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Summer 2014

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# SUMMER OF MAGIC

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Children's Magician of the year



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# SAVE THE DATE!

The Vancouver Magic Circle's Annual Magic Auction will be held on Thursday, September 25th. Doors open at 6:30 PM for viewing (sellers arrive at 6:PM), and the selling begins at 7:00 PM.

Bring your money and bring a sleeping bag because we are sitting until the final item sells!!

If you would like to sell items, you MUST pre-register by contacting Billy Hsueh at [mindexplosionmagic@hotmail.com](mailto:mindexplosionmagic@hotmail.com).

See you there!



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# Summer of Magic!



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# June Report

By: Dennis Chan

The regular Thursday meeting took place at the Second Storey Theatre in downtown Port Coquitlam to coincide with the Week of Magic Festival. This was also open house night, which was free to the public. There were also VMC brochures and a VMC display board to promote magic in the community.

The contest for June was for the Ray Gamble trophy. This trophy is awarded in recognition of excellence in impromptu card magic. Competitors are handed a deck of cards with the cellophane still intact. The official timing begins when the competitor has removed the wrapper. Billy Hsueh was the MC for this event, he also read the rules.

The competitors were Joji Yamashita, Adrien Pierard, Glen LaBarre, Matthew Jones and Chris Yuill. The winner of the Ray Gamble trophy was Chris Yuill. Adrien Pierard came in second place and Matthew Jones came in third place. Congratulations to Chris and to the rest of the competitors. After the competition Yoosik Etham Oum, Shawn Farquhar and Leo Kanzelberger did some card magic. In between the acts Billy told jokes to keep the contest flowing. Henry Tom, the competition chairman tallied the scores.

The business portion of the meeting included the 2014 PCAM convention and the annual picnic. Shawn Farquhar talked about the 2015 Week of Magic Festival, which will take place during the Spring break.

During the open house members talked with the guests about magic and magic in the community. The public enjoyed the contest and the open house. The second annual Magic Festival week was a huge success. Performers included members from the Victoria Magic Circle, the Fraser Valley Magic Circle, the Vancouver Magic Circle, the SAM assembly #95 and a performer from Seattle, Washington.

The Magic Festival week ended with a Gala show at the Terry Fox Theatre. Shawn Farquhar, the Festival's producer thanked everyone for attending the Festival to help make it a success. Many thanks to Shawn and Lori Farquhar and other behind the scenes personnel for putting the Festival together!

Billy Hsueh sold raffle tickets. John Smithman, the club's official photographer took photos of the evening's events. There were 21 members and 11 guests in attendance.

The annual Children's Magician of the Year competition took place on Sunday, June 22.

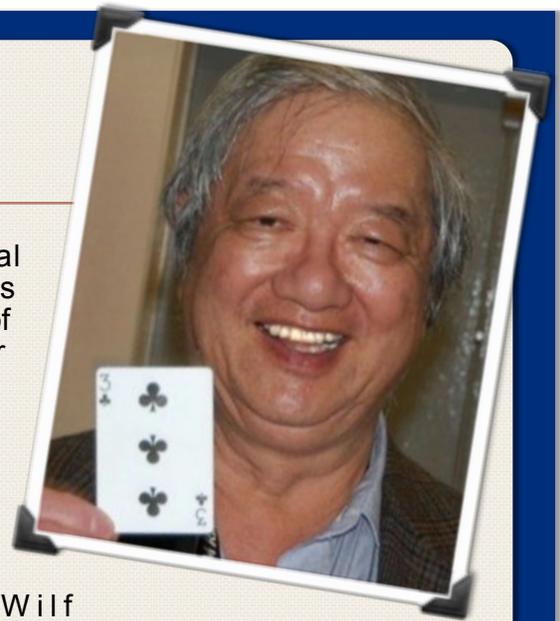
This contest is for the Wilf

Rutherford trophy. This trophy is awarded in recognition of the best children's appeal magic performance at an annual public show. No stage illusions are permitted. Use of confetti, sparkle or fire is STRICTED PROHIBITED. This is an adult competition. Last year's winner, Tony Chris was the MC for this event. The competitors for the Wilf Rutherford trophy were Mike Norden, Chris Yuill, Graham Kita, Alex Seaman, Jessica Chan and Jeff Christensen. Phil Razon hosted the competition.

The competition is a people's choice award. After the competition, members of the audience placed their ticket stubs into ballot boxes which has a photo of the performer. The ticket stubs are then counted and the winner is announced. Henry Tom is the competition chairman. The winner of the 2014 Children's Magician of the Year was the club's president Graham Kita! Chris Yuill came in second place. Two competitors were disqualified for going over the ten-minute time limit. Congratulations to Graham and to the rest of the competitors. Rod Chow was the stage manager.

After the announcement of the winner, it is customary that the last year's winner of the Children's Magician of the Year end the programme with a magical performance. Tony Chris put on an excellent performance with plenty of comedy and participation with the children. Well done Tony!

