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THE MAGICAL MINUTES NEWSLETTER

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VMC Christmas Dinner

The VMC Christmas dinner will be held on Thursday, November 22nd at the Sunrise Community Hall. We will be doing a potluck dinner.

We all had a great time last year and look forward to another wonderful evening. If you wish to attend the dinner please contact Graham Kita at 604-880-2685 (grahamthemagicguy@gmail.com) or Dennis Chan at 604-942-6976 (d.andsjw3rd@shaw.ca) and let us know how many will be attending and what you are able to bring for food.



The Christmas dinner is also when we hold the competition for the W.C. Shelly Trophy (Stage Magic-Adult), and Percy Poole Trophy (Stage Magic-Junior Member). Anyone interested in competing please contact Bryn Williams at 604-862-6609 or email at brynmagician@gmail.com.

There will also be a Secret Santa gift exchange.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Vancouver Magic Circle!

As I stepped outside and nearly slipped on a sheet of ice for the first time this season, I realized that Christmas is much closer than we'd think. With many of you filling up your schedules with Christmas bookings, the Vancouver Magic Circle does not meet during December. We will be holding our annual Christmas Potluck on November 22nd, 2012 at the Sunrise Community Hall. You will be able to find out more information about the event through the coming pages of this newsletter. Make sure to bring some extra cash as we will be raffling off TONS of amazing prizes that you can only get by attending the dinner! I remember last year being such a great time, and am really looking forward to another phenomenal night of food, magic and relaxation.



I would like to thank all those who signed the petition presented at the October Meeting to help the Sunrise Community Association from having the hall taken from them by the Vancouver Parks Board. I was thrilled to see such an excellent VMC turnout to the meeting in support of the Community Association and the hall. Members present included Steve Dickson, Shawn Farquhar, Tony Chris, Dennis Chan, Billy Hsueh, Gord McIntosh, John Smithman and myself. Thank you very much to all involved, I know our presence and words were very much appreciated.

As many of you may know, it is with a heavy heart that the X-ellent Lecture Series has come to an end. Our good friend Lee Asher has produced this series for years and has done an incredible job in bringing to us some amazing talent from across the world. The Vancouver Magic Circle Board is currently in evaluations for the future of our lectures and are speaking with different groups looking to arrange a similar lecture circuit. Get ready for a magic-packed 2013 year folks!

Our January meeting is the all important One Trick Night and Past President's Night as well as the after-hours Installation (does anyone know a good rental source for a ceremonial goat?) but it is also our circle's Annual General Meeting where we have a chance to re-work the Constitution. A Constitution Committee has been formed and will be accepting resolutions shortly until December 31st. This offers a chance to all Active Members to submit a change they'd like to see in the document to the committee who will review the change and, pending discussion, forward it to a member vote at the January meeting. If there is something you would like changed, I urge you to contact Constitution Chair Bryn Williams as soon as you're able.

That's all for now folks. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Dinner!

Alex Seaman

President
Vancouver Magic Circle
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Making headlines...

Even in retirement VMC members can't seem to keep a low profile. Club member Ray Roch was recently featured on CHECK TV! **This episode will air again on February 3, 2013 at 2:PM.**

Episode 8

Hobby Diversion

Airs: **November 4th, 2012**



Enter the model railway world, watch some wood-loving whittlers, learn some traditional Celtic dance moves and enjoy the magic of sleight of hand. *Topics: Model Railroading; Scottish Country Dancing – Eileen MacKenzie; Ladner Woodworkers Club; Ray Roch – Magician.*



PREDICT-O-PILES

FOR THIS TRICK, YOU'LL NEED A PEN, A PAD OF THOSE STICKY NOTES AND 2 PILES OF CARDS.

ON THE FRONT OF A STICKY NOTE, WRITE, "YOU WILL PICK THE 6 PILE." MAKE SURE YOUR FRIEND CAN'T SEE WHAT YOU'VE WRITTEN.

IMMEDIATELY STICK THE NOTE TO YOUR FRIEND'S FOREHEAD. EXPLAIN THAT HE MUSTN'T LOOK AT IT UNTIL YOU TELL HIM TO.

TELL YOUR SILLY-LOOKING, STICKER-HEADED FRIEND TO CHOOSE ONE OF THE PILES OF CARDS IN FRONT OF HIM.

