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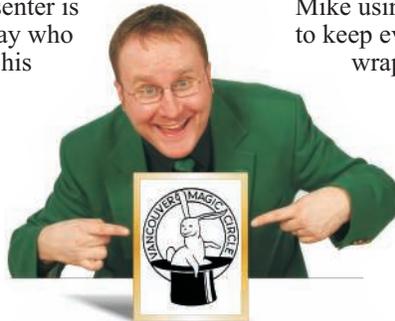
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS RING 92

affiliated with the
PACIFIC COAST ASSOCIATION OF MAGICIANS

April Meeting: SCAMPER and Gimmicked Decks!

The next meeting of IBM Ring 92 will take place on Thursday April 27, 2006 at the Sunrise Community hall at 1950 Windermere Street in Vancouver. Doors will open at 6:30 and workshop will start at 7.

This month's workshop presenter is Clinton W. Gray who will introduce his SCAMPER technique of creative discovery. This is a system Clinton developed six years ago to create



Clinton W. Gray will present lecture at 7 pm.

new magical effects and original routines. During the workshop, he will demonstrate and explain many of these effects, to better illustrate the seven steps of **SCAMPERing!**

The business portion of the meeting will start at 8:00pm. With Mike using his cattle prod and whip to keep everyone in line, we should wrap that up very quickly.

Refreshments will follow the meeting and from there we'll move into the heavily contested competition for the Charles Howard Trophy. This will be awarded to the individual with the best effect using Gimmick Cards not exceeding

the time limit of 10 minutes. If you would like to register as one of the competitors, please contact our Trophy Chairman Walter Ruteck at walter.ruteck@ibming92.com or phone him at (604) 591-1930.

David Copperfield New Member!

April started out with a shock this year. Our amazing President, Mike Norden, sent out an email with some fantastic news! It would seem that Mike's brother in law is a realtor and had the pleasure of renting out a house to a magician who was filming a part in a movie over the next few months. He was able to introduce Mike to this person, who in turn wanted to come to our next meeting and do a mini-lecture. To top it off Mike was able to sign him up for 3 years as a member! Who was this amazing magician?! The email said you had to visit the website to find out - so many of you did. Only to discover it was none other than the great David Copperfield!!!

The membership went wild! The emails came flooding in, and phone started ringing! David Wilson wanted the food catered for the next meeting and Glen LaBarre was researching Copperfield's favorite foods on the net! Matthew Johnson was on cloud nine, and David Murdoch was inviting everyone under the sun to the meeting. Gary Savard was ecstatic... until his wife pointed out what day it was - APRIL FOOLS! Over 20 of you fell hard for the practical joke, while others guessed pretty quick - Like 10 year-old Jesse Boyes who emailed Mike to let him know that Mr. Copperfield would be dining at his house the night before the meeting...just in case they might be late.

March Magical Madness

Ring #92's March 23rd general meeting kicked off with another installment of "Who's Trick is It Anyway?" This time, the popular magic themed mock game show was hosted by Mike Norden and Gary Savard, who doled out some new and entertaining magical tasks to contestants Cameron Fisk, Chris Pataki, Jonathan Hamilton, Jack Bastow, Juan Garcia, Dave Watters, Trevor Watters, & Jesse Boyes.

The business meeting started early



Jens Henriksen (l) watches closely as Chris Pataki unlocks his coin from the box.



Jesse Boyes (r) chops Chris Pataki's finger

with new President Mike Norden banging the gavel at 7:47 to sound the start of his first time chairing a club meeting. It was an information packed session in which Mike shared with the membership his many ideas & plans for the year, including a VMC open house, a free lecture, fundraising ideas, charity work, new apparel items, a membership drive, and more.

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While the business meeting was unfolding, tantalizing aromas filled the air, quaffing out from the kitchen where Marcia & Juan Garcia were busy cooking up some of their specialties for the refreshment break. When the business meeting broke, they were ready for the crowd with a table full of tantalizing treats among which were chicken fingers, pork ribs, veggies & dip, nachos & salsa, cinnamon twist rolls, coffee, and orange juice.



