



VMC magic newsletter

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

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MAY/JUNE MEETINGS

The May 2003 meeting of the Victoria Magic Circle was held on May 6/03, at the Langford Fire Hall. There were 17 members and 2 guest present. The meeting got underway at 7:30pm sharp. The guests were: Luigi Porco (1) and Andrew Snitzer (1).

President Jennifer Burke officially thanked everyone involved with Mirth & Magic. It was once again, another success venture for our Victoria Magic Club.

Treasurer Frank Sanz reported that he was slowly collecting all the money from Mirth & Magic and that he had received a donation from Phyllis Wansborough. A formal synopsis and report on Mirth & Magic will be given at a later date.

Thomas "Tiny" Mil-

lar offered to audit the books with Frank Sanz and David Kendall would be the witness.

Aaron Jones represented Librarian Ed Silva-White talking about the Library. Aaron encouraged everyone to borrow more books and videos. There was also some discussion on where to move the club's library, should Tony's Trick & Joke Shop sell. Wade Collins offered his place of business as a possibility, should the need arise.

We received a letter from the Langford Fire Hall thanking us for our \$200 donation. We also sent a \$200 donation to PEERS in memory of Lorne Begg's son.

There was some discussion about a possible lecture by Charles Gaucci.

Bob Reilly announced that Aaron Jones would be conducting the next

Round Table session and the topic would on Paper Magic.

A motion was made by Jennifer Burke to invite Roger Traviss and his wife to our next Annual Dinner. Passed.

President Jennifer Burke graciously offer her home once again for our Annual Picnic which is scheduled for July 11/03, starting at 3:00pm. Derek Johnston volunteered to be the Picnic Coordinator, this year.

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- TT – David Kendall
- ML – I Wanna' be an MC with Mike "Edwards" Brough
- FOCUS – Wade Collins
- SA – My Best Show-Off Magic with Bob Reilly

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- The next magic meeting of our VMC will be held on Tuesday, June 3/03, at 7:30pm, at the Langford Fire Hall.
- June 4/03 – 2:00pm Mount Edward's Court – Seniors Show by the VMC
- 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 – June 16/03 at the Malahat Lounge – Guest speaker – Shayne King
- PCAM – July 31-August 3/03

MIRTH AND MAGIC . . . May 3rd/03

Wow, we had another successful Mirth & Magic at the Isabelle Reader Theatre on Saturday, May 3/03, at 7:00pm!

Many thanks to show coordinator Ron Bell for organizing this big event. Huge thanks to Eric Bedard for distributing the tickets and advertising. This was a "sell-out"! Everyone that attended had a great time. Thanks to members for selling tickets.

Doug Poruchny was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening and he kept the show moving at an excellent pace. Thanks Doug for the excellent job! The Comedy Competition was **FANTASTIC!** Damien Carriere; Greg Ladret; Dave Attwood; Shayne King and Joy Kruger; and finishing with Masa Nishigahara. We had a 15 minute in-

termission. Part 2 featured our Showcase of: Aaron Jones; David Gifford; David Kendall; and Ron Bell. The Presentation of the Wansborough Comedy Trophy this year went to Masa Nishigahara. Congratulations Masa!! The presentation of the Farquhar Award went to Bob Reilly. Following the presentations, Tony and Ann Eng closed the show with their Mysteries of the Orient.

The ticket collection and ballot count was done by Thomas Millar and Bob Reilly. Usher was Harvey Davidson.

Many thanks to the Theatre Manager Roger Traviss; Stage Manager Mike Levy; Sound Tech Frank Sanz; and Follow Spot Donald Dunphy. Stage Hands Bryan Garduno, Wade Collins, Hal Weaver and our official Photographer Ed Silva-White.

MAY Round Table Meeting:

The May Round Table meeting was held on Monday, May 19/03 at the **Malahat Lounge** on the Gorge Road, from 7pm to 10pm. The scheduled theme for the evening was **PAPER MAGIC**. Aaron Jones was our guest speaker. Aaron covered Torn & Restore newspaper; Afghan Bands; Snow Storm in China; etc. Email Aaron if you want a copy of his mini-lecture. The next

Round Table will be held on Monday, June 16th, 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: rfreil@telus.net) for more information on the Round Table meetings.