TURN THE PILE HE DIDN'T CHOOSE OVER TO REVEAL A JUMBLED MESS OF RANDOM CARDS.

INSTRUCT YOUR FRIEND TO LOOK AT THE NOTE HE IS FOOLISHLY WEARING ON HIS BROW.

THE PILE HE CHOSE CONTAINS ALL 4 SIXES! WOW! HOW INCREDIBLE IS THAT? SOMEHOW YOU KNEW WHICH PILE HE WOULD CHOOSE BEFORE HE DID! YOU ARE ONE INCREDIBLY MAGICAL MAGICIAN!

GASP!

Mac & Bill King

HOWDY DO IT?

THIS TRICK WORKS BECAUSE YOUR PREDICTION IS RIGHT, NO MATTER WHICH PILE YOUR FRIEND CHOOSES. ONE PILE HAS 4 SIXES AND ONE PILE HAS 6 CARDS. SO, IF YOUR FRIEND HAD CHOSEN THE OTHER PILE, YOU WOULDN'T REVEAL WHAT THE CARDS WERE. INSTEAD YOU WOULD SPREAD OUT THE CARDS FACEUP TO SHOW THAT HE CHOSE THE PILE WITH 6 CARDS RATHER THAN 4. YOUR PREDICTION WOULD STILL BE CORRECT!



Magic...the universal language:

Magic may have universal appeal, but unless you have a silent act you will need some basic vocabulary. With this handy guide, you can identify yourself as the 'Life of the Party' wherever you may travel.

1. Afrikaans - Kulkunstenaar
2. Albanian - Magjistar
3. Arabic - Saher
4. Armenian - Gakhart
5. Basque - Aztia
6. Batok - Manicot
7. Bengali - Jadukar
9. Bulgarian - Fokusnik
10. Burmese - Milleseya
11. Bylorussian - Charadzey
12. Catalan - Mag
13. Croatian - MadjioniCar
14. Czech - Kouzelnik
15. Danish - Tryllekunstner
16. Djula - Jinamory
17. Dutch - Gochelaar
18. English - Magician
19. Esperanto - Iluziisto
20. Estonian - Võlur
21. Farsi - Jadoogar
22. Finnish - Taikurin
23. Flemish - Tovenaar
24. French - Magicien
25. Gaelic - Draoi
26. Gallego - Bruxo
27. German - Zauberer
28. Greek - Magos
29. Gujarati - Jadoogar
30. Hawaiian - Ho'okalakupua
31. Hebrew - Kosem
32. Hindi - Jadoogar
33. Hungarian - Bűvesz

More to come...

(source: magic.lifetips.com)

October Ring Report

By: Munro MacKenzie & Dennis Chan

The Vancouver Magic Circle

I.B.M. Ring #92

Meets 4th Thursday of each month except August & December at Sunrise Community Hall, 1950 Windermere St. Vancouver, at 7p.m.
President-Alex Seaman

The theme of this month's meeting was of course Halloween, where people dressed up in their favourite Halloween costume. Bryn Williams was the MC for the best Halloween costume contest while regular contest chairperson Henry Tom is taking a long vacation. The contestants were Jessica Chan, Matthew Jones, Brianna Carlson, Shawn Farquhar, Graham Kita, Tony Chris and Gary Savard. The winner, by applause was Gary Savard, who was dressed up like Jeff McBride. No prizes were handed out, just bragging rights.

This is the month where we have the Tip Top & Tootsie trophy contest. To compete in this contest, at least one effect (close-up, parlour, or stage), with a Halloween theme must be performed. This contest is opened to juniors and adults. As with all contests the rules must be read out. Bryn Williams read the rules. Last year's winner, Brianna Carlson was the MC for this event. The competitors were Matthew Jones, Jessica Chan, Tony Chris, James Hanson, John Stenning, and Amanda O'Leary. In between the performances Brianna did some magic to keep the contest flowing. The winner of the Tip Top & Tootsie trophy was Amanda O'Leary. Congratulations Amanda. Tony Chris was the runner up. Congratulations to all the competitors.

