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# THE VICTORIA MAGIC CIRCLE RING 183

The Ernie Crockford Ring

Affiliated members of the Pacific Coast Association of Magicians

**The Next VMC meeting is at the  
Langford Fire Hall #1 7:30pm Tuesday May 5th 2009.**

## **Remembering Tony Eng:**



It has been one year since the passing of our friend Tony. I invite you to bring your favorite picture or a printed story to the meeting and leave it at the "Tony" space we will have set up in the room for all the members to view and enjoy. If we are lucky (and have the proper AV setup) Julie may have a few pieces of "Classic Tony" video clips for us.

## **Mini Lecture:**

Doug Poruchny will be tipping his methods on Card Splitting. Doug uses this as a magical way to present his business card after a revelation. Learn it, you will use it !

**President Ring 183**  
**Rob Brown**

( Doug, you still wanna show us,  
right?? LOL !)



Another month flies by. My "other" life has me changing hats and juggling lots of balls... hmmm just like a circus. (*Well, that's entertainment*) or driving a bus, or Union business or travelling with Monika or....I'm Sorry I missed the lecture this month.

I met Chris Taylor in Las Vegas at the MINDvention last year and I was very impressed with him and his inventions. Hope you were too. I heard some who attended had an extra adventure. Our man Ray came through and made sure the refreshments arrived safe. Hope all is well Ray.

Speaking of Las Vegas.. It was another trip there in April that made me miss the lecture. Monika and I were treated to some very fine "comp" seats thanks to a phone call Murray made to his friend.. LANCE BURTON !

This was the second time we had seen his show. He has made enough changes from five years ago to make it fresh and exciting for people like us to watch again.

Although we did not have a chance to personally meet Mr. Burton, along with his energy and charisma, he projects "nice guy" to the audience.

We look forward to seeing his show again, and would be happy to pay to do so!

*If you go to Vegas, DO NOT miss it.*

I am pleased to report that I was here to attend the Ron Bell lecture.

We are so fortunate to have a man of his talent in our club.

Ron showed us some truly smart and very usable routines.

I was particularly amazed at how Ron transformed his effect "Nut Exactly" into another beautiful effect (*Hearty "Carat" Soup*)

which uses virtually the same moves but looks totally different ! Nuff said.

If you missed it, ask Ron for a copy of his lecture notes. I'm not sure if the sale price still applies.

*BONUS: Rumour has it Ron has agreed to "MC" Mirth and Magic.*

**Which brings us to....**

Mirth & Magic Saturday May 23rd.

HELP! HELP! HELP!

We still need people to help with some duties.. Ticket takers, Ushers, Ballot counters !??

Write to me [ring183pres@Islandnet.com](mailto:ring183pres@Islandnet.com)

or let me know at the meeting if you can step up.

Still lots of tickets for M&M, buy 'em Tuesday night.

All for now,

Your President

Rob Brown



WE ARE NO LONGER AT THE MALAHAT LOUNGE



We had nine people who made it up to the Reilly Round Table, our first at Murray's Trick and Joke Shop. The RRT focused on:

*“Routining an Act”*

It was a great session as everyone gave their input to various routines.

Murray explained the importance of having SPIFF in your act to enhance your show !!

It was a great night, after we all broke into small discussions, including a “vanishing wallet” which was a major necessity to couple of Magi!!

the 3 hours just flew by!  
the next Round Table will be on May 18th at 7:00pm and we will be focusing on Packet Tricks/ False counts.

The Reilly Round Table is now at Murray's Trick and Joke Shop, 688 Broughton Street Down Town Victoria.

*The next Round*

*Table will be at*

*“Murray's Trick*

*& Joke shop on*

*Monday*

*May 18th at*

*7:00pm focus*

*will be*

*Packet Tricks*

*& False*

*Counts*



## **Cards, Some Hidden Insights You Might Not Have Known.**

The United States Playing Card Company originated in 1867 and is known for playing cards such as Bicycle, Aviator, Hoyle, Tally Ho, and Bee among others. I understand that they are moving from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Hebron, Kentucky sometime this year.

A historic fact you might not have been aware comes from a quote in *MagicPedia* [http://geniimagazine.com/wiki/index.php/Main\\_Page](http://geniimagazine.com/wiki/index.php/Main_Page)

*“During World War II cards were produced that, when submerged in water, could be peeled apart and both halves had a map on the inside. When all the cards were put together it made a large map. These were supplied to POWs so if they escaped they would have a map.”*

United States Playing Card Company  
A Brief History of Playing Cards

<http://www.usplayingcard.com/gamerules/briefhistory.html>

Which magicians have you seen, or are aware of, that have used Jerry Nugget's Casino playing cards with their unique design. What is unusual about their makeup? Dia Vernon, Larry Jennings, Ed Marlo and Lee Asher have been known to use them. The Classic Jerry's Nugget Playing Cards

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jerry's\\_Nugget\\_playing\\_cards](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jerry's_Nugget_playing_cards)

Find in the VMC Library: Roger Tilley, A History of Playing Cards (1973) Playing cards; Italian, Spanish, German, English, Russian and French as well as examples from a collection in the British Museum.