Senior Shows . . .

June 14 we did a Seniors' Show at Central Care Home. Bob Reilly did some neat visual stuff with silk scarves finishing with a giant dragon-silk blendo. Ron Bell stood on a chair to do Cards to Pocket. Strange but seemed OK! Hal Weaver was entertaining with

his sign trick and a nice Rings routine. He finished with a magic square which was clever but a bit complicated for the old folks!

Next Seniors' Show is at Mount Edward's Court Wednesday, June 4/03 at 2:00pm. Ron

Bell, Bob Reilly and Bert Caine will perform.

Healing of Magic therapy sessions (one hour) continue at Gorge Road Hospital Mondays at 1:00pm for the next 3 weeks.

If interested in attending one of the sessions or finding out more about this program

Around & About Town...

Jack & Vi Calve (Mr. & Mrs. Jellyroll) have a new email address: jellyrolls@shaw.ca
 Paul Kilshaw has a new email: paulkilshaw@hotmail.com
 David Gifford's email address: ministryofcasualliving@yahoo.com
 Aaron has been accepted into the JET Program (Japan Exchange and Teaching Program). He will be leaving for Japan near the end of July 2003. He is selling some used magic. All interested parties contact Aaron at 381-1943. Author, Lecturer, and Magician, Tom Ogden is currently working aboard the MS Prinsendam and dropped by

Tony's Trick & Joke Shop. Mike Brough continues to pack em' in the Blethering Place. Aaron Peeke-Vout is keeping busy with his close up shows at the Sticky Wicket Pub and Restaurant. Suley and Julie Fattah were recently in Las Vegas where Julie performed close up at a corporate function, meanwhile, her dad Tony was seen performing close up in Sooke (what's wrong with this picture??). Fly fisherman Bob Britton was seen catching a big trout in Langford Lake. He bar-b-qued this trout at work. Bryan Garduno is currently traveling in Japan. Paul

Kilshaw and Shayne King were both seen performing at the Causeway. Derek Peach is still teaching in China. Although Derek is having the time of his life teaching and sight-seeing at the same time, he none-the-less misses Victoria and his friends. Jennifer (Tickles) Burke has been keeping very busy with her magic/clown shows as have Mr. & Mrs. Jellyrow (Jack & Vi Calve). David Attwood is working hard to expand his magic show. Globetrotter Don McCulloch is back home from traveling. He was recently vacationing on a cruiseship.

A note from our President

Another Magical year winds to a closing for our club, and I want to thank the slate of executives, and all members that contributed to making this year a most successful one.

The Mirth & Magic show with its sold out house was a dynamic show case of some of the club's finest talents. During the year we had 4 outstanding Lectures, the last being Dan Harlan on May 14 th/03, those that attended got more than

their moneys worth.

I would like to invite all of you and your families out to our Families home, for the Victoria Magic picnic . The picnic is taking place rain or shine July 11/03. Time is 3:00PM, our address is 5033 Stag Road Victoria (off of Munn Road in the Highlands). Please bring your bathing suit and towel. Please note because the lake is such a tight eco system, I would like to request if you are

to wear suntan lotion, to apply it **after** swimming.

If you have a propane BBQ or can assist in any way please let me know.

I would like to close with a congratulations to next years new executives and offer them our full support. May all of you have a super, funtastic summer, full of happiness and fond memory's.

President Jennifer Burke

SYM – May 2003 Meeting

The last meeting of the Society for Young Magicians was held at Tony's Trick & Joke Shop, 688 Broughton Street on Friday, May 16, 2003, from 7:00pm to 8:45pm. Many thanks to Shayne King and Tony Eng for chairing this SYM meeting. Thanks to Ann Eng for pro-

viding the snacks & drinks.

The next SYM meeting will be held on Friday, June 20/03. 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. They will be the future magicians in our town. You should see some of these kids performing their sleights! Wow!

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Minutes from the May 6/03 Meeting at the Langford Fire Hall

Sergeant at Arms Bob Reilly called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m. There were 17 members present and 2 Guests.

Guests: Luigi Porco first visit and Andrew Snitzer first visit.

