

VMC Newsletter

Victoria Magic Circle – Ernie Crockford Ring #183

UPCOMING DATES:

- **Monthly Magic Meeting**, Tuesday, Sept 5th 2006, 7:30 at The Langford Fire Hall
- **Chris Capehart Lecture** 7:00 sharp, Thursday, Sept 14th, 2006 at the Malahat Lounge
- **Magic Youth International Meeting** 7:00, Sept 15th, 2006 at Tony's Trick & Joke Shop
- **September Round Table** is our **Annual Open House!** The next Regular Round Table will be 7:00 Monday October 16th theme and other details TBA.
- **NIGHT MAGIC** 7:30, Sept 20, 2006 (Victoria Event Center) 1415 Broad Street.

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SEPTEMBER 5th 2006 MONTHLY MEETING

Focus on a Magician: Mike Brough
 Lecture: John Gilliland
 Refreshments: Kerry Zado
 Teach a Trick: Paul Kilshaw
 Show Time: Ed Silva-White



September 18th Open House

Invite your friends and come on out for our first social event of the year, our spectacular September Open House held at the Malahat Lounge at 7:00, Monday September 18th! This lovely penthouse suite is located in Bob Reilly's condo building at 105 Gorge Road East, just buzz 80 - we will let you in and you can 'board the elevator, press PH, follow the signs, climb the stairs and follow the sound of conversation and laughter and you will find us.

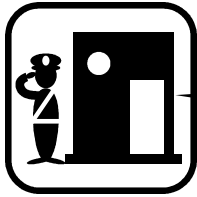
The is an *OPEN EVENT* because we want family, friends and potential new members to see what the club has to offer, to meet our members, and to have a good time, so don't be bashful about bringing the people in your life to the 'the Hat' to bring them into our magical world and enjoy what we get to enjoy year-round...

Our Round Table Coordinator, Mr. David Attwood, promises a great magic show featuring the talent within our club, as well as a bountiful table of refreshments and goodies to share....
 Hope to see you there!

MINUTES MINUTES MINUTES

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





THE ANNUAL DUES POLICE!

They're out to getcha!

Yes it's only the beginning of September, and we're already seeing them approach...

THE ANNUAL DUES POLICE!

Well, in all seriousness, **the club dues are actually DUE on or before September 1st**, the beginning of our club year, but in actual fact we are really quite happy when everyone shows up at the first club meeting (this year September 5th) with cash or chequebook in hand; it means we don't have to spend time & energy sending out 'reminders' and it means we don't have to 'get mean'. If only life were that perfect!

Unfortunately, in the past, **SOOOOOO many members have let membership payment slide** into the second half of the year! Guys (and gals), **this is not fair** to those of us that pay on time and it is not fair to the club, as dues are part of the money intake that we need to run the club... so... we are forced now to be **ruthlessly tough** and are putting into play a strong, no exceptions system, that we will implement it 'in the name of justice'.

DUES COLLECTION WILL BE ENFORCED AS OUTLINED:

After much discussion at our recent executive meeting it was decided that we will enforce the payment of dues as follows: **Treasurer Kerry Zado will issue each of you who pay your dues a VMC Membership Card**, and we ask that you keep this card in your wallet, like a piece of i.d.:

YOUR DUES MUST BE PAID UP IN SEPTEMBER AND IF ASKED YOU MUST BE ABLE TO SHOW YOUR VALID VMC MEMBER CARD IN ORDER TO:

- Attend Monthly Meetings
- Attend regular Round Table Meetings
- Receive the 10% VMC Member Discount at Tony's Trick & Joke Shop
- Be able to use the Club Library
- Receive the Member Discount Price for Lectures

To keep this fair to everyone, the **September meeting will be the last monthly meeting that will be open to non-paid-up members. If you did not pay for last year, we will accept past dues as well as the new dues at the September meeting.**

If you cannot attend the September meeting PLEASE send your dues via cheque to:

Kerry Zado
969 Glen Willow Place
Victoria, BC
V9B 4W3



☺ THANKS ALL FOR SUPPORTING YOUR CLUB
AND PAYING DUES WHEN THEY ARE DUE! ☺

VICTORIA MAGIC CIRCLE FEES FOR 2006 / 2007

ANNUAL MEMBER DUES (DUE SEPTEMBER 1ST 2006):

