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VMC Newsletter

Upcoming Dates:

- Next regular magic meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, MAY 2nd 2006
- **NIGHT MAGIC**
May 10th, 2006
(Victoria Event Center) 1415 Broad Street.
- Patrick Page lecture
April 20th, 2006
- Next Magic Youth International meeting is scheduled for May 1th, 2006
- PCAM 2006 August 9 – 13th, only 100 days to go!

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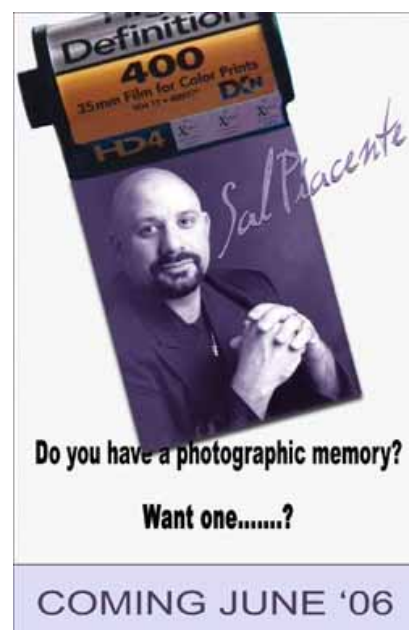
Victoria Magic Circle – Ernie Crockford Ring #183

MAY 2nd 2006

Plus, as usual, a great line-up of presenters for part two of the meeting:
Focus on a Magician David Gifford
Teach a Trick Donald Dunphy
Mini Lecture Aaron Peeke-Vout
Theme CARD MAGIC
Show Time - ?
Refreshments Ray Parker

Xcellent Lecture series - Coming June 2006

Sal Piacente has been a world authority on Casino Game Protection since the late 1980's. He was born in Brooklyn, NY in 1964. His father sparked his interest early in life when he taught him "Three Card Monte" so that he would not be swindled by it in the streets. He then began to practice various card-cheating techniques and study every card, dice and gaming book he could get his hands on. His passion for knowledge of the different ways to cheat at all the casino games grew so tremendously that he made a career out of it, but not how you may think.



PCAM 2006

We are moving towards 100 registrations which appears about on target for 225 by August. We have added Joshua Jay to our already excellent lineup of talent and our Program requirements are just about complete. The Program of Activities looks very exciting. It's busy but not too busy so folk get some time to make friends and show their stuff! Tony Eng has contacted Club members to perform in the Magic of Victoria Show at the Harbour Towers on Thursday 10 Aug. It will be a great showcase of the talent we have in our Club.

Doug Poruchny has developed an ambitious marketing program to sell tickets to our two big shows at the McPherson Playhouse. Later we will be getting promo on PCAM out to the media and public so there will be a general awareness of the event. The special Golf Shirts with PCAM 06 logo have been made available for our local registrants. Please wear them now to show your support for the event. Rob Brown has made some amazing deals in transportation and we will have buses to carry up to 80 people from the Harbour Towers to and from the McP. Frank Sanz has also been twisting a few arms and we will have the UVic Audio/Visual Dpt providing a comprehensive setup for video display of all our activities at the HT.

Anyone who wishes to compete in the Pro Challenge or General Contests should look at our PCAM website (www.pcam.biz) for info on what they need to do. May seem a little early to sign up but it is a great incentive if you make the commitment.

There will be many folk needed to help maintain security at the Harbour Towers throughout PCAM 06. Frank and Joy have prepared a schedule to spread the workload and are contacting members of the VMC to do a number of shifts. Please help if asked. There may be some VMC members who find the registration fee difficult to pay in one lump sum. To make things easier for these folk we have introduced a plan that will allow members to pay for their registration over a period up to six months, interest free. Anyone wishing to take advantage of this offer should contact Ron by phone(595-5661) or email(bellron@telus.net). Such communication will be held in strictest confidence so don't feel embarrassed. We want all VMC members to enjoy the marvellous experience of PCAM 06.

- Ron Bell

President's Report

Many thanks to David Mohr for being in charge of the Nominating Committee. Congratulations to President-elect Joy Kruger and the new Executives who have been nominated for the 2006-07 season.

Congratulations to Murray Hatfield for officially becoming an Active Member of our club. PCAM CEO Ron Bell gave a detailed report on the upcoming PCAM 2006, in August. Ron reports that we will need

volunteers and other staffing needs. This PCAM 2006 is a club effort. Several of us have already put 1 ½ years into this project. This is a club project. Please do your share to help.



Tony Eng
PRESIDENT

~ Magic is an art with unlimited room for growth of technique and knowledge ~

Magic Youth International Meeting ...



Lucas Kavanagh

The Victoria branch of the Magic Youth International met on April 21 at Tony's Trick and Joke Shop. We had another fun meeting full of magic and junk food! The night started out with Paul Kilshaw and Shayne King performing the exact same trick at the exact same time with surprising results (page 180, Random Acts of Magic by David Acer) then Shayne went through a detailed description of his rendition of the MacDonald's Aces and the classic "find the water" game for kids. After that Lucas performed and taught a twisting the aces routine with a little kicker at the end. Then, continuing on the impromptu Elmsely count theme Shayne taught the B'wave and Twisting the Jokers, two tricks that are perfect for walk around. The best part of the evening came when each MYI member received some free old editions of The Linking Ring magazine, donated by Ed Silva-White. Thanks Ed! The next meeting will be held on May 19 at 7:00. Until then check out the MYI website at <http://vmc2.thekingofmagic.com/html/myi/>.

