



V — RING 92 — VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

January 2015

The Magical Minutes

the Charles Howard Ring

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2015 EXECUTIVE OF THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE!



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AND, BOY, DO THEY HAVE EXCITING PLANS FOR YOU!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow Vancouver Magic Circle Members!

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season -
Happy New Year to All!

We truly started the year off with a bang! The 1st ever IBM JAM (Just About Magic) was a huge success. The event was filled with magic and fun. Thanks to all our performers - Shawn Farquhar, Kendrick "Ice" McDonald, Ray Roch, and Louie Foxx. Also a big thank you to Rabbi Don and his son Aharon for all their hard work and the use of The Vancouver Hebrew Academy.



Reminder...at the end of January SAM has their annual dinner and a lecture featuring John Kaplan. Also at the end of January your dues are due! Please, if you have not renewed your Vancouver Magic Circle Membership, make it a priority. Also VMC members MUST hold a current International Brotherhood of Magicians Membership (IBM) in order to be a VMC Member. If you bring one new member to the club you receive \$10 off your membership. If you bring two new members you receive \$20 off your membership and if you bring three new members, you receive your membership free!

Sad news. Longtime VMC Member, Joe Ward, has passed away.

On February 26th we are having our Annual Installation Banquet. Get your tickets early. This year the banquet will be held at the Flamingo House Restaurant, 7510 Cambie Street, Vancouver (not at the Sunrise Community Hall). There will be a strict February 20th deadline. The IBM International President, Shawn Farquhar, will be there with his ceremonial golden medallions (what a great opportunity to get a picture with the President!). We are flying in Bizzaro from Las Vegas to perform for us after dinner. Bizzaro will be doing a lecture the following night (February 27th), at Douglas College in New Westminister. If you like saving money, purchase the combination banquet/lecture ticket. Please bring your family and friends as this promises to be a truly magical experience!

Thanks and here's to a Magical New Year.

Graham

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

THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

PRESENTS

2015 Installation

BANQUET AND SHOW



Starring: Bizzaro

FLAMINGO CHINESE RESTAURANT
7510 CAMBIE ST. VANCOUVER B.C.

FOR TICKETS
www.IBMRING92.COM
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DOORS OPEN - 6:00P.M.

V.M.C. MEMBERS - 40.00 / GUESTS - 45.00 / YOUTH - 25.00

ADULT BANQUET/LECTURE - 55.00 YOUTH BANQUET/LECTURE - 40.00

LECTURE - 20.00



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Thursday, February 26TH. 2015





GET BENT!

Mac & Bill King

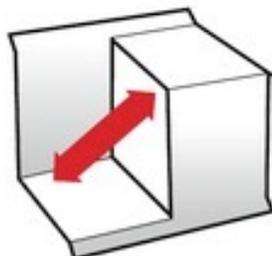


FOR THIS TRICK, ALL YOU NEED ARE SOME SCISSORS, A 3-INCH SQUARE OF PAPER AND THE STANDARD ARRAY OF FINGERS.

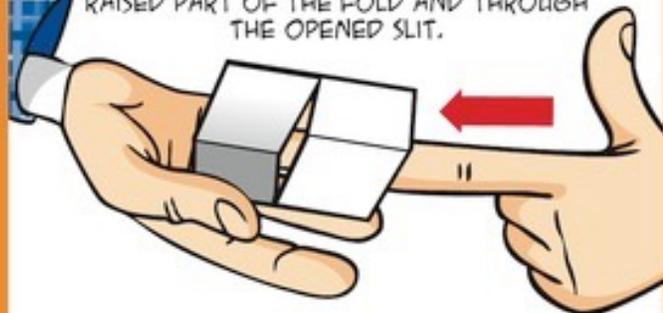
FOLD THE PAPER IN HALF AND CUT A SLIT AT THE CENTER THAT COMES JUST SHORT OF THE EDGES.



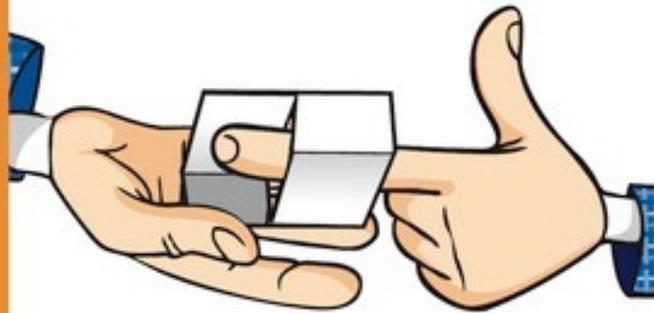
REVERSE THE FOLD ON ONE SIDE OF THE SLIT, SO THAT IT FORMS A SQUARE OPENING.



