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Annual VMC Auction September 26th

SELLERS MUST PRE-REGISTER with Dave Carlson email davedonnacarlson@gmail.com

- LIMIT...20 ITEMS OR BUNDLES PER SELLER.
- FULL TABLE OF RAFFLE PRIZES TO BE GIVEN AWAY THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT
- SPECIAL VMC TABLE LOADED WITH MAGIC AND BOOKS !!!
- BRING LOTS OF MONEY!

Here is the schedule for the evening:

- 6:00pm- Sellers arrive and set up
- 6:30pm- Auction preview
- 7:30pm- Auction begins
- ??:??- Auction ends



Those who are selling, please arrive before 6:30 in order to set up your stuff! It is important that the Auction starts ON TIME. Why you ask? Because we don't want to stay until Midnight... and I doubt you would either!

SEE YOU THERE!

SAVE THE DATE:



*CHRISTMAS DINNER...SATURDAY
NOV 30th. POT LUCK, SECRET
SANTA, CONTACT DENNIS CHAN
OR GRAHAM KITA FOR DETAILS.*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hey everyone!

Summer is gone and the leaves are in. With the Vancouver Magic Circle back from our summer of magic, you can bet that the coming months will prove to house some of our best events yet!

With so much planned for our membership (too much for just one column), Billy and I have co-written our columns (see "From The Briefcase) so don't miss out!

But first, a quick look at what was inarguably a magic-packed summer. Our amazing and talented treasurer Phil informed us that while the VMC Magical Matinee show during June's first annual MAGIC Festival was a great showcase of our VMC talent, it was not the financial success we had anticipated due to shockingly low member turnout. Because of this, festival producer Shawn Farquhar has graciously donated the rent AND the printing cost for the event and the VMC thanks Shawn with enthusiasm.

For those of you who may have been following along on Facebook, you'll know that Billy and I bounced around the convention circuit like a pinball! From IBM in Phoenix AZ to PCAM in Burbank CA to Las Vegas for MAGIC Live then back to Canada for Sorcerers Safari magic camp in Toronto, we represented the VMC throughout our travels and worked to gather over \$1,500 in magic and exclusive prizes for the circle raffles, Legacy Fund and more!

The VMC enjoyed its share of summer fun with the Michael Dardant lecture and the Annual VMC Picnic, both enjoyed by all. Though the smaller than average picnic audience was quite pleased with their increased chances of winning the packages of valuable magic, we hope to see more of our friends out and enjoying the magic fun regularly.

Make sure to see Billy's column for everything Auction related and mark off Thursday the 26th to get your seat at the members-only auction and your chance at MASSIVE amounts of magic! *if you have rented library materials please rerun them to Dennis Chan as he prepares for 2013 inventory.

If you have not yet registered for the Vancouver Magic Circle's hosting of the 3 of Clubs Convention, what's going on??? Head over to the website NOW and register for our Super awesome convention getaway to the awesome Executive Inn in Coquitlam. We have amazing talent booked, and so many amazing things going on, this is going to be THE talk of 2013 in Victoria, Vancouver and Seattleish Area! Talk to Mike Norden our Convention Chair if you have any questions about registration or anything about the convention itself. When you book your rooms for the hotel, you MUST book through the hotel DIRECTLY with the Convention Code to get the special convention rate as we must fill our room requirement. Get the full convention experience and hurry to <http://www.ibmring92.com/tri-city-convention>

That's it for my half of the fun at the Vancouver Magic Circle! See you all on Thursday

Alex

Alex Seaman, President Vancouver Magic Circle



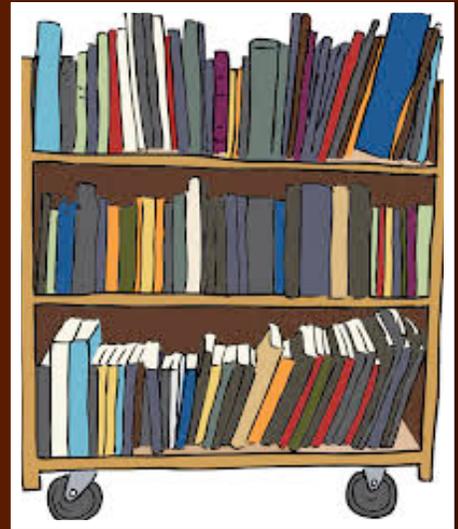
It's been a busy summer for our VMC Members.
Thanks so much for sharing your photos and memories on our Facebook page.



