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September General Meeting—Annual Auction!!

The next meeting of IBM RING #92, The VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE, takes place on Thursday September 17th, 2009 at the Sunrise Community Hall in Vancouver. Doors open at 6:30 for socializing and the business meeting will start earlier than normal at 7:00pm. The business meeting will be followed by the annual auction.

This is the third Thursday of the month, rather than the fourth Thursday which is when we usually meet, because many of us will be at the PCAM convention on the fourth Thursday.

Please note that only members in good standing will be allowed entry. The exception is guests who have items they would like to sell can attend but they must register with David Wilson in advance (call 467-7887) and they will not have the privilege of bidding on or purchasing items.

So, clean out your closet and drawers and join auctioneer Gary Savard for a fun filled evening. All sellers are encouraged to register with David Wilson in advance. Each seller's items will be sold in runs of 10 items, then on to the next seller. After all sellers have had a run, then it goes back to sellers who have additional items. Note that the food for this meeting will be a light snack only.



The Magical Minutes

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A future Junior Member??

VMC member Damien Carriere and his wife Michele are excited to announce the arrival of their new baby girl, Ariana Lily, born July 27th at 2:52pm. She weighed 7 lbs 4 ozs. She came fast and furious and if Michele hadn't insisted on going to the hospital "NOW" while Damien very casually finished his lunch, she would have been born at home. Ariana joins the previous productions of her two brothers.



Welcome Home

Submitted by Dennis Chan

On Monday August 17th there was a surprise welcome home greeting for Shawn, Lori, and Hannah Farquhar at Vancouver International Airport. The scheduled arrival time for flight 991 from Beijing China was 11:50am. The flight was ahead of schedule by forty minutes and landed at 11:08am..

Shawn was the Grand Prix winner at the 2009 FISM magic convention held in Beijing China. On hand to greet Shawn and his family were Shawn's brother Scott, who made a big sign saying "Shawn Farquhar - Grand Prix Winner - 2009 FISM, officially the best magician in the whole world", Shawn's mom Barb, who was carrying some yellow and purple balloons, Ed Silva White, David Wilson, Cheryl Wilson with a big bouquet of flowers and some balloons, and Dennis Chan.

We all sat patiently watching the TV monitors waiting for Shawn's arrival. The final moment came when Shawn and his family came through the doors. We could all see the surprised look on Shawn's face when he saw us and the big sign. Hugs, handshakes and cameras were plentiful.

Congratulations to Shawn and his family.



Shawn Farquhar

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**Don't let anyone
 steal your dream.
 It's your dream,
 not theirs.**

~Dan Zadra

Summer in Review

Submitted by Dennis Chan

Hello, my name is Dennis and I am filling in for our ring reporter Munro MacKenzie. He was busy on Saturday August 29th, the same day as our annual picnic, along with family and friends celebrating sixty years of marriage to his lovely wife Pam (actual date is the 31st of August). Congratulations to Munro and Pam from all the members of the Vancouver Magic Circle.

Our annual picnic took place on Saturday August 29th 2009 from noon until 5pm at Queens Park in New Westminster. On hand setting up the BBQ were Gord Boyes, Neil Kremer, Denzil Bee and David Wilson. The chefs were Bruce and Georgina Hunt and they were very busy as many hungry magicians, family members and guests were waiting patiently in line for their burgers and hotdogs. There were plenty of burgers, hotdogs and soft drinks to go around. Cathie Watters was in charge of preparing the salads and fruit.



There was also a magic show for the general public. The performance was emceed by Dave Watters, who brought up on stage four women and four men to take part in a contest to find out who were the better of the two groups. One member from each group wore red long johns and within a certain time limit the rest of the members from each side stuffed balloons into the person wearing the red long johns to see who could stuff the most balloons. The winners were the men who stuffed 30 balloons while the women managed 14 balloons.

The next performer was David Wilson who did the Chinese Sticks, and a short red rope which he pulled from his vest, which became a much longer red rope with a surprise ending, a pair of shorts with a red heart on it. He did the spot card and he finished off his show with a wrist tie using two young assistants.