HOLD THE PAPER IN THE PALM OF ONE HAND AND SLOWLY INSERT THE INDEX FINGER OF YOUR OTHER HAND UNDER THE RAISED PART OF THE FOLD AND THROUGH THE OPENED SLIT.



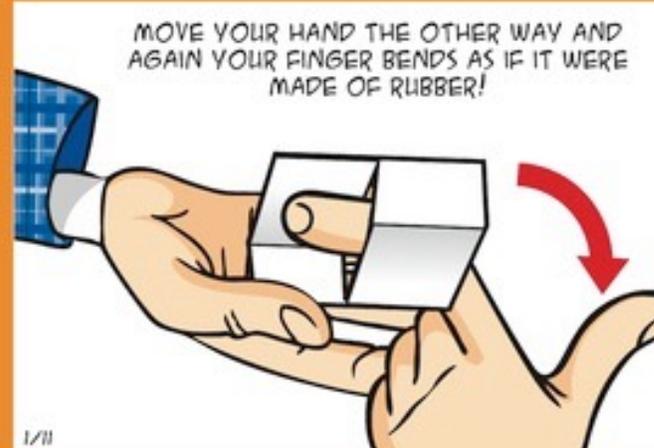
YOUR INDEX FINGER SHOULD STICK OUT OF THE OPENED SLIT UP TO THE FIRST KNUCKLE.



MOVE YOUR HAND ONE WAY AND WATCH AS YOUR FINGER BENDS AT AN IMPOSSIBLE ANGLE.

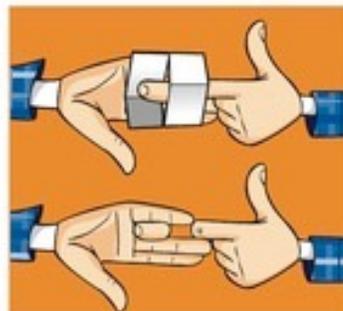


MOVE YOUR HAND THE OTHER WAY AND AGAIN YOUR FINGER BENDS AS IF IT WERE MADE OF RUBBER!



HOWDY DO IT?

THE SECRET TO THIS TRICK IS THAT THE FINGERTIP FOLKS SEE POKING THROUGH THE SLIT IS NOT THE ONE THEY THINK IT IS. IT'S REALLY THE TIP OF THE RING FINGER OF THE HAND HOLDING THE PAPER. AS YOU GO TO INSERT YOUR INDEX FINGER THROUGH THE OPENING, IT WILL BE BRIEFLY HIDDEN BY THE PAPER. INSTEAD OF STICKING YOUR INDEX FINGER THROUGH, USE THE TIP OF YOUR RING FINGER. IT TAKES A LITTLE PRACTICE TO GET THE TIMING DOWN SMOOTHLY. IF YOU DON'T HAVE TIME TO PRACTICE, JUST START WITH YOUR FINGERS ALREADY IN PLACE. IT'S STILL PRETTY COOL THAT WAY.



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BIZZARO

LECTURE



Starring: Bizzaro

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Friday, February, 27 th.

FIRST EVER IBM JAM KICKS-OFF 2015!

The 2015 magic year started with an IBM-JAM (Just **A**bout **M**agic) on Sunday, January 4th at the Vancouver Hebrew Academy hall. This was the first of many IBM-JAMs that will take place in North America and around the globe. The IBM-JAM was a free event for IBM members who registered for this event, and is the brainchild of Shawn Farquhar, International President of the IBM.

Kenrick "Ice" McDonald, National President of the SAM was the special guest lecturer and performer. The IBM-JAM was hosted by Shawn Farquhar and by the Vancouver Magic Circle Ring 92. Shawn welcomed the IBM members. IBM members came from as far away as Washington State and Vancouver Island.

