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Christmas in November

IBM Ring #92 The Vancouver Magic Circle will once again be celebrating the festive season in November. Our annual Christmas Dinner & Show will be Sunday November 27th, 2005 at the Best Western Sands Hotel, 1755 Davies St, in downtown Vancouver.

Doors to the elegant Capilano Ballroom will open at 5p.m., and at 5:15p.m. strolling magicians will begin to entertain amongst the crowd. Dinner is scheduled to start at 6:15p.m. We ask that everyone signed to attend the dinner, please plan to arrive as early as possible with your food contribution. The kitchen staff will need time to organize it all

Some of the exciting new additions to this year's get-together will be a live performance from a harpist during dinner, magical entertainment just for the kids, and a

much longer visit with Santa Claus who will be handing out gifts to all the children. Be sure to bring your camera so you can get a picture on Santa's knee.

All these proceedings lead up to the main event for the evening, our annual stage magic competitions. Adults will be vying for the William Shelly Trophy, and Juniors (17 and under) will have their sights set on the Percy Poole Junior Trophy.

If you would like to enter either of these contests please be sure to contact competition chairman Walter Ruteck at least 24 hours ahead of time to enter your name.

Early response to sign up for this years Christmas Party has proven popular, with all 120 available seats now spoken for. However, names are being taken for a waiting list in case there are any cancellations. If you wish to get your name on the list

Walter Ruteck
604-591-1930



please call Walter Ruteck.

Walter should have already contacted all of the members who are signed up for the dinner to discuss the food item(s) you will be responsible for bringing. If you have not received his call please contact him immediately.

As always, we will be having collection boxes at the party to receive donations of non-perishable food items for the food bank and/or unwrapped toys for the toy drive. Please join us in supporting these worthwhile causes.

THE
MAGICAL MINUTES

Going once, going twice....SOLD!

There was already a small line up of people outside when the doors opened at 6p.m. The Sunrise Community Hall quickly became a beehive of activity as a total of 70 magic enthusiasts arrived. Sellers hurried to set their wares, as buyers moved in to preview the eye-candy on display at the Vancouver Magic Circle auction!

Auctioneer for the evening was



Karen Eskilson and Clinton W. Gray present Munro MacKenzie, with his prize..

Clinton W. Gray, assisted by product flow coordinator Dennis Hewson. Trevor Watters, Lorena Paradon & Cameron Fisk were runners, organizing the purchased lots.

At the auction control table Karen Eskilson recorded bids for the sellers, Craig Prystay recorded buyers bids & David Wilson acted as Head Paper Shuffler & Cashier. Dedication was shown by Craig Prystay by stepping off an airplane from Phoenix, AZ and came directly to the auction to assist at the control desk.

Clinton lent us the use of his sound system for the evening and David Watters provided set decorations in the form of a giant inflatable Halloween archway that livened up the stage.

Just before 9:00p.m. the auction was paused for a 15-minute refreshment break. This gave everyone an equal opportunity to



Trevor Watters and Lorena Paradon pose as Jack Mellor does inventory of his many items.

enjoy some of the delectable delights that had been prepared by Joe Ward, Merle Helberg & Cathie Watters.



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Annual auction *from page 1*

Some of the treats favoured by this reporter were: four kinds of pizza, veggies & dip, a cracker platter, quiche, sausage rolls, chocolate chip cookies, chocolate chunks, 3 varieties of chips, plus juices & coffee. Quite a spread.

Soon after, it was time for our Halloween Costume Contest. President Eskilson asked the seven people and one Chihuahua who showed up in costume for the evening, to form a line and walk around the room so everyone could get a good look at them to judge.



Auction buyers carefully watch the proceedings.

The costumed were; Dave Watters as a midget riding on Frankenstein's back, Lorena Paradon as a Wizard being carried by a ghost, Tequila the wonder dog as a lady bug, Trevor Watters as a cross dressing Caveman, Neale Bacon as a Policeman, Chris Pataki as a Magician, Munro MacKenzie as a (self described) Lover??, and John Smithman as a Doctor. The audience was asked to select the winner. By show of applause, the audience deemed the best costume to be Munro "Lover" MacKenzie.

