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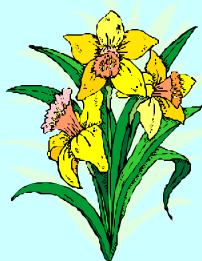
Victoria Magic Circle – Ernie Crockford Ring #183

UPCOMING DATES:

- Next VMC Monthly Meeting is the AGM, Tuesday April 1st, 2008, 7:30 p.m. at the Langford Fire Hall
- Magic Youth Meeting, Friday, April 18th, 2008 ~ 7:00 at Murray's Trick & Joke Shop
- Round Table Meeting Monday, April 21st, 2008 7:00, at The Malahat Lounge
- Tony Trophy Competition & Monthly Mtg, Tuesday, May 6th, 2008 at The Malahat Lounge
- Mirth & Magic, Sat., May 24th 2008

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April 1st Meeting ~ Our AGM

- ~ FEATURING Feast Of Fool's A Magical 'Teach In' Of Clown Gags, Lead On Tricks, Sucker Effects
- ~ HOSTED BY: George Pruden
- ~ TEACH A TRICK – t.b.a.
- ~ REFRESHMENTS – John Graham
- ~ SHOWTIME ACTIVITIES: Richard Herbert



Mirth & Magic!!

Our Mirth & Magic Show, to be held at 7:00 on Saturday, May 24th at the Isabel Reader Theatre, is just over 1 and ½ months away!

TICKETS ARE ONLY \$6 EACH AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL, hopefully at our April 1st meeting (and at Murray's Trick & Joke Shop thereafter). Don't forget to bring your chequebooks or cash to purchase your tickets, and *please* consider taking a block of tickets to sell, as we have close to 300 seats in this theatre.

This promises to be an *awesome* Mirth and Magic with a full slate of Comedy Magic Competitors and a 1st class closing act, TBA.

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, ... a night out featuring live magic that is cheaper than a movie!

TONY TROPHY COMPETITION

This annual close-up magic competition will be the highlight of our May 6th Monthly Meeting, PLEASE contact Tony if you would like to compete! Who knows, you may be the next one to carry the Tony Trophy, the authentic bust of Tony Eng's incredible head!... and then your name will be added to the list of talented and/or creative winners, to go down in VMC history! Contact Tony Eng at 479-6420 to sign-up.



THE PREZ SEZ.

Greetings one and all, I cannot believe we are now heading into April, and its time for our AGM and election for the slate of Officers for the 2008/09 year. As I wind down my tenure as President I would like to wholeheartedly thank my Exec for making my job fun, and I know I have learned a lot. I encourage anyone who wants to be a part of the workings of our great Club to get involved! It's a great opportunity to learn, and gives one a real sense of the worldwide camaraderie that the IBM offers.

I will continue as Lecture Coordinator for 2008/09. Between Victoria, Calgary and Edmonton we are starting to establish a great lecture circuit!

A Big Thank you to Ron Bell who really sent the magical message home at the March meeting, teaching us all the material from his One Man Parade that was published in the February 2008 Linking Ring.

I have not consulted with the Boss on this one, however I am sure we will be stocked up on blank decks at Murray's Trick and Joke Shop soon, considering the amount of requests that came as a result of Ron's lecture!... and just where is Murray's Trick and Joke Shop? _ _ _ _ _ . I will let you fill in the Blanks.

Looking forward to seeing you all April 1st (No Foolin)

Paul Kilshaw

New Newsletter Editor?

Hi Folks, due to returning to work part-time and other volunteer commitments,

I am retiring from the Newsletter Editor position at the end of June ☺ ...would **you** enjoy putting together the newsletter each month?

Production time is between 3 and 8 hours per month, depending how creative you want to get. The newsletter can be done in MS Word or in MS Publisher, and is then saved to PDF to email out to our membership. It's not as hard as it may look (to those of you who don't currently use computer programs for layout), and I can 'sit in' with you to put a newsletter together to make the transition a smooth one! Please contact me if you have any questions, and call me if you would like to take the job of producing our most essential communication vehicle, the VMC Newsletter!

Sincerely, Joy Kruger



On March 17th, the Round Table convened to discuss the art of Mentalism, led by Charles Morgan. Wow! What a fantastic learning experience. The Mentalism discussion included simple prediction routines, Kurotsuke effects, Swami gimmicks, the Hoy Principle as well as various written and DVD references.

The next Round Table session will be at 7:00pm, Monday, April 21st 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 **April Round Table** topic will be **Impromptu Magic**.

We're going to do things a little different for this meeting. Please bring up to three (3) items of "junk". We will throw it all in the middle and take turns at developing an on the spot routine with the items at hand. The idea is to work on that creative muscle in all of us.

