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CLOSE-UP WILL BE THE MAIN EVENT AT MAY MEETING!



The next Meeting of IBM RING #92 The VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE takes place on Thursday, May 26th, 2005 at the Sunrise Community Hall in Vancouver. Doors will open at approx 6:30pm for socializing, and at 7:00pm a workshop by PARTY EMPIRE'S Amazing Adam Kozielec, will focus on Balloon Twisting & Sculpturing. The charming Ms. Cleo will also be on hand with a selection of their assorted balloons and interesting wares. The business meeting is scheduled to start at 8:00pm followed by Refreshments & socializing. The feature entertainment for the evening is "Close-up Magic" with the Running of the H.B MacLEAN TROPHY (Adult) and the DICK GARDENER TROPHY (Juniors). If you are interested in entering either of the evenings competitions please contact competition chairman **Walter Ruteck** at 604-591-1930.

APRIL MEETING GIMMICK DECK COMPETITION AFTERMATH!

Our April meeting started with a workshop by Professor Strange (aka **David Watters**) demonstrating how varied non-magical props can be used both for comedy and special effects. You would never believe what can be done with a stainless steel bowl and a hand mixer until you see them in the hands of Dave.

Next was **Glen LaBarre** doing a bizarre effect using a small tap hammer and a nail through his head. Only Glen knows (No blood). **Jack Bastow**, a veteran member, demonstrated how to make a set of colour changing knives purchased from a dollar store. Jack is working his way through Tarbell's magic course and doing well. An on and on, a good workshop demo Dave.

President **Karen Eskilson** presided over a very quick Business meeting which she wrapped up in under 15 minutes to the amazement and delight of all members. This cleared the way for a very impressive power point presentation by our new webmaster, **Mike Norden**, who demonstrated his magic in revising and updating our website to a more interesting and informative design. A lot of work and devotion Mike.



Karen Eskilson presents the Charles Howard Trophy to Aylm Amlani the gimmick deck competition winner along with David Watters the previous winner of the trophy

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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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APRIL CLOSE-UP NIGHT CONTINUED...

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Dave Watters...workshop
"Buckethead"

Florence, we appreciate it.

Our main event of the evening followed with the running of The Charles Howard Trophy Competition - Best Magic effect using a gimmick.



Mike Norden during his
impressive presentation

Neil Marshall, our talented deaf/mute member then gave a surprize presentation on his attempt to get a deaf magicians convention here in Vancouver in 2007. Good luck Neil.

The delicious Refreshments and food for the evening were prepared by **Florence Lam**, who presided over the kitchen for a second month in a row. Thanks



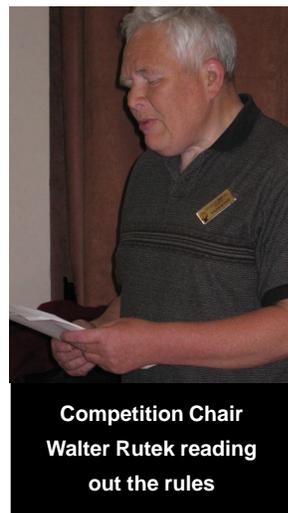
Librarian Greg Dietlein
setting out a selection of
our VMC library books

It was hotly contested with **Juan Garcia, Jack Bastow, Werner de Schaetzen, David Hamil, Gary Savard, Henry Tom, Kelvin Ng and Alym Amlani** all putting thier best foot forward. There was a tremendous variety of entertaining effects.

After the competition and while the judges were talying scores, **Rod Chow** did a special taping of his act that he is submitting to the I.B.M. and S.A.M.'s summer convention contests. Competition chairman, **Walter Ruteck**, then announced the winner of the 2005 Charles Howard Trophy to be **Alym Amlani**. Congratulations Alym on besting some awesome competitors. The 50/50 draw of \$59.50 was won by **Gary Savard**. (The other half of the money goes towards next months food purchase.)

41 members and 10 guests enjoyed a wonderful evening. As I was engaged in a family matter, this report is submitted from notes provided by **Dennis Chan**, our Sgt.at Arms.

Munro MacKenzie - Ring Reporter.



Competition Chair
Walter Rutek reading
out the rules



Florence Lam preparing a
variety of treats for the
refreshment period

TIDBITS FROM THE TOPHAT!

The Lynnwood Magic Ring has announced Saturday, August 13th, 2005 as the date for their DAY-O-MAGIC #5. Aldo Colombini will be featured along with another headliner T.B.A. later. See the Conjurers Calendar for more details. And while you are writing down dates on the calendar ... The Vancouver Magic Circle's 2005 summer Picnic & Public Show has been set for Sunday, September 4th at the Queen's Park Band Shell in New Westminster.

