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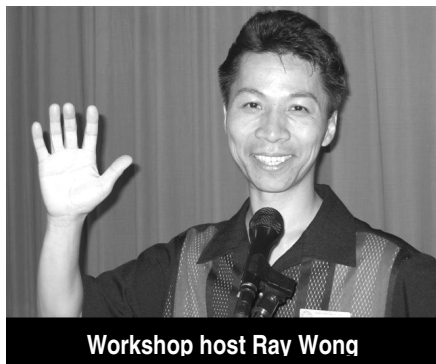
VMC 2003 ANNUAL AUCTION ONCE AGAIN!

The next event of IBM Ring #92 – The Vancouver Magic Circle is our annual auction night which will take place on Thursday October 23rd, 2003 at the Sunrise Community Hall located at 1950 Windermere st., Vancouver, so dig out your unused stuff and turn it into CASH! Doors will open at 6:00pm for setup and viewing and the auction will begin at approximately 7:00pm. If you would like to sell items at the auction, be sure to phone **David Wilson** at 604 467-7887 to sign up. For sellers it is first come first sell 10 items then rotate.

As it is so close to Halloween, it is also costume night for those daring enough to try. Plan now to come dressed as your favorite ghoul or goblin. Prizes (donated by **Eric Lenz** at Magic Class), will be awarded for the best costume.

We are starting to organize for our annual Christmas dinner at the October meeting. We will have sign-up sheets out for those who would like to attend. All those who sign up **at this meeting**, to bring a food item(s) and indicate the number of people attending the dinner with them, will receive free parking at the Best Western Sands Hotel.

3 NEW MEMBERS INITIATED AT SEPT. MEETING!



Workshop host Ray Wong

Back to school and back to business after our very hot summer holidays. The September meeting was initiation night. The workshop was conducted by **Ray Wong** entitled "Comedy and Improv Magic". Ray had us work through 10 scenarios he uses to soften up and get his audiences in a GOOD mood for his magic. By the end of the hour he had us all with sore sides from laughing, and what was that trickling down my forehead, a drop of perspiration!

After a short business meeting it was welcome to three new members. Each initiate has to do three tricks satisfactorily. First was **Walter Ruteck** just up from the magic course of legendary magician **Eric Lenz**. He did a very good awakening of the mystic routine to start his stint. Next was **Neale Bacon**, a professional magician who was a delight. Followed by **Dustin Anderson** who in the real world performs as the Purple Pirate. All three did an excellent job. Dustin even provided the food for our social hour traveling by bicycle with trailer from a considerable distance. Junior member, **Cameron Fisk**, then entertained the audience while the executives prepared for the initiation ceremony.



Ray demonstrates when Magic went "Wong"

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ALL MEETINGS OF THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE ARE HELD AT
THE SUNRISE COMMUNITY HALL LOCATED AT
1950 WINDERMERE STREET, VANCOUVER, B.C. (unless otherwise stated)

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TIDBITS FROM THE TOPHAT!



On Friday, October 3rd, 2003, Las Vegas magicians Roy Horn, was attacked by one of his White Tigers during the evening show. The Tiger mauled Roy by the throat and dragged him off stage. Word has it that Roy accidentally slipped and the Tiger was attempting to save Roy but was not trained to do so. This tragedy has resulted in Roy in the hospital and his status is still yet unknown. We pray for a healthy recovery.

Matthew Johnson has returned home from Spokane Washington where he was lecturing for the Spokane magic circle, well done Matthew!. Matthew's also scheduled to perform in the main mall at Metrotown in front of Toys' R 'Us' on October the 21st. Keep up the good work!

Ray Roch recently finished his run in "The Vaudville Experience", playing at the Waterfront Theatre on Grandville Island. Ray brought his old-time "Flim Flam foolery act", out of retirement for this special production.

The 2003 Vancouver Magic circle yearbooks are enclosed with this issue of the newsletter. Please double check your information for any errors or omissions and report to **David Wilson**.

