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VMC Newsletter

UPCOMING DATES:

- **Next Monthly Meeting,**
Tuesday, April 3rd
2007, 7:30 at The
Langford Fire Hall
- **Magic Youth
International Lon
Dingwell Competition**
Friday, April 20th ~ 7:00
Langford Fire Hall
- **Round Table** Monday,
April 16th 7:00, Malahat
Lounge
- **Seniors' Show** Monday
April 23rd 2007 Mt
Edwards' Court

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Victoria Magic Circle – Ernie Crockford Ring #183

APRIL MEETING

Focus on a Magician: LARRY COOPER

Mini Lecture RON BELL

Teach a Trick: BEN L'HEUREUX

Show Time: DAVE GIFFORD

Show Time Theme: Anything to Honour the Day of Fools



MIRTH & MAGIC

Isabelle Reader Theatre, Saturday, May 12th

Featuring the WANSBOROUGH COMEDY MAGIC COMPETITION

This promises to be an *awesome* Mirth and Magic with host Tony Eng, the Comedy Magic Competitors and our Showcase Magic Acts finishing with top Canadian Illusionists Murray Hatfield & Teresa! Tickets are on sale NOW at Murray's Trick & Joke Shop (all seats only \$6 each).

Come down to the shop now to get your tickets, OR you can get them from Ben L'Heureux at THE APRIL MEETING. Please consider taking a block of tickets to sell, as we have close to 300 seats in this theatre. REMEMBER, this is a FAMILY FRIENDLY event so think of those families you know who may be interested and let them know about this fantastic entertainment deal!

Volunteers/Performers: We would love more competitors for the competition! ALSO, we could use more Stage Hands – email joykruger@shaw.ca if you can help in either way.

MINUTES? You can find minutes from our last meeting (March 2007) on-line at www.victoriamagiccircle.com/minutes.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



President
Joy Kruger

The March 6th 'Tony Award Night' (double-entendre) was a resounding success in that we totally fooled the fooler himself, **Mr. Tony Eng!** The meeting had a turnout of 33 members, plus family and numerous friends) to present Tony Eng with a highly deserved Life-Time membership... and of course on this very same night, Tony hosted a most entertaining Tony Trophy Competition. What I hear from the judges is that it was a tough decision between 3 top-notch acts – and the final award went to the impeccable Eric Bedard for the second year in a row.

Thank you to **Ray Roch** and **David Wilson** for sailing over from Vancouver to enjoy the event with us. Thanks as well to **Mike Brough** and **Eric Bedard** for delivering a 'Focus' on Tony Eng which was as much an impossible-to-resist 'roast' as it was a pictorially illustrated bio of Tony's life in magic. This was an evening I will never forget and I heard from many others who share the same sentiment! The April 3rd meeting is another important one – our AGM – so be sure to come out to vote for your new Executive, and dues for the 07-08 year. In addition, you will receive an excellent Mini-Lecture from Ron Bell, a 'Mystery' Focus Presenter, and Teach a Trick from Pepe (aka Ben) L'Heureux. See you there.

Magic Youth International **Victoria Chapter**

February Meeting Report

by Lucas Kavanagh



There was a very small turn out at the last MYI meeting which took place on March 17 at Murray's Trick and Joke Shop. Lucas started the meeting off by going over some basic coin vanishes and lapping techniques. Paul then taught a great card trick where the magician and spectator each pick the same card. At the end of the meeting we were treated to excellent performances from many of the members and just for coming, everyone left with a free magic book! Next month will be a very special meeting - the **Lon Dingwell Competition**. This will take place on **April 20, 7:00 at the Langford Firehall**, 2625 Peatt Road. **All family, friends and VMC members are invited** to come to this fun evening.

ROUND TABLE The Next Round Table is Monday, April 16th , 2007, 7:00 at the Malahat Lounge. Join us for a great opportunity to work on technique, learn and share ideas... this month's theme? **PACKET TRICKS**



APRIL ELECTIONS:

The Nomination Committee for April Elections, Ed Silva-White, has reported the following members will let their names stand for Executive Committee Positions for the 2007-2008 year. Further nominations may be made right up until vote time:

~ **Paul Kilshaw** ~ **Rob Brown** ~ **Benoit L'Heureux** ~ **Justin Louie** ~ **David Mohr** ~
~ **Ryan Stanley** ~ **Kerry Zado** ~ **and Past President (of course) Joy Kruger** ~



Below, Eric Bedard shows one of a collection of photos of Tony in his earlier days (thankyou to Sandra and Julie Eng, his daughters!)

