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VMC Newsletter

UPCOMING DATES:

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- **Monthly Magic Meeting**, Tuesday, Nov 7th 2006, 7:30 at The Langford Fire Hall
- **Wacky Wednesday** November 15th ~ **TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW at Tony's.**
- **Magic Youth International Meeting** 7:00, Nov. 17th, 2006 at Tony's Trick & Joke Shop
- **November Round Table** 7:00 Monday November 20th

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Victoria Magic Circle – Ernie Crockford Ring #183

NOVEMBER 7th 2006 MONTHLY MEETING

Focus on a Magician: JACK POULTER
Lecture: JENNIFER BURKE
Refreshments: BLAIR MORRIS
Teach a Trick: DAVID KENDALL
Show Time: HARVEY DAVIDSON



WACKY WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 15, 2006



Wow only two week's to go and we meet friends, family and the general public at The Central Bar & Grill to enjoy food, drink, a great stage show and close-up magic. Ticket Maestro **Ben L'Heureux** tells me there are about **40 TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE** so we need your help in promoting this event to make for a good full audience. **Contact Ben at 474-9378 or visit Tony's to get tickets**, you can also send people to our website, www.victoriamagiccircle.com for full information about our club and this Special Event.

The stage entertainment will feature Host Mike Edwards, Shayne King, David Kendall, Ray Parker, Dave Attwood and Murray Hatfield. Special note here: Make sure to come out and enjoy Mike Edward's unforgettable humour while you have the opportunity, as he and wife Cynthia will likely be moving back to old England next March.

Ron Bell and the rest of the close-up team promise some fun pre-dinner table magic starting at 6:30; please contact Ron if you are interested in joining the team.

~ Joy Kruger



MINUTES? You can find minutes from our last meeting (Oct 2006) on-line at www.victoriamagiccircle.com/minutes.

President's Message

Greetings all, October began with a great meeting including a mini competition where members performed with a Halloween theme in mind -- The prize of a **tacky** miniature haunted house went to **Paul Kilshaw** who dazzled us with a Halloween hat and tie and a Halloween magic routine finishing with a Halloween candy production. Had there been a runner up prize it would have undoubtedly gone to **Ed Silva-White** a.k.a Dr. Digger Downunder complete with undertaker's tuxedo and top hat. Thank you, Paul and Ed, for your theatrics and Halloween Spirit!



President Joy Kruger

Thank you to **Ron Bell** for leading a lively October Round Table, to **Dave Mohr** for lecturing to a good twenty MYI October Meeting attendees, and to **Paul Kilshaw** for all his work in bringing Shoot Ogawa to Victoria on the 23rd, what a treat!

At the November meeting I will hand out copies of the Constitution & Bylaws (with proposed changes). Members will receive a copy of these C&Bs with the December newsletter as well, with voting in of changes to occur at December 5th monthly meeting. We may also be welcoming in a couple of new Club members at this meeting, which will be a real pleasure.

Only eight days beyond the November 7th meeting is our WACKY WEDNESDAY on November 15th. This will be a great night and I look forward to seeing most of you there!

President Joy



Magic Youth International **Victoria Chapter** October Meeting Report

by Lucas Kavanagh

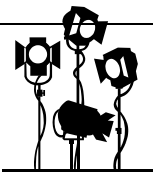
The second MYI meeting of the year took place on October 20 at Tony's Trick and Joke Shop. **We had 21 attendees (WOW)**. The main event of the meeting was our **special guest, David Mohr**, who gave an excellent mini-lecture on how to be a magician as opposed to someone who just does tricks. David took the classic Professor's Nightmare and demonstrated how an old trick can be turned into an amazing routine. He also taught some the fine points on one of the finest slight of hand moves - the French drop. Many of the members then demonstrated some great effects with cards, coins, steel balls and more! We gave away some great prizes including linking ring magazines (winners were Curtis Goosney and Mitch Johanson) and tickets to laser tag (winner Micheal Macheck) in our monthly raffle. We reviewed the 2006/2007 MYI calendar which can be found online at - www.victoriamagiccircle.com/html/myi/. We are in for a real treat at the next MYI meeting featuring **special guest Ron Bell!** The meeting will be held November 17, 7:00 at Tony's Trick and Joke Shop, remember to bring a loonie to cover snacks.

! ANNUAL DINNER CHANGE !

The Annual Dinner will now be held JANUARY 27TH, the traditional 4th Saturday of the month. This change of date enables two of our club favorites, Mr. Eric Bedard and Mr. Ron Bell to attend the dinner and enables us to enjoy their presence and magic as part of the Close-up Team! The dinner will still feature Ariel Morales and Rochelle Allison (www.quebolamagic.com).

MEMBERS' SPOTLIGHT

Submitted By Derek
Peach



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David Gifford

David and Meghan come to us from Ontario, although Halifax was the city of his early years. As an artist working with various media, David saw a relationship between magic and art and chose to explore the use of archetypes from the realm of magic in the domain of artistic production. It is our good fortune that he chose graduate school at the University of Victoria to complete a master's degree using "Magic as an ArtForm" as his thesis title. He brings this background in visual arts to his study and appreciation of magic and his audiences are usually at events in the arts communities and libraries here and in Vancouver, although recently he had the experience of sharing the stage with a rock band.