The evenings 50/50 prize draw of \$100.50 was a new club record for the largest pot ever at a regular club meeting. The lucky winner was one of our guests, Denzil Bee, who after receiving the cash, promptly used her winnings to join the Vancouver Magic Circle, join the I.B.M. & purchase a band new Vancouver Magic Circle baseball hat.

It was then back to the action of the auction until everything on display had been bid on. All that remained was to collect payment from the buyers, ante up with the sellers, sweep the floor and turn off the lights. Last person out the door was just before midnight.

Report by David Wilson

Auction Details

Members signed in.....	55
Guests in attendance.....	15
Auction started.....	7:31pm
Auction finished.....	10:37pm
Number of sellers.....	15
Number of buyers.....	36
Lots that sold.....	117
Least expensive item sold.....	\$ 1.00
Most expensive items sold	
Wireless microphone.....	\$300
Chair suspension illusion.....	\$300
Buyer who purchased the most, John Smithman:.....	10 lots
Buyer who spent the most, Damien Carriere:.....	\$331
Value of all goods sold:.....	\$2,627
Commissions to Ring #92:.....	\$238.85
Money raised for Ring #92	
from the sale of goods donated by the	
Watson family, the Sawchuk family, &	
Michael Stratman.....	\$166
Funds raised for the Katrina Fund	
from goods donated by Jeff Christensen,	
Rick Mearns, Gordon Humney &	
Clinton W. Gray.....	\$190

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Presidential pleasantries

Kelvin Ng, our Magical Minutes editor, has stepped down as he is becoming too busy in his personal life to continue with the demands of the newsletter. I'd like to thank him for the work he did with David Wilson in getting the newsletter compiled. I'd also like to thank Clinton W. Gray for stepping in to the publisher / editor position. As you may have noticed he has been tweaking and changing a few things on the latest Magical Minutes. I think it looks great, very professional and a boost to our image!

My friend from the Victoria Ring, Paul Kilshaw, was telling me about the incredible juniors in the Victoria group and I had the pleasure of meeting one of them at the PCAM this year. 14 year old Lucas Kavanaugh belongs to the Victoria MYI (Magical Youth International) and works part time at Tony's Trick and Joke Shop. He competed and won both the junior stage and junior closeup at this year's PCAM, which included a registration to the Sorcerers Safari Magic Camp back east this summer. [ED: Ring 92 member Clinton W. Gray is an instructor at the camp]

After seeing him and our own juniors compete, I decided it was time to get a program similar to

Victoria's setup for our juniors. After PCAM I came home and got busy getting things organized and ready to start. I am really very excited about this MYI group, which is still part of the VMC but has programs geared specifically for those 17 and under. The juniors of the VMC will have their own separate meetings, but are encouraged to still attend the regular VMC workshops and meetings. Each meeting will start with a mini lecture for 1 hour, and end with the kids performing something related to the theme of the night or their favourite trick. They will also be given an agenda with information for the current meeting as well as the next meeting's theme and lecturer and any upcoming competitions or events of interest.

It has been the custom for the President to organize the Annual Christmas Party, which I can tell you from experience, is a big job with lots of work in the planning and many headaches. Unfortunately this year I will be out of town for the Christmas Party so I asked Walter Ruteck to step in and handle it for me. He has many exciting things planned and is doing such a super job with it, I know everyone is going to have a fabulous time. Thank you Walter!

