



— RING 92 —

VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

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**INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD
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HEY! WHO'S THAT GUY NEXT TO BILLY???

*The next meeting of the Vancouver Magic Circle will be on
Thursday, April 23, 2015.*

*Please join us at our super-secret location (check the website for details),
for an evening of fun, entertainment and camaraderie!*

Doors open at 6:30 PM

Competitions will be held for:



Junior Close-up Magic Dick Gardner Trophy



Donated by Jack Mellor, the Dick Gardner Trophy is awarded in recognition of excellence in close up magic by a junior member. Playing cards may be used in the presentation, but no stage effects will be

permitted. The spirit of this competition is to encourage growth in the fields of restaurant, table hopping, trade show and walk around style magic.

And...

Adult Close-up Magic - H.B. MacLean Trophy

The H.B. MacLean Trophy is awarded in recognition of excellence in close up magic. The effect or routine must be easily performed in an intimate and close up setting. In order to keep this award separate and distinct from other Vancouver Magic Circle trophies, no playing cards or stage effects will be permitted.

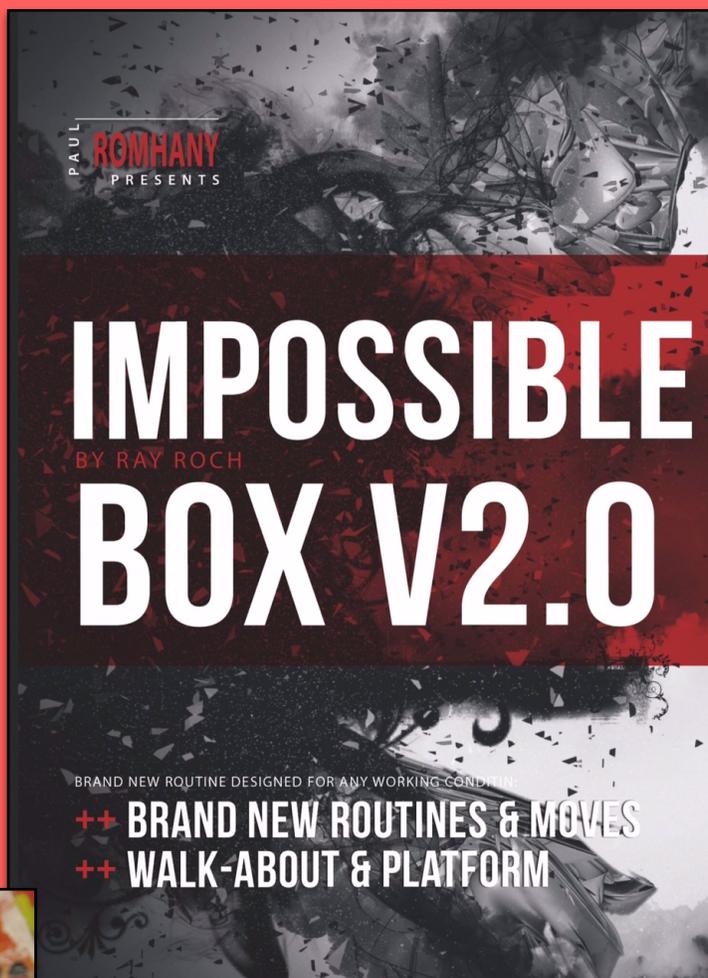
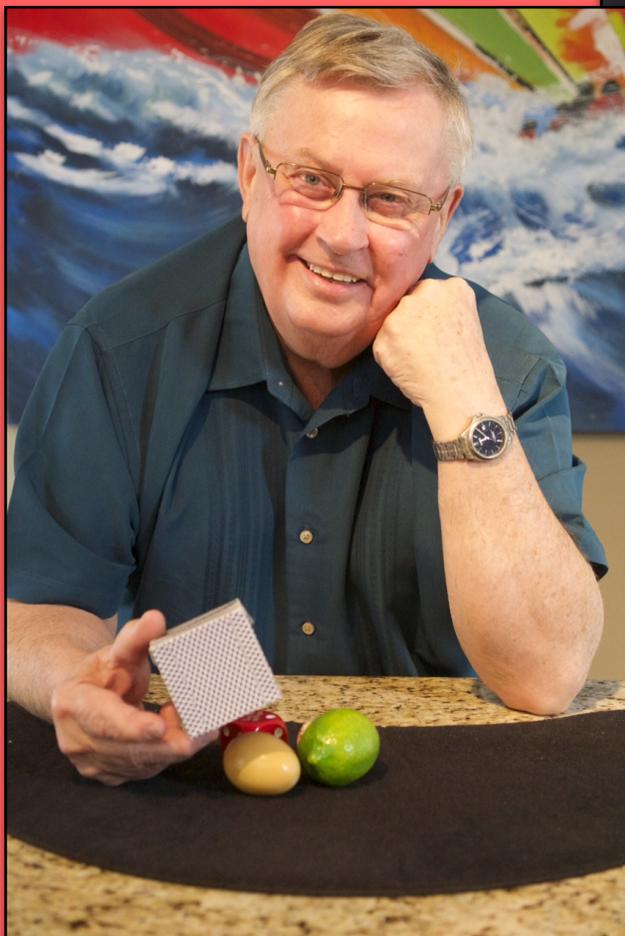


