



V — RING 92 —
VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

Summer 2015

the Charles Howard Ring

Summer is heating up!



Be sure to join us for our

Annual Summer BBQ

(details on Page 2).

Summer Picnic



RECIPE FOR FUN

Join us for Food, Fun,
Magic and More!

DATE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2015

WHERE: Hume Park in New Westminster

TIME: 12:00-4:00 PM

Magic Wand Performances and Water Fight!

If you would like to register for our ever-popular Magic Wand Performances, please contact our Competition Chair Billy Hsueh at mindxplosionmagic@hotmail.com

RAY GAMBLE TROPHY IMPROMPTU CARD MAGIC





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

Part 2 of a 3 part feature.

In Part I of 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...

The Magic Café

A year ago, Steve Brooks gave a lecture to our Vancouver magic club members at a local magic conference *The 3 of Clubs*. This Californian magician runs The Magic Café, a membership website for magicians. On April 19th, 2015, I posted the following plea on Steve's site.

I met GUY STANLEY in the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1962. He and I were training as pilots. We were both in our late teens. His hobby was magic - a very skilled magician. My hobby was photography. The sands of time separated us during our military days. Now I'd like to find him and reconnect. Does anyone in this group know of a very good magician named Guy Stanley? He would be 70ish today if he is still alive. Guy turned me on to magic at that time and it subsequently became my second hobby. Now, I live in the area where he lived when he joined the Airforce - Vancouver, British Columbia. And I am club photographer at The Vancouver Magic Circle (IBM Ring 92). I expected to find Guy when I moved here from Eastern Canada. I ask every senior magician I meet, but nobody remembers GUY STANLEY. Do you?

I've searched the Web and archives of old magic magazines. I found a M-U-M reference to a new member joining a magic club in New York in 1987. His name was Guy Stanley and he would have been about 44 at the time. Could this be him? Guy loved magic so much, I can't see him giving it up. He could be an IBM member? So, I continue to search. Please help me reconnect with my old friend, or at least tell me what happened to him? Warm Regards, John

This was the beginning of a real-life magic act. Less than a month later, I posted this.

I'm a happy man. Some people of action helped me find my long lost friend Guy Stanley.

Nicole at Canada's Magic saw my post here, emailed me and asked me to send her my contact information which she sent to Phil at Perfect Magic in Montreal so that he could forward it to Dr. Guy Stanley, one of his regular customers there. Guy called me within hours and we spoke for several hours catching up on 53 years of separated time.

I was right. Guy still loves magic as a hobby and has a treasury of books on great historical champions of magic. Thanks Nicole for taking action. Thanks Phil for closing the loop. And thanks to Magic Café's Steve Brooks for making connections among us magicians possible!

Like Sir Stanley in his search for Dr Livingstone in 1871, I persisted to find my old friend. With the help of a few other magic fans, we orchestrated a magical lost-and-found effect that had elements of translocation as you will see in the following summary of my phone conversation with Guy when he phoned me on May 8th.

Next Month... **"Hello John, This is Guy Stanley."**

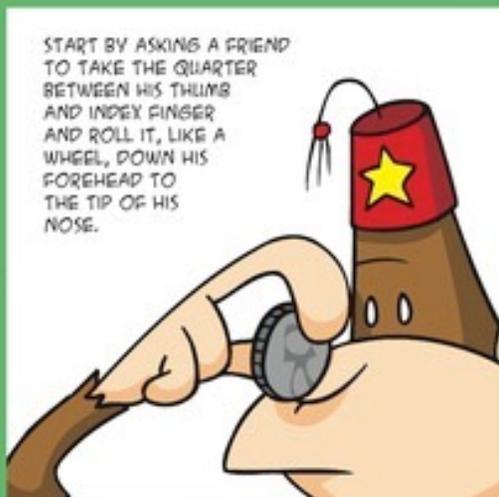
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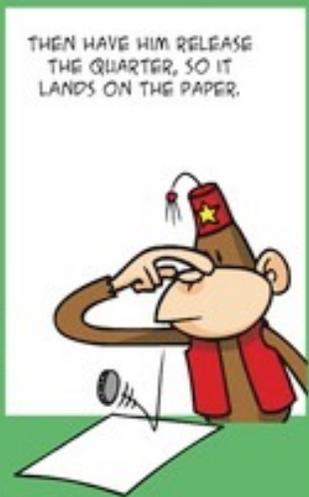
MAKING HEADLINES



HERE'S A TRICK THAT YOU CAN PLAY ON YOUR BEST FRIEND OR YOUR WORST ENEMY. EITHER WAY, IT'S HILARIOUS. ALL YOU NEED IS A QUARTER, A PENCIL AND A SHEET OF PAPER.