"Ice" started the day's events with a lecture. He emphasized the responsibility for the art of magic, developing an act, finding a theme, how to handle mistakes, having an out, emphasis on practice and timing. Shawn Farquhar's lecture included his signature card effect, finding the signed selected card reversed in a sealed deck of cards, a book test, a deck switching technique and misdirection.

Ray Roch presented a workshop with his no-gimmick chop-box routine. He showed how to make the chop box using playing cards. He showed how to load and produce objects from the box. He also did a three shell game using the card boxes.

Performances were presented by Kenrick "Ice" McDonald, Shawn Farquhar and Louie Foxx who hails from Seattle, Washington.

Of course, the best part of the JAM, was the opportunity to JAM with fellow magi. It gave magicians the opportunity to get together to demonstrate their methods and techniques with cards, coins, children's shows and general magic talk. Billy

Bales Hsueh sold raffle tickets. John Smithman and Rod Chow took photos of the day's events. Many thanks to Rabbi Don Pacht for the use of the hall for the IBM-JAM and to his son Aharon for helping with the setting up of the tables and chairs. Shawn thanked the IBM members for attending a very successful inaugural IBM-JAM. Everyone enjoyed the IBM-JAM!



Lots of pictures on page 10!



THE SOCIETY of AMERICAN **M**agicians

The Carl Hemeon Assembly #95

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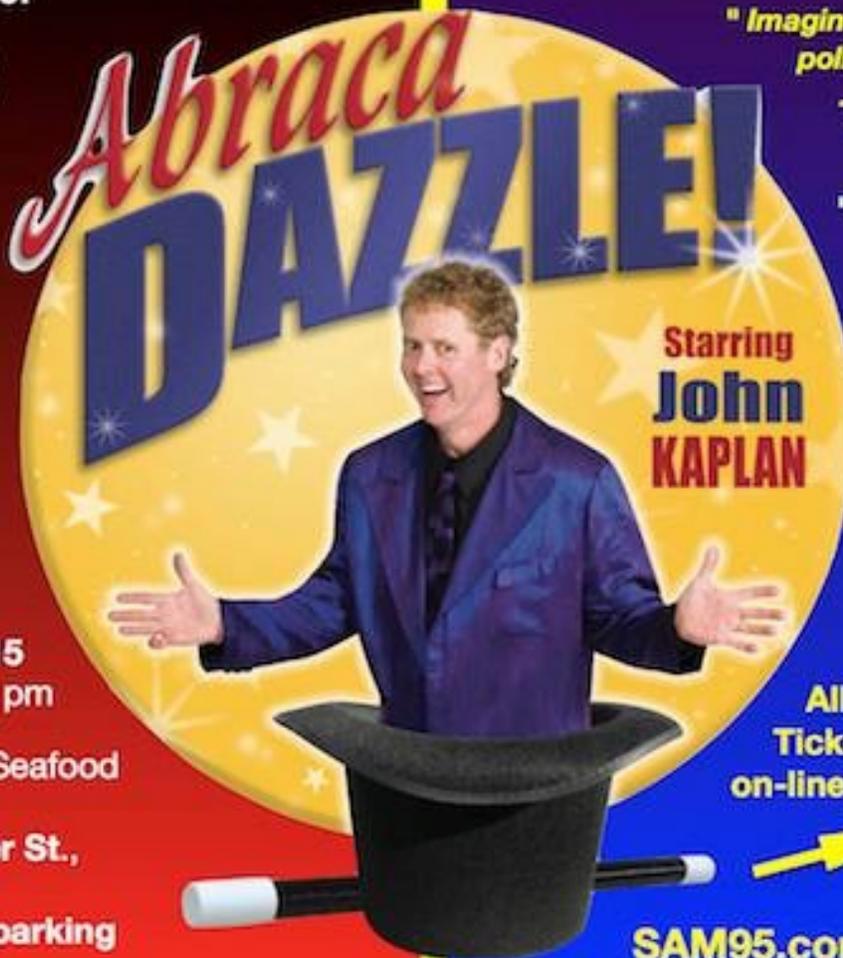
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October Report

By: Dennis

The Vancouver Magic Circle's annual Christmas pot luck dinner was a huge success! Arriving at the hall early to put up the decorations were Alex Seaman, Graham Kita, Chelsea Kita, Billy Bales Hsueh, Dennis Bauyon, John Smithman, and Dennis Chan. Dennis Chan was in charge of the kitchen duties.

