



VMC magic newsletter

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

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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2003 MEETINGS

We had our first meeting at the Langford Fire Hall on Tuesday, September 2/03. It was a lengthy but productive meeting. President Shayne King proudly displayed the Trophy and magic wand that he won at the Battle of the Wizards in Qualicum Beach on July 26/03. He later elaborated on our executive meeting. On September 15/03, we will be having our annual Round Table Open House. Coordinator Bob Reilly promised a fun night. Bob will organize the entertainment while Dave Attwood is looking after the food and refreshments. On Wednesday, November 12/03, we will be celebrating our 100th Seniors Volunteer Show at the Rest Haven Lodge

in Sidney, at 2:30pm. We have set the date for Wacky Wednesday to be on Wednesday, November 19/03 at Blethering Place. The Tony competition for the most original effect or routine will be held at the January 6, 2004 meeting. The date set for our annual dinner show will be on Saturday, 24th/04 at the Edelweiss Hall. We will have Gene Anderson (of the famous Torn and Restore Newspaper) to entertain. On February 3/04, it's confirmed that we will be having our Annual Auction with Mike Brough as auctioneer. Jennifer Burke has offered to be the "bag lady" and Frank Sanz has offered to help with the books. The Mirth & Magic show will be in May 2004. The exact date still TBA. Ron Bell will be the coordinator.

Several magic lecturers are being considered for the new year. Shayne introduced our two guests Larry Cooper (1) and Patrick Jobin (1). Congratulations are in order for our two latest members (out of town members) David Watters and Trevor Watters.

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The next magic meeting is on Tuesday, October 7th/03, at the Langford Fire Hall, starting at 7:30pm. The Teaching Table will be handled by Donald Dunphy. Focus will be on Bryan Garduno; Paul Kilshaw will give a Mini Lecture and Shayne King will be the Master of Ceremonies during the showtime activity.

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- The next magic meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 7/03, at 7:30pm, at the Langford Fire Hall.
- The next Round Table Meeting will be held on Monday, October 20/03 at the Malahat Lounge
- Seniors Show by the VMC – 2:30pm November 12/03 – Rest Haven Lodge in Sidney – 100th Seniors show
- November 19/03 – Wacky Wednesday at Blethering Place

100th Senior Show by VMC!

The 100th 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 and plan to have a good number of the performers who have helped make the program a success. 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. Note: NOVEMBER 12/03: Rest Haven Lodge, 2281 Mills Road, Sidney. The show starts at 2:30pm.

On November 12, 2003, our Ring #183 will put on its 100th magic show for senior citizens living in Care Homes in the Victoria area. The program called, "Seniors Volunteer Shows," was started in 1991 by Ron Bell with the aim of bringing a little "magic" to the lives of senior citizens living in institutions which provide various levels of supportive care. Over the past 13 years more than 30 Ring members have donated their time and talents free, for this worthy cause. Our Ernie Crockford Ring #183 has performed at more than a dozen different Care Homes in Victoria with at least three magicians at each show.

SEPTEMBER OPEN HOUSE Round Table A Success

Many thanks to Round Table Coordinator Bob Reilly for putting together such a wonderful Open House on September 15/03..

Bob MC'd the evening's event and was our first performer. He produced silk and magically made them change colours. Harvey Davidson showed us Jumping Elastics; and Colour Changing Sponge to Square. Paul Kilshaw did an outstanding job producing; vanishing silks and finish with the "Flag of Nations". Ed Silva-White was next and wowed us with two card

predictions with the help of Aya Kikukawa and Ann Eng.

We stopped for refreshments and food which was organized by David Attwood (thanks, Dave!).

Right after our break, David Attwood presented the Round Table Magician of the year award Year award to a well deserving Wade Collins.

Funnyman Masa Nishigahara opened the second half with Card Flourishes and Comedy Card Stab. Damien Carriere did a neat bent and restored Credit Card; Bryan Garduno

performed a Jumbo Coin production and a terrific Poker Deal. David Attwood did the Gene Anderson Torn and Restore newspaper and finished with a Rabbit from Newspaper. Shayne King closed the show with silk productions; Vanishing Cane; Green Rope Routine; and finishing with the Linking Rings.

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

Around & About Town...