Dennis "The Bulldog" Chan would like to advise everyone to register now and save **BIG** on the PCAM 2004 convention in Seattle. Special rate of \$100.00(US) is in effect till October 31st, 2003. That's almost half price of full admission. Act now while the Canadian Dollar exchange rate is favorable (see enclosed flyers for more details).

Canadian magic Icon Murray Hatfield will be bringing his annual tour, "Illusions, A Magic Spectacular", through British Columbia again this year. Featured performers include: Christopher Hart, Richard Forget, and Brad Cummings (Ventriloquist).



Murray Hatfield

The lower mainland Dates at the Vincent Massey Theatre in New Westminster are Thursday, January 8th, 2004, with shows at 5:00pm & 8:00pm, Friday January 9th, at 2:00pm, 5:00pm, & 8:00pm, and Saturday January 10th at 1:00pm, 4:00pm, & 7:00pm (We're told that some shows are already sold out). Single tickets \$16.05, 5 pack 48.15. Westminister shows are available by calling Debbie at Xen Tel, - 604-681-2504

The Victoria dates at the Royal Theatre are Sunday, January 11th, 2004, with shows at 5:00pm & 8:00pm, and Monday, January 12th, at 2:00pm & 6:00pm. Tickets for Victoria shows are available by calling Gail Dixon @ 250-642-3349.

Sgt. Of Arms **Doug Smith** is at home recovering from a stomach surgery and welcomes all calls at his new phone number 604-591-6235, to help brighten his day.

Member **Anderson Chow** continues to work Countless hours on our new club website with regular updates. You can check out our website at www.ibmring92.com. Keep up the great work Anderson!

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 604-961-3366 or email vmcnews@ibmring92.com

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SEPTEMBER MEETING AND RECENT EVENTS CONT'D



**Walter Ruteck, performs
awakening of the mystic**

At this point our 9 guests were asked to leave, as the actual ceremony is a secret affair conducted by the formula handed down by our Vancouver Magic Circle forefathers. At the end of the ceremony the 31 members heartily welcomed the 3 initiates into the fold of the club.

Our numbers were down this night as veteran member **Ray Medway** was giving a motivation lecture entitled "Who moved my cheese" in Port Moody. Amongst the supporters were **John**



Cups ahoy with Neale Bacon

MacMillan, Jens Henricksen, Ray Roch, Glen Labarre, Dennis Hewson, Martin Domino and a few others whose names escape me at the moment. Ray embellished his lecture with his own unique brand of magic- to the delight of the crowd. Nothing like



Dustin Anderson works the crowd

supporting our own.

The next weekend about 28 members journeyed to Lynwood Washington for the N.W. Ring of Fire's Day'O'Magic, featuring Max Maven and Dirk Losander. Both lecturers held the crowd spellbound. **Greg Dietlein** did a super sell job for the N.W. Ring of Fire. I



Eric Lenz helps Cameron Fisk

went bore you with a list of names but it was a fruitful journey. It was only about 2 1/2 hours drive so a day trip was possible. Half our executive and enough members attended so we would have formed a quorum if we had decided to hold a meeting there. How is that for out of town support!

So we can relax, as we get ready for our October auction night and costume party.

Munro MacKenzie. Ring reporter.

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A MONTHLY GUIDE TO MAGIC AND
EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23RD, 2003
IBM RING #92 – VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
ANNUAL MAGIC AUCTION
BRING YOUR UNWANTED MAGIC TO SELL
6:00-7:00PM – SETUP/PREVIEW
7:00PM – AUCTION BEGINS
HALLOWEEN COSTUME NIGHT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 2003
VIVA LAS VEGAS!
CHILLIWACK ARTS CENTRE
45899 HENDERSON, CHILLIWACK BC
FEATURING THE MAGIC OF
STEVEN BEST AND CASSANDRA
Tickets by calling: Chris @ 1-604-792-6376

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 2003
IBM RING#92 – VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
RAFAEL BENATAR LECTURE
7:00PM – DOUGLAS COLLEGE
NEW WESTMINSTER
Reservations: David Wilson @ 604-467-7887