START BY ASKING A FRIEND TO TAKE THE QUARTER BETWEEN HIS THUMB AND INDEX FINGER AND ROLL IT, LIKE A WHEEL, DOWN HIS FOREHEAD TO THE TIP OF HIS NOSE.



THEN HAVE HIM RELEASE THE QUARTER, SO IT LANDS ON THE PAPER.



THEN TAKE YOUR PENCIL AND TRACE A CIRCLE AROUND THE QUARTER TO MARK WHERE IT LANDED.



TELL YOUR FRIEND THAT HE CAN KEEP THE QUARTER IF HE CAN REPEAT THE DROP AND GET IT TO LAND IN THE CIRCLE.



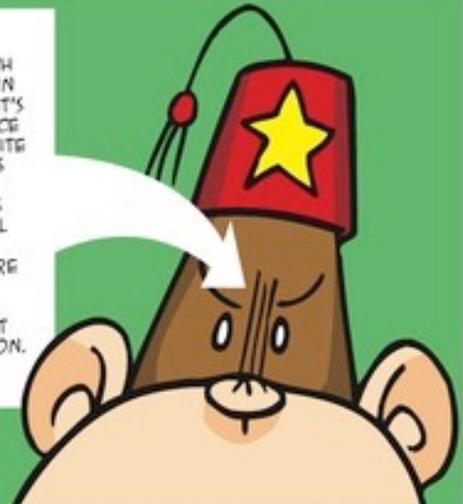
EACH TIME HE MISSES, TRACE THE QUARTER AGAIN AND GIVE HIM ANOTHER TRY.



WHETHER HE WINS OR GIVES UP GIVE HIM THE QUARTER FOR BEING A GOOD SPORT. THEN SHOW HIM A MIRROR.

HEY!

WHEN YOUR FRIEND LOOKS IN THE MIRROR, HE'LL SEE A BUNCH OF BLACK LINES RUNNING DOWN HIS FOREHEAD AND NOSE. THAT'S BECAUSE EVERY TIME YOU TRACE AROUND THE QUARTER, GRAPHITE WILL COLLECT IN THE GROOVES ON ITS SIDE. EACH TIME HE ROLLS THE QUARTER DOWN HIS FACE, A LINE OF GRAPHITE WILL BE CREATED. THE MORE ATTEMPTS HE MAKES, THE MORE LINES HE'LL HAVE ON HIS FACE AND THE FUNNIER HE'LL LOOK. THIS TRICK IS ESPECIALLY GREAT WITH OTHER FOLKS LOOKING ON. THE MORE THE MERRIER!



Mac & Bill King

Busy summer...



May Report

By: Dennis Chan



June Meeting

The evening started off with a 'Teach-A-Trick-Learn-A-Trick' workshop session put together by Kelvin Ng. This is where members share their magical knowledge with other members. Tables were set up with members sitting at the table with an instructor teaching their favourite effects. The instructors for the evening were Matthew Jones, Kelvin Ng, Henry Tom and Ray Roch. Everyone enjoyed this new feature of the club. This will be a regular feature of the club at most of the meetings.

Many thanks to Kelvin and to all the instructors.

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 wrapper still intact. The official timing begins when the competitor has removed the wrapper. Nothing else may be used. Last year's winner, Chris Yuill was the host and MC for this event and he read the rules. The competitors were Matthew Jones, Adrien Pierard, Kelvin Ng, Richard Piamonte, Jeff Christensen and Jeff Orr. The winner of the Ray Gamble trophy was Jeff Christensen! Kelvin Ng came in second place who lost to Jeff by one point. Matthew Jones came in third place. Congratulations to Jeff and to the rest of the competitors!

Chris Yuill did some comedy magic in between the acts to keep the competition flowing. Billy Bales Hsueh tallied the scores.

The business portion of the meeting included the annual picnic in August, the September auction and the Children's Magician of the Year contest in December. A magic festival will also be held in conjunction with the Children's Magician of the Year contest. Many thanks to Wiley Allen who negotiated a deal to purchase 110 VHS magic cassette tapes for the club's library.

A broken wand ceremony was held for Eric Lenz, a long time member of the Vancouver Magic

Circle and a teacher of magic who passed away in March. His wife Donna, along with her son Michael were in attendance. Graham Kita read the broken wand ceremony and Kelvin Ng broke the wand. After the ceremony, Michael gave a short speech about his dad. Ray Roch also gave a short speech about Eric.

Mike Norden and Gord Boyes reminded the members of the 2015 PCAM/Three of Clubs convention, which will take place in November. They have a great line up of performers and lecturers for this convention.

Out of town visitors were Hugo Bauguil from France and Alejandro Leonian from Argentina. They did some card magic after the competition.

It was nice to see Bruce and Jennifer Meyers whom we haven't seen for quite a while.