Welcome home Derek Peach. Derek has just returned home after teaching English in China during the past year. Ron Bell is off to the UK for 10 days to visit with family and relatives. Mike and Cythnia are also visiting with friends and family in England. Michael Levy is off to Ottawa on business. Julie and Suley Fattah are flying out to Victoria to help Tony Eng on a two week whirl wind Illusion Tour through BC and Alberta. The Fattahs have just finished performing at the CNE. After the tour, they will both stay in Victoria to help in the shop during the shop's busy

Halloween season. Bob Buie has now retired from teaching and is performing his Hypnotic Show full time. Jack & Vi Calve are busy with all their clown/magic shows entertaining on Vancouver Island and Salt Spring Island. Harvey Davidson aka Pooka was seen taking more Clown Classes. Scott & Wanda Hopkins (Kernel Popcorn) were seen travelling to Vancouver to attend the PNE. Shayne King and Joy have been very busy with all their magic bookings. Don McCulloch has now joined up with the RV group, the Victoria Wanderers.

He was seen at many RV rallies with his new Camper. It was reported that John and Victoria Meacham are having a terrific time in their home in Chester Bain, NS. Frank Sanz has been seen "slaying" the salmon in his boat, in the Pedder Bay area. Ed & Norma Silva-White are getting ready to cruise again. This time they will be travelling through the Panama Cannel aboard the Norwegian Sky, starting on October 2/03. After their cruise Ed and Norma will be flying to Toronto to spend a few days with Suley and Julie Fattah.

A note from our President

I just want to say thank you to all our members who have paid their annual dues and remind those that haven't that the deadline for this is the end of December 2003.

A special thank you to Bob Reilly for organizing the Round Table Open House. Bob and his minions did a wonderful job of putting this event together. Everyone that attended this event had a terrific time.

Also our first Wacky Wednesday of the year will be on Wednesday November 19/03, taking place at the Blethering place. Paul Kilshaw (382-5071) and myself (381-1997) are organizing the stage portion of the event and are still looking for more stage performers. Ron Bell (595 - 5661) is the organizer of the close up portion. Please let these members know if you are able to assist. Also,

we will try our best to have the tickets ready at the October meeting. Please do your share to sell these tickets.

Thanks, and see you on October 7/03 for the meeting, at the Fire Hall.

Shayne King, President

SYM – September 2003 Meeting

The last meeting of the Society for Young Magicians was held at Tony's Trick & Joke Shop, 688 Broughton Street on Friday, September 19, 2003, from 7:00pm to 8:45pm. Many thanks to Shayne King for chairing this SYM meeting with the assistance of Bill Anderson and

Lorne Begg. Shayne talked on Showmanship and Lorne did some ventriloquism and magic.

The next SYM meeting will be held on Friday, October 17/03. 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 the VMC.



**2003/2004
Executive Officers Elect**

- President* Shayne King
Past President Jennifer Burke
Vice President: Damien Carriere
Secretary: Tony Eng
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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- Bill Malone (DVD) Vol 1-6..... 49.00ea

Photos of Fame:



**PAUL KILSHAW
"TEACH A TRICK"**



**PATRICK JOBIN
1st TIME GUEST**



**LARRY COOPER
1st TIME GUEST**

TERRY FOX RUN

The Victoria Magic Circle took an active part in this year's Terry Fox Run at the University of Victoria site. Shayne King provided an excellent show for young and old after the run while the participants enjoyed their pancake breakfast. Later, close-up magic was provided throughout the crowd by Dave Atwood, Bryan Garduno, Masahiro Nishigahara and Shayne King. The event was coordinated by Ed Silva-White.

This was the first time that the Terry Fox coordinators, Carol and Steve Howard, considered the use of magicians to augment this annual event.

CONGRATULATIONS WADE COLLINS

Congratulations, are in order for Wade Collins.

Wade Collins is the recipient of the Round Table Ma-



WADE COLLINS

gician of the Year Award for 2002-2003.

Right after the break for refreshments at the Round Table Open House, David Attwood was on hand to present this prestigious award to Wade. A surprised Wade graciously accepted the hand made Magic Wand (created by David Attwood) trophy and gave an acceptance speech accordingly. Modestly, he gave more credit to other magicians in our club than himself, but he was happy to received this annual honour.

FARQUHAR FAMILY CRUISESHIP REUNION

Due to Shawn's ability to pull the right strings... he was able to get his dad Bill some VIP treatment aboard the Norwegian Sky. It has been some seven years since Bill had seen Shawn and Lori live on stage and it was

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the first time to see his granddaughter, Hannah, in the two major stage show.

This cruise was a very eventful and emotional experience for the whole family. Marion Farquhar, Ed and Norma Silva-White were also on this cruise.



Bill, Shawn and Barb Farquhar

MORE VMC VOLUNTEER SHOWS:

We did our September 2003 Senior Show at the Douglas Care Home. Bob Reilly was in great form doing a silk production routine and his always enjoyable Benson Bowl trick. Ron Bell printed a chosen card on to a scarf and Hal Weaver did a nice version of the sign trick, Sand's rope routine and

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 email Ron at:

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RON BELL

linking rings.

On Wednesday, October 22/03, the VMC volunteer group will go to The Lodge at Broadmead and then to our 100th volunteer Senior Show will be at the Rest Haven Lodge on Wednesday, November 12, 2003 at 2:30pm.

Victoria Magic Circle Ernie Crockford Ring #183

Minutes from the September 2/03 Meeting at the Langford Fire Hall

President Shayne King called the meeting to order at 7:35pm. There were 14 members present and 2 Guests.

Guests: Larry Cooper (1); and Patrick Jobin (1)

There were no Minutes (summer break)

Correspondence: No correspondence

OFFICERS REPORT:

President's Report:

President Shayne King thanked Past President Jennifer Burke and her hard working executives for their great work from the previous year. Shayne reported that we had an executive meeting on Tuesday, August 19/03. He confirmed that he had talked with Kerry Zado to ensure that we would be having our regular magic meetings at the Langford Fire Hall. Shayne gave a detailed report on the Battle of the Wizards which was held in Qualicum Beach on July 26/03. This event was sponsored by Phil Taylor of the Razzle Dazzle Magic Shop from Nanaimo. There were three competitors from our VMC; Shayne King; Ariel Morales and Kirklan Lum. Shayne won this contest and brought home a beautiful Trophy and magic wand. The Legendary Martin A. Nash was the MC. This event brought in \$811 for the CNIB. Shayne also mentioned that if any member could not fill their responsibilities on the Club's Calendar of Events (ML, TT and Focus)... to contact him immediately.

Vice-President:

Damien Carriere had nothing to report under Health and Welfare.

Treasurer:

On behalf of the Treasurer's report, Past treasurer Frank Sanz reported that accountant Thomas Millar had completed an annual audit on our books with him and Shayne King present. The balance after completion of the audit stands at \$4,389.00.

Librarian:

There was no report as librarian Ed Silva-White was on a cruise in Alaska.

Round Table:

Bob Reilly was absent but it was noted from the executive meeting that the Round Table Open House scheduled for September 15/03 is already organized. The Open House will commence at 7:00pm. David Attwood will be in charge of the food and Bob Reilly will be looking after the entertainment portion.

Secretary:

No report.

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:

There was no unfinished business to tend to.

New Business:

1/. Wacky Wednesday is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19/03 at Blethering Place. Ron Bell has volunteered to coordinate the close up shows.

2/. Our Annual VMC Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, January 24/04, at the Edelweiss Hall. The feature entertainer will be Gene Anderson. Gene will also be conducting a magic lecture on Friday, January 23/04, at the Malahat

Lounge. It was moved by Ron Bell; seconded by Paul Kilshaw that we draw \$300 from the club to pay towards the Gene Anderson Lecture and that we dedicate this lecture to the Wansborough name. Passed. It was moved by Harvey Davidson that we do not exceed the amount of \$1200 Canadian; Seconded by Frank Sanz for Gene Anderson's lecture and feature show. Passed. Ron Bell will be our close up coordinator for the Dinner/Show. Shayne King will look after the \$100 deposit that will be required to hold the Hall.

3/. The Tony Award for the most original routine or effect competition is scheduled for the January 6, 2004 meeting. The winner will be announced at the Dinner/Show.

4/. It was confirmed that Mike Brough will be our auctioneer at our Annual Auction in February 3, 2004. Jennifer Burke will be the "bag lady" and Frank Sanz will help David Kendall with the accounting.

