



# THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS RING 92

## THE MAGICAL MINUTES



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### MARCH MEETING FEATURES ONE TRICK NIGHT!

The next Meeting of IBM RING #92 The VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE takes place on Thursday, March 24th, 2005 at the Sunrise Community Hall in Vancouver. Doors will open at 6:30pm for socializing, and the workshop is slated for 7:00pm - This month hosted by **Dustin Anderson** featuring movement and magic. 8:00pm Business Meeting followed by light refreshments and then onto PAST PRESIDENTS & ONE TRICK NIGHT. Everyone is encouraged to bring one of their favorite magic effects to entertain the crowd. See you there.

### FEBRUARY INSTALLATION BANQUET 2005!

Our February 24th meeting was our installation dinner for the new executive, and was held at the Best Western SANDS Hotel in downtown Vancouver. After a delicious feast, President Eskilson did the final duty of her 2004 Presidency by handing out 2004 Awards. First up was a new award, "The Helping Hands Award", to ladies who helped above and beyond to make the club happenings successful. Recipients included Joanne Medway, Cheryl Wilson, Melody Hewson, Kim Prystay, Cathie Watters and Julie Bennett. Thanks ladies you did a wonderful job. Up next was the "Murray Award" for the most creative magical performance. Taking home the trophy for 2004 was **Jeff McLeod** with his offbeat comedy magic act. Karen also presented the David Culos/Golden Rabbit Award to **Kelvin Ng** who unselfishly gave of his time and effort for the advancement of the V.M.C. There were 7 members nominated for this prestigious award. She then presented the Presidents Award to **David Wilson** for demonstrating his commitment to performing his role and duty.

Past President **Ray Medway** then swore in the new 2005 executive; President **Karen Eskilson**, 1st VP **David Murdoch** (also a past president), 2nd VP **Dennis Hewson**, Secretary **David Watters**, Treasurer **David Wilson**, and Sgt. at Arms **Dennis Chan**. After which all members retired to the Board Room of the Sands Hotel for the annual club photo, overseen by veteran member **Jack Bastow**. Next was the Rick Honey Comedy trophy



Karen Eskilson looks on as Nick & Jack Chow, receive trophy from Gale honey

Competition for juniors. **Chris Pataki**, **Cameron Fisk**, and **Jack Chow** (assisted by his 5 year old brother Nick) put their best foot forward. Jack won and the trophy was presented to him by Gail Honey, Rick's widow. (It was exactly 4 years to the day that we lost Rick to cancer.) The Cecil Ackery Comedy competition (Adults) was next. Starting was **David Watters** who ended with a really funny balloon archery stunt that had us all believers. **Dennis Hewson** with the help of audience "volunteers" had us in stitches with his jokes and a torn and restored (nearly) napkin routine. Finally **Trevor Watters** with the help of lovely Lorena and Jennifer wearing clever animal masks, wowed us with a pseudo circus routine. Trevor won. He is becoming a major illusionist in the Vancouver scene. A great evening and a great crowd of over 60 enjoyed the show and backdrop loaned by **Dennis Hewson**. **David Watters** was the lucky winner of the 50/50 Draw picking up \$49.50.



Lorena, Trevor, and Jennifer with the Cecil Ackery Comedy Trophy

Munro MacKenzie - Ring Reporter.

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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## VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE MAGIC PUB NIGHT!

I.B.M. Ring #92 tried something new in the way of a fund-raiser. Secretary **David Watters** said it had worked extremely well with the Scout groups he had worked with - A PUB NIGHT. On March 10th at 6:00pm a goodly number of members and guests journeyed to the Fox's Reach Pub and Grill in Maple Ridge for an evening of magic & merriment. For a \$10.00 fee we received a hamburger platter and a beverage-beer/wine or soft drink. Some of the roving magicians contributing to the evenings fun between bites and gossip included; **Dennis Hewson, Munro MacKenzie, Eric Lenz, Jack Mellor, Jose Almenares, David Wilson, Dave Watters, Trevor Watters, Dennis Chan, Rick Mearns, Glen LaBarre and John Fleming** (a.k.a. Bigfoot the Clown) who was wowing everyone with some incredible balloon creations. This part of the evening was very jovial and fun. We were segregated in the patio area which was pleasant but COLD until they put down the folding roof and turned up the heaters. Surprising how the warmth and beer made the tongues flow.

After about 2 hours of pleasantries we retired to the main grill for the result of the 50/50 draw and a magic show. The 50/50 tickets were sold throughout the pub, but it was one of our own, veteran member **Jack Mellor** who won the appreciable amount of \$105.50 (Paid handsomely for his evening out.) The secondary prize was a good camera donated by **Jose Almenares**. It was won by Karsha, the daughter of Peter Rolston, long time T.V. entertainer and magician in the Vancouver area, who just happened to be in the pub. Then on the tiny stage **David Watters, Jose Almenares, Dennis Hewson & Trevor Watters** treated the considerable pub crowd to a great show of magic. Jose, our great Cuban expatriate, has the most beautiful hands in Vancouver magic. Also he was just back from a 2 month tour of China where he performed to sell out crowds.