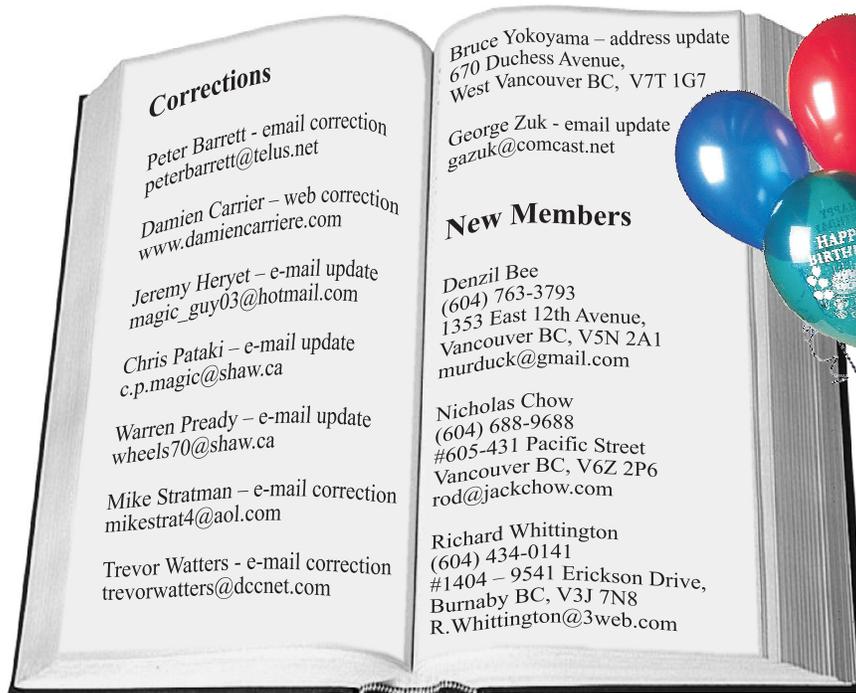
TIDBITS FROM THE TOP HAT

Dustin Anderson has announced he will be staging the Purple Pirate's Winter Extravaganza on Sunday November 27th, 2005 at the Michael J. Fox theatre – 7373 MacPhearson Ave, Burnaby BC. The two 90 minute shows at 2pm and 4pm will feature music, magic and adventure for the younger crowd. Featured guests include musician Chris Hamilton, and Magician Dennis Hewson. Prices are \$8.50 for children and \$12.50 for adults. Call 604-805-4395 for tickets.

Last month, Stan Kramien offered up early bird registrations for his 19th Annual Northwest Magic Jamboree happening Friday May 19th, and Saturday May 20th, 2006. He was even kind enough to offer the incredible deal of Canadian money at par until November 5th.

This month the Victoria Magic Circle is has followed Kramien's lead by offering early bird registrations for the 2006 PCAM Convention they are hosting August 9th-13th, 2006. Don't delay; their early bird price ends

Update your 2005 Roster with these corrections & additions



December 31st, 2005. For prices, online registration form, and/or more information check out their website at www.pcam.biz.

Ray Medway had an amazing week leading up to Halloween. With daily performances of the "Tribute to Hogwarts" magical wizard show, as well as working on a local movie set, he and Jo-Ann were very busy. On Halloween afternoon, their show at Oakridge Mall drew an audience of 1,500!

Ray Roch has informed us that he was in Winnipeg in September and performed for two hundred kids at his granddaughter's elementary school and then lectured for the Winnipeg Magicians for two hours and it was a great success.

Rick Mearns was a consultant and performer for *The Shopping Bags* television show, to be aired on the W network at a later date. Rick literally blended his magic talents as he made a "Magic Bullet" blender appear.

CONJURORS' CALENDAR

the monthly guide to magic & events in our community

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27th, 2005

IBM Ring #92 - Vancouver Magic Circle
Annual Christmas Dinner & Show!
Best Western Sands Hotel, Vancouver
5:00 pm: Doors Open
5:15 pm: Strolling Magicians
6:15 pm: Dinner (Harpist playing)
7:30 pm: Magic for Children
8:00 pm: Santa Clause
8:40 pm: Competitions
Percy Poole Trophy Competition (Juniors)
William Shelly Trophy Competition (Adults)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, 2005

IBM Ring #92 - Vancouver Magic Circle presents
Magic Lecture by David Acer
7:30 pm at Douglas College - room #1614
700 Royal Ave, New Westminster

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2005

Magic Youth International (M.Y.I.)
December Meeting
7:00 - 8:45 pm at the Alliance for Arts & Culture
Suite 100-938 Howe Street, Vancouver
The theme is mental magic with lecturer Chris Taylor (one of the '2 Men in Black'). Email Karen at rubbyclown@yahoo.ca

MON, DEC 26th to MON, JAN 2nd, 2006

S.A.M. Assembly #95 - Carl Hemeon Assembly
Vancouver's Science World

DECEMBER 31 TO JANUARY 9, 2006

Murray Hatfield and Teresa present BC tour of
Magic n' Miracles
Show details & schedule on page 4 of this newsletter.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26th, 2006

IBM Ring #92 - Vancouver Magic Circle
January Meeting
Annual General Meeting & Elections

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, 2006

IBM Ring #92 - Vancouver Magic Circle presents
A Lecture by Silly Billy (David Kaye)
7:30 pm at Douglas College - room #2203

Happy Birthday!
Ring #92 Charter and Life Member, Jack Lillico, recently celebrated his 78th birthday... and he still works full time as a dentist in his shop on West Broadway.

