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# Vancouver Magic Circle

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS – RING 92

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2011 Vancouver Magic Circle – IBM Ring 92

## **2011 INSTALLATION BANQUET AND COMEDY NIGHT COMPETITION**

A regular February meeting was not held and the 2011 Installation Banquet was held in its place. The event took place at Lafflines Comedy Club in downtown New Westminster on Sunday February 27<sup>th</sup>. The club was closed to the public, so we had it as a private club. Thirty-nine people attended. Numbers were way down this year as we had a heavy snow fall overnight and the Academy Awards were on. Apparently there were 40 stairs to climb, but I discovered only twenty-seven and was able to make the climb on my own! I arrived by taxi at the same time as our president and his wife so he was able to get some club stalwarts to carry up my walker.

The evening commenced with Past President Shawn Farquhar, World Champion, swearing in the 2011 VMC Executive. Next the Magic Wand award was presented to Mike Norden, Gord Boyes, Jesse Boyes, Bruce Meyers and Rosalind Chan. Earning this award requires the completion of a satisfactory fifteen minute performance at a public gathering. (continued on page 2)

## The Magical Minutes

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Thank you for the opportunity to edit the Magical Minutes! Please be sure to send me any articles, comment and ideas for future issues of YOUR newsletter!

Jill Braybrooke, Editor

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**2011 INSTALLATION BANQUET AND COMEDY NIGHT COMPETITION**

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The David Culos Memorial Trophy for the Golden Rabbit Award was hotly contested but Mr. Every Guy, Dennis Chan, our affable librarian won. It was presented by David's Dad. The President's Award went to Mike Norden, a very deserving choice. The Executive picture was taken followed by the 2011 VMC club picture (no glasses please, I want to see eyes). The final award, the Website of Excellence award, went to Rod Chow.

Jonathan Hamilton M.C. introduced the Junior Magicians. The Rick Honey Comedy Trophy had two contestants, Jack Chow ably assisting his brother Nicholas as the "Boy Who Knew All" (what great costumes!) followed by Billy Hsueh, with help, who did some great card moves. Nicholas won.

The adults Cecil Ackery Comedy Trophy competition was led by Bruce Meyers who was drumming from East Africa. The room vibrated with rhythm; unfortunately he went WAY overtime. Next was Gord Boyes, followed by Mike Norden, then Rod Chow resplendent in a silver suit, black shirt, red tie and black patent shoes. He could have won on costume but he did a funny routine with a restored \$20.00 bill and won.

The 50/50 draw of \$59.50 was won by Henry Tom while Mr.Culos's donation of a prime bottle of scotch went to a deserving soul. The evening was enjoyed with a great buffet and great entertainment!

Submitted by  
Munro MacKenzie  
Ring 92 Reporter



**Dennis Chan receives the David Culos Golden Rabbit Award**



**Wand Holder Degree Award Winners**



**Kramien Award Nominees and Winner Mike Norden**

**COMPETITION CORNER**

This month’s competition was for the Rick Honey and Cecil Ackery trophies for Comedy Magic. The juniors took to the stage first and warmed up the small but vocal crowd with performances from Nicolas Chow and Billy Hseuh. Both performers mystified the crowd and added their own unique comedy touches to their routines. Nicholas was eventually declared the winner; congratulations Nicholas Chow. The adults headed to the stage next with hilarious performances from Bruce Myers, Mike Norden, Gord Boyes and Rod Chow. After Bruce invoked “Myers’ Law” and was disqualified for going overtime, the eventual winner was declared to be.... Rod Chow. Congratulations to Rod, and all of our performers for providing great entertainment for our installation banquet.

Submitted by  
 Bryn Williams  
 Awards and Competition Chair  
 2nd Vice-President VMC

**Award Winners**

Golden Rabbit- Dennis Chan  
 Kramien Award- Mike Norden

President’s Award- Mike Norden  
 Murray Award- Gord Boyes

Website Award- Rod Chow

Magic Wand Degrees- Bruce Myers, Rosalind Chan, Gord Boyes, Jessie Boyes, Mike Norden

Helping Hands- Marcia Garcia, Georgina Hunt, Jill Braybrooke, Brian Carlson, Don Carlson, Ann Carlson, Cathy Watters and Mr. Williams

Congratulations to all of this year’s award winners!

