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VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS RING 92

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May Meeting Will Rock with Roch

The next meeting of IBM Ring 92 will take place on Thursday May 25th, 2006 at the Sunrise Community hall at 1950 Windermere Street in Vancouver. Doors will open at 6:30 and workshop will start at 7:00 pm.

This month's workshop/lecture presenter is Ray Roch! He will be enlightening us with his latest on coins, cards, the shell game and the construction of his origami card box with loading techniques. Lecture notes will be available and are \$15 – but very limited quantity so be prepared with your money! Ray has toured with this lecture and has

received rave reviews and we are very excited that he has agreed to do this for us.



The business portion of the meeting will start at 8:00pm and we hope to wrap that up very quickly. Refreshments will follow the meeting

and from there we'll move into the competitions for our 'Close Up Night': The H.B. MacLean (Adult) and the Dick Gardner (Junior) Trophies.

They will be awarded to the individuals with the best close up effect not exceeding the time limit of 10 minutes. Stage effects are NOT permitted and playing cards can only be used by the juniors. If you would like to register as one of the competitors, please contact our Trophy Chairman Walter Ruteck at walter.ruteck@ibming92.com or phone him at (604) 591-1930.

April Meeting Heavily Gimmicked

The Vancouver Magic Circle's April 27th Meeting began with an interesting and enlightening mini magic lecture by Clinton W. Gray. During the course of the one hour presentation titled: 'Impress-tidigitation', Clinton discussed reworking any magic effect to make it uniquely different. He also shared his thoughts on building magic routines, both of which used his S.C.A.M.P.E.R. Technique. (S.C.A.M.P.E.R. is an acronym for: Substitute, Combine, Adapt, Magnify/unify, Put to another use, Eliminate, & Reverse/Rearrange.)

He went on to demonstrate some 'Scampered' effects including giant

linking hoola hoops (Chinese Linking Rings) and a neat card effect using dinosaur cards. Clinton also showed us his version of the Newspaper Headline Prediction Effect and taught us all how to make an empty bottle squirt water.

The business portion of the meeting started at 8:15 pm. First Vice-President Dave Watters spoke about plans for this years summer picnic, while President Mike Norden covered an array of topics, including our upcoming Open House, future Magic Lectures, Stan Kramien's N.W. Magic Jamboree, printing of the 2006 Club Yearbook, Club apparel & regalia, and a Balloon-athon that Neale Bacon suggested be planned in conjunction with Balloons Around the World Day on Oct 7th. Mike also unveiled plans for a 'Pink Magic Wand Initiative' to support Breast Cancer Awareness month this coming October. At the finish of business, President Norden had the delightful duty of welcoming two new members into our club with the presentation of Vancouver Magic Circle Membership Cards to both Jonathan Hamilton and Chris Schuh.

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Clinton W. Gray performs the Linking Hoops

PLEASE READ
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Buy Your Tickets!

Tickets for the *Children's Magician of the Year* competition are on sale now! This year the event has been heavily promoted to the general public. There over 100 posters on bulletin boards in just the Burnaby area alone. Over 40 press releases have gone out to local media. Next week, the producers of the show will be appearing on local television programs to promote the event.

All this promotion will mean that ticket sales to the public will be overwhelming. This is great for the club, but not so good for you! There is an extremely good chance that if you don't get your tickets within the week, we will be sold out. Don't disappoint your children by showing up on May 28 expecting to buy your tickets at the door... there probably won't be any left. Get them NOW!

You can purchase tickets online, at www.vancouvermagiccircle.com or call producer Clinton W. Gray at 604-437-8299.



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Heavily Gimmicked

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Volunteering in the kitchen this month was Glen LaBarre, who had two tables full of snacks & drinks ready to roll when the business meeting wrapped up. During the refreshment break attendees were spotted enjoying lively conversation along with the Sausage, Cheese & Crackers, Cookies & Brownies, a Fruit Platter, Party Mix & Chips, and Juice & Coffee.



Dave Watters is our MC... and Denzil Bee wins the 50/50 draw!

As everyone finished up their snacks and settled back into their seats, it was time for the Feature Entertainment of the evening, the Charles Howard trophy competition which is awarded for "Best card effect or routine using a gimmick".

Dave Watters acted as Master of ceremonies for the competition and kept us all amused in between acts.

which a previously selected card was discovered when a duck egg was cracked into a wine glass to reveal a matching mini card amongst its contents..