After the contest, James Hanson did some coin magic including the muscle pass and a coins across routine. Thanks James. Before snack time everyone wished Jessica Chan a Happy 20th birthday. There was the usual singing of the birthday song and a birthday

cake. Preparing the snacks for the evening was Jessica Chan who brought some "mashed frogs" (green guacamole) and tortilla chips. Jennifer Meyers (from Stanwood, Washington) brought some homemade chicken chili, cheese and some Halloween cookies. The helping hand was Madison Savard who helped Jennifer decorate the Halloween cookies. Madison was dressed as a Graveyard Witch. Thank you very much Jennifer, Madison and Jessica. The chili was so good, that your reporter the 'Bulldog' lost count after 4 or 5 bowls. Dave Carlson brought a haunted gingerbread house for display.

During the business meeting the Christmas dinner was discussed and once again it will be a pot-luck dinner to be held at the hall on Thursday November 22nd. Matthew Jones mentioned of a movie screening at the wired monk coffee shop with a Halloween theme. Rod Chow talked about the magic dinner and show on Friday, January 25th 2013 put on by the SAM. Featured performer will be David Merry. David will also giving a lecture on Monday, January 28th at Douglas College in New Westminster. Mike Norden talked about the Pop Haydn lecture coming up on Friday, November 23rd. There will also be a dinner and show on Saturday, November 24th in Abbotsford. Both of these events are put on by the Fraser Valley Magic Club. The raffle winner was John Smithman. He won Flexion, which is a keys bending effect by Jon Allen. It also included a DVD. 11 guests and 29 members were in attendance.

Filling in for Munro MacKenzie...

I'm Dennis Chan.

3 of Clubs Convention voted ON the Island!

For those who did not go to the 3 of clubs magic convention in Victoria, you missed out on a lot of good and exciting magic and lectures. Performers from the greater Vancouver area were Brianna Carlson, Tony Chris, Steve Dickson, Bruce Hunt, Billy Hsueh, Gary Savard, Bruce and Jennifer Meyers

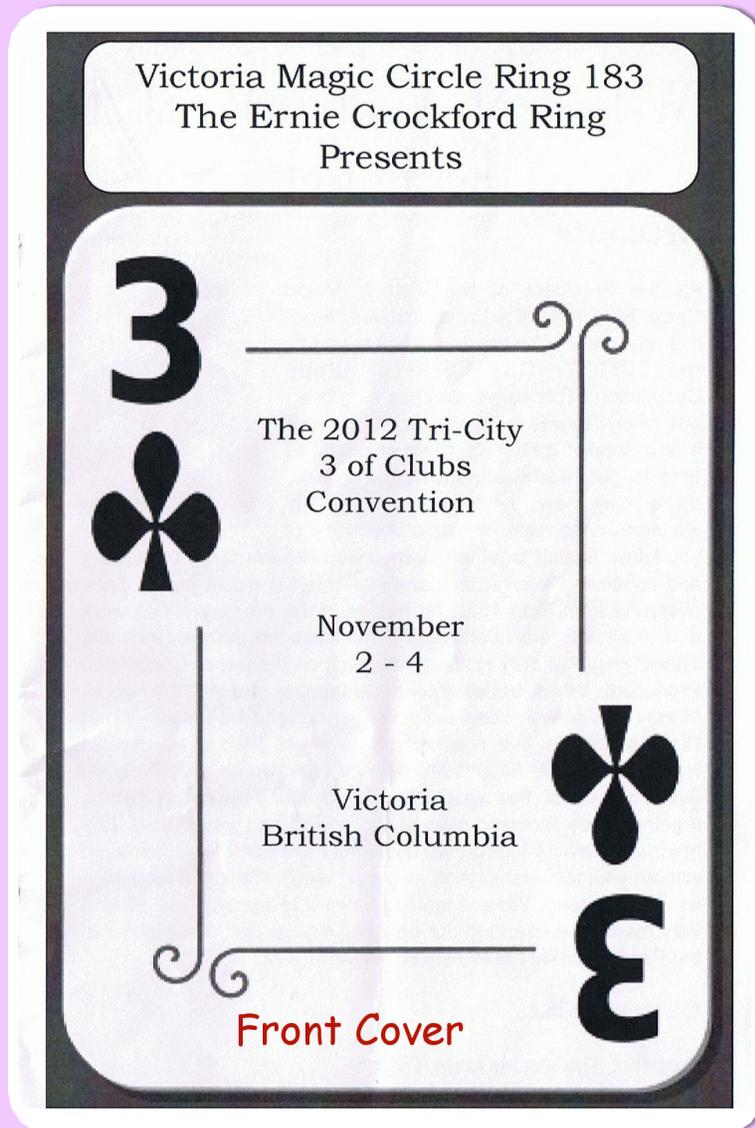
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Stanwood,
Washington. They are also members of the Vancouver Magic Circle. Mike Norden and Alex Seaman were the Masters of Ceremonies for this portion of the convention.

