



VMC magic newsletter

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

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JUNE MEETING

The June 2003 meeting of the Victoria Magic Circle was held on June 3/03, at the Langford Fire Hall. There were 20 members and 1 guest present. The meeting got underway at 7:35pm. The guest was: Luigi Porco (2nd visit).

President Jennifer Burke officially thanked the executive for their hard work all year long. She gave a special thank you to Aaron Jones for all his continued support over the years. Aaron will be leaving Victoria to teach in Japan for a couple for a couple of years. Jennifer also made note that another member Dennis MacRae would be moving up North.

Treasurer Frank Sanz reported that we made \$5 profit from the Dan Harlan Lecture. Frank also reported that we made over \$1,000 on Mirth & Magic and that there was still money

coming in.

It was reported that Derek Johnston was now at home recovering from a back operation.

Ed Silva-White gave a report on the club's Library. There was \$200 set aside as "emergency fund" in case we had to do a quick move with the Library.

Bob Reilly reported that we had an excellent mini lecture by Aaron Jones on Paper Magic. The next Round Table session for the month of June will be lead by Shayne King and the topic will be on Thread Magic. Tony Eng will be conducting the July Round Table meeting with Silk magic.

President Jennifer Burke graciously offered her home once again for our Annual Picnic which is scheduled for July 11/03, starting at 3:00pm. Derek Johnston had volunteered to be the Picnic Coordinator, but due to his back op-

eration, we will all chip in to help out. Dave Attwood will be contacting Derek Johnston re: food and refreshment supplies. Aaron Jones offered to pick up the food. Harvey Davidson and Tony Eng will be supplying their respective Bar-B-Ques.

Kerry Zado reported that we will be tightening down on security at the front door of the Firehall.

Our FOCUS was on Wade Collins. Wade gave us an enlightening talk on his background working with motorcycles, snowmobiles, welding and machining. Wade doubled up on the Teach a trick so he showed us how to make a little dog out of mini-pearls.

It was great to see member Bill Anderson out for a magic meeting.

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- The VMC will now be on our summer recess. The next magic meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 2/03, at 7:30pm, at the Langford Fire Hall.
- Seniors Show by the VMC – TBA
- July 11/03 – VMC Annual Picnic at the home of Jennifer & Ron Burke – 5033 Stag Road – Bring your own Swimming Suit; towel and a healthy appetite – VMC Supplying food.
- Next Round Table – July 21/03 - Malahat Lounge – Silk Magic with Tony Eng
- PCAM – July 31- August 3/03

CONGRATULATIONS!

Eric Bedard was recently at the CAM Convention, in Ontario. He had a blast and thought it was a great little convention.

Rod Chow, from the Vancouver Magic Circle won First place in Close-up and the Peoples Choice Award. Eric LeClerc won first Place in the stage competition.

Shawn Farquhar won the Canadian Magician of the Year Award and Eric's dad Ray Bedard won the Sid Lorraine Lifetime Achievement Award for his continued contribution to magic in Canada.

Eric managed to jam with Obie O'Brien and Jeff McBride until 4:30 am.



JUNE Round Table Meeting:

The June Round Table meeting was held on Monday, June 16/03 at the **Malahat Lounge** on the Gorge Road, from 7pm to 10pm. The scheduled theme for the evening was **THREAD MAGIC**. Shayne King was our guest speaker. Shayne covered various routines for the use of the Invisible Thread. Email Shayne if you need explanations from his mini-lecture. The next

Round Table will be held on Monday, July 21st, 2003, from 7pm to 10pm, at the **Malahat Lounge**, on Gorge Road. The theme for the evening will be **SILK MAGIC** with Tony Eng. **Contact** Bob Reilly by phone at 381-7496 (or you can email Bob at: rfeil@telus.net) for more information on the Round Table meetings.



Senior Shows . . .

Our June Senior Show was at Mount Edward's Court. Bob Reilly was effective with silk magic and his truly magical Benson Bowl routine. He has been doing this trick for the past four years and it gets better every time! Bert Caine got laughs with Boo-Boo balls and

astonished with colour changing garlands. Ron Bell told a story about the ancient art of silk screening and caused a chosen card to leave its imprint on a white silk scarf.

Our next Senior Show will be in September when we

go to The Lodge at Broadmead. Looking ahead we will be doing our 100th Senior Show in November at Resthaven Lodge.

Ron Bell and Bob Reilly have just finished giving a Healing of Magic therapy course at The Gorge Road

Around & About Town...

Bryan Garduno has just returned from traveling in Japan. He reports that he had several opportunities to take in magic shows and enjoyed them all. Aaron Jones is preparing to leave for Japan, where he will be teaching English. He will be gone for a couple of years. Good Luck Aaron and we look forward to your return. Paul Kilshaw and Shayne King continued to perform at the Causeway with some great crowds. Tony Eng has just returned home after performing 11 magic shows in Yellowknife. Tony even took time off to go fishing. His sponsor Manualife

hired a helicopter and flew him 50 miles into a resort on Awry Lake where Tony was wined and dined with Bar-B-Q Steak and poached trout. Mike Brough continues to pack em' in at Blethering Place while Aaron Peeke-Vout maintains his strangle hold on his gigs at the Sticky Wicket Restaurant and Pub. In mid July, Ron and Raye Bell will be going to Perth, Ontario for a family reunion. This is the first time all 15 family members have ever collected together. No doubt there will be some magic, lots of laughter and perhaps even a few tears. By the way,

Ron's new email address is: bellron@telus.net Shannon Dunphy just celebrated her 31st birthday on June 20/03. Che McNabb is now working at Tony's Trick & Joke Shop. Eric Bedard and David Kendall recently teamed up to perform their own Wacky Wednesday at Blethering Place. Reports have it that this comedy night had a small crowd but enthusiastic crowd. Eric was recently competing in close up at the CAM convention in Ontario, plus he also had the opportunity to perform at yet another Wacky Wednesday comedy night.

A note from our President

Wow, a whole year has gone by and now I am welcoming the new executive. I certainly hope that President-Elect Shayne King receives the same kind of support that this club has so willingly given me. With all four magic lectures, the Mirth and Magic Extravaganza, and Wacky Wednesday, all showing black ink;

our club is defiantly progressive. I would like to thank you all for making my job as Prez for the year, so easy.

Again, I would like to thank the executive during my term in office for all their loyal and hard work during this past year. I could not have done it without you.

I would like to extend an invitation to all the VMC

members and their families and the SYMers to join us for our annual VMC picnic at our home (5033 Stag Road) on Friday July 11th/03, at 3:00pm.

Bring your swim suit and towel, and a healthy appetite as "dinner" is provided by the club. Of course, feel free to bring some magic to perform. See you there!

Have a terrific sum-

SYM – June 2003 Meeting

The last meeting of the Society for Young Magicians was held at Tony's Trick & Joke Shop, 688 Broughton Street on Friday, June 20, 2003, from 7:00pm to 8:45pm. Many thanks to Shayne King for chairing this SYM meeting. Thanks to Ann Eng for providing the

snacks & drinks.

The SYM will now take a summer recess and take July and August off.

The next SYM meeting will be held on Friday, September 19/03. The theme will be your favourite trick or to perform something that you feel comfortable presenting.

If you would like to help with any of these SYM meetings, please contact Tony Eng.

We highly recommend for you to attend one of these SYM sessions and to meet these kids. Maybe even teach them one or two effects.



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Vice President: Damien Carriere
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Treasurer : David Kendall
Sgt. At Arms: Bob Reilly
Custodian: Wade Collins
Members at Large: Kerry Zado
 Paul Kilshaw
Ring Reporter: Ron Bell

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Photos of Fame:



**WADE COLLINS
 FOCUS**



**TVP Tony Eng congratulates Che
 McNabb for becoming an Active
 Member of the Victoria Magic Circle
 (Outstanding Production Manager)**



**MICHAEL BROUGH
 How to be a success MC...**

Victoria Magic Circle Ernie Crockford Ring #183

Minutes from the June 3/03 Meeting at the Langford Fire Hall

Sergeant at Arms Bob Reilly called the meeting to order at 7:35p.m. There were 20 members present and 1 Guests.

Guest: Luigi Porco second visit.

Minutes of the May Meeting. MOTION. No omissions or additions proposed by Jennifer Burke for approval.

SECONDED by Ron Bell. CARRIED.

Correspondence:

- A card will be sent to Derek Johnston as he was back in hospital for his back.

OFFICERS REPORTS

President's Report:

Jennifer Burke Thanked the executive for their great work this year. Jennifer also said a big thank you to Aaron Jones as he will be leaving to Japan and will be missed. She also mentioned that one of our new members Dennis MacRae, is moving up North.

Treasurer:

Frank Sanz reported that we made \$5 on the Dan Harlen Lecture. He spoke on M&M Show and as it stands we made \$1080.00 but he also reported there is still money that will come in. He reported that our current balance as of June 3/03 is \$4559.41.

Librarian:

Ed Silva-White spoke about the Final Library Committee Report and he reviewed possibilities for the library. There was some discussion. Tony Eng made a MOTION that \$200 be placed aside as emergency funds for the library if needed for moving or storage. SECONDED by Harvey Davidson.

