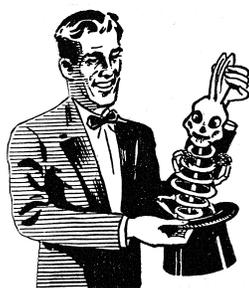




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## NEW MEMBERS INITIATION & HALLOWEEN COMPETITION IN SEPT!



The next meeting of the IBM Ring #92 the Vancouver Magic Circle will take place on Thursday, September 22nd, 2005 at the Sunrise Community Hall in Vancouver. Doors will open at 6:30pm and at 7:00pm, a workshop presented by **Juan Garcia, Michael Glenister, Glen LaBarre, & David Watters** will focus on halloween magic. The business meeting, scheduled to begin at 8:00pm, will include a tribute to **Ian McLeod**. Following Refreshment period, the inaugural run of the new Tip Top & Tootsie Trophy for best Halloween Magic will take place. Anyone wishing to enter the contest, Please call competition Chairman **Walter Ruteck** in Advance at 604-591-1930. To finish the evening off, the initiation of new members will take place. All members, new or old, who have yet to be initiated are encouraged to bring and perform three qualifying magic effects to complete their membership requirements. All who are successful will be officially sworn into the club as full-fledged members during our secret initiation ceremony.

## PICNIC GOERS ENJOYED A MAGICAL AFTERNOON!

Members and guests, mothers and fathers, children and grand children, strangers and even a few dogs all enjoyed a wonderful time at the Vancouver Magic Circle's annual summer picnic, held on Sunday, September 4th at the Queens Park band shell in New Westminister. **Mike Norden** and **Karen Eskilson** demonstrated to everyone their culinary skill on the barbeques as they served up hamburgers and hotdogs for all. Cathie Watters had coffee on, and brought fresh corn from Chilliwack. 32 members and 45 family & guests signed in that afternoon and everyone was treated to a wonderful picnic lunch.

Due to a forecast of posable rain showers, the New Westminister Parks Board canceled the public magic show that had been planed for that afternoon, however there was still some magic in store from a few members wishing to earn thier wand holders degree. The weather held out for the first few hours of the get-together, right up until we were about to start with the entertainment, at which time the skys let loose with a heavy down pour that sent everyone sitting in the bleachers and on lawnchairs for a mad dash into bandshell.



Karen and Mike show off their skills



2005 VMC Picnic group photo taken at the Queens Park Bandshell, New Westminister

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**2005 ANNUAL PICNIC CONTINUED!**

In the spirit of the old saying "The show must go on" **Dave Watters** quickly moved the curtained screens to a back corner of the bandshell and the performers relocated to their new "backstage". Blankets were placed on the floor up front for children to sit on, lawnchairs were moved in next and everyone else was invited to stand in a semi-circle around them. The setting was most magical with nearly two dozen children watching and experiencing the magic that was happening right in front of them, it almost felt like we were doing the Magic for Youngsters Competition all over again.

To get the crowd warmed up, **Dave Watters** presented a funny little party game. Two teams of three people were chosen from the audience, **Karen Eskilson** headed the girls team and **Joe Ward** was the leader for the boys. One member from each team had to put on a pair of mens red longjohn underwear. It became even funnier when we all learned the object of the game was for the remaining two team members to stuff as many balloons as possible into the underwear while they were whering them. After a flurry of flying balloons and what looded like the suffing of a thanksgiving turkey, the girls team came out victorius with nearly 30 balloons bulging in thier breifs. It was a very fun game that got everyone smleiling & laughing quickly, a great way to start off the magic and entertainment.



Sylvia Chow bulging with balloons

**Mike Norden** acted as emcee and provided entertainment in between the magic acts with jokes and funny bits of business that kept the show flowing.

**David Parker** followed by doing a 15 minute routine to ern his Magical Wand Degree. His Act included a card trick called Kate and Edith, a coin effect, a nice rope routine and color changing rings to wreath. He was very entertaining and did a nice show.

**Juan Garcia** was up next with almost twenty minutes of fun magic. He opened with a colorful silk blendo and did a number of most entertaining effects, including the A B C trick, which had a surprise ending for both the children and adults. Juan said after the show " The energy from the audience was so tangible that I could have performed for hours without feeling drianed. I love those precious shows were everything seems to go right even when things go wrong; and things went wrong in my presentation, but they turned out better and more entertaining than my regular routine". Those who watched Juan would say his performance was excellent.

