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VMC Newsletter

UPCOMING DATES:

- **Monthly Magic Meeting**, Tuesday, **March 6th** 2007, 7:30 at The Langford Fire Hall
- **Magic Youth International Meeting** Friday, **March 16th** ~ 7:00
- **Round Table** Monday, **March 19th** 7:00
- **Seniors' Show** Monday **March 19th** 2007

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Victoria Magic Circle – Ernie Crockford Ring #183



~ MARCH 6th 2006 ~

Mini Lecture/Focus: ERIC BEDARD / MIKE BROUGH

Refreshments: BEN L'HEUREUX

TONY AWARD Competition: MC Tony Eng

Club Photos Tonight - wear something 'special'. Note, individual photos (which may be used in the newsletter or on the website in the future) are offered from 6:45 to 7:30 prior to meeting start. Just 'show up early' to have your digital picture taken, and bring a magical prop, if you like. A group photo will be taken during the meeting.

MIRTH AND MAGIC
Isabelle Reader Theatre, Saturday, May 12th



Featuring the

WANSBOROUGH COMEDY MAGIC COMPETITION

This promises to be an *awesome* Mirth and Magic - tickets will go on sale at 'the shop' on March 15th (price t.b.a.). I'm truly delighted to announce **Murray Hatfield and Teresa** will perform one or two illusions to close our show! In addition to this, **Tony Eng** will be MC for the event! We could not be off to a better start than this ☺

Competitors are STILL needed for the Comedy-Magic Competition, PLEASE don't be shy - As Uncle Sam used to say: **WE NEED YOU** ♣ to help make the audience smile (especially all of those cute 5 to 7 year old kids who regularly fill the front of the house)! Contest Rules are on PAGE 3. I'm also **looking for volunteers**: stage hands, follow-spot operators, ticket control and admissions people, and usher/ballot counters. By the time this newsletter is in print, I hope to have a Stage Manager appointed. Contact me if you'd like to compete or are able to help out ~
Joy Kruger

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Joy Kruger

What an awesome Annual Auction we had on February 6th! Thanks again to **Mike Brough** for making it entertaining while doing his utmost to get a worthy dollar for each and every item. Thanks as well to **Kerry Zado** for setting up his accounting system on computer, which allowed instant tabulations resulting in all sellers getting immediate payment at the end of the night. Thanks as well to **Justin Louie, Ray Parker** and **Harvey Davidson** for being the bag-boys for the evening.

A big thank you to **Ross Simms** for donating dozens of magic books to the VMC Library, and for donating his magic collection to the Annual VMC & MYI Auctions. Proceeds from both auctions went to the MYI, who received close to \$400 which will go a long way to support youth magicians for a good number of years! All VMC members will soon be able to enjoy the new books that came from Ross, once Ed Silva-White and crew have catalogued them. Thanks again, Ross, for your generosity.

Now on to the **Tony Trophy** and **Club Photo Night** on March 6th. Remember to wear your best, and to show up by 7:00 if you would like a solo photo taken. The meeting portion of the evening will begin 7:30 as usual, and the HOT topic of the night will be **the Mirth and Magic Show**. Hope every member will make it out to witness the highly esteemed Tony Trophy Competition, which promises to be good fun - hosted by the illustrious **Mr. Tony Eng** (Yep, that's right folks, Tony's back in town!).

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

by Lucas Kavanagh



The MYI held their annual auction on February 16, at Tony's Trick and Joke Shop. There were lots of great items sold for lots of great prices. Our next big event is the Lon Dingwell competition on April 20, 7:00pm at the Langford Fire hall. Remember if you are under 16 and you want to compete please contact Joy Kruger as soon as possible. For more info on the competition and other MYI events visit our website at www.victoriamagiccircle.com/html/myi/index.html. Our next meeting will be on March 16, likely with special guest, Canadian magician of the year Murray Hatfield! (to be confirmed) Remember to bring a trick to show and a loonie to cover snacks.

