



# VMC magic newsletter

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

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## DECEMBER/JANUARY MEETINGS

### HAPPY NEW YEAR! TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE VICTORIA MAGIC CIRCLE!

The December 2002 meeting of the Victoria Magic Circle was held on Tuesday, December 3/02 at the Langford Fire Hall. There were 23 members and 5 guests present.

Guests included: Ken Bellemare (1); Che McNabb (2); Dennis Macrae (1); David Jackson (2); and it was good to see James Hanson back.

Congratulations to the Mike Harrison Family as the stork recently brought them a bouncing baby boy.

We also received notification that the

Meachams will be back for a quick visit. They plan to attend our annual dinner/show. By the way, tickets for the VMC Dinner/Show are still available at Tony's Trick & Joke Shop. The date for this event is Saturday, January 25/03. This year, we will be featuring close up magic by our own VMC Close up Team (including Jr. Champion Jeremy Heryet and IBM Champion Shawn Farquhar). Bro. Gilbert will be the Headliner on the stage show.

Thanks to Joy Kruger for canvassing all the door prizes for the annual dinner/show.

We will be having two magic lecturers coming in the new year. Tim Ellis on Monday, February, 3/03 and David Regal on March 4/03.

Don't forget about

our Annual Auction which is slated for Tuesday, February 4/03, at the Langford Fire Hall. Mike Brough will be the auctioneer for the night, so you know you will have a fun time! Please bring all your "old" magic to sell **and** \$\$ to buy magic!

### JANUARY 2003 meeting:

**Teaching Table:**  
Shayne King

**Focus:** Joy Kruger

**Theme:** In lieu of our Mini Lecture and Showtime Activity time slots... we will be having a Magic Competition for the Tony Trophy.

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- The next meeting of our VMC will be held on Tuesday, January 7/03, at 7:30pm at the Langford Fire Hall.
- Next Round Table – January 20/03 at the Langford Fire Hall. No structured lectures... just fun!
- Murray Hatfield Illusion Show at the Royal Theatre – January 5 & 6/03
- Annual VMC Dinner/Show at the Edelweiss Hall on January 25/03

## COMPETITION SET FOR THE TONY TROPHY

The Tony Award was donated this year by Tony Eng and will be presented annually to the club magician who performs the best original close up trick or routine.

This trick or routine must be original in concept or presentation.

The Judges will be looking for Handling of sleights, Appearance, Diction, Deportment, Handling of Helpers, Use of Music,

etc.

Several members of the Victoria Magic Circle will be competing for the First Annual Tony Trophy at the Tuesday night, January 7, 2003 meeting.

Tony Eng will be the host and MC for this event. Be there for a fun filled competition and watch some of the best close up entertainers from our club!



## JANUARY Round Table Meeting:

The December Round Table was held on December 17/02 at the Langford Fire Hall. There was no structured theme for that evening. Basically, it was a fun "jam session". Derek Johnston conducted this meeting.

The next Round Table will be held on Monday, January 20th, 2003, from 7pm to 10pm, at the

**LANGFORD FIRE HALL.**  
**Contact** Dave Attwood at 474-6132 (or email Dave at: [info@attwoodmagic.com](mailto:info@attwoodmagic.com)) for more information on these Round Table Meetings... Dave will be looking after the Round Tables sessions until Bob Reilly returns from New Zealand in April 2003.



## VMC AUCTION – FEBRUARY 4, 2003 . . .

The VMC will be having their annual **Magic Auction** on Tuesday, February 4/03. Mike Brough has already consented to be our auctioneer. This year promises to be another **GREAT** auction filled with fun and laughter and **SUPER DEALS**.

It will be held at the Langford Fire Hall. It has been requested for all sellers (Members only) to have **TWO** copies of the items that they're selling. Please have this done **BEFORE** the actual Auction Night. Also indicate if you have a reserved bid, other-

wise Mike will sell it for what he can fetch! Last but far from least, please let Mike know if you're gonna' be a seller. This is very important ...when everyone charges in the last minute, it is very difficult to display and record all auction items properly.

