



VMC magic newsletter

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

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OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2003 MEETINGS

Our October 2003 meeting of the VMC was held at the Langford Fire Hall on Tuesday, October 7th/03. We had 20 members and 3 guests present. Our guests for the evening were: David Mohr (1); Ziv Wei (1) and Larry Cooper (2). On Wednesday, November 12/03, we will be celebrating our 100th Seniors Volunteer Show at the Rest Haven Lodge in Sidney, at 2:30pm.

The date for Wacky Wednesday has been changed to Wednesday, November 26/03 at Blethering Place. Our close up coordinator for Wacky Wednesday is Ron Bell. Doors will open at 6:00pm. The close up shows will be from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. The stage show is scheduled for 8:00pm. Shayne King is still looking for help.

The date set for our annual dinner show will be on Saturday, January 24th/04 at the Edelweiss Hall. Ron Bell is also the close up coordinator for this venue. We will be having Gene Anderson (of the world famous Torn and Restore Newspaper fame) to entertain that evening, after the banquet. On the day after, Sunday, January 25/04, Gene Anderson will be conducting a Magic Lecture at the Malahat Lounge on the Gorge. The lecture will be held in the afternoon. The exact time still TBA.

The next Round Table meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 20th/03. Eric Bedard will be lecturing on cards.

It is confirmed that the Mirth & Magic show will be on Saturday, May 15, 2004, at the Isabelle Reader Theatre. Ron Bell will be the coordinator for the

stage show. Basically, we will have the same format as in the past. That is, the first half is designated for the Wansborough Comedy Competition. The second half will be our showcase.

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The next magic meeting is on Tuesday, November 4th/03, at the Langford Fire Hall, starting at 7:30pm. The Teaching Table will be handled by Eric Bedard. Focus will be on Ron Bell. Following will be the mini lecture. Jennifer Burke will be the Master of Ceremonies during the showtime activity. Refreshments will be handled by Che McNabb.

MAGIC LECTURE

There will be a magic lecture conducted by Rafael Benatar on Wednesday, November 12, 2003. Time and place TBA

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- The next magic meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 4th/03, at 7:30pm, at the Langford Fire Hall.
- Seniors Show by the VMC – 2:30pm November 12/03 – Rest Haven Lodge in Sidney – November 22/03 – Lodge at Broadmead
- The next Round Table Meeting will be held on Monday, November 17/03 at the Malahat Lounge
- November 26th/03 – Wacky Wednesday at Blethering Place

100th Senior Show by VMC!

Ron Bell reports the VMC Volunteer show at Rest Haven Lodge is getting into its final preparation stages. Some of the confirmed entertainers include: Ron Bell; Hal Weaver; Tony Eng; Bob Reilly; Donald & Shannon Dunphy; Shayne King and Master of Ceremonies, Mike Brough. Each member/performer will contribute approximately six minute acts.

Just to remind our members, this 100th volunteer show will be given at Rest Haven Lodge in Sidney, the same location as the first show almost 13 years ago.

We are expecting a good turnout of residents for this special occasion. The

staff at Rest Haven will do their best to make this a memorable event and are looking into getting some media attention.

We cannot guarantee space at the show but members of our Ring are welcome to attend.

Ron has already promoted with Nancy Sinclair on the "GO Show". They will try to join us with a TV crew but no promises. We are hoping to get some good publicity out of this special occasion.

Note: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12/03: Rest Haven Lodge, 2281 Mills Road, Sidney. The show starts at 2:30pm.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2003 Round Tables

The last Round Table meeting was held on Monday, October 20th, 2003, from 7:00pm to 10:00pm, in the Malahat Lounge.

Eric Bedard conducted a mini lecture on cards. Eric's mini lecture consisted on some simple, easy to do, self-working card miracles; variations on famous Mercury Card

Fold; and a couple of "knucklebusters" as only Eric can do... Great job Eric!!

These Round Table meetings have turned out to be a terrific addition and asset to our club's activities.

The next Round Table is scheduled for Monday, November 17th, 2003, in the Malahat Penthouse. Our mini lecturer

for the evening will be David Attwood. His topic will be on Unique Magic.

Please contact Bob Reilly at 381-7496 (or email Bob at: rfreil@telus.net) for more information on these Round Table meetings or let him know if you have any improvement suggestions for these gatherings.