THE CUPS & RADISHES

David's favorite illusion is the Bamberg egg bag and chicken production, which we may hope to have him demonstrate at a club meeting. He will be performing back east in Northern Ontario from Parry Sound to James Bay, during October, but rejoins us in November. Easterners always come west before the real winter sets in.

Ray Parker



Ray's web site (www.raymadhatter.com) says everything you might want to know about this performer. He comes to us from England originally although his 66 years in showbiz have taken him to many places before he settled in Victoria. Because Ray is so well known and because he does have a web site that answers all of the customary questions, the usual biographical details are not necessary here. What was significant was his offering of this koan from Jean Eugene Robert-Houdin, a 19th century French magician: "A magician is an actor playing the part of a magician." Ray counsels all initiates of the art of magic to always remember that they are performers and that their audience gives the gift of attention. It is advice that this exuberant old magician has always honored, as his credits give ample testimony.

LECTURE REPORT Shoot Ogawa – David Malek

Well another month has passed, and so far all this year's lecturers have been fantastic, including Shoot Ogawa on October 23rd. With solid magic philosophies, extreme skills and mind-boggling manipulations he made the impossible look possible, and the hard moves look easy and very credible! By the time you get this newsletter, we may already have had our next X-ellent Lecture from Lee Asher: Dave Malek on Thursday, November 2nd at the Malahat Lounge. Read the brief writeup about Dave Malek below or for more info visit the Lectures page on our Club website at www.victoriamagiccircle.com



Shoot Ogawa in Action

'Whether you are performing magic just for friends and family or professionally you will come away from David's lecture a much more sophisticated, real world thinking, and acting magician. You will learn what works, what does not work, how to approach people, when to continue and when to quit. He will break down a few of his favorite routines and expose exactly why he does what he does, and why he says what he says. David will show you sure fire ways to instantly make your magic more dynamic, interesting and interactive, and much much more.'

Paul Kilshaw
Lecture
Coordinator
and
Vice-Prez



**COST?? THIS ONE IS FREE FOR VMC MEMBERS
IN GOOD STANDING!
FRIENDS, MYI AND ALL OTHERS pay \$15.00.**

*Thanks Everyone for Supporting the Club and our
Lecturers, and Thank You Bob Reilly for once again
reserving us this space.
See You at the Hat.*



COMING NOVEMBER '06



Aaron Peek-Vout is still performing regularly at The Sticky Wicket Pub; daughter Charlotte celebrated her 1st birthday on October 29th! Charlotte's daddy has recently been busy with trade shows in Phoenix, Dallas and Toronto and will be doing the same in Chicago, North Dakota, and Philadelphia, with tentative plans of doing about 5 trade shows in Europe next year. **Murray Hatfield and Teresa Midbo** will soon be departing for their Magic and Miracles tour after wrapping up a busy Halloween Season at the store. **Tony and Ann Eng** are taking off in their RV after Halloween and will head down south for November and then will return for December's Christmas shows.



Ryan Stanley and old member **Bryan Garduno** are working to bring a brand new high-tech LED sign technology to North America: **Bryan is the President of the company and Ryan is sales rep for this endeavour.** **David Calvert** recently attended the British Ring 25 Convention at Eastbourne, which featured John Calvert. David managed to ask the 95 icon 'we have the same surnames - are you by chance my father?', causing howls of laughter from his peers and culminating in a signature from the senior Calvert.

Old Bill at the Farm (Bill Brace) turns 82 on October 30th! You can check out an autobiographical email installment from Bill on the club's 'Focus' page at www.victoriamagiccircle.com. Speaking of elder members, **Don McCulloch** turns 87 this coming November 20th, a verified first world war baby! **Eric Bedard** has been cruising and performing on the newest and largest of the Princess fleet, the Crown Princess -- as has **Bob Buie!** The two VMC Victoria boys were working on the same ship, one (Bob) in the Princess Theatre and the other (Eric) in the Explorer's Lounge. See these two sailors in the accompanying picture. They will be working together again through December and January.

And last but not least, **member " ??????????"** is pictured to the right, he is **the Knight in Blue...** can you guess who? See page one, the 'Inside' list for the answer to this page 5 mystery!

We would love to know what you are up to: Please 'keep us in the loop'– submit your latest news to JoyKruger@shaw.ca for inclusion in next month's Newsletter.



CHRISTMAS MEETING PREVIEW

A fun competition is in the works for our December 5th Christmas meeting. If you are thinking of performing at 'Showtime' you will receive a random 'Christmas Item' which you must creatively use in some part of your presentation in order to be in contention for the 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize. Hope many of you will plan to participate and show off your ingenuity or lack of (all in fun, of course!) ☺.

Also NOTE our **Christmas meeting FOOD will be POTLUCK this year**, everyone is asked to bring a small tray of goodies or veggies (finger food).



