



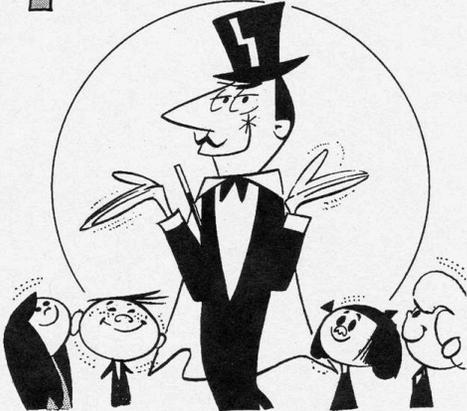
THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS RING #92 - CHARLES HOWARD RING
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MAY 2008

June 15: Magic for Youngsters!

THE VANCOUVER *Magic* CIRCLE
 I.B.M. RING #92 PRESENTS

MAGIC FOR
 YOUNGSTERS



**AN UP CLOSE AND INTERACTIVE
 AFTERNOON OF MAGIC & FUN**

SUNDAY, JUNE 15th, 2008

1:00 P.M.

STUDIO THEATRE

**SHADBOLT CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
 6450 DEER LAKE AVENUE, BURNABY B.C.**

**ADULTS - \$10.00 EACH
 CHILDREN 12 & Under - \$7.00 EACH**

**2008
 CHILDRENS MAGICIAN OF THE YEAR
 SHOW AND COMPETITION
 WE NEED YOU !!!!!**

The V.M.C is looking for some acts for the childrens competition.

If you are interested in competing please phone BRUCE HUNT 604-591-9353.

This years show will be on June 15th at the Shadbolt Theatre
 4949 Canada Way Burnaby Ph-604-294-7944.

For more info and tickets please phone David Wilson - 604-467-7887
 All acts must be signed up by May 31/2008

If you're interested in an ad in the program David Wilson is looking for you. Act now while we still have room.

Last years winner and this years M.C. will be Jack Bastow.





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May's Workshop and Competition

The hot topic this meeting will be "Working with Puppets and Animals in your act." Come see how you can add birds, rabbits and rubber chickens to your show, or add a friend or two with Puppets. Neale Bacon will be bringing some of his friends to visit. We'd like to encourage members to bring rabbits, birds, dogs, snakes, lizards, chickens, animal productions, boxes, or puppets - anything to help demonstrate this topic. We'd also like to see people bring animal production boxes, bird stuff, rabbit wringers, as well as cases in which you bring your animals to your show.



If you use a puppet in your show or even have a puppet and don't know how to use it in your show bring it along.

May's Competition is The H.B Maclean Trophy for Adults and The Dick Gardner Trophy for Juniors

If you have a Close-up act and want to compete please phone Bruce Hunt at 604-591-9353

CONTEST RULES REVIEW

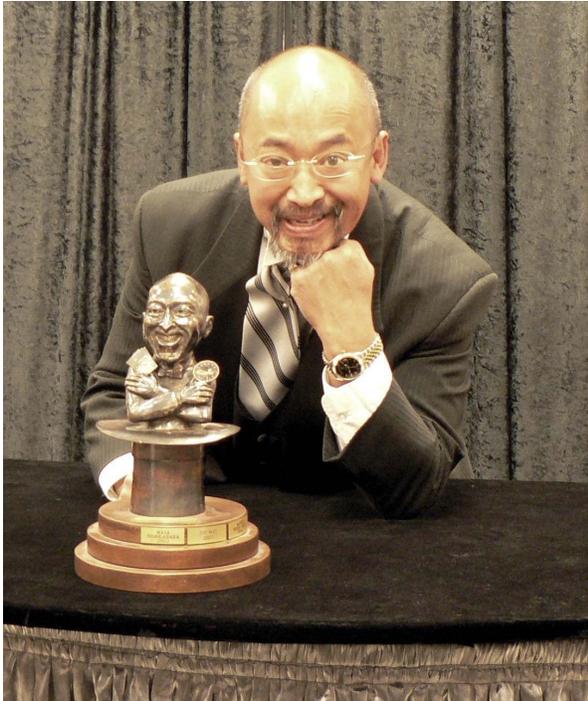
H.B. MacLean Trophy is awarded for a routine performed in an intimate close up setting. No cards or stage effects are permitted.