FIREFIGHTERS BURN UNIT MAGIC SHOW

Murray Hatfield informs us that the Annual Firefighters Burn Unit Magic Show will be held at the Royal Theatre for two days. The shows on Sunday, January 11/04, are at 3:30pm and 6:30pm. On Monday, January

12/04, the shows are 2:00pm and 6:00pm. This year Murray has some outstanding entertainers: Richard Forget; Brad Cummings (ventriloquist); and Chris Hart. Of course, Murray and Teresa will be featuring some of their own new

illusions and his Murray Hatfield Dancers.

To obtain tickets for this Gala Magic Show, please contact Gail Dixon at 642-3349.

Around & About Town...

This is to advise our members that Donald & Shannon Dunphy have moved up island. Their new address will be: Donald and Shannon Dunphy, 1356 Hutchinson Road, Cobble Hill, BC, V0R 1L0 They have kept their same Victoria Telephone number of (250)727-6505. The Dunphys are one of the busiest magicians on Vancouver Island. Michael & Cynthia Brough have just returned home from their visit to the UK. They had a wonderful time visiting with their family. Bill Brace is still busy with his magic shows and playing in a band. Bill plays the drums. Tony Eng has just returned home from a two week whirl wind illusion tour through BC & Alberta. Julie & Suley

Fattah were also on these shows. Ann the boss, caught up and joined them for the latter part of the tour, when they reached Vancouver Island. The Fattahs will be staying to help in the Trick & Joke Shop during the shop's busy Halloween Trade. Ed and Norma Silva-White are on their 10-day cruise, traveling through the Panama Canal. Upon completion of the cruise and a quick visit to Curacao, San Juan, etc., they will fly to Toronto to meet up with Julie & Suley Fattah (1st week in Nov). The Silva-Whites have emailed reporting a FUNtastic cruise traveling through the Panama Canal. Aaron Jones has been emailing and keeping us updated on his busy schedule. He is

having a lot of fun teaching English and performing magic at various functions, every chance he gets. He recently performed close up in a magic bar. Other famous close up performers entertainers included Shoot Agawa, Steve Fearson, etc. Michael Levy has a new email address: mlevy@juvanse.com Julie Eng was seen performing magic shows at Butterfly World and at the Empress Hotel. Bob Britton is catching his fair share of trout, especially from Prospect Lake! Eric Bedard is getting all his trade and Christmas shows in order. Ariel Morales is getting all his Christmas bookings in order too!

A note from our President

Hello fellow Magicians, I hope all of you had a nice Thanksgiving Holiday. We all have a lot to be thankful for. Aside from friends and family, I'm most thankful just to be able to live here in beautiful Victoria BC and to pursue my magical interests. And speaking of "thanks", a big thank you to all the members who have volunteered their time and talents to

help with organizing our upcoming events. We are still looking for volunteers to assist with the Annual Dinner (setting up tables and chairs etc...). Also, a huge thank you to all members for submitting their dues. Lorne Begg and myself will be contacting all of you to get your opinion on whom you think should receive the Farquahar Award (Magician of the

Year), please expect a call or an e-mail shortly. This award is our way of saying thank you to the magician who we feel has made a major contribution to the club this past year. Now, I hope that with Halloween approaching you have all taken your creepiest magic out of the closet as I have. Let's all enjoy ourselves on October 31st and please be safe and we'll see you all at the next meeting on November 4th, 2003.

SYM – October/ November 2003 Meetings

The last meeting of the Society for Young Magicians was held at Tony's Trick & Joke Shop, 688 Broughton Street on Friday, October 17, 2003, from 7:00pm to 8:45pm. Many thanks to Shayne King, Lorne Begg and Tony Eng for chairing this SYM meeting. And thanks to Bill Anderson (who baked an awesome Cherry Cake for

us) and to Jack Calve for their support to the SYMers.

Huge thanks to Diana Machek for supplying the food and refreshments for the kids.

We covered cards, coins with a Halloween theme. Great night!

The next SYM meeting will be held on Friday, November 21/03. 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. One day, they will be joining our VMC.



**2003/2004
Executive Officers Elect**

<i>President</i>	Shayne King
<i>Past President</i>	Jennifer Burke
<i>Vice President:</i>	Damien Carriere
<i>Secretary:</i>	Tony Eng
<i>Treasurer :</i>	David Kendall
<i>Sgt. At Arms:</i>	Bob Reilly
<i>Custodian:</i>	Wade Collins
<i>Members at Large:</i>	Kerry Zado Paul Kilshaw
<i>Ring Reporter:</i>	Ron Bell



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Nickels to Dimes/Brass.....	6.00

Magic BOOKS

TRICKS / David Ben NEW!	52.00
Shattering Illusions / Jamy Ian Swiss.....	54.25
The New Magician's Manual.....	17.50
The Shadow / Gibson	60.50
Laughter Legacy.....	29.00
Encyclopedia of Egg Magic.....	85.00
Royal Road to Card Magic.....	16.00
Real World Magic NEW!	49.00

MAGIC Videos and DVDs

Ted Lesley Videos Vol #1 & #2.....	39.00ea
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Bill Malone (DVD) Vol 1-6.....	49.00ea

NEW BOOK. . . Hot off the press!