## **Cards as Currency**

Cards in Canada were used as currency in the late 1600s. The colonial French Governor's signature and a monetary value would be written on each playing card to institute a form of currency. Canada's Playing Card Money

*“A historical parabola on inflation and deficit spending”*

Palaimon Cards

<http://www.palaimoncards.com/playing-cards-history/>

Canada's Playing Card Money

<http://www.micheloud.com/FXM/MH/canada.htm>

Andy's Playing cards-Links

[http://a\\_pollett.tripod.com/cardlink.htm](http://a_pollett.tripod.com/cardlink.htm)



There are eleven cards in a card deck that have a common spelling relationship. The answer and a couple of effects called *Eleven Speller* and *Lucky Dozen* can be found in our members library.

Find in the VMC Library: “Beginner’s Guide to Magic” by Walter B. Gibson (1979) An effect that can be repeated several times, but when the volunteer tries they will not be able to match your talents.

Find in the VMC Library: “Card Tricks” by Harry Baron (1977)

Left over on my Desktop last March  
**magicseen**

A very successful and relatively new magic periodical from the United Kingdom, recently featured a two part interview on one of our members, Canadian magician Shawn Farquhar. This magazine is now available at Chapters book stores or on line at [www.magicseen.co.uk](http://www.magicseen.co.uk)

British Periodical, Magicseen, *Issue no. 23, Vol. 5, No. 4*, 2008 Shawn Farquhar, “On Top Of The World”

British Periodical, Magicseen, *Issue no. 24, Vol. 4, No. 6*, Jan. 2009 Shawn Farquhar, “The Miracle Worker”

*National Library of Australia,*

This site, Picture Australia has 670 historic photos of magicians some that have obtained recognition or visited Australia in earlier times. Type in “Magicians” in their search box.

<http://www.pictureaustralia.org>

The Tony Slydini article in the New York Times (March 27, 2009) received so many favourable replies, that Dick Cavett did a follow up (April 15, 2009) with another video clip. “Conjuring Slydini” part 2

<http://cavett.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/04/10/conjuring-slydini-part-2/>

Incase you missed the first one here it is again.

“Conjuring Slydini” part 1

<http://cavett.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/03/27/conjuring-slydini/?scp=3&sq=cavett&st=cse>

The library will be operated by request. Contact Ed Silva-White if you would like to borrow a DVD and Ed will bring your selection in, if available.





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## **Jay Sankey's Trick of the Month "BLOWN AWAY"**



There's an old adage that says,

**"Make the spectator the star of the effect."**

I kept that great advice in mind when developing this lethal moment of magic.

**It's strong in both close-up and stand-up situations.**

### **The Effect:**

Hearing that someone is celebrating a birthday, the Magician reaches into his jacket and removes a small birthday candle. He then leads the group in a verse of "Happy Birthday"

Near the end of the song, the magician lights the candle. At the end of the song, the magician extends the candle towards the spectator and, the moment she blows out the candle..  
...it vanishes!

### **Method:**

A match-pull gimmick & the candle is on a pull.  
Sooo simple!!! and it instantly resets!!

I found a small metal cap in which a 2-inch birthday cake candle fits perfectly. Then I just drilled a tiny hole in the cap and fed a 8-inch length of thin, black elastic through the hole. I knotted one end of the elastic, pulled it tight into the cap and tied a safety pin to the other end of the elastic. Push the bottom end of the candle into the cap (it should be a tight fit) and then pin the elastic inside your jacket (on your right side) with the candle dangling down. Clip the match-pull inside your jacket on the right side as well.

[www.sankeymagic.com](http://www.sankeymagic.com)



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 **Jay Sankey's Trick of the Month "BLOWN AWAY"**



Once you discover that one of the spectator's is celebrating a birthday, grab the edge of the right side of your jacket with your right fingers and reach into your jacket with your free left hand.

Pull the candle out of your jacket and take it between the right fingers singing "Happy Birthday" and when everyone else joins in and you are near the end of the song, reach into your jacket with your free left fingers and pull out

the lit match.

This charming moment of magic often gets a nice reaction and is a perfect lead into the vanishing of the candle.

Light the candle with the match.

Blow out the match and drop it to the floor.

Lean towards the spectator with the candle and a beat AFTER they blow it out, open your right hand in a dramatic fashion and let it fly back into your jacket.

Killer moment. Great theatre.

**NOTES:** Once you find out about the birthday, try to position yourself so that the spectator is on your left. That way, when you extend the candle towards the spectator, you will have to turn to your left and your right hand and arm will continue to provide the perfect cover for the pull.

It's best to wait a beat or two after the spectator blows out the candle before you release it because the wax will have already begun to harden. That's also why you should only light the candle near the very end of the song. Less melted wax to end up on your shirt or lining of your jacket.

Just in case, I always wear a dark, easily washed shirt when performing this effect. You will have to play around with the exact position of the pull and the length of the elastic to find what is best for you.