Broken wand: Alfred "Al" Gumbleton



Alfred "Al" Gumbleton, Age 83, of Chilliwack, B.C. passed away on Monday, November 7th, 2005 from complications of pneumonia. He held IBM #38500R and had been a member of The Vancouver Magic Circle since 1979. Al is survived by his sons Bill (Sandra) and Bob.

Born on August 22nd, 1922 in London England, Al moved to Canada when he was in his mid twenties after serving in the Second World War. Some of his early interest included raising racing pigeons and amateur theatre where he enjoyed acting as well as behind the scenes work.

Al married, had 2 sons, and later divorced, but remained a devoted father throughout the rest of his life. Over the years, he worked as a farmhand, drove a taxi, became a locksmith, and eventually came to own and run a successful hard-ware store up until the time he retired.

Very supportive of his young son's interest in magic, Al and Bob attended their first Vancouver Magic Circle meeting in early 1979. It wasn't long before Al, too, was bitten by the magic bug and became a member as well.

The father and son team went on to become regular fixtures at Ring #92 meetings for the next few years. During that time Al won the 1982 H.B. McLean Trophy for Best Close Up Magic, served the club in the office of Treasurer in 1981 and 1982, and hosted many magic get-togethers at his home in Burnaby.

In 1983 Al and Bob moved 50 miles out of town to a small hobby farm in Chilliwack BC, where they have enjoyed the leisurely lifestyle of country living. Gardening, tending a handful of small animals and overseeing a flock of 200 plus racing pigeons filled their days.

Their passion for magic never wavered through the years as they continued to perform magic together for many worthy causes and were often spotted in the audience whenever a magic act visited town.

Al will be fondly remembered for his friendship, easygoing nature, and wonderful sense of humour. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his magic partner and loving son, Bob and family.

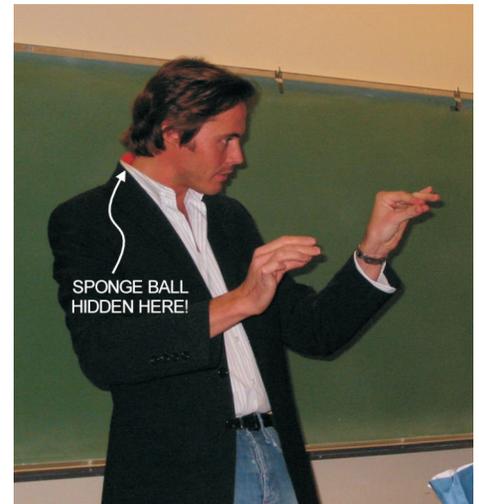
Cremation was arranged. At Al's request no service is planned.

David Stone lecture

David Stone delivered an humorous lecture on everything from cards, coins to sponge balls and an unlit cigarette routine. He started with a production of a bottle of wine from a balloon... something he did a few times during the lecture because he loves the gimmick so much. He continued with a restaurant magic routine using 4 coins, a goblet and a bright yellow smiley faced change purse which kept appearing in his hands. David had a very nice hand-wipe move showing both hands empty even with a palmed coin. Everything he did was relatively simple, he claims to be a "lazy boy" and opts for the easy way... but it plays very well to the audience.

His presentations were charming, like the last trick he did before the break was to have a card chosen, then via a mercury fold, produce the chosen card from his mouth. Then with a flourish he sprays it dry, whips out a baggy, inserts the card, seals it & presents it to the audience member with an almost sheepish grin.

The second half started with what would classify as children's magic. David did some interesting sponge ball work and again the presentation was the real magic. The way he made the sponge ball appear at his fingertips... it looked like it came out of nowhere. His coins and silks, very



nice... everything he did, was done without using the table surface.

