

# VMC Newsletter

## Upcoming Dates:

- Sal Piacente lecture  
June 1st, 2006 at  
the Malahat Lounge
- Next regular magic  
meeting is scheduled  
for Tuesday, June 6,  
2006
- Next Magic Youth  
International meeting  
is scheduled for June  
16th, 2006
- **NIGHT MAGIC**  
June 21st, 2006  
(Victoria Event  
Center) 1415 Broad  
Street.
- PCAM 2006 August  
9 – 13<sup>th</sup>, only 70  
days to go!

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## Victoria Magic Circle – Ernie Crockford Ring #183

**JUNE 6th 2006**

Focus on a Magician: James Houston  
Teach a Trick: David Gifford  
Lecture: Ron Bell on “Cards to Pocket”  
Theme: LIQUID MAGIC  
Show Time: Donald Dunphy  
Refreshments: Aaron Peeke-Vout

## VMC Annual Picnic!

### ANNUAL BBQ JULY 16TH AT THE SELKIRK GUEST HOUSE

Hello everyone! It's that time of year again to celebrate another magical summer with the Victoria Magic Circle's Annual BBQ. The date that I have slated for this fine event will be **July 16th Start time 2PM ending at 6PM**. The location will be the **Selkirk Guest House at 934 Selkirk Avenue**, Victoria.

For more info check out their web site

<http://www.selkirkguesthouse.com>. This venue was OFFERED to us at NO CHARGE. This is a gorgeous private residence with a fenced property. The only stipulation is that no one bring their pets. The residents of Selkirk Guest House have three dogs, which they have said that they will have locked up for the party. We still need someone to help out with the music. Lynn has offered us the use of her BBQ but we need a one of you to volunteer to bring a second one to keep the dogs a cookin. We also need some volunteers to help with the groceries, help with set up of the picnic and most importantly the break down of the party. This has always been a great event and we never have too many volunteers, so please get in touch with me to let me know how you can help make this event a success!

David (aka Sparky) Attwood

## PCAM 2006

Registrations are slowly moving up and Joy sees positive signs as we get closer to the event. Tony was at Kramien's pushing PCAM 06 so we should see some results from this. Also positive signs of action with room bookings at the Harbour Towers increasing so should have many of our registrants at the heart of the action which makes for better mixing and late night fun! We have filed our "Incorporation" with the Royal and McPherson Theatre Society so will get preferred rental rates with the Playhouse and we have decided on the titles for our two BIG public shows:

Friday 11 Aug "Gold Medal Magic Challenge" Show  
 Saturday 12 Aug "International Stars of Magic" Show

We have a number of entries already for the Pro Challenge(Gold Medal Show) and are expecting more. Promo for these two events will start some weeks before and tickets will then go on sale to the public through the McPherson Box Office.

Looks like Tony has completed his list of Talent with a great MC, Dick Barry, for the International Stars of Magic Show. Also our own Eric Bedard fresh from amazing cruise experiences including doing close-up for Martha Stewart, will give a "midnight" lecture which is bound to be a hit.

Thanks to all those who have stepped forward and offered to assist with the many extra jobs during the event. It's this kind of support that makes us "family".

Ron

## President's Report

Congratulations are in order to our latest member Tracy Tanis. Welcome to the club Tracy!

Sal Piacente will be our next magic lecturer, which is scheduled for June 1/06, starting at 7:00pm. The venue TBA.

I'm very pleased to report that Julie &

Suley will be coming out to visit at the end of this month.

Sorry to report that due to prior show commitments, I will NOT be at the June 2006 Meeting. Vice-President Joy Kruger will chair this meeting for me.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my executives

and general membership for their support during my term in office. I would to thank Ron Bell for his outstanding leadership with PCAM 2006. Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing each and everyone of you at PCAM 2006, in August!



**Tony Eng**  
 PRESIDENT



Lucas Kavanagh

## Magic Youth International Meeting ...

Well another MYI meeting has come and gone. As usual we met on May 19th at Tony's Trick and Joke shop. Shayne started off the meeting with a very detailed lesson dealing with invisible thread. He explained three types of invisible thread, two methods of floating a dollar bill, how to tie thread around a lifesaver and ways to set up for your levitation routine. He then performed and explained his rendition of Jay Sankey's Holy Moly, an ace production and the MacDonald's aces. Paul then took the stage to perform his clever version of the ashes to palm and explained the principal of cards with a one way back design. The next and final MYI meeting of the year will be on June 16 th, 7:00 at the store. Don't forget to bring a trick to perform so you can get feedback from the other members. Until then check out the newly updated MYI website at <http://vmc2.thekingofmagic.com/html/myi> now with online tricks and a discussion forum!

Lucas Kavanagh

## Around & About Town ...

**Tony Eng** turned 60 this month, and his family (including visiting daughters Julie and Sandra) threw a well-deserved party, or rather, a Spectacular 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Roast!