## Around & About Town...

Eric Bedard and his son Jesse are going to New York to work on a Trade Show with IKON. This will be Jesse debut performing Trade Shows... Like father; like son. Kernel Popcorn is performing his shows in Japan once again. Aaron Jones is also in Japan visiting with friends and family. Aaron will also be entertaining magic shows enroute. Cynthia Brough is finally home. It's been a painfully slow, long road to recovery for Cynthia, but like an ol' trooper, she's hangin' in there! Way da' weather the

storm Cynth! We hear through the grapevine that several magicians are working New Years Eve parties. Can't think of a better way to bring in the new year! It was reported that Jack & Vi Calve had a fantastic and busy Christmas season with their clown magic shows. Harvey "Pooka" Davidson was seen performing at several Christmas functions. Derek Johnston and David Attwood teamed up to entertain with their magic. Derek performed close up magic around the various tables at the

Pub, while Dave entertained on the stage with his comedy standup cabaret act. The Meachams will be arriving to Victoria in January 2003. They will be attending our annual Dinner/Show. We received a nice email with photos from Derek Peach saying how much he's enjoying teaching in China. Jack Poulter has just completed teaching another successful magic course at Commonwealth Place.

## *A note from our President*

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the Clown Family to all of our members and your loved ones. If you made it to the Dec. meeting you would have been treated to a great line up of magic as well as some Christmas goodies. If I have not contacted you by phone to find out who your vote is on the Farquhar award, please send me an email on who you think is most deserving. My email address is, tickles@ticklestheclown.com, or call me at 478-6028. The New Year will start with a bang. We have many activities lined up.

Tuesday, January 7/2003 will be the first meeting of the year. We will be finalizing details for our Annual Gala Dinner taking place Sat., Jan. 25,2003, at the Edelweiss Hall in James Bay. Please mark this date on your calendar, the tickets are being looked after by Joy Kruger, and some will be held at Tony's Trick and Joke Shop. The club's stellar line up of Close up magician will start the evening off. The headline act is Bro Gilbert from Vancouver. If you are able to donate any product or service for the raffle, please get in touch with Joy

Kruger. There will be two magic lectures one at the beginning of February and one in March. Tim Ellis will be on Feb. 3rd. And David Regal has yet to be finalized (looks like March 4th, following the business section of meeting). Don't forget the Annual Auction taking place in lieu of our Feb. meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 4th. If you are a seller, please bring in goods all listed on forms provided by either Tony or me, and come half an hour before auction so merchandise can be in place. Happy Holidays!

**President Jennifer Burke**

## **SYM – January 2003 Meeting**

The next meeting of the Society for Young Magicians will be held at Tony's Trick & Joke Shop on Friday, January 17, 2003, from 7:00pm to 8:45pm.

Many thanks to Shayne King, Joy Kruger, Tony Eng and Lorne Begg for

looking after the SYM meetings all year long. 2002 was a terrific year...

These young entertainers will someday join our VMC Club... meanwhile, they're having lots of fun progressing and slowly learning the craft!

The SYM will be attending

the Murray Hatfield show coming up at the Royal Theatre and we have made arrangement for the group to meet up with Murray, after his performance.

The theme for the next meeting will be "Your Favourite Tricks".



**2002/2003  
Executive Officers Elect**

*President* Jennifer Burke  
*Past President* David Attwood  
*Vice President:* Shayne King  
*Secretary:* Damien Carriere  
*Treasurer :* Frank Sanz  
*Sgt. At Arms:* Bob Reilly  
*Custodian:* Wade Collins  
*Members at Large:* Bob Britton  
 Paul Kilshaw  
*Ring Reporter:* Ron Bell



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# New year s' sale

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

If you need to special order something for the new year, contact ann@magictrick.com and allow at least a week to 10 DAYS for any special orders.