The lecturers were Jon Armstrong, a card magician, Andrew Goldenhersh, a parlour magician, and Lance Pierce, a close-up magician. Dave Morris (Victoria) gave an acting improvisation workshop, and Ryan Pilling (Calgary) gave an audience interaction workshop. Tony Chris (Port Coquitlam) did a lecture on mentalism.

Dealers included Mike Norden, Tony Chris and Murray's trick and joke shop. The highlight of the convention was an illusion show performed by Murray Hatfield and Teresa. Working the sound and lighting was Brian Cook from Everett, Washington.

Many thanks to the Victoria Magic Circle committee and volunteers who put on this great convention. They are: Eric Bedard, President, Murray Hatfield, Territorial Vice-President, Frank Sanz, Steve Hignett, Colin Holt, Shayne King and Chris Yuill.

I don't think I missed anyone, if I did, my apologies.



-Over and out...Dennis "The Bulldog" Chan

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3 OF CLUBS CONVENTION!



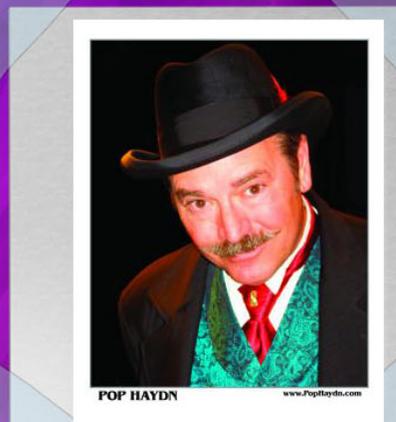
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Lance Pierce: Classic Card Magic

Lecture Report by Dennis Chan

Lance Pierce's lecture started with his version of the colour changing knives. It was very visual. He demonstrated an old classic, the colour changing silks, using, of course, the reliable dye tube. His technique of using the dye tube had everyone fooled even when they knew that he was using a dye tube. He also showed different styles of dye tubes. His technique and method of the colour changing card was different from other "standard" methods. His \$100.00 bill switch was a delight to see. While folding a one dollar bill, and letting a spectator see the one dollar bill at close range, the spectator never saw the change from the one dollar bill to a one hundred dollar bill. How did he do it? You should have gone to the lecture.

Coin routines included coins in change purse by using an Okito box and a Sun and Moon effect. His handling of coins was very smooth and deceptive. Card effects included showing Aces and Blank cards change into Kings. He also did a wild card routine. His card technique had local cardworkers going back to their practice table. He also did coins through cord where coins seemingly melt through the loop of a cord.

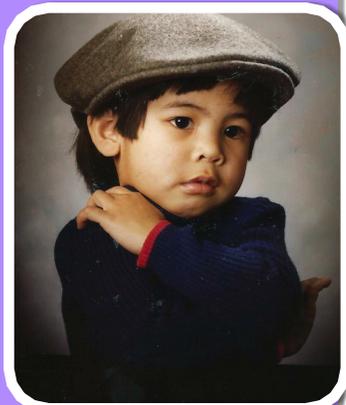
The attendance was quite low, only sixteen people. I am assuming that the people who went to the Victoria 3 of clubs convention did not go to this lecture as Lance also gave a lecture in Victoria. For those who did not attend this lecture, you missed a great lecture. Rick Mearns won back his entry! Thanks to Dennis Hewson for giving me a ride home.

OOPS! While doing the report for the 2012 PCAM Seattle convention, I inadvertently neglected to mention that Bruce Meyers from Stanwood, Washington took first place in the stage competition. Congratulations Bruce!

October's Mystery Mug

Congratulations to **John Stenning** who correctly identified last month's Mystery Mug as VMC Treasurer **Phil Razon**. Great work John! Your prize MUG will be waiting for you at the next monthly meeting.

This month's Mystery Mug feature is on Page 12.