Ray Rock does flim flam Eric Lenz gets spongey

During the socializing that followed some members stopped by the head table to pick up their new membership recognition pins they had not received yet. Proudly displaying their new hardware were Byron Chong, Juan Garcia, Jens Henriksen, Glen LaBarre, Eric Lenz, & Ray Roch.

As everyone was getting settled in for the evenings feature magical entertainment, a lucky ticket was drawn for the 50/50 draw. Claiming the cash pot prize of \$50.50 was a jovial Ray Roch (who said "he never wins"... Ya, right Ray). *A War of the Worlds* DVD, donated by Mike Norden, was the consolation prize won by David Hamil.



Walter Rutek's tissue top hat Zig-Zag Rocky by Dave Watters

For all members signed up to receive the Club's newsletter via e-mail, a special \$20.00 cash draw was won by Thomas Jono.

It was then full speed ahead with our annual Past President's and ONE TRICK NIGHT, the evening where everyone gets a chance to shine by showing a little something from their repertoire.

Leading off the pack for the Past Presidents was Gary Savard (2000), doing a match book trick with help of Guest Emily Garcia; then David Wilson (1981,1992 & 2003) did the old Pee & Shell Game

that ended with an 8 ball under each shell; David Watters (2002), presented a Mini Zig Zag illusion that used Rocky the Raccoon; and Mike Norden (Current President) did an Invisible card prediction.



Frank does Multum in Patak Dennis Hewson knots a rope

Members that participated in O.T.N. (in order of appearance) were: Craig Prystay doing an Elmsley Count effect he calls "Hell if I know"; Dennis Chan made an origami magic card box for Glen LaBarre; Jesse Boyes, our newest Junior member did a finger chopper effect on a brave Chris Pataki; Munro MacKenzie did the *Princess Card Trick*; Claus Ritter showed his version of *Leap of Las Vegas*; David Hamel did the elevator card trick; Walter Rutek with a clever torn and restored tissue paper to rabbit from top hat; Chris Pataki did a coin transfer to a locked box; Cameron Fisk did some trained card miracles including an Ace of Spades production; Trevor Watters vanished an elephant, yes ...really!; Frank Pataki demonstrated a very nice *Multum in Parvo* with beer & finishing with a large stein; Jens Henriksen did a knotty straw effect; Ray Roch did a Flim Flam Man effect; Reg Donnelly showed a *Horse of a Different Color*; Eric Lenz did a sponge ball effect that finished with the ball turning into a rabbit; Joji Yamashita found Emily Garcia's 10 of spades that was lost in the pack; Jack Mellor presented an old time delight, a *Cups and Balls* routine to rhyming chatter; Dennis Hewson did a rope effect that finished with him pulling the knots off the rope and giving them away; Richard Whittington performed a *Daryl Fooler Dooler*; Jamie D. Grant (newest member) performed a signature transposition with cards; Thomas Jono found guest Dawn Jones (a.k.a. Cupcake) 4 of spades written in ashes on his arm; Glen LaBarre tried for a miracle using cards but missed, claiming a hang nail was the culprit; Rod Chow did money magic with a restored and increasing bill; Jonathan Hamilton (guest) did a blue deck, red deck effect; and Past President Juan Garcia (1990) who had been occupied in the kitchen earlier, finished off the evening with a trick from his brother in South Africa, the *Garcia Card Trick Prediction*.

38 members and 5 guests enjoyed an entertaining and magical March meeting.

Reported by David Wilson

Hey Clinton,
 Can you put the following
 details into a cool flyer
 with graphic etc. for the
 "OPEN HOUSE"? Thanx,
 Mike.