Tricks by David Ben...

Tricks contains magic material for all skill levels, from technically demanding renditions of the “Cards to Pocket” and “Open Travelers” to self-working “Faux Automata” using cellular phones and laptop computers. In between, close up miracles, parlour tricks, and stage effects abound. Standout effects include “Postage Prediction”, a no-nonsense mental effect with postage stamps; “Bad Habits” an improved, logical version of the “Cigarette through Quarter” plot; and “Matchless Psychometry”, an up-to-date version of Annemann’s classic “Pseudo-Psychometry”.

Within these pages, you will gain insight into a host of miracles that David Benn has made his living with for the past 20 years. Detailed are not only the rudiments of each effect, but also the select secrets only available to a working professional who has performed a trick hundreds, if not thousands, of times.

Julie Eng’s husband Suley Fattah, is the illustrator in this fine book... Inside, you will find the tricks behind **TRICKS**.



**Suleyman Fattah
“ILLUSTRATOR”**

PHOTOS OF FAME



RON BELL

Coordinator for Rest Haven Show



BOB REILLY



Performer at Rest Haven

SILVA-WHITES CONTINUE TO CRUISE . . .

...had lunch with The Kids (barbeque today) and now are trying the 'fit everything into the suitcases' thing! Hannah went to have pizza with the kids from Kid's Korner - there were about 25 of them so she was in her glory.

Tonight we eat with Shawn and Lori at Ciao Chow - may be sushi or some other Asian dish. Tomorrow early a.m. we leave the ship and will take a taxi to the Radisson Hotel in

It was a great trip and we would do it again... (as written by Norma Silva-White)

San Juan. We have Monday there and will fly out on Tuesday to Toronto and meet up with Julie and Suley. It was a great cruise and we would do it again. We were never bored and didn't even get to the extra reading we brought. I ditched a couple of books - we are trying to lighten our load. We won't be using the internet now until Toronto. Ed still has a little time left on the "card" that he bought so we will finish the Caribbean Log here. On to TO!



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE MILESTONE:

Congratulations to the VMC for their 100th Senior Show scheduled at Resthaven Lodge on Wednesday, November 12th/03 with the following performers; Mike Brough,(MC); Ron Bell; Tony Eng; Bob Reilly; Hal Weaver; Shayne King; and Donald and Shannon Dunphy, each doing about six minutes per act.

We will be having a Senior Show at the Lodge at Broadmead on Wednesday, November 22/03 with Ron Bell, Bob Reilly and Hal Weaver. If you have time to help our magic club either by performing, moving and setting up the equipment or just

coming out to support the entertainers of these Volunteer Senior Shows, please contact **Ron Bell** directly at: 595-5661 or



RON BELL

Victoria Magic Circle Ernie Crockford Ring #183

Minutes from the October 7, 2003 meeting at the Langford Fire Hall

President Shayne King called the meeting to order at 7:40pm. There were 20 members present and 3 guests. Guests: Larry Cooper (2); Ziv Wei (1) and David Mohr (1)

There were two amendments from the September 2003 Minutes

- (1) Ron Bell noted that in the September 2003 Minutes, it was unclear as to the \$300 being spent on the Gene Anderson lecture. It should have read ... The \$300 that was donated by Mrs. Phyllis Wansborough was to be put towards the Gene Anderson Lecture and the lecture will be dedicated to the Wansborough name. It was already passed in the September 2003 minutes that we would not exceed a total of \$1,200 for Gene Anderson's lecture and feature show.
- (2) Also, it was unclear about Michael Harrison's membership. Mike Harrison is a Friend of the VMC.

Motion for the amendments was moved by Ron Bell and seconded by Derek Peach.
PASSED.

Adoption of the amended minutes moved by Bob Reilly and Seconded by Kerry Zado.
PASSED.

Correspondence: There was a letter and \$15 cash from David Calvert to be put towards his 2003-04 VMC out of town membership

OFFICERS REPORT:

President's Report:

President Shayne King informed us that due to a mix up on dates with Blethering Place, Wacky Wednesday will now be on Wednesday, November 26/03.