The doors opened at 6:00 p.m. and dinner was served at 7:00 p.m. President Graham Kita welcomed the guests and the members. The buffet table was a gourmet's delight. There was the usual turkey, ham, roast beef, salads, hot vegetables, mashed potatoes, pasta dishes, oriental dishes, desserts and much more. In fact there wasn't enough room on the table to put everything! There was such a large gathering that 98.8457% of the food "disappeared." Everyone enjoyed the dinner.

After the dinner, it was social time. Billy Bales Hsueh and Amanda O'Leary sold raffle tickets. The fun began with the secret Santa exchange. There were also lots of gifts for the kids. Raffle prize tickets were drawn by Alex Seaman, Graham Kita and Billy Bales Hsueh throughout the evening. There was also a mystery grand prize draw which was won by Henry Tom. The prize was a silver close-up case donated by Dennis Chan. Several of the prizes were donated by Graham and Dennis Chan.

The club thanks everyone for buying raffle tickets and supplying the delicious food.

Competition time! There were two competitions. The first competition was for the William Shelly trophy. This is an adult competition. Last year's winner, Steve Dickson was the M C for this event. The rules were read. The competitors were Chris Yuill, James Hanson, Matthew Jones and Ray Roch. Matthew Jones was the winner of the William Shelly trophy!! Chris Yuill came in second place. There was one disqualification for going over the ten-minute time limit.

After years of competing, everyone was happy to see Matthew Jones win a competition. Congratulations to Matthew on a well deserved win. The second competition was for the Percy Poole trophy. This is a junior competition. The only person taking part in this competition was Cameron Minty. Unfortunately he did not score enough points to win. Therefore the Percy Poole trophy was not awarded for 2014. Congratulations to all the competitors.

In order to keep the competition flowing between the acts, Steve had kids come up on stage to take part in some magic.

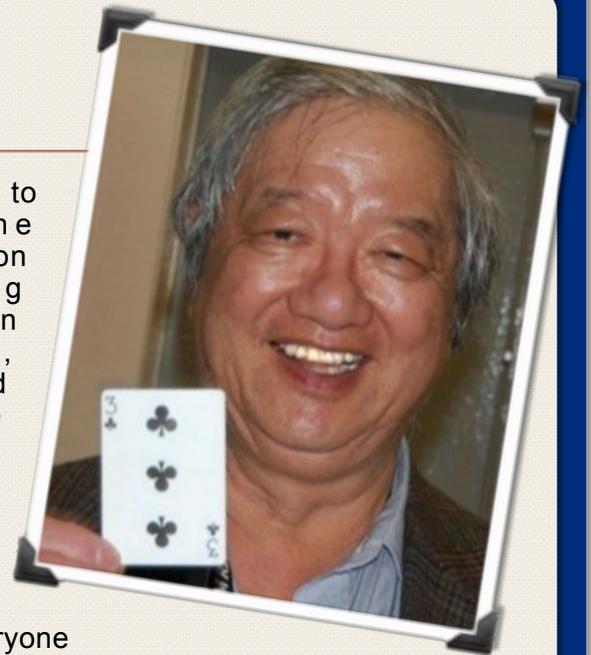
Steve kept everyone laughing with his wit and humour. Thanks Steve for doing a fantastic job as the M C. Competition chairman, Billy Bales Hsueh ran the competition and tallied the scores. Dennis Hewson did walk around magic all night long. Chris Yuill provided the backdrops and stage lights. Billy Bales Hsueh was in charge of the sound. Dennis Bauyon made balloon sculptures. Graham Kita provided the giant snow globe, wreaths, Christmas lights and other Christmas decorations. John Smithman put on a slide show presentation and took photos of the evening's events. Dennis Chan presented personalized name banners to the executive and to Matthew Jones which was a surprise to them. Many thanks to Terri and Graham Kita for picking up the supplies for the pot luck. Terri, Graham and, yours truly, Dennis Chan spent a lot of time e-mailing each other coordinating the menu to make sure that there was enough food for everyone. We thank each and every one of you for attending this festive event. Without you this event would not have happened. The helping hands were Terri Kita, Chelsea Kita, Tyler Mayfield, Melody Hewson, Pat Roch and Christy Swope. Thank you very much for all your help.

There was a surprise visit from Murray Sawchuk and Lefty who were in town from Las Vegas to do a show and to visit his family.

