



...the Charles Howard ring

# Vancouver Magic Circle

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS – RING 92

Affiliated with the Pacific Coast Association of Magicians

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#### *The Farewell Lecture!!!*



*A unique night, a unique lecture, there will be many surprises for you. There will be champagne, there will be prizes to be won during the lecture, commemorative t-shirts, full color commemorative lecture notes, never before released DVD's, there will be music and of course lots of magic. We guarantee everyone a fantastic evening, of magic, friendship, fellowship and FUN!! Come on out to join us and say Farewell!!! We hope to see as many of you as possible to share this very special evening with us.*

*Best Always! See you there!  
Aldo & Rachel Colombini*

## The Magical Minutes

April 2011



Please be sure to send me any articles, comment and ideas for future issues of YOUR newsletter!

Jill Braybrooke, Editor

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## ★ COMPETITION CORNER ★

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## ★ WORKSHOP WONDERS ★

The March workshop titled "The Long and Short of It" was presented by Bruce Meyers. Bruce performed a beautiful rope routine and then demonstrated it to the members. As he went through the lesson he was able to teach us the finer points of rope magic. Everyone was lucky to have rope supplied to them so no-one had to sit out!

## ★ BIZ BUZZ ★

The March business meeting was started after the workshop at 8:30pm. It was announced in the March newsletter that we would be having a 'Special General Meeting' to be held at the April meeting. This was opened for discussion and a motion to move the Special General Meeting to June was made by Past President, Dave Watters. He explained that the Constitution Committee was working on many resolutions and needed more time. The five resolutions that were passed in January, and were to be voted on correctly in the Special Meeting were tabled to the new June 23rd date.

**Please be advised – Second Notice:** June 23rd, 2011 we will be having a 'Special General Meeting' to vote on resolutions for the Constitution. The Committee has found seven versions of our Constitution and we have adopted the last known complete version from 1995. Resolutions that have been passed in the last 15 years are not reflected nor updated in this version. Your Executive is committed to getting a fully revised and updated Constitution for you for the June meeting. The current version is posted on the website for all to see here:

<http://www.ibmring92.com/images/VANCOUVER%20MAGIC%20CIRCLE%20Constitution.doc>

Any resolutions you want to make can be composed on the form available on the VMC website or on page \_\_ of this newsletter. When completed, email your form to the President. He will then forward your submission to the Constitution Committee. We will print the resolutions in the following newsletters so you will know what we are voting on in June. Thank you all for your support!

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## **Children's Magician of the Year!**

Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>, Magic for Youngsters! – This incredible show boasts magicians and clowns and jugglers... oh my! The Shadbolt Centre once again welcomes the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Children's Magician of the Year, presented by The Vancouver Magic Circle in Association with The International Brotherhood of Magicians. As part of this exciting show, you'll witness amazing antics, mystifying miracles and much more! The top Children's Entertainers in BC will be vying for the top award – and YOU get to decide who wins! So bring the whole family for some wholesome afternoon fun – and see for yourself if Vancouver's Got Talent!



## **Pacific Coast Association of Magicians and Canadian Association of Magicians Convention**

The Vancouver Magic Circle is proud to be hosting these two excellent conventions July 28 – 31, 2011. All VMC members are strongly encouraged to register and support this amazing once in lifetime event that YOUR club is hosting! Contests, Professional Magic Challenge, Awards, Lectures and Dealers will make this an event you won't want to miss!

# ★ Web Corner ★

The VMC site is updated with all the events you want to know about! Want the 411 on the latest lecture? Want to find the link to the CAM / PCAM convention so you can register? Want to pay your dues? Want to know what the next meeting's competition is and how to enter? How about our policies? Our Constitution? The newsletters – going back 8 years? You can vote for the Murray and Stan Kramien Award. You can check what we have in the Library and even request a book! It's all there – online at [www.ibmring92.com](http://www.ibmring92.com) Check it out!