## **INTRODUCING THE 2011 EXECUTIVE**



### **2011 VMC – IBM Ring 92 Executive**

I to r: Mike Norden, Gord Boyes, Bruce Hunt, Bryn Williams, Alex Seaman  
(missing from photo – Jill Braybrooke)

Well folks – it looks like we have dusted off a copy of the Bylaws and Constitution! It has resurfaced after years of hiding and we have found out that we made a few errors at the last AGM. So – we are going to be calling a SPECIAL General Meeting right before our regular meeting in April. So this will serve as the first notice:

### **APRIL 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING – First Notice**

We will be re-voting on the Special Resolutions that were voted on in the January 2011 AGM. It would seem that we have to give at least 15 days' notice. So we are giving 2 months' notice this time.

Here are the special resolutions we will be voting on again:

1. Whereas the Vancouver Magic Circle roster book is expensive; therefore be it resolved that the roster book be printed every 2 years, starting with 2010 edition.
2. Whereas the Vancouver Magic Circle roster book will now be printed every two years; therefore be it resolved that dues be collected for 2 year membership terms, starting with 2012.
3. Whereas the Vancouver Magic Circle will be saving money with printing the roster book every two years; therefore be it resolved that the dues be set at \$60 for two years for regular membership and \$40 for two years for senior/junior/out of town membership;

And be it further resolved that members must be in good standing at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and dues paid by Jan 31 of that year for your name to be included in the current roster. (cont. on page 5)

4. Whereas the Vancouver Magic Circle roster book will now be printed every two years and the Executive is listed in the roster book for their terms of office;

Therefore be it resolved that all terms of office be held for duration of 2 years;

And be it further resolved that elections will be held in the even numbered years, starting with the 2012 election;

And be it further resolved that the President not be able to serve consecutive terms.

5. Whereas the elections are stated in the bylaws to be held every year at the AGM and it further states that nominations are to be held the night of, and now that the elections will happen every 2 years starting with the 2012 elections: Therefore be it resolved that the nominations for the Executive will be open for the 2 meetings prior to the AGM and closed off by Dec 31st of the year.

And be it further resolved that nominations will not be allowed the night of elections.

## **President's Message**

Greetings to all!

Well, here we are into 2011 with a brand new/old executive. Most of the time there are no real "new" faces in the group that organize and direct all of our meetings, special events and finances of the VMC, just a reshuffling of the deck. To bring in all new people would be a disaster – you have to blend the old with the new so that everyone can do their job properly (and know what to do!), and if disaster strikes, we can rely on those who have done it in the past to help get it fixed.

This year we have a brand new Treasurer - Jill Braybrooke, and Sgt. at Arms - Alex Seaman. Alex and Jill have shown that they are the right people for the job and have the dedication and knowledge to propel the Vancouver Magic Circle forward and hopefully move up the ranks in the near future. Remember, your executive, directors, and those we depend on for their special talents (such as Rod Chow who is our stage manager and sound person at all of our stage events, and John Smithman for his photographic skill) are all volunteers and spend many hours out of their free time meeting, putting together newsletters and rosters, organizing events, and a huge amount of other jobs no sane person would volunteer for,..... all for your benefit. I can tell you now that 2010 was a very good year for the VMC with many successful events, and this year will be no exception! Our line-up of lecturers is incredible, and the fact that we are hosting the combined PCAM/CAM convention in July (are you registered yet?) is really exciting! To make all of our events a great success, there is one more ingredient in the mix we must have ....YOU! Although our executive and directors is an exceptional bunch, they can't do everything by themselves, and need your help. It is your club, and to get the most out of it we can't have people just showing up and leaving afterwards for every occasion without any input. Please ask what you can do to help out and support the VMC, otherwise we are just a bunch of people milling around wanting someone to pick a card!

If you have any questions, messages, or just want to talk, please call me at 604-591-9353, or email me at [magicguy@shaw.ca](mailto:magicguy@shaw.ca)

Magically,

Bruce Hunt  
President 2011  
The Vancouver Magic Circle  
IBM Ring #92

# TIDBITS

Welcome our NEW editor for the newsletter, Jill Braybrooke! She is our newest member, and the new Treasurer, and a new wife! Wow! Welcome Jill!! If you have something you would like put in the newsletter please email [vmcnews@ibmring92.com](mailto:vmcnews@ibmring92.com)

Would you like to volunteer to do the food for the meetings? If you lend a hand then everyone gets more out of the club. It has been the same people most of the time – so we would like to see new people step up. We have simplified the process. The budget has been increased to \$75 for the food and we provide a list of ideas and food suggestions. If you are interested please contact the new Activity Chair, Alex Seaman. If you do the food for the meeting you will be rewarded with \$10 worth of raffle tickets for that night's 50/50!