If you don't own a match-pull, you can easily buy one from most magic shops or make one with a bulldog clip and a couple of small pieces of sandpaper.

But I find the ones I have bought for a few bucks at a magic shop work the best.

[www.sankeymagic.com](http://www.sankeymagic.com)





[www.magictrick.com/store/](http://www.magictrick.com/store/)

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## Hey Fellow Magi, Murray Here!!

Welcome to the month of May.

A wonderful month filled with (hopefully) beautiful weather,

the annual parade, and of course...**magic!**

Those of you who were unable to attend the recent lecture by Mathew Johnson and Christopher Taylor will undoubtedly have heard by now what a great lecture you missed.

You'll be happy to know that we were able to get a selection of DVD's and effects from Mathew at better prices than you'll see anywhere. These include;

### THE SECRET ART OF MONKEY BUSINESS



This long awaited DVD from the Creator of Color Blind, Six and Stabbed In The Pack, offers up to 7 Commercial Routines, with Bonus Routines and more!

### THE SECRET ART OF MONKEY BUSINESS 2

Matthew Johnson is back in this highly anticipated sequel to his best selling DVD "The Secret Art of Monkey Business"

Get ready for even more commercial & creative

close-up magic that is always ready to go!



### BLACK I'S

- Black I's is set to become an instant classic of close-up magic. It has everything you could use in a close up routine. Magic, comedy, it's commercial and it instantly resets! Matthew Johnson takes the classic sponge ball plot and turns it on its head with the aid of four very funny sponge letter I's. You can only imagine the jokes that ensue in this fully scripted routine.

The routine ends with the spectator catching...yep, you guessed it ... PINK I!



## 53 On 1 Card by Daryl

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This is a single, poker size, red Bicycle Rider backed card that is 100% perfect in every detail! These cards have been expertly printed exclusively by the U.S. Playing Card Company. (This is NOT a poorly copied novelty card that has been cheaply silk-screened etc. onto a piece of blank playing card stock.)

## COLOR BLIND



The Magician starts by removing a red deck from a red card case. After the jokers are removed and placed on the table the magician proceeds to show that all of the cards have red backs.

A card is selected and then lost back in the deck.

First the deck changes color from red to blue, that is except for the spectator's card which is now the only red card in a blue deck. Then the spectator's card changes from red to blue.

Secondly the two jokers that were placed on the table before the deck changed color are shown to have red backs. In a SNAP the jokers also turn blue.

Finally the magician explains that he cannot put the blue cards in a red box... It would not look right. As he says this the card case changes from red to blue!

The cards are placed back in the case and now you are instantly reset and ready to perform the whole routine again!

Color Blind is visual magic at its best and comes complete with the special Card case, necessary gimmick and a DVD showing the performance and explanation.



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# Stuff Jack Sends Me!

With Jack Poulter



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This is a link to a video of Lennart Green performing in his inimitable style. After watching him some people consider never doing card magic again!

The whole video takes just over 30 minutes to run.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1\\_oa8m5Oq00](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_oa8m5Oq00)

**Jack Poulter**  
**On an Island in the Pacific**  
**e-mail: [jpoulter@islandnet.com](mailto:jpoulter@islandnet.com)**  
**Success depends on attention to detail!**

News Worthy



## Magic Therapy

Ron Bell has just completed teaching a seven week course in *Magic Therapy* at the Eric Martin Pavilion.

A one hour session each week, with between five and nine clients. Its very interesting and very challenging, teaching people with mental health afflictions.

This is Ron's adaptation of *David Copperfield's, Project Magic* and *the Spencer's, Healing of Magic*.

Anyone wishing to know more about *Magic Therapy* should contact Ron.

[bellron@shaw.ca](mailto:bellron@shaw.ca)



## **2009 Midwest Magic Jubilee in St. Louis, MO**

We just wanted to let you know of the SPECIAL OFFER for the 2009 Midwest Magic Jubilee in St. Louis, MO.

This year the Jubilee will be Aug 13 - 15 2009 at the St. Louis Airport Hilton Hotel.

We have a great line up of performers and celebrity registrants. I guess that is why they call it the ...

### **“Convention Where the Stars Meet!”**

There will be 11 great lectures, 3 fantastic evening shows, 2 outstanding close up shows, a stage contest, close-up contest, 15 unbelievable dealers and more fun than should be legal. It is one of the best conventions of the year.

OK what is the special deal, I mentioned. Well there are actually two of them. For a limited time, the registration rate is only \$145.

In addition to that low rate, with your paid registration you will receive a FREE REGISTRATION for your spouse!

We had such a great response to our pre-registration offer that included the free spouse registration, we decided to extend it until April 30, 2009. Youth registrants are only \$75 until April 30, 2009. So there isn't much time left before the prices increase.

Check out our website at [www.MMJubilee.com](http://www.MMJubilee.com) for all the information on Talent, Contests, Lectures and online Registration! Please note that the room rate at the St Louis Airport Hilton of \$79 is for a limited quantity. Hope to see you there.