ROUND TABLE REPORT

The Next Round Table is Monday, November 20th

The members that made it out to the October Round Table Session (Larry Cooper, Justine Louie, [Ray Parker](#), Ben L'Heureux, [Murray Hatfield](#), [David Attwood](#), Kerry Zado, Harvey Davidson) were treated to a great session put on by our very own Ron Bell. The topic was Miscellaneous Magic focusing on magic other than cards coins and other more traditional close up variety. Ron's discussion included routines like; Flying Knots Off Rope, Kisses and Name A Drink. After we enjoyed a discussion regarding the invisible deck and unique display of familiar routines done in a unfamiliar fashion with a Svengali Deck. Ben also brought with him a variety of props that we all had a chance to examine and brainstorm with.

I am personally very excited about next month's Round Table Session which will feature [Paul Kilshaw](#) talking about balloon twisting. Paul is an accomplished twister with designs that would impress any one of your audience members, friends and families. This is one that really shouldn't be missed. These sessions are always a little noisy but a barrel of laughs as well. So make sure you grab a bag of balloons 160Q's would be perfect (available at Tony's Trick and Joke Shop 688 Broughton Street) and a pump if you've got one and make your way up to the Malahat Lounge 105-104 Gorge Road East buzz #80. Be there by seven so you're sure not to miss a minute of the fun.

David Attwood, Round Table Coordinator

'When they get together, Magicians are brothers of a kindred spirit who enjoy one another's company, have a common frame of reference and endlessly amuse and entertain each other with variations on familiar themes.' 'Magic itself is... a lifelong hobby of endless variety which gives one entrance into an age-old fraternity existing in all parts of the world. It fills one's leisure time with an activity with unlimited room for growth of technique and knowledge.'

~ Abe Hurwitz



William (Bill) Graham Farquhar

Bill Farquhar

passed away

Tuesday evening, October 24th, 2006.

Bill and his family have a long time relationship with the Victoria Magic Circle. His most recent contribution was his attendance at the PCAM convention this past August, where he displayed his extensive collection of coins portraying famous and historic magicians.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held on Friday, November 24th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Strawberry Vale & District Hall, 11 High Street (intersection of High and Burnside Road West), Victoria, BC.



*In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:
The Arthritis Society of BC and Yukon Division,
2680 Richmond Road,
Victoria BC V8R 4S9*

~ Ed Silva-White

A note from Murray and Teresa



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If I've seemed a little harried lately - sorry but we've survived our first Halloween at the shop and WOW was it CRAZY! Thanks to all of you that have stopped by over the last few weeks for understanding that the magic took a bit of a back seat. Now it's time to get ready for Christmas and as such - I've ordered a few new things into the shop.

Sudden Deck 2 - is the latest from the creative mind of David Regal and it's crazy. The magician holds up an unprinted, unglued, blank cardbox and explains that this is what a card box looks like before it's put together. A little shake and the box visibly prints itself into a standard bicycle card box after which the magician

folds it up into a box. He then tips it out and a full deck of cards pours out. A great way to start a card trick or a close-up show.

For those of you that missed out at the lecture, we have the **Incredible Shrinking and Growing Head** illusion back in stock. Even if you've seen it before it's impossible to not be amazed when it happens. It's spooky!

In the **Chameleon Deck**, a deck of blue cards is shown and shuffled and a spectator selects a card. When the card is turned over it is revealed that it's the only card in the deck

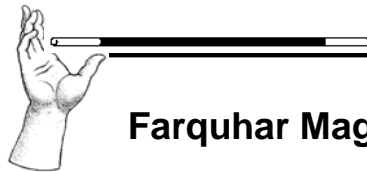


with a red back. That's not all - the magician snaps his fingers and the entire deck changes to red.

I'm happy to have an old classic back in stock for the closeup worker. Long impossible to find, the **Linking Safety Pins** can be an incredibly strong piece of magic and it happens right in the spectators hands. And best of all - it's not cards, or coins or rubber bands or any of the standard things that we do magic with.

And finally - spend your rainy winter nights curled up on the couch with the complete **First Season of MindFreak** on DVD. It's sure to keep you awake.

Have a great month and see you all at Wacky Wednesday.
Murray & Teresa



Farquhar Magician of the Year Award

This is prestigious award was generated from the Legacy of Farquhar Magician's: magician **Bill Farquhar** (who was a magic supporter and enthusiast through and through, and in spirit, still is) AND of course the internationally renowned **Shawn Farquhar**, who we are blessed to count as a member of our club.

The award was initially donated to the VMC in 1985 by Bill Farquhar, to be presented annually to ***"the magician who made an exceptional contribution to meeting the objectives of the club and whose magic activities outside the Victoria Magic Circle brought credit to magicians and the Art of Magic"***.

The trophy itself is a work of art, a bronzed casting of two poised hands that delicately hold a magician's wand. It is Shawn's actual hands that were used as the casting model for this beautiful award.

At the end of December / beginning of January a Nominating committee will be contacting YOU for your vote of who YOU think is the fellow magician most deserving of the award for 2006... so please take a look around you, and observe those working in front and behind the scenes, and contemplate who you would like to see receive this special acknowledgement and award at the January Annual Dinner.