To participate in a competition, you must register with the Competition Chair (NEED EMAIL-NAME) 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting.



MEMBER MILESTONES:

Ray Roch has put together an "Impossible Box" lecture featuring his new DVD, The "Impossible Box" V2. This DVD was expertly filmed by the Editor of Vanish magazine, Paul Romhany, in Dave and Cathie Watters beautiful "Magic Castle" themed media room.



Trevor and Lorena Watters assisted in the production as lively spectators learning how to build and perform a card box routine "hands-on". This is a new workshop style production method that teaches moves in real time with someone actually following along as an effect is being demonstrated. As a bonus, Paul's three year-old son Jon-Paul and his wife Natalie star in the epilogue.

VMC Annual Installation Banquet - SOLD OUT!



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.



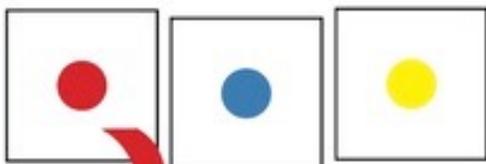
3-CARD MONKEY

Mac & Bill King

THIS MENTALISM TRICK REQUIRES A LITTLE PRE-MAGIC SETUP ONCE THAT'S DONE, YOU'LL BE BLOWING MINDS ALL OVER THE PLACE.



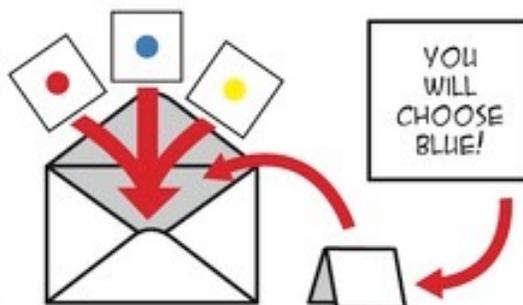
GET SOME POSTER BOARD AND CUT 3, 2-INCH SQUARE PIECES. PUT A RED DOT ON ONE SQUARE, A BLUE DOT ON ANOTHER AND A YELLOW DOT ON THE THIRD



YOU WILL CHOOSE RED!

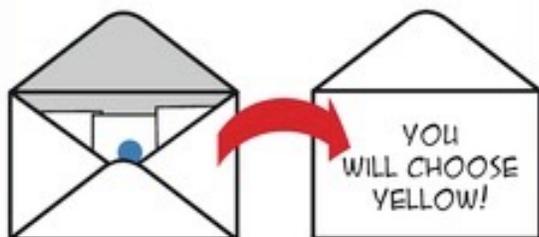
WRITE, "YOU WILL CHOOSE RED!" ON THE BACK OF THE RED SQUARE AND LEAVE THE OTHER 2 BLANK.

PLACE THE SQUARES INTO AN ENVELOPE. GET A SMALL PIECE OF PAPER AND WRITE, "YOU WILL CHOOSE BLUE!" THEN FOLD THE PAPER IN HALF AND STUFF IT DOWN IN A CORNER OF THE ENVELOPE.



YOU WILL CHOOSE BLUE!

FINALLY, WRITE ON THE FACE OF THE ENVELOPE, "YOU WILL CHOOSE YELLOW!" YOUR SETUP IS NOW COMPLETE AND YOU ARE READY TO START BLOWING MINDS!



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WHILE YOU ARE SITTING AT A TABLE WITH A FRIEND, PLACE THE ENVELOPE FACEDOWN. PULL OUT THE 3 SQUARES WITH THEIR COLORED DOTS SHOWING.