What: Vancouver Magic Circle Open House
When: Saturday, June 10, 2006 from 12 pm - 4 pm
Where: Sunrise Community Hall
Who: This a get-together for all the magic community and we encourage you to invite all your friends, bring your family, kids, siblings - bring everyone! It will be a reunion as we are inviting all our past members too!
Why: It will be like no event we have ever held & there will be:

- ✓ Competition - it's a secret!
- ✓ Games and 'Magic Sports'
- ✓ Face Painting
- ✓ Lots of \$\$\$ in Door Prizes!
- ✓ IBM Ring 92 Apparel
hats, lanyards, pins, pens & more!
- ✓ Magic Trick Demos
- ✓ Magic Wand Degrees (*contact Walter*)
- ✓ Our new **Information Booth**
- ✓ Balloon Twisting
- ✓ **Clowin'-Around & Party Empire**
- ✓ Concession Food Stand!
BBQ, pop, chips,
- ✓ TONS of fun!

How: Please RSVP to rsvp@ibmring92.com
 or call 604-476-1577

Sorry Mike.
 I didn't have time to
 do this.
 Maybe next month.
 Cheers,
 Clint

Magic Moments in Time

Reviewed by Mike Norden and Clinton W. Gray

Ted and Marion Outerbridge's, *Magical Moments in Time* comedy and illusion show came to Maple Ridge last month. Performing professionally since 1983, Outerbridge has delighted audiences in over 100 cities coast to coast, and has been featured in theatres on both sides of the Atlantic. Based in Montreal, the Outerbridges have done everything from making Fortune 500 executives appear to

creating the magic for Kathleen Turner and Christopher Reeves in Tri-Star Pictures' *Switching Channels*.

A number of members of the Vancouver Magic Circle attended the show which played to a decent sized audience and was filled with illusions based on time and clocks. Some very interesting ideas were employed and the show had a great flow. Audience participation was included and

Ted did a great effect with a youngsters shoe... burnt it to a crisp!



Ted Outerbridge performs *Linking Rings and Snow*

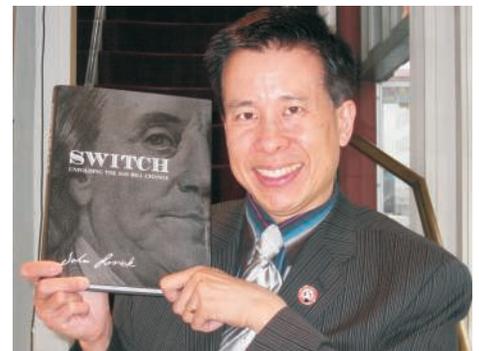
The show featured an amazing ending, where Ted was securely bound in a straitjacket and put into a shadow style box. He could be seen moving around and pushing on the fabric walls until the last second - and then the walls came down and he was standing at the back of the theatre! Great illusion!

Present for the show were Lori Farquhar, Trevor Watters and Lorena, Cameron Fisk, and Mike Norden.

Rod Chow featured in new book

Rod Chow is one of the feature contributors in the new book titled "SWITCH - Unfolding the \$100 Bill Change" written by John Lovick and published by Murphy's Magic Supplies.