# ★ WHAT DID YOU THINK? ★

The latest speaker in the 2011 X-elent Lecture Series was Chad Long, who presented on Friday, April 1. Thirty-seven people attended the lecture at Douglas College in New Westminster. Chad was an entertaining and lively lecturer who started off his presentation with a series of tricks including coins, sticks of gum and an amazing illusion that showed him pulling cards right out of the wall! This illusion is appropriately titled "The Wall".

A really fun trick that he demonstrated was "Al Dente". He chewed a raw, broken piece of spaghetti and then produced it whole from his mouth! Very impressive! Many, many more intriguing tricks and illusions were presented by Chad and the audience had a great evening. Following the lecture, Chad offered tricks and DVD's for sale – a popular item was the "Scratch Off Sticker" which with a little imagination can be used for several great tricks I am sure!

## ★ UPCOMING LECTURE ★

The next guest in the X-elent Lecture Series is Doc Eason;

In 1977, at age 30, William H. "Doc" Eason took a 2 week motorcycle vacation from his home in California and journeyed to Snowmass, Colorado to visit some old fraternity brothers. These friends co-owned the Tower Restaurant with John Denver. As fate would have it, one of the first people he met in Snowmass was legendary bar magician, Bob Sheets. This chance meeting changed the course of Doc's life forever. The two week vacation turned into an incredible run of over 27 years. He never returned to California and to make a long story very short, Doc had Bob's old job as the magic bartender and featured entertainer at John Denver's World Famous Tower Comedy Magic Bar and Restaurant until it closed its doors on April 10, 2004.

Having been awarded Close-up Magician of the Year and Lecturer of the Year from the Academy of Magical Arts, this entertaining lecture is about much more than Bar Magic. It is loaded with tips, lines, bits of business as well as audience tested material from his working repertoire.

This acclaimed talk is designed so that everyone, from the absolute novice to the seasoned pro, will walk away with something useful. Mark your calendar! You don't want to miss this enjoyable and informative talk.

Friday - June 10th, 2011    7:30 pm - The learning begins!  
Room 2203 at Douglas College, New West  
\$20 advance tickets for members  
\$25 at the door  
\$50 Non-member  
Junior MEMBERS get in FREE!

# ★ TIDBITS ★

Club member Dennis Hewson performed at the Port Moody Boat Days on April 16<sup>th</sup>! Dennis was featured in a great write-up in the Tri-City News along with a large picture of him and a flaming book. Way to go Dennis!

I decided to do a fundraiser because I wanted to do something for the community. I recently started working at East Side Marios doing magic so I confronted them with the idea of doing a fundraiser one day. They agreed so I gathered together a bunch of magicians to help me entertain everybody who came to the fundraiser. James Hanson, Steve Dickson, Billy Hsueh, Gord Boyes, Jesse Boyes, Rosiland Chan, Bryn Williams and Gary Savard came out to help. All the money raised was donated to the Lions Gate Hospital. We also held a silent auction to raise more money. After getting everything together we had the silent auction, a set menu that you could order off of and a great group of magicians to help entertain everybody. It was a huge success and we raised a total of \$1,650. Everybody had fun seeing all the magicians there and I had a blast doing everything. Big thanks to everybody who came out to the fundraiser and a special thanks to all the magicians that came and helped entertain, the guests loved your magic!

**Brianna Carlson**

The Annual VMC Picnic will be held on August 1st this year – more details TBA!

Have you registered yet for the 2011 PCAM/CAM Convention? Now is time so you don't miss out go to [www.magicianconvention.com](http://www.magicianconvention.com) See you there!

Are you interested in being on the Phone Committee? We are looking for volunteers to help out a couple of times a years to contact the membership. If you are interested please contact Sergeant At Arms, Alex Seaman.

## ROSTER BOOK

The roster book is here! If you have not received your copy yet – please be sure to contact 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Gord Boyes!

# ★ FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK ★

Greetings and Salutations to all VMC Members!

