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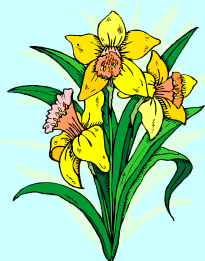
**Victoria Magic Circle – Ernie Crockford Ring #183**

## UPCOMING DATES:

- VMC Monthly Meeting & THE TONY TROPHY will be held Tuesday, **May 6<sup>th</sup>**, 2008, 7:30 p.m. at The Malahat Lounge
- Magic Youth Meeting, Friday, **May 16<sup>th</sup>**, 2008 ~ 7:00 at Murray's Trick & Joke Shop
- Round Table Meeting Monday, **May 19<sup>th</sup>**, 2008 7:00, at The Malahat Lounge
- Mirth & Magic, Sat., **May 24<sup>th</sup>** 2008
- Bill Abbott Lecture, Wed., **May 28<sup>th</sup>** 2008 at The Malahat Lounge

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## May 6th Meeting and Tony Trophy Competition



~ TONY ENG has a FULL slate of competitors signed up for the fantastic Tony Trophy Close-up Competition, so we are guaranteed a GREAT evening of performances. Cool Magic Dude ERIC BEDARD will act as host for the event, as Tony recovers from medical treatments. See you at the Malahat Lounge for a fantastic night!

~ SHOW TIME ACTIVITIES – Lucas Kavanagh  
~ REFRESHMENTS – Justin Louie

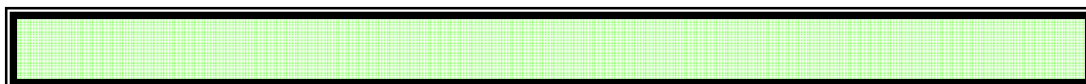


## Mirth & Magic

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Mirth & Magic, to be held at 7:00 on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at the Isabel Reader Theatre, is THREE WEEKS away, so it's time to get serious now and make it the SELL-OUT it deserves! In fact, better 'buy 'em while you can', to avoid disappointment!

TICKETS ARE ONLY \$6 EACH and for such a bargain WE and our FRIENDS will enjoy talents of a total of TEN magicians; highlights will include First-Class Dynamic 'n' COOL MAGIC DUDE ERIC BEDARD, followed by a FANTASTIC FINALE featuring internationally acclaimed and loved SHAWN FARQUHAR, and the evening will be carried from *start to finish* with the contagious energy and magic of MC MURRAY HATFIELD. Never before have we had so much pro talent for such a family-friendly price, so let's sell TX to EVERYONE we know, families and friends of all ages, so they can enjoy this gem of an evening.





# THE PREZ SEZ.

Greetings Members, I cannot get over how much time is simply flying, and before we know it we will be into May. Along with May come some exciting events with the VMC. First, at the May meeting we have the annual **Tony Competition**. Unfortunately, we will miss the presence of the star of the Tony Competition, Tony himself, due high-priority health issues he is resolving. None-the-less, we will have an exciting night of competition! Standing in on behalf of MC Tony will be MC Eric (Cool Magic Dude) Bedard, and your judging panel will consist of Rob Brown, Justin Louie, and myself, Paul Kilshaw. With seven competitors it will be a super event. We will be video taping the evening and converting it to DVD for Tony. It will be delivered to the Eng household with warm greetings on behalf of the Club!

Next on the Club agenda, in the following weeks are our preparations and ticket sales for the annual **Mirth and Magic Show** on May 24th. Things are really shaping up for that and tickets are "vanishing" in a hurry, so get yours now!

On May 28th at 7:00 pm at the Malahat Room we have lecturer Bill Abbott coming. It should be a stellar lecture -- the more I get to know this fellow through emails and research the more intrigued I am with what he is going to share with our lecture attendees!

REMINDER: the May 6th meeting will be held at the Malahat Room, and Please PARK in the upper lots behind the Ramada or over in the Gorge Road Hospital lots. See you all at the May meeting,

*Paul Kilshaw*



## Still Seeking Newsletter Editor

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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 © ...please consider taking on this special job! With no volunteers coming forward at this point, President-Elect Rob Brown has decided he will 'give it a go' this summer with a couple of smaller, special issues, but with his busy upcoming Presidential duties he would prefer another member help out with this instead, so if you are contemplating learning a new skill or bringing current skills to the task, please contact me, Joy Kruger, at [joykruger@shaw.ca](mailto:joykruger@shaw.ca).

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!

Sincerely, Joy Kruger



On April 21st, the Round Table convened to discuss Impromptu Magic led by Paul and Ray.

We all brought miscellaneous, everyday items and attempted to create and perform with what was only available to us on the table. The tricks performed were varied and by the end of the night, I think it would be safe to say everyone took something away with them that they could use when put on the spot to perform!