Next up were Gord and Jesse Boyes, a father and son team. They opened with each of them doing a silk to cane. Jesse Boyes did some unicycling while juggling at the same time. Jesse also did some club juggling and then amazed the crowd by juggling balls that were engulfed in flames. Gord attempted to keep up with Jesse by juggling some balloons. Their piece de resistance was where Jesse became trapped in a giant balloon and did some juggling. The giant balloon was blown up by Gord using a super duper balloon pumper upper.



Trevor Watters finished off the program by waving some silks and ended up with a surprise production of his dog Tequila. Trevor had an

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Thanks to John Smithman and Rod Chow, we have some pictures to share. If you take pictures at any meetings or events, be sure to send them to us! (and check out <http://www.champions.ca/vmc.html>)

Summer in Review, con't



The performers were Alexander Seaman, Neil Kremer, and Michael Nemeth. Alexander Seaman did a change bag routine, colouring book, and a "magic by correspondence" routine called "The Vanishing Bandana".



have the six of hearts written on it, and when Karen opened the sealed envelope it had a six of hearts inside it.

Michael Nemeth ended the program by making a silk disappear, and then making a small circle of rope turn into a very large circle of rope. He also did a multiplying billiard ball routine and a sponge ball routine.

Congratulations and thank you to all the performers.

As usual, the affable Mr Dave Watters and his lovely wife Cathie Watters were in charge of the games. They've been doing this for many of our picnics over



audience member come up on stage to take part in a cup stacking contest while Trevor was blindfolded. The winner was the audience member. Trevor ended his show with a straight jacket escape.



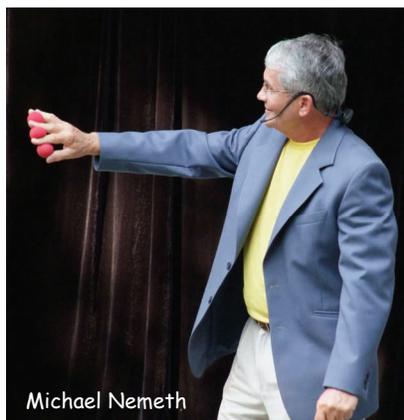
Next was Neil Kremer, who did colour changing silks, torn and restored newspaper and disappearing water. He also had Karen Eskilson and Billy Hsueh come up on stage where they were hypnotized and were pretending to play the piano. Neil had also supplied a sealed prediction envelope to Karen Eskilson the evening prior to the event. During the event he had club President Gord Boyes choose a random date, which Billy Hsueh then looked up on a calendar which had random playing cards listed on every day. The date that was chosen was shown to

the years. The games included a giant pitch and putt golf, banana ring toss, and a ball toss.

Karen Eskilson did a balloon workshop. She also brought her dog Ruby, who unfortunately couldn't participate in the workshop as she had difficulty tying the balloons.

The winner of the 50/50 draw was Sheila McIntosh, with a winning of \$35.50. There were 37 members and 47 guests (and Karen's dog Ruby).

Everyone had a great time and the weather was perfect. See you all next year!!

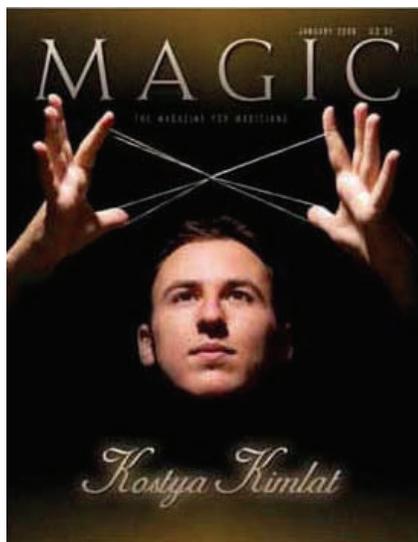


This is also the day where an adult or junior member can earn their Wand Holders Degree by presenting a satisfactory fifteen minute performance.