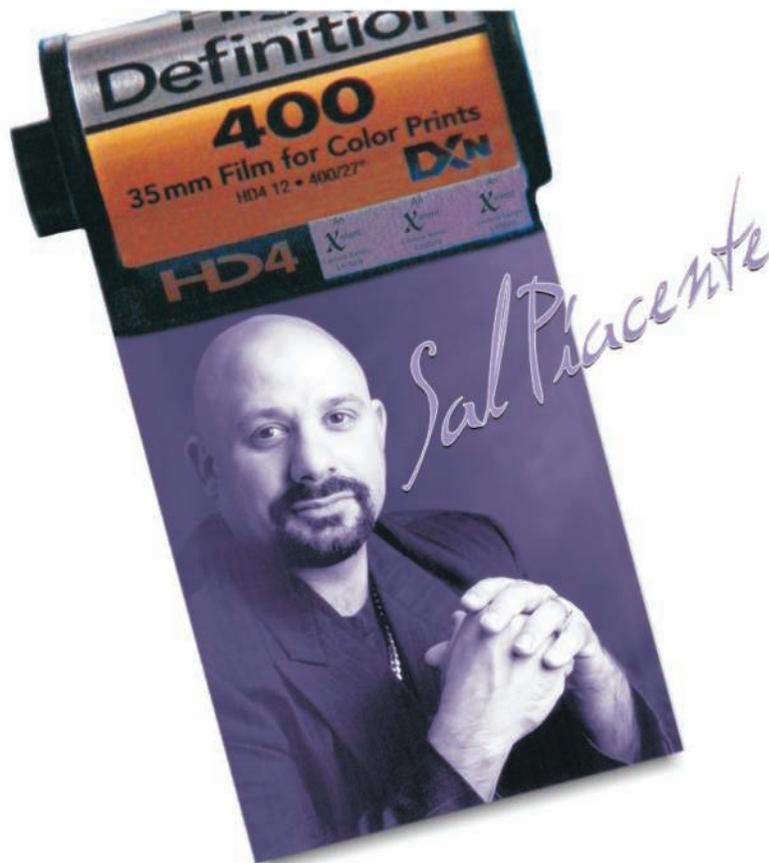
This is a large format hard cover book, in the works for several years, and covering virtually every aspect of the bill change, by the inventor and many famous names in magic. Rod is, of course, well known in the VMC for his unique Money Magic, and four of Rod's original bill change and production techniques are detailed here for the first time, in 17 pages with 55 step by step illustrations.



Rod Chow holds new book, *SWITCH*, which includes 17 pages of his routines.

IBM Ring #92 The Vancouver Magic Circle

PRESENTS



DO YOU HAVE A PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY?

... WANT ONE?

**Friday, June 2nd
7:30pm**

Room 2203, Douglas College
700 Royal Avenue
New Westminister, BC

Ring # 92 members: \$20 Advanced / \$25 Door

Non members: \$25 Advanced / \$30 Door

Reserve your seat by calling David Wilson at (604) 467-7887

President's Perspective

Hello Ring #92

As you might have noticed about me, I am very interested in making the general membership feel appreciated for what they do, and for just being a member. To me the saying 'Membership has its Privileges' should ring true with this club!

That was my goal with the Membership Appreciation Awards, and now I have pushed the envelope even further. We are putting on a FREE lecture. Yes, free. It is Friday, July 7th, 2006. For more information, see *Tidbits from the Top Hat*. I think you all deserve it. But remember, it is only open to the first 100 people who pre-register!

On top of that we are having our first 'Open House'. Again, I want to welcome current, new, old and potential members to come visit us and have a good time. I am looking for some volunteers to help out for this event and it will be one you won't want to miss!

I am also into helping others - individually and as a club. I started this by organizing the Bowl for Big Brothers this year and raising \$1,910 for the cause. I am going to follow this up with a 'Balloon-A-Thon for Hunger' during the summer and a 'Magicians for Cancer' in October, for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. I hope you will be a part of this with me.

My energy for ideas and fun are only fueled by the membership. You are what makes this club so great. Come out to our new functions and mingle with everyone. Talk to that person you have not talked to before. Re-ignite an old friendship. Share the gift of magic with a child. We have so much to offer and we are only limited by our imagination.

I look forward to the year ahead, with members like you.

Mike Norden
President

2005 Ring #92 Roster Updates

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WEB CORNER

Mike Norden

Wow, we have a lot of updates for you this month! First off - there are over 400 NEW pictures in the photo gallery. The pages are now sorted by year and 2005 has tons of photos. On one of the pictures on the site it says, "You are a winner!" on the description of the picture. Email me what picture it is and you might win something big!

We have 18 new sponsors! Please check out their ad banners on each page and visit their sites. They are the sole reason we have a top notch website AND some of them are going to be donating door prizes, giving discounts and more!

