



V — RING 92 — VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

May 2016

the Charles Howard Ring

A Season of **Magic** is on the way!

Upcoming Events:

- May 29th - Victoria Magic Circle 50th Anniversary Magic Spectacular (details on page 12)
- June 3rd - Murray Sawchuk Lecture (details on page 5)
- June 12th - Children's Magician of the Year (details on page 3)
- June 18th - A Magical Evening (details on page 7)
- July 23rd-August 7th - Magic & Storytelling (details on page 8)

And it all begins this Thursday, May 26th as the Vancouver Magic Circle holds its Close-UP Magic competitions!

We will be awarding the HB MacLean Trophy for senior members and the Dick Gardner Trophy to a Junior member.

Doors open at 6:30 PM.

Check the website for the super-secret location!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Fellow Members!

It has been quite a flurry of things happening in May, at least on my end. This month some amazing things happened, more specifically the Magic for Fort Mac Fundraiser Show. John Kaplan outdid himself, he put together a fundraiser show in less than 2 weeks, with a final astounding donation amount to the Alberta Red Cross of \$16,308.04. Thank you to all those who went and supported this great cause!

Since May is coming to a close I'd like to highlight some cool events happening soon, Our Children's Magician of the Year competition will be happening on June 12th, at Douglas College in their studio theatre, get the word out, and get your tickets. Thank you Kelvin Ng for organizing it and Bryn Williams for overseeing the competition.

Our amazing lecture chair Jeff Christensen has organized a myriad of lectures full of amazing talent for this year! The first of many to be released is Murray Sawchuck who will be lecturing on June 3rd, 7:00pm at Douglas College! Get your tickets booked ASAP! We have arranged a special lecture price for those who want to participate in the FVMC Daryl Lecture! More info can be found on the VMC Website. Stay tuned for more news regarding lectures on our website!

So some of you may know, some may not; the Vancouver Magic Circle Hosted 3 of Clubs Convention is happening November 11-13th at the Pacific Inn Resort and Conference Centre in White Rock! Early bird registration is up and running on www.3ofclubsconvention.com. Get your registration in before time runs out to get it at the low low price of \$100 CAD! Register now as spaces are limited! There are some amazing surprises are to be released, such as the Headliner, and some crazy events AFTER the early bird cut off date! I can assure you, you will be kicking yourself for not registering earlier! Come out and have a weekend of fun, magic and brotherhood and show your support as the host club!

Keep on the look out for new events and cool things happening around the area! We would love to hear about them and feature it in the newsletter! If you have an article or anything you want to contribute, please send them to Rabbi Don who makes these amazing newsletters!

Final note, this month's meeting is the Close Up Competition! It will be held with a teach a trick session, and Matthew Jones providing refreshments! Rosalind Chan, the previous year's winner will be our host for the competition. So see you all on May 26th, 7:00pm at 1950 Windermere St!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bryn Williams'. The signature is stylized and fluid, with a large loop at the end.



THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

PRESENTS



Sunday June 12th
Doors open
12:30 p.m.
Showtime
1:00 p.m.



THE 2016 CHILDREN'S MAGICIAN
OF THE YEAR
SHOW AND COMPETITION
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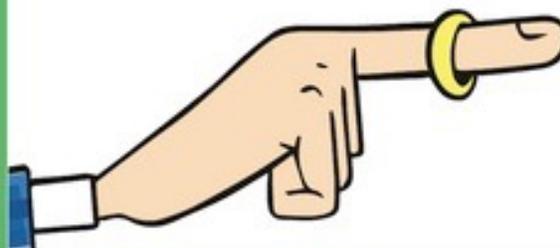
LORD OF THE RING

Mac & Bill King

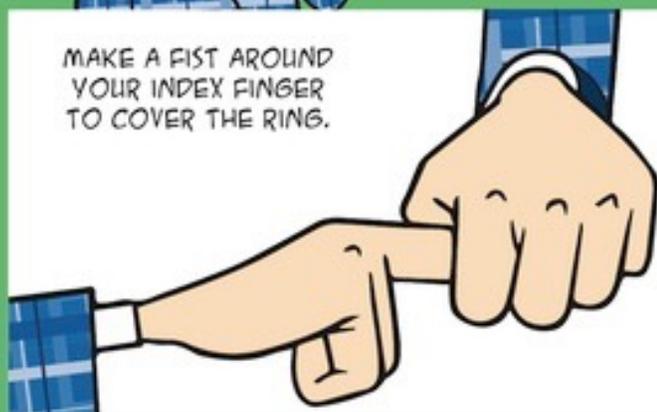


HERE'S A TRICK THAT GETS BETTER THE FASTER YOU PERFORM IT. ALL YOU NEED IS A RING AND A LITTLE PRACTICE.

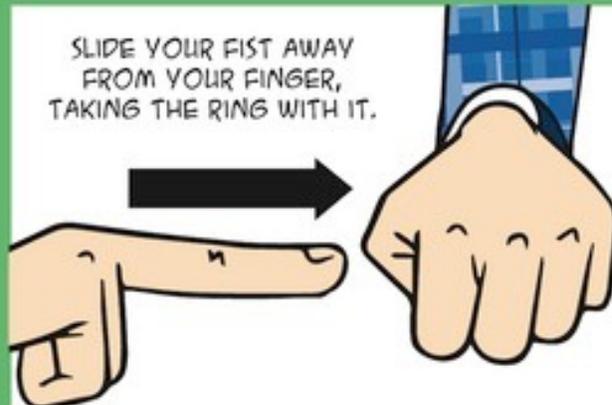
START BY SHOWING YOUR AUDIENCE THAT YOU HAVE A RING ON YOUR INDEX FINGER.



MAKE A FIST AROUND YOUR INDEX FINGER TO COVER THE RING.



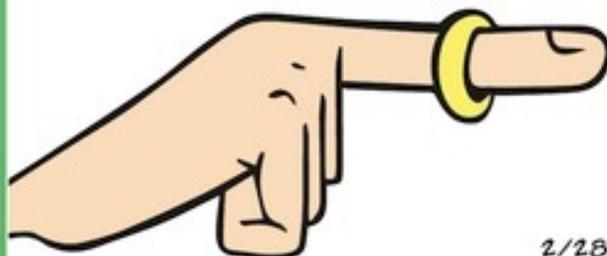
SLIDE YOUR FIST AWAY FROM YOUR FINGER, TAKING THE RING WITH IT.



BRING YOUR FIST FORWARD, SO IT IS IN FRONT OF YOUR NOW-RINGLESS FINGER, AND OPEN IT UP! THE RING IS GONE!



TAKE YOUR EMPTY HAND AWAY TO REVEAL THAT THE RING IS BACK ON YOUR FINGER!



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Howdy Do it?



THE SECRET TO THIS TRICK IS THAT THE RING NEVER LEAVES YOUR FