

VMC Newsletter

UPCOMING DATES:

- **Monthly Magic Meeting**, Tuesday, Oct 3rd 2006, 7:30 at The Langford Fire Hall
- **Magic Youth International Meeting** 7:00, Oct 20th, 2006 at Tony's Trick & Joke Shop
- **October Round Table** 7:00 Monday October 16th
- **NIGHT MAGIC** 7:30, Oct 18th, 2006 (Victoria Event Center) 1415 Broad Street. Special 'Halloween' Theme.
- **Wacky Wednesday** November 15th ~ **TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW at Tony's.**

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Victoria Magic Circle – Ernie Crockford Ring #183

OCTOBER 3rd 2006 MONTHLY MEETING

Focus on a Magician: RYAN STANLEY
 Lecture: JOHN GILLILAND
 Refreshments: BRIAN ZUTZ
 Teach a Trick: AARON PEEKE-VOUT
 Show Time: LARRY COOPER

Show Time Theme: Halloween



ROUND TABLE OCTOBER 16TH

Another phenomenal Round Table session is coming up this month, at The Malahat Lounge, 7:00 p.m. October 16th, featuring MISCELLANEOUS MAGIC. This session will be lead by **Ron Bell**. For those of you who have attended any of Ron's lectures you already know Ron is a fantastic teacher and a wealth of information, so don't miss out on this hands-on opportunity to learn with others from one of our best! Hope to see you there ☺

HEAR YE!! HEAR YE!!!
 Did you know? The **ROUND TABLE AWARD**
 ~ is to be awarded to the Magician who shows, in the 2006/2007 year, the most growth in performance and presenting magic or who contributes the most to the ongoing development of the Round Table ~

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

President's Message



What a fantastic turnout for our first monthly meeting, some 35 people. Among other things, we were treated to Mike Brough's very informative 'Focus' on one North America's most active and well-loved magicians, VMC Member Bill Brace (a.k.a. 'Old Bill at the Farm'). Bill in turn presented a hilariously scathing 'Focus on Mike Brough' (surprising, yet somehow not surprising!), which he sent me through email so all at the meeting got some laughs. Tony Eng took a mini-video of all of us waving and yelling 'Hi Bill!' to send back via email to the Manitoba Farm. Wow, there are times when I detest technology but when it keeps us all laughing together and communicating across the miles, it's **great** -- Bill, if you are reading this, there is ALWAYS a chair available for you here at our meetings!



**President
Joy Kruger**

At the upcoming **October 3rd meeting** we can look forward to another engaging lecture featuring one of our 'lecture naturals', Mr. John Gilliland at the podium – if you have not seen John before, he is a wealth of knowledge and a truly engaging speaker: this is not a meeting to be missed.... Working on a new move or routine? **Come try it out at the meeting's 'Open Stage' – the theme is 'Halloween'**. There will be a **small prize and thunderous applause** for the Open Stage Performer who includes **the most engaging Halloween reference or prop** in their presentation!

On a far less artistic note, revisions of the **Club Constitution & Bylaws** are in the works, but this task is taking MORE thought than I anticipated so I will NOT be reading out proposed changes at the October meeting. I will keep you posted as to when the 'reading' will be coming your way.

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PLEASE NOTE

The Prez (Joy Kruger)



Magic Youth International **Victoria Chapter**

September Report

by Lucas Kavanagh

The Victoria Magic Youth International had the first meeting of the year on September 15 at Tony's Trick and Joke Shop. We had a wonderful workshop on rope and rings taught by The King himself, Shayne, and a demonstration of the multiplying balls from Ben. This month's prizes include Linking Ring magazines, tickets to Night Magic and the Hooper and King show. Next month's meeting will take place on October 20 at 7:00, remember to bring a trick to demonstrate and \$1 to cover snacks. Guest Magician Lecture for this meeting will be **David Mohr**. Also the MYI website now has a new look, you can find it at <http://victoriamagiccircle.com/html/myi/>. In other news, I just returned from the Sorcerers Safari magic camp in Ontario and all I can say is wow! I spent a week learning magic from people like Lee Asher, Aaron Fisher, Michael Weber, Sean Bogunia, Eric Buss, Tyler Wilson, Jason Dean, Greg Frewin, Sean Fields, Nate Kranzo and more! If you ever get a chance to go, don't miss it because it is one of the best experiences you will have!

DID YOU KNOW ~ The Magic Youth International legally became part of the IBM in 1999? Also, in the interest of mentoring these young magicians, the minimum age to join the IBM has been changed from 12 to 10 years old. Check out www.magicyouth.com for MYI history and more information.