Over the next few months I will be one of the judges for this years IBM Website of the Year - we will see who compares to our award-winning site. On another note - I was asked to re-do the IBM site itself! Alas, I do not have the time for this project, but I am very honoured to have been asked.

We have added a *Lectures* page on the site so you can view upcoming lectures and click on past lectures and view photos or read the write up in the newsletters. We also changed the *merchandise* page to *payments* as a few people found it difficult to find where to pay their dues. Hope that helps!

We are also giving EVERYONE an ibmring92.com email address. This way we always know what each other's email address is! It will be your first name, then a '.' followed by your last name - example: first.lastname@ibmring92.com. We will forward all the emails to your existing email address listed in the roster book. You don't have to do anything - except let us know when you change your email address! :)

Mike Norden is Ring 92's webmaster. He was recently contacted by David Copperfield to completely redesign davidcopperfield.com. Way to go, Mike!

WWW.IBMRING92.COM

Children's Magician Competition

Tickets for the Vancouver Magic Circle's 2006 Children's Magician of the Year Show are on sale NOW! This popular event has been a sellout the last number of years, so don't be disappointed, buy your tickets early before they up and vanish. All seats are only \$7.00 each. The sale of advertising has also begun for the C.M.O.T.Y. souvenir show program book.

Advertising prices are: full page \$60.00, half page \$35.00, Business card \$12.00. Contact David Wilson at 604-467-7887 to reserve your ad space. If you would like to become one of the competitors for the Children's Magician of the Year, please contact competition chairman Walter Ruteck at 604-591-1930. Deadline for competition entry is May 1st.

SPONSORSPOTLIGHT

MAGIC DEPOT - WWW.MAGIC.ORG

What a sponsor we have for you this month! One of our new sponsors for 2006, Aaron from Magic Depot has gone all out to please our club. He is donating \$100 in gift certificates for our April meetings as well as 10% to all members!

Canada is viewed as domestic on The Magic Depot web site, eligible for all U.S. discounts and shipping charges. And their new 3000 square

foot creative headquarters and second showroom is opening this month in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Here are a few words from Aaron:
"Ladies and gentlemen of Ring

92! Aaron Smith here from The Magic Depot at magic.org! Visit my web site for more than 4000 magic tricks, books, DVDs, accessories, and supplies. Write **RING 92 10% OFF** in the comments box during the checkout process, and I'll deduct a full 10% off your order!"

Thanks Aaron! Visit www.magic.org and see what it's all about!



TIDBITS FROM THE TOP HAT

CONJURORS' CALENDAR

The electronic newsletter is getting a lot of attention! Not only do you receive it earlier, save paper and money, and get it in colour - but also you could win \$20! Thomas Jono knows all about this as he won the loot at the last meeting. Up for grabs this meeting is a \$20 gift certificate from Magic Depot. If you have already signed up then you are entered into the draw - if you have not signed up....why not?! You can win \$\$\$\$! Email the Webmaster to get on the list.

Dave Womach has just signed a 2-year contract with the *SandCastle* in Saipan. He will be performing 2 shows nightly, 6 days a week - that is 1,176 shows in the next 2 years! Dave, already a big name in the magic community, is moving up the chain faster than you can say hocus-pocus! We wish Dave all the best in his new endeavor! Check him out at:

<http://www.davewomach.com>

If you would like to do your Magic Wand Degree, the Picnic or the Open House is the perfect opportunity to get it done! Email Walter Ruteck and he'll ensure everything is set up for you.

Fellow entertainer and friend to many Ring #92 members, DON NELSON and his alter ego "HELLO THE CLOWN" passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 1st. God must have a tremendous sense of humor. What other day would GOD and "Hello" choose to raise Don to his eternal rest place than April Fools Day. A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, April 15 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Andrews United Church in Maple Ridge.

"Hello" wanted his memorial to be one of laughter and joy - and all who attend were asked to wear their full entertainers costume and to bring helium-filled balloon(s). One cannot be sad walking into a funeral carrying a balloon!