Dick Gardner Trophy is awarded for a routine performed in an intimate close up setting and playing cards are permitted.

Convention Roommates Sought!

Dennis Chan has already booked an hotel for the PCAM in Monterey. This hotel (Travelodge) is about a mile from the convention hotel. He is looking for some people to share his room. The cost is much less than that of the convention hotel. Please contact him at: (604) 942-6976
He has a 24 hour answering machine.

TONY ENG
"Ambassador of Magic"
1946 - 2008



Anthony (Tony) Wayne Passed away on May 4, 2008 at the age of 61. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends. Tony is survived by his loving wife, Ann, daughters Julie (Suley) from Toronto, Sandra from New York City, mother Mary, sister Louise (Richard), brothers Willie (Jane) and Victor (Jane), and by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews and nieces. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Tony's memory. Details:

www.tonyengshealth.blogspot.com

A tribute will be held Sunday May 11 at 3PM at St. Andrew's Church (Douglas & Broughton).

A Guestbook has been set up at:

<http://www.legacy.com/can-victoria/Obituaries.asp?Page=Lifestory&PersonId=109188527>

DRIVE TO REMEMBER

Craig Prystay , longtime VMC member just embarked on a unique adventure called "Drive to Remember". They describe Craig as a law enforcement enthusiast. Craig Prystay brings a marketing background to the Drive to Remember team.

Craig has been a Director of the TASER Foundation for Fallen Officers since the beginning of 2007.

He is also the General Manager Best Western Sands Hotel in Vancouver. Over the last 30 years the hotel has catered many police meetings, dinners and functions. And it used to serve as a dormitory for the Justice Institute of BC.

Craig has been a partner in Twenty-Four Seven Cop2Cop Newspaper with Steve and Tod for the last 2 years and has been the third driver in the Drive to Remember since its inception.

Craig is also the President of RPB Hotels & Resorts, based in British Columbia and with his brother David (an ex Vancouver Police Officer) they run four hotels in the province which all cater to law enforcement.



For more information on the very worthy cause visit www.drive2remember.org

TIDBITS

FROM THE TOP HAT

Shawn Farquhar and family will be presenting BLINK a Magic Spectacular on May 23rd at the Theatre in Centennial High School, 570 Poirier St., Coquitlam, BC. Show starts a 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$10 Adults/\$7 Kids or \$25 for a family of four! Call 604.936.4321 to reserve your tickets. www.magichampion.com

The Victoria Magic Circle is hosting another evening of Mirth and Magic on May 24th at the Isabel Reader Theatre, 1026 Goldstream Rd., Victoria, BC. Show starts at 7PM and tickets can be bought in advance from Murray's Trick and Joke Shop, 688 Broughton Street for only \$6!

Mirth & Magic is a family-friendly event featuring five acts competing for the Wansborough Comedy Magic Trophy where YOU, the audience, determines the winner!

This year's event will be hosted by Canada's Magician of the Year, Murray Hatfield. The night will also feature the magic of Lucas Kavanagh, Alex Day, Three-Time PCAM Champion, Eric Beard, and closing the night with Two-Time World Champion of Magic, Shawn Farquhar! www.victoriamagiccircle.com

Thank You Very Much!

The Vancouver Magic Circle thanks Walter Rutek for two copies of his book *Hear ye! Hear ye! Here comes the Judge!* They would also like to thank Omni Magic for donating *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Street Magic* by Tom Ogdén.

CONJURORS' CALENDAR

May 22nd, 2008

The Vancouver Magic Circle

Close-Up Night

HB MacLean & Dick Gardner (Jr.)
Competition

7:00 pm - The fun begins!

May 23 - Blink a Magic Spectacular

(see Tidbits from the Top Hat)

May 24 - Mirth and Magic Show

(see Tidbits from the Top Hat)

June 6, 2008

The Vancouver Magic Circle

Dan Garrett Lecture

Room # 2203 Douglas College

7:30 pm - The teaching begins!