**Trevor Watters & Lorena**, who came prepared to be on the public show, finished off the afternoons presentations with a high energy, upbeat musical routine. Dressed ito the 9's in matching costumes they presented a number of effects including, egg to lemon to dove, and did a great Club Zag Routine for their finale.

The 50/50 ticket was drawn by Aya lenaga who was visiting from Japan, she came as a guest of Eric & Donna Lenz. The lucky winner of \$57.50 was **Neale Bacon** and a carry bag donated by **Dennis Chan** was won by **Kelvin Ng**.

In the closing minutes of the afternoon a group photo was arranged and taken by Club Photographer Rod Chow. In spite of the weather, every one had a great time. There was lots of food, magic, and entertainment for over 77 people. Truly there was magic in the park.

Compilation report by **Walter Ruteck** and **David Wilson**



Children & Adults enjoyed an afternoon of entertaining performers, including Juan Garcia



Ray, Nancy, & Kendra



Sylvia, Eric, Donna, Aya (guest), & Rod



Guest Ron Mandrake (seated) with friends



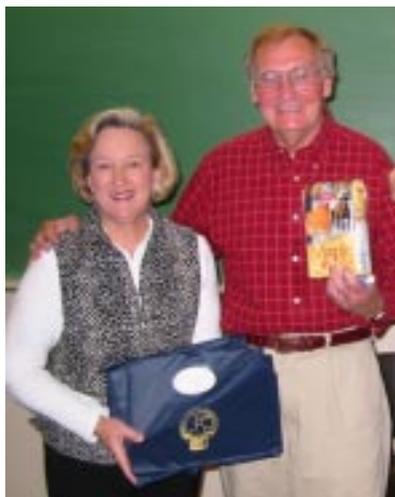
Ana & Gary Spence with family



Clinton Gray & Trevor

# BARRY RICHARDSON LECTURE REVIEW!

- By Christopher Taylor



Janie & Barry Richardson with some gifts from the VMC

In this review, I have not listed or discussed the effects that Mr. Richardson did. Instead, I have spoken my mind about the aspects of Barrie Richardson's style and philosophy of performance that move me the most. On September 9th, 44 members and guests of the VMC were treated to first class lecture by magician, mentalist and educator Barrie Richardson. Barrie and his wife Janie hail from Shreveport, Louisiana. He opened his lecture by thanking Canadians for our expedience and generosity in helping the victims of hurricane Katrina. Barrie basses his lecture on explaining and demonstrating his three guiding principles of routine construction and performance. These are: 1) begin with the end in mind; 2) clarity and simplicity of the intent behind an effect; and 3) clarity and simplicity of the method. His main point was that simplicity and clarity leads to elegance in magic and mentalism. In my opinion, Mr. Richardson illustrated these principles very effectively. I for one found myself questioning how "elegant" my own methods and magical intentions are in comparison. Having such an effect on listeners is always the mark of a good teacher. What is readily apparent about Barrie Richardson is he is not afraid to present his magic/mentalism seriously. He

approaches his performance with a blend of sincerity, humour and humility that I found refreshing and very inspiring. While his methods are indeed technically simple, he demonstrated how a little can be made into a lot through the liberal application of ritual and a sprinkling ceremony. Whether he is reading a participant's mind or lifting a jar of rice with a chopstick, it is the theatrical process he frames his simple methods with which provides the real power of his act. The touching of the participant's hands; the "move your finger along the imaginary ribbon" and the evangelical style of commanding his participants are examples of this. Occasionally, the tension generated by these "heavy" presentations could be felt building in the air to an almost uncomfortable level. But then, he would simply wink and it would be gone. Worth while? Most certainly; five out of five stars. Barrie: We are with you and we are far from bored.



Barry impresses Amanda O'Leary by revealing the chosen card



Barry Richardson had the group spellbound during his lecture for Ring #92 on Friday September 9th.

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# WILLIAM SHELLY TROPHY IS VISITED BY NAMESAKES

“Who am I?”

- I was one of the Charter Members of The Vancouver Magic Circle.
- I was the second President of The Vancouver Magic Circle & held the position for 2 terms.
- The VMC 2004 Roster was dedicated in my memory... that is my picture greeting you as you open the Roster Book.
- I owned the '4x Bakery' at Broadway and Yew, manufacturing and marketing one of the major brands of bread in the fifties.

Give up? Check your roster or keep reading...

What a small, small world we live in. On August 12, 2005 a woman from Arizona was doing some research on the internet, looking into her husband's family history for an upcoming trip to Vancouver. His name? Peter T. Shelly and he is the grandson of William C. Shelly, one of the co-founders of the Vancouver Magic Circle.

