



...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 Magical Minutes

May 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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★ WORKSHOP WONDERS ★

Our club's most recent meeting, on April 28th was started off by a workshop on Impromptu Magic by Steve Dickson. Material covered included magic with matches, corks, raisins, napkins, spoons and coffee creamers. Steve started out by performing some excellent effects tested through his long-standing work in restaurants. Following his performance, Steve happily let everyone in on the workings of these mini-miracles. Everyone was able to try out their new-found material with the materials provided by the club and the workshop came to a close with a huge success! The Vancouver Magic Circle would like to send a thank you to Steve Dickson for donating his time and energy to put together this workshop for the members of the club.

Get ready for complete and utter MAY-hem (sorry, bad joke) because the Vancouver Magic Circle's next meeting is going to be a big one! Before we dive into the coveted Close-Up Competition for Juniors and Adult members, we will be starting off the meeting with an incredible workshop that will have you ready to snap. The Vancouver Magic Circle presents "Now That's A Stretch!", a workshop completely dedicated to magic with rubber bands! Presented by Henry Tom, you can be sure that this is a meeting you definitely won't want to miss out on. In addition to the classics of rubber band magic, we'll be taking a look at rubber band magic with cards, finger rings and much more! Make sure to bring a finger ring, a deck of cards and #16 or #19 rubber bands (these can be found at most office supply stores). We'll see you there!



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Top acts listed to appear so far are: SILLY BILLY (David Kaye), MIKE BENT, JON ALLEN, DIAMOND JIM TYLER, HANNIBAL, BIZZARO, our own TREVOR AND LORENA WATTERS, RICHARD FORGET, PAUL ROMHANY, MASTER PAYNE, and ERIC BUSS But that's not all!!! Even more names are going to be released in the near future!!!!

★ 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 Check it out!

★ April 2011 Meeting Review ★

Our first spring meeting started with Steve Dickson, one of our professional magicians, doing a routine as at a pub walk-about or on a small stage. He showed us a lot of simple routines that anyone with practise could master and look like a pro using rings, matches, utensils, coin in a bottle and especially a grim effect using a fork and a coffee creamer that made me jump out of my skin it was so life-like.

Next, past presidents David Wilson and Ray Medway conducted a Broken Wand ceremony for Claus Ritter who died after a short illness. Claus ran the Country Inn in Langley and had a long list of magic friends perform there. He insisted on a very high moral crew and in return had a devoted staff. Several prominent magicians spoke highly of Claus. The Broken Wand was given to Tanya, one of the several members of the family to attend. After our snack break and during the business meeting David Watters brought us up to speed on what the Constitution Review Committee had accomplished and wished to complete in the next few months. Then it was on to the Charles Howard competition which promotes the use of a gimmick in a card effect or routine. Starting was Henry Tom using his I-Phone to produce a card with good sound effects. Bryn Williams had a special card selected using a clever method. Then Ed Goldberg, with help from Gord Boyes, used extra sensory perception to find a card. Gordon McIntosh used Steve Braybrooke as his helper. Joji Yamashita took time from his cooking duties and help from Dennis Chan and Steve Dickson to come up with his pot of gold. Jeff Christensen asked Jennifer Meyers to write down her card selection and he figured it out. Philip Razon also asked Jennifer to separate a deck into black and red sections but ran into time clock violation so was disqualified. Finally Mathew Jones also used Stephen Braybrooke to take the 8 of clubs out of the deck and found it. Second place was Jeff Christensen and the winner was Bryn Williams. The winner of \$41.00 in the 50/50 draw was also Bryn. 37 members and 9 guests had an enjoyable evening even if it was the second coldest April on record.

Submitted by Munroe McKenzie, Ring Reporter



★ **WHAT DID YOU THINK?** ★

The latest speaker in the 2011 X-ellent 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.

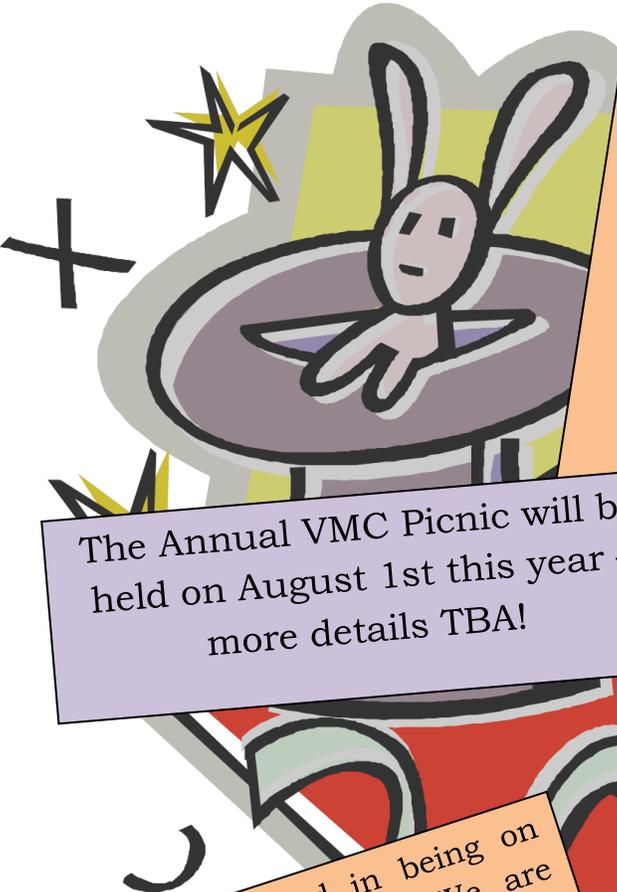
Having been awarded Close-up Magician of the Year and Lecturer of the Year from the Academy of Magical Arts, this entertaining lecture is about much more than Bar Magic. It is loaded with tips, lines, bits of business as well as audience tested material from his working repertoire.