"Quit Smoking" was a great unlit cigarette routine, which was very entertaining and interactive and included lots of byplay with the lighter and cigarette. He then showed a snap change, claims it was inspired by Marlo, using a double lift... very clean and simple to do.

David had a couple of items that weren't his, but he liked the tricks... "Double Back" by Jon Allan was a 4 cards/2 pair switch. The other was from a French magician called "On The Spot." Then a bit of bizarre magic, gag or maybe just a sick sense of humour (ok I laughed and tried it at home) was the straw through the jaw into the roof of the mouth. You do need a touch of the dramatic to carry it off, but it's fun!

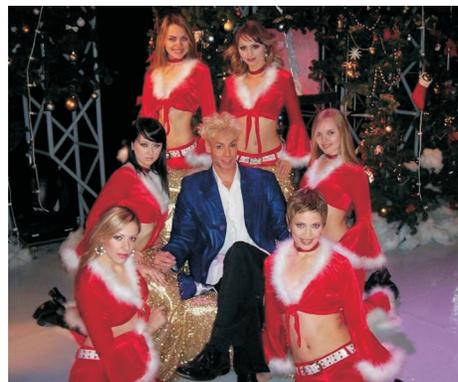
To finish up the lecture, David did a 4 coin production palming routine, and moved into a coin and silk. It was a fun and entertaining lecture... did I mention the accent was rather charming too?

Reviewed by **Karen Eskilson**



Eric Lenz and Walter Rutek watch the David Stone lecture intently.

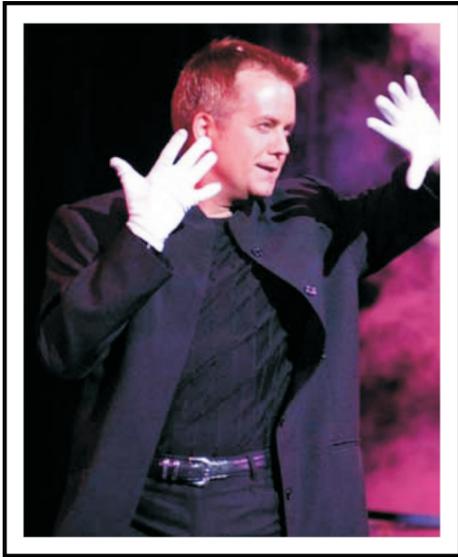
Murray spends Christmas in Korea



Murray and his Ukrainian gals

Murray is currently in Seoul, Korea starring in Franz Harary's Mega Magic Christmas Show at Seoul Land. He has a crew of 20 people working on the show, including 6 beautiful dancers from the Ukraine. He will be in Korea until January 2006, then head back to the USA, where he will be starring in a show at the Flamingo Hotel and Casino in Laughlin, Nevada (February - April 2006). In addition, he will continue his duties on television, as host of TV's BSPN Entertainment.

To find out more about MURRAY, check out www.murraymagic.com



Murray Hatfield became interested in magic at the age of ten. Now, 30 years later, he is an internationally recognized award-winning magician with credits as a performer, producer, director, creator, lecturer, consultant and of course, magician. Murray has entertained audiences in Israel, Cyprus, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, Canada, the United States, Singapore and Japan.

Together Murray and his partner Teresa have achieved an amazing level of success. In the past year alone they've performed at the Magic Castle in Hollywood, toured Canada and the US with four different touring shows and headlined at the International Brotherhood of Magicians Annual Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. In the midst of all this they performed for numerous corporate

and private functions and several fairs including the Northwest Washington Fair and the Calgary Exhibition & Stampede. Murray was honoured to be nominated as the 2005 Magician of the Year by the Canadian Association of Magicians.

Murray's Magic n' Miracles show tours Canada from November 20, 2005 to January 13, 2006. Special guests are visual comedian Chipper Lowell, the Magic Castle stage magician of the year Danny Cole, and from Vancouver, Ring 92's very own Jeff McLeod!

This year, there have been many more dates and venues added in western Canada. The complete BC schedule is below. For more information or tickets go to www.magicnmiracles.com or call 1-800-268-7371.