Kostya Kimlat Lecture Review

submitted by David Parker

On Friday, September 4th, 2009, 32 Vancouver Magic Circle members and 8 non-members took a break from the PNE and back-to-school shopping to come to Douglas College in Beautiful New Westminster BC to attend a lecture by the creator of the Roadrunner Cull, Kostya Kimlat. Kostya was born in the Ukraine, and moved to the U.S. when he was 9 years old. He is the youngest magician to appear on the cover of Magic Magazine (Gord Boyes even brought a copy to show us), and did his first lecture tour when he was only 17 years old.



Kostya was well organized. Days prior to his lecture, he asked for questions from the group, and they were rewarded with one of his DVD's for participating.

The first thing he did was share with us his tips for approaching a group of people when doing walk around magic, or for approaching a table when doing restaurant magic. He then showed us the opener he has used for walk around for the past eight or nine years - the Orlando Opener. Then it was time to turn out the lights for a mentalism trick done by candlelight. Then, an amazing trick using a lighter, followed by the appearance of a ringing cellphone from an envelope that had been examined by the spectators. And I thought he was just a card guy!

The last trick prior to the break was the most amazing Triumph I have ever seen (even though I say it before on his DVD). Not only were the cards shuffled face-up to face-down by the spectator, but they were spread on the table, and freely turned so that some cards were face-up and some were face-down, but by the end of the trick, they were all facing the same way, except for the selected card. Shuffle first, ask question later!

During the break, we did our usual schmoozing and buying products. Following the break was the awarding of a special collection of Kostya's products to one of our Junior members paid for by Magicana's Tony Eng Youth Fund. As there were only three Junior members present, the odds were pretty good. Kostya was given three playing cards with the Junior member's names written on them by Gord Boyes, and was asked to select one of them. Jesse Boyes was the winner, but our concerns were alleviated when we saw that the other two cards had other names on them.



We also shared Graham Kita's celebration of a special birthday that ended in a zero. I'm not sure which decade it was, but I know it wasn't 10, as he was not eligible for the Junior draw. Then was the draw for the \$20 admission fee for any member who registered in advance, and the lucky winner was ME, and they say there is no reward for writing this column. Thanks VMC!

And what lecture would be complete without the presentation to the lecturer of the coveted VMC pen (oooooh), the lovely garment bag (aaaaaah), and the piece of Canada, Maple leaf cookies (yummy).



Back to the lecture. The second half started off with several great effects that can be done using Post-It notes. Who'd a thunk it. Then he did a routine, which was more of a story than a trick, about the murder of the Kings of Hearts and how it was solved. For those of you who missed it, it will be published in the next issue of Magic Magazine.

This was followed up by some demonstrations and tricks utilizing the Top Palm. Then getting away from cards, some mentalism using M&M chocolates. His final trick was an amazing Collectors trick utilizing a house party theme.

Amazing card guy, amazing candles, Post-It notes, lighters, cell phones, and chocolate candy guy. What an entertaining evening.



Portland Magic Jam 2009

David Regal, Aaron Fisher, Nathan Kranzo, and Steve Dobson will ALL be appearing at the very first "PORTLAND MAGIC JAM" in Portland, Oregon, this coming Sept 25, 26, and 27. (Fri, Sat, Sun).

There will be lectures. There will be shows. There will be an "Approaching Magic Workshop" for all. There will be a panel discussion with these 4 heavyweights on stage together. There will be stuff to buy. In addition to the dealers tables, we've added the opportunity for anybody to sell or swap their own magic on a special communal sales table! We'll also have a raffle with some cool stuff donated by some generous people who're helping to support the event! There will be organized jam sessions. And for



David Regal

those who like to session through the night, there will be a 24-hour session room, and a 24-hour restaurant. The contest will offer at least \$300 in no strings attached magic certificates, plus other items donated by the lecturers. Prizes for 1st and 2nd place. Contest is 2-6 minutes stand up parlour