New member Gord Boyes did a nice version of Daryl's 'Presto Printo', in which he was seemingly able to print cards at will.

Jamie D. Grant had two spectators freely choose a playing card each, then shuffled back into the deck. With out touching the pack he was able to predict the number of cards down from the top of the deck each card was located.

Dennis Hewson finished off the competition with a dapper routine involving a top hat, a cool flashing wand, a rabbit silk, and a visually stunning card fountain to reveal the spectators selected card.

While the judges were tabulating the votes, our skillful M.C. Dave Watters got up to demonstrate for everyone exactly HOW NOT to do a magic trick. Can you say practice, practice, practice!!

As the laughter started to die down, President Norden stepped in and had a lucky ticket for the 50/50 draw plucked from the hat. Winner of the \$68.50 cash pot prize was an elated Denzil Bee. Three \$20.00 gift certificates donated to the Vancouver Magic Circle by Arron Smith of magic.org were also drawn as consolation prizes. The lucky winners were Gord Boyes, Damien Carriere, & Anthony Young.

Another \$20.00 gift certificate from magic.org was given away as the prize of the month in the Electronic Newsletter Draw (everybody that has signed up to receive the Magical Minutes via the internet was entered). Juan Garcia was the winner.

Anticipation was building among the competitors as competition chairman Walter Ruteck handed over the paper work to president Norden. When the results were read out, the winner of the 2006 Charles Howard Trophy was revealed to be Henry Tom.



Cameron Fisk and Trevor Watters: The boys take a bite!

First competitor up was Cameron Fisk with a prediction effect. A red backed card signed by Cameron was shown. A spectator was then asked to select & sign a blue backed card. During the big climax both signatures were discovered fused together, back to back as one card.

Next on the bill was Damien Carriere, who had a card selected, signed & lost back in the deck. Then after a series of funny attempts to locate the card, it was discovered stuck to the back of a spectators previously borrowed credit card.

Glen LaBarre demonstrated a slick three card monte using giant playing cards.

Henry Tom presented an interesting routine in



President Mike Norden (l) with competition winner Henry Tom

50 Members and 4 guests enjoyed our awesome & action packed April meeting.

Reported by David Wilson

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PATRICK PAGE LECTURE

Reviewed by David Parker

Patrick Page presented a great lecture to 37 members, 1 member's spouse and 5 guests on April 21st at Douglas College. I'm not really sure I can call it a lecture - it was more a like a story-telling session with some tricks thrown in as Patrick likes to share his tales with us. He kept us amused with his tales of encounters with other magicians as well as experiences he had while performing the particular trick he was showing us. He has a sharp sense of humour and his banter with various audience members was quite comical. His running gag throughout the evening was to constantly get 10 year-old Jesse Boyes to come up and pick up items Patrick dropped on the floor.

Patrick was traveling with Bill Brunell from New York, as being from Great Britain, driving over here is a challenge. I guess it is a good thing that he didn't bring



Ring 92 members gather around Patrick Page (r)

along David Kaye from New York, or else he would have been stuck waiting for a train to cross the road and would have been late for the lecture.

Patrick started out by telling us that he has been doing magic since 1954, and proceeded to show us "a trick you can do tomorrow" where he vanished a 3 inch coin in a large handkerchief. He told us to ask questions and not wait until you are on the way home in the car to ask your friend, as he doesn't remember either. Throughout the evening he entertained us with tricks using cards, silks, T.T.'s, rope, sponge balls, thimbles, bags, billiard balls, topits and coins. He also showed us techniques for card manipulation, "top" change (actually he put the card on the bottom) and a crimp cut.

One of the stories that stands out in my mind was how he read a book that told him that one had to learn how to palm billiard balls, so he spent hours following the pictures and instructions in the book in order to master this skill. Years later he met the grandson of the photographer of the book, who told him that many of the pictures were fake and that the balls were held to the hand by tape.

Everyone had a wonderful time at the lecture, especially Jesse Boyes who won the \$20 'Lecture attendee's prize draw' which is awarded at each lecture to one

lucky VMC member who reserves his or her ticket ahead of time.

Our illustrious President presented Patrick with 3 lovely parting gifts, the coveted VMC pen, a rare VMC garment bag, as well as a package souvenir maple leaf cookies.