**New MAGIC & OLD Favourites**

Sponge Dove..... 10.00  
 Dove Har-ness.....10.00  
 Charge It ..... 13.00  
 CC Paper Fold (Christmas Effect)..... 25.00  
 Needle Through Bal-loon.....14.00  
 Paper Cut/Poker/Bicycle..... 15.00

Paper Cut/Jumbo/Bicycle.....10.00  
 Escape Handcuffs ..... 10.00  
 Colouring Book..... 11.00  
 Invisible Deck/Bicycle..... 10.00  
 Santa Hat Tears..... 22.00  
 Bottle Through Table..... 29.00

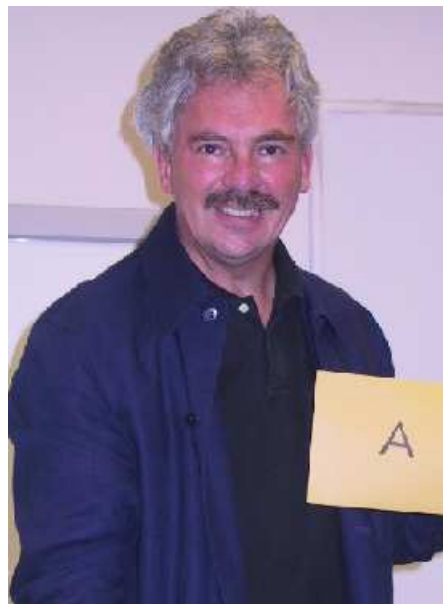
**Magic BOOKS**

Bertram on Sleight of Hand..... 95.00  
 Expert Card Technique..... 16.00  
 Paper Engine/Aaron Fisher..... 49.00  
 Aftercraft..... 49.00  
 Focus ..... 42.00

## Photos of Fame:



**Eric Bedard at the Teaching Table.**



**Doug Poruchny**



**Paul Kilshaw  
MC for Showtime Activities**

## VMC VOLUNTEER SHOWS...

Ron Bell reports that he and his wife Raye are heading down to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, from January 4/03 until January 18/03. He further reports there are no Volunteer Shows scheduled until the new year. Dates still TBA.

Meanwhile around the other side of the world, Bob and Audrey Reilly (see photo) have already spent Christmas with friends and family in New Zealand. It was reported they were having the times of their lives.



## FIREFIGHTERS BURN UNIT ILLUSION SHOW...

Don't forget to mark down the dates of January 5 & 6th, 2003 for the Victoria Firefighters Burn Unit Illusion Show at the Royal Theatre. This year, show producer Murray Hatfield prom-

ises a terrific show. Murray will be featuring: Dave Womach; Arden James; Ed Alonzo; the Murray Hatfield Dancers and of course, Murray and Teresa Hatfield, themselves. Murray has several new illusions to

perform.

Show times are: January 5, 2003 at 1:00pm; 4:00pm and 7:00pm. There is only one show on January 6, 2003 at 1:00pm.

For tickets to the Illusion Show, please contact Gail Dixon at 642-3349.

*Murray Hatfield promises a terrific show..*

## MORE DATES TO MARK DOWN . . .

February 3, 2003 – Tim Ellis Magic Lecture (details as to time, place, cost ... TBA)

February 4, 2003 – Annual VMC Auction (bring magic to sell and bring money to buy)

February 21, 2003 – Annual SYM Auction (Mike Brough will be the Auctioneer)

March 4, 2003 – Magic Lecture by David Regal

May 3, 2003 – VMC Mirth & Magic Show at the Isabelle Reader Theatre

May 23-25, 2003 – 16th Annual Stan Kramien Magic Jamboree (Newberg, Oregon)

## **VMC Calendar of Activities – JANUARY 03/03 to AUGUST 03/03**

VMC Monthly Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Langford Fire Hall unless otherwise shown. Meetings will start at 7.30 pm and must finish close to 10 pm. Meeting format will include some or all of the following:

**Business Mtg** 7.30 to 8.00

**Teaching Table(TT)** 8.00 to 8.15

**Mini Lecture(ML)** 8.15 to 8.45 (see NOTES re TT, ML, F and SA)

**Refreshments** 8.45 to 9.00

**Focus(F)** 9.00 to 9.10

**Showtime Activity(SA)** 9.10 to End.

**JAN 7 VMC Mtg**

TT Shayne King

F Joy Kruger

SA "**TONY TROPHY**" Competition. Details in NOVEMBER Newsletter (ask Tony Eng)

