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VMC Newsletter

Victoria Magic Circle – Ernie Crockford Ring #183

UPCOMING DATES:

- **Next Monthly Meeting**
Tuesday, Nov. 6th
2007, 7:30 at The
Langford Fire Hall
- **Wacky Wednesday**,
Wednesday, Nov. 14th
~ doors open 6:00 p.m.
- **Magic Youth
International Meeting**
Friday, Nov. 16th 7:00,
Murray's Trick & Joke
Shop
- **Round Table** Monday,
Nov. 19th ~ 7:00 The
Malahat Lounge

NOVEMBER MEETING

What's My Style: Presented by our
Sergeant at Arms, BEN L'HEUREUX
UNOPENED DECK COMPETITION:



Hosted by **RAY PARKER**

Showtime: **RYAN STANLEY**
Refreshments: **CHARLES MORGAN**

Wacky Wednesday



Tickets are on sale NOW for Wacky Wednesday, to be held November 14th at the Pacific Fleet Club, 1587 Lyall Street (in Esquimalt).

This **adult night out includes close-up magic, a great buffet, and stage entertainment** featuring Ben L'Heureux, Ray Parker, Ray Roch, Shayne King, David Kendall, Charles Morgan, Murray Hatfield and Mike Brough as MC. **Tickets are \$25 each**, and are **available at MURRAY'S TRICK & JOKE SHOP and will be available at the November monthly meeting (cash or cheque only)**. If you have any questions about ticketing, please contact Ben L'Heureux at pepe34@shaw.ca

Rob Brown will co-ordinate the Close-up Table magic, please contact Rob at ring183vp@islandnet.com if you would like to strike out and be part of the Close-up Magic Team, the more the merrier (note, performers pay only \$15 for their tickets!) *Don't forget, we will run a 50/50 draw to the evening's fun (1 for \$2 or 3 tx for \$5).*

...ONLY TWO WEEKS TO GO, and TICKETS ARE ONLY ON SALE UNTIL NOVEMBER 7TH (ABSOLUTELY NO TX AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR) so buy your tickets now! And then mark it on your calendar and join us in looking forward to the reputedly great food, drink, atmosphere and entertainment at this lovely venue.

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THE PREZ SEZ..

Greetings Members,

With the October Halloween business going 'smokin' busy' at Murray's Trick and Joke Shop, a myriad of shows, other work obligations and parenting duties, it is hard to believe that Halloween is almost gone and Christmas is right around the corner.

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who came out for the Ring Quality Award Night. Your participation made it all worth while and it was great to share in this proud moment with everyone present, and a big thank you to David Wilson (our IBM TVP) for making the journey from Vancouver to bestow this honour to our ring.

Preparation for our next big event, Wacky Wednesday, is well underway. Ticket sales are picking up at the shop, but we have many more to sell. We need to get the numbers into the caterers six days in advance, so tell all your friends and their friends as well! This is a night not to miss, and as members you can pick up a block of tickets and sell them to your friends right on the spot, to save them the confusion of having to come to the shop and purchase them there. If you do take a block, please be diligent in your accounting and sales, as we must have all tickets PAID by NOVEMBER 7TH.

We need two volunteers to work the door checking tickets coming in, and two volunteers to sell 50/50 tickets. These volunteers must be at the venue By 5:30... any interested folks please contact me at 382-5071.

Thinking ahead to the January Annual Banquet, we need a Raffle Prize Committee to solicit raffle items and coordinate the raffle. This job needs to be filled ASAP, so if you would like to head up this committee or be part of the committee, please contact me. This job can be a lot of fun.

Looking forward to the November meeting with 'What's My Style' by Ben L'Heureux and the Unopened Deck Competition hosted by Ray Parker (there has been a lot of buzz about the shop and I'm sure there will be some great effects to be shown).

Have a safe and very Happy Halloween,

President Paul Kilshaw

The Round Table

The October 15th Round Table was attended by Steve Hignett, Ray Parker, George Pruden, Murray Hatfield, Bob Reilly, John Graham, Charles Morgan, Rob Brown and myself. The theme of the night: Spooky Effects.

