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Walter
Rutek
promises
the best
event ever!

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.

In addition to great entertainment for all ages there will be a chance to win a large sum of money with the expected huge 50/50 pot that we always get at this event.

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

We already have over 80 people attending so don't be left out! Our President has been hard at work getting door prizes and has collected over \$2000 in prizes. Everyone will be getting a special gift from ELLUSIONIST.COM worth at least \$10! Wow!

It's time again for The Vancouver Magic Circle Annual Christmas Dinner & Show on Sunday November 26th, 2006 at the Best Western Sands Hotel, 1755 Davies Street, in downtown Vancouver, where valet parking is only \$7 for VMC members! We still have some space available, so if you are interested in attending make your reservation with Walter at 604-591-1930 by November 22, 2006.

Doors to the elegant Capilano Ballroom will open at 5pm, and at 5:15 strolling magicians will begin to entertain amongst the crowd. This year the dinner is catered and will start at 6:15pm. Some of the exciting activities will be magical entertainment just for the kids, and a much longer visit



Santa entertains and delights children at last year's Christmas Dinner

After dinner will be 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

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.

One final note... name tags are not required. In fact, just to make things a little different Dennis "the Bulldog" Chan will be charging one dollar if you DO wear your name tag!

Merry Christmas and see you all there!



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ANNUAL AUCTION: Attracts awesome attendance

by Munro MacKenzie

The lure of a great bargain is universal, how else can you account for ten past presidents, (totaling 17 years of leadership of our club), attending our traditional October auction. Bill Lee, David Wilson, Ray Medway, Karen Eskilson, Graeme Kingston, Gary Savard, Juan Garcia, Ray Wong, David Murdoch, and David Watters. The business meeting was zilch as our president, Mike Norden, had inadvertently

booked a Las Vegas vacation during the same week. He was forgiven though as past president David Wilson unlocked the doors at 6p.m. for set-up and locked the doors next at the hour of midnight, after clean-up.



Clockwise from top: Gary Savard, Michael Glenister, Craig Prystay, Shawn Whitehead, Alf Spence?, Munro MacKenzie



Brothers separated at birth? David Hamil (vertical stripes) & Bob Gumbleton (horizontal stripes)

Our auction started at 7pm with auctioneer Gary Savard keeping things zipping along; so quickly in fact that if you were hesitant in your bid you lost out. Our rules of engagement are that the first seller to arrive is the first person to sell 10 items then rotate, so even with the accelerated speed of the auction, it was still a lengthy evening.

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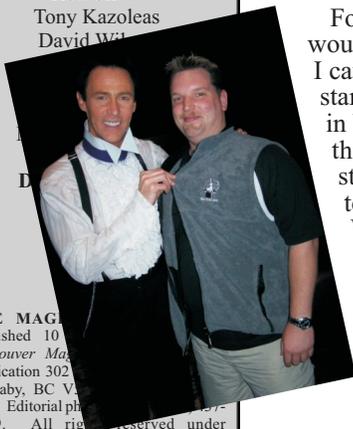
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President's Perspective



Hello Ring #92

From Happy Halloween to Merry Christmas – the time is just flying by. I am looking forward to seeing

everyone at the Christmas Dinner this year, as Walter has promised a “don't miss event”!

For a change of pace this month I thought I would give a little review of the magic shows I caught while in Las Vegas. I am going to start with the two best shows you can catch in Vegas. First is Mac King – undoubtedly the best show and the best value on the strip. You can pay \$10 and get a free drink to catch his afternoon show at Harrahs'. What a deal!

It has got to be one of the funniest and most entertaining things I have ever seen. It is non-stop laughter for the full 90 minutes and yes, there is some magic – but who cares?! The way it is delivered you do not care about catching the method, it's all in his presentation and delivery. A true King of comedy and magic.

On the other end of the spectrum is Master Magician Lance Burton at the Monte Carlo. A beautiful theatre designed by Lance awaits you for the evening shows. Lance is truly a master of the art and you can only sit and watch in utter awe and amazement.