TELL YOUR FRIEND THAT YOU'VE BEEN TAKING MIND-READING CLASSES AT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND THAT THIS WAS ON THE FINAL EXAM. THEN ASK HIM TO CHOOSE A COLOR. IF HE CHOOSES RED, TURN ALL 3 SQUARES OVER TO REVEAL THAT YOU KNEW IT ALL ALONG.

YOU WILL CHOOSE RED!

IF YOUR FRIEND CHOOSES BLUE, PICK UP THE ENVELOPE AND ASK HIM TO REACH INSIDE. HE'LL FIND THE NOTE YOU PLACED THERE.



IF YELLOW IS THE CHOICE, LIFT UP THE ENVELOPE TO REVEAL ITS FACE. TA-DA!



BROKEN WAND

JOE WARD



Joseph Andrew Ward, 83 of Vancouver, British Columbia, died January 9, 2015. He held I.B.M. number 58780R and had been a member since June 1998. Joe was predeceased by his wife Oma and daughters Donna Lacey and Joanne Ward. He is survived by his son Brent Ward (Nancy), daughter Bev Ward-Young (Randy) and grandchildren Miles and Clint Lacey, Tara and Jaz Young and Hayley and Sami Ward.

Joe was a "Jack of all Trades," inventor and adventurer. Joe was a man of many talents; machinist, volunteer fireman, square dance caller, carpenter, prospector, magician, and Santa, aka "Santa Joe." He worked for Finning Tractor as the Supervisor of the Maintenance Department, retiring in 1997. Joe was a long-standing member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He loved the water and spent many hours fishing and crabbing.

Joe loved people and will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

February Report

By: Dennis Chan



The Vancouver Magic Circle held its prestigious installation and awards banquet on Thursday, February 26 at the Flamingo Chinese restaurant. Arriving early to set up the sound system and staging were Tony Chris, Billy Bales Hsueh, Chris Yuill and Alex Seaman. The evening started off with the club's annual photo which was set up by John Smithman, the club's official photographer. The "official camera clicker" was Kristy Swope. Thanks Kristy.

President Graham Kita was the MC for the evening's festivities. He handed out membership pins to members with continuous membership with the club. One-year pins went to Rod Boss, Bob Britton, Leo Kanzelberger, Clinton Lee, Cameron Minty, Yoosik Oum, Richard Piamonte, and Edward Stehr. A five-year pin went to Matthew Jones. Ten-year pins went to Denzil Asche, Damien Carriere, Nicholas Chow, Tony Kazoleas, and Joji Yamashita. Fifteen year pins went to David Hamil, David Parker, Jonathan Silver, and George Zuk. Twenty-year pins went to Jeff Christensen and John MacMillan. Twenty-five year pins went to Dennis Chan, Ken Gerbrandt, Perry Madaisky, Ray Roch and Henry Tom. Ken Aitken received a recognition for thirty years of continuous membership with the Vancouver Magic Circle!

Unfortunately, the club did not have a thirty year membership pin. Congratulations everyone!

Receiving their Helping Hands certificates for 2014 were Jennifer Meyers, Emily Garcia, Marcia Garcia, Chantel Allen, Pat Roch, Terri Kita, Chelsea Kita, Tyler Mayfield, Kristy Swope and Melody Hewson. They are non-members who help behind the scenes to make our gatherings a success. Thank you all!

Receiving their Vancouver Magic Circle competition certificates were Kelvin Ng, Bryn Williams, Chris Yuill, Jozef Amiri, Graham Kita, and Matthew Jones.

The highlight of the evening was the announcement of the President's Citation by I.B.M. International President, Shawn Farquhar to a very surprised Bryn Williams. The citation is a very rarely handed out award. Congratulations Bryn!

Graham Kita presented the President's award to Billy Bales Hsueh for all his dedicated work as secretary, 2nd VP, competition chairman and activity coordinator, raffle ticket seller, and other duties too numerous to mention. Congratulations Billy!

The Murray award was won by Billy Bales Hsueh, and the Kramien award was won by Richard Piamonte. The winner of the Dave Culos memorial trophy for the Golden Rabbit award was Tony Chris Kazoleas. Congratulations to all the winners for your commitment to the Vancouver Magic Circle during the 2014 magic year!

After the dinner, it was time for the swearing -in of the new officers for the 2015 magic year. Presiding over the swearing in ceremony of the new executive for the 2015 magic year was I.B.M. International President Shawn Farquhar, who was all decked out in his I.B.M. regalia. The new officers for the 2015 magic year are Graham Kita-President, Billy Bales Hsueh-1st VP, Kelvin Ng-2nd VP, Karen Eskilson-Secretary, Wiley Allen-Treasurer, and Dennis Chan-Sergeant-at -arms.