**JAN 20** Round Table Langford Fire Hall 7 pm

**JAN 25 ANNUAL MAGIC DINNER** Edelweiss 6 pm See Newsletter for details

**FEB 3/03 – TIM ELLIS MAGIC LECTURE – PLACE – TBA**

**FEB 4 ANNUAL MAGIC AUCTION** See details in JAN Newsletter

**FEB 17** Round Table Langford Fire Hall 7 pm

**MAR 4 VMC Mtg**

TT Bill Jesse

ML "Spectator Handling" David Kendall

F Mike Levy

SA Eric Bedard "Grab Bag-Team Magic"

**MAR 17** Round Table Langford Fire Hall 7 pm

**APR 1 VMC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

TT Ed Silva-White

ML " Getting Laughs with Magic" Dave Attwood

SA Bob Britton "April Fool's" Magic"

**APR 21** Round Table Malahat Lounge 7 pm

**MAY 3 MIRTH & MAGIC SHOW.** Isabelle Reader Theatre 7 pm.

**MAY 6 VMC Mtg**

TT Jack Poulter

ML "Magic by Presentation" Ron Bell

F Harvey Davidson

SA Damien Carriere "Rope Magic"

**MAY 19** Round Table Malahat Lounge 7 pm

**JUN 3 VMC Mtg**

TT Dave Kendall

ML "I want to be an MC" Mike Brough

F Wade Collins

SA TBA "My Best" Showoff magic.

**JUN 16** Round Table Malahat Lounge 7 pm

# DECEMBER 2002 RING REPORT

In mid November the Ring put on another successful Wacky Wednesday at Blethering Place restaurant. Nine close-uppers did table hopping to noisy acclaim and six stand-up magicians put on a stage show which kept the patrons captivated.

Our December meeting was well attended with numerous prospective members as guests. ERIC BEDARD was at the Teaching Table and challenged us with learning his own, very entertaining version of Twisting the Aces. Members had been introduced to the Elmsley and Jordan Counts at a previous Round Table meeting and Eric provided an additional incentive to learn these fine utility moves.

The Mini Lecture, titled "Show me a Trick-KISS Magic" was very ably handled by DOUG PORUCHNY. He talked about keeping our magic direct and easy to follow. Avoid confusion, make your chatter humorous, use sight gags and involve your audience. He used many examples including a very funny Needle Through Balloon, Just Chance with three envelopes, Linking Paper Clips with a cute Cirque du Soleil story, a balloon swallowing gag which is quite a mystifier, a very easy self working card trick with a strong finish and the delightful Star Circle effect originated by Dan Harlan. He got his message across very well and showed why he is a successful entertainer.

"Focus" this evening was on HARVEY DAVIDSON. He is a retired school teacher who has become a professional clown known as Pooka. Through clowning he came to magic and our Ring. We are delighted to have his talents and enthusiastic support for our activities.

And so to our performing part of the evening. PAUL KILSHAW certainly followed Doug's advice with a nicely presented version of Colombini's birthday trick. TONY ENG reminded us that Christmas is close by creating a Santa hat out of torn tissue paper. DONALD DUNPHY kept the theme with a very visual and nicely presented version of Mis-made Santa Claus. MASA who called himself the Hippy from Japan did a gag type effect along the lines of Cups and Balls finishing with three large, round Santas. Eric Bedard showed the last two phases of his four part Twisting the Aces providing further evidence of his mastery with cards. RON BELL presented his James Bond version of Henry Christ's Fabulous Ace Routine. In this case four criminals were tracked down by James Bond after numerous exciting adventures combining card handling and story. Using a nice musical background SHAYNE KING snipped a sheet of paper to produce a large snow flake. The discarded pieces of paper became a veritable snowstorm when fanned. Finishing the evening AARON JONES showed how, or maybe how not to do the Die Box. A rather sticky die made for some very funny moments but eventually the die did its stuff and appeared in a Santa hat.

So ended another good evening of magic and fun and another good year for Ring  
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Ron Bell

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