The Vancouver Magic Circle is hoping to see everyone again in 2015. There were 43 members and 55 guests in attendance.

-Dennis Chan and Graham Kita.

(Check out the pictures on page 4)



IBM MAGIC JAM 2015!



Thank You!



The VMC Executive and Board would like to express their deepest appreciation to Rabbi Don Pacht for providing the venue to bring the very-first-ever IBM Magic JAM to Vancouver!

Thank you as well to the many individuals whose contributions, large and small, keep IBM Ring #92, The Vancouver Magic Circle, one of the busiest most vital rings in our wonderful brotherhood!

Wishing you all a fantastic 2015!



Everyone's favourite feature!! How I got started in Magic...

Getting to know Lon Mandrake

Rabbi Don Pacht had the opportunity to interview Lon Mandrake about his early years and favourite memories in magic...

RDP: Well Lon, I'm sure it is no mystery to our readers how you first became exposed to Magic. Why don't you share a bit about those early years?

LM: I was raised on magic shows because my parents, Leon Mandrake and Velvet, wanted to take us with them on tour. As children, (four of us), we were all exposed to magic performed, puzzles, and the excitement of show business. My father taught us all at least a few magic routines. When we settled in Surrey when I was in my teens, I was still learning magic. My father had some family games, he made up, where performing won you prizes and awards (like free movie tickets). I was always too shy to perform much for friends or anybody else for that matter.

I guess I learned magic as young as 3 years old but didn't start performing until I was about 38. This happened in 1985, when my father was interviewed for C.B.C. 5th Estate and my students (Seaquam Secondary) saw it and asked why I didn't perform magic. I thought about this and that night I dreamed that I was performing for them. When I woke up, I realized that I could do it. I performed for each class a 40-minute magic show with mentalism, carnival magic, and science magic. They were overwhelmed and frankly so was I. I continued performing for classes, entire school auditoriums and anywhere else there was an interest.

In 1989 and 1990, the newly formed Society of American Magicians #95 and I performed at Science World doing a variety of magic and with these family audiences drew more visitors than the dinosaur exhibit they had brought in to open Science World.





**JAY SCOTT BERRY LECTURE – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015 – 6:30 PM
DOUGLAS COLLEGE, NEW WESTMINSTER – ROOM #2201 – MEMBERS COST - \$20**

**JAY SCOTT BERRY WORKSHOP – THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2015 – 4:00 PM (before regular meeting)
SUNRISE COMMUNITY HALL – 1950 WINDERMERE STREET, VANCOUVER – MEMBERS COST - \$30**

Jay Scott Berry - The High Art of Magic

"Impeccable magic, absolutely wondrous!" - Channing Pollock "In my entire career, I have never seen anything as convincing. It was real magic, delivered with precision timing and consummate skill." - Mark Wilson "A WONDERFUL show!!!!" - Erika Larsen, President, The Magic Castle "The King of All Magicians!" - David Adamovich, President SAM PA1 "Jay stands alongside the all-time greats; in the same league as Slydini" - Ed Rosenthal "You've got to see this guy, He's a great Magician!" - Donald Trump "A true visionary. A man who has gone beyond the boundaries. There are only a handful of magicians who are masters of the art. This man is one of them.

Do whatever you have to do to get to one of his lectures or one of his shows." - Anthony Brook, International Deputy - SAM "Over the past 70 years, I have seen almost every great magician in the world. I would rank Jay as one of the top 3." - Heinz Philipp, AKA "Phipps"

- Friend and mentor of Siegfried and Roy "Jay's show is the most elegant show I've ever seen. The magic was absolutely spellbinding, the music (performed and recorded by Jay) fit perfectly with the magic, and the script was insightful, intelligent and meaningful. It was a truly memorable evening!" - Tim Pendergast, Producer on Magic in the Rockies

Recognized worldwide as a master performer and creator, Jay's shows are often called, "The closest thing to real magic you will ever see."

He is also the world's #1 producer of International Magic Festivals with 10 scheduled this year alone!

Berry regularly headlines top international venues and magic conventions, performing everything from close-up to stage with peerless grace and elegance.

In his new lecture, Jay pushes the frontiers of the Art ever further with powerful magic that is both practical and versatile.