WEB CORNER

Mike Norden

WWW.IBMRING92.COM

Congratulations to Walter Ruteck for finding the 'hidden message' on picture # 77 in the PCAM 2005 gallery – he wins a \$20 gift certificate from our friend and sponsor Aaron Smith at Magic.org!

I have finished the 'Magician for Hire' page and it looks good! Please check out your listing and make sure the information is correct and all the links go to where you want them to go. If you have not paid me yet, please do so! If you are interested in an ad then send me an email.

Our latest 'Member Spotlight' is our esteemed Treasurer David Wilson – check out what he's all about. If you want to have a spotlight done then you need to have a listing on the site, so what are you waiting for? Call now!

A new page has been set up for the 'Children's Magician of the Year' and was done by Clinton W. Gray. Go to www.vancouvermagiccircle.com to purchase tickets and download the newest poster (it is very cool!). I would be great if you could put one up in you place of business to help us promote the show!

On a last note – I want to thank everyone who compliments me on the newsletter. It is very nice to hear that the work put into this periodical is appreciated. However, it is not ME that does it! I write a few columns and such but is Clinton W. Gray that makes it look the way it does, and he spends about 20 hours a month doing it. Not to mention the work David Wilson does on his articles, and then getting it printed, stuffing the envelopes and then mailing it! Next time you see these two guys, give them a pat on the back. They deserve it.

Mike Norden is Ring 92's webmaster. Contact him at mike.norden@ibmring92.com

SPONSORSPOTLIGHT

K & K PARTY EMPIRE - WWW.PARTYEMPIRE.COM

Party Empire is run by Ring #92's newest member – Adam Kozielec. The have a warehouse full of everything you could possibly want in the way of party supplies. Their product line includes balloons, party and floral supplies, novelties, theme decor, and ribbons.

They are a "wholesale only" distributor and not open to the general public though - BUT if you are a registered business then go check him out...or go with one of the many members who are

registered to see what this hidden gem is all about.

PARTY EMPIRE



Wholesale
distributors
of Balloons, Floral
& Party Supplies

If you are a balloon twister then this place is heaven. EVERY size, color and shape is here. Quality balloons at a fraction of the cost. Plus Adam is one of the best balloon twisters I have ever seen. Go visit him and Cleo – and tell them the Vancouver Magic Circle sent you.

They are located at 7787 132nd Street, in Surrey. You can find them on the web at www.partyempire.com

TIDBITS FROM THE TOP HAT

The Annual Summer Picnic has been set - Sunday July 30th at the Band shell in Queens Park, New Westminster. Come with the whole family. There will be food, games, food, prizes, food, contests, magic wand degrees...and did we mention food?! Dave Watters is the heading up the committee for the picnic so if you want to volunteer, help out, or just let us know you are coming then give him a jingle or email him at dave.waters@ibmring92.com

The First Annual Open House is coming! June 10th at the Sunrise Community Hall from 12 - 4 pm and you are all invited! Bring your friends, family, 3rd cousins twice removed - bring them all!

There will be food, games, prizes, magic demos, and tricks for sale, our new information booth and so much more! We will have all the trophies on site, and they have all been redone and updated and look great! There will be a professional photographer at the event to take your picture - maybe with all the trophies you have won in the past? Dress nicely then!

We really need some people to do their magic wand degree for this event. In order to qualify for this honour you must perform a 15 minute magic act for the audience. What a great event to do this. Showcase your talents to the club, the public and your friends and family can be there for support! We will even videotape it for you and give you a copy. Please contact Mike Norden or Walter Ruteck if you are interested in this.

On Saturday May 13th, five members of Ring 92 took part in the Port Coquitlam 'May Day Parade' and represented the Vancouver Magic Circle in great fashion. While the Bunny Mobile could not make it, we still rocked!

Mike Norden, David Wilson, Clinton W. Gray, Cameron Fisk and Dennis Chan all partook in the event. Mike and David carried the clubs NEW banners with our logo and name up front - with an added twist. The bottom banner said "*The Invisible Marching Band*" and the 25 feet back were Cameron and Dennis whose banner said "You have just seen the Invisible Marching Band". What a response we got!! Yes, even David Wilson was having fun!