Minutes of the April Meeting. MOTION. No omissions or additions except that Bob Reilly calls the meetings to order. Aaron Jones proposed approval of April Mins. SECONDED by Harvey Davidson. CARRIED.

Correspondence:

A letter was received from the Langford Fire Hall thanking the club for the \$200 donation.

Officer Reports

President's Report:

Jennifer Burke Thanked everyone involved in the M&M Show.

Vice President:

Shayne King reported on the correspondence.

Treasurer:

Frank Sanz gave a report on the current income and expenses of the M&M Show but also reported there is still money to come in. He reported that some money was donated to the club by Mrs. Wansborough.

Librarian:

Aaron Jones spoke for Ed Silva-White, reporting that minimal fees have been taken in for the lending of material, which has been mostly videos, and he encouraged the borrowing of books as well. He also handed out a library report and covered the main points on it. Aaron also brought up some ideas that were discussed around what to do if Tony's Shop sells.

Wade Collins offered his practice as a possible place to hold the library if the club needed it.

Unfinished Business:

- Tiny Millar will audit the books with Frank Sanz and David Kendall will be the third party.
- A MOTION was made by Jennifer Burke to invite Roger Traviss and his wife to the next annual dinner. SECONDED by Kerry Zado PASSED.

7. Round table:

Bob Reilly mentioned the round table meeting will be at the Malahat Lounge and will feature Aaron Jones doing paper magic.

8. New Business:

- David Kendall spoke on having Charles Gaucci lecture in June. There was some discussion because Dan Harlan is coming in May though we don't know the date yet. There was a MOTION by Ron Bell that we get Dan Harlan to lecture and if that doesn't work out then we look into Charles Gaucci. SECONDED by Bob Reilly. PASSED
- A MOTION was made by Joy Kruger that we send a letter and \$200 to PEERS for Lorn Begg and the loss of his son, who worked with PEERS. SECONDED by Ron Bell. PASSED
- Ron Bell mentioned the Ring Quality Program and that our club could try to win it. He mentioned that Shayne King may want to look into it.

12. Club Draws:

Gift Certificate (TT&J) won by Masahiro Nishigahara.

Library gift won by Bob Reilly and Books won by Shayne King

14. MOTION for adjournment by Aaron Jones at 8:28p.m. SECONDED by Donald Dunphy. CARRIED

Signed: Damien Carriere

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With our very successful Mirth and Magic Show just behind us a happily tired group of magicians attended our May meeting. JACK POULTER, at the Teaching Table, certainly got our attention as he took us through an intriguing oldie. With his back turned he was able to tell which of three bills a spectator was holding despite their being switched several times.

DAVID KENDALL drew on his 12 years of doing professional close-up magic to give a highly informative mini-lecture titled "Spectator Management". He stressed the importance of establishing your credibility as a respected performer in your introduction, your appearance and your manner. Hecklers in the close-up situation need careful handling, biting put-downs are not appropriate and may alienate not only the intimate group you are working for but the host who hired you. Best defense is to have a well structured and well presented routine and confidence in yourself. He gave many useful tips; learn and use first names when addressing people, modulate your voice to get attention and know where problems can come in a routine and be ready to counter them with a comment or action. Last he emphasized the significance of physical and emotional fitness in maintaining high energy throughout the many performances required of a close-up magician. Thanks Dave for some really practical advice.

Showtime started with DAMIEN CARRIERE doing some variations on making a knot appear in a rope without letting go of the ends. He also made an elastic band penetrate his thumb. RON BELL proved he could name the card at any position in a borrowed and thoroughly shuffled pack held in one hand behind his back. Some nifty finger work to do this one! LUIGI PORCO, a guest and new to magic, made silks appear, change colour and vanish. AARON JONES did David Acer's Camera Card with both the FISM Flash and the Ron Bell spin-out of the chosen card. HARVEY DAVIDSON did Burglar Ball, a dealer item. The penetration of the ball into a well secured box was very effective. CHE MCNABB had a card chosen and shuffled back in the pack. He asked his helper to say "Yes" to all his questions and from these answers was able to divine the name of the card. Our last performer, BRYAN GARDUNO, showed one of his own ideas, catching a chosen card between two face-up aces thrust into the pack.

So ended another good meeting as we move towards the end of our Magic year.

Ron Bell

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