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VMC 2003 ANNUAL PICNIC TO BE HELD

The next event of IBM Ring #92 – The Vancouver Magic Circle takes place on Sunday August 24th, 2003 at Queens Park located in New Westminister B.C. The barbecue will start at noon and the show will start at 2pm, which will be held at the band shell of the park. After the show, we will be holding our annual magic wand degree where members wishing to participate have to perform 15 minutes of magic to receive the degree. For more information please contact **Glen LaBarre** at 604-468-6265.

For any of those who have purchased any of the wonderful club apparel, we encourage you to bring your attire to picnic on Sunday for a group photo that will be saved to the club archives.

ONE MAGICAL SUMMER FOR THE VMC!

As our ring does not meet in July (summer holiday time) it does not mean that magic takes a holiday. A Canadian



Shawn Farquhar and his very Own Cups and Balls Routine!

team of Derek Selinger from Regina; Richard Forget from Toronto; and **Shawn Farquhar**, from Coquitlam entered to F.I.S.M. world convention at The Hague in the Netherlands. 2500 magicians and 150 competitors-now that is a convention. For the first time, the Canadian team entered the front door by being sponsored by the Canadian Association of Magicians. The same high standards were set and the team acquitted itself with honor. **Shawn Farquhar** won the silver medal in Micro Magic (Close Up) with his original excellent cups and balls routine, so we are very proud.

Our talented hearing/speech impaired member **Neil Marshall**, was to have entered the U.S. Deaf Magicians Festival in Las Vegas but due to a last minute family problem had to withdraw. However, he plans to submit a proposal to sponsor the festival in our area in 2007. Good luck Neil.

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ALL MEETINGS OF THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE ARE HELD AT
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TIDBITS FROM THE TOPHAT!



Juliana Chen was recently in Vancouver filming her new promo video in the Studio theatre at the Shadbolt Centre for the performing arts. **Shawn Farquhar, Steven Best, Kelvin Ng, David Wilson, and Bill Kling** were all there to give Juliana a helping hand. After her stay in Vancouver, she went to Las Vegas to open for the Amazing Jonathan at the Flamingo Hilton and now is currently in Germany performing for three months.

Steven Best has been seen performing at the Chilliwack Exhibition Fair, the Maple Ridge Fair, and opened for the fireworks on the Kitsolano Showboat. Keep up the good work!

Kelvin Ng is now the feature magician performing close-up magic at Pladium Metrotown every Sunday from 1pm to 5 pm. Way to go Kelvin!

If you have any Tidbits or interesting news please let us know so we can share this with the rest of the club! Phone the tidbit hotline at 604-617-8047 or email vmcnews@ibmring92.com

2003 PCAM CONVENTION IN COQUITLAM!

The 70th Anniversary for Pacific Coast Association of Magicians held their annual convention in Coquitlam B.C. from July 31st to August 3rd. The convention began with an evening featuring the legendary Martin A. Nash. Martin performed his astounding trademark card shark routine following a mini-lecture of the methods of these effects and psychology. What a way to start the convention. The vendors opened following the lecture where magicians went up to gather their supplies.

Following the next morning, Greg Frewin gave an excellent lecture on creativity and putting your visions to work. His ideas, insight, and originality helped every magician that came out as well as very inexpensive lecture notes!

The group photo was something to be remembered. We crammed about 300 people onto one stage to take the annual photo, which was taken by the very kind Rick Anderson.

Eric Buss did a lecture on theatre and stage presence. At 6pm, the bus left for the massey theatre where the pro challenge was taken place. The show was MC'd by **Shawn Farquhar** and the competitors were, Takeshi from Hawaii, Kate Arnold from Oregon, Richard Steele from Arizona, Adam Trent from Colorado, **Gary Savard** from B.C., and Paul Romhany from New Zealand. 3rd place was a tie that went to Vancouver's very own **Gary Savard** and Adam Trent, 2nd place went to the young and beautiful Kate Arnold, and 1st place went to the hilarious astounding act put on by Paul Romhany. Great Job Paul!

One of the main features of this act was our very own **Jeff McLeod**, the winner of last year's pro challenge. He performed his fantastic Yo-yo stunts, his very own creative and hilarious change bag routine, as well as an even funnier, Dave Crescey mouth coil routine. **Shawn Farquhar** ended off the evening with his patented Ambitious card routine to a standing ovation! What a powerful piece that was.

Everyone headed back to the hotel to experience the Reed McClintock Lecture who gave his knowledge on close-up magic. He has some very knuckle busting original coin routines that opens up the door for every magician who wants to expand on their repertoire on coin magic. Almost every magician was practicing the McClintock Twist by the end of the convention.

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Martin Nash & Greg Dietlein.



Jeff McLeod's mouth coil routine

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Ladies and Gentlemen, Shawn Farquhar

The really BIG event in our July calendar was the Pacific Coast Association of Magicians convention held in Coquitlam at the end of the month. Four days of magic and lectures were enough to satisfy anyone. As **Shawn Farquhar** is president he is the main

organizer, ably helped by his executive and local workhorses **David Wilson** and **Ray Medway** and their wives. I.B.M.