<u>Date</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Times</u>
December 31, 2005	Kelowna	KELOWNA COMMUNITY CENTRE THEATRE	1:00 AM / 2:00 PM / 5:00PM
January 2, 2006	Abbotsford	ABBEY ARTS CENTRE	2:00 PM / 5:00 PM / 8:00 PM
January 3, 2006	Victoria	ROYAL THEATRE	3:30 PM / 6:30 PM
January 4, 2006	Victoria	ROYAL THEATRE	5:00 PM / 7:30 PM
January 5, 2006	Nanaimo	PORT THEATRE	2:00 PM / 5:00 PM / 8:00 PM
January 6, 2006	Surrey	BELL CENTRE FOR PERFORMING ARTS	5:00 PM / 8:00 PM
January 7, 2006	Burnaby	MICHAEL J. FOX THEATRE	1:00 PM / 4:00 PM / 7:00 PM
January 8, 2006	Burnaby	MICHAEL J. FOX THEATRE	1:00 PM / 4:00 PM / 7:00 PM
January 9, 2006	Vancouver	CENTRE FOR PERFORMING ARTS (Vancouver)	2:00 PM / 5:00 PM / 8:00 PM

WEB CORNER

Mike Norden

If you have not visited our club's website lately, please do! We have 10 sponsors on the site and they pay for OVER half of what it cost us to run it per year. We recently lost one of our sponsors and we want to keep the rest! Please visit the site, put the mouse over their logo and click. Volia!

Do you run a small business or know some friends or family that do? Maybe they would like a little exposure on our website? It is a great way to get your company name out there and reach 150 club members and countless others - all for a very low fee of \$60 a year!

We have been keeping the site up to date with all the latest news. Please check

it regularly! If you would like to contribute a joke, trick or a product to review send them to us. We also want all your pictures emailed to us so we can pick and choose the best to be put on the web.

Finally, we are starting a list of members who would like to have their newsletter mailed electronically, to help save trees and money. We only have five people so far and we would like to get many more. Contact me to be put on the list.

Mike Norden is Ring 92's webmaster. To contact him, call 604-916-9879 or email webmaster@ibmring92.com.



SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

This month's spotlight is on "Love Those Loot Bags." This is a home based business run by two very nice moms in Langley - Claire and Sharon. They sell direct to Magicians and can customize any loot bag you want! Their prices are fantastic and their service is second to none.

They offer children's birthday party loot bags, wedding favours for kids and that perfect goody bag for any children's festival, company picnic or corporate event.

Since creating the company in January 2001, they have grown beyond their expectations. They recognize that their success is measured by the customer's satisfaction. With that in mind, their company's mission is "To provide quality loot bags at reasonable prices that both kids and adults will love."

Visit www.lovethoselootbags.com and support the people that are supporting the club!

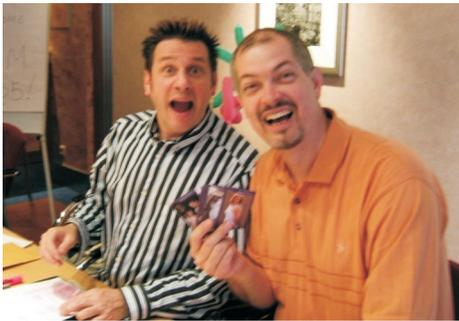
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Ahoy matey - There is real magic on the high seas!

By RAY MEDWAY

Where do you see a trick that uses 14 decks, over 3,340 people and offers over 91,000 tons of fun? Oh, I should mention that this is followed by a choice of 10 restaurants and 13 bars/lounges, all you can eat and so much to see and do it will make your head spin? We are talking PCAM 2005! Yes, that's right, we were aboard the floating home of Shawn, Lori and Hannah Farquhar - the Norwegian Star and host to PCAM 2005...a truly magical family, incredible ship and fabulous magical event.



Registration with David and Shawn.

Where else can you go and experience a Ring 92 member that proposes marriage to his sweetie (Mike Norden), enjoy experiencing Pain (Payne), see Tony Eng as a member of the Star Trek crew and watch Ring 92 friends winning competition after competition. There is only one way to sum it all up .WOW! Oh, did I mention dessert? That was the Magic Castle lunch for the après convention crowd .. And it was great too. Barb



Nicholas Chow competes with his "Star act.

