



## Close-up Magic Competition

Ray Roch will be master of ceremonies for the close up magic competition he won last year. Are you entering this year?



### Junior Close-up Magic | Dick Gardner Trophy

The spirit of this competition is to encourage growth in the fields of restaurant, table hopping, trade show and walk around style magic.

### Adult Close-up Magic | H.B. MacLean Trophy

The H.B. MacLean Trophy is awarded in recognition of excellence in close up magic. The effect or routine must be easily performed in an intimate and close up setting.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear VMC,

It's time for summer fun! The buzz around this years 1st annual MAGIC Festival in Port Coquitlam is growing and the VMC is getting ready for an unreal week full of shows, competitions and more! Port Coquitlam's downtown core will be turned into a full-blown festival bringing the art of magic to the masses from June 23-29. The festival will be home to special performances from the VMC, SAM and FVMC as well as many productions from other performers like our very own Tony Chris, Shawn Farquhar, and yours truly! Of course, the annual Children's Magician Of The Year competition will be held as the kick off to the festival in Port Coquitlams Leigh Square on Sunday June 23rd. Make sure to enter by contacting competition chair Henry Tom!



The Vancouver Magic Circle is looking for volunteers interested in showcasing their talents and representing the circle as we begin to establish ourselves as a presence in the community. If you are interested in performing or running the show from behind the scenes, we want YOU! Please contact the dashing Rod Chow who has taken on the organization of what will be a highlight of the festival! For a full list of performances, activities, and tickets to a certain "SHARE The Magic" charity show by yours truly (shameless plug...it's my column!) and all the amazing productions, visit [www.themagicfestival.com](http://www.themagicfestival.com)!

If you haven't already registered for the unreal CAM JAM on June 30th, what are you waiting for?!? If you are a current member of the Canadian Association of Magicians, only you can attend this FREE day-long mini convention! Visit [www.magicianconvention.com](http://www.magicianconvention.com) for all the info on this FREE CONVENTION!

Thanks all for now folks!  
Make sure to check [www.ibmring92.com](http://www.ibmring92.com) to stay in the loop!  
Hope to see you at the upcoming meeting!

*Alex Seaman*  
President  
Vancouver Magic Circle  
I.B.M. Ring #92, The Charles Howard Ring

# May Meeting Full of Characters

Join us for our May meeting at the Sunrise Community Hall at 1950 Windermere St. Vancouver. Our workshop will be *Developing your Performance Character*.

Do you ever think about the "character" you are presenting to your audience? Would you like to develop more tools and techniques to hone the character into the best possible representation of your magic?

This workshop will focus on some basic elements of theatrical characterization used by professional actors. Some of the topics covered will be:

- 1 5 basic elements of character
- 2 Magical Archetypes
- 3 Laban Effort Energies
- 4 Objectives and Tactics
- 5 Incorporating improvisation
- 6 Performing as "yourself"
- 7 Distinctions between stage and walk around characters

We're hoping this workshop to be more collaborative and less lecture-style. We invite all members of the VMC to come and discuss the "how" and "why" of their performing characters. Hope to see you there!



May 25  
2013



Billy Hsueh



Tony Chris

# AN EVENING OF MAGIC

## HELP US SEND A KID TO CAMP

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM - TICKETS - 15.00



Alex Seaman



Brianna Carlson

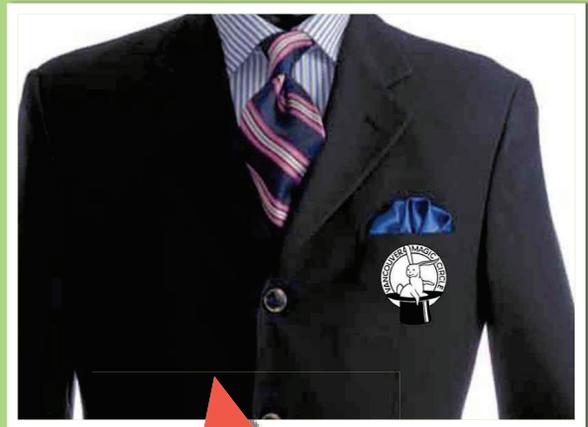
May 25th. Show Starts 6:00p.m.