Our condolences to all his family and friends.

We have a **Special Event Lecture July 7th**. This is very special and important news for our members. We want to make sure you get every penny worth from your membership dues. We want you to feel like a valued member of this club - and each and every one of you are. To show our appreciation for the work you all do, and for just being a member we are providing all our members with a free lecture.

Yes, a FREE LECTURE! We are inviting all our members out for Friday, July 7, 2006 for a lecture by Justin Miller. Don't know of him? Well you should! He is a rising star in the magic world and we are lucky to be able to book him.

We are inviting all our past members to join us for this special event - so we are limiting this to the first 100 people who RSVP to rsvp@ibmring92.com. Do you think that is a crazy number of people?! Well, we have 150 members and we have mailed out over 110 tickets to guests and former members....you do the math! Email NOW to reserve your FREE seat!

The Annual Summer Picnic has been set - Sunday July 30th at the Band shell in Queens Park, New Westminister. Come with the whole family. There will be food, games, food, prizes, food, contests, magic wand degrees...and did we mention food?! Dave Watters is the heading up the committee for the picnic so if you want to volunteer, help out, or just let us know you are coming then give him a jingle or email him at dave.watters@ibmring92.com

We are entering into a few parades in the next few months - like the May Day Parade in Port Coquitlam on May 13th and the Mountain Festival in Maple Ridge on May 6th. Stop by to see us if you're out-n-about. If you would like to participate in the parades please email parades@ibmring92.com

the monthly guide to magic & events in our community

Saturday, April 15th, 2006 - 7pm

IBM Ring #339 - Lynnwood, WA
The North West Ring Of Fire presents

SMOKE & MIRRORS

Everett Theater, 2911 Colby Ave., Everett, WA
Tickets are \$8-\$12 (US)

Box office: 425-258-6766

www.everetttheatre.org

April 20th, 21st, 22nd - 7 pm

April 22nd, 23rd - 1 pm

Theatrix Presents the play

MAGIC! - STARRING CAMERON FISK

Maple Ridge Arts Centre & Theatre (The ACT)

For tickets visit theactmapleridge.org

Friday, April 21st, 2006 - 7:30 pm

the Vancouver Magic Circle presents

A LECTURE BY PATRICK PAGE

Room #2203 - Douglas College

700 Royal Avenue, New Westminister, BC

Reserve your seat by calling 604-467-7887

Thursday, April 27th, 2006

I.B.M. Ring #92 the Vancouver Magic Circle

APRIL MEETING

Gimmick Card Night - Charles Howard Trophy

6:30 pm Doors

7:00 pm Clinton W Gray workshop

8:00 pm Business Meeting

9:00 ish Competition

Fri, May 19th & Sat, May 20th, 2006

Stan Kramien's 19th Annual

N.W. MAGIC JAMBOREE

Big Top Ranch, Newberg, Oregon, U.S.A.

Thursday, May 25th, 2006

I.B.M. Ring #92 the Vancouver Magic Circle

MAY MEETING

Close Up Night - H.B. MacLean Trophy (Adult)

Dick Gardener Trophy (Juniors)

Sunday, May 28th, 2006 - 1 pm

Ring #92 the Vancouver Magic Circle presents

2006 CHILDREN'S MAGICIAN OF THE YEAR

Studio Theatre @ the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts - 6450 Deer Lake Avenue, Burnaby, BC

Tickets available by calling 604-467-7887

Friday, June 2, 2006 - 7:30 pm

the Vancouver Magic Circle presents

A LECTURE BY SAL PIACENTE

Room #2203 - Douglas College

700 Royal Avenue, New Westminister, BC

Reserve your seat by calling 604-467-7887

Saturday, June 10th, 2006 - 12 pm to 4 pm

the Vancouver Magic Circle presents

1ST ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE!

Sunrise Community Hall, 1950 Windermere St.

Free for all members, past members and

guests...bring everyone!

For more info, see the flyer in this newsletter.