



V — RING 92 — VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

April 2015

the Charles Howard Ring

Magic is in the Air!

(or is that Spring...?)

*Please join us at the next meeting of the
Vancouver Magic Circle*

Thursday, April 23, 2015.

*Please join us at our super-secret location
(check the website for details)*

Competition will be held for:

Gimmicked Card Magic:

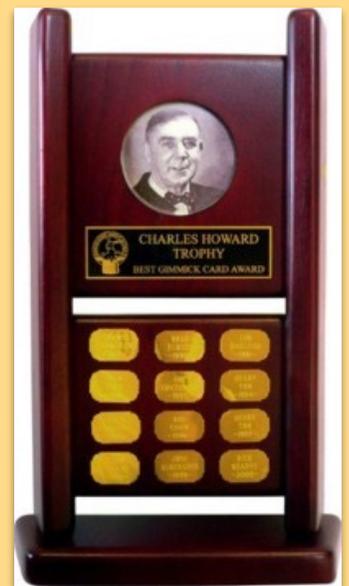
Charles Howard Trophy

This trophy is awarded in recognition of excellence in magic using gimmicks in a card effect or routine. During the course of the routine or effect, a gimmick must be used (i.e. gimmicked card, gimmicked wallet, gimmicked device, etc.). The spirit of this competition is to encourage growth in the use of gimmicks to enhance magic.



This competition is open to Adult members of the club only.

For more information or to enter this competition, please contact our Awards and Competition Chairman, [Billy Hsueh](#). Please note that you must register at least 24 hours in advance.

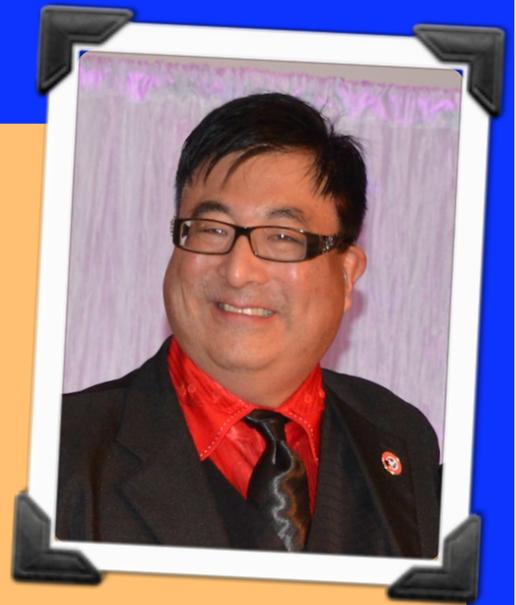


PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Members!

Spring has arrived and when it is sunny, it feels like summer is here!!

I was up at Whistler doing an Easter Show. After the show I was at the hotel sitting in the hot tub on what felt like a hot summer day and had a rare peaceful moment to reflect. As Vancouver Magic Circle members, we all make sacrifices to allow us to keep magic in our lives. On this particular weekend for me, I was missing an Easter family dinner at my moms. But I am blessed as I have two families to care about. Remember, we all give something (money, time, energy) to be part of the art of magic. If we care about the art, we must also care about the artists. We are all so fortunate to be part of a brotherhood. So the only thing I demand from this membership is that you care about your fellow members.



With all the different forms of communication available to us, like Facebook, texting, e-mails, etc., it becomes easier to behave poorly. I plan to lead a club that is free from animosity and disrespect (and this includes its IBM sister clubs). When issues come to my attention for resolution, I base my judgment on the moral values and ethics reflected in our Constitution and By-Laws. While I respect the freedom of speech, I insist that such speech is free from negative criticism and foul language toward any other Circle member. I expect a high level of moral conduct. Please help me to build a strong and happy family. As in all relationships, it requires work but we are all worth it.

We have our General Meeting coming up on Thursday, April 23, 2015. We will be starting the meeting with a balloon workshop by our creative and talented member Dennis Bauyon. This is a hands-on workshop. Please bring a balloon pump (we will provide the balloons). The workshop will start at 7:00 PM. Following that, at approximately 8:30 PM, it is Gimmick Card Night and we will hold the Charles Howard Trophy Competition.

