (presented to a member who performed the most creative act during the year 2004, if you recall it was first presented for 2003 by Murray himself at the 2004 Weekend of Magic) and the Presidents Award.

The Installation ceremony for our newly elected executive and the taking of our 2005 club photo by our resident photographer Jack Bastow down in the board room will follow. It's then back up to the ball room for fun and laughs with our Comedy Competition.

Members will be vying for the Cecil Ackery Comedy Trophy (Adult members) and the Rick Honey Comedy Trophy (Junior members), always an enjoyable competition.

Tickets for the upcoming Pub Night will be available at the meeting... a deal at \$10 per person includes a burger & fries as well as a beverage (beer, wine or pop) and the club gets to keep \$5.00. There will be a sign up sheet for anyone interested in table hopping or doing a short stage bit! A great venue to try out a new effect... we already have a few people signed up. Maps will be available with the tickets. See you on Feb 24th!!

Karen Eskilson

JANUARY REPORT

In my December report I dwelled on the sudden death of George Patey, long time member of Ring #92 and an entrepreneur in the entertainment industry as well as a respected magician. Well, early in January, over a 100 people gathered at the Sands Hotel in a Celebration of His Life. It was more like a traditional Scottish/Irish wake. A Multitude of people got up to relate fond memories of his life, marvel about his many accomplishments, and of coarse, retell a number of jokes that he was famous for always having at the ready.



Shawn Farquhar Workshop

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SHAWN FARQUHAR MINI-AUCTION SUCCESS!

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Our first meeting of the new year opened with a workshop/lecture by Shawn Farquhar, one of Canada's leading magicians and well known on the international stage. Shawn dwelled on character development and recommended that your magic should magnify YOUR personality. He pointed out that "screw-ups" could work to your advantage in coming to the final YOU. He also took the time to expound the virtues of the Pacific Coast Association of Magicians convention on the M.S. Norwegian Star in Sept.

2005-a most unique five day voyage/convention from Vancouver to Los Angeles.

The main business of the evening was the election of officers for the 2005 year. Many of the same faces opted to run for re-election. Karen Eskilson is our president once again as is treasurer David Wilson, secretary David Watters, and 2nd vice president Dennis Hewson. David Murdoch was elected our new 1st vice president and Dennis Chan was returned as Sgt.at Arms after a strong bid by Walter Ruteck to unseat him. Congratulations to all. Mike Norden was appointed our new web master and Walter Ruteck our new competition chairman.

The evening ended with Shawn Farquhar holding a mini auction of his surplus magic. Over 116 different magic items were sold in 51 lots and snapped up by 23 buyers. He also gave away a number of items. Sales for the evening totaled \$1,298.00. Shawn kindly donated \$130.00 as commission to the club (slightly more than the customary 10%).

President Karen Eskilson, who was the lucky winner of the evenings 50/50 draw, also showed a very kind heart by donating her \$35.00 winnings back to the club. Between commissions and donations the club raised \$165.00 for the evening, which will all be put to good use in helping with our current monetary crunch.

Munro MacKenzie -
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David Wilson & David Watters at the mini-auction

2004 YEARBOOK UPDATES ...

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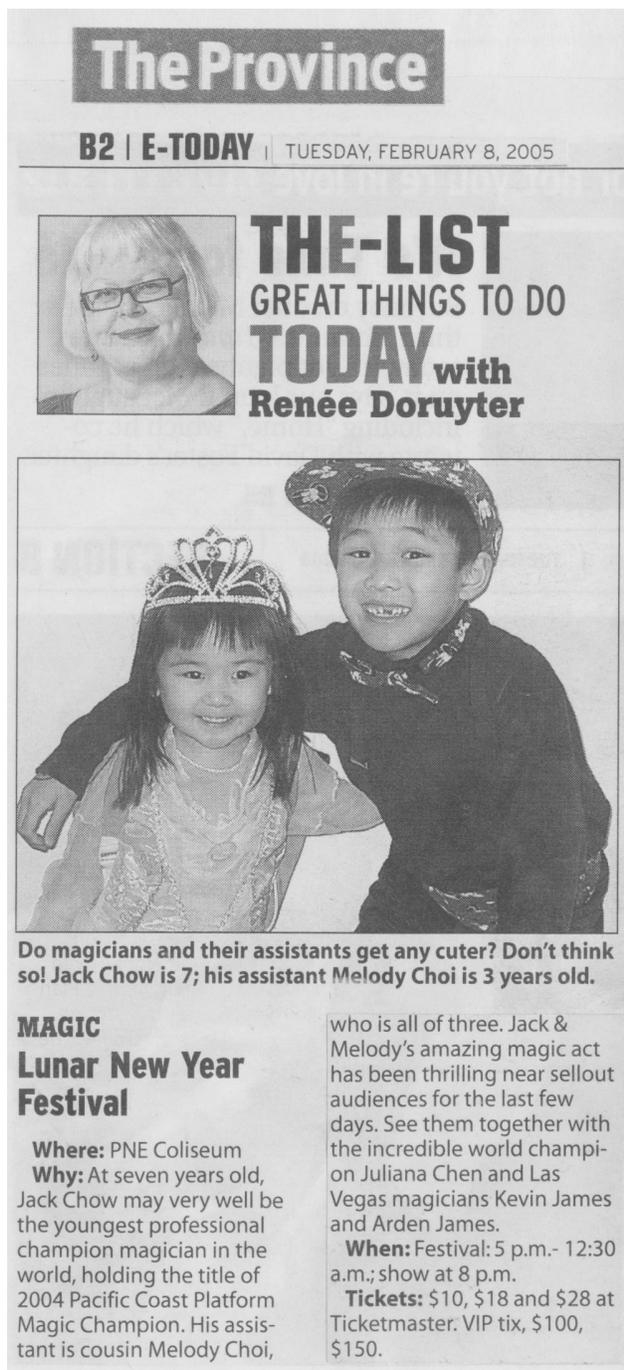
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TIDBITS FROM THE TOPHAT!