The next Round Table session will be at **7:00pm, Monday, May 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 May Round Table topic will be announced by email in the next few weeks.... 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 Lecturing Evening with Bill Abbott is just around the corner, on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Lecture prices are as usual: \$15 for Active & Interim members in good standing, \$15 for MYI in good standing, and \$30 for all others.



Join Bill Abbot for a fun night of learning, idea-sharing and entertainment on Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Malahat Lounge.

*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*

## "FRESHLY BAKED!" By Jay Sankey [sankeymagic.com](http://sankeymagic.com)

I've loved thumb tips for over 30 years and I almost always have one on me. It's the kind of multi-use gimmick that is forever inspiring different effects. Here is one of my favorites. I came up with it on the spur of the moment. It's not part of my regular set, but it's one of those items that -at the right time and place- always blows them away. And it's soooo darn easy! The next time you are at a restaurant that serves fortune cookies, excuse yourself from the table and -on the way to the washroom- grab a fortune cookie from the waitress.

In the washroom, unwrap the cookie, break it open, read the fortune, slip it into your thumb tip and pocket the tip. Then at the end of the meal, slip on the thumb tip and wait for the cookies to arrive. When they arrive say, "Nobody touch the cookies. I'm getting a premonition..." Turn to someone and whisper into her ear a description of a few IMAGES that somehow relate to the fortune in your thumb tip. For example, the last time I performed this effect, the fortune read, "Soon you will go on a long trip." So- I whispered into the person's ear, "I see a white plane...and a blue train." Have someone OTHER than the person who you just whispered to pick a fortune cookie (I usually ask them to lower an inverted glass or cup over one of the cookies and then encourage them to change their mind if they want.) Then have everyone else at the table select cookies, tear them open and read the fortunes out loud. (This is important so that later on they don't assume that most or all the cookies contain the same fortune.) Finally, I lift the glass, pick up the cookie, tear open the wrapper (I always use my teeth to start!) and crush the cookie in my left hand. I pause a beat for people to see the fortune resting among the cookie fragments and then pretend to remove the fortune from among the pieces with my right thumb and finger...but of course I just leave the thumb tip in my cupped left hand and pull out the originally prepped fortune. Without pausing I smoothly hand the fortune to a nearby spectator and ask the other spectator to tell everyone the images I saw in my premonition. Finally, I have the fortune read out loud. Note: During the last few moments of the effect, I casually pick-up cookie fragments from my left hand, during which it is very easy to replace the tip on my right thumb!



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

Hi Gang,

As I write this Teresa and I have just returned from a week of performing at the Magic Castle in Los Angeles. It was an amazing week full of incredible magic. Now after some long days of driving we're back and getting ready for tourist season. We've got lots of new magic in store for you including;

### The Royal Scam -

The magician displays several Aces of Spades with the same back design. Explaining how he practices with all the same card, he shows that adding a face-up card can cause the whole pack to turn face up, and vice-versa.

While moves are nice, he shows that while moves misdirect you, he

took the opportunity to switch in several cards with various back designs. Of course, in order to win money, several other cards change to a Royal Flush in spades. Ends absolutely clean and examinable!

### Red Hot Prediction

- Spreading a blue deck face up between your hands, you ask your spectator to name any two cards she sees. Placing those cards on the table, you ask her to name any other card (by free choice). Say she names the Ten of Hearts.

You explain that the other day you removed two cards from a red deck and wrote on their backs. The first two selected cards are turned over to reveal a 10 drawn on the back of one card, and a Heart shape on the other!

**Double Crossed Dollars** - Two borrowed bills are placed in a wallet. One bill crosses over the other, forming an "X". The magician then borrows a credit card. The magician then passes the card right through the borrowed bills! This looks stunning! The spectators can push the card through themselves! At the conclusion of the routine, everything is returned to the spectator, and the wallet can be examined.

Be sure to check them out. Also in stock - color changing knives, bongo hat, educated duck, nesting wands, Tom Burgoon's power pickpocket and more.

See you at the shop!

Murray

## The Magic of Athletics



Two of our members recently accomplished feats of a different kind of magic: long-distance running!

**Kerry Zado** has spent a number of months training for the Times Colonist 10K. Part of the training has been participating in several mini-challenge 6 k GutBuster runs on the very 'hilly' Royal Roads trails (see Kerry pictured 'right' finishing a 'GutBuster!').

During the course of his training, Kerry 'dropped the pounds' and set a goal to run the TC 10 K in under an hour, 20 lbs lighter than when he started in January. Last week he DID IT, completing the Times-Colonist 10 k in 58:58, in sleek form! He is enjoying this running so much he has entered a ½ marathon relay plus a race in Chemainus in June, and is contemplating the Victoria firefighters 10K around Elk and Beaver Lake, and is even thinking about doing the 56k Muscular Dystrophy fundraiser (around Lake Cowichan) with his daughter in September.

**Joy Kruger** recently ran the 6k MS Supercities Run, (and was left limping for a few days afterwards but has since recovered!). With support of Club members, family and other friends, Joy was able to raise \$1200 for the MS Society!