5/. It was noted that Dues are due. The 2003-2004 membership dues will be as follow:

- (a) Active Membership \$20
- (b) Associate Membership \$20
- (c) Out of Town Membership \$15
- (d) Friends of the Club \$15

6/. Trevor Watters and David Watters requested "Out of Town" membership status in our VMC. Moved by Paul Kilshaw; seconded by Frank Sanz. Passed.

7/. Michael Harrison requested re-instatement back into our club. After checking, he was never delinquent and just owes his dues for 2003-2004.

8/. James Hanson also requested re-instatement but he was refused by the club and must go through the three visitations at our club meetings and he must join the IBM.

9/. Wade Collins reported that he has not had a chance to check into the possibilities of building a portable stage for our club.

10/. It was suggested that we make up magic wands as a "parting presentation" to the past presidents. Tony Eng and Wade Collins will check into the costs of having them made.

11/. President Shayne King introduced our two visitors: Larry Cooper (1); and Pat Jobin (1).

12/. Lorne Begg volunteered to be our Farquhar Magician of the Year Award Coordinator.

13/. Lorne Begg on behalf of his wife Norma, thanked our club for the donation that we gave to PEERS, in their late son Kevin's name.

Club Draws:

Gift Certificate (TT&J) won by Kirklan Lum.
There was no Library Draw.

14/. Motion for adjournment by Harvey Davidson at 8:33pm. Seconded by Frank Sanz. 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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After a rather lengthy business meeting getting member agreement for activities planned this year, we moved on to our evening program with our Teaching Table. PAUL KILSHAW showed and explained an intriguing card trick originated by Schindler and Garcia where a wrong card leads the performer to not only find the chosen card but produce four aces as well.

FOCUS followed. SHAYNE KING this year's Ring President, talked about his introduction to magic at age four but did not get serious about it until in his 20's. He did magic shows on and off while completing 22 years working for the BC Government. He is now the manager of Tony's Trick and Joke Shop in Victoria and has his own magic company called, "Crown and Lily," doing professional shows with his partner JOY KRUGER.

Showtime started with Shayne King doing a routine based on one shown to him recently by Martin Nash. The Ace, King, Queen, Jack and Ten of a chosen suit turned over one at a time in a bewildering series of moves. DAMIEN CARRIERE followed with some coin manipulation, a coin vanishing, appearing, changing denomination and eventually disappearing altogether! HARVEY DAVIDSON displayed his Ali-Bongo hat and showed a nice effect with a large silk scarf with a reindeer without a nose printed on it. A magical pass and a bright red sponge nose appeared. Up next BRYAN GARDUNO linked a gold ring on a chain with the help of an audience member. Looked very magical. MASA our madcap magician, showed his skill with cards doing an ambitious routine finishing with all the cards blank except the selected card. PATRICK JOBIN, a guest, used a rhyming story while he made a coin appear and vanish a number of times. He then revealed a chosen card through a series of questions accompanied by the cutting of a piece of paper. He opened the paper and a cut-out of the card appeared. LARRY COOPER also a guest, vanished a piece of very colourful gold rope in a bag and reproduced it instantly in a clear glass cabinet. We were not sure what TONY ENG would do when he took a long electrical extension cord from a plastic bag. In his own amusing way he also found some chains and a lock which were used by an audience member to secure his wrists. He then asked his helper to tie his legs firmly together using the extension cord demonstrating exactly what he wanted with one of his hands. The helper seemed utterly unaware that Tony had escaped from the chains. All very funny for the rest of us and a good lesson in misdirection. RON BELL finished the evening with two tricks. First an assembly using only the four Jacks selected by an audience member. The Jacks disappeared individually and appeared one by one in the leader pile. Ron followed this with a dealer item by Charles Gauci called The Houdini Card Mystery. A card, which Ron called the Houdini card was freely chosen from a pack with two holes through it. The card was lost in the pack which was placed in a card case. A long piece of ribbon was threaded through the lower hole and held by two helpers. A large, heavy duty bolt was thrust through the center hole and held firmly with a large nut. Ron covered the case with a handkerchief for an instant and immediately freed the chosen Houdini card. The bolt was still through the cards and case and the ribbon ends held by helpers. A fine mystery and something a little different.

Ron

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