



# V — RING 92 — VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

September 2015

the Charles Howard Ring

## September is AUCTION month!

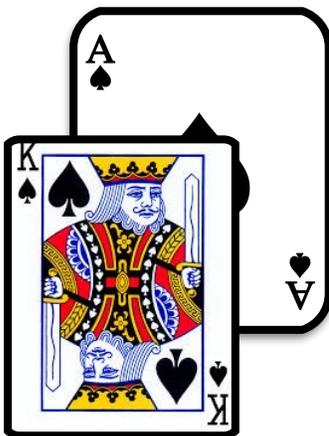


Doors open at 6pm, for viewing - Auction starts at 7pm

There are Lots and lots of awesome raffle prizes to be won!

Non Members are allowed attend and purchase items with the invitation of a member in good standing, + \$10 entrance fee paid at the door!

Come buy back all the stuff you sold last year!!



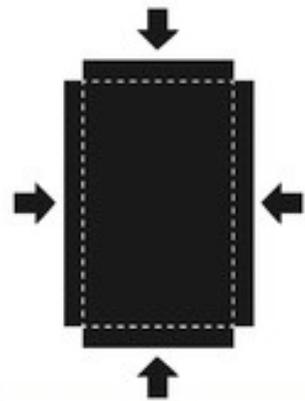


# PHONY PHONE

CELLPHONES ARE EVERYWHERE THESE DAYS. IF SOMETHING LOOKS LIKE A PHONE, FOLKS WILL JUST ASSUME IT IS ONE. WITH A LITTLE ACTING AND SOME BLACK PAPER, YOU CAN TURN ASSUMPTION INTO AMAZEMENT!



GET SOME BLACK PAPER AND CUT OUT A 3-BY-5-INCH RECTANGLE. THEN CUT A SMALL SQUARE OUT OF EACH CORNER TO CREATE FOUR SIDE FLAPS. FOLD THE FLAPS INWARD AND YOU'LL HAVE SOMETHING RESEMBLING A PHONE.



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GO TO A PLACE WHERE YOU'LL BE NEAR STRANGERS, LIKE A BUS STOP OR ELEVATOR, TAKE OUT YOUR "PHONE" AND PRETEND TO MAKE A CALL.



IS THIS THE SUPER-SECRET SPY AGENCY? GOOD THIS IS AGENT X-13 SPEAKING!



I HAVE THE TOP-SECRET INFORMATION YOU REQUESTER



YES, I'M AFRAID THINGS LOOK PRETTY GRIM.



TELL THE PRESIDENT TO GET TO HIS BUNKER. AGENT X-13 SIGNING OFF!



Mac & Bill King

AFTER SIGNING OFF AND IN VIEW OF THE FOLKS AROUND YOU WHO'VE BEEN LISTENING, CRUSH YOUR PHONE IN YOUR HAND



THEN TEAR IT UP INTO TINY PIECES.

YEP THINGS ARE ABOUT TO GET MESSY!



ANYONE WATCHING WILL BE LEFT TOTALLY SPEECHLESS.

BY THE WAY, YOU SAW NOTHING!



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello fellow members. Hope this finds you all well and everyone had a great summer.

Anyone who knows me understands why I am always so busy. I am constantly trying to juggle more balls than I can handle. Throughout my busy schedule I am always thankful for the magic in my life and the friends I have made through magic.

In the middle of July I tracked off to Jacksonville, Florida, for the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual IBM Convention. It didn't start off well. I was thrown off the airplane at YVR and had to watch Alex Seaman, Kristy Swope, and Billy Hsueh fly away without me. But I got on another plane and made it to the convention.