Also, just a reminder, we will be participating in the first ever VMC, FVMC, SAM swap meet! It is being held on Saturday, April 25th at the Sunrise Community Hall from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Admission is free to all members. So dust off the stuff you never use and phone me for a table (604-880-2685). The tables are \$20 for one or \$30 for two. There will be lots of magic for sale so please come and join us for some great deals.

Graham

Graham Kita
President, Vancouver Magic Circle,
IBM Ring #92



John Smithman

Canada's foremost organizational coach, author, speaker, and magician.



Magic Wand Award
at UBC March 12, 2015

Magic Wand Award Winner John Smithman - March 12, 2015

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John Smithman receives Vancouver Magic Circle's Magic Wand Award for a lecture he gave to the University of British Columbia's Magicians and Illusionists Association (UBC MIA) in Vancouver, Canada. John led a group of ambassadors from Canada's largest and oldest Magic Club to support Canada's newest Magic club on March 12th.

Joining John were VMC president Graham Kita, vice president Kelvin Ng, sergeant-at-arms Dennis Chan and past president Bryn Williams.

John opened the meeting with a short lecture on building a strong, sustainable club. His presentation was highlighted with magical effects to flavor and enhance his message. The lecture was followed by amazing polished performances by Kelvin, Bryn and Graham. The UBC group of more than 20 young magicians were gracious in their appreciation of this prestigious group of seasoned magicians. Promises of future cooperative events ensued.

The Vancouver Magic Circle Website can be found at

<http://www.VancouverMagicCircle.com>

Photos of the event can be found at the UBC MIA Public Facebook page: UBC Magicians and Illusionists Association (UBC MIA)

Jay Scott Berry Lecture and Workshop!



Thank you to John Smithman, our official Ring 92 photographer, as well as the many members and friends who share their memories with us on Facebook.



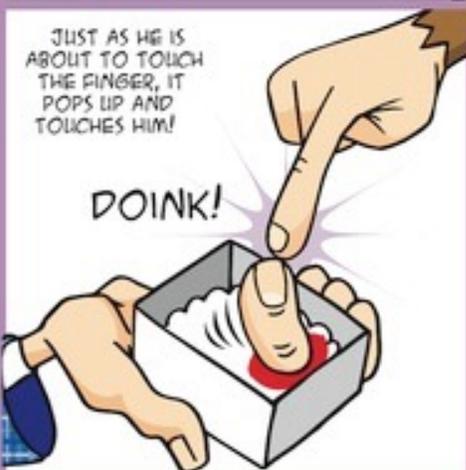
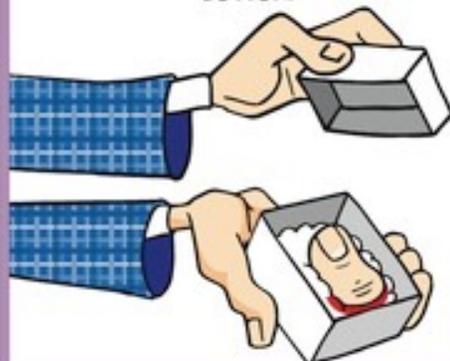
Mac & Bill King

FINGER ZINGER

BEGIN THIS TRICK BY APPROACHING A FRIEND AND ASKING HIM THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:



TAKE A BOX FROM YOUR POCKET AND OPEN IT UP TO EXPOSE A DISEMBODED FINGERTIP RESTING ON A BED OF BLOOD-STAINED COTTON!



HOWDY DO IT?

THE FINGER LOOKS REAL BECAUSE IT IS REAL! IT'S YOUR FINGER. FIND A SMALL CARDBOARD BOX WITH A LID (JEWELRY BOXES ARE A GOOD SOURCE.) CUT A HOLE IN THE BOTTOM OF THE BOX BIG ENOUGH TO STICK THE TIP OF YOUR INDEX FINGER THROUGH. WITH YOUR FINGER IN THE BOX, PACK SOME COTTON AROUND IT AND FLEX YOUR FINGERTIP TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE IT'S RESTING ON THE COTTON. TO COMPLETE THE ILLUSION, USE RED FOOD COLORING OR A MARKER TO ADD A TOUCH OF BLOOD AROUND THE KNUCKLE. YOU NOW HAVE YOURSELF A DANDY DISEMBODED FINGER.



VMC Out & About...