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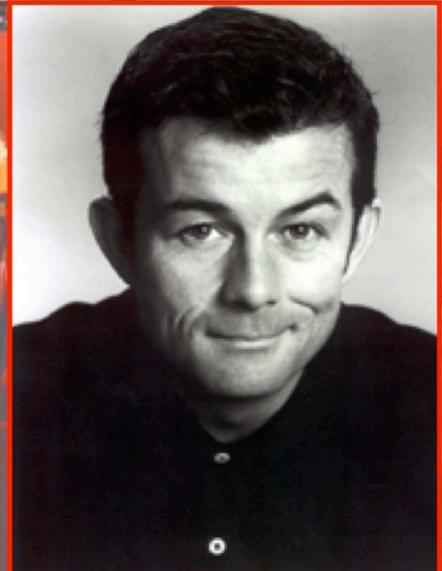
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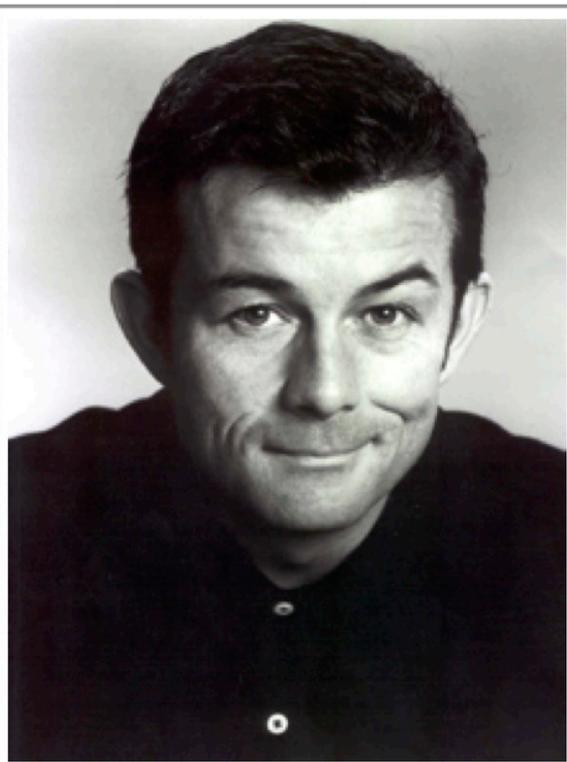
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When it comes to the field of Magic David has been asked to perform at some of the most prestigious Magic events in the world for his peers. He has appeared at the world famous Magic Castle in Hollywood, has hosted the Gala Show at Siegfried and Roy's World Magic Seminar Convention in Las Vegas. He performed on Greg Frewin's Show "Beyond Belief" when the Society of American Magicians convention bought the house out for it's annual get together. He has performed at the International Magic Convention in London England, Abbott's Magic Get together in Colon Michigan, the Daytona Magic Convention, twice at the Canadian Association of Magicians convention in Kitchener, the Battle of the Magicians convention in Canton Ohio, the NYCAN convention in Toronto, the Ultra Exclusive "Invitation Only" FFFF Close Up Convention in Batavia NY, the MAWNY convention in Buffalo, the Niagara Comedy Magic Seminar in Niagara Falls and for six years in a row was asked to perform and host spots at Hank Lee's Cape Cod Conclave, in Massachusetts.

When not performing on land David is a regular on Norwegian, Princess and Holland America cruise ships having performed with them on the Pacific, the Atlantic, the Caribbean, the Aegean, the Gulf of Mexico, the Alaskan Inner Passage, the Sea of Cortez and the Mediterranean.

Lecture

Date: Monday, January 28, 2013
Time: 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm (Doors open at 7:00 pm)
Venue: Douglas College Room #2203
Location: 700 Royal Ave., New Westminster, BC
In Advance: VMC, IBM, CAM & SAM Members: \$20.00
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We're Looking for Circle News!

OK, to be honest, we really have plenty of circle news. In fact, we have tons and tons of really interesting stuff to write about each and every month (mostly about circles, it seems), and our webmaster is literally 'beating away the hoards' of people who want their stuff (usually circles), posted to the website. Still, because we care...Our website www.vancouvermagiccircle.com has a full page dedicated to Circle news. Just email your circle to: webmaster@ibmring92.com.

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Mystery Mug WHO COULD IT BE?

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Email your response to the editor (see address below), all correct responses received by December 10, 2012 will be placed in a drawing to win (you guessed it), a MUG!

Email submissions to the editor at newsletter@ibmring92.com.



Can you locate the 4 typos that were purposely placed within the text of this Newsletter as a skill building exercise? If you find them all, please email your Grade 3 teacher...she will be so proud!