A Public Service Announcement from our club Librarian:
Hello fellow magicians:

With the ever popularity of magic DVDS, the DVDS in the club library is growing at a very fast rate. During the months of December and January I will be doing a massive overhaul and inventory control of the DVD library just to make sure that everything is in order and up to date and that nothing is missing. So, if you know you have any DVDS, please have them returned by the Christmas dinner, Saturday, November 30.

If you are unable to attend the Christmas dinner, please bring them to the October meeting. I do know who has DVDS. I'm not too worried about the books. Thanks....Dennis.



*Pearls of Wisdom
From Dennis Chan*

Birthdays are good for you, the more you have, the longer you live.

How can you tell if you run out of invisible ink?

How did I get over the hill without getting to the top?





BEANS, BEANS, A MAGICAL FRUIT



YOU MAY BE FAMILIAR WITH THE MUSICAL PROPERTIES OF BEANS, BUT DID YOU KNOW THAT THEY ARE MAGICAL AS WELL? IT'S TRUE, AND HERE'S HOW YOU CAN PROVE IT.

HOLD A BEAN IN ONE HAND, A PAPER CLIP IN THE OTHER AND INVITE A FRIEND TO WATCH CAREFULLY.



HOLD THE CLIP IN THE PALM OF YOUR RIGHT HAND AND DROP THE BEAN INTO IT WITH YOUR LEFT.



GIVE THE CLIP A COUPLE OF LITTLE SHAKES, AND WAVE YOUR LEFT HAND OVER IT. THEN RECITE THE MAGICAL, MYSTICAL INCANTATION.

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BEANS, BEANS ARE A MAGICAL FRUIT! DROP THEM IN A CLIP AND THEY'LL TRAVEL TO YOUR BOOT!



WITH THE INCANTATION COMPLETED, TURN OVER THE CLIP TO SHOW THAT IT'S EMPTY. THEN TAKE OFF YOUR BOOT (OR SHOE), TURN IT OVER AND OUT DROPS THE BEAN!



YOWZA!

HOWDY DO IT?



BEFORE YOU PERFORM THE TRICK, POKE A HOLE IN THE BOTTOM OF THE CLIP THAT'S BIG ENOUGH FOR THE BEAN TO DROP THROUGH. FOR THIS REASON, MAKE SURE THAT YOUR FRIEND NEVER SEES THE INSIDE OF THE CUP. THEN TAKE A SECOND BEAN AND PUT IT IN YOUR SHOE. AS YOU PERFORM THE TRICK, HOLD THE CLIP IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND SO THAT YOU CAN CATCH THE BEAN WHEN IT FALLS THROUGH THE BOTTOM OF THE CLIP. KEEP THE BEAN HIDDEN IN YOUR HAND. AFTER YOU DROP THE SECOND BEAN FROM YOUR SHOE, CRUMPLE UP THE CLIP AND STUFF IT (AND THE ORIGINAL BEAN) INTO YOUR PANTS POCKET.



Mac & Bill King

Summer Lecture

is a real crowd-pleaser

On Friday, July 2, 2013, thirty members from the Vancouver Magic Circle enjoyed a great magic lecture by Michael Dardant, a sleight of hand artist from New Orleans, also known as the Cajun Conjurer.



He has a very comical style of presenting his effects. Some of his effects included the production of spoons from a hat, bending of a fork, production of a telescopic fork, and the appearance of two 2" sponge balls from a 2 1/2 " by 3 3/4" mini brief case followed with the appearance of a steel ball bearing about 1/2" in size as a surprise ending ,all from the mini brief case.

He also gave a lesson on rubber band magic by handing out two rubber bands to each member of the audience. He showed his version of the giant invisible deck. He mentioned that when doing an effect on a regular basis you should use different methods.

One of his card effects was called the power of three. Using four assistants, Michael handed a deck of cards to one of the assistants and told him to cut off a portion of the deck, then hand the deck to the next person to do the same thing, and so on down to the fourth person. Following directions from Michael, the four assistants traded cards with each other. When the trading was done, each assistant was told to turn their top card, each top card was a three. He explained some of the psychology behind this effect.

Other effects included cell phone/calculator magic, and a production of a large steel ball from his hat.