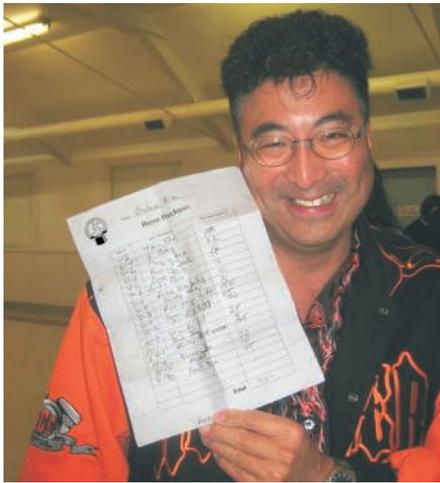
If you even have an inkling on how a trick is done, you are probably wrong. He is charming and fast paced with his illusions and gets you with some out-of-left-field hits when you least expect it! In one moment an assistant is on stage with him, he grabs her cloak and she is gone! As fast as you read that sentence, that is as fast as it happened! He is a true genius when creating original ideas and themes of tricks and patter. Truly right up there with Copperfield's show in my book.

I had a chance to meet both of these fine gentlemen after their shows, have a chat and get a picture with them – and of course send our regards from Vancouver. If you are in Vegas make sure to catch these shows and let me know what YOU think of them. Next month I will review Rick Thomas and Nathan Burton

Until then...

Auction from page 2

The most expensive lot sold was a beautiful set of backdrop curtains purchased by Cameron Fisk for \$225, and the least was a framed poster



Graham Kita is the big spender tonight... \$700!

purchased by David Wilson for \$1. The biggest spender was Graham Kita who bought 17 lots for \$700, closely followed by David Hamil who bought 12 lots for \$339. The total auction was just a tad off \$4000 with 182 lots up for bid.

One very interesting table was that of the estate of former member, Peter Rolston, a great entertainer and Canadian TV personality who specialized in puppeteering and ventriloquism. Very memorable items! I thought the most interesting table was that of Lila Thulin. Although not a member, she had been a professional magician for 15 years and was selling off her wonderful effects.

We took a break half way through, for our annual Halloween costume parade contest. About 8 aptly costumed



Bill and Clair-ly Lee are Happy Halloween'ers

members vied for the title. It came to a saw-off between Munro MacKenzie as a sultan, and Bob Gumbleton as a convict. Bob shuffled along all evening with his ball & chain and was the appropriate winner. The social portion of the evening was highlighted by a delicious food break delightfully handled by Cathie Watters and Rachael Paragon, a huge table of Halloween savouries. The 50/50 draw of \$88.75 was won by Damien Carrier. 60 members and 9 guests had a wonderful night of bargains.



Karen Eskilson and Craig Prystay keepin' tally

Alain Nu Mystery and Mentalism

Alain Nu, star of Discovery/TLC's "The Mysterious World of Alain Nu" now performs a non-stop schedule of shows for colleges, theatres, and businesses all over the world. He is taking time out of his hectic schedule to teach his material on the Xelent Series Lecture Circuit. Most of the effects taught at Alain's lecture focus on creating genuine feelings of mysterious paradigms through which mentalism concepts take shape. This is one lecture you won't want to miss because many of Alain's professional secrets will be revealed to you.

Effects you'll learn at ALAIN NU's lecture include:

- Several routines involving ordinary found objects based on mentalism premises.
- A demonstration/discussion on bending metal (One of Alain's signature effects.)
- Alain's version of the "any card to any number called" solution.
- Thoughts regarding the divination of zodiac signs, and how to perform it.
- Some very cool over-the-telephone mentalism effects you will go home and use.
- Even some hardcore chops, surprise elements, and unconventional opinions.

Alain's innovative abilities to construct dynamic mental effects allows for each of his pieces to leave the impression of something truly extraordinary happening. Alain will teach many of these and describe them in full detail along with the techniques, subtleties, and motivations that Alain uses to turn simple ideas and premises into mind-blowing presentations. There is something for any student of magic in this lecture. Whether a total beginner, a practicing technician, or a real-world performer, you will come away having learned a good many concepts, ideas and inspirations as well as a few very clever tricks!

For more information visit
www.JustSayNu.com

Friday, February 9, 2007 - 7:30pm
Douglas College, Room 2203

Pay in advance with Credit Card on the website payments page to get the advance rate!