Karen Shelly wrote in the Ring #92's website guestbook "What a treat to find this site! I asked my father-in-law Harold Shelly if he knew about the William Shelly Trophy and knew nothing, so I printed up some of the info and mailed it to him. Needless to say, he was pleasantly surprised to discover this. Great site!"

On August 16, 2005, I received an email from Peter Shelly, via our website asking about the William C. Shelly Trophy. "I have noticed on your website that there is a William Shelly trophy. Is it on display somewhere in Vancouver? I am the first grandson of W.C. Shelly, the namesake of this trophy and, as I will be in Vancouver the week of August 22, I was wondering if I could go somewhere to see it? If you have any information on it, I would be thankful hearing from you."

I emailed him back, (cc to **David Wilson** (archives), **Craig Prystay** (Trophy Chairman) and the board members), sent him the location of the trophy as well as what little information I could glean from the Roster. I naturally inquired if he had followed in his grandfather's footsteps with regards to magic. He replied, "Thank you for your quick reply and for the information on the William Shelly Trophy. I will definitely drop by the Best Western and have a look. Unfortunately, I have no magic in my blood. The only thing I try and do from a "magical" point of view is try my hand at golf."

**David Murdock** emailed me back with a tidbit to share with Peter, which I passed along. "Another side effect of our website! W.C. Shelly was the owner of '4x Bakery' at Broadway and Yew. They manufactured and marketed bread (can't recall the brand but it was one of the major brands in the fifties.) The building hasn't changed much. I think it is a VanCity branch at the moment. A photo op. with Peter and his Grandfather's trophy would be an interesting addition to our archives."



Peter Shelly, visiting from Arizona, proudly holds the trophy named after his grandfather, William Shelly

Ahh what a marvellous idea... another email to Craig, though I believe he always has his camera at the hotel.

Our Webmaster, **Mike Norden** posted in the guest book on Aug 22, (the day they would be arriving) a nice welcome for the Shelly Family. "Thank you all for the nice comments on the site and a big hello to the Shelly family! We are glad this site was helpful in some research and we here you will be in the Vancouver area and hope to see the trophy bearing the family name. It is located at the Sands Hotel in Vancouver and our President, Karen, has been in contact with you I hear. We wish you all the best on your trip."

Sept 7, I received an email from Rodney M. Heft, a magician who holds dual citizenship for Canada & Great Britain but lives in Melbourne Florida. Rodney is a magic historian, writes for several magic periodicals (including Canadian Association of magicians) and belongs to S.A.M. as well as I.B.M. [http://www.spacecoastmagicclub.org/local\\_magicians.htm#heft](http://www.spacecoastmagicclub.org/local_magicians.htm#heft)

# GRANDSON

-By Karen Eskilson

He had been reading our guest book & noticed Peter Shelly's wife had left a message. He in turn left a message for Karen Shelly in our guest book and was interested in comparing biographical information on William C. Shelly. He had published an article about William C Shelly in 1975 for the Society of Canadian Magician's magazine 'The Levitator', which unfortunately is no longer around. He also asked me to pass along his email address in case they wished to contact him. I tried to see if someone had put any articles on the net from 'The Levitator' about W.C. Shelly, but drew a blank as did Karen Shelly, judging from another post she made to our guest book.

I emailed Peter Shelly with the info and to see if he managed to get in to see the trophy, that same day he replied with... "I did get to see the WC Shelly trophy and reported back to my father in Peterborough, Ontario. I'll be sending him the picture as well."

I never did ask if Peter and Karen finally found the article, but when I asked Rod where I might find copies of the magazines and/or articles... he said only a collector would have them now.

Sooooo... does anyone have any of these old 'The Levitator' magazines collecting dust? It might be an idea to donate them to the library and have your name added to the list of friends of the VMC library. Or bring them to a meeting for a show & tell?

Oh... and for those of you in the peanut gallery... the answer to the "Who am I?" is none other than William C. Shelly.

# LYNNWOOD RING #339 DAY'O'MAGIC 2005 REVIEW!

*By David Watters*

Well another Day O' Magic has come and gone, and it was **GREAT!!!!!!!!!!** A small caravan OF VMC members (Dave & Cathie Watters, **Trevor Watters**, Lorena, Paredon, and **Kelvin Ng**) venture down to Everett Washington, on Friday to hang out with the Magic guys. Our friend Brian Cook was our host and to our delight set up a B&P, beer and poker game. (**Never play with Magicians**). After the game, Brian invited us to view his favorite past time, his magic collection. I was very surprise for being a young lad, he had some very interesting and old pieces. A true collector

On Saturday the dkey started at 09:00 with of course, **Dealers Tables**. There was some great magic and props to be bought. The first lecture of the day was Aldo Colombini Magician/Comedian extraordinaire. He entertained us with some new magic and of course his one of a kind sense of humor. After a break we had a special guest lecturer Paul Frank, one of Seattle's best street performers. He shared some of his experiences and offered up some very good advice on becoming a street performer.