The children and adults enjoyed an afternoon of magic. Thanks to Phil Razon who provided a popcorn machine. Dennis Bauyon and Phil Razon made balloon sculptures. Dennis Chan was at the door taking care of the attendance. Photos by John Smithman.



-I am Dennis Chan

VMC Annual Summer Picnic is fun for the whole family!



See you there next year...

Hey! Whose that guy  
with "Ice"?



Congratulations to Shawn Farquhar on his  
inauguration as International President of the IBM!

# Festival of Magic

**MAGIC in PORT COQUITLAM:** The second annual Week of Magic Festival took place in downtown Port Coquitlam. The Festival started on Saturday, June 21st and ended on Friday, June 27th. Starting the Week of Magic Festival was Dustin Anderson also known as the Purple Pirate. Dustin is a children's performer with an emphasis on education and forgiveness (anti-bullying).

The second day of the Festival started with the Children's Magician of the Year competition by members of the Vancouver Magic Circle. In this competition, it is the audience members who decides who the winner will be by placing their ticket stubs into a ballot box which has a photo of the performer. This is always a fun event. (See the June Report for the full rundown)!

Most of the shows took place at the Second Storey Theatre starting at 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. At 3:00 p.m. Graham Myers, owner of the Second Storey Theatre put on a workshop on improv comedy in magic. Those who attended the workshop took part in the fun improv exercises. He also talked about audience participation. The 7:00 p.m. show was presented by Jason Verners from Victoria. Jason has a fast paced programme and is making a name for himself on the magic scene. At 8:00 p.m. Chris Yuill and Steve Dickson presented their special brand of comedy magic at the Elks hall. Everyone enjoyed the smooth stylings of Chris and Steve. At 9:00 p.m. Shawn Farquhar's "*Slightly Stupid*" show was very funny. His "special guest" was none other than his daughter Hannah.

Monday's 7:00 p.m. programme was presented by the Fraser Valley Magic Circle, Ring 387, Celeste Evans Ring. The performers were Dale Hopkins and Bruce Hunt. Both did comedy magic. At 9:00 p.m. Tony Chris started his programme with a music magical video. His show "A Time of Magic" led the audience through his personal life of magic from his early years of magic to the present. He is also a children's performer, a musician and a mentalist.

Tuesday's 7:00 p.m. featured Shawn Farquhar who did some card magic. Following Shawn's performance was Bryn Williams' card and con show. After his performance, Bryn received a standing ovation. Bryn is an educator. The 9:00 p.m. was presented by Matthew Jones also known as "Close-up Matt". He presented his style of stage magic. He ended his show with his signature rope routine. Matt is a serious student of magic.

An afternoon performance on Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> was presented by Alex Seaman at the Port Coquitlam library. He is a children's performer. He had plenty of interaction with the children. After the show, he received a standing ovation from the children. Alex is studying criminology.

Wednesday's 7:00 p.m. show, "Magic's Best Kept Secret" was hosted by Billy Hsueh who was also the MC. Featured performers were Zanthera, a sister-team act of Sandra and Heather McNeill. They are from Parksville, BC. Following Zanthera was Leo Kanzelberger who did comedy magic. Leo is from Seattle Washington. Billy is a comedy magician and is studying hospitality management.

The 9:00 p.m. Gala show was presented by members of the Society of American Magicians (SAM) #95 Carl Hemeon Assembly. The featured performers were Rod Chow, Ray Roch, Henry Tom, Lon Mandrake and Trevor and Lorena. Jeff Christensen was the MC.



*Festival of Magic continues...*

Thursday's June 26<sup>th</sup> event featured an open house presented by The Vancouver Magic Circle Ring 92, Charles Howard Ring. There were displays and brochures to promote magic in the community. The evening started off with a card competition for the Ray Gamble trophy. The regular Vancouver Magic Circle meeting took place after the competition. The audience enjoyed the open house and the competition. The Share the Magic Gala show took place at the Terry Fox on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Producer Alex Seaman presented his fifth-annual fundraiser for the Share the Magic food bank. The programme was opened by Alex Seaman and by share society guest speaker Michelle Murray. Featured performers were Billy Hsueh, who did comedy magic, Steve Dickson did close-up magic, Alex Seaman did part of his show in French. His assistant was Rea-Ana Bruno. The closing act was Shawn Farquhar who did stage magic. Everyone enjoyed the Gala performance. What a beautiful way to end a Fantastic Week of Magic Festival!

Alex Seaman and Share the Magic thanks everyone who donated to the food bank and to everyone who attended the Festival of Magic to help make it a success. And a BIG THANK YOU!! to Shawn Farquhar, the Festival of Magic producer who spent a lot of time planning and putting the Festival together. I am sure that Lori Farquhar and a host of other behind the scenes personnel also helped out. Thanks.

Shawn also announced that the 2015 Week of Magic Festival will take during Spring break. Once again Shawn, Lori, and their staff thanks everyone for supporting magic in the community. See you all in 2015!

-Dennis Chan

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"Where you start is not as important as where you finish." -Zig Ziglar

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