\$20 INTOWN MEMBERS

\$15 OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBERS

IBM DUES: (PAYABLE TO THE IBM, NOT US! SEE WWW.MAGICIAN.ORG FOR PAYMENT INFORMATION. TO BE AN ACTIVE VMC MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE IBM. NOTE, NEW ASSOCIATE VMC MEMBERS 'ON THEIR WAY TO BECOMING AN ACTIVE MEMBER' HAVE A SIX MONTH GRACE PERIOD TO JOIN THE IBM):

\$55 USD FOR THE 1ST YEAR, \$40 USD YEARLY THEREAFTER

(OR "NO MAGAZINE OPTION" COSTS \$35 USD 1st Yr, then \$20 USD YEARLY THEREAFTER)

ANNUAL 'FRIENDS OF THE CLUB' DUES (DUE SEPTEMBER 1ST 2006): \$15 INTOWN OR OUT-OF-TOWN FRIENDS

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING DROP-IN FEE \$2 (PAYABLE AT COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING)

MONTHLY ROUND TABLE DROP-IN FEE \$2 (PAYABLE AT START OF MEETING, NOTE SEPTEMBER ROUND TABLE OPEN HOUSE HAS NO DROP IN FEE)

LECTURE FEES* (PER LECTURE):

Currently **\$15 for MEMBERS** (MUST BE A VMC MEMBER CARD HOLDER, OTHERWISE YOU PAY \$30 - TO RECEIVE THIS CARD YOU MUST HAVE PAID ANY CURRENT DUES & OVERDUE DUES AND BE A MEMBER OF THE IBM. SEE TREASURER TO PAY CLUB DUES & RECEIVE MEMBER CARD) *NOTE, NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS HAVE A SIX MONTH PERIOD TO JOIN THE IBM.

Currently **\$30 for FRIENDS OF THE CLUB, AND OTHER MAGICIAN FRIENDS**

2006/2007 VMC CALENDAR AT A GLANCE (NOTE 2007 'X-ELENT LECTURERS TBA): (FULL DETAILS WILL BE POSTED AND KEPT UP-TO-DATE AT WWW.VICTORIAMAGICCIRCLE.COM)

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
5 TH 7:30 MONTHLY MEETING 14 TH 7:00 LECTURE: Chris Capehart 15 TH 7:00 MYI MEETING 18 TH 7:00 OPEN HOUSE	3rd 7:30 MONTHLY MEETING 16 TH 7:00 ROUND TABLE – Miscellaneous Magic 20 TH 7:00 MYI MEETING	7 TH 7:30 MONTHLY MEETING 15 TH 6:00 WACKY WEDNESDAY 17 TH 7:00 MYI 20 TH 7:00 ROUND TABLE – Balloon Twisting *LECTURE: David Malek – Day TBA	5 TH 7:30 SPECIAL MONTHLY MEETING 15 TH 7:00 MYI 18 TH 7:00 ROUND TABLE – Elastics & Coins
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
2 ND 7:30 MONTHLY MEETING 15 TH ROUND TABLE TBA 19 TH 7:00 MYI MEETING 20 TH 6:00 ANNUAL DINNER	6 TH 7:00 ANNUAL AUCTION 16 TH 7:00 MYI MEETING 19 TH 7:00 ROUND TABLE TBA	6 TH 7:30 MONTHLY MEETING & TONY TROPHY COMPETITION 16 TH 7:00 MYI MEETING 19 TH 7:00 ROUND TABLE TBA	3 RD 7:30 MONTHLY MEETING AND AGM MEETING 16 TH 7:00 ROUND TABLE TBA 20 TH 7:00 MYI MEETING
MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
1 ST 7:30 MONTHLY MEETING 18 TH 7:00 MYI MEETING 21 ST 7:00 ROUND TABLE TBA TBA MIRTH AND MAGIC	5 TH 7:30 MONTHLY MEETING 15 TH 7:00 MYI MEETING 18 TH 7:00 ROUND TABLE TBA	TBA ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC 7:00 ROUND TABLE TBA	7:00 ROUND TABLE TBA

Two years ago the Club asked me to take responsibility for planning, organizing and running PCAM 06 including selecting the hotel and theatre and developing the convention schedule. To do this I formed a Team of 11 people, each with a particular area to look after. As you all well know making decisions by committee is not easy and expecting all members of a committee to work well together is beyond belief!