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD, 2003
IBM RING #92 – VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER & SHOW
BEST WESTERN SANDS HOTEL
1755 DAVIE STREET, VANCOUVER BC
5:00PM - DOORS OPEN/HAPPY HOUR
6:00PM – DINNER BEGINS
STAGE MAGIC COMPETITION
PERCY POOLE TROPHY – JUNIOR STAGE
WILLIAM SHELLY TROPHY – ADULT STAGE

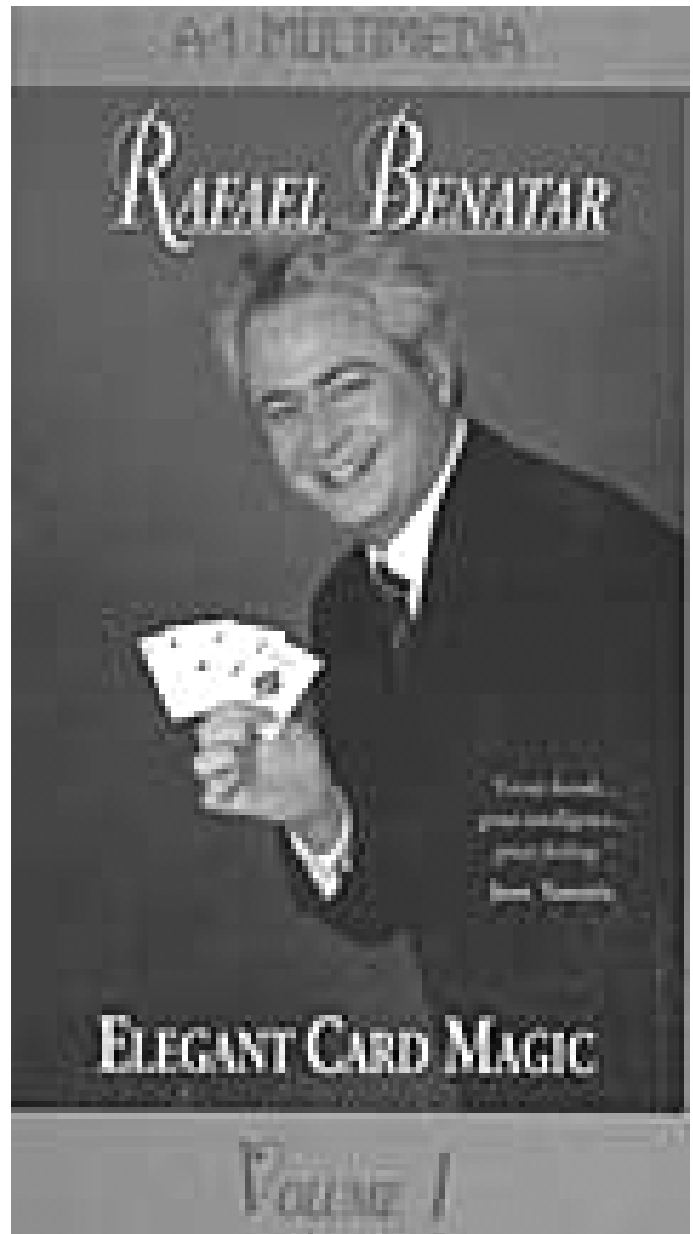
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The next Lecture in the
Vancouver Magic Circle
Lecture Series is the...

Rafael Benatar Lecture

Rafael Benatar is a working professional, originally from Venezuela and now residing in Spain. A contemporary and close confidant of Juan Tamariz and Ascanio, Benatar's magic and skill with playing cards is incredible, but it's his attention to detail, presentation and construction of effects that raise his magic to a higher level.



Date: Thursday, November 13, 2003 at 7:30 PM
Douglas College
700 Royal Ave New Westminster

Pre-registration: \$20.00 VMC Members / \$25.00 Non-members
Admission at the door: \$25.00 VMC Members / \$30.00 Non-members

To Register Call David Wilson: 604-467-7887 or Dave Watters: 604-590-4465