The IBM Convention was fantastic. The highlights for me were 1) Watching the IBM President, Shawn Farquhar, lead the convention. He has done so much for the IBM, has been such a great ambassador of magic, and has put it on a positive path to growth and development. He has always been a great friend to the magic community and we, as fellow VMC members, should all be proud of his achievements. 2) Standing up and receiving our Honor Ring Certificate from the IBM International President and good friend Shawn Farquhar. 3) Seeing Alex Seaman being inducted into the IBM Executive as an Executive Committee Member. 4) Watching Billy Hsueh help run the lectures and workshops for the convention. 5) Seeing long time friend and former VMC member Jose Almenaires drop in from Hong Kong. 6) Seeing the incoming President-Elect Joe Turner again and finally meeting his whole family. 7) Meeting and making new friends from both the IBM Boards and the awesome talent that was assembled at the convention. 8) And, of course, hanging out with friends and fellow members of the convention. The best moment of the convention was when Shawn entered the convention to the theme of Star Wars with two storm troopers flanking him. He does know how to make an entrance! If you have never been to an IBM Convention, you should look in to next year's IBM Convention in San Antonio, Texas.

Following the convention Shawn, Lori, and Hanna Farquhar led Soma, Alex Seaman, Kristy Swope, Billy Hsueh, Ken Aitken, and myself to Orlando, Florida to see Disneyworld (the Magical Kingdom), Universal Studios (Harry Potter Castle, Diagon Alley, and Hogsmead). Wow – what a great trip – good friends, great adventures, thrilling roller coasters on a magical journey.

I was home for a few weeks and then off to Magic Live to party with 1600 magicians in fabulous Las Vegas. There was literally so much to see and do at this convention, I had a hard time staying awake.

The next event was our annual VMC Picnic. For those of you who attended it was great fun. Special thanks to Dennis Chan (for both his time and donations), Billy Hseuh, Alex Seaman, Chris Yuill, and my family for their help in organizing this event. Special thanks to Karen Eskilson, Michael Dinero, Matthew Kim, and Gary and Ana Spence for bringing extra food to the picnic. It is greatly appreciated. Jeff Christensen did a wonderful wand holders performance. Matthew Jones added a few tricks to entertain us. Adrien Pierard won the card-throwing contest. The prize was assorted decks of cards, donated by me. Gary Spence won the closely contested watermelon-eating contest. He won a Super Soaker Water gun. Another fun event – thanks to all for making it another successful picnic.

On Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, we have our much anticipated auction night. Doors will be opening at 5:00 PM for setup. Viewing will be from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. We are telling people to ask their questions about the auction items during this viewing time. During the auction, questions slow the auction process down. At 7:00 PM there will be a short business meeting and then refreshments. This year we have decided to let non-members attend the event. They must attend with a member of good standing and pay a \$10.00 fee at the door. All sellers must be registered by Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> to be eligible to sell. This is always an enjoyable night with lots of great deals. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

As my summer of magic comes to a close, I have formed so many fond and magical memories. I hope your summer was filled with lots of magical friendships too.

*Graham*

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

# Annual Summer Picnic is a blast!!!





# Dr. Stanley, I presume?

*An amazing story of how an interest in magic, and an early friendship traversed a continent and brought two people back together.*

*By: John Smithman*

*Last of a 3 part feature.*

*Earlier in this feature, we read how John met Guy Stanley in the Royal Canadian Air Force in the early 1960's. After being out-of-touch for over 50 years, John set out to try and locate the man who had rekindled his own interest in Magic so many years ago. John finally tracked down Guy Stanley through a chatroom called The Magic Café.*

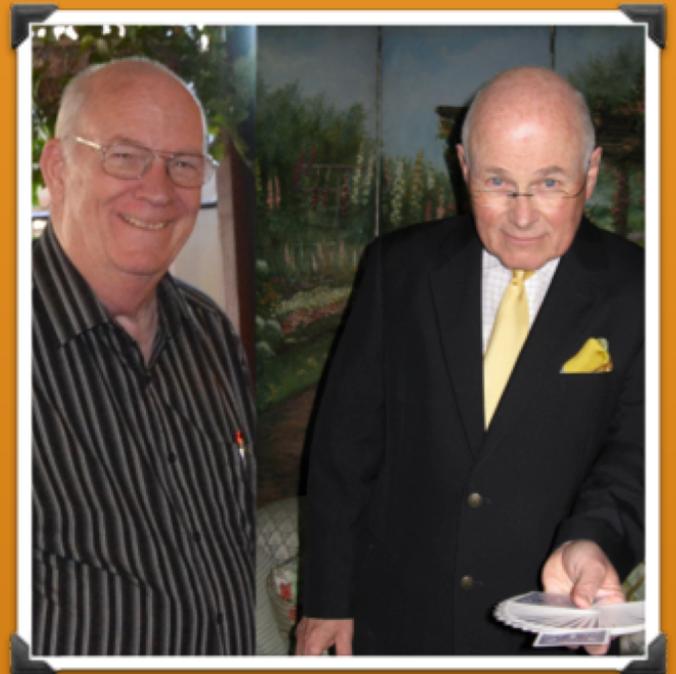
## "Hello John, This is Guy Stanley."