Graham Kita, President
Vancouver Magic Circle

Joe Tanachak,
President
UBC MIA

*Thanks for the Memories!
Photo: John Smithman*



Kelvin Ng, 2nd VP-
Vancouver Magic Circle



Bryn Williams, Past President
Vancouver Magic Circle

UBC Magicians and Illusionists Association

*Thanks for the Memories!
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On March 12th, 2015
Five Directors of The
Vancouver Magic Circle
were invited to the UBC
Magicians & Illusionists
Association meeting:
John Smithman gave a
lecture on Enduring Clubs;
Graham Kita, Kelvin Ng and
Bryn Williams provided an
hour of exceptional magic.

MAGIC EYE...

Do you see the secret image hidden in this picture?



(Just kidding...it's only a close-up of Graham Kita's necktie!)

March Report

By: Dennis Chan

Before the start of the regular meeting, ten members attended a special workshop with Jay Scott Berry. The workshop included ribbon on ring, false knot on ribbon and disappearing and appearing sponge ball magic. It was a very informative one on one workshop. Thank you very much Jay.

The meeting opened with a broken wand ceremony for Joe Ward, a long time member of the Vancouver Magic Circle. Graham Kita read the obituary and Dennis Chan broke the wand.

To get the evening started, special guest and performer Jay Scott Berry presented a fifteen-minute show which stunned the members with his special style of sponge ball magic, rainbow streamers and ribbon on ring magic. The members enjoyed his special brand of magic.

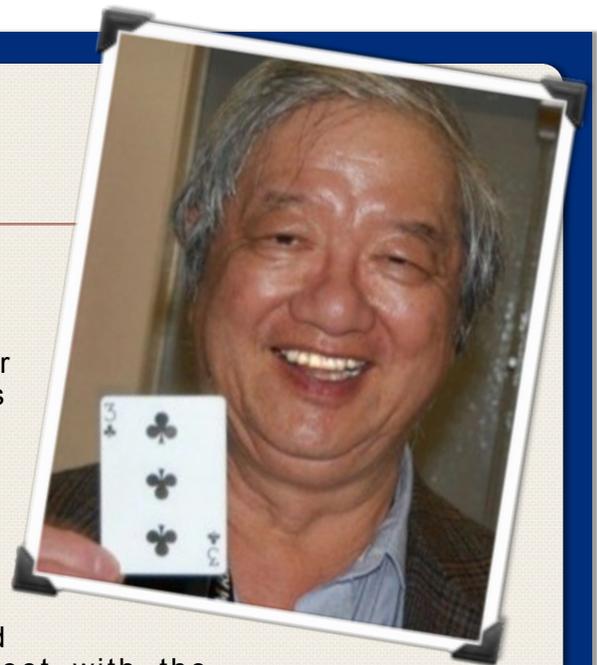
There were two competitions this month: The Cecil Ackery trophy for excellence in comedy magic performed by an adult member, and the Rick Honey trophy for excellence in comedy magic performed by a junior member.

Last year's winner, Kelvin Ng hosted this year's competition he was also the MC and awards/appreciation chairman. Kelvin read the rules. The competitors for the Cecil Ackery trophy were Alex Seaman, Margaret Li, Matthew Jones, Richard Piamonte and Juan Garcia. Juan Garcia was the winner of the Cecil Ackery trophy; Alex Seaman came in second place. Congratulations to Juan and to the rest of the competitors. There were no competitors for the Rick Honey trophy.

Kelvin did some magic in between the acts to keep the competition flowing. Billy Bales Hsueh tallied the scores from the five judges.

Many thanks to John Smithman, the club's roster book editor and membership chairman who spent many hours on the phone and computer reaching out to members in order to get their correct information for the 2015 spreadsheet and roster book. Assisting John were Dennis Chan and Alex Seaman. John handed out the roster books at the meeting.

Other business items included a



combined swap meet with the Fraser Valley Magic Circle to be held in April or May and the Children's Magician of the Year contest. Mike Norden made a special announcement ...Yes! There will be a 2015 PCAM combined with the Three of Clubs convention which will take place from Thursday, November 19 through to Sunday, November 22 in Chilliwack. This convention is hosted by Gord Boyes and Mike Norden.

A new committee has been formed and is being headed by John Smithman called the Membership Steering Committee. He talked about the goals of this newly formed committee. The goal of this committee is to recruit, promote, service, provide leadership to new and existing members and fundraising. The members of this committee are Karen Eskilson, Billy Bales Hsueh, Alex Seaman, Graham Kita, Dennis Chan and Wiley Allen. John is a professional team management coach and has been doing this for 19 years. He enjoys photography and his two dogs.