Several "spooky" effects were performed including a finger guillotine, a leper colony comedy bit where George pulled off his own fingers, and a key where the "teeth" could be shifted to different locations at will!

Detailed discussion followed a fantastic mentalism routine performed by Charles where our prognosticator, Rob, used his intuition to select an earlier predicted number. The effect had a Halloween slant; If Rob was successful in performing this "trick", we all got a "treat". Luckily for us, Rob was successful and we all got to partake in the treat (chocolates). Murray followed up with an equally mystifying effect performing Charles Gaucci's "Body Language" routine that had us all scratching our heads how it was performed. We all had our theories. :) The night also saw discussion of several other topics including a future Halloween show for charity, clown supplies, why colour-changing knives are so popular amongst magicians, the Ring Quality Award, Cyril and Chris Angel.

As well, everyone had a chance to voice their opinion and vision of the Round Table which helped me to further define upcoming Round Table sessions (which will be revealed in the near future).

The next Round Table session will begin promptly at 7:00pm, Monday, November 19th at the Malahat Lounge ~ Building #105 Gorge Road East. Buzz #80 to be let in to the building and head up to the Penthouse. The November topic will be revealed at the next meeting.

Submitted by Justin Louie





The Unopened Deck Competition

Hosted by Ray Parker

At the November 6th meeting Victoria Magic Circle will be holding the first of its newest competition challenges, *'The Unopened Deck Competition'*!

- The new competition requires each participant to perform a magic trick using a new deck of cards, still sealed in its wrapper until the actual moment of performance.
- No extras are allowed, the only thing to be used is the deck of cards supplied.
- The effect to be judged on the degree of skill, entertainment value, and audience response.

I do not take credit for this idea; I first witnessed this type of competition as a new member of Vancouver Magic Circle where it is known as the Ray Gamble Award. I was thoroughly impressed with each performance I witnessed that night and as a new entrant to the magic fraternity with no knowledge of close-up, I was completely blown away.

When I began performing close-up, my prime objective was to be able to compete in that competition and I am proud to say that at my first attempt I actually won the award. The advantages of honing your skills with an unopened deck and competing in this competition is that it improves one's skill in performing with any deck available, especially as in this case, a *brand new deck!* (I have actually *sent* someone to buy a deck and used it to perform the rest of my act!)

Very often in magic performance an audience member will think, or even say you are using 'special cards'. Being able to perform with a deck *they* provide impresses the audience more than you could ever imagine.

I urge as many of you as possible to compete: remember, even if you do not win, you are adding a skill that is a great addition to your performance.

In closing, I would like to extend a big **'thanks!'** to **Murray Hatfield** for donating the cards to be used. They will be purchased by the competitors at a nominal fee before the competition and the money will go to the club to help to provide our 'Unopened Deck Award'.

Ray Parker

Magic Youth International

~ Shayne King, standing in for Cory Landels

The October MYI meeting had approximately 15 kids in attendance. The meeting was led by Lucas Kavanagh and Shayne King.

Lucas taught the members several advanced card effects/moves and had everyone's attention. Shayne taught the members several simple/self working card effects and also performed one of his new comedy routines he learned at the PCAM convention.

Several of the members asked for and received their moment in the sun as they rose and entertained us all with their own effects they had been working on. A good night of learning and performance was had by all.

Are you are interested in coming to teach the kids as a guest lecturer?

The gift of your time is greatly appreciated, as having a variety of magician's to learn from truly expands the kids' horizons. Please contact Paul Kilshaw if interested

(paulkilshaw@hotmail.com).



Cory in action at the April 07 MYI competition

Lecture Report

John Kaplan



Our Lecture Coordinators are currently in negotiations to get John Kaplan to lecture for us the day after our January Annual Banquet. In addition, they are in communication with David Regal and we may be able to bring him to Victoria in the New Year.