Maybe it is a reflection of our Club and its dedication to magic and each other that the PCAM Committee worked so well together and allowed me to do my job with far less aggravation than expected. Without exception everyone came through in grand style so that by the time of the convention we were ready and capable of handling anything thrown at us.



As some measure of how well it worked I had very few decisions of importance to make over the entire four days. By the third day I had disposed of my clip board and schedules, etc. and really began to enjoy the activities knowing that the Team was operating as planned and doing a superb job!

I know that some of you missed favourite lecturers or shows because of being on security detail or working at the theatre or driving our VIPs around or whatever. Thanks to all of you for doing your part with enthusiasm and good humour, and special thanks to Joy Kruger for her dedication (beyond registrations) to the success of PCAM; we are lucky to have her as President this year! I would also like to extend a big thankyou to the spouses who helped with the registrations/raffles and up in the hospitality suite, as well as to members and spouses from the Vancouver Magic Circle for their assistance and expertise in various aspects of the convention.

My sincere thanks to you all for your dedication and teamwork which resulted in this incredible experience of PCAM 2006. You did your Club "proud."
- **Ron Bell**

President's Message

Greetings fellow members, and welcome to another VMC year! My intent as President is to keep us all involved, learning, performing and having some good times together with this great club. For those that were able to make it to PCAM it was an amazing experience of what can happen when we all work towards a common goal and pitch in behind the scenes as well as on the stage... very much like a Mirth and Magic or a Wacky Wednesday except that PCAM stretched out over 4 days and had many many more components, more people, much more learning and more laughs!



President
Joy
Kruger

I hope to see as many of you as humanly and magically possible make it out to our **first meeting on Tuesday, September 5th**, 7:30 at the Fire Hall. During the business portion we will get the ball rolling on organizing our November **Wacky Wednesday at The Central Bar and Grill**; we will need lots of close-uppers to work the audience before dinner, and of course a crew to work sound, possibly lights, and someone to coordinate the stage and oversee ticket sales, etc. After the business meeting you will enjoy some lectures and teaching featuring members **John Gilliland, Mike Brough, and Paul Kilshaw**, so do your best to be there or be a square (circle)...that was a joke (but I'm no comedian!). PLEASE remember to bring your dues as well, as we will be vigilant with collecting dues this year. As you pull that \$\$ from your pocket to give to the club, please feel good that **you are supporting the growth of magical opportunities, learning, teaching, promotion and, well, just some undeniably good times** here in Victoria, and we really DO need your volunteerism, attendance at events AND your dues to maintain this long-time thriving magic community!

We also have a whole year's worth of lecturers to look forward to, including **Chris Capehart on September 14th** (see page 4). Thanks in advance to Paul Kilshaw for all your dedication and hard (but fun, right?) work in arranging for these talents to come to town and treat us to a great time and worldly magical knowledge and technique! Remember as well, we have a **year's worth of Round Table meetings the 3rd Monday each month**, in the intimate setting of the Malahat Lounge. Join host Dave Attwood to **learn, practice and share ideas** on a variety of topics to be announced.

This year, you should see some **big changes to our website** too: more club information, easier navigation, more pictures, up-to-date event information and more. Please feel free through the year to contact me with questions or ideas, as this is YOUR club.
Sincerely, Joy Kruger

Magic Youth International Meeting ...



Lucas Kavanagh

Well it is almost time to start up the next year of MYI meetings. The first meeting will be on Friday September 15, 7:00 at Tony's (or Murray's) Trick and Joke Shop. We will be making a few changes this year such as monthly draws for linking ring magazines and more! Don't forget to bring a trick that you are working on to perform at the meeting so you can get feedback. Until then make sure you check out the MYI website at <http://victoriainmagiccircle.com/html/myi/index.html> for free tricks, a forum and more!

Lucas Kavanagh

BACKSTAGE AT 'THE MAC'



More than any other day in this past year, I looked forward to Sunday, August 13, 2006 hoping to celebrate the successful conclusion of two magic shows at the MacPherson Theatre. I had accepted the responsibility of stage managing the Pro Challenge and the International Stars of Magic shows. To maximize the probability that the shows would run smoothly and that our fantastic line-up of performers would be technically supported the way they deserved to be, I needed not only to inventory my stage managing skills but also to plumb the depths of my ignorance, making sure that I knew what it was that I DIDN'T KNOW about the job.