The Vancouver Magic Circle received a cheque for \$1,000.00 US as we were chosen as an Honour Ring. See write up in the June issue of the Linking Ring. Many thanks to President Graham Kita for doing an excellent job of representing the Vancouver Magic Circle.

Billy Bales Hsueh sold raffle tickets. Prizes were donated by Graham Kita, the late Munro MacKenzie and the VMC library. And as usual, John Smithman, the club's official photographer took photos of the evening's events.

There were 36 members and 11 guests in attendance.

-I'm Dennis Chan



How I got started in Magic....

Getting to know Cameron Minty,
one of the VMC's Junior
members!

Rabbi Don Pacht had the opportunity to chat with Cameron about his start in Magic.

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

CAMERON: I was 7 years old and it was Christmas. I was given a DVD about a one hour-long magic show starring a magician in Minnesota named James Celian. And I was amazed when I first saw this video, and as I grew older, I started witnessing how he did his magic acts, and I now know how almost all of the magic acts are done.

RABBI DON: How old were you?

CAMERON: Seven and a half years old.

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

CAMERON: I started as a natural hobby to entertain my family and then I started doing more magic by practicing with cards.

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

CAMERON: Street audiences. I'm normally a very silent person and especially stagefrightened sometimes. I honestly feel more comfortable performing with small audiences who are around me. I may go bigger into stage audiences in the future, but not right now.

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

CAMERON: Having something to do during my free time.

RABBI DON: What is your most memorable MAGIC experience?

CAMERON: I'm not exactly sure. I've had a lot of fun during my almost ten years of magic lifetime experience.



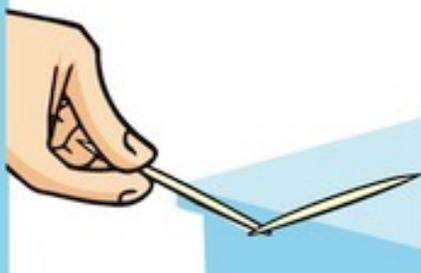


ELECTRIC TOOTHPICK

Mac & Bill King

HERE'S A TRICK THAT FOLKS GET A CHARGE OUT OF. ALL YOU NEED ARE A COUPLE OF TOOTHPICKS.

WITH A FRIEND LOOKING ON, PLACE ONE OF THE TOOTHPICKS ON A TABLE, SO THAT ONE END STICKS OUT OVER THE EDGE. THEN TOUCH THE TIP OF THAT TOOTHPICK WITH THE TIP OF THE OTHER. POINT OUT THAT NOTHING HAPPENS.



EXPLAIN THAT NOTHING HAPPENS BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T CHARGED EITHER OF THE PICKS WITH ELECTRICITY — SOMETHING THAT CAN BE ACHIEVED ONLY BY THOSE WITH AN "ELECTRIC PERSONALITY!"



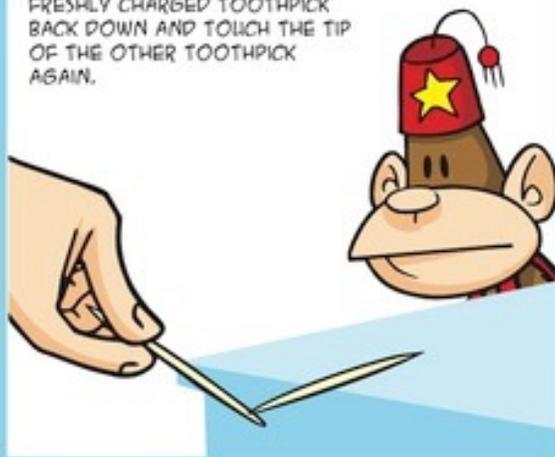
HOLD UP THE TOOTHPICK IN YOUR HAND, WAVE YOUR OTHER HAND OVER IT AND SAY THE MAGIC WORDS:

ELECTRICITY STORED WITHIN ME: CHARGE THIS TOOTHPICK AND DO IT QUICKLY!



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BRING THE TIP OF YOUR FRESHLY CHARGED TOOTHPICK BACK DOWN AND TOUCH THE TIP OF THE OTHER TOOTHPICK AGAIN.

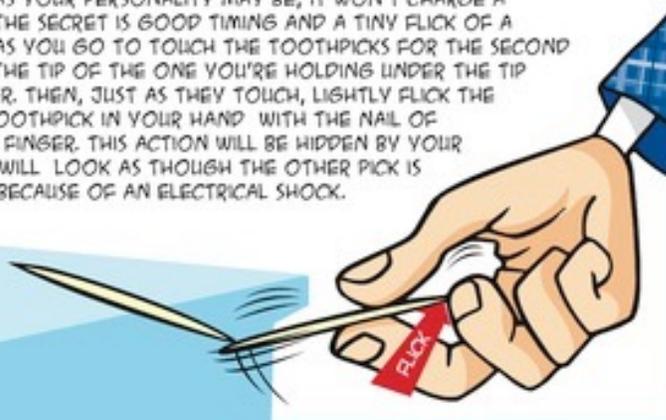


IMMEDIATELY UPON COMING INTO CONTACT WITH THE CHARGED TOOTHPICK, THE ONE ON THE TABLE LEAPS INTO THE AIR AS IF STRUCK BY LIGHTNING!