MEMBERS' SPOTLIGHT

Submitted By Derek Peach



Derek Peach

Derek has been in the club for 9 years now, although when indulging his fondness for travel he has missed the occasional meeting. He joined the club to learn some routines to dazzle his grandchildren and high school students and discovered so much more. The lectures and demonstrations at club meetings provided lessons in perseverance and mastery to take back to the classroom. Grammar lessons have never been quite the same. Students in China and Peru have learned English syntax through ropes, rings and silks.



The universal language of magic at New Years in Dali, China.

On one occasion he was asked to give a performance for a "group of students" at Guangxi University and found himself onstage in front of 1500 people. Like many magicians, Derek carries a few items with him at all times in case he finds a captive audience on an airplane or in a classroom. He credits Tony Eng, Ron Bell and Bob Reilly, his mentors at VMC, with teaching him the skills and providing the opportunities to also take magic out into the community at hospitals and nursing homes. His grandchildren? They saw through him long ago.

Larry Cooper

Larry is the quiet guy who volunteers a lot. You'll find him moving chairs and seating people at club events such as our last Wacky Wednesdays, and then performing with the Close-up Crew. He's as much a newcomer to magic as he is to retirement and he finds them both a challenge. He retired from driving buses for BC Transit after an injury, and now he's writing a Sci-Fi novel and keeping out of Belinda's hair, both of which activities require as much alertness as focusing on his magic routines. Right now, Larry is perfecting his work with such self-working routines as balls and vases, but he'll be branching out as soon as the book is off to a publisher.

Like many of our members, Larry hales from another part of Canada, in his case, Toronto, and periodically he returns just to assure himself that he made the right decision. All of us at VMC who benefit from his gentle ways and genuine service are sure he did.



DAVID
MALEK



COMING NOVEMBER '06

DAVID MALEK LECTURE In November – day and location TBA

We are still awaiting final details on the November **David Malek** lecture but in looking on the internet we have found he is considered an expert on game protection in casinos, and his skill with cards and dice is a sight to behold. Malek lectures for magicians, but also for law enforcement, casino personnel and celebrity clients. He works as a gambling consultant for film and television productions, as well as giving demonstrations at trade shows and hospitality suites for a variety of Fortune 500 companies. His release of "Cheating At Hold'em" showcases his skill while educating you about what to look for at the Poker table. Still a month and a half to go before he's here, but we know as with all Lee Asher's lecturers, this will be a good one!



AROUND, ABOUT & OUT OF TOWN

Masa Nishigahara is fraternizing with magicians in Kobe, is regularly doing a table-magic gig at a local restaurant, and recently got a contract at a magic bar called Bomber. He and Satoko say 'hello' and see here a picture of their beautiful growing girl, Lily!



Masa's little one: Lily

Tracy Tanis and Zoltan the Man were in Victoria on the weekend of the 23rd and 24th, visiting family, saying hello at 'the Shop', and doing a show at the BC Women's Show at Pearkes Recreation Centre. On the same stage by good coincidence (though Zoltan may not agree!) was fellow *Night Magic Performer* and VMC member **Dave Attwood**.



Eric Bedard is busy on the ships and occasionally hopping onto dryland where he is bumping elbows with the likes of David Foster, Babyface, Michael Buble, and the lovely Olivia Newton-John.

Damien Carriere is enjoying increased magic business in his new home town of Chilliwack, and enjoying attending the ever eventful meetings of Ring 92. He continues to enjoy stay-at-home Dad status and with toddler Zavian who delights in helping Dad clean, sweep and hammer boards (magic is next!).

Greg Ladret has just returned from his sixth summer in New York, teaching magic and building magic productions for young magicians. He is back to being a busy working magician in the Nanaimo area but quite recently an awfully 'familiar looking clown' was seen working the upper causeway on the September long weekend! Greg is looking forward to a good Christmas Season, including magic, clowning and some specialty ballooning gigs.

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.

THE SEPTEMBER ROUND TABLE OPEN HOUSE

A big Thankyou to **Dave Attwood** for bringing together another successful Round Table Open House! Thanks to **Bob Reilly** for once again opening up the beautiful Malahat Lounge Venue for this annual event, and thanks **Ray Parker** for assisting me with putting together the food and drink.

The entertainment was great – **Ben L'Heureux** and his Captain Submarine routine drew much attention this evening, and as well we enjoyed the antics and performance of MC **Dave Attwood**, and the performances of **Paul Kilshaw, Ray Parker, Shayne King, Ron Bell** and **Dave Mohr**. Paul, additional thanks to you for making TWO trips to 'The Hat' to make sure the food, equipment AND several guests were all able to join us.