Graham Kita did an outstanding job as the MC. He kept the events flowing and all events were on time.

To end the evening's festivities, special guest and performer was Bizzaro who presented a very comical and interesting show. He also did a lecture the following day. Many thanks to Shawn and Lori Farquhar for hosting Bizzaro during his stay in Vancouver. Many thanks to Billy Bales Hsueh for his work as trophy chairman by making sure that everyone received their trophies and certificates. Raffle ticket sellers were Billy Bales Hsueh, Alex Seaman, Dennis Chan, Margaret Li, and Chelsea Kita. Walk around performers were Steve Dickson, Dennis Chan and Dennis Hewson. Alex Seaman provided the sound system, Tony Chris provided the backdrops. Prizes were donated by Tony Chris, Graham Kita, Ray Roch, Jack Lillico, Dennis Hewson (smarties in a bottle) and Dennis Chan.

There were 41 members and 37 guests in attendance.

The Vancouver Magic Circle thanks everyone for attending this year's award and installation banquet and helping to make it a success. We hope to see you all again in 2016.

-I'm Dennis Chan

OOPS! Yes, it is very easy to miss the acknowledgement of names when I do the M M reports. I may have been busy doing library business or in the kitchen and end up missing some of the performer's presentations. My sincere apologies to Ed Goldberg whom I missed in the 2014 and 2015 one trick night.

Betty Gallucci's Voice

Part 2 of a 2-part feature

Betty Gallucci shares her secret recipe for making Magic clubs more successful and members more engaged:

Many drop out, worn out, and no one asks why or urge them to just attend activities and to give their support. Newsletters should be sent for next 2 years, even if they don't attend meetings or pay their local dues. By keeping in touch they will return; friendship, habit.

Many clubs include in their newsletters the names and information on new members. The Clowns do. Who are the new people? What do they do, their abilities, who are they married to? What clubs did they belong to before? How can they be included into a committee so that they may feel being a part of the club and can meet be friends with other members? Sometimes the membership book doesn't get out for several months, waiting for member's dues to be paid or the new members names aren't even in the book yet.

I would also recommend a Telephone Tree committee, so that every member gets called once a month, even if it is only to their voice mail. A human voice binds and reminds the members to attend. The club needs to know if someone is ill, moved, has additional skills, information, or how they feel about the club. The Telephone Tree committee members report to the membership Chairman and the Hearts and Flower's Chairman, if loss or illness-which then the information is included in the newsletter. Also include an email, so the general members can send cards, flowers or to call them.

I recommended that we BUY a microphone, and use an audio system, both to conduct meetings, to educate members in it's use, or for speakers to use. Members will want to learn to use it, audiences will be grateful. The skill of using a microphone is needed in any business so why not learn at the club meetings? The population is older and many need sound enhancement. We lose club member because they cannot hear the proceedings. Even wearing hearing aids doesn't work everywhere especially soft voices and noisy rooms.

It is also recommended that we connect up with others in the service industry like public speakers, stand up comedians, clowns, carpenters, set designers, web designers, actors, magicians, health field, educators, attorneys, accountants, and successful business people who can train, or entertain, and who's services help us interconnect and succeed.



Betty Gallucci (stage name Betty Boop), is a Clown and a Realtor in Oswego, OR, who has served as President and executive of a variety of Magic clubs and boards. In a recent interview, she shares some of the secrets of her success. Betty is almost 88 years old!

Best of luck!



Everyone's favourite feature!!

How I got started in Magic...

Getting to know Jeff Christensen

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

RABBI DON: How did you first become interested in magic?

JEFF: I first became interested in magic due to my Grade 11 Physics teacher Mr. Best. He performed card magic in class and I was hooked. He showed me some things and then taught me one trick. Once I had practiced the trick sufficiently for him he then gave me the book *Expert Card Technique*. I promptly learned how to classic force a card and fooled him with it. I can remember him asking "How did you do that?" When I told him what I did he wouldn't believe me and asked me to do it again and again.



RABBI DON: How old were you?

JEFF: I was 15 at the time. It was quite funny as I started coming in earlier to learn magic from Mr. Best. He in turn had to come in earlier and earlier just to get his work done. He was very generous with his time and along with another teacher they even took me to a Slydini lecture in Seattle. How cool is that? I still do Flight of the Paper Balls and can say that I learned it from Slydini himself!