You could win BIG!

The Annual VMC Picnic will be held on August 1st this year – more details TBA!

Are you interested in being on the Phone Committee? We are looking for volunteers to help out a couple of times a years to contact the membership. If you are interested please contact Sergeant At Arms, Alex Seaman.

## ROSTER BOOK

The roster book is here! Come to the March General Meeting and pick up your copy! Yes, a roster book before the end of the year – we knew it was possible. Thank you to Gord Boyes for a tremendous amount of work on getting this organized. They will be handed out at the meeting and for those unable to attend they will be mailed.

# COMING EVENTS

The next instalment of the X-elent lecture series features guest lecturer Chad Long on April 1st at Douglas College in New Westminster (700 Royal Avenue, Room 2203). As always, cost for members in advance is \$20, or \$25 at the door. Cost for non-members is \$50. Junior members are free! The Lecture starts at 7:30pm.

Please note that in order to receive the discounted advance price, your payment must be received at least 48 hours in advance of the lecture. Telling anyone else, indicating your intent on Facebook, or anything else is not sufficient. If you pay in advance by Paypal or any other method, you must bring a printed receipt to the lecture.

Chad Long has performed & lectured all over the world. He's worked professionally in bars, nightclubs, restaurants, private parties, corporate functions, trade shows and cruise-ships. His debut performance at the Magic Castle received rave reviews, and he performed regularly at Malone's Magic Bar in South Florida. His convention appearances include the IBM, SAM, Hank Lee's Cape Cod Conclave, British IBM, Magi-Fest, A-1, Abbott's, Blackpool, SCAM, PCAM, SEAM, and the Tokyo Close-up Convention, to name just a few. In December of '98, Chad took 1st place in Ron McMillan's "International Close-Up Competition" in London, England, and in May of '99, Chad was featured on the cover of Magic Magazine.



## March Monthly Meeting: Thursday March 24, 2011

### Past Presidents & One Trick Night!

Sunrise Community Hall at 7:00 pm, located at 1950 Windermere Street, Vancouver.

In our by-laws every member **MUST** perform to keep his status as a member in good standing every year. This is a great way to do this. One Trick night has every member perform a quick trick - and it's all started off by the Past Presidents that we honour on this night.

- 6:45pm - Doors open
- 7:00pm - Workshop
- 8:00pm - Business meeting
- 8:30pm - Food!
- 9:00pm - One Trick Time!
- 10:00pm - Evening ends!

See you there!



## LECTURES

The Vancouver Magic Circle has decided to create an annual lecture pass for members. The cost of the pass will be the equivalent of the cost of all lectures, minus the cost of one. This pass will be available each year at the January meeting and must be paid for with cash. Because we've already had our first lecture of 2011, we've decided to extend the offer for the remainder of the lectures of 2011. **Purchase a pass for the remaining four lectures of 2011 and pay just \$60**, the cost of three lectures when you pay in advance. **This offer will only be available at the March General Meeting** and must be paid for with cash.

## ADVANCE PRICE FOR LECTURES

Effective immediately the club will be enforcing the rule for getting in to lectures at the "Advance Price". The lecture must now be paid for in advance, no less than 48 hours in advance of the lecture. Sorry, no more just putting your hand up and saying you'll be attending.

*"Magic is believing in yourself, if you can do that, you can make anything happen."*

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

# IBM Ring 92 Family News

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**If you have news about you or your family,  
send it to us to share with your magic family.**

### **Fantastic news for young actress star and magic assistant - Melody B. Choi !**

You would have seen Melody perform at the VMC Christmas party last November assisting my son Nicholas Chow when they won the 2010 VMC Junior Stage Magic Trophy. (Melody B. Choi is the cousin of Nicholas Chow)

At the 32nd annual Young Artists Awards held last Sunday in Hollywood, Melody won one of the top awards and brings home a very coveted trophy which is just like an "Oscar" for young actors and actresses. She has now achieved international recognition for her work, and at only 10 years old is well on her way to being a young Superstar.

Congratulations Melody!

Submitted by Rod Chow  
VMC Member

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