... as well, if you have an effect you wish to share, show or look for some constructive criticism on, by all means, bring that too! Looking forward to the next Round Table.

See you all there!

Submitted by Justin Louie

Lectures

Our next great lecturer is Bill Abbott. His lecture will take Place on May 28th, 7pm, at the Malahat Room, 105 Gorge Road East (Buzz number 80 and someone will let you in). A note on parking: the management at Treelane estates have requested we park in the upper guest lots or in the Gorge hospital Lot or the Ramada lots, as on lecture nights we use up all the available guest parking in the lower lots. Thank you in advance for honoring this request.

Now., Who is Bill Abbott? Read on!



WHO IS BILL ABBOTT?

As one of Canada's foremost magicians, the 34-year-old native of Toronto has been performing since the age of five making numerous television and film appearances sharing his talents with audiences throughout Canada, western Europe and the Middle-East. Over the past 18 years, Bill Abbott has been in constant demand for private parties, corporate functions and special events, becoming one of the most sought-after experts in this unique field of entertainment. The locations of these events are a list of top establishments from Toronto to Montreal and New York to London, England and everything in between. Celebrities from Samuel L. Jackson to Charlize Theron have been enthralled with Bill's magic. For over 15 years Bill has magically turned office parties, business luncheons, receptions, art shows, anniversaries, soirees, and benefits into unforgettable events. His study of magic, music and mentalism for the past 19 years as well as a university degrees in both psychology & sociology, has made Bill Abbott one of the most sought-after and interactive performers in the world today.

From personal thought-readings as featured on CityTV's Breakfast Television to voodoo based illusions that sent CTV's Ben Mulroney (Canadian Idol) screaming from the studio, Abbott is a performer with a gift for impacting everyone he comes in contact with. As an accomplished violinist he has married his love of music with his passion for magic in a performance piece that elevates the average card trick into spectacular performance art.

Besides his obvious talent as a musician Bill is also master at the art of prestidigitation and misdirection. Teleportation is a feature in most performances where borrowed objects are invisibly projected into impossible places. At a recent soiree a woman's engagement ring was borrowed, it subsequently disappeared while the owner held it in her hands only to reappear in the trunk of her very own car!

Sleight of hand is only the beginning for when Bill begins his mentalism it has a truly mind blowing effect on people. In fact this 'magic of the mind' was featured in Bill's short documentary entitled Sleight Of Mind that took first place at TVO's Telefest.

Recently in Toronto, Bill Abbott's Magic & Mysteries Show at the Torch Lounge, opened as a six-week run and went on to play for an extended six-months! Bill's magic, mind reading & other mysteries was described as "Tricks for Grown-Ups" - Globe & Mail

Shawn Farquhar took the 3rd week of March off in the Dominican Republic to shoot an episode of "Fins and Skins" which was then aired on TSN and FOX Sports network. After a few weeks off the whole family will perform at Hank Lee's 20th Anniversary Conclave in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. **Shawn & Lori** are celebrating their 19th Wedding Anniversary on *April Fools Day!* After that Shawn will be at the FFFF in New York and the World Magic Seminar in Vegas. **Ron Bell** performed at the Pearkes Recreation Centre as part of the Seniors Festival on March 14th. He was told there would be about 30-40 folk watching his show, but was surprised with a large crowd of well over 100! Ron did 15 minutes--Ball and Glass, Bag of Beijing and Saskatchewan Rope--and had a very good response. **David Calvert** of England will be in Canada with wife Beryl in June and we will see him at our June 3rd meeting! On March 9th **Norm Worthy** performed at his granddaughter's birthday in



David Calvert,
Plymouth Magic
Circle President
2007



Norm Worthy at the Chemainus Health Centre

Nanaimo, and had fun doing close-up for some of the younger kids after the show. Five days later Norm performed at the Chemainus Health Centre (for elder folks). **Murray & Teresa** are off again for several performances in California. First they will be the closing act in a show called *BLINK! - An Incredible Evening of Award-Winning Magic* (April 12th & 13th). This show will also feature the talents of *Christopher Hart, Jade* and (*the show's producer*) *Chipper Lowell*. Following these shows **Murray and Teresa** will be appearing for a week at the *Magic Castle* (April 14th -21st). After 200 days at sea with hardly any breaks, **Eric Bedard** is taking a few months off

cruising; he has a few local gigs lined up and is looking forward to seeing everyone at meetings again. He has plans to attend the combined IBM/SAM convention in Louisville. **Kerry and Leanna Zado** recently enjoyed 4 days of camping including motorcycle day trips. Kerry also enjoyed a Canucks game in Vancouver with his daughter, and for the last week of March is working out at Otter Point with firefighters from Otter Point, Sooke, Langford, Saltspring and Pender Island, hosting a 'cadet camp' -- a week long live-in training for teenagers. **Linda O'Connor** presented her first big magic show for 70 people on May 2nd. She performed again at Easter and has another gig lined up for *May Day*. Recently, **Justin Louie's** band, *Rabbit* --