**Scott Hopkins** returned from a three week tour that included New Orleans, Spain, Italy and Germany and is now gearing up for summer festivals between Victoria and beautiful downtown Port Hardy. **Dave Attwood** and **Ryan Stanley** may be conspiring to perform a stage act. The same may also be the case for **Carolyn Sadowska** and **David Gifford**. Not to forget **Ron Bell** and **Joy Kruger**, who are practicing up a routine for PCAM's 'The Magic of Victoria'. **Eric Bedard**, while working on the cruise ships, had some time off ship at the port-of-call *Osaka, Japan*, where he had the fortune of have lunch with, *can you believe it*, our very own **Masahiro (Masa) Nishigahara!!** It has been recently confirmed that **Eric** will be joining the amazing line-up of *PCAM Lecturers* this coming August; you can take in some of his magical enlightenment at *Midnight* on Thursday August 10<sup>th</sup>. **Shayne King** teamed up twice this month with hypnotist **Gavin Hooper** to perform at two 'dry grads' on the mainland. **Julie Eng** has been appointed Director of Programming and Administration for *Magicana*, a not-for-profit agency promoting magic as an art [www.magicana.com](http://www.magicana.com). **Murray Hatfield** and **Teresa Midbo** appeared at the Stan Kramien Jubilee on May 19<sup>th</sup>, and rumor has it (from one of our anonymous members who also attended the Jubilee) that they received a standing ovation. **Murray** and **Teresa** finished their trip down south with a run of performances at the Palace of Mystery at the Magic Castle in Hollywood from May 22<sup>nd</sup> to May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Keep on letting me know what you are up to, so we can all keep connected through 'Around and About Town'. Email your news to: [joykruger@shaw.ca](mailto:joykruger@shaw.ca).

# ROUND TABLE REPORT:



**David Attwood**  
Round Table  
Co-ordinator

What a great time was had by all at the last Round Table. In attendance that night was Justin Lui, Bob Reilly, Ed Silva White, Ray Parker, Ben L'Heureux, David Attwood (aka Sparky) and new member to the club Dave (New member Shayne Please edit this for me). We started off with a finger ring off string routine and then Ray Parker fooled us all badly with an impromptu spirit bottle routine that was done with a borrowed piece of rope and a bottle of Nestle water. Then Ray discussed a golf ball in bottle routine. He learned both of these effects from Ali Card Abra while visiting Wolverhampton, England. Then Ed discussed a one handed knot routine, the fastest knot in the world, the dissolving, Aldo Columbini's Flip knot and he's fake pull out. I talked about the sliding knot routine that I had picked up from an old Aldo booklet. Ray then entertained us all with the William Tell Knot where one end of the string is shot through a loop in the rope. Ed then displayed the Thread The Needle routine. All in all, it was a lot of knotty behaviour from a lot of knotty guys .

The next Round Table will be June 18<sup>th</sup> and the topic will be 'Magic with Business Cards'.

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*Just a reminder to everyone that these meetings are only open to members of the Victoria Magic Circle. Family and friends will have to wait for the annual Open House to come to the Hat. Some of the newer members may not realize this criteria for the Round Table sessions.*

*Again. I would ask that all members that come to the Round Table sessions be extra vigilant in cleaning up after themselves and minimizing the clean up that is needed to be done by myself or Bob Reilly. Let's not allow the caretaker any opportunity to find fault with our meetings.*



Mike Brough (left) and Bob Buie (right)  
Tony Eng (center)



Tracy Tanis our newest member





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## A note from Murray and Teresa

Another month has gone by and it seems like every time I turn around there's something new in the shop. This month we've added the following to our stock;

**The Phil Deck** – based on the Oscar deck, this is the cleanest and slickest version yet. You introduce a deck and have someone think of any card. You tell the spectator you will “name” his card and you name it “PHIL”. After a confused look from the helper you show that all the cards have a name on the back. Amazingly the card he chose has the name “PHIL”. A great bit of fun

magic.  
Roger Lovins' - **Calling Card** is a smart and timely bit of magic. Have someone select a card and lose it in the deck. Using your cell phone camera (supply your own) you take a photo of the helper holding a blank card. When you show them the picture on the screen the blank card is now their chosen card. Finally from the brilliant mind of Tyler Wilson comes **“Dominatricks”** – his first book. Tyler is, in his own words, the new kid on the block but you'd never know it from the excellent work in this book. Some awesome new magic plus some great upgrades to existing

plots – it all makes for a *must-have* addition to any close-up workers library. The book comes complete with a cd-rom with video footage of some of the moves, artwork for the exceptional “Stick it to the Man” (David Acer raves it's "*quite possibly the most unpretentious mental effect ever devised.*") as well as a left handed version of the book for you southpaws.

There's also the Acme Portable Hole, Wicker Man, Archangel, another crop of Chris Angel's Mastermind 1 DVD, Immakulate - Ring Flight, Miracle Rope and many more. See you at the shop!

Murray & Teresa



*Murray Hatfield  
and  
Teresa Midbo*