That voice on the phone marked the end of my search. I was so glad to receive Guy's call. We talked for a couple of hours, sharing 53 years of memories of two successful careers. We both have three children. We are both published authors. We have both educated and advised business owners across Canada. Although he missed out on the RCAF experience, Guy had an amazing career in politics and education, travelled the world, and raised three children: two are lawyers and one is starting law school soon. Guy is now a member of the Society of American Magicians. We spoke of magic and famous magicians. I'm still learning about magic from Guy.

## *A Translocation Miracle*

A common magic effect is *translocation* where two items magically change places in an act. Guy now lives in Beaconsfield, Quebec across the river from where I lived when I joined the Air Force and I live in Vancouver, British Columbia across the channel from where Guy lived when he joined the Air Force. I was dating a French-Canadian girl when I joined the air force, Guy is now married to a French-Canadian woman. A *translocation* of the two major actors in this amazing real world magic play.

My Search ended when a group of strangers from three corners of North America stepped up to help: **Steve Brooks** founded **The Magic Cafe** to provide a way for magicians to share conversations on magic; **Nicole** of **Canada's Magic**, [canadasmagic.blogspot.ca](http://canadasmagic.blogspot.ca), is dedicated to serving Canadian magicians; and **Phil Matlin** of **Perfect Magic** in Montreal knows his customers well enough to make the final connection between Guy and myself. These are amazing people who enthusiastically support magicians worldwide. They are not only magic fans and supporters, they are also caring people who responded quickly to address the need of an old man on the West Coast, with a well-executed magical miracle!



# Summer Report

By: Dennis Chan

The Vancouver Magic Circle's annual picnic took place on Sunday, August 23 at Hume Park in New Westminster. There were plenty of burgers, hot dogs, salads, soft drinks and chips for everyone.

Working the barbeque was Dennis Chan and was ably assisted by Terri Kita. Several members also contributed to the barbeque. Matthew Kim supplied bacon strips, Michael Dinero brought some spicy chicken pieces, Gary and Ana Spence brought tortilla chips and salsa and Karen Eskilson donated a large cake which was heavily decorated with a rich butter icing... OOPS! There goes my blood sugar count.

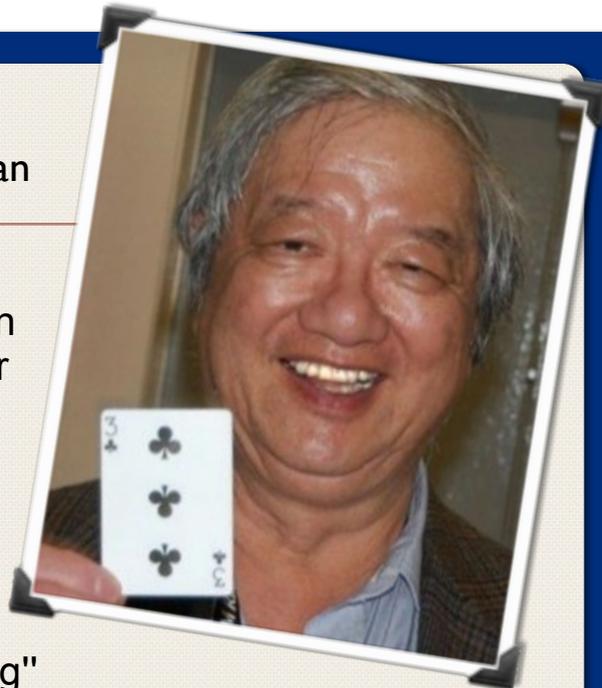
Thank you very much everyone!