Next up was the very first **Performers Challenge**. This competition hosted by Brian Cook was an anything goes "from close up to stage". VMC's own **Kelvin Ng** took the stage with his award winning Dove and Silk routine. Then **Trevor Watters** & Lorena dazzled the audience with their Egg to Lemon and Jukebox routine and this writer performed the hilarious Toilet Routine. First place was awarded to **Trevor Watters** & Lorena, and second place went to **Kelvin Ng**.

I would like to thank the Lynn Wood Ring of Fire Magic Circle for hosting another great event and to Brian Cook for his hospitality. All in all, a great time was had by all.

**Dave Watters**



2005 Day'O'Magic Contest Winners Kelvin Ng (Second Place), & Trevor Watters (First Place) with headliner Aldo Colombini, the lovely Lorena Paradon, and Brian Cook of Everett

# 2005 IBM CONVENTION REPORT!

*-By Rod Chow*

Several #Ring 92 members attended the 2005 IBM convention in Reno, Nevada: **Shawn Farquhar; David Wilson, David Parker, Kelvin Ng, Juliana Chen, Michael Stratman, Jerry Schnepf, Tony Wilson and Rod Chow.** Of course, **Michael Stratman, Tony Wilson and Jerry Schnepf** are Past International IBM Presidents whom we have had the honour of their visits to our ring, and now are officially our members. **Joan Caesar**, President of C.A.M. was also in attendance. **Juliana Chen** was the closing act for one of the gala evening shows and impressed the audience with a brilliant performance of her mask and her 1<sup>st</sup> place FISM card manipulation act. The close-up competition was hotly competed with almost 30 international competitors competing in a preliminary round which lasted an amazing 5 hours from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Congratulations to **Rod** for being selected as one of the 6 Gold Cup Finalists, and being presented with a finalist award on stage by the current president of the IBM, Mr. **Tony Wilson.** Although stuck in the middle of



Rod Chow on stage holding the finalist award for the 2005 IBM Convention in Reno, Nevada

nowhere, and with a severe shortage of non-smoking rooms, the convention hotel, the Reno Hilton, had good convention facilities with a big bonus – a grand theatre right in the hotel, which is one of the largest in the world, for the evening shows. The convention itself was a lot of fun with wonderful shows and great talent. We did get to visit downtown Reno by bus, as part of the convention, where we were invited in small groups to

see the talented Mark Kalin and the all so alluring Jinger, in their custom built theater and museum, which they call Magic Underground. Next year's big convention will be in Miami, Florida.

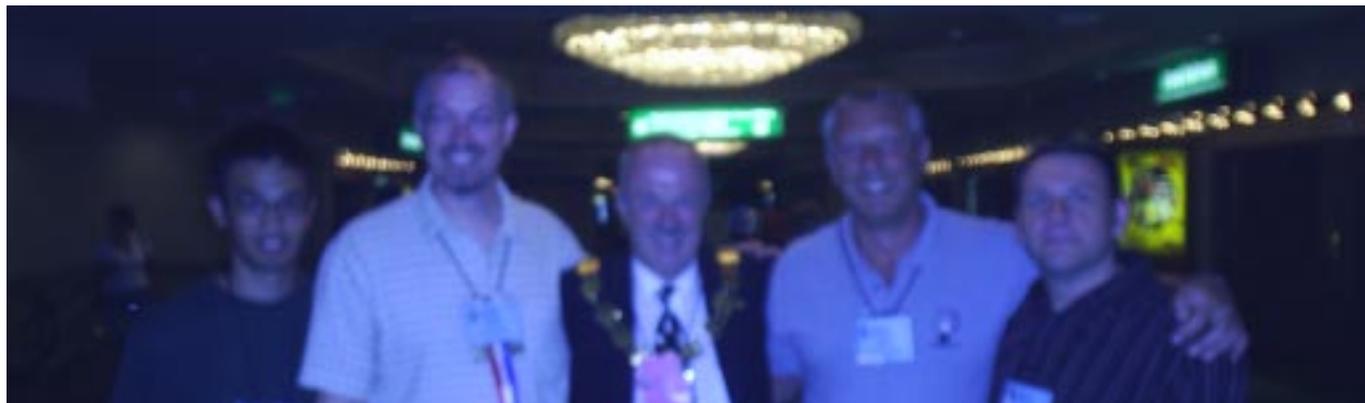


David Wilson, Michael Stratman & Kelvin Ng

**Rod Chow**



Rod Chow, CAM president Joan Caesar & Michael Stratman



The Five Amigos: Kelvin Ng, David Wilson, (2004-2005) IBM President Tony Wilson, David Parker, & Shawn Farquhar