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:

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

Wansborough Best Comedy Magic Trophy

The trophy was donated in 1985 to the VMC by Bill Wansborough for presentation annually to:

"The Club magician(s) who presents the best comedy act at a function organized by the VMC".

1. Competitors will perform during the first part of the Mirth and Magic Stage Show or, if this is not held, at a Wacky Wednesday.
2. There must be a minimum of three participants for a valid competition.
3. Competitors must be members in good standing of the VMC.
4. Acts will be planned not to exceed 8 minutes.
5. The members of the audience will be the judges for the competition. They will receive a ballot form with the names of the competitors. At the finish of the competition they will be asked to tear off from the ballot form the name of their choice for the best comedy act and to drop it into a ballot box.
6. Ballots will be counted by an assigned member of the Club. The competitor with the most ballots will be announced as the winner at the end of the show.
7. While there are many forms of humour including those related to the allied arts such as ventriloquism and clowning, competitors should understand that the trophy is for COMEDY MAGIC so that magic must be given appropriate emphasis in their acts. Also, the audience will likely include young folk as well as adults so good taste must be used in the selection of material.



AROUND, ABOUT & OUT-OF-TOWN

Joy Kruger was seen performing a magic show with Bert Caine at the Kiwanis Pavilion for the Kiwanis Valentines Breakfast. **Ron Bell** and **Derek Peach** are now on their third of eight Magic Therapy Sessions at Eric Martin Pavillion. **Dave Mohr** is producing a magic show in August for 'The Walk to End Breast Cancer', with involvement from **Ben L'Heureux** and **Shayne King** – please contact Dave if you would like to be a part. Our newest member, **George Pruden**, is working up a pantomime routine including some awesome magic props acquired at the February Auction. **Ron Bell, Derek Peach, Ben L'Heureux, Donald Dunphy and Joy Kruger** will bring magic to four Seniors Centres in the next three months.

ROUND TABLE REPORT The Next Round Table is Monday, March 19th, 2007

No report submitted by press time this month, but rumour has it that February's meeting enjoyed at least 8 attendees. March's Round Table will feature Sponge Magic; hope many of you will make it out!



MARTIN NASH – Coming March 14th!

Well I cannot believe it is almost time for our next lecture! This Month: March 14th at 7 pm the Victoria Magic Circle is proud to host a living legend --. Martin Nash will be here, on what will be his last lecture tour. This will prove to be a great evening for card enthusiasts of all calibers and a great opportunity to come out and meet a true master of paste board prestidigitation. Please check out the VMC website for full details on what Martin Nash does, and you can learn more about Martin and his "Artistry" at <http://thecharmingcheat.com/>. We will host this lecture at the Malahat Room, our usual Lecture Spot. See you there!



TONY BROOK (aka Dr. Anthony Darkstone) – May 28th

We have also confirmed, all the way from Portugal, Mr Tony Brook! This lecture will be on May 28th. Tony and myself are in discussions at present regarding an afternoon workshop... more details to come. 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 (our regular prices) for the lecture. If we Can Get a workshop together, we need a Minimum of 10 people. His workshop will be set at \$60.00/ per person.. All materials and Notes provided and we will have a pizza dinner following. I will bring you further details as soon as possible, and please check 'Lectures' on www.victoriamagiccircle.com for full details.

Paul
Kilshaw

Lecture
Coordinator
and
Vice-Prez



COST?? \$15 FOR VMC MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING. FRIENDS, MYI AND ALL OTHERS pay \$30.00.

*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.*

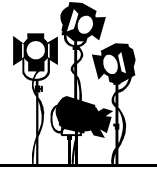
VMC Shows at Seniors Centres

Thank you to Ron Bell for booking volunteer magic shows featuring 4 or 5 magicians from our club. Shows will be held:

March 19th, Central Care Home
April 23rd, Mt Edward's Court
May 16th, Luther Court
June 6th, Lodge at Broadmead

Please contact Ron at bellron@shaw.ca if you are interested in being part of future shows.





MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT – submitted by Derek Peach

Justin Louie

How do you catch a unique rabbit? You nique up on him. Justin Louie was born and raised in Victoria, a fact which makes him unique, and he plays bass in a hard-rock band called Rabbit. The joke of course, has almost nothing to do with this young man who takes his magic quite seriously but it does show how far this writer will go to work in his pieces of dumb humour.

Justin got infected with the magic bug on seeing a TV show as a youngster and says he still loves to perform, a fact demonstrated by his musical presentations. Justin also displays a fine sense of humour when he demonstrates his close-up magic or engages with buddies at Round Table meetings. Other activities which command his time and talents are dragon boat racing in the summer, paddling with his team in the illustrious (you may have guessed it) SSTeam Heat. He also spent two years studying Wing Chun style Kung Fu, but then, I believe it is mandatory to have an advanced degree in at least one of the martial arts if one intends to be a punster, especially if one intends to go public with it. If Justin brings as much dedication to the practice of magic as to the other areas of his life, his skill will soon be very public indeed.



David Mohr

When Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast, particularly New Orleans, a group was formed which now counts David Mohr as its first Canadian west-coast participant. Red Nose Response is a volunteer group that uses magic to relieve the anxieties of people who have been traumatized by disasters. We should definitely ask David to give us a report on this very worthwhile service organization. He has never been shy about contributing to others as his informative lectures and entertaining demonstrations attest.

Born in Val d'Or, Quebec, David saw the light as many of us did and came west, but not before having his interest strongly piqued by a demonstration given by a member of the Ontario Provincial Police. An expert on cheating, the OPP officer showed how five random cards might become a royal flush, and the young David was hooked.

Now he prefers self-working illusions so he can concentrate on the entertainment side of performances, developing a rapport with his audience and so mentalist work is one area on which he concentrates. He claims that he is trying to become a full-time magician, and we wish him well. With his other activities as provincial chair for the Democratic Reform Party, reading, acting, and videography, he has a very full life indeed. And yet, in the spirit of many great magicians and especially magicians in this club, he finds time to participate in charitable work. Red Nose Response and our community are fortunate to have him.



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TONY'S TRICK & JOKE SHOP IS CLOSING!!!

It's true - the doors to Tony's Trick and Joke Shop will be closing on March 5th. Happily they will reopen the next week to a new look, a new shop and a new name - Murray's Trick and Joke Shop.

Teresa and I decided that after a year it was time and so we are doing new carpets, new counters, new paint and all in under a week. Sorry we'll be closed during the week of March 5-9 but with luck we'll be open on the 10th for our first weekend as Murray's. Be sure to get any needed magic supplies before then so you won't be caught short during our renovation.

Be sure to look out for some new magic, novelties and costumes

as we are growing and adding new items - *every week!* Just a few of the new effects we've got;

Ash Pen Pro - walk up to someone at a cocktail party and ask them to write down their name on a napkin. Burn it in an ashtray, gather up the ashes and rub them on your arm. The audience will be shocked to see the name appear on your arm. Combine with Pyro Perception or Third Degree Burn for a truly amazing effect.

Art of Levitation - IBM First Place Winner Arthur Tracz teaches you how to levitate objects including yourself in this excellent DVD. Magician Arthur Tracz will teach you, step-by-

step, the inner-workings of these incredible tricks, many of them modern-day classics of magic.

Run Rabbit Run - A well built version of the classic kids effect. Place the rabbit in his "house" but tell the kids he can't get to the other side because it's the "carrot store" and he's not allowed. Watch bedlam begin as the little rabbit runs back and forth, appearing in and behind both doors and all around - only to get back to his home before you see him. A prop you'll own for a lifetime.

There's lots more coming so be sure to check out the shop. See you soon.

Murray & Teresa



Murray Hatfield and Teresa Midbo