The audience got what they came for, which was good food, friendly atmosphere and a good show. Some people who attended this event, who have been thinking of joining the Club, have said they are 'definitely in' and so we can look forward to welcoming more new members to the Club this year!

~ Joy Kruger

W a c k y w e d n e s d a y



TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

One 1 and ½ months until **Wacky Wednesday** hits the **Big Time on November 15th** at the popular **nightspot, The Central Bar & Grill!** This **Adult Night Out** will be publicly advertised, as 'The Central' runs a regular column in the local newspaper, so we can expect some new fans of magic to take in the best of the Victoria Magic Circle!

Tickets are \$10 and are available **NOW** at Tony's Trick & Joke Shop – cash or cheque only. Tickets will also be available at the October 3rd monthly meeting. Please call **Ticket Coordinator Ben L'Heureux** at 474-9378 or call 'the shop' at 385-6807 to have yours put on hold. Bear in mind 'holds' can only be kept for a few days.

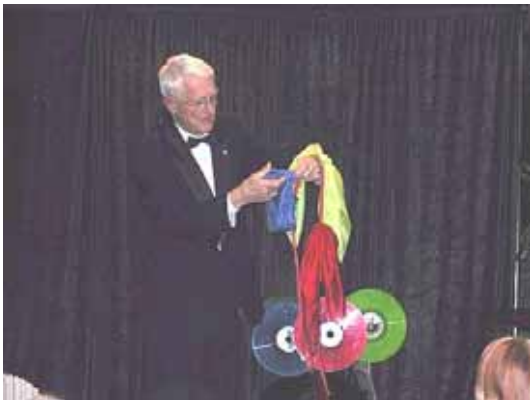
The evening will be hosted buy the hilarious **Mike Edwards** and stage show will be coordinated by **Murray Hatfield** with the help of **Ryan Stanley**, featuring the talents of **Dave Attwood, Shayne King, Ray Parker, David Kendall,** and **Murray Hatfield**. Thanks as well to **Blair Morris** who will lend his expertise as sound technician.

Close-uppers Wanted! - **Contact Ron Bell** bellron@shaw.ca if you would like to help out with pre-dinner close-up magic.

NOTE close-up and stage performers DO NOT require a ticket for entry. However, everyone is expected to purchase dinner and/or drinks to support the Bar and thank them for the use of this wonderful venue for our Wacky Wednesday Fundraiser.

President Joy

PHOTOS FROM THE SEPTEMBER ROUND TABLE OPEN HOUSE



Ron Bell and his Color Changing Records



Dave (Sparky) Attwood and Cptn. Submarine – Ben L'Heureux



Paul Kilshaw and his confuzzling, puzzling ropes



David Mohr – Reading Minds



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A note from Murray and Teresa

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Another month and another 31 days closer to Christmas. Have you made your list yet? Well here's a few things you might want to add to it;

Simon Lovell's Packet Killer is exactly that - A Killer! It's a 2 dvd set with personal tips and instructions for some of the greatest packet tricks of all kinds. The best part is that it comes complete with a complete deck of gaff cards for all the routines. Over 50 effects in all.

Next up it's BUI - Bottled Up Inside. This is a powerful coin in bottle routine with a borrowed and marked coin and a borrowed plastic water bottle. It's real magic with borrowed items.

New from Viking Magic is a crazy little effect called Crystal Card. You may have see one of these at

the PCAM and it's great. The spectator picks a card and the magician introduces a small "portable liquid crystal screen". The magician lays the screen down on top of the deck and the chosen card appears in the screen. Words don't do this justice - you've got to see it to believe it.

Back in stock is the # 2 Pencil. This is a wonderful and practical "paddle" style effect with what appears to be a standard # 2 Pencil. The logo on the pencil appears, vanishes, moves and finally stretches in a very visual and entertaining manner. The best part - it's come down in price to \$9.98.

The Time Machine is a powerful mental effect where the magician takes off his (or her) watch and sets the time. He/she then holds the watch up by the strap, with the face away from the spectator, and asks

the spectator to name any time. The watch is turned around and the time matches the spectators time. It's more than a little eerie.

Finally we bought out another dealer and got a nice selection of Aldo Columbini effects. Come on in and check them out.

The magic may be a little harder to find during the month of October but let us know what you need and we'll find it. Have a great month and a Happy Halloween...

Murray & Teresa



Here are this month's ROSTER CHANGES Please stay current ~
Manually update your rosters and email address books with:

Aaron Jones's address and phone number are now:
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Derek Simon's email should be changed to
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Bill Brace's member status should be amended to
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