Advance - \$25 / \$20 for members
At Door - \$30 / \$25 for members

Dennis Chan is appointed as new Librarian



Thank you to Dennis Chan for taking over the duties of the Library! Greg Dietlien has resigned from his position due to some difficulties in being able to attend and cart the library around. We would like to thank Greg for his many years

and countless hours sorting, organizing and caring for the books, magazines and videos. It is a lot of work, so please shake his hand the next time you see him. We hope Greg can make more of the meetings now without the added burden of the library - as we all miss him!

Dennis has already sunk his bulldog teeth in the process of getting the library

set up in his basement and cataloging it again. We have begun a new process for taking out items and there will no longer be a \$35 deposit (those who have paid will be refunded) and we will have an online section on the website where you can request items and they will be brought to the next meeting for you to sign out. You may keep them until the next meeting and a new \$2 a month late fee will be in place to ensure the items are returned.

2006 YEARBOOK UPDATES

CHANGES

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All videos are being transferred over to DVD so we can bring the entire collection to the meetings – and you will be able to watch them too, as some of us do not have a VCR anymore! Look forward to more improvements in this valuable benefit to your membership in the months to come!

WEB CORNER

Mike Norden

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Updates, Updates, Updates! Yes, the website is full of them! We have put in the entire 2007 Calendar of events – all our meetings, all our special events, Children's Show, Banquet – even next years Christmas Party! We also added as many Conventions as possible so you can plan your 2007 year now. You will find dates and links for PCAM, IBM, SAM, KIDabra, Kramien's, CAMaraderie (and soon the 2007 Weekend of Magic). Make your plans now!

Our new Member Spotlight is our 2nd vice-president, Clinton W. Gray! Check out what nasty things I have to say about him! If you are one the people who paid for a Deluxe ad then you too are entitled to be featured in the Spotlight – just send me what you want said... cause you don't want me to do it – just ask Clinton!

I have decided to start a little contest. With a prize! A \$100 gift certificate from one of our online sponsors will be awarded to a winner. What is the contest? Well, how many of us get the question from friends (or strangers) "Show me a trick!" – and you have nothing on you. What do YOU do? What is your best impromptu trick when put on the spot? Let me know and we will feature it in the newsletter and award a prize!

PS – I went and saw the movie "The Prestige". Go see it. Nuff said.

Mike Norden is Ring 92's webmaster.
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SPONSORSPOTLIGHT

MARK LEVERIDGE AND MAGICSEEN MAGAZINE

Our Sponsor Spotlight is a double whammy this month! Mark Leveridge from the United Kingdom is one busy and talented guy.



Mark is a sought after close-up entertainer, a maker and inventor of some great tricks, and a proprietor of a great online magic shop. He also is the pulisher and editor of Europe's

number one magic magazine "Magicseen."

Mark has been generous to sponsor two spots on our website:

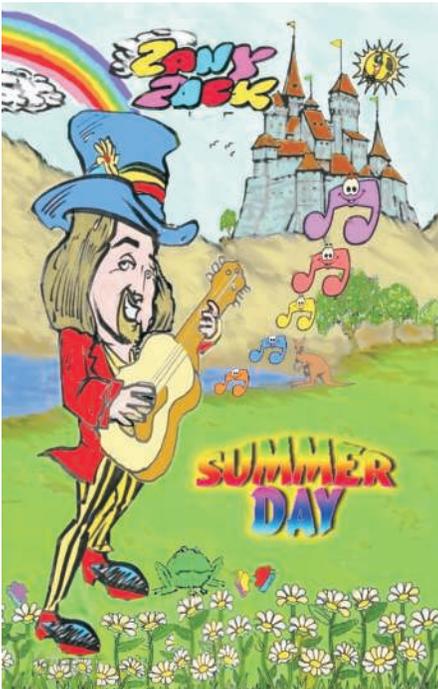
www.markleveridge.co.uk
www.magicseen.co.uk

The popular glossy magazine is a huge hit and you will find some real gems and routines from performers we don't normally hear about – unless you read about FISM winners! Please take the time to check out Mark's websites and show him our support. If you come to our Christmas Dinner on November 26 you can win a ONE YEAR SUBSCRIPTION to Magicseen!