Carolyn Sadowska

That latter part was clarified when I had the opportunity in Edmonton to shadow a brilliant stage manager pulling together two shows in similar circumstances. In a subsequent moment of illumination, I demoted myself to Assistant Stage Manager, and Margaret Alpen, took over as Stage Manager with the committee's ok, and called the shows.

Now, you may think a stage manager, the boss backstage, is just an average human being, but really, the person best suited for this pivotal role has the visionary capacity of a futurist, the listening skills of a psychiatrist, the compassion of a saint, the physical well-being of an athlete, the extra sensory perception of an alien, the focus of a bat in flight, nerves of steel, the.... well, you get the picture. The stage manager has big boots to fill making sure the performers are totally supported out there on the front line, that they get what they need, moment by moment, to give a great show... and the special ones do this with grace and ease. Backstage at the Mac, as they followed what was happening onstage, the crew worked unseen in the semi-dark; calling, anticipating and responding to sound, curtain or lighting cues in tandem with the performance. Needless to say, because of a great commitment to excellence, the stage crew was very sensitive to any glitches, which inevitably came along!. However, hearing the audience enjoy the show allowed the crew to keep things in perspective.

What a privilege it was to have been part of our club's PCAM committee! As you can tell from the above, it was an opening for me to grow and learn. Thank you for that opportunity. ~ Carolyn Sadowska

2006/2007 EXECUTIVE & SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Joy Kruger – President
Paul Kilshaw – Vice President
Kerry Zado – Treasurer
David Mohr – Secretary
Tony Eng – Past President

Rob Brown – Sergeant at Arms
Harvey Davidson - Member at Large
Ben L'Heureux – Member at Large
John Gilliland – Ring Reporter
Shayne King – Webmaster

Ed Silva-White – Librarian (and on-call photographer)
Paul Kilshaw – Lecture Coordinator
Shayne King – Newsletter Editor
David Attwood – Round Table Coordinator

Thanks all of these members for serving the club this year, as well as thanks to many other dedicated members not mentioned here who help out through the year, especial with Special Events ! We will do our best to acknowledge all of you individually as we plan for and carry out the Schedule of Activities this year ☺

Chris Capehart Lecture

September 14th 7:00 p.m. at the Malahat Lounge

\$15 for members in good standing. \$30 for other magician friends.

COME ON OUR FOR THE FIRST LECTURE OF THE YEAR: ANOTHER TALENT FEATURED IN THE LEE ASHER X-ELENT LECTURE SERIES:



Chris Capehart...

As a professional street performer, Chris' magic takes him all over the globe and allows him to entertain crowds on some of the world's most famous avenues, street, and corners.

Chris Capehart's street lecture covers:

- The importance of crowd control. Chris will teach you the truth about keeping everybody's attention.
 - Collecting money is trickier than you think. Chris reveals personal secrets about filling your hat to the brim.
 - What should you carry when performing on the street? Pocket management distinguishes the professionals from the amateurs and Chris reveals his thoughts on this important topic based on real-world situations.
 - Part of Chris' lecture sheds light on what cases to perform on, and extensive discussion about which places to work.
- Chris' lecture also covers other subjects like what licenses are needed in order to perform in, certain areas to perform, thoughts on how money is made, and the true dangers of street entertaining.

~ Join us for Chris' lecture and you will find a pleasant blend of detailed instruction and street-theory, which is guaranteed to inspire you for years to come ~



Paul Kilshaw

Lecture
Co-ordinator

-contact Paul
at 382-5071
for more info



Many members of the Victoria Magic Circle, the Victoria MYI and many friends from the Vancouver Magic Circle and beyond are among the winners at PCAM's 2006 General Contests and Pro-Challenge.

The following is a re-cap of this year's winners:



PCAM Pro Challenge

Bronze = Brian Cook
Silver = Chris Yuill
Gold = Shayne King

PCAM General

Juvenile Close-up
Silver = Jack Chow
Gold = Michael Machek & Jordini

Juvenile Comedy

Gold = Nicholas Chow

Juvenile Platform

Silver = Owen Tinney
Gold = Heather and Sandra McNeil (Zanthera)