He at once embraces classic methods and effects while challenging outdated and outmoded ways of thinking. In doing so, he is able to fuse the best from the past with the best of the present to create magic for the future.

Everything in the lecture is directly from his personal "A" list of effects and, as such, is time-tested in real world conditions. His original methods are ultra-smooth, starting clean and ending clean.

He will perform and teach the very latest, state-of-the-art effects with The Thumb and Eclipse Tip, The Cloaking Device, The FS/2 Gimmick, The Finger Fazers, The Ring and Ribbon and more! He will also demonstrate his brand new JSB Topit design, widely regarded as the best ever.

Jay will pay close attention to a number of effects and techniques that work exceptionally well for strolling magic. His personal criteria demands that all of these effects be strong, highly visual, angle-proof and instantly reset. These are routines that Jay uses in strolling and table magic around the globe where he regularly commands \$500 an hour and up. In short, an evening with Jay Scott Berry is filled with wonder, surprises and inspiration. He is a consummate entertainer and approaches every lecture with the same commitment to excellence, attention to detail and enthusiasm that have become his trademark in the Art of Magic. www.JayScottBerry.com www.Facebook.com/Illusioneering



RDP: What is your favourite audience and why?

LM: I think I have two favourite audiences, one is family where parents and children enjoy the shows together and the other is highly-educated adult audiences where they are often surprised that they can still enjoy the mystery of magical performances. I have performed for a lot of science groups at Universities and in Industries as well as Science Teachers' Conferences.

RDP: What do you love most about performing magic?

LM: I love performing to provide a little mystery and imagination in my audiences and also for the great social life I've had with it after the shows. My wife often comments that every show we do is like going on an exciting date together.

RDP: Can you share a special "Magic Memory"?

LM: I have to admit that watching my father and mother perform when I was young was awe-inspiring. In my mind, they were the ultimate magician and assistant.

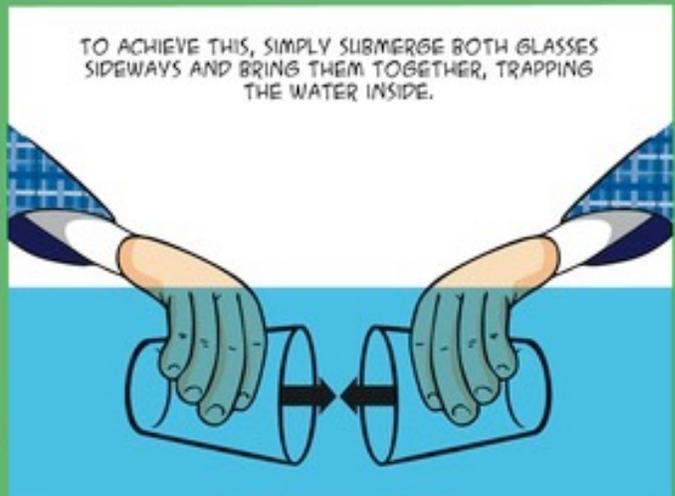
Magic has always been an exciting way of life for me and now that I am retired from science teaching, it keeps my mind active and my social calendar full.



Lon prepares to perform his famous mentalism routine.



WATER ESCAPE CHALLENGE



Mac & Bill King

Your Dues Are Due!

Dear VMC Members,

Each winter as the DEW settles on the ground, we DO our DUE diligence and ask members to pay their DUES as they are now DUE. Please don't wait until they are overDUE and we are forced to DO something about it.

Here is the (super-easy to remember), fee structure for 2015:

Adult one year \$35.00 three years \$90.00	Junior one year \$25.00 three years \$60.00	Senior (65 or older) one year \$25.00 three years \$60.00	Associate Member one year \$35.00 Out of Town Member 1 year \$20.00
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Thank you,
The Executive DUDES

If you have paid for multiple years in the past, your membership card will indicate when future DUES are DUE!

"Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work." - Aristotle

Tarbell Course Special Price



IBM President Shawn Farquhar has offered a special price to Vancouver Magic Circle members who would like to get the entire 8-volume set of the Tarbell Course in Magic at a special discount rate. Why? Because Shawn believes everyone should have it in their library (and we agree). Price is \$180 USD plus shipping and handling, or if four or more people want it, he can reduce the price to only \$160 USD plus s/h. What a deal! This offer is only for Vancouver Magic Circle members and not friends, cousins, etc...