MAGICAL MUSIC OF ZANY ZACK:

Tony Kazoleas releases new children's CD

Vancouver Magic Circle member Zany Zack (aka Tony Kazoleas) has just released his fourth music CD. This is his second CD for children in his kid's character persona of Zany Zack. The CD is entitled Summer Day and is inspirational, witty, melodic and of course fun to listen too as well. His latest CD is a collection of 13 original songs that very upbeat, catchy and at times, quite eccentric. These songs are intended to make you want to get up and dance and tickle your funny bone at the same time.



Original artwork for Zany Zack's CD cover

His latest CD took over 6 months to record in his own state of the art digital recording studio during the months of May - October between performing full time as a magical entertainer and about 20 musical concerts this year as well. Although Tony plays most of the instruments himself on this CD, he decided to have a different sound from his last release (Music, Magic, Rainbows and Me) and brought in a few musical friends to be on the album as well such as a sax player, flute player and even a bagpiper.

IBM Ring 92 member Rick Mearns contributed much of the drum and percussion tracks on the CD and had some fine creative moments in the studio as well. "He is a very talented musician and has a good ear for music," said Kazoleas. "Rick Mearns is also no stranger to music as he was also a full

time musical performer and recording artist before switching over to performing magic for a living."

Also present for one of the recording sessions was Clinton W. Gray who made a few creative suggestions during a 13 hour recording marathon with Tony and Rick. Clinton also brought his mighty bull whip and the three of them took a break from recording to go outside and see how that thing worked. Clinton of course is very experienced and quite proficient with a whip and is able to create the loudest sonic boom sound from a whip you will ever hear, but when it was Tony's turn he only ended up whipping himself several in the head and had to lie down for a while. So Tony would like to give special thanks to Clinton W. Gray for the whipping of his life!

Although Tony has been performing magic since age 15 and as a full time magician for the last 8 years, he has been an accomplished musician since the age of 10. He first started on the guitar at age 4 even though his hands were far too small to play a guitar he knew from that age that showbiz was for him. After moving to Vancouver in 1990 from Edmonton to pursue his musical dreams of playing rock n roll in various bands and the best music clubs in town, he rediscovered his other childhood dream of becoming a magician and started pursuing that avenue once again. Tony had an uncle who was also a professional magical entertainer in Alberta and ever since he was a child, that uncle would always have a few tricks up his sleeve to show him. The magic bug bit him at around age 7 and he performed magic in

Alberta as a part time professional for a number of years.

Tony has released several adult rock/folk CD's with his on again off again band, Dream Park and his latest children's CD, Summer Day will be showcased at many children's festival and special events throughout British Columbia and Alberta as he continues to headline children's events with his magical/musical variety show for children of all ages.

Says Tony, "I am very happy that I can pursue both arts of magic and music for a living and consider myself very fortunate to be doing what I love best, which is entertaining people of all ages with those two arts. It is very important to me that I perform both magic and music in my festival shows and main event shows as I enjoy performing both equally and feel that the two arts finally have an equal place on stage along with my zany, eccentric character Zany Zack."

Summer Day has been submitted into the 2007 Juno awards for Children's album of the year held in April.

All of Tony's music is available at cdbaby.com, bestbuy.com, and towerrecords.com as well as hundreds of digital download internet sites like appleitunes and audio lunch box. Also, you can find his music at finer children's book stores and toy stores throughout the lower mainland and Fraser valley. You can have a listen to any of Zany Zack's songs from both his music website, www.zanyzack.ca or his magic site at www.zanyzack.com.

a story about YOU could be in this space
BUT YOU HAVE TO SUBMIT IT TO US!

Email the editor Clinton W. Gray at
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TIDBITS FROM THE TOP HAT

CONJURORS' CALENDAR

Justin Gilbert has been seen in Vegas working on the Criss Angel show. Justin has a very cool job of researching tricks, showing and teaching them to Criss and also has a hand in the creative department as well. Way to go Justin – just another Ring #92 member helping to get magic out to the masses.

If you're in Vegas, check out the Criss Angel production office in the Luxor Hotel... it's located by the entrance to the moving walkway to takes you over the The Excalibur. It's an glass office where you can usually see most of the team working hard on the next special. For a chance to see some classic magic made to look even better with clever video editing, catch Criss Angel's show on A&E, Wednesday nights!