Juvenile Stage

Silver = Heather and Sandra McNeil (Zanthera)
Gold = Jack Chow

Junior Close-up

Silver = Hugh Livingstone
Gold = Lucas Cavanagh

Junior Stage

Gold = Lucas Cavanagh

Adult Close-up

Silver = Henry Tom
Gold = Donovan Deschner

Adult Platform

Silver = Damien Carriere
Gold = Henry Tom

Most Novel

Silver = Jack Chow
Gold = Henry Tom

Comedy

Gold = Damien Carriere

Children's Entertainer

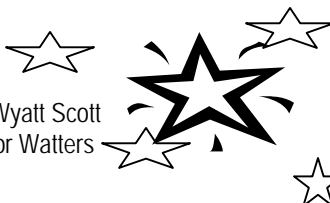
Silver = Mike Norden
Gold = Cameron Fisk

Adult Stage

Silver = Wyatt Scott
Gold = Trevor Watters & Lorena

Best Assistant

Silver = Samantha - Wyatt Scott
Gold = Lorena - Trevor Watters



Congratulations Everyone!

Annual Summer Picnic



It was a gorgeous day on the Gorge and so far the record remains unbroken. It has never rained on the VMC Annual Picnic. It was an amazing summer afternoon on an incredible piece of property offered up by the Selkirk House. I would like to thank Paul Kilshaw for coordinating a great location that was both beautiful and private for the club. It was great to see some faces I haven't seen in a while like David Kendal, Tiny (Tom Miller) and Bryan Garduno coming back from Japan.

I would like to thank Ray Parker for helping with the clean up. This always seems to be tough to get someone to stick around and swat away the wasps while we collected the empty pop cups but Ray was there with enthusiasm. Thanks Ray. A big thanks to Rob Brown for donating his culinary talents and manning the piping hot BBQ on an extremely hot summer day and putting out delicious burgers for the group. Also thanks to Dave Mohr for gathering together some talent for some quick entertainment for everyone. Shayne King, Dave Kendal, Dave Mohr myself and through together some quick routines to entertain the guests and I would like to also thank the performers as well. A special thank you needs to be said to Joy Kruger for doing the shopping for this event. there was definitely no shortage of food and this has to be the most difficult task to this annual event and she put together an incredible spread that gave everyone a great afternoon of face-stuffing. I don't think that anyone ate a dinner that night.

This event is a great annual event and I thank everyone that was involved in putting together a fun afternoon. ~ Dave (Sparky) Attwood



Bryan Garduno and Rei visiting from Japan. Dave Attwood(right)



Dave (Sparky) Attwood.
Picnic Coordinator



Rob Brown (our Chef)



Tom (Tiny) Millar and friend Kelly.



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A note from Murray and Teresa

Hi All,
Congratulations to everyone who contributed to the PCAM. What an incredible event and a perfect way to cap off a wonderful summer. As I write this Teresa and I are performing in Illusions & Beyond at the PNE but regardless we've got lots of new effects at the shop and a talented staff to take care of you - Starring Ryan Stanley, Alex Hache, Alex Day, First Place winner Lucas Kavanagh and of course Peoples Choice Champion Shayne King. Congrats to both of our winners on their outstanding performances.

Be sure to look for some new magic next time you're in the shop including:
Viking Magic's Simplex Change Bag - a beautiful version of a (non-handle) change bag. This beautiful black velvet bag will change the color of a silk, produce a dove or can be used as a force bag as well.

The Senior Mardo Egg Bag - is different from the Malini bag in both design, hiding space and even the look of the bag. It's from Martin Lewis so you know it's going to be a quality prop.

The Million Dollar Monte - is the classic three card monte with a

difference. It's comes complete with DVD to explain every aspect of the routine and handling plus tips and tricks to make your performance perfect.

Several new books are in stock as well including David Ben's biography on Dai Vernon and Paul Osborne's - Easy Build Illusions. Both are excellent and highly recommended.

Until next month - keep up the magic and see you at the shop.

Murray & Teresa



Here are this month's ROSTER CHANGES Please stay current ~

Manually update your rosters and email address books with:

Alex Day's new address: #101 – 1841 Fern Street, Victoria, V8R 4K4 and phone: 519-0004

David Wilson's email address: davidwilsonvmc@hotmail.com

Bill Brace's email address: martyr27@mts.net

DON'T FORGET TO EMAIL YOUR OWN CHANGES TO: SECRETARY DAVID MOHR AT DAVID@ATOUCHOFMAGIC.CA (PLEASE CC PREZ JOY KRUGER AT JOYKRUGER@SHAW.CA)