**Rob Brown ~
Lecture
Coordinator &
Vice-President**

**Paul Kilshaw ~
Lecture Coordinator
& President**



**David
Regal**

A few Pictures from Ring Quality Award Night

30+ members and spouses and friends came out to enjoy RQ Award Night, and a feast of finger food, good drink and company was enjoyed by all.



Pictured right, current Prez Paul Kilshaw, Past Prez Joy Kruger, and TVP David Wilson. Above, David Wilson delivers a speech about the attributes that brought our Club this award.

*Around,
Around,
About
& definately
Out-of-Town*

Wow! Pictured right are Eric and Linda Bedard atop a camel in front of one of the seven wonders of the world, the Pyramids of Giza! Eric's next couple of months will be spent performing on a series of ten day cruises that run through the Panama Canal from Acapulco to San Juan Puerto Rico.

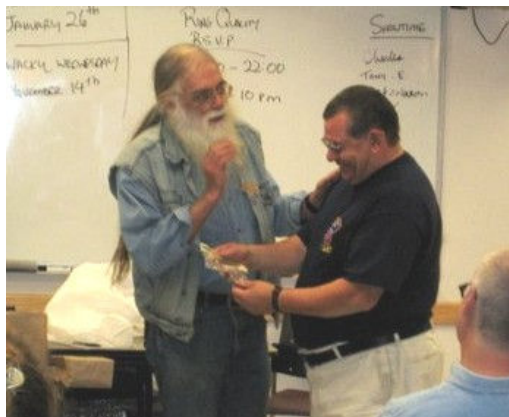




Pictures from the Halloween Magic Competition



Arggghh ye maties, competitor Ed Silva-White presents a haunting card routine completed with his skeletal assistant pictured bottom right of page.



Competitor Charles Morgan delights all with such random items as old hair, cigarette butts and chicken bones.



Competitor Lorne Begg (behind a ghoulish mask) weaves a Halloween story.



Competitor Tony Eng nearly severs Nick Schols' finger.



Competitor Murray Hatfield wows us with 'WOW!'



Ed Silva-White receives the prize for the best Halloween Magic Act 2007, presented by Prez Paul Kilshaw.



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WHAT'S NEW at MURRAY'S TRICK & JOKE SHOP

I'm writing this from the midst of the Halloween rush and IT'S CRAZY down here at the shop. We're full of people looking for the perfect Halloween costume. What most of them don't realize is that hidden away, under the counters are some amazing new magical effects.

SLIDE VISION - is an awesome little effect that you can carry with you anywhere. After having a card chosen and lost in the deck the magician introduces two small plastic discs. One is see through and the other is not. The see through disc is placed on the opaque one and the spectator is asked to think of their card. The magician juggles the discs

and an image of the selected card visibly appears.

MOVING HOLE (Masuda) - Ever wanted to take a small black spot - place it on a photo and then turn it into a real hole? Now you can with the moving hole from Masuda - the creative genius behind WOW. This one is like real magic.

IMPRESSIONABLE MIND BOARD - Now, from the creative mind of the **Extremely Mental: James Biss** comes a new approach to the most pure form of clairvoyance... design duplication! This is a brand new, real time, impression device (not a "clipboard") and it comes complete with a ten minute design duplication routine that's both entertaining and

mind boggling! The **IMPRESSIONABLE MIND BOARD** comes complete with 11 pages of very detailed instructions and script ideas, consistent with the standard established by other works of James Biss. These directions will allow you to perform a complete *ten minute* three phased routine at your next appropriate gig - direct from his own stage shows.

We've got new magic coming in with every order so don't wait to come down and see what's in store. See you at the shop...

Murray

More Pictures from the October Meeting



David Gifford presents an AWESOME 'What's My Style' at the October Meeting, complete with the cups and mushrooms, carrots, and of course, 'Rabbitto'. If only we could all have so much 'je ne sais quois!

(below) Richard Johns made it down (from Nanaimo) to Victoria for the October monthly meeting. 😊



New member Nick Schols with Prez Paul Kilshaw.
Welcome to the Club Nick!