THE EVERGREEN CULTURAL CENTRE

# Introducing...the official VMC Blazer!

Available in your favourite colour (Provided that your favourite colour is BLACK!)

Available only for a limited time.  
Order via the VMC Website.



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**Shout  
outs!**

Help support a great cause!!



" This Saturday, May 25th - Brianna and Billy's Fundraiser show "An Evening of Magic" to help send a kid to Sorcerers Safari Magic Camp will be happening at the Evergreen Cultural Centre. Doors open at 5:30pm, and showtime is at 6:00pm. Awesome Raffle Prizes, Amazing Magic and A Great Cause! Tickets are \$15 will be available at the meeting, so bring your cash!!!!"

Thank you John!!



On Sunday May 12, John Smithman spent 2 hours 36 minutes and 47 and 7/1000ths of a second in helping Dennis Chan set up a Skype program.



# MATRIX-O-MAGIC

ALL YOU NEED FOR THIS TRICK IS A MARKER, NOTEPAD AND THE NUMBERS 1 THROUGH 9.



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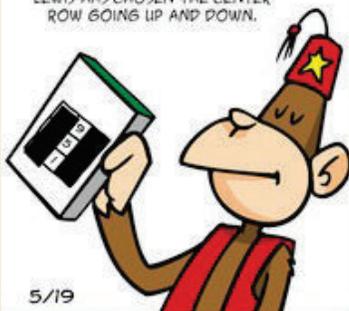
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LEWIS HAS CHOSEN THE CENTER ROW GOING UP AND DOWN.



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THEN INSTRUCT YOUR FRIEND TO ADD UP HIS THREE RANDOMLY CHOSEN NUMBERS.



FIFTEEN!



ASK YOUR FRIEND TO FLIP THROUGH THE REST OF THE NOTEPAD TO MAKE SURE ALL THE PAGES ARE BLANK.



ALL THE PAGES ARE BLANK EXCEPT ONE. THAT PAGE BEARS THE VERY NUMBER THAT HIS NUMBERS ADDED UP TO!



## HOWDYDOIT?

THIS WORKS BECAUSE ALL THE ROWS ADD UP TO 15. BECAUSE THE OTHER NUMBERS ARE BLACKED OUT, CHANCES ARE YOUR FRIEND WON'T REALIZE THIS. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS MEMORIZE THE ORDER OF THE NUMBERS. IF YOU'RE ASKED TO PERFORM THIS MORE THAN ONCE, THE GRID CAN BE MADE TO LOOK DIFFERENT BY ROTATING THE ORDER OF THE NUMBERS LEFT OR RIGHT.

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Mac & Bill King

# March Ring Report

By: Dennis Chan

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

Meets the 4th Thursday of each month except August & December at Sunrise Community Hall, 1950 Windermere St. Vancouver, at 7p.m.  
President-Alex Seaman

The April meeting started off with a jam-session with everyone showing each other their favourite moves and effects. Our workshops and jam-sessions alternate from meeting to meeting. The competition for this month was for the Charles Howard trophy. This is an adult competition. This trophy is awarded in recognition in magic using gimmicks in a card effect or routine. The gimmick could be a gimmicked wallet or a gimmicked card. Competitors for the Charles Howard trophy were James Hanson, Billy Hsueh, Matthew Jones, Phil Razon, and Jeff Christensen. Tony Chris, last year's winner read the rules, he was also the MC for this competition. The winner of the Charles Howard trophy was Jeff Christensen, Matthew Jones came in second place. Congratulations to Jeff and to the rest of the competitors. Margaret Li, the club's newest associate member performed a baffling card routine.

The business portion of meeting included the creation of a legacy fund to be used for the advancement of junior members. Monies would come from members who have passed on, unused monies and other sources. The membership agreed to this. Wiley Allen donated \$20 toward the legacy fund, thanks Wiley. Next was the creation of a Distinguished Award for the Helping Hands. John Smithman moved to create the Munro MacKenzie award in recognition of outstanding contribution in the advancement of the Vancouver Magic Circle junior membership programme. This would be similar to the helping hands award.

A membership committee has been formed with John Smithman being the Chairperson.

John will have six members on his team to conduct the membership responsibilities as detailed in our constitution. Alex handed out membership cards.

Our secretary, Billy Hsueh, just turned 19. Happy Birthday Billy!

Jeff Christensen made a presentation regarding the Jeff McBride show/lecture to be held on Friday, June 21st with a master class to be held on Saturday, June 22nd. The club will pay the costs for five junior members to attend the Jeff McBride lecture. Monies raised from the Jeff McBride programme are earmarked to build a one room school in Kenya. Another presentation was made to promote a magic programme called an Evening of Magic which will take place on Saturday, May 25th at the Evergreen Cultural Centre in Coquitlam. Monies raised from the show will help send a young magician to magic camp this summer. Featured performers will be Billy Hsueh, Tony Chris, Alex Seaman, and Brianna Carlson.

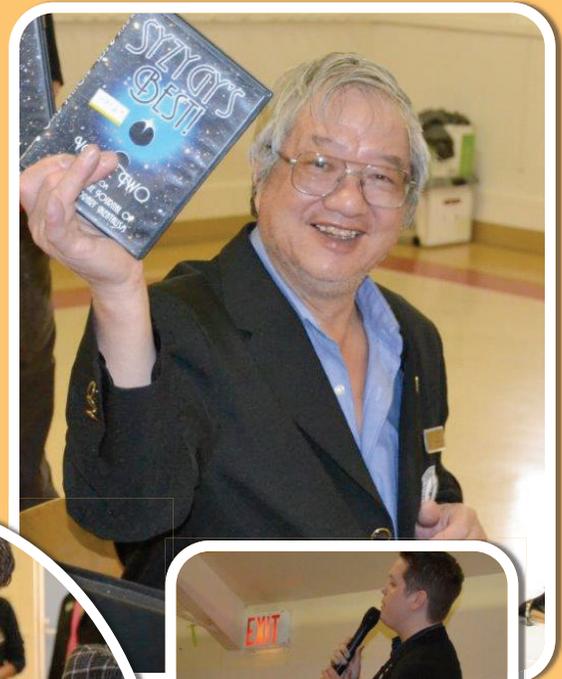
Many thanks to our dentist Henry Tom for donating travel size tubes of tooth paste to all those who bought raffle tickets. The grand prize raffle draw was a box of 36 tubes of travel size tooth paste. Margaret Li won the grand prize.

Refreshments were provided by Jessica Chan and Jennifer Meyers. Thank you. Thanks to Billy Hsueh for selling raffle tickets. John Smithman, the club's official photographer took photos of the evening's events.

There were 26 members and 5 guests in attendance.

-I'm Dennis Chan

# APRIL PHOTOS



Please visit [www.ibmring92.com](http://www.ibmring92.com) to view John's phantastic photo gallery!

# The Business of Magic; the Magic of Business

John Smithman, Champions in the Workplace™

With a mild sense of excitement, I climbed the steps of the downtown community college on that Friday evening 10 years ago. I entered lecture room 201, paid my \$10 and took a seat in the centre. The Vancouver Magic Circle lecture for local magicians would start in 30 minutes at 8 o'clock.

On my left, I saw a man doing card tricks for a small group of people standing around him. On the right, was a young woman demonstrating a new trick she had learned. Her left hand was empty, her right held three coins. She closed her hands and shook the coins within. Then, she opened her hands to show that one of the three coins in her right hand had invisibly crossed over to her left hand. She closed her hands and shook them again. This time, two coins were in her left hand. A final shake and all three coins had travelled from her right hand to her left. I was to learn later that this is a classic trick performed by the best magicians around the World.