Jeff Christensen performed his magic programme for his magic wand degree. Well-done Jeff! Matthew Jones did some close-up magic.

Picnic games included bocci ball, and the usual card toss. Adrien Pierard was the winner of the card toss.

And of course what would the afternoon be without the club's most popular picnic event: the watermelon-eating contest. In this contest, watermelons are cut into quarters, and then covered with whipping cream and are placed onto a tarp. Contestants are then blindfolded. With their hands behind their backs

and on  
their  
knees  
the



"eating" begins. The person who eats the most "red" within the three minute time limit is declared the winner. The contestants were Jeff Christensen, Matthew Kim, Dennis Chan, Adrien Pierard, Gary Spence, Jessica Chan, Alex Seaman and Wiley Allen. There was a three way tie between Matthew Kim, Jeff Christensen and Gary Spence.

By a round of applause, Gary Spence was declared the winner! There are no prizes in this contest, just a whole lot of fun and laughs.

Many thanks to Terri and Graham for picking up the supplies for the picnic. Dennis Chan provided the barbeque. Many thanks to Chelsea Kita for helping with the clean up. And, as usual, John Smithman, the club's official photographer took photos of the afternoon's fun filled events.

There were 24 members and 15 guests in attendance...and Max, Jeff and Emma Christensen's dog.

-I'm Dennis Chan



# How I got started in Magic....

## Getting to know Billy Hsueh the VMC's 1st Vice President

Rabbi Don Paecht had the opportunity to chat with Billy about his start in Magic.

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

**BILLY:** It was on my first visit to Clowning Around Magic (on Granville Island), in the summer of 2007, but I really started to get into it in April of 2008 after watching some videos on youtube.

**RABBI DON:** How old were you?

**BILLY:** 13 years old.

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

**BILLY:** I knew it was for me because it made people smile, laugh and enjoy themselves as well as it kind of made me more well known in school.

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

**BILLY:** My favourite type of audience is one that truly enjoys magic for what it is and appreciates the hard work of the art.

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

**BILLY:** I love the way it made me see things in a different light. How I am able to use common magic theories such as misdirection/direction, and Equivoque in normal life situations. As well as solving problems with unique solutions because I am able to think so differently.

**RABBI DON:** What is your most memorable MAGIC experience?

**BILLY:** My most memorable experiences are getting to travel with Murray Hatfields Magic 'N' Illusions Tour, as well as being a Magic Live Intern.





# 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!!**

Congratulations to VMC Member Ray Roch, whose 'Impossible Box 2.0' received a VERY favourable review in Genii Magazine...



## ODD CARDS & ODDER GIMMICKS

### Impossible Box V2.0

Ray Roch

\$24.95

Of all the gimmicks in magic, I have a soft spot for Al Wheatley's Chop Cup. I mean, damn, it makes things appear and vanish in a way that feels magical, and is fun to do—what more can one ask? With "The Impossible Box," Ray Roch has done something neat, and come up with a new method for doing what the Chop Cup essentially does, with no gimmicked items. The "box" in question is one made of playing cards, built as part of the presentation in front of the audience. Unmistakably empty, a small ball is nevertheless discovered inside, and the ball goes through a series of appearances and vanishes we have come to associate with the chop cup. This fooled me—I had no idea what was going on. The construction/design of the box itself is part of the secret, and it is ingenious. As with Chop Cup routines, loads can be produced, and there are various options and pathways presented—some are true loads while others are simulated loads. You will no doubt, like me, prefer some ideas to others, but the real value here is the ability to make a box out of playing cards that can cause a small item to appear or vanish.

Considerations: This is a DVD-only trick. Use your own cards, balls, and production items.

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