~ Magic speaks a universal language ~

Around & About Town ...

Newsletter info: After Eric Bedard gets back from the Thailand cruises, he will be sailing on the inaugural voyage of the Crown Princess, the newest ship in the Princess fleet. It sails out of New York and will be sailing 9 day cruises alternating between Eastern & Western Caribbean. Eric will be on the Crown Princess from June 11th to July 29th, then home for PCAM.

Masa Nishigahara has a contract doing magic in a bar in Japan and works in a factory at night, -- his daughter Lily just turned one year old.

Ross Simms recently celebrated his 90th Birthday (wow!) -- A surprise party was thrown for him on April 30th, we are sure to hear how the event went after this newsletter goes to print!

Aaron Peek-vout is still working every Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday at the Sticky Wicket, and he is performing magic at a trade show in Las Vegas April 11-14th

David and Beryl Calvert (members across the sea in jolly old England) have been very busy lately with shows in their local Playhouse, where David works as the front house manager. Also David and Beryl Calvert are performing a magic routine together in a local 'old time musical show'.

Keep on letting me know what you are up to, so we can all keep connect with news about fellow members in 'Around and About Town'. Email your news to: joykruger@shaw.ca.

~ Magic helps a person learn to think on his/her feet

ROUND TABLE REPORT:



David Attwood
Round Table
Co-ordinator

Well we certainly had an enjoyable and informative evening at the Round Table in April. Everyone learned something and they agreed that's what the Round Table is all about. Present were Dave Mohr, Dave Bonella, Ben L'Heureux and Bob Reilly. Subjects covered were: cards, packet tricks, ropes and silks.

Submitted by Bob Reilly

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.

Dave Attwood

Photos from the Patrick Page Lecture...



Brian Zutz (left) and Dave Bonella (right) Patrick Page (center)



Tony Eng with Bill and Pat.

~ Magic is the last stronghold of the Imagination ~

A NON-CLUB EVENT BELOW, but enjoyed by club & non-club members alike!:

NIGHT MAGIC

Mark your Calendars folks, Night Magic is once again approaching. For full details on this event please visit our web site www.nightmagic.org - we have a brand new look !!

May 10th 2006 is the date, and doors open at 7:00. Show time is 7:30 PM. Aside from your favorites Paul Kilshaw, Ray Parker, Shayne King, and the incomparable Tracy Tanis and Zoltan, we are also featuring, Diamond David Attwood, and Murray Hatfield, who was voted "Canadian Magician of the year" by the Canadian Association of Magicians.

Tickets can be purchased online, (<http://www.nightmagic.org>) or from me directly (Shayne at 381-1997) or Paul at 382-5071. You can also get your tickets at Tony's Trick and Joke Shop 688 Broughton Street Victoria. VMC members get in for half price at only \$5. VMC tickets must be purchased in advance and due to the popularity of this event, will have to be limited to one special priced ticket per member. We don't want to upset anybody paying the full price at the door.

PLEASE HELP US PROMOTE THE SHOW BY DOWNLOADING THE POSTER FROM THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS <http://www.nightmagic.org/nightmagicposter.pdf>

We hope to see you at the Show

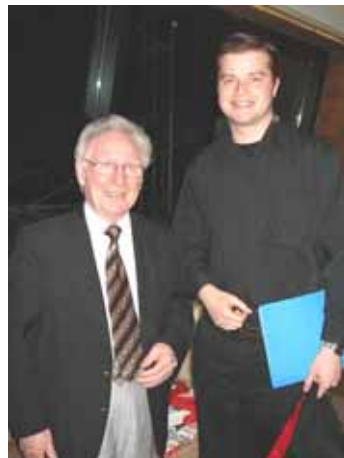


*Submitted by Shayne King,
VMC Newsletter Editor & Co-conspirator of Night Magic*

More photos from the Patrick Page Lecture...



John Gilliland and Patrick Page meet again after 40 years. (Can you believe it???)



Alex Day with Patrick Page

A note from Murray and Teresa



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We're well into spring and WOW - am I glad we moved here. In Calgary everything is still dry and brown but it's incredible here. The shop is also growing with lots of new items appearing every week.

For the close-up worker we've got Viking's "Okito Box" and "Rattle Box". Both are extremely well made and are useful utility items for the

discerning worker. Also new in the shop this month is Emerson's "The Hole Thing". In my opinion this is one of the best packet tricks on the market. It begins with 2 "Hole" Cards and 2 "Whole" cards. Through the routine there's a great storyline, some eye opening magic and a real kicker surprise. Come see a demo - it's a great one.

For the stage

worker this month we've got Bruce Kalver's "Incredible Growing Head Illusion". This one will elicit screams from your audience as they actually witness your head, or the head of the person next to them, growing and shrinking. This will be the talk of your show.

Hope to see you all soon. Enjoy the spring...

Murray & Teresa



*Murray Hatfield
and
Teresa Midbo*