June 15th, 2008

Children's Magician of the Year

Wilf Rutherford Trophy Competition

Shadbolt Theatre New Westminster

1:00 pm - The fun begins!

June 26th, 2008

The Vancouver Magic Circle

Previously Unopened Deck Night

Ray Gamble Trophy Competition

7:00 pm - The fun begins!

July 9-13th, 2008

PCAM 2008

Monterey, CA USA

www.thepcam.com for more info

July 21-26th, 2008

IBM/SAM Joint Convention 2008

Louisville, Kentucky USA

www.magician.org for more info

April 2008 Ring Report: Bag Magic!

Our April workshop continued with our 'new' concept of a ring-ing meeting. That is, we all met in a ring and a member stepped into the centre to present his interpretation. This night was 'BAG IT.' The first three presenters did EGG BAGS.



It was really amazing how essentially the same trick, could have 3 such different interpretations. The next member produced a giant wand(4 foot) out of his lunch bag. Then Jack Bastow's young grandson did a neat silk trick using a change bag. All of a sudden our hour was up.

After the business meeting we had the Charles Howard trophy competition using a gimmick card in the routine.

The next morning bright and early, about 30 members left for Stan Kramien's Northwest Magic Jamboree at the Big Top Ranch in Newberg Oregon. Our group was prominent with Henry Tom winning the close-up contest with his Acme Dental routine. In the real world he is a dentist so he knows his stuff. Trevor Watters and Lorena concluded the Friday evening show. As always, the VMC conducted the Magic Auction, with auctioneers David Watters and David Wilson finely regaled in their barker outfits and straw hats selling the fine items that were up for auction. There was more action but I wont go on. Thanks David Parker. Munro MacKenzie. Ring Reporter.

So I was just given a nice write up in the Magic Circle magazine, Circular, for my lecture at their headquarters in London, England.

It said some nice things like:
"Shawn performs with masses of energy, and child-like excitement, which was quite infectious."
and
"It was a fabulous evening full of tricks and ideas, which could have gone on all night. Unfortunately all good things come to an end, but Shawn Farquhar had given us a real treat."

Here's a graphic of the magazine article and cover.

Kramien's Northwest Magic Jamboree - David Parker

Once again I had the pleasure of attending what is my favourite convention at the Big Top Ranch in Newberg, Oregon.

We arrived in time for the dealers' show. There were a bunch of dealers showing us the items they had to sell us at their tables. After dinner we were treated to a lecture by Goldfinger and Dove fame. Not only did he entertain us with some of his magic, but interspersed with the magic were all kinds of meaningful quotes such as "It is easier to put on slippers than it is to carpet the world".

The Friday Night Show starred David Charvet assisted by his young son, Mathew Pucket; Brian Ledbetter; Sterling Dietz; Anthony Gilmore; Al Lampkin, and closing the show, our very own Trevor Watters and Lorena.

Next lecture was Ed Ellis, who is an amazing card guy, but I was unable to fully see, nor could I hear over the noise. But I did go see him at his table later and was able to full appreciate his card talents. The last event of the evening was a discussion of a book called Pleasant Nightmares, which was all about magician Bill Neff.

The first event on Saturday was the Close Up Contest. We got there late, but I did get there in time to see our very own Henry Tom do his Acme Dental routine. And I am glad I did, as Henry ended up winning the Close Up Contest.

Greg Moreland was next. He told us of his life as a cruise ship Magician. Most of the tricks he showed us were pretty basic, low skill level tricks, but I enjoyed them, and will definitely be using some of them.

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Then it was time for the last two lectures. Jeff Hobson mainly discussed his egg bag, and Creative Magic's lecture was more of a dealer show of the items at their table.

We all bowed our heads in prayer for VMC member, Tony Eng, who was too ill to attend the year's Jamboree, as he continues to fight his battle with cancer.

VMC member, Leo Haglund won the raffle consisting of a \$1000 worth of magic.

Jeff Hobson emceed this year's All Star Show featuring Stoil & Ekaterina, Greg Moreland, VMC members - Wyatt Scott & Ashley, and Goldfinger & Dove.

