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VMC Newsletter

UPCOMING DATES:

- Next Monthly Meeting, Tuesday, May 1st 2007, 7:30 at The Langford Fire Hall
- Mirth & Magic Show, Saturday, May 12th
- Seniors' Show Wednesday, May 16th at Luther Court
- Magic Youth International Meeting Friday, May 18th ~ 7:00 Murray's Trick & Joke Shop
- Round Table Monday, May 21st 7:00, Malahat Lounge
- Tony Brooks (Anthony Darkstone) Lecture, Monday, May 28th at 7:00, Malahat Lounge

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MAY MEETING

Focus on a Magician: ALEX DAY

Mini Lecture DONALD DUNPHY

Teach a Trick: DAVID GIFFORD

Show Time: RYAN STANLEY

Show Time Theme: Magic for Kids and the Young at Heart



MIRTH & MAGIC

at the Isabel Reader Theatre, Saturday, May 12th

We have a full complement of volunteers working in front of, on the stage, and behind the scenes at Mirth and Magic, now **the big push is on for TICKET SALES!** Please do consider signing out a chunk of tickets to sell if you have not already, and/or purchase some for your family. You can pick up tickets at Murray's Trick & Joke Shop or from Ben L'Heureux, 474-9378.

MIRTH & MAGIC will be a two-hour magical experience this year, and you can sell tickets with that promise – so folks know they (and their children) will not get restless or tired! How do I know this will be a two-hour show? Two reasons: 1. The competitors know their routines MUST be limited to an eight-minute duration AND 2. The Showcase portion of the show is much shorter this year, featuring only THREE fabulous acts: a short opening act by Shayne King, followed Lucas Kavanagh (winner of the MYI Trophy) and then of course a closing act by Murray Hatfield and Teresa!). There will be a 15 minute intermission time for voting and purchasing snacks, and the Wansborough Trophy will be presented to the winner of the Comedy Competition right before Murray and Teresa close the show.

I believe this shorter event will leave the audience feeling fully entertained and energized, and I look forward to experiencing Mirth & Magic with you, our families, friends, and beyond ~

So please join me in filling the house ~ see you there!

Joy Kruger



MINUTES? Minutes from our last meeting (April 2007) on-line at www.victoriamagiccircle.com/minutes



President Joy Kruger

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you are all enjoying your magic year so far! ~

When I write my Presidents Report I always try to keep to my reflections on the Monthly Meeting, as the balance of our Newsletter offers up specialized reports covering our many other activities. This report, however, will go beyond☺...

One of my goals this year, as a primary organizer of the Club, has been to keep a year full of opportunities and variety, and as I reflect back on the **Monthly Meetings** of the year I see we have had a couple that have indeed stretched beyond 'the norm'! Our October and December meetings featured 'Seasonal Flare' with fun contests during the 'Showtime', extended 'social time', and certainly the special events at the March Tony Award evening (see April newsletter report) were enjoyed by magicians and friends as a Tony Contest / Surprise Party! I realize such events make for great fun and on the flip side there is sometimes less 'application of learning (mini-lecture) and honing of our art'; however, I also know we are much much more than 'monthly meetings' – we have so many fantastic learning opportunities! –

For example, our **Round Tables** are 'all that!' -- A perfect environment for the ultimate in learning and sharing magical experience... plus **VMC Lectures** broaden what we learn with ideas/experience that comes from far beyond the city limits of Victoria!... and indeed, **production/performance opportunities** such as the upcoming Mirth and Magic give us the sense of accomplishment and teamwork gratification in seeing success in PR, ticket sales, production and performance and audience enjoyment all wrapped into each event.

So at this time, I'd like to say 'Cheers' from me to all of you (raising my morning coffee cup!)... what a pleasure it is to be part of this very active Club... may we all continue to enjoy all aspects of making magic, the Club, and more...

Magic Youth International

LON DINGWELL TROPHY COMPETITION

Special Report submitted by Lorne Begg

~ held April 20, 7:00 at the Langford Fire hall, 2625 Peatt Road ~

The evening featured four talented young magicians who competed in front of a full house of 50 or more magic-loving spectators. This year's young performers were: Micheal Machek, Joyce Yeo, Lucas Kavanagh, and Cory Landels. All of them received well-deserved accolades and applause.

Micheal Machek started the show with a good display of manipulation with a set billiard balls. He introduced a 'mind-reading orange' (with eyes!) and after some fun byplay he cut the orange open and there James's card was found!

Joyce Yeo had a volunteer freely pick a card from a deck of cards. Joyce very creatively revealed her prediction by lifting a board to cover her face and then dropping it to be donned with a crown embellished with the queen of spades, and even the backside of the board was covered with queen of spades cards! Joyce finished her show producing a shower of yellow paper butterflies.

Lucas Kavanagh engaged the audience right away with a baffling 'tie quick-change'. He then took a signed \$20 bill from a spectator and mistakenly changed it into a \$1 American bill instead of the promised \$100! He attempted to make amends with a cups and balls routine but ended up mistakenly producing lemons! He cut open one lemon to make lemonade, surprisingly finding the spectator's signed \$20 bill!