Steve Dobson

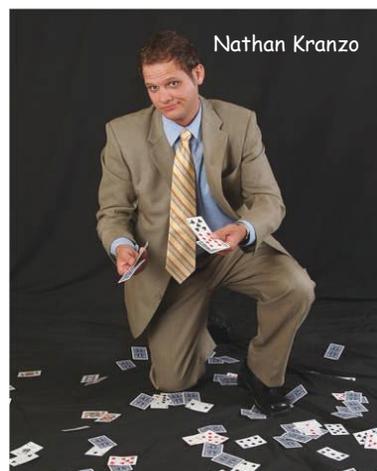
magic, where the magic can be seen by the audience without doing it flat on a table.

When paying the cost of registration, Canadian money will be taken at par with US!! Payments can be made on the Jam website.

The VENUE is a hotel right off I-5, just south of the WA/OR border, called The Portlander Inn. Optional ROOM RATES are down to \$35 apiece, based on double-occupancy with two queen beds. The hotel has



Aaron Fisher



Nathan Kranzo

every amenity right there on the property, so people flying in or taking the train won't have to rent a car.

The organizers are Greg Moreland and Dan Waterman. They're keeping all the latest information updated on the event website, along with contact info for inquiries:

www.portlandmagicjam.com

Hope to see you there.

Kramien's Magic Jamboree 2010

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Where you mingle with the stars

April 30—May 1, 2010

I was thrilled to receive an email from Stan Kramien informing me that his Magic Jamboree would be returning in 2010 after a one year hiatus. The most fun you will ever have at a magic gathering! The VMC always has a strong turnout for this annual convention, with great shows, lectures, competitions, dealers tables, the annual auction (run by our club). If you've ever been to it, then you know why it's one of the years highlights for many of our members. I guarantee you'll never hear anyone say that they didn't enjoy it immensely. Double the fun by considering car pooling with some of us. Stan says it's at a new location, bigger and better than ever!



Stan and Jeff Hobson at the 2008 Magic Jamboree



David Wilson and David Watters running the annual auction



PCAM 2009—Sept 21—26

Portland Magic Jam—Sept 25—27

X-ellent Lecture Series—Nov 6

VMC Christmas Dinner & Show—Nov 22

Kramiens Magic Jamboree 2010—April 30—May 1

X-ellent Lecture Series - Michael Weber on November 6th.

Hmmmm..... you're thinking... "I thought the next guest lecturer was going to be Curtis Kam, the connoisseur of coins". Well, if you had been paying attention to newsletters in the past you'd be thinking that!

The bad news is that Curtis Kam is unable to make it. The good news is that Michael Weber will be coming in his place.

The next installment of the X-ellent lecture series features guest lecturer Michael Weber on November 6th at Douglas College in New Westminster (700 Royal Avenue, Room 2203). As always, cost for members in advance is \$20, or \$25 at the door. Cost for non-members is \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. Junior members are free! The Lecture starts at 7:30pm.

Ask yourself - Is there a Drawing Duplication so perfect that all you need is any four pieces of cardboard, any four markers and a room full of spectators you want to destroy? No preshow, no glimpses, no nonsense. Get a sneak peek at a miracle.

Is it possible to learn a memorized deck in two minutes or less? Can you instantly, easily and permanently know every card in order, the card at every number from 1 to 52 and the numerical and relative location of every card using any deck and only your brain? Yes, and Michael Weber will teach you. Can you make a drawing of a spoon visibly, magically and permanently bend using a single business card and any pen or pencil? Yes, and Michael Weber will show you how.

When was the last time someone fooled you, inspired you, made you laugh, made you think and most of all made you proud to call yourself a magician?

Michael Weber has performed his own brand of original, award-winning magic (IBM, SAM, FISM) for over three decades. You have seen his work in Hollywood blockbusters including Forrest Gump, Ocean's 13, The Prestige and The Illusionist. Now you can meet the man behind the miracles. Weber promises an amazing blend of original magic with cards, impromptu non-card magic and powerful mentalism. Join Michael Weber and press the reset button on the way you think about magic.

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