Refreshments were provided by Ed Stehr and his son Brendan. Thanks.

Billy Bales Hsueh sold raffle tickets and, as usual, John Smithman, the club's official photographer took photos of the evening's events.

There were 31 members and 7 guests in attendance.

-I'm Dennis Chan



Everyone's favourite feature!! How I got started in Magic... Getting to know James Hanson

Rabbi Don Pacht had the opportunity to interview James about how much magic has been a part of his life!

How did you first become interested in magic?

JAMES: I was very young and in Halifax we were lucky enough to have a very old street festival. I saw Gazzo do the cup and balls and knew I had a lot of work ahead of me.

How old were you?

JAMES: I was around 7 years old.

When / how did you decide that 'magic was for you'?

JAMES: I knew right away, I wasn't into anything else. It defined me very early.

What is your favorite type of audience and why?

JAMES: A receptive one...Kidding. I like small town bars, people that are having a few but not too many drinks...I find them honest and open to entertainment.

What do you love / appreciate most about having Magic in your life?

JAMES: Magic has always helped me center myself.



What is your most memorable MAGIC experience?

JAMES: Great question!...I have had so many great moments...Working close up for Tony Hawk, Moments with some of my students, winning the Kramien Award for close up, and getting a chance to show Teller my pet effect all come to mind...:)



PCAM / 3 of Clubs 2015

PCAM / 3 of Clubs Combined 2015 Convention Thursday Nov 19 - Sunday Nov 22 Chilliwack, BC, Canada

YES!! Norden and Gordon Productions are at it again..... well, this time it's Gordon and Norden Productions. Your hosts will be PCAM 2015 President Gord Boyes, and his co-producer Mike Norden.

Step right up and [register here](#).

**Registrants capped at 75, (9 spots left)
register NOW so you don't miss out!!**

Yes, there were many people worried that there wouldn't be a PCAM convention in 2015, then the 3 of Clubs convention that was going to be held in Victoria got cancelled, then the Portland Magic Jam got cancelled, and we just couldn't let this dearth of magic conventions on the Pacific Coast hang over our heads, so Norden & Gordon Productions has stepped up and agreed to run it again this year (but this year it should be called Gordon & Norden Productions). The same people who brought you the most awesome 2014 convention, Gord Boyes and Mike Norden, will be co-producing the 2015 edition.

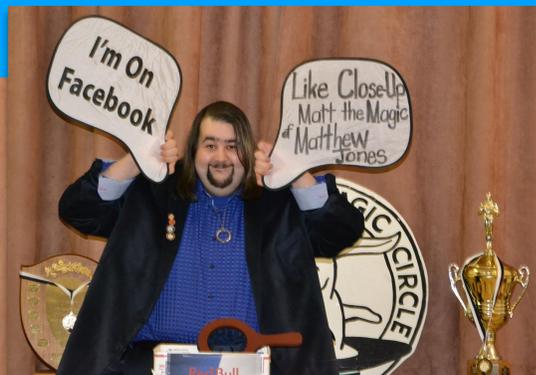
Talent has been spoken to and hotel has been booked, be sure to check out this website for updates regularly as we get contracts in place... www.pcam2015.ca (sorry folks, someone's squatting on the .com name). One of the exciting features is that World Champion Shawn Farquhar is performing a Magic Cabaret at the nearby Chilliwack Cultural Center on Friday Nov 20th and your registration to the PCAM convention includes a ticket to this show! Your registration also includes a ticket to the Saturday evening public show, but feel free to purchase more for your friends who aren't attending the convention (they must be muggles!).

March 'Magical' Madness!

Cecil Ackery Comedy
Magic Competition!



Congratulations Juan!



IBM Ring 387 & 92, and SAM #95
Magic Flea Market
Saturday April 25, 2pm—6pm

Sunrise Community Hall
1950 Windermere St, Vancouver.
Public Admission—\$5 for adults and children free
Members Admission—free
Members tables \$20 each or \$30 for two
Non-members tables \$30 each
Tables are limited, please contact Mike Norden
ASAP to reserve one.

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"The only real training for leadership is leadership." - Anthony Jay

The Can-Am Conjuring
Lecture Series



Shoot Ogawa
April, 2015