Farquhar guided the group to the Castle and ensured everyone was looked after. Thanks Barb!



Audience awaits competition in the Stardust.

PCAM 2005 was a time to learn a whole new language for some. Like beam, starboard, aft, port side, spinnaker, galleria, versailles, embarkation and disembarkation to name a few. This is all ship talk and you pick it up pretty quick.

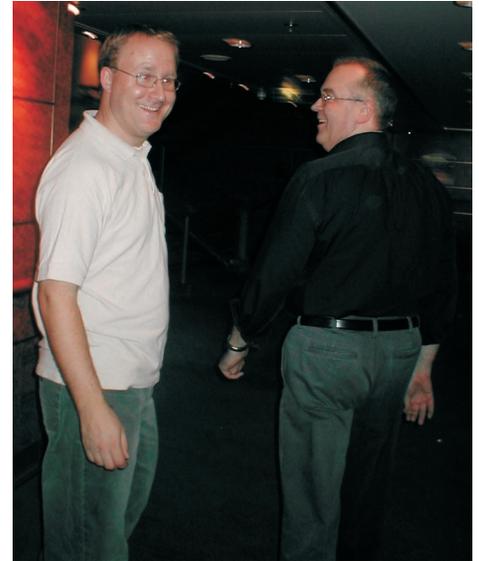


The winners circle... count the Ring 92 members!

The first challenge was to find deck 12 for registration Pretty easy, although we found the bar first where Leo & Willa Hagland made sure we stopped for our first temptation for the cruise. So great to see them both again.

Then it was old home week familiar face after familiar face started showing up Dennis Chan, The Wilson Family, The Watters, Graham Kita, Ray Wong, The Eng's, Dwight Vance, Cameron Fisk and on and on it went. No sure what the resulting numbers were but seemed to be well over 250 magicians and friends on board.

Registration was very well organized and seemed to go quickly even though the excitement of wanting to see and do everything all at once was hitting home hard! Within an hour and a half the party started featuring Lisa Menna in the Spinnaker Lounge . Ah, I remember that new word Spinnaker! Although, come to think of it I don't remember seeing baby powder on the menu? This was quickly followed by the welcome aboard show. Quite



Rick Mearns & Clinton W. Gray lost onboard.

the first day.

The Norwegian Star is an absolutely incredible cruise ship and to have it be host to the PCAM magic convention was in a word - incredible!! Okay, sounds perfect yes? I have attended a lot of magic conventions in 15 years and nothing can go perfect. With the amount of work and energy that goes into putting something like this together something has to happen. Sadly Dan Harlan was unable to get aboard the ship for the opening show. So what to do? Well, the show must go on... Shawn more than compensated by adjusting, adapting and moving forward.

For the next 5 days the question was could you take it all in? There was so much magic to see and do from lectures, shows, competitions, comedy performances, liars club, and cruise ship shows to name a few. Let alone the ship facilities featuring pools, spas, karaoke, casino and a ton of other activities. I estimate that you would need eight weeks to take each and every activity in that they offer on the ship.

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Glen LaBarre and Julie Bennett ready for an evening of PCAM magic.

There were so many highlights of this event that it is difficult to mention them all. Really. So I won't even try. Just ask anyone who attended what they enjoyed most and they will tell you. For me, it was the sincere pleasure and honour to experience the true magic of the Farquhar family - Shawn, Lori and Hannah.



Winners: Henry, Lorena, Trevor, Nicholas, & Jack.

Having seen them in 1986 perform for an IBM System/36 Users group meeting and seeing where they are today is like watching a dream come true. Our hats are off to them for coming so far and for inviting their PCAM friends to their home at sea to experience some great magic. They have truly achieved *star* status in the world of magic! They haven't lost their down to earth attitudes through all this fame, which in itself is so cool.

Appreciated was the fact that The Farquhar's solid relationship and hard work with Norwegian Cruise Lines provided us with the opportunity to come aboard at a wonderfully discounted cruising rate and yet at the same time provide us all with a fun magic convention at sea on an incredibly beautiful and luxurious cruise ship. WOW! (There is



The Chows (sans Sylvia) hang with Shawn, Joe, and Freaky Carol.