Well, here we are finally out of the winter doldrums into the bright sunny and warm spring weather, and soon into summer. At least I think that was the sun I saw between the snow flakes, hail and downpour of rain! I still have my windshield ice scraper at the ready and I haven't shed my winter coat yet. Whatever happened to this "global warming" scientists have been inundating us with for the last few years? I guess they must have found a way to reverse it and now everyone is freezing. One good thing is that our pasty faced and rusting population is staying indoors and out of the bad weather to attend more live entertainment than ever before; which means more magic shows.

What better way to prepare yourself than to attend some or all of the great magic lectures, shows and conventions that will be happening over the next few months. There is a load of magic coming up that you simply don't want to miss! Not only will we be having our monthly meetings and competitions up until the end of June (July and August we take a break) but you will have a chance to see the best. On May 12<sup>th</sup> (that's a Thursday), the "KIDabra" club is sponsoring Aldo and Rachel Columbini who are doing their Farewell lecture tour. On June 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be presenting the annual VMC Children's Magician of the Year show and only a week later, June 10<sup>th</sup>, we welcome the infamous Doc Eason who will be doing his lecture! Just when you thought you were safe....BAM! the combined CAM and PCAM (hosted by the VMC) happens at the end of July, with the famous annual VMC picnic providing the perfect ending for the convention. There will be other things in between some of these events to keep even the most die-hard magic junkie going. It is through your support that we are able to bring in these great magicians and to hold magic events that you will never forget without breaking the bank. Get involved and support magic!!

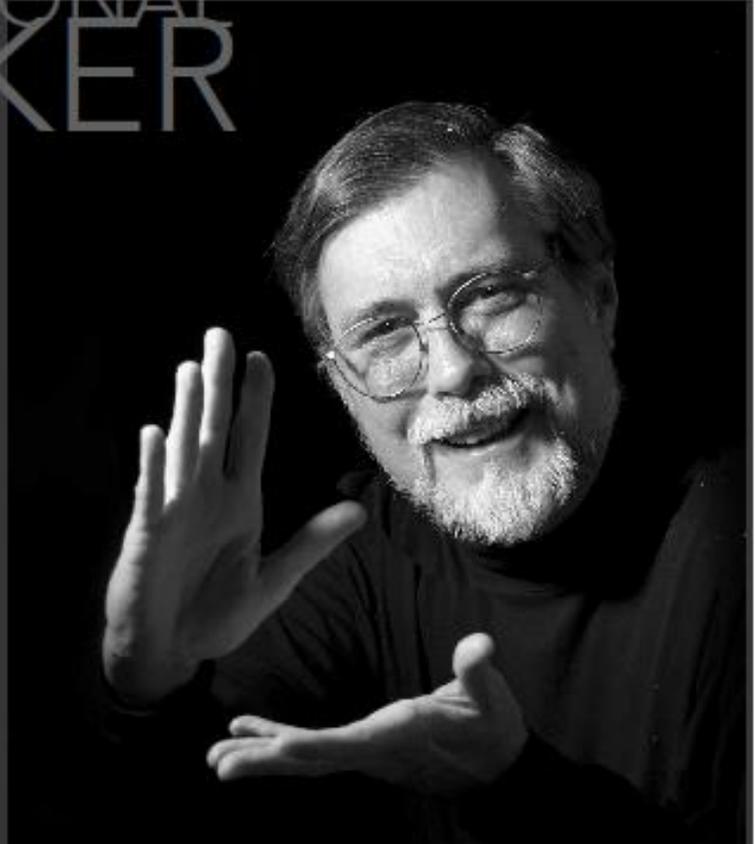
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**Resolution(s) to the Vancouver Magic Circle CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE**  
member must be in good standing with VMC & IBM for resolution to be accepted by the committee

Name of Member: \_\_\_\_\_ IBM membership number: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Membership dues current: VMC \_\_\_\_\_ IBM \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I want to amend a resolution in the constitution (reference Number in Constitution: \_\_\_)

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**The reason(s) why I want to amend this article / proposed new article:**

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**Whereas number \_\_\_ of the constitution reads**

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**I am proposing a change to read as follows:**

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