After his lecture, the "store" was very busy with magicians buying lecture notes and DVDS. Ken Aitken won the entry/refund draw. And, as usual, after the lecture, a lot of members including Michael went to Boston Pizza to cap off a great magical evening.

The club always treats the lecturers.



Michael Dardant-The "Cajun Conjurer"

Tri - City 3 of Clubs **Magic** Convention

The Vancouver Magic Circle is proud to host the annual Tri-City 3 of Clubs Magic Convention for 2013 in Vancouver, British Columbia and welcomes you to come and join in the fun! Early Bird Registration is only \$115 until Sept 1st, 2013.

The basic registration includes six lectures, two shows, contests, two game shows, the SAM Cut-a-Thon and **\$75 magic gift bag!**

We only have a few spots left before we hit the 75 people mark – so if you know anyone who wants to attend then they need to register NOW! It's only \$100 for Alumni!

IBM Ring #92—The Vancouver Magic Circle Presents



Friday Nov 8th— Sunday Nov 10th, 2013
Vancouver BC



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JOHN LOVICK



NICK LEWIN



BARRY MITCHELL



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Visit the VMC website for more information

Summer Ring Report

By: Dennis Chan

The Vancouver Magic Circle

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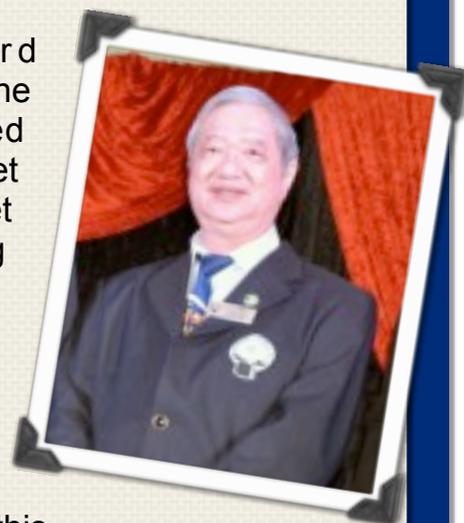
Meets the 4th Thursday of each month except August & December at Sunrise Community Hall, 1950 Windermere St. Vancouver, at 7p.m.

President-Alex Seaman

A busy summer for magic. Although the club does not meet in July, on Saturday, July 27, 30 members of the Vancouver Magic Circle thoroughly enjoyed the lecture by Michael Dardant, the Cajun Conjurer. Next on the magic agenda was the PCAM convention in Burbank, California which took place from August 1 to August 4. Michael Dardant was also at this convention. After the PCAM convention, several members of the Vancouver Magic Circle went to Magic Live in Las Vegas. After Magic Live, the members came back home just in time for the club's annual picnic which took place on Saturday, August 17 at Queen's Park in New Westminster. The wand holder's degree always takes place at the annual picnic. It is awarded to an adult member or a junior member who, presents a satisfactory fifteen minute performance. Unfortunately this event did not take place as several members were unable to attend the picnic. The picnic included family and friends. Working the barbeque were Dennis Chan and Phil Razon. He also brought some shish kebobs. Thanks Phil. There were plenty of burgers, hot dogs, potato salad and soft drinks for everyone. Jessica Chan brought her famous guacamole and tortilla chips. Dave and Donna Carlson brought some cream puffs filled with ice cream. Thanks everyone. Many thanks to Melody and Dennis Hewson for donating a barbeque set for the picnic. Several people

took-in the card tossing contest. The "distances" ranged from about two feet to about thirty feet from the starting line. Billy Hsueh was the winner. The final fun filled event of the day was the watermelon eating contest. In this

contest, a watermelon is cut into quarters, then covered with whipped cream, and then placed on a large tarp. Contestants are then blindfolded, on their knees with their hands behind their backs and start eating. The person who eats the most "red" within the ten minute time limit is declared the winner. Contestants in this fun filled event were Dennis Chan, Alex Seaman, Billy Hsueh, Phil Razon, Wiley Allen and Chantel Allen. Alex Seaman was the winner. There are no prizes, just a whole lot of fun! Billy Hsueh sold raffle tickets and John Smithman, the club's official photographer took photos of the day's events. Seventeen members and seven family members were in attendance. To end off a busy magic summer, Shawn Farquhar, Alex Seaman, Brianna Carlson, Billy Hsueh and Jackson Doyle all headed off to Sorcerer's Safari, a magic camp for junior magicians where they will be mentoring and tutoring young magicians who want to hone their magical skills. Camp White Pine is the Sorcerer's Safari host camp which is located in the Haliburton Highlands, about two and a half hours north of Toronto.