Clinton was being carried around in a top hat by an 8 foot tall bunny rabbit - I kid you not. It was a sight to see him running around and I think he was the highlight of the parade! Everyone was taking pictures and talking about it! Way to go Clinton - you are on to something there! Rick Mearns was seen scampering about taking pictures and video for Clinton and us - thanks Rick!

It is with a deep sadness that we report the passing of Billy McComb on April 30, 2006. He invented many magic routines throughout his 70+ years in magic, notably the *Double Sawing* and the *McComb-ical Card Trick*. He was a wonderful man with a big heart and will be deeply missed by all of us who were fortunate enough to have met him.

CONJURORS' CALENDAR

the monthly guide to magic & events in our community

Thursday, May 25th, 2006

I.B.M. Ring #92 the Vancouver Magic Circle
MAY MEETING
Close Up Night - H.B. MacLean Trophy (Adult)
Dick Gardener Trophy (Juniors)

Sunday, May 28th, 2006 - 1 pm

Ring #92 the Vancouver Magic Circle presents
2006 CHILDREN'S MAGICIAN OF THE YEAR
Studio Theatre @ the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts - 6450 Deer Lake Avenue, Burnaby, BC
Tickets available by calling 604-4378299

Friday, June 2, 2006 - 7:30 pm

the Vancouver Magic Circle presents
A LECTURE BY SAL PIACENTE
Room #2203 - Douglas College
700 Royal Avenue, New Westminster, BC
Reserve your seat by calling 604-467-7887

Saturday, June 10th, 2006 - 12 pm to 4 pm

the Vancouver Magic Circle presents
1ST ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE!
Sunrise Community Hall, 1950 Windermere St.
Free for all members, past members and guests...bring everyone!
For more info, see the flyer in this newsletter.

Friday - July 7th, 2006 - 7:30 pm

the Vancouver Magic Circle presents
SPECIAL LECTURE BY JUSTIN MILLER
Room #2203 - Douglas College
700 Royal Avenue, New Westminster, BC
FREE to the first 100 who RSVP Mike Norden

Sunday - July 30th, 2006

the Vancouver Magic Circle hosts the
ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC
Queens Park Band Shell, New Westminster
Food, games, magic, and more food!
A true family affair - and a public show! Invite all you know to come out and meet our crazy gang! RSVP to Dave Watters

August 9-13th, 2006

Victoria Magic Circle hosts
2006 P.C.A.M. CONVENTION
Harbour Towers Hotel - Victoria, BC
Contact Tony Eng for more details or visit the website at pcam.biz.

President's Perspective

Hello Ring #92

What a month that is coming up! So much to do and so little time. First off is Kramiens's, then our meeting on the 25th, the Children's show on the 28th, the Sal Piacente lecture on June 2nd, and then the first Annual Open House on June 10th. This is going to be a fun time! I will be attending all the events and I hope to see

most of you there too.

I have been trying to think of ways to get our image out to the public and enhance our membership. I would like to hear from you what you think would work. Send me your ideas! How about an attempt to get into the 'Guinness Book of World Records'? Any ideas on what we could do? Perhaps we need to start our

own 'Magicians Hall of Fame' and start inducting some of the Canadian Magicians out there that have sorely been overlooked by other parts of the entertainment industry. What ideas do you have that would help this club grow?

Send them to me!

Mike Norden - President

Hi, it's me, Sal "The Hitman" Piacente.

I would like to personally invite you to my lecture on June 2ND, 2006. I won't just demonstrate how I can memorize names, numbers, lists, cards, but I'm going to show you how to do it too!

Not only that, because poker's popularity is hot now, you will see real cheating footage I've collected over the twenty plus years I've worked for major casinos and law enforcement.

I'll debunk the myth of how much skill a cheater needs and then I'll show you ways to detect cheating. I'll even show you how to protect your money in a poker game - the information my clients pay me the big bucks to see.

I hope to see you there because it's going to be killer!
See you on the June 2nd...

Sal "The Hitman" Piacente

P.S. For more information about me, please visit my website: www.salthehitman.com

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**DO YOU HAVE A
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**Friday, June 2nd
7:30pm**

Room 2203, Douglas College
700 Royal Avenue
New Westminister, BC

Ring # 92 members: \$20 Advanced / \$25 Door
Non members: \$25 Advanced / \$30 Door

Reserve your seat by calling David Wilson at (604) 467-7887