Cory Landels performed some excellent close-up card sleights and tricks (with the persona of a friendly 'card shark') and he ended his performance with the 4 ace production trick. During his presentation he worked in some great sleights such as one-hand card changes.

The night ended with judges **Tony Eng**, **Doug Poruchny** and **Jack Poulter** presenting Certificates of Honour to these fine young performers. After much deliberation, they determined a winner and awarded the Trophy to the talented and engaging **Lucas Kavanagh** who will turn 16 in May and will be eligible to join us for his first VMC meeting in June.

Right: Card Shark Cory Landels amazes his four volunteers with cards sleights and magic, finishing with a four ace production.



Above: Micheal Machek opens his act with some impressive billiard ball manipulation before presenting his version of 'The Mindreading Orange'.



Right: Joyce Yeo tells a story during her Queen of Spades routine.



Left, the three judges look on and deliberate over who will win the trophy.

The profession of magician, is one of the most perilous and arduous specializations of the imagination. On the one hand there is the hostility of God and the police to be guarded against; on the other it is as difficult as music, as deep as poetry, as ingenious as stage-craft, as nervous as the manufacture of high explosives... ..William Bolitho 1890-1930, British Author

Submitted by Eric Bedard

Round Table

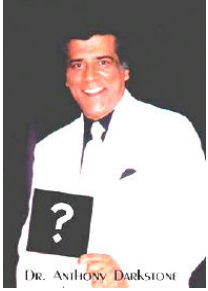
Well, another fantastic Round Table session with Bob Reilly, Rob Brown, Tony Eng, Charles Morgan, Murray Hatfield, David Attwood, Peppy and Justin Louie all in attendance. Tony demonstrated a great three card routine using shaved cards. Then I demonstrated Nick Trost's four card routine which was the basis for Charge It, Drink It Up, and Alien Autopsy. We then talked about different handlings and sleights, such as the Elmsly Count, The Jordan Count and doubles used in a variety of packet tricks. A great session where everyone was participating.

Look forward to seeing everyone out again at the next Round Table session on Monday, May 21st 2007, 7:00 at the Malahat Lounge. Join us at the Malahat Lounge, Building #105-106 Gorge Road East. Buzz #80 to be let in to the building and head up to the Penthouse.

The May Round table Theme? **ROPE MAGIC**

Cheers ~

David Attwood, Round Table Coordinator



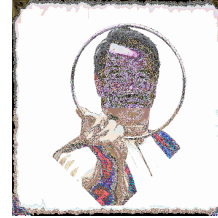
We will be privy to an amazing and entertaining lecturer on May 28th. Mr Tony Brook (aka Anthony Darkstone) will be on North American soils (coming all the way from Portugal) and after a visit and some lecturing Down South he will travel up to spend some time with us! It is by my request we try for a 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 five people in order to run the workshop.**

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

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.

For more info about Tony Brook, check 'Lectures' on www.victoriamagiccircle.com.

To sign up for the workshop, contact me at 382-5071.



Paul Kilshaw
Lecture Coordinator,
Vice-Prez,
and President-Elect

APRIL ELECTION RESULTS for Sept. 1,'07 to Aug. 31'08

Paul Kilshaw - President

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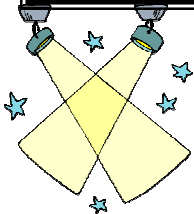
Kerry Zado - Treasurer

Joy Kruger, Past President

Benoit L'Heureux - Sgt at Arms

Justin Louie - Member at Large

John Gilliland - Ring Reporter



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT- Submitted by Derek Peach

Our President-Elect, Paul Kilshaw, was born an armed forces brat in Grostenquin France in 1962. He was first introduced to the world of magic at the age of 4 when his dad dabbled in it in Ottawa. At 8, after trading a classmate a trinket for the nickels-to-dimes trick, he fooled his dad and knew then he had hit on something good.



Three years later at a cub meeting in Victoria he met Owen Fowler, known at the time as Ahh Foo Yu. By the time he was 12, he had also met Everett Andrews from Calgary, and shortly thereafter he was ecstatic to find the original Trick and Joke Shop, on upper Fort St., owned at the time by Frank and Eveyln Whiteman. Tony Eng would come to the shop on Saturdays to demonstrate and to help out the young guys who would hang out there, showing them all kinds of clever sleights. Some of these were easy to do, but Tony would encourage them to expand their horizons, Tony always had time to help out Paul and his comrades who would often go to the Sherwood Inn on a Sunday night to see his show. Paul also sought out the old Wizard Ahh Foo Yu, and using his Theater Under the Stairs, he and his pals would perform their routines with guidance from the old sage.

At 14, Paul joined the army cadets, a move which would eventually lead him into a 15-year commitment in electrical & mechanical engineering in the forces, all the time enjoying magic as a hobby. After military life, Paul decided on health care as a good career and also started to develop magic as a great secondary income.