-I'm Dennis Chan

VMC member-and Barney impersonator-Shawn Farquhar, performed his award-winning Magic Show "Secrets" as a fundraiser for the First Nations' SPUL'U'KWUKS Elementary School.



We have no idea what the bunny is doing there...

Inside the Briefcase

Your Magical Minutes link to the monthly Business Meeting

So we are back into the swing of things with our September Executive Meeting; we had Ken Aitken, Graham Kita, Vincent Wang, Alex Seaman, Dennis Chan, Shawn Farquhar, Dave Carlson, Phil Razon, Steve Dickson, John Smithman, Billy Hsueh, Gord McIntosh, and Bryn Williams show up at our September Board Meeting. Thank you everyone for coming together to discuss all of the upcoming fall fun! Here are some important highlights that you will want to remember:

The Activity Chair, (oh wait-that's me), is currently working with Dave Carlson to bring you an amazingly spectacular, magical, money-saving auction so if you want to sell sell sell, make sure you register register register! Alex and I have collected OVER \$1500 worth of magic this summer during our convention hopping trip, so you can definitely be expecting a whole whack load of stuff to be available for the Auction Raffle!

Speaking of Auction, Steve Dickson moves to increase the Seller lots from 10 to 20, John Smithman Seconds. the sellers were only allowed to have 10 lots to sell, the goal of it was to increase the pace of the auction so we wont have to stay extremely late, but 20 is a good amount too :) and was passed unanimously.

October 24th marks the eve of haunting as the members of the VMC descend to their secret meeting place to revel in contests of costumery and exhibit their spooky spells in the Tip Top and Tootsie competition for Halloween themed magic! Contact Henry Tom to get in on the fun!

November brings our Christmas potluck Dinner, featuring our annual stage magic competitions! Graham and Dennis will spearhead the event once again, and the Secret Santa went over SO WELL last year that we are doing it again! Sign up with what food you will bring, as well as to put your name into the drawing for the Secret Santa.

The final Motion of the night was that Steve Moved to order VMC Membership Recruitment Cards, Graham Seconded, Passed Unanimously. Billy (Thats Me) pretty :) The whole point of this is to make inviting people to also gives that little bit of prestige of being invited with a meeting. They Should be available at the September Auction. will do the ordering. They are the VMC easier and card to a

That brings us to an end here, so just to recap/to do list

Come to the Auction this thursday. (OVER \$1500 in prizes)

Grab some Guest Invite Cards and invite other magi to the VMC

Halloween Meeting October 24th!!

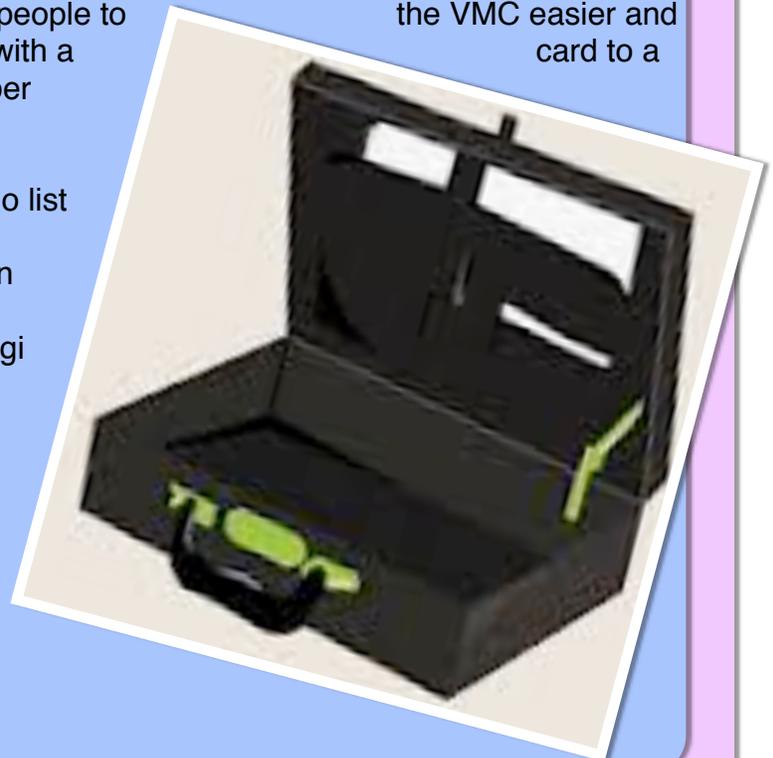
Sign Up for the Christmas Dinner

Sign Up for the Secret Santa

Pay your dues

Update your information for the 2014 Roster Book

aaaaand... Oh ya, AUCTION!