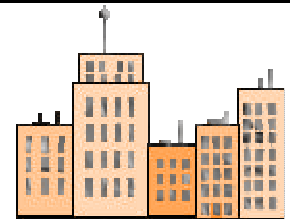


Above, Eric Bedard and Mike Brough deliver a 'Focus on a Magician' – a combination 'Roast and Honouring of Tony Eng.



Beyond the 33 club members who attended, a large crowd of friends and family joined in as well to listen to this most entertaining 'Focus' and be present for the presentation of the Life Member Award. As you can see, a standing ovation ensued!! They stayed on afterwards as well, to enjoy the Tony Trophy Competition.

AROUND, ABOUT & OUT-OF-TOWN



Member **David Calvert** will assume the role of President after two years of Vice-Presidency for the Plymouth Magic Circle in England. David and wife Beryl will enjoy hosting Beryl's sister and husband this summer for 3 months of touring the sights of Devon and Cornwall. **Shayne King** was seen performing for a group of 20 Japanese homestay students and their families (including his own homestay student, Moemi) at Glen Meadows Golf Course. BIG NEWS! Some time in May, **Damien and Michele Carriere** are expecting a baby brother or sister for toddler (and aspiring handyman/magician) Zavian!

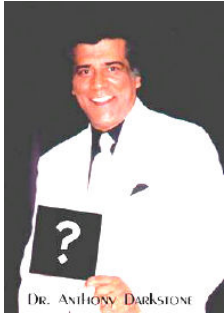
Please submit your latest new for 'Around, About & Out of Town' to Joy at joykruger@shaw.ca .



NIGHT MAGIC

The show was held on March 20, 2007 at the Victoria Event Center. Ben L'Heureux was kind enough to stand in for the ailing Ray Parker. Get well soon Ray, we all miss you. Also a last minute cancellation by performer David Attwood led to a substitution by David Mohr. Thanks Ben and David. Our next show may not be for a few months as most of the cast will be busy preparing for Mirth and Magic as well as a Cancer Benefit organized by David Mohr. I will try to bring you more news of the Benefit in the next newsletter.

Shayne King, Editor

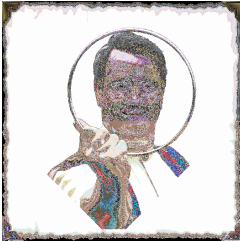


We will be privy to an amazing and entertaining lecturer on May 28th. Mr Tony Brook (aka Anthony Darkstone) will be on North American soils (coming all the way from Portugal) and after a visit and some lecturing Down South he will travel up to spend some time with us! It is by my request we try for a workshop as well because there are some really great things his workshop package has to offer. His lecture and workshop come *highly endorsed*. They are a mixture of his older lecture materials and a new lecture he will be presenting at the SAM convention in Texas this Summer ... So mark it on your calendars, guys: May 28th, 7:00 p.m. at the Malahat Room for the lecture. **We need a Minimum of 10 people in order to run the workshop.**

The workshop will be set at \$60.00 per person and all materials and notes will be provided and we will have a pizza dinner following. Please check 'Lectures' on www.victoriainmagiccircle.com for full details, or contact me at 382-5071 to sign up.

Paul
Kilshaw

Lecture
Coordinator
and
Vice-Prez



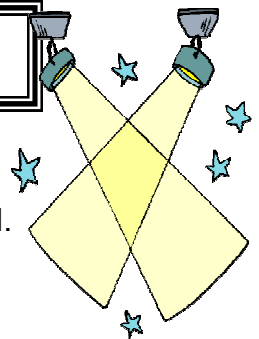
The lecture will cost \$15 for VMC & MYI Members in good standing. Friends and all others pay \$30.



A good time was had by all who attended the Martin Nash Lecture. As most of you know from recent communications, Martin and Heather were in a car accident enroute to their Lectures in Alberta. We wish them both a speedy and full recovery and hold dear the experience of their recent visit to Victoria. Pictured above is Martin and his partner Heather Playing with cards during the lecture!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT- Submitted by Derek Peach

Kirklan Lum is far too self-effacing for his own good. He'll make a fine teacher some day, but he just can't bring himself to blow his own horn as loudly as he should. He has much to be proud of too, for he has been a frequent volunteer at fundraisers, and aspires to be at least a part-time professional magician. Given the tight market for teachers these days, that aspiration may prove valuable.



Kirklan is Nanaimo born and raised here on Vancouver Island, but he knows that no man is an island, and enjoys interacting with the crowd in stage magic, manipulation & mentalism around illusion as he puts it. We will perhaps have a demonstration in the Showtime section of a meeting in the near future.