He works today, in the field of mental health with adults as well as with troubled youth and often uses magic in a therapeutic manner, or simply to add some levity to an otherwise humdrum day.

Paul is very thankful for the comradeship he finds in the Victoria Magic Circle, and in his ties to the IBM on an international level, which has allowed him to make friends with people from all over the world. We, also are thankful to have his energy and commitment available in our community.



Senior's Shows & Healing of Magic

Healing of Magic

Ron Bell and Derek Peach started an eight session Mental Health magic therapy course at the Eric Martin Pavilion on Wednesday, 18 April. There were ten clients for the first session the largest group we have ever had.

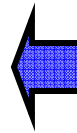
Seniors' Volunteer Shows

Our next show will be at **Mount Edward's Court** at 2pm on **Monday, 23 April**. Ron bell will MC with performers Derek Peach and Joy Kruger.

Our May show will be at **Luther Court** on **Wednesday, May 16th** at 1.30pm. So far we have Ron as MC and Donald Dunphy to entertain not only the seniors but a class of preschoolers who join the old folk for this show.
Ron Bell

THANK YOU!

The Lon Dingwell Trophy Competition was enjoyed by an audience of 50 spectators – thanks everyone for coming out to make a special night happen ~ And also thank you **Kerry Zado** for making the Fire Hall available, it was a perfect venue for the event. **Ed Silva-White** you once again did a great job as photographer, and thanks also, **Ray Parker**, for videoing this – the kids are very excited to know a DVD of their performances will be available in the Club Library. Thanks of course to **Shayne King** for bringing down the backdrop and sound system. Thanks **Ben L'Heureux, Paul Kilshaw, and Shayne King** for setting up and acting as stage crew for the competition, AND for putting on a great show for the audience & kids in the second half of the night! **Doug Poruchny, Tony Eng and Jack Poulter**, thank you for your thought and expertise in judging the competition, and for meeting with each competitor at the end of the night to give them encouragement and suggestions. The Young Magicians learn so much when given performance opportunities like this ~ our mentorship means the world ☺.



A big '**BRAVO!**' to Mike Norden, our brother across the water, and the Prez of the Vancouver Magic Circle, for his work in designing this logo, including fulfilling the Victoria Exec's requests for changes / refinements, such as the addition of the orca (which we grew to love during Victoria's PCAM'07 Convention experience!). You're awesome! We are now on the road to offering VMC shirts, mugs and the like!



Vancouver Prez and VMC Out-of-Town Member Mike Norden is pictured above right. Mike also is responsible for the Vancouver Magic Circle's Website, see below! Please check out their website, as they have tons going on, INCLUDING the upcoming VANCOUVER MAGIC WEEKEND, October 19th and 20th! Also, take a visit to their EVENTS PAGE where they offer up info on LECTURES & MORE, including Victoria's MIRTH & MAGIC! <those VancouverMC guys are the GREATEST brothers a magic club could have!!!>



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NEWS FROM MURRAY'S TRICK & JOKE SHOP

Well spring has sprung and it's time to start doing all those springtime things... cleaning the house, cutting the grass, tending the garden, and of course - learning some new effects for your arsenal of magic.

We've added a lot of new material in the last month including:

▶ **Marked Prediction** from **Rich Marotta** takes the classic 52on-One card to dizzying new heights. This is a complete routine that gets big laughs, plays at any size venue, and fools the heck out of them.

▶ **Jim Pace's All Stuck Up** is a fun little piece of magic that is

shockingly visual. A piece of already chewed gum is stretched between the magician's hands. It is thrown into the air where it visibly changes into a freshly wrapped piece of bubble gum!

▶ We've finally been able to get **Jay Sankey's** line of magic into the shop including Shayne's favorite – **Holy Moly**. We've also got;

▶ **Mercuring** - a finger ring passes magically and visibly through your finger.

▶ **Paperclipped** - the magician places a paper clipped & folded in full view on the table. A card is then FREELY selected, SIGNED, and RETURNED TO THE PACK. When the

performer unclips the folded card and unfolds it... it is found to be the signed card.

▶ **In A Flash** – a coin wrapped in tissue burns a hole through half a deck and lands on top of a selected card.

▶ **Underground Jam DVD** is a collection of effects from several magicians under the guidance of Sankey and includes some excellent effects with matchbooks, coins, playing cards, keys, film canisters, wrist watches, chewing gum, water bottles and magic markers.

Come on in and check out these and other new effects. See you at the shop.

Murray & Teresa

More Photos from the MYI Competition



Above, Lucas engages the audience during performance.

Below, 15 year old Lucas Kavanagh receives the Lon Dingwell Trophy Award from one of the three judges, Tony Eng.



Above and right, Ben L'Heureux (Captain Submarine), Paul Kilshaw (with silk fountain) and Shayne King (with cards) perform magic to close the show at the MYI 's competition night.