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

JEFF: I performed magic just for fun for many years but really didn't start taking it seriously until about 2004 when it formed the basis for my Masters project at UBC. Subsequent to this I had the privilege to attend Mystery School with Jeff McBride and Eugene Burger. I feel very honoured to be able to continue to have these two amazing magic legends as my teachers. In March I will be going to Mystery School to learn Jeff's signature piece the Water Bowls.

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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!).

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RABBI DON: What is your favourite type of audience and why?

JEFF: My favourite type of audience is adults in a parlour setting. With adults I can go deeper in terms of the magical meaning of my performance. I suppose this is why I can relate to Eugene Burger's magic which has so much depth.

RABBI DON: What do you appreciate most about having Magic in your life?

JEFF: Magic provides me with an extremely creative outlet for sharing myself. It also allows me to do as Jeff McBride shares: "Disturb the comfortable and comfort the disturbed." I love being able to create moments of wonder in people's lives.



RABBI DON: What is your most memorable MAGIC experience?

JEFF: I've been fortunate to having many wonderful/memorable magical experiences. I would say that the highlight for me was to be able to present our charity show with Jeff McBride and raising enough money to build a school in Africa. Earlier this year I was able to go the school and perform magic for them.

They had never seen a magician and were just so appreciative and it was just a wonderful experience. To thank me they presented me with a goat. That was a pretty magical moment and a tremendous honour. Another highlight for me was fooling Eugene Burger with a piece of mentalism. That piece later went on to become part of the act that won the Gold Medal for Mentalism at PCAM.



GETTING TO KNOW...JACK LILICO

Dennis Chan, VMC Sergeant-at-Arms, Magical Minutes Contributing Writer, Linking Ring Reporter and All-Around-Great-Guy, recently spoke to one of our seasoned members about his experiences in magic:

DENNIS: How did you first become interested in magic?

JACK: I became interested in magic at the age of seven. I asked some people to show me a card trick and some magic. I also got together with some other magicians. I also went to William Shelley's home. He was the number one magician in Vancouver at that time. He had a theatre in his house. That was my inspiration.

DENNIS: What year did you join the Vancouver Magic Circle?

JACK: I joined in November, 1944 at the age of seventeen. There were about 50 members at that time and members had to wear a suit and tie.

DENNIS: What type of magic did you do?

JACK: I did stage magic and close-up magic. Wilf Hooper taught me card magic. I also did children's magic and community shows.

DENNIS: Who was your favourite magician back then?

JACK: Francis Martineau, John Kirby and Ken Hughes.

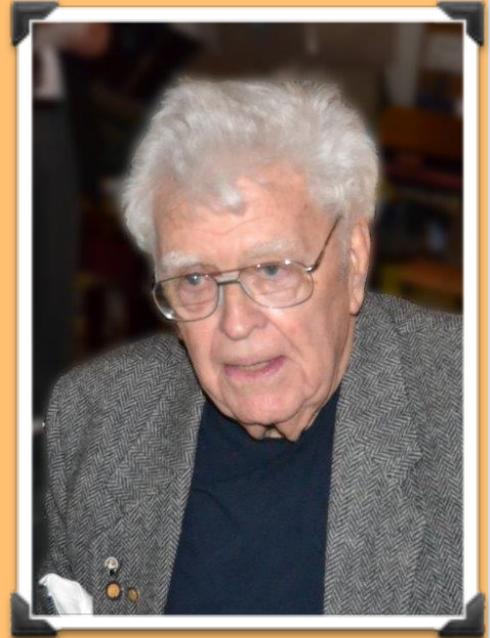
DENNIS: What was your most memorable moment in magic?

JACK: In 1946 two non-magician friends and I hitch-hiked to Los Angeles for a PCAM convention wearing our Seaforth Highlander kilts. We also visited the MGM studios and other tourist attractions.

DENNIS: Thank you very much for taking this time out for the interview.

JACK: You're welcome.

Jack was born in Vancouver, went to Lord Byng school where he was known as Magical Jack. Jack is a retired denturist, is 87 years old and lives in Delta, BC. Jack was inducted as a lifetime member of the Vancouver Magic Circle in 1998. He also has a lot of magic memorabilia.



"It isn't what you know that counts, it's what you think of in time."



Please answer the
Membership Talent Survey here:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/S2FBQV9>