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★

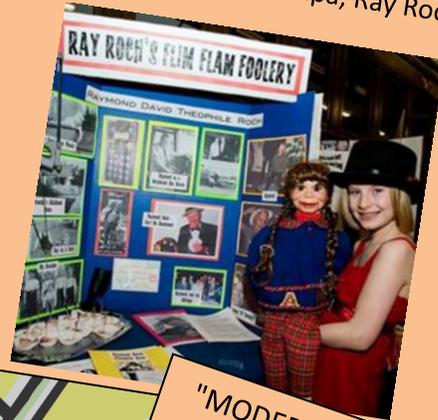
The June meeting will also hold a **Special General Meeting** to deal with the Constitution.



My 12 year old granddaughter, Brenna chose me as her school heritage project and here is a photo of her submission. It was shown on the front page of the Whitehorse Star newspaper with the following caption: "

HONOURING A GRANDFATHER – Brenna Symanski, from St. Elias School in Haines Junction, created a project on her grandfather, Magic Grandpa, for the Yukon Heritage Fair. The fair entries were judged Thursday at the Yukon Transportation Museum in Whitehorse.

Cheers - Proud grandpa, Ray Roch



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

"MODERN ART" STAGE ILLUSION FOR SALE
 (USED)
 PRICE: \$600.00 CDN
 For more information:
 Contact Rhonda at 604-472-9441
 email: RLRADFORD@TELUS.NET
 DETAILS: 9 years old, illusion located in Chilliwack BC
 Comes apart in 2 pieces. Fits assistant who's 5'2" to 5'6". Overall, Good working order.
 Can be done surrounded.
 Can be viewed here:
<http://www.facebook.com/DominOMagic>

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 1st Vice President, Gord Boyes!



SPECIAL EVENT NOTICE



A very important message from member Jeff Christensen –

On Friday, June 24th, 2011, we will be holding our third annual fundraiser “Celebrate the Child – A Magical Evening”. The doors will be open at 6:15pm with the show from 7pm to 9pm. The show will be held at L’Ecole Bilingue Elementary, which is located at 1166 W. 14th Avenue in Vancouver, between Oak and Granville Streets. Proceeds will go to the children’s charity “Raise a Reader”. Last year, through your generosity, we raised almost \$6,000 and were able to grant a wish through the BC Make-A-Wish Foundation, which sent wish recipient Ebony and her family to Disney World in Florida! This year we are proud to announce that the “World Champion of Magic”, Shawn Farquhar, will be our headline act! Shawn recently appeared on the Ellen Degeneres show. Check out Shawn’s amazing magic at www.magichampion.com. In addition to Shawn, the evening will also feature the magical talents of: Steve Dickson, Bruce Hunt, Brianna Carlson, Nicholas Chow/Melody Choi, and Henry Tom, with Rod Chow as our stage manager. Make sure you purchase your tickets early as this event sells out fast every year!

Go to www.celebratethechild.ca and click on the link to purchase your tickets through PayPal. We ask a minimum donation of \$10 per ticket. Please indicate the number of tickets requested as well as the name/address to receive a tax receipt. Tickets can also be ordered by emailing celebratejonah@shaw.ca.

A Magical Evening
IN LOVING MEMORY OF JONAH CHRISTENSEN

THIRD ANNUAL SHOW

Come Celebrate the Child in All of Us

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1166 West 14th Avenue, Vancouver

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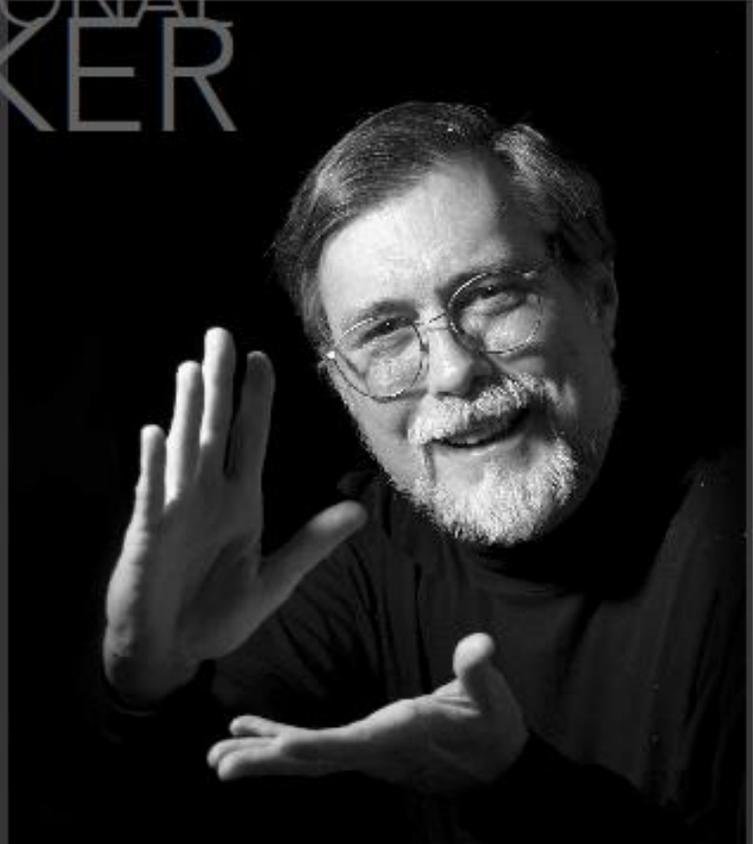
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Minimum donation \$10/ticket | Tax receipts can be provided

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