When I was in the Air Force, my wife and I would entertain party guests with a mind-reading act and I was always a bit fascinated with magic. Tonight I was to learn that professional magicians are more than just entertainers. They're entrepreneurs!. As a business coach for Champions in the Workplace Training and Development Inc., I help entrepreneurs and supervisors learn how to make the most of their working hours by getting better results. So, I'm sensitive to examples of workplace championship in business. I was to find a workplace champion in that lecture hall as I watched the evening unfold.

At 8 o'clock, the VMC club president introduced the guest lecturer. He had a good reputation in the magic field and Vancouver was one of the stops on his lecture tour to six clubs across North America. He entered to courteous applause. In his hands, he held a small bird cage which he suddenly threw at the audience. The cage vanished! We applauded with more enthusiasm.

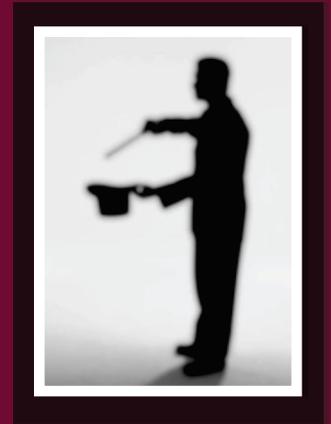
One trick followed another over the next 15 minutes. Then, after a short break, he explained how each trick was done and answered audience questions. Finally, he spoke of how he grew his business. I began taking notes. These were gems that I could take back to my clients: how to build a good reputation; contact potential clients; promote business and secure bookings for his shows - shows that were tailored to his audiences. And, finally, how to follow up with his customers to generate repeat business. Doing these lectures for other magicians was yet another way to build his reputation, while sharing secrets with his peers. The local magic club paid his lecture fee and travel expenses. Audience members bought his lecture notes, books, dvds and magic props.

Since that evening 10 years ago, I've attended every lecture (about 6 lectures a year). I've joined the Vancouver Magic Circle and have incorporated magic effects into my own presentations to clients.

I tip my "top hat" to professional magicians who have demonstrated how to build successful business in the entertainment industry. Many of the elements of workplace championship - dreaming, planning, sales psychology, customer service and fundamental systems - are common to all successful businesses.

Look for lessons in the activities of others. You'll find championship in the most unexpected places. Audit your own business. How many of these critical elements have you honed?

John Smithman  
Champions in the Workplace  
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[www.champions.ca](http://www.champions.ca)



# Tri - City 3 of Clubs **Magic** Convention

The Vancouver Magic Circle is proud to host the annual Tri-City 3 of Clubs Magic Convention for 2013 in Vancouver, British Columbia and welcomes you to come and join in the fun! Early Bird Registration is only \$115 until Sept 1st, 2013.

The basic registration includes six lectures, two shows, contests, two game shows, the SAM Cut-a-Thon and **\$75 magic gift bag!**

We only have a few spots left before we hit the 75 people mark – so if you know anyone who wants to attend then they need to register NOW! It's only \$100 for Alumni!

IBM Ring #92—The Vancouver Magic Circle Presents



Friday Nov 8th— Sunday Nov 10th, 2013  
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## Inside the Briefcase

### Your Magical Minutes link to the monthly Business Meeting

The monthly Executive Meeting was called to order on May 9<sup>th</sup> 2013 at 7:12pm with the honourable Vice President Graham Kita chairing the meeting. The President was unavailable to give his report this evening in person; he will be sending an E-Report later this evening. 1<sup>st</sup> VP Graham Kita reports that he and the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP are co-chairing the CMOTY this year. 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P Gord McIntosh had Nothing to Report. Treasurer Phil Razon reported that he paid for our Club Insurance with Jack Chow Insurance, as well as he reimbursed Rabbi Don for the Magical Minutes Expenses. Activity Chair Billy Hsueh reminded everyone that Bryn Williams was doing the refreshments as well as a workshop at the May general meeting. Librarian Dennis Chan stated that he had contacted 15 members to whom we still owed the library deposit. 6 of those members have donated their deposit to the Legacy Fund. Graham Kita paid Clement Fung for the DVD Set as well as an extra \$5 from a misunderstanding with the VMC a few years ago, Graham was reimbursed by Phil Razon. Note: Rabbi Don would like his \$20 back...