HOWDY DO IT?

AS ELECTRIC AS YOUR PERSONALITY MAY BE, IT WON'T CHARGE A TOOTHPICK. THE SECRET IS GOOD TIMING AND A TINY FLICK OF A FINGERNAIL. AS YOU GO TO TOUCH THE TOOTHPICKS FOR THE SECOND TIME, BRING THE TIP OF THE ONE YOU'RE HOLDING UNDER THE TIP OF THE OTHER. THEN, JUST AS THEY TOUCH, LIGHTLY FLICK THE TIP OF THE TOOTHPICK IN YOUR HAND WITH THE NAIL OF YOUR MIDDLE FINGER. THIS ACTION WILL BE HIDDEN BY YOUR HAND AND IT WILL LOOK AS THOUGH THE OTHER PICK IS SENT FLYING BECAUSE OF AN ELECTRICAL SHOCK.





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.

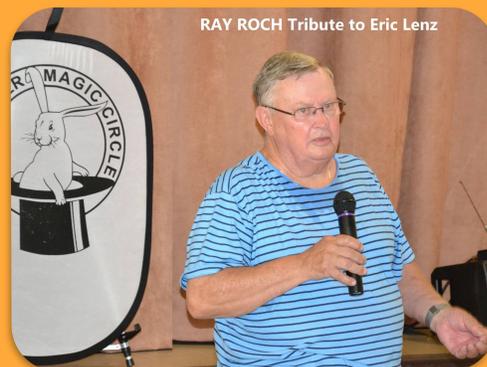
Talent has been spoken to and hotel has been booked, be sure to check out this website for updates regularly as we get contracts in place... www.pcam2015.ca (sorry folks, someone's squatting on the .com name). One of the exciting features is that World Champion Shawn Farquhar is performing a Magic Cabaret 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!).

VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
Broken Wand Ceremony 2015
ERIC LENZ, Magic Teacher
VMC Life Member
IBM Order of Merlin Shield



Eric Lenz, pictured here with
Lon Mandrake and the Chow Family

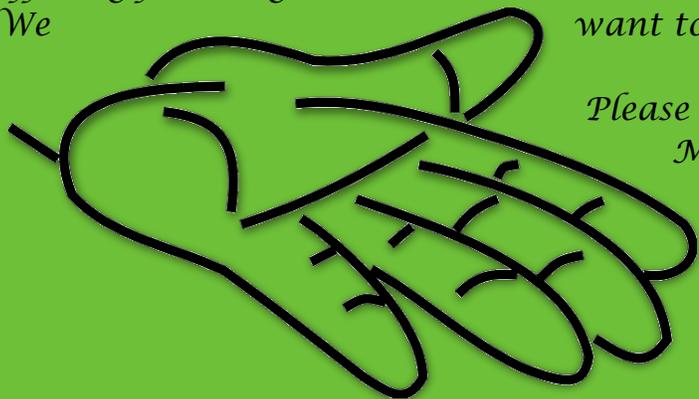
Broken Wand Ceremony conducted
by Graham Kita and Kelvin Ng for
Eric Lenz who passed away earlier
this year.
Eric is now teaching magic to angels.



Introducing a new feature to the Magical Minutes Newsletter...

Generous Gestures

Do you know of a VMC Member who uses his or her magical talents to help people? Maybe it is a free show for patients in a children's hospital. Or maybe offering free magic lessons to underprivileged youth? We want to know about it!



Please send submissions to the Magical Minutes Editor, Rabbi Don Pacht (yes, that guy...), to see your favourite magician featured in a future issue.



2016 I.B.M. Officers and new Executive Committee Members inducted into office yesterday at the I.B.M. General Membership Meeting in Jacksonville, FL.

Joe M. Turner - International President; Oscar Munoz -International President Elect; Becki Wells - International Vice President; Don Wiberg - International Secretary; Charles Arkin - International Treasurer; Simone Marron - Executive Committee Member; and Alex Seaman - Executive Committee Member.

Fall seven times, stand up eight

-Japanese Proverb



Our treasurer Wiley Allen is ecstatic about our recent named status as an IBM honor club, while president Graham is reluctant, but willing, to let go of the cheque that accompanies the honor from IBM president Shawn Farquhar's I.B.M. team.