And that was it (except for the wild pool party) - another fantastic weekend at Kramien's.



Dan Garrett Lecture! - June 6, 2008

Dan Garrett is a name known to most of you, as a performer, inventor and lecturer. He is Past National President of the Society of American Magicians, Past TVP (Georgia) for the International Brotherhood of Magicians, twice voted Greater Atlanta Magician of the year, Member of the Inner Magic Circle with Gold Star, and winner of much to many accolades and trophies to list here. Dan performed to worldwide audience live on CNN Headline News. He was one of the select group of magicians hand-picked to perform at the Washington, DC, Candlelight Inaugural Dinner for President George W. Bush in 2000. Please don't hold any of these things against him, though. Dan is really a cool guy. In the past Dan served as a feature writer for MAGIC magazine. Dan wrote the popular Pandora's Box column in M-U-M magazine

for over a decade, and currently is on it's trick review staff. David Copperfield said, "Dan Garrett has one of magic's most entertaining and creative minds."

Hi guys and gals!

I'm hoping you will be able to come see my lecture in June, which promises to be a lot of fun. I will draw on my 30-plus years experience as a professional performer, inventor, lecturer and teacher.

The lecture will have lots of material of the stand-up (parlor magic) nature. It's very (very) short on cards tricks (just one, which is easy to do and is a routine that is currently in my performing repertoire for stage and platform!). I promise to deliver usable material with fairly common items that will be accessible to all of you, and will adapt to almost any type of audience.

I also promise that we will have a great time along the way. If you miss this lecture, you won't be able to sleep with yourself again.

See you soon.
With a wink,
Dan Garrett

Murray Sawchuk, longtime member of the VMC, is in the news quite a bit with his appearances on the new VH1 Series Celebracadabra. He is the coach for Kim Wyatt of Pussycat Doll fame. The basic idea of the series is that seven celebrities compete to become the ultimate magician with help from some of magic best magicians. More information on the series and it's stars can be found on the VH1 website VH1.com.

Murray Sawchuck & Kim Wyatt



Presidents Perspective – Gord Boyes

Everyone belongs somewhere

Humans seem to have an inherent need to belong. People belong to families whether they like it or not, and they belong to assorted other groups as they meander through life. Usually, outside of family, it's groups of people with similar interests. Sometimes it's a clique at school or work, sometimes it's a group of neighbors, sometimes it's a group that is brought together by their children with similar interests or close in age, and sometimes it's a group with special interests. At high school the stereotypical groups include the jocks, the brains, the stoners, etc.. Although from the outside looking in it's often easy to classify which group someone else belongs too, it's funny how we often don't see ourselves the way that others do and it can be more difficult to feel that we belong with any one of these "groups". I have often felt like a chameleon, able to blend with any one of these groups but not really belonging to any of them.

The bad thing about being a chameleon is that you don't get an identity of your own, you simply blend in depending on who you're surrounded by, maybe because of fear to present your own uniqueness to the world, something which I still suffer from at times, or maybe because you just don't know yourself. As I look around at the people in this club, I see a wonderful assortment of unique people who are enjoying life and helping the people around them enjoy life. When I was young I remember telling my dad about a guy at school who was really weird, and my dad told me that life would be awfully boring if we were all the same.

I'm sure that many people who don't belong to The Vancouver Magic circle would find us to be a group of unique and often odd individuals. I've heard members tell me that what's-his-name is kind of odd, and I've heard others tell me the same thing about that person. I haven't heard it about myself, but then my hearing isn't always the best <grin>.

The people in this club have made me feel welcome and made me feel like I belong. I laughingly tell people that this club reminds me of the Island of Misfit Toys and the funniest part is that I feel like I belong. So whether you're like "Hermey the Misfit Elf", "Charlie in the Box", or the train with square wheels, take comfort in the fact that the Vancouver Magic Circle is here for us, and just like King Moonracer is responsible for flying around the world each year in search of unwanted toys, we're all here to welcome existing, new, or returning members.

Note – if you don't understand any of this, you'll have to watch the 1964 classic "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer".