Vancouver Magic Circle Member Neale Bacon informed the membership at our January VMC Meeting that he will be hosting a ventriloquists convention on September 16th & 17th, 2005 at the Best Western Sands Hotel. Registration is only \$25.00 for both days. For more info contact Neale at 604-525-5089 or Email: professorpickles@shaw.ca

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THE-LIST
GREAT THINGS TO DO
TODAY with
Renée Doruyter

Do magicians and their assistants get any cuter? Don't think so! Jack Chow is 7; his assistant Melody Choi is 3 years old.

MAGIC
Lunar New Year Festival

Where: PNE Coliseum
Why: At seven years old, Jack Chow may very well be the youngest professional champion magician in the world, holding the title of 2004 Pacific Coast Platform Magic Champion. His assistant is cousin Melody Choi, who is all of three. Jack & Melody's amazing magic act has been thrilling near sellout audiences for the last few days. See them together with the incredible world champion Juliana Chen and Las Vegas magicians Kevin James and Arden James.
When: Festival: 5 p.m.- 12:30 a.m.; show at 8 p.m.
Tickets: \$10, \$18 and \$28 at Ticketmaster. VIP tix, \$100, \$150.

Conjurers Calendar

A MONTHLY GUIDE TO MAGIC AND
EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 2005
IBM RING #92 THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
2005 INSTALLATION BANQUET / ANNUAL GROUP PHOTO
@ The BEST WESTERN SANDS HOTEL
1755 Davie Street, Vancouver, B.C.
6:00 pm - Doors open / Happy hour
7:00 pm - Dinner
8:00 pm - Installation Ceremony followed by
taking of the 2005 GROUP PHOTO
9:00 pm - Comedy Magic Competition
CECIL ACKERY COMEDY TROPHY - Adult
RICK HONEY COMEDY TROPHY - Juniors

THURSDAY, MARCH 10th, 2005 - 6:00 pm
IBM RING #92 THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
Presents a MAGICAL PUB NIGHT
@ FOX'S REACH PUB & GRILL
20398 Dewdney Trunk Road, MAPLE RIDGE, B.C.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24th, 2005
IBM RING #92 THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
MARCH MEETING
PAST PREIDENTS / ONE TRICK NIGHT
7:00 pm - Workshop
8:00 pm - Business Meeting
9:00 ish - Magic & Fun

THURSDAY, APRIL 28th, 2005
IBM RING #92 THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
APRIL MEETING - GIMMICK CARD NIGHT
7:00 pm - Workshop
8:00 pm - Business Meeting
9:00 ish - Gimmicked Card Competition
CHARLES HOWARD TROPHY

STAN KRAMIEN PRESENTS
the 18th ANNUAL NORTHWEST MAGIC JAMBOREE
FRIDAY, MAY 6th & SATURDAY, MAY 7th, 2005
at the BIG TOP RANCH, NEWBERG, OREGON
Registration: Magicians - \$125.00 U.S.
Juniors under 16 / Spouses - \$\$60.00 U.S.
Contact: stankramien@yahoo.com , 503-277-2478

SUNDAY, MAY 29th, 2005
IBM RING #92 THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
Presents the 2005 MAGIC FOR YOUNGSTERS SHOW
(Competition for the WILF RUTHERFORD TROPHY)
STUDIO THEATRE at the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts
6450 Deer Lake Avenue, Burnaby, B.C.

IBM RING #92 THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE PRESENTS A...
MAGICAL PUB NIGHT

THURSDAY, MARCH 10th, 2005 after 6:00 p.m.

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Food, Fun, 50/50 draw, Magic & more
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your choice of Beer*, Wine, or Pop.

*(Sleeve of house draft)

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(tickets must be purchased in advance. No at door sales.)