Old Business started out with The Letter to the Junior Membership. Junior Director, Vincent Wang wrote up a letter that is to be sent out notifying the junior membership that they will be sent to either the Jeff McBride Show or Lecture both of a \$30 Value! Talk of the Legacy fund came up within this topic, such as how much was in the fund exactly, should the Fund be addressed in the Constitution, as well as having a Legacy Plan in place as soon as possible (Plans for the legacy fund). Second in Old Business Brianna Carlson and Billy Hsueh brought forth a proposal of the VMC to Purchase an Advertisement in the Show program in support of An Evening of Magic to help Send a Kid to Camp. **Henry moves to purchase an ad in the back cover of the program of the Show for \$200 in promotion of the Vancouver Magic Circle. Dennis Chan Seconds. Passed Unanimously.** Third on the list is Alex Seaman who was not present at the meeting. He sent a letter in his stead asking for a donation from the VMC of \$400 for SHARE the Magic. **Alex Moves to \$200 a night for 2 program back cover ads for 2 nights for share the magic for a total of \$400.** It was defeated and tabled until a second motion was made. Membership Committee Chair John Smithman announces that he is pleased to have 6 members on the Membership Committee, he distributed some information about the committee and said we will reconvene at a later date. Constitution Chair Bryn Williams brought up some things about the constitution that would need to be addressed such as Proxy Votes, and Presidency.

**The Meeting Was recessed at 8:53pm...Feel Free to take a break from reading this too...The Meeting was Reconvened at 9:09pm.**

New Business brought forth some fun stuff. Brianna Carlson brought forth an idea about a Junior Mentorship program and John Smithman appointed her as the Junior Member within the Membership Committee. Another item Brianna would like to bring up was the fact that the Banquet was way too expensive for junior members and their families. Ways to make the banquet inexpensive was to have it as a pot luck. SHARE the Magic was revisited,

**Alex Moves to have the VMC purchase the back cover for 2 nights for the price of \$300. Dennis Hewson Seconds, 2 for, 5 Against, Henry Abstains, Defeated.**

**Graham moves to spend \$200 for whatever promotional value we get from Share is what we get. Henry Seconds, For: 5, Against: 2, Phil Abstains, Passed.** Last Order of new business brings up the topic of CMOTY. 1<sup>st</sup> Vp Graham Kita and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vp Gord

McIntosh will be Co-Chair of the event. It will be the opening show of The Magic Festival in PoCo. This is a Free Public Show, to which we may be selling stuff such as popcorn, balloons etc. We talked about and how it would be inconsistent. We decided that the Chairs would need to make a decision on that. We also talked about if we will be printing programs, and if so will we sell ad space in the programs. We will still Charge a deposit that competitors will get back if they show up. Competition Chair Henry Tom will make announcement on VMC Website about the Competition. We decided that there will be NO concession this year since we didn't do much.

A new point was squeezed in about creating a judging committee; and to come up with list of acceptable judges and how to modify the score sheet. But since we were losing members of the board due to time, we adjourned the meeting at 9:57pm.



DIRECT FROM LAS VEGAS

# the JEFF McBRIDE EXPERIENCE

IN SUPPORT OF THE "BRICK BY BRICK" PROGRAM TO BUILD A SCHOOL IN KENYA

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**Time** June 21, 2013 at 7:00 pm (Doors open at 6:00 pm)

**Place** Baker Drive Elementary School  
885 Baker Drive, Coquitlam

**Tickets** [www.CelebrateTheChild.wordpress.com](http://www.CelebrateTheChild.wordpress.com) or in person  
at Baker Drive Elementary (604.461.5323)  
\$30 for adults and \$10 for children under 12

In support of:

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# Magical Mentorship

The goal of the *Tony Eng Youth Fund* is to promote and support youths as they pursue the art of magic. We believe that mentorship is an essential part of being a magician and that it is vital to form relationships with people with whom you can learn, grow and exchange information with. Our Tony Eng Educational Bursary program is dedicated to matching up-and-coming magicians with rich resources and opportunities to help jumpstart their career.