The Vancouver Magic Circle's website www.IBMring92.com is up and running! We have done a few updates and made some corrections so please check it out. If you have a website that is not listed let our webmaster, **Mike Norden**, know. We also want items for the Who's Where, Events, and photos of Kramiens Jamboree. The guestbook is working now and we would love for all them members to sign it. The chat room will be running soon. We are submitting the website into the IBM contest for May 31st, so please visit it and sign that guestbook!

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Conjurers Calendar

A MONTHLY GUIDE TO MAGIC AND EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

THURSDAY, MAY 26th, 2005
IBM RING #92 THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
MAY MEETING - CLOSE UP NIGHT
7:00 pm - Balloon Workshop
8:00 pm - Business Meeting
9:00 ish - Junior & Adult Close up
Competitions

SATURDAY, MAY 28th, 2005 - 7:00 pm
IBM RING #183 THE VICTORIA MAGIC CIRCLE
Presents MIRTH & MAGIC
(Competition for the Wansborough Comedy Trophy)
ISABELLE READER THEATRE
1026 Goldstream Avenue, Langford, BC
Tickets \$8.00 each, available by calling 250-385-6807

SUNDAY, MAY 29th, 2005 - 1:00 pm
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.
Tickets \$7.00 each, available by calling 604-874-9105

THURSDAY, JUNE 23rd, 2005
IBM RING #92 THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
JUNE MEETING - CARD NIGHT
7:00 pm - Workshop
8:00 pm - Business Meeting
9:00 ish - Ray Gamble Trophy Competition
(with a previously unopened deck)

IBM RING #339 THE N.W. RING OF FIRE
(The Lynnwood Magic Circle) PRESENTS
DAY - O - MAGIC #5 Starring Aldo Colombini
SATURDAY, AUGUST 13th, 2005 9:00am - 7:00pm
EVERETT P.U.D. THEATRE,
2320 California Street, Everett, WA, U.S.A.
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ALL HAIL KRAMIEN'S JAMBOREE

ARTICLE BY MIKE NORDEN

On May 6th, over 24 Vancouver Magic Circle members crammed into **David Wilson's** mini van and headed down to Newberg, Oregon for Stan Kramien's 2005 Northwest Magic Jamboree. Actually only 7 people fit into David's van...the rest of us were forced to travel in the peace and comfort of our own vehicles. In total, 36 Canadians were spotted amongst the crowd of almost 300.



Part of the Vancouver group with Jamboree host Stan Kramien

This was my second year going to this event and I can honestly say I will never miss another one. This was Stan's 80th birthday and I look forward to celebrating his 100th! The more I get to know Stan the more my respect and admiration grows.



Everyone wearing Jamboree jackets, courtesy of the very generous Stan Kramien

This year's line-up was one to remember. (Although there is one I am trying to forget...**Gary Savard** pull your pants up!) Stan Allen (editor of Magic Magazine) was present to do an interview with Kramien. Look for it in an upcoming issue. As it turned out Stan Allen is quite the performer and his act with his rabbit "Killer" and his audience volunteer, Kelli with an "I", brought down the house.

Ring 92 was well represented on Stan's invited performers list this year. VMC members included..Member **Ray Roch** did his outstanding coin act and a coat hanger routine I found very entertaining. Flim Flam Foolery indeed! **Gary Savard** showed off his assets....and was later "stabbed in the back" by Bob Little. The talented & charismatic **Tony Eng** captivated the crowd with his entertaining lecture. And **Dave Womach** shone with his bird act and was a highlight of the weekend. Well done to all!

We had some Ring #92 members compete as well, with **Henry Tom, Gary Savard & Cameron Fisk** entering the close-up competition were Cameron captured second place with his "sandwich" routine. How do you do that trick Cameron?! **Trevor Watters** took Third place in the Stage Competition with Lorena & Jennifer assisting him with his Circus act.

Ring #92 ran the magic auction again this year, and was ran by the 2 David's (Wilson & Watters) and Trevor. Stan donated the

proceeds yet again towards our club and we are extremely grateful. Not only that but he provided us with an outside covered venue to do the auction this year. It worked out great!

The food was excellent, the lectures entertaining, the performers enthralling, the venue spectacular, and the host gracious. What more could you want? Come on down next year and check it out, I'll be there.

Mike Norden