Dustin Anderson (AKA The Purple Pirate) loves cycling and wants to share his passion for pedaling with Windameer and Churchill Secondary Schools. They are setting up bike share programs and need bikes. If you have bikes that are gathering dust in your home please contact Dustin and he will pick them up. 604.267.2789 or dustin@purplepirate.com.

Peter & Liz Barrett have sold their condo and moved into a motor home. They're planning to live the life of gypsies, traveling the coast and spending time in the sunshine. He no longer has a land phone or computer but can be reached via his new cell number: 604-721-0344. Any correspondence can be forwarded to his daughter: 122 Carroll Street New Westminster, B.C. V3L 4E4

Bruce Hunt and his wife Georgina really got into the Halloween spirit this year out in front of their Surrey home, greeting unsuspecting trick or treaters with one heck of a trick an illusion actually. The headless man illusion was quite the attraction in their Parkwood Drive neighbourhood and left all the kids that saw it with a wail of a tail to tell the next day at school.



the monthly guide to magic & events in our community

Sunday, November 26, 2006 - 5pm

The Vancouver Magic Circle presents **CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE SANDS HOTEL**
Read all the details on page one.

January 2 - 10, 2007

Xentel DM Inc. presents **MURRAY HATFIELD'S - MAGIC 'N MIRACLES**
This amazing annual show is headlined by Murray & Teresa. Also Starring Tom Burgoon, Nels Cremean & Danny Alan. Show times and details on page 5 of this newsletter and online at www.magicnmiracles.com.

January 18 - 21, 2007

The Centre for Performing Arts hosts **DAVID COPPERFIELD - GRAND ILLUSION**
See the legend. Call Ticketmaster for tickets!

Thursday - January 25, 2007 - 7pm

IBM Ring #92 The Vancouver Magic Circle **JANUARY - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
Election of Officers and 2007 Initiation Night

JANUARY 27/28, 2007

THE NIAGRA COMEDY MAGIC SEMINAR
Starring Bob Sheets, John Ferrentino and David Merry Niagara Falls, Ontario
Visit website: ComedyMagicSeminar.com

Friday - February 9, 2007 - 7:30pm

IBM Ring # 92 presents **MAGIC LECTURE BY ALAIN NU**
Douglas College - Room 2203
Advance - \$25 / \$20 for members
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Friday, February 23, 2007

IBM Ring #92 The Vancouver Magic Circle **INSTALLATION BANQUET AT THE SANDS**
Comedy Night - come out for a laugh!
The Cecil Ackery Comedy Trophy (Adult)
The Rick Honey Comedy Trophy (Jr)
Many other Awards to be presented at this event. More information in January's newsletter.

Thursday, March 22, 2007 - 6:30pm

IBM Ring #92 The Vancouver Magic Circle **MARCH MEETING - PAST PRESIDENTS NIGHT AND ONE TRICK CARD NIGHT!**

April 27/28, 2007

Stan Kramien's **20TH ANNUAL NW MAGIC JAMBOREE!**
Annual magic get-together in Newberg, Oregon.

Sunday - June 10th, 2007 - 1pm

IBM Ring #92 The Vancouver Magic Circle's **MAGIC FOR YOUNGSTERS SHOW!**
Children's Magician of the Year competition for the Wilf Rutherford Trophy. Held at the Shadbolt Theatre in Burnaby.

Murray Hatfield and Teresa once again bring their amazing show to the west coast. Special guests this year are Danny Alan, Nels Cremean, and Tom Burgoon.

January 2, 2007	Kelowna	Kelowna Community Theatre 5:30pm, 8:30pm
January 3, 2007	Abbotsford	Abbey Arts Centre 5:30pm, 8:30pm
January 4, 2007	Vancouver	The Centre in Vancouver Arts 5:30pm, 8:30pm
January 5, 2007	New Westminster	Massey Theatre 5:30pm, 8:30pm
January 6, 2007	Surrey	Bell Performing Arts Centre 1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm
January 7, 2007	Burnaby	Michael J Fox Theatre 1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm
January 9, 2007	Nanaimo	Port Theatre 5:30pm, 8:30pm
January 10, 2007	Victoria	Royal Theatre 2:00pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm