



VMC magic newsletter

News and information for the members of the Victoria Magic Circle — Ernie Crockford Ring #183

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OCTOBER/NOVEMBER MEETINGS

The October 2002 meeting of the Victoria Magic Circle was held on Tuesday, October 1/02 at the Langford Firehall. There were 21 members and 4 guests present.

The guests in attendance at this meeting were: Bill Anderson (2), Mike Burnier (2), Ariel Morales (2); Dave Jackson (1) and Donald Dunphy was welcomed back into our club.

We discussed Mirth & Magic (May 3/03); Club Auction (February 4, 2003 meeting night); Library Report; Magic Dinner (January 25/03), Aldo Colombini Lecture

(October 25/02), Tony Award, Merlin's Web, Wacky Wed., etc.

TVP Tony Eng presented the IBM Pin and Certificate to guest Bill Anderson.



**Bill Anderson
with
TVP Tony Eng**

What a terrific line up of magicians performing after the meeting.

At the November 2002 meeting:

Teaching Table:

David Attwood

Mini Lecture: Misdirection with Tony Eng

Focus: Masa Nishigahara

Showtime Activity:

Aaron Jones

Theme: for the evening – Impromptu Magic

COLOMBINI LECTURE

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- The next meeting of our VMC will be held on Tuesday, November 5/02, at 7:30pm at the Langford Fire Hall.
- Nov. 13/02 – Volunteer Show – Resthaven – 2:30pm
- Nov. 13/02 – Wacky Wednesday
- Nov. 18/02 – Round Table – Teacher David Attwood – Topic: Card Counts. Phone Bob Reilly at 381-7496 for more

Book EARLY for PCAM...

Pacific Coast Association of Magicians 2003 will be in Coquitlam, BC, next year.

This magic gathering will be held from July 31/03 to August 3/03. Book **EARLY** ... don't be disappointed!!

For Friends of PCAM ... the registration fee from August 4/02 to October 31/02 – the price will be \$100US and \$80US for spouses (or 18 years and younger).

From November 1/02 to March 30/03, the price will be \$130US.

The Advance Registration

Dates are from April 1/03 to June 30/03 and the price will be \$150US

Registration Rate after July 1, 2003 will be \$170 US per person... NO EXCEPTIONS!

Coordinator Shawn Farquhar promises a fantastic venue of performers that you will always remember.

October Round Table Meeting:

The last Round Table was held on Monday, October 21/02, with Ed Silva-White as our mini lecturer. His topic was on Children's Magic.

Ed brought all sorts of magic equipment related to Children's Magic. Wow, did he ever bring a lot!!

The attendees all had a wonderful chance to check out the various props available to entertain kids with. Everyone en-

joyed this, especially with all the sucker effects.

The next Round Table will be held Monday, December 16th, 2002, from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, in the Malahat Penthouse, on the Gorge. The evening's topic will be "Coin Passes" and our guest mini lecturer will be Ron Bell.

Please contact Bob Reilly at 381-7496 (or email Bob at: rfreil@telus.net) for more info on the Round Table Meetings

VMC VOLUNTEER SHOWS

VMC Volunteer Shows for Seniors:

November 13/02 – Resthaven – Show to start at 2:30pm – performers already booked are: Ron Bell, Bob Reilly, Bert Caine and Hal Weaver.

If you want to perform, help or just watch, please call Ron Bell at 595-5661 or email Ron at: bellrl@shaw.ca

or if you have any improvement suggestions at these gatherings.



Stratman presents "Prez Citation" to Eng

Vancouver Magical Weekend...

The Vancouver Magic Circle held an outstanding Magical Weekend on October 4, 5, & 6/02, at the Sands Best Western Hotel. On Friday night TVP Tony Eng introduced IBM President Mike Stratman (guest of honour), who then in turn, officially opened the magical weekend.

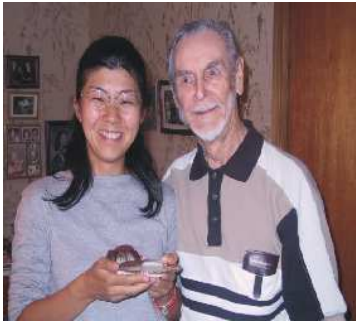
There were Nine Dealers; Dealers Only Show, several Magic Lectures (Marotta, Charles, Johnson, Mandrake and Harlan), Close up Shows, One Hand Cut-a-thon, 2 Gala

Stage Show, Magic Game Shows, Dinners, Luncheons, Presidential and Sorcerer's Receptions, Balloon Olympics ... all jammed into one weekend.

We had nine attendees from Victoria... Damien Carriere, Michael Levy, Doug Poruchny, Aaron Jones, Bill Jesse, Eric Bedard, Masa Nishigahara, Tony & Ann Eng.

Eric Bedard won the One Hand Cut-A-Thon and Michael Stratman presented Tony Eng with the President's Citation.

Around & About Town...



Keiko Muto, 2002 IBM Stage Champion seen here with Bob Reilly during her visit to Victoria.

Bob & Audrey Reilly are planning a 4 month trip to New Zealand near the end of November. Cynthia Brough has progress very well since her many operations over the past

several weeks. At the time of writing, Cynthia is still in the hospital recovering. Jack & Vi Calve (Mr. & Mrs. Jellyroll have been very busy with all their Fall shows. They were seen performing for four Car Dealerships in the Duncan area and on Saltspring Island. Eric Beard is conducting Trade Shows... bringing him to enjoy a few days off in Disneyland. Victoria Burn Fund Illusion show with Murray & Teresa Hatfield, MH Dancers; Dave Womach; Arden James, Ed Alonzo... Jan. 5/03 at 1pm; 4pm and 7pm and Jan. 6/03 at 1pm. For tickets to the Illusion Show, contact: Gail Dixon 642-3349. David and Rene Attwood have moved into their new home...1030 Walfred Road, V9C 4K1. Don McCulloch

was seen watching Clinton W. Gray performing at the Tally-Ho Comedy Club. The Meachams emailed and said to say hi to all the members of the Victoria Magic Circle. Derek Peach is having a fantastic time teaching in China. Doug Poruchny was busy running around organizing the Colombini Lecture. Sorry to learn of the passing of Norma Silva-White's mom.

I want to start by saying a great big thank you to all our members who have taken care of paying their annual dues. Please note the deadline for this is the end of November. And a special thanks to all the Active members who have taken care of their IBM memberships. I am thrilled to say now all our active members are in good standing with the IBM.

I hope that all our members and their families had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We truly have so much to be grateful for. The beauty of Vancouver Island is always so splendid in the fall, especially when there is plenty of sunshine like there has been.

Thank you Ed Silva -White for such an excellent round table, which took place Monday October 21/02 in The Malahat lounge. Ed was a resource of informa-

A note from our President

tion on children's magic to an appreciative packed house. Our Round table will meet in November as usual in the Malahat Room on November 18/02 at 7pm. However it will be changing its location after that for a period of four months.... January, February, March, will be the same time, the third Monday of these months, at the Langford Fire Hall. We are working on December's date still for the Round Table and will let members know as soon as this can be established.

Friday, October 25 @ Pam is our first lecturer of the season Aldo Columbini cost will be \$15 for members ,and \$30 for non members. This should be a great lecture, don't miss this one !

Also just around the corner is our First Wacky Wednesday of the year Wednesday November 13/02, taking place at the Blethering place. Shayne king and Paul Kilshaw are organizing the event and are still looking for one more stage performer. Please let these two know if you are able to assist in any way. Thanks, and see you on November 5/02

President Jennifer Burke

SYM – September 20th, 2002

The last magic meeting of the SYM was held at Tony's Trick & Joke Shop on Friday, October 18, 2002.

Many thanks to Shayne King and Tony Eng for looking after this meeting.

During the evening, both Shayne and Tony demonstrated some Halloween effects and some basic coins, cards, ropes, and silks sleights.

After the meeting, the

SYMers got up to perform some very interesting magic effects from the Four Coin Assembly, Scotch & Soda Routines, Elmsley Counts, to Card Penetration.

Many thanks to Ann Eng for supplying the refreshments.

The next SYM meeting will be held on Friday, November 15/02, at Tony's Trick & Joke Shop, 688 Broughton Street, from 7:00pm to 8:45pm.

The theme will be "Your Favourite Tricks".



Get ready for that special effect with some of our **HOT** specials for your Fall and Christmas magic shows...

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**2002/2003
Executive Officers Elect**

<i>President</i>	Jennifer Burke
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<i>Custodian:</i>	Wade Collins
<i>Members at Large:</i>	Bob Britton Paul Kilshaw
<i>Ring Reporter:</i>	Ron Bell

Princess Tenko: "The Greatest Illusions" by Aaron Jones

On July 14, 2002, my wife Ritsuko and I were able to go and see Princess Tenko's show "Greatest Illusions". On the day we attended, there were two shows: one in the afternoon at one at 6:30pm. The show was held in a theater in the big city of Takamatsu, about 30 minutes from where we are in Sakaide. The show started right on time with a video showing her American animation series then followed with the production of Princess Tenko herself from the book of life illusion. Princess Tenko is very famous in Japan, just like a movie star or music celebrity. She is equally as well known in North America.

The stage was filled with great lighting laser effects and dancers dressed in Japanese clothing. The first 30 minutes of the show, Tenko performed eight illusions in rapid fire succession. Each one filled with dancing and different costumes. Some of the illusions that she did in the first half were: Ashra, Sword Box and the Pole levitation. As well, she performed what was called the "Box illusion" which was very baffling. This is

where she cut her male assistant up in 4 pieces.

After she fished with the Pole Levitation, she left the stage for her break and four of her male assistants performed a four person substitution trunk. They cut one of the female assistants in half. Then two of her male assistants did a manipulation act together using masks, cards and fans. This was a very nice routine and quite different as there were two performers for the manipulation act. Next, one of her male assistants did a talking piece performing Martin Lewis' Cardiography. This segment is were normally in North America there would be an intermission, but usually in Japan they do not have them. So during this time I assume, Princess Tenko rested and prepared for her second half of the show.

In the second half, Princess Tenko appeared in the pyramid Illusion which I have seen her do many times on American TV magic specials. She also did a great version of the origami illusion. After the 2 of the 3 swords were put through the folded up box, she stuck her hand out the

top, which freaked the whole audience out. Next, she performed her robot illusion where she builds the robot and it comes alive on stage and later turns bad. She then causes it's "life" to vanish mysteriously. This was Ritsuko's favorite and the one she wanted to see. As that illusion is one that Princess Tenko does on TV here in Japan a lot. Her last Illusion was a cannon illusion where she goes in a cannon and appeared a cloud of smoke in the audience. The crowd loved this one as everybody was able to get a close look at Princess Tenko.

This was a great show and I was glad that I got to see one of Japan's most famous magicians performing live on stage. I wish I could stay here in Japan for a bit longer, as my favorite magician, Mr. Maric will be entertaining. Perhaps, I can convince Ritsuko to go and let us all know all about it.

Tony Trophy

This award will be presented annually at the Annual VMC Magic Dinner for the most original close-up trick or routine performed by a member in good standing.

The club meeting (JANUARY), directly before the Annual Magic Dinner will be dedicated to the competition for the Tony Award.

The winner will be decided by ballot of all members present and selected guests. The Judges will be looking for: Originality, presentation, technique, etc.

The trick or routine must be close-up in nature and demonstrate distinct elements of **originality** in concept and/or presentation.

A list of suggested areas for consideration to help in voting will be put on a board at the time of the competition.

There must be a minimum of three performers for a valid competition.

The winner will be presented with the Tony Trophy at the Annual Magic Dinner.

On a more personal note... this "competition" is solely intended for fun, enjoyment and camaraderie. Let's get practicing ... January's just around the corner...

VMC Magicians interested in participating in this event, please contact President Jennifer Burke for detailed rules and regulations for this event.

More Tidits...

We performed a Senior's show at Mount Edward's Court on Wednesday, October 16/02. Three stalwarts did their stuff to great acclaim. Bob Reilly with the Pavel Records, very popular and his delightful Benson Bowl routine. Bert Caine, recovering from an operation for carpal tunnel syndrome, did wonders and got laughs and Ron Bell managed to get through a cards to pocket routine without dropping any cards! Next Senior Show is at Resthaven Lodge on Nov 13. We have a full slate of performers with Ron, Bob, Bert and Hal Weaver who will swim from Pierce Island for the event! Eric Bedard, Aaron Jones, Shayne King, Joy Kruger and Ron Bell will be entertaining at Somerset House on November 16/02, starting at 7:30pm. VMC members are invited to watch as long as they don't take any of the resident's seats. Tickles and family are gearing up for their Christmas shows. When Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth came to visit Canada...Damien Carriere received the prestigious Duke of Edinburg Medal for outstanding work in the field of Magic. Aaron Peek-Vout continues to slay them down at the Sticky Wicket Pub as is Mike Brough with his packed houses at Blethering Place. Donald Dunphy is getting booked up for Christmas shows and are so many others magicians. Ed Silva-White was seen performing at his grandson, Bryce's birthday party. What a show it must have been as other stars entertainers on the same bill were Masa Nishigahara and Aaron Jones. Shayne King & Joy Kruger have been busy promoting their Illusion Shows. Tony Eng and Jack Poulter will be teaching Children's Magic at the Commonwealth Place in November 2002. Birthdays coming up... Dave "Sparky" Attwood's birth date is on October 28th. Jack Poulter will be celebrating his 70th birthday on Thursday, October 31/02. Copperfield is in Seattle on Sunday, November 17/02; Vancouver on December 15/02. Recently, Harvey "Pooka" Davidson was awarded the Adorable Award by the Victoria Shrine Clown Unit for "excellence in clowning during the preceding year".

October Linking Ring Report

At our October meeting we had a good turnout with many guests. **RON BELL** was at the Teaching Table and explained a weird trick using a broken elastic band and a paper clip. The clip was threaded on the band held between his hands. Without apparent impulsion it moved slowly from one end to the other. Ron handed out elastic bands and clips for all to use and in no time clips were moving in unison. This unusual trick appeared in the Linking Ring about ten years ago.

ERIC BEDARD was in great form giving a Mini Lecture titled, "Magic and the Creative Process". He took us through a highly practical way of developing original ideas, tricks and routines. He used a very fine original routine which many of us have seen him perform to show how he progresses from broad plot ideas, through refining to detailed magic requirements. Following this he researches his magic publications and videos to find just the right sleight or subterfuge to achieve the desired results. Last, after getting a usable framework he develops his patter to get the most entertainment out of the routine. At all stages of this process he advised we must be prepared to adapt and change until we have a workable result. In demonstrating his points Eric showed some very smooth card sleights and many ingenious ideas to overcome problems encountered during the development of the routine. Thanks Eric for a very useful, thought provoking and entertaining lecture.

After a short refreshment break we shone the spotlight on **PAUL KILSHAW** for a few minutes in our "Focus" section. He told us a little about himself, his early start in magic at the age of eight and his enduring love of the art. He said he finds many opportunities to incorporate magic into his work.

KERRY ZADO acted as MC for the performing magic section of the evening and started things off with **MIKE LEVY**. We do not see Mike performing often but when he does he proves to be very clever in putting different concepts together. His routine included a center tear divination, the restoring of the initialed corner torn from a randomly chosen page from a book and the surprise discovery of a predicted miniature card inside a fresh egg which resulted from the expansion of a crumpled piece of paper juggled on a fan. Ted Annemann would have been proud! **HARVEY DAVIDSON** discussed ideas on how to construct items using foam, particularly the difficulty cutting the material. It was good to see **DONALD DUNPHY** again. He did a nicely routined version of the ring in nest of boxes which included some neat variations on the usual theme. **RON BELL** followed with a series of very visual tricks with a rope concluding with the appearance of two knots one of which he slid off the rope and threw in the air. Guest **BILL ANDERSON** celebrated his receipt of IBM Membership from our TVP, **TONY ENG** by making elastics jump across his knuckles. **DAMIEN CARRIERE** stayed with the elastics theme doing a neat penetration of his thumb with an elastic band while it was firmly held by a helper. **TONY ENG** did his wonderful borrowed bill change with a ten becoming a hundred and back to a ten. An oldie but pure magic in his hands. Before returning the bill he penetrated it with a pen. He finished by dropping different coloured beads into a transparent tube, a wave of his hand and he threw in the air a now connected necklace of beads. **PAUL KILSHAW** showed a red, a white and a blue rope and tied their ends together. A magic spell and the ropes blended into one multi colored length. Our final performer, **MIKE BERNIER** was also a guest. He did a clever number prediction using the principle of nine, nicely disguised and kept short! So ended an evening with plenty of learning and good magic.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Bell

WACKY WEDNESDAY

Coordinators Shayne King and Paul Kilshaw reports that Wacky Wednesday is ready to go! It will be held at Blethering Place on Wednesday, November 13/02. Ron Bell informs us that the close up performers for Wacky Wednesday are: Tony Eng, Masa Nishigahara; Dave Kendall; Eric Bedard; Bill Jesse; David Attwood; Ron Bell and Shayne King. The close up commences from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. The gala stage show will begin shortly after at 8:00pm. Lined up for the Stage show are: Eric Bedard; Masa Nishigahara; Aaron Jones; Dave Attwood and David Kendall. MC will be Mike (Edwards) Brough. At the time of writing, Shayne is still looking for one more entertainer to perform on the stage show. Tickets are available through Shayne King or Paul Kilshaw, at \$10 per person. You can reach either of them at: Shayne – 381-1997 or Paul – 477-8735. This is one of our best fund raisers. Please do your share to make this a successful **CLUB** project.

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