Trevor and Lorena finished their part of the show with a terrific effect, The Gypsy Mystery which I think is a show stopper. If prizes were awarded to the member who sold the most pub night tickets

**Dennis Hewson** would have won hands down. He must have conned 20 members from his power boat squadron to take a fling on the evening. They seemd to have had a ball. Altogether 21 members turned up but with wives, girlfriends and special friends a goodly crowd of over 60 people was present.

Although it was not an "official" meeting of the V.M.C. I must mention that two ladies MUST be nominated for the new Helping Hands award. **Cathie Watters** and **Cheryl Wilson** did yeoman service as the 50/50 draw was one of the largest in V.M.C. history. They must have arm-twisted everyone in sight to take a chance.

With gas approaching \$1.00/litre and the one hour drive each way it was an unusual evening. Shouldn't we do it again in a few months? After all treasurer **David Wilson** reported the club coffers benefited by \$415.50

**Munro MacKenzie.**



Julie Bennet enjoys the magic as John Fleming showcases his expertise at the Magical Pub night.

## TIDBITS FROM THE TOPHAT!

Vancouver Magic Circle Member **Christopher Taylor** has a new book out on the market. **INSIDE OUT** features mentalism with a touch of the bazaar. H & R Magic books lunched it at "MINDVENTION" in Las Vegas last November and sales have been going quite well. Look for a copy at your favorite magic dealer.

Our new Webmaster, **Mike Norden**, has announced he will be launching an all new IBM Ring #92 website at our April 28th meeting. He will be presenting a power point presentation to showcase all the wonderful new features of the site. See the back page of this newsletter for more information and advertising opportunities.

**Ray Wong** recently returned from a spur of the moment trip to Las Vegas where he visited with Murray Sawchuk and took in a number of great magic shows including Mac King's & Lance Burton's.

Junior Member **Cameron Fisk** received some nice press coverage in the March 2nd edition of the Tri-City News newspaper. The full page spread featured a detailed article and an excellent photo of Cameron performing a card flourish that captured the cards frozen in mid air.

**Clive Court** has informed us that the Midsummer Magic Festival planned for Richmond, BC this July/August has been canceled due to lack of sponsorship. There was a 3-month fundraising campaign but could not raise enough to make the event viable.

The Vancouver Magic Circle is adding a new article of clothing to its line of apparel. A black, long sleeve, mock turtle neck T-shirt with the VMC logo embroidered over the left breast. Price will be approx \$20.00. It will go nicely with the VMC Fleece Vest which are still available for \$69.00. Place your orders with **David Wilson** @ 604-467-7887.



President Eskilson presents the first ever Helping Hands award to Melody, Jo-ann, Kathie, and Julie at the Installation banquet on February 24th, 2005

### 2004 YEARBOOK UPDATES ...

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## Conjurers Calendar

### A MONTHLY GUIDE TO MAGIC AND EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 2nd, 2005  
IBM RING #339 THE LYNNWOOD MAGIC RING  
"SMOKE & MIRRORS"  
EVERETT P.U.D. THEATRE  
Show Times; 2:00 pm & 5:00pm  
Tickets; Adults \$10.00 & Children \$7.00 available  
from Roger Needham at rkneedham@hotmail.com

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.  
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(see enclosed flyer)

THURSDAY, MAY 26th, 2005  
IBM RING #92 THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE  
MAY MEETING  
CLOSE UP NIGHT

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.

SHAWN FARQUHAR PRESENTS the  
2005 P.C.A.M. CONVENTION  
SUNDAY, SEPT 25th to FRIDAY, SEPT, 30th, 2005  
aboard Norwegian Cruise Lines - NORWEGIAN STAR  
traveling from VANCOUVER to LOS ANGELES  
(see enclosed flyer)

# [www.IBMRing92.com](http://www.IBMRing92.com)

**The website is currently "Under Construction"  
We will be launching and showcasing this new  
version at the April 28th meeting.**

**We are offering a special deal to current  
members who would like to advertise in our  
NEW 'Magicians For Hire' section.**

**ONLY \$10 for a whole year!**

In the listing you will get:

Photo, name, magic style, Email, website links, + more!

**OR**

**Get a bigger DELUXE listing for ONLY \$40!!\***

(3 lines to describe yourself, put to the top, and showcased  
in the NEW "Member Spotlight" page!) \*Limited space available

**Please help the club alleviate the cost of doing the new  
site. At the same time, get some great exposure!**

**Call or email Mike Norden today!**

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