On April 2013 Magicana's Tony Eng Youth Fund sponsored a one-week mentorship program for Trevor and Lorena Watters to study and learn from legendary magician and consultant, Johnny Thompson (The Great Tomsoni & Company) in Las Vegas, Nevada. The couple received invaluable advise from Mr. Thompson, who graciously accepted them in his home and gave them the "experience of a lifetime".

This particular program was designed to assist young people to form a supportive, nurturing and knowledgeable relationship with a veteran magician in order to guide them on their professional development. Trevor and Lorena Watters were selected to be the inaugural recipients of this award, as they demonstrate great promise and talent as professional entertainers.

In the coming months the Magical Minutes will present the detailed memoirs of Trevor and Lorena's excellent adventure! This mini-series will take you along for a ride that *they* will never forget. Advertising space for this epic showcase is (unbelievably), still available. One quarter page ad is (only), \$1,000,000 which is an absolute steal when you compare it to the \$2,500,000 NBC charges for a 30 second spot during the Super Bowl. Cheques should be made out to Rabbi Don Pacht.

Back by popular demand...

## VMC Mystery Mug!

Can you identify this overly enthusiastic member of the Vancouver Magic Circle? Don't let that look of indifference fool you...he is REALLY excited to be featured here! Yessiree...this is a real milestone for him and (although it does not show in this photo), he is just smiling ear to ear.

Email your response to the editor (see address below), all correct responses received by June 9, 2013 will be placed in a drawing to win (you guessed it), a MUG!

Email submissions to the editor at [newsletter@ibmring92.com](mailto:newsletter@ibmring92.com).

Hint: This photo may have been taken before smiles were even invented!



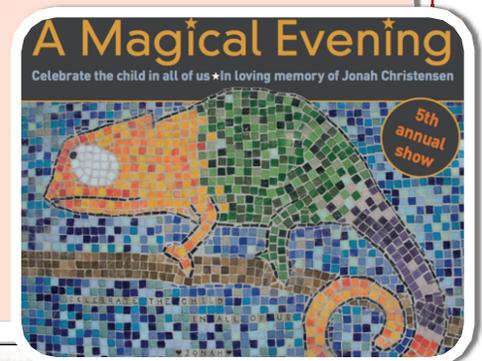
This year Celebrate The Child has two magic events. The first is in Coquitlam on Friday June 21st starting at 7pm with his show Magic Behind the Mask. This is a 90 minute show starring Jeff McBride. After the show, at 9pm, there is a magicians only lecture The Show Doctor based upon McBride best selling book of the same name. On Saturday June 22nd from 11-3 will be the McBride Master Class. All of these Coquitlam events will be held at Baker Drive Elementary in Coquitlam. For tickets or more information on our Coquitlam event(s) can be found by going to: [www.CelebrateTheChild.wordpress.com](http://www.CelebrateTheChild.wordpress.com)

On Saturday June 22nd we have our 5th Annual A Magical Evening. This show will be held at the Work Safe BC Auditorium in Richmond and starts at 7pm. This event is a variety show featuring juggling, magic and live music. Some of the performers for this year's event include Matthew Johnson, Yeeri, Jeff McBride and yours truly as your MC. For tickets or more information on our Richmond show can be found by going to: [www.CelebrateTheChild.ca](http://www.CelebrateTheChild.ca) and clicking on the A Magical Evening tab.

Proceeds from both of these events will go to Me 2 We/Free the Children to help build a school in Kenya. Our Richmond event also features a silent auction with several magic items including: an Impossible Bottle (Jamie D. Grant), Axtell Platypus (Steve Axtell), several items from Tony Chris, several sets of black paddles from Wolfs Magic (Chance Wolf), an autographed spoon from Sir Winston Churchill and bent by Uri Geller and much much more. We also have a wonderful collection of other non-magic related items and gift cards.

A special thanks to the Vancouver Magic Circle, Ring of Fire, SAM (Carl Hemeon Ring) for sponsoring/donating to our event!

Jeff Christensen  
Celebrate The Child



"Take every opportunity offered you." - John

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