Vice-President:

Damien Carriere reported that is sent a sympathy card to Donald and Shannon Dunphy on the passing of Donald's Grandmother.

Treasurer:

No report.

Librarian:

No report.

Round Table:

Bob Reilly report on a very successful VMC Round Table Open House on September 15/03. He thanked everyone that performed, participated and attended the evening's event. Bob also mentioned that Eric Bedard will be teaching Cards at the October 20th/03 Round Table meet-

ing at the Malahat Lounge.

Secretary:

It was reported that our Secretary Tony Eng was on a two week Illusion tour through BC and Alberta.

VMC Volunteer Seniors Show:

Ron Bell reported that we will be conducting our 100th Volunteer Seniors Show at the Rest Haven Lodge in Sidney on November 12/03 at 2:30pm. For nostalgic reasons, Ron is looking forward for some of the original performers to help on this show.

Unfinished Business:

Our Annual Dinner was discussed. It is scheduled for Saturday, January 24/04 at the Edelweiss Hall in James Bay. The doors will open at 6:00pm. The close up entertainment will commence at 6:30pm. Rob Bell will be the close up show coordinator for the evening. Joy Kruger has volunteered to collect the raffle/door prizes. It was noted that all dinner/show tickets must be purchased one week before the event. Our feature performer Gene Anderson will be staying at the home of Ron & Raye Bell. The following day (Sunday, January 25/04), Gene Anderson will conduct a Magic Lecture at the Malahat Lounge in the afternoon. The exact time TBA. President Shayne King has already paid the \$100 deposit to hold the Edelweiss Hall.

Membership Dues are due.

New Business:

There are some magic lectures coming up and there will be more to come.

The possibilities of having a PCAM in Victoria was discussed. It was decided that Tony Eng would be asked about it.

Club Draws:

Gift Certificate (TT&J) won by David Kendall.

The Library Draw was won by Frank Sanz

14/. Motion for adjournment by Derek Peach at 8:04pm. Seconded by Bob Reilly. Carried.

Respectfully submitted: _____

NO. 183 VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA-Victoria Magic Circle – The Ernie Crockford Ring Meets 1st Tuesday of each month (except Jul and Aug) at the Langford Fire Hall.

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We had a good number of members, visitors and prospective new members at our October 2003 meeting.

Our Ring President SHAYNE KING got us off to a great start with our Teaching Table which included an excellent trick from the April 1992 issue of The Linking Ring. A clever force and two Roman Numerals which could be twisted to show different numbers found the selected card. Easy, showy and effective.

PAUL KILSHAW was up next for our Mini Lecture with some very useful insights into what motivates him to perform and to always try to improve his magic. He finds motivation in watching other magicians, reading books not only on magic but such areas as poetry and fiction and listening to music. He keeps his mind active and tries to find common elements between his tricks and everyday actions so that he can perform more naturally. He strives to personalize his tricks so his personality shines through. Paul likes to just play with magic props getting a feel for them and allowing his creative juices to suggest original ways of using them. It was a thought provoking and stimulating talk. You might say it was "motivating"! Thanks Paul!

"Focus" was on Bryan Garduno, a twenty year old local magician who is developing fast into a fine cardician. He was born in Victoria and has been here all his life but has traveled extensively. He started in magic at an early age when a neighbour showed him a trick but has really taken to it recently. He is taking Criminology at a local college and works at Tony's Trick & Joke Shop.

Our Performing Magic started with BILL ANDERSON who did a neat version of Matrix with the coins penetrating a cloth. LARRY COOPER had three cups each with beads of a different colour. Two colours were selected and the beads thoroughly mixed and held behind his back. He brought the cups forward and the beads were no longer mixed. A guest, ZIV WEI showed some fine card handling rapidly producing four aces and following with a slick version of Henry Christ's Fabulous Ace Routine. BRYAN GARDUNO did some nifty moves while losing and finding a chosen and signed card. HARVEY DAVIDSON, one of our Clown magicians, performed Cords of Phantasia. Paul Kilshaw told a great story while doing a poker hand trick with a surprise ending. RON BELL who had planned to do a four ace routine had already seen so many aces that he decided to do an impromptu routine with cards involving various glimpse techniques including divining the card at a chosen number in a thoroughly shuffled pack. We finished the evening with Shayne King doing some nice moves with a large coin which kept finding its way into a glass. In the end everything vanished, including the glass!

The Ring will have its annual Magic Dinner at the Edelweiss Hall, Victoria on Saturday January 24/04 with Gene Anderson our featured performer.

Respectfully submitted by

Ron Bell

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