Rick Mearns accepts 1st for Children's Entertainer.

that word again) What a great time.

Some of the other incredible performers and lecturers included Joe Givan and Carol Massie, Lisa Menna, Danny Archer, Gregory Wilson and Bruce Johnson. All stars of magic and they gave us their all with lots of variety, humour and of course leaving us with lots to ponder..that's magic.



Tony Eng wins 2nd place in the Pro-Challenge.

In addition, comedian Greg Otto had the crowds crying with laughter and the cruise ship stage shows featuring Fame, Music of the Night and the Closing show were amazing! Kieran the cruise director (also a comedian, I am sure) was awesome as were all the rest of the crew and I wish I could note all their names as they also deserve recognition here.

Oh, and by the way, competition manager, Kevin Cardona even told a good joke! Well, I think he did...okay well a pretty good joke anyway. As usual Kevin ran the competitions like clockwork and that is no easy task!

In closing, sincere thanks go out to the Farquhar's for making this event happen. It takes hard work to pull this off, especially when they were at sea and doing it all by themselves. Thanks you

guys!

Next year Tony Eng and his hard working crew will be holding PCAM 2006 in beautiful Victoria. They are very well organized and have been working their tails off to make PCAM 2006 a huge success with an incredible line-up! No, I am not saying a word about what they have in mind beyond this. I will say please support PCAM 2006 and attend what I know will be a stellar event. As a bonus it's close to home, just across the pond and it guarantees to be a lot of fun. I know I will be there. So register early and support another great magic convention!



Cameron Fisk wins third place.

2005 WINNERS

Juvenile Stage

1st: Jack Chow
2nd: Ashley Will

Juvenile Platform

1st: Nicholas Chow
2nd: Sac Zanussi

Juvenile Comedy

1st: Jack Chow

Junior Platform

1st: Lucas Kavanagh
2nd: Jeff Palmer

Junior Stage

1st: Bradie Dushanek

Juvenile Close-up

1st: Marcello Delcaro

Junior Close-up

1st: Lucas Kavanagh

Close-up

1st: Donovan Descher
2nd: Henry Tom

Stage

1st: Wyatt Scott
(tie) Philemon Vanderbeck

Comedy

1st: Treavor Watters

Children's Entertainer

1st: Rick Mearns
2nd: Rich Waters

Most Novel Effect

1st: Henry Tom

Best Assistant

1st: Lorena Paradon

Bag-O-Tricks Contest

1st: Rick Anderson
2nd: Yona Chock
3rd: Clinton W. Gray

The Vancouver Magic Circle presents
David Acer



David's eclectic talents as a magician, writer, actor and comedian have been featured on dozens of television shows, including A&E's *"Comedy on the Road,"* DISCOVERY'S *"Grand Illusions,"* NHK Japan's *"F.I.S.M. 2000,"* Sky One's *"The Secret World of Magic,"* and ABC's *"America's Funniest People,"* where he placed second behind a vomiting squirrel. He has appeared 10 times at the Just For Laughs Comedy Festival in Montreal, penned scripts for a variety of award-winning television shows (*"Prank Patrol," "Popular Mechanics For Kids," "Animal Crackers,"* etc.), written three critically-acclaimed books of original close-up magic, and he is currently the co-host and co-writer of Discovery Kids' Gemini-Award nominated series, *"Mystery Hunters!"*

"Random Acts of Magic," David's latest book, was published in December of 2004, and has garnered rave reviews from every major magic magazine. In addition, David's original material has appeared in *The Magic Manuscript, Apocalypse, M.U.M.,* France's *Arcane, The Magic Menu, The Linking Ring, MAGIC,* and of course, Richard Kaufman's *Genii,* where David has been a columnist since 2002, and is now the editor of the *Magicana* section.

This lecture will consist of selections from many of these sources, plus a demonstration of David's uncanny ability to change four nickels into four dimes merely by placing a small brass cap overtop of them.

Thursday December 1, 2005 - 7:30pm
Room 1614, Douglas College
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