Unfinished Business:

- There was some discussion about the Annual Pick-nick. Because of Derek Johnston's back Aaron Jones has offered to pick up the food etc. and David Attwood will be in contact with Derek. Tony Eng has offered to bring his BBQ and so has Harvey Davidson. Harvey will also bring pitchers for juice. It was decided that we should have one more BBQ and that anyone able to bring one to let Jennifer Burke know.

Round table:

Bob Reilly mentioned the round table meeting will be at the Malahat Lounge and will feature Shane King.

New Business:

- Kerry Zado mentioned that there were security problems (not from club members) at the Fire Hall. We will now need to buzz in when arriving to the meetings. It was suggested that we start to have someone at every meeting who acts as a door person and greeter.
- Frank Sanz brought up the donation made by Mrs. Wansborough. There was some discussion as to what to put it towards. Ron Bell proposed a Lecturer free for members to attend in the Wansborough name. Wade proposed bringing in a good headliner as a performer for the annual dinner. Ron Bell MOTIONED that we leave it as being put towards bringing in an entertainer for the benefit of the club. SECONDED by Frank Sanz. PASSED.

Club Draws:

Gift Certificate (TT&J) won by Damien Carriere

Library gift of books won by Kerry Zado, Masahiro Nishigahara, Bill Anderson and Tony Eng.

MOTION for adjournment by David Attwood at 8:20p.m. SECONDED by Kerry Zado. CARRIED

Signed:

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We had a good turn out for our June meeting 2003, the last of our magic year. A vote of thanks went to **Jennifer Burke** our departing President and her Ring Officers for a job well done.

Wade Collins was our FOCUS. He talked about being raised on a farm in Saskatchewan, becoming fascinated by and learning how to fix anything mechanical, riding professionally on snowmobiles and running his own business in prosthetics. Claiming to be an eccentric he has found magic a great way to overcome an innate shyness and loves the challenge of performing. He brings much originality to his magic and is a real asset to the Ring. He finished by giving each of us a tiny string of pearls. A few twists in the right places and he had a miniature poodle, pretty enough to be worn. We followed along and all finished with cute brooches.

Mike Brough was our feature. His Mini-lecture was titled, "I want to be an MC." As usual Mike, a very successful MC, had us laughing while he imparted very sound advice. The MC must make an event memorable, keep things moving and to the extent possible, entertaining. He talked about some of the many ways an MC can be employed, many non-magical. He stressed the need for preparation not only in collecting background material for introductions and presentations but in checking venues for such things as sound systems and lighting. For stage shows he makes extensive use of cue cards and a cueing system so that he knows when the next act is ready. Mike gives the impression of effortless, spontaneous humor but he pointed out this comes from planning, practise and hard work. A highly entertaining and useful talk. Thanks Mike!

Bob Reilly looked after Showtime for the evening. He started us off with a version of a Mike Close trick in which a card freely chosen from a red backed pack was found to be the only one with a blue back. This card was returned to its blue pack which when spread revealed a red backed card which matched that chosen. Neat handling and a nice visual effect. **Shayne King** caused a chosen card to vanish from the pack and to appear in a member's notebook. **Tony Eng** caught four coins from the air and passed them singly to a drinking glass. He used the coins for a rapid coins through the table routine. The usual Tony flair and good misdirection! **Ron Bell** did From Poker to Chaos, his own version of Greg Dietlin's adaptation of a Norman Gilbreath principle. The trick involves the audience in a number of remarkable coincidences using two poker hands leading to a surprise knockout finish. Still with cards, **Dave Attwood** caused a chosen card to appear between two jokers and then showed that all the cards were jokers! He followed this with a neat card printing trick where the chosen card gradually developed on one of a number of blank cards. **Aaron Jones** used a beautiful piece of equipment made by Mikame in Japan and called Heart of Gold. Three freely chosen single digit numbers appeared inside a golden locket which had been hanging in full view. Powerful magic! This was Aaron's last visit to the Ring for a number of years. He is off to Japan to teach at a high school. I'm sure he will continue to mystify audiences as he has done so often here. Good luck Aaron. **Masa** did amazing things with an ace and three blank cards. The ace vanished, appeared and changed places. Just when we were sure we knew where it was the three blanks became aces and the ace a blank. **Che McNabb** had a nice version of Color Monte with numerous well executed moves and a sucker finish. Last up for the evening, **Ed Silva-White** found two freely chosen cards which appeared to have been well lost in the shuffled pack. Great to see so many members performing and indicative of the active support we have had for all our activities this past year.

Our new magic year starts with our meeting in September. Have a wonderful summer!

Ron Bell

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