International President **Michael Stratman** was able to enjoy the camera die too.

The stars were too numerous to mention in this report but they were wonderful. Suffice it to say that **Aldo Colombini** was marvelous seeing he was recovering from

recent abdominal surgery. It was also nice to see **Lon Mandrake** walking without a limp after his hip replacement of two months ago. To see a full story of the P.C.A.M. convention go to page 4 of this newsletter.



Thanks to the Medways Ray and Jo-ann



Former member **Brian Matlin**, who had moved to a new career in Pennsylvania, has been recruited to help establish a new I.B.M. ring in his area. The summer here has been very hot and the provincial forest fire situation has

been nearly out of control.

Our next event is our annual picnic on 24 August. It will be a grand affair as the ring presents a professional show for the Parks Board of the City of New Westminster followed by our local Magic Wands performers by members wishing to obtain theirs.

CONJURERS' CALENDAR

A MONTHLY GUIDE TO MAGIC AND EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23RD, 2003
GARDEN PARTY TO REMEMBER
GEORGE WATSON

DAUGHTER WENDY CHASS'S HOME
PLEASE BRING SOME POCKET MAGIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH, 2003
IBM RING #92 – VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC
QUEENS PARK NEW WESTMINSTER

12:00 PM
MAGIC WAND DEGREE
CONTACT GLEN LaBARRE TO REGISTER FOR
A MAGIC WAND
ALL-STAR SHOW

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2003
COMEDY MAGIC WORKSHOP
PORTLAND OREGON
CANADIAN MONEY AT PAR FOR
REGISTRATION
(SEE ENCLOSED FLYER)

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2003
IBM RING #92 - VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 WORKSHOP
8:00 BUSINESS MEETING
INSTALLATION NIGHT

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2003
IBM #339 - LYNWOOD MAGIC RING
DAY OF MAGIC
P.U.D. THEATRE
EVERETT WASHINGTON (SEE ENCLOSED
FLYER)

THURSDAY OCTOBER 23RD, 2003
IBM RING #92 – VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
7:00PM
VMC ANNUAL MAGIC AUCTION

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On Saturday Morning we started off the morning by Oscar Munoz. He lectured on vast amount of subjects, including Foam donuts, ropes, and how to make your magic better than it is! Following the Oscar Munoz lecture, we had the General stage competition with a whopping 48 competitors including the close-up contest of course. The different contests include Stage, Platform, Close-up, Comedy, and Children's magic and Mentalism. Brian Cook took first place for stage, while Vancouver's **Jose Almenares**, took second place. Vancouver's **Matthew Johnson** took first place Platform while Jose again took second place Platform as well. Steve Hamilton won comedy magic while Rick Anderson took first place in the Childrens contest. Rick Anderson also placed first in the Close-up competition while **Matthew Johnson** took Second place. Jose also won the most innovative award for close-up magic.



The evening was followed by exceptional line-up for the close-up Gala featuring, Aldo Columbini, Julie Eng, John Shyrock, Diamond Jim Tyler, **Jeff McLeod**, Oscar Munoz, Reed McClintock, Joshua Jay, and **Shawn Farquhar**, with mindblowing magic by each and every single performer.

Following the Close-up Gala, there was a lecture by Diamond Jim Tyler, who revealed his signed coin to sugar packet, and his goldfish production. The Saturday evening was ended with casual chatting by fellow magicians.

The morning was the close-up competition that couldn't be held on Saturday due to time constraints. After the close-up competition was the awards luncheon and show where **Rod Chow**,

Julie Eng, and John Shyrock were all performers at the Luncheon. Following the luncheon was the Aldo Columbini lecture with tons of material that's easy to do, simple and direct. Aldo was certainly a genius.

Following the lecture was another lecture by Magic Magazine columnist 21 year old Joshua Jay. He lectured on close-up magic on some of his signature routines such as the Diamonds off card, Coins off Ribbon, many other ideas from his book "the Magic Atlas".



The bus came to pick up people to bring people back to the Massey Theatre for the performance "Blink, a magic spectacular" hosted by Aldo Columbini. Such performers included, Sean Bogunia, with his famous dancing hank routine, Oscar Munoz, Cabaret style magic with his version of Tabury's Rope routine, his own takes of the multiplying billiard balls, and excellent slapstick comedy along with that. Eric Buss did his comedy Rabbit stabbing routine and his Pogo stick card trick he finished off with a very original zombie routine with the microphone.



Greg Frewin opened up the second half of the show with his F.I.S.M. award winning dove-act a vast amount of incredible illusions, including his original version of his metamorphosis, "Shrouded Transition". What a mindblowing show that was.

After the show everyone headed back to the hotel for the final event of the evening, the Bag'O'tricks Event. It was lots of fun for all the PCAM registrants to end off a spectacular weekend. Thanks to Shawn family and friends for putting on such a great magical weekend, as well as everyone who came out to PCAM 2003.

Steven Best
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