He is also a strong advocate for active living, health and wellness, all qualities which he represents fully. If your children or grandchildren come to you with news about the wonderful new teacher they have who does magic in the classroom and is magical in his zest for life, you'll know Kirklan has landed a job.



SENIORS' SHOWS

We had three magicians perform on Wednesday 19 March at Central Care Home as part of the Seniors Volunteer Shows. Ron Bell was MC and did the Rising Ball in Glass. He then introduced Captain Submarine (Ben L'Heureux) who was dressed splendidly as an ancient mariner. Using giant coins he made a hole change places while in a helper's hand. He then caused silks to magically knot when blown out of a tube and finished with Professor's Nightmare. The seniors really enjoyed his high energy act.

Derek Peach followed with a lesson on magic leading into the Sucker Silk Vanish and Egg with a few twists of his own. Nicely handled and he received a good round of applause. Ron Bell finished with The Bag of Beijing and a short rope routine. The show lasted 35 minutes and the feedback was very positive. Seniors really love magic! Our next Show will be at Mt Edward's Court on Mon 23 April.

Ron Bell



For the second year in a row, the Winner of the Tony Trophy Close-up Magic Competition is the Cool Magic Dude in the blue suit: Mr. Eric Bedard!



Tony Eng (centre) moments after receiving his Life Membership to the VMC, presented by the new IBM Territorial VP (right) who is also an out-of-town member of our club, David Wilson. VMC President Joy Kruger stands left.



Above, a candid shot of Tony Eng, Murray Hatfield, and Frank Sanz, enjoying some of the tag team humour and entertainment that went along with this 'Focus on Tony'.



MARCH 2007 VMC CLUB PHOTO ~ from left to right:

4th Row: David Wilson, Dave Bonella, Ryan Stanley, Murray Hatfield, George Pruden, Steve Hignett, Kirklan Lum, Hugh Livingstone, guest Terry Koehnen and guest John Graham

3rd Row: Charles Morgan, Derek Peach, Eric Bedard, Doug Poruchny, Frank Sanz, Ron Bell, Alex Day, Mike Brough, Jack Poulter

2nd Row: Shayne King, Blair Morris, Justin Louie, Carolyn Sadowska, VMC Friend Bob Smith, Ray Parker, Ray Roch, Jack Calve, John Gilliland, guest (past Prez from '78-'81) Bert Caine

1st Row: Ed Silva-White (Librarian), Ben L'Heureux (Member at Large), Paul Kilshaw (Vice-Prez), Tony Eng (past Prez), Joy Kruger (Prez), Kerry Zado (Treasurer), Dave Mohr (Secretary), Rob Brown (Sergeant at Arms)

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News from Murray's Trick & Joke Shop

I can't believe it's done... After a ton of work and a lot of help from Paul and Alex (*Shayne was out of town and Lucas was in school*) - the shop looks GREAT! A huge thank-you to both of you for going above and beyond.

Thanks also to all of the members who've been in to see the new look. No drastic changes but just a nice new feel to it all. Amazingly, in the midst of all the painting and cleaning and moving and sorting I actually had the chance to look for some new items that I think you'll like;

From Andrew Mayne comes the **Maynia DVD** - five eye-popping, mind-blowing

effects that will have your audiences on the edge of their seats and ducking for cover. All are easy to learn and perform. Andrew shares some of his personal secrets for the first time.

Anyone who has ever wanted to Vanish an Elephant can finally do it - with the **Backstage Vanishing Elephant**. This is an excellent kid's effect based on the old backstage card trick but using a picture of an elephant instead of a playing card. It's sure to be a hit at birthday parties, family shows, in fact anywhere that kids are.

Off With His Head is an excellent new close-up effect from

David Regal. Four blue-backed Kings are displayed. One is selected by your spectator for beheading, and the spectator shouts "*Off With His Head!*" Amazingly one King now has a bloody red back...and it's head is missing... It is the selected King. It's a powerful effect with a very novel and entertaining premise.

We've also got Pyro Perception, Holy Moly, All Stuck up, Milk Magazine, Mental Epic and more, so come on down and check out what's new at Murray's Trick & Joke Shop.

Murray & Teresa

Below Steve Hignett (left) and Ryan Stanley (centre) get the handshake as they are welcomed as Active Members.



Below, the Crowd takes in the show on 'Tony Award Night'. Tony's mom, Mary (bottom right), enjoys this Special night that honours her son.



Above, TVP Dave Wilson (left) stands by new Interim Members Charles Morgan and Hugh Livingstone. Prez Joy Kruger and VP Paul Kilshaw stand right.