Magical Mentorship

From Trevor & Lorena's week-long mentorship with Johnny Thompson.



Day 3: Monday, April 15th



We woke up early so we could pick up supplies for the day's mentoring session. We needed to create a few things so we could practice our new routines. Although there was a *Home Depot* and a *Dollar Store* by our hotel, we couldn't build everything. Lucky for us, Johnny has some amazing friends that loaned us the props we needed. Gary Darwin supplied us with a beautiful blooming rose bush and Norm Nielson also provided us with some great props. Thank you to these two wonderful individuals.

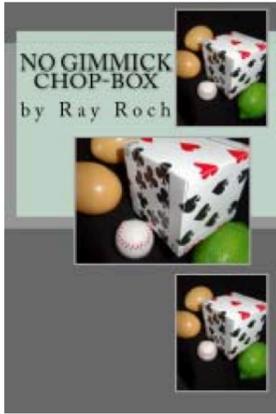
The creation of one effect required me to spray paint a small piece of pipe to make it look like a

candlestick. Now, picture this: I had to do this on our hotel bathroom floor, with newspapers spread everywhere of course! Can you imagine what the hotel staff would've thought if they'd seen this?

I can say without a doubt Lorena and I were excited to be involved with Johnny, in creating a new idea and watch it come to life! This is definitely a highlight for any magician!!!!

When Johnny arrived we went into full production of our act. We worked more intensely on the structure of our 30-minute performance. At the end of our mentoring session, Johnny asked if we would be interested in seeing Penn & Teller's show that evening. Lorena and I were very excited and accepted Johnny's offer. The next thing we know Johnny was on the phone working his magic. When we arrived to the theatre we were surprised to find that we were sitting in the VIP booths, considered to be the best seats in the house. We could not be more thankful for this opportunity to see one of the best magic shows in Las Vegas!





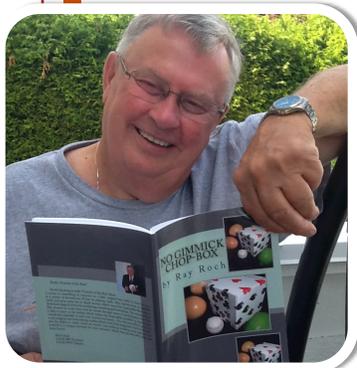
No Gimmick Chop-Box

Authored by Ray Roch
Edition: 1

Really "Outside of the Box!"

Roch's thinking is really "Outside of the Box" when it comes to something so innocent as a little origami box built in front of you in a matter of seconds out of just six playing cards. Ray teaches how to quickly build, and gives away his in depth secrets, which turns his Impossible Box into a diabolical magical device for producing, vanishing and switching. The moves which Ray showed us could have only been honed through years of performance, but Ray is able to teach us the artifice which makes the Impossible possible to master, and completely adaptable to one's own routine and patter. Not only does Roch give you a very magical and entertaining routine which even fools magicians, but he also gives you the ability to easily create an instant cost-nothing working prop anytime for yourself or a unique souvenir for your volunteer which that person will value and keep forever.

List Price: \$25.00



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Long time Magician, Ray Roch is the originator of a DVD called "The Impossible Box", a chronicle showing how to build and load an origami card box utilizing 6 playing cards. There are multiple methods of loading items shown during its construction, including a bonus effect where the completed box mysteriously moves and levitates. These effects, along with a routine where a chosen card is found folded in a box are all included in "The Impossible Box". However since the DVD was made, Ray made significant improvements to his original concept and reveals them in his "No Gimmick" Chop-Box book.

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"How I Got Started in Magic"

A new feature coming to the Magical Minutes Newsletter!

Do you have a great story about how you first got started in magic? Is it funny...heart-warming...boring, but still interesting to you and your family (although, I suspect your family is past it-at this point they are just humoring you).

Well...you are invited to share it with the Vancouver Magic Circle.

Please email the Editor at

newsletter@ibmring92.com. Look forward to the first feature next month!