## TIDBITS FROM THE TOPHAT!

Enclosed with this months Newsletter is the Vancouver Magic Circle's 2005 Yearbook. This pocket size publication is designed with all members in mind to provide them with club information at their fingertips. More than just a phone directory and address listing, this book contains our calendar of events, contact information, rules for all trophy competitions, lists of past trophy & award winners, the oath of allegiance, our entertainment policy, history & archives information, and even a reproduction of the club's original IBM Charter. This is the very resource book that Executive members use to govern our club and to answer most club related questions. Hold on to yours, Read it, Enjoy it, but above all, Make use of it.

In the wake of hurricane Katrina, which hit the southern United States at the beginning of September, Canadian Association of Magicians President Joan Caesar, has started an initiative to help out our fellow Magicians down in New Orleans who may have lost everything. She is asking all Canadian Magicians to support her idea of collecting Magic books, Magic magazines, Magic tricks, etc. you may no longer want or need, that can be sent down to affected conjurers to help them get back into the act again. A collection box will be out at our next meeting for anyone wishing to donate.

**Lon Mandrake**, President of the Society of American Magicians Vancouver assembly, is excited to announce that S.A.M. #95 has been hired once again by Science World in Vancouver to provide entertainment over the busy Christmas Holidays. S.A.M. members will be featured in dozens of stage shows and walk around performances during the week between Christmas and New Years.

**Walter Ruteck** tells us that while visiting relatives in Calgary this summer, he took some time to stop in on long time magic dealer, and one of Canada's legends of magic, Micky Hades (a former member of the Vancouver magic Circle). Walter spent almost four hours with Micky looking over the magic and the many thousands of magic books he has available for sale. Walter said it was fun to look at the old magic from the fifties and sixties, some of which he'd never seen before in any of the magic shops he's visited in Canada or the U.S. Micky said to say hello to everyone in our club and Walter advises us: "if you are going to Calgary, be sure to look up Micky Hades, you won't be disappointed, I wasn't". Micky's web address is: [www.mickyhades.com](http://www.mickyhades.com)

Looking into our crystal ball we see that the Vancouver Magic Circle's Annual Magic Auction is only a month away. Start sorting through your collection today to gather all your unwanted magic together and bring it along on October 27th and magically turn it into cash! Please call Karen at 604-418-3407 to register as a seller.

An e-mail was received recently from Past I.B.M. International President and honorary Ring #92 Member **Michael Stratman**, of Loudon, TN, in which he sends his kind regards to every one in the Vancouver Magic Circle. He told us how much he enjoys receiving the Magical Minutes and wished us all the best for a successful auction. Also, in an unexpected show of appreciation, Michael pledged an item to be sold at our auction, with all proceeds going towards the club. All we can say is, 'Mike, you're one classy guy'. We all look forward to the next time we see you.

**Walter Ruteck** has been put in charge of organizing this year's Club Christmas Dinner & Show, which will be held on Sunday, November 27th, at the Best Western Sands Hotel. The appointment came at the September Executive meeting after president Eskilson informed her staff she'll be out of town on that date and won't be attending. Walter is preparing the food lists and will have them out at the September meeting for sign up. Space for this year's dinner has been limited to 120 seats with availability being on a first come, first to sign up basis. All members and their immediate family are welcome. To help with the expense of putting this evening on, a small fee of \$5.00 will be charged to all Ring #92 members who attend (the fee is for members only, not their family). Still a great bargain for a whole evening of food, fun and magic. If you would like to get your name on the sign up list early, you can call Walter at 604-591-1930. More detail to follow.

## Conjurers Calendar

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

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd, 2005**  
**IBM RING #92 THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE**  
**SEPTEMBER MEETING - INITIATION NIGHT**  
 7:00 pm - Workshop  
 8:00 pm - Business Meeting  
 9:00 ish - TipTop & Tootsie Trophy Competition  
 - Initiation of New Members

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 6:00 pm - Doors open / Set-up / Viewing  
 7:30 pm - Auction begins

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**Best Western Sands Hotel**

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