Linda O'Connor performs for a group of 70



a hard rock/alternative band --, played their first gig of 2008 at Logan's Pub. **Tony Eng** has been very busy with magic shows performing for folks in the Seniors Tour, Port Theatre/Nanaimo BC, the Bantam AAA Hockey Championship, and the Shriners Clown Ladies Night. **The Engs** are back to RVing... they went out for an 'awesome' three days to Weir's Beach. **Twiggly Wiggly (Greg Ladret)** performed at the Grand opening of the giant new Rona store in Duncan, March 17th. After an Easter weekend of shows he will head off to California for a family vacation (Disneyland & more) plus

plus visiting old show biz friends. The trip will wrap up with lunch at *The Magic Castle*. The very funny (and multi-talented) **Michael Harrison**, after 8 years working for Disney Cruise Line, is moving to Princess and Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines and pursuing new adventures on land. He will be performing at the *Canadian National Exhibition* in Toronto for 18 days this summer and then will cruise to Alaska on Princess... and most noteworthy!! -- Michael will appear on *America's Got Talent!!*

For more info, visit www.victoriamagiccircle.com/newsletters/2008/AGTrelease.jpg.

What's New at MURRAY'S TRICK & JOKE SHOP



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Hi Fellow Magi,

It always amazes me how fast the time goes by. It seems like I just wrote last month's newsletter submission and yet another one is due. Luckily there's always new magic coming into the shop so I've always got something to write about. Some of the new magic includes;

CHINESE CHOICE by John Archer - Now is your chance to perform one of the most talked about routines from the critically acclaimed "Educating Archer" DVD. John Archer's **Chinese Choice** is not just a trick - it is a powerhouse of a routine that blends comedy and mentalism to perfection.

Effect - Three spectators are brought on stage and invited to take a traditional Chinese meal in a way they used to do thousands of years ago. In a funny and totally entertaining manner they end up selecting a meal and the price they will pay for it. When they finally look at the menu (provided) they find that it is exactly as they predicted. *Comes*

complete with two custom printed menus (a large one for stage and a pocket sized version for close up), a set of plastic number cards, and complete instructions & routine.

HOTSHOT WITH RUBBER BANDS DVD -

Rubberbands are pretty much everywhere that you are. Now you can perform miracles with them. Ben Salinas shows you how to make rubber bands vanish, re'appear, penetrate, join together, jump, melt and more. As a special bonus, Ben adds two hard-hitting effects that he has closely guarded for years...*synthesis* and *hypertonic* - the ultimate band thru wrist.

3 NO EVIL - three Strange exhibits represented by photos of Shrunk Heads on 'old' Post Cards are brought forth. It seems the decrepit museum is in financial trouble and the disposition of the exhibits needs to be determined. A 'Guest Curator' is chosen from the audience to help decide the fate of the old museum. However a

fourth postcard is present which contains a Prediction made 66 years earlier during the Higley Expedition 1942! Despite having free choice - the Prediction be deadly accurate detailing his/her every move to disperse the exhibits?

DRAGONFLY RINGS -

The timeless mystery of the linking rings is now a pocket sized wonder! At 2.3 inches in diameter, your Dragonfly Rings are the perfect size to keep in your pocket and take anywhere to fool everyone! Includes 4 Rings plus an instructional DVD that contains a full routine performance and detailed teaching to give you easy to learn, step-by-step direction.

Be sure to also check out - **Prophecy Pack** by David Regal, **Survival Magic DVD** by Simon Lovell, the **Green Deck** (Bicycle Cards) plus a new deck of **Vintage Bicycle Safety Back cards...**

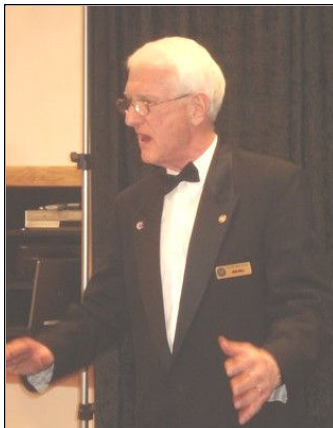
See you at the shop.

Murray

Photos from the March Meeting / Ron Bell Lecture



Paul Kilshaw welcomes new member Brendan Zielonka



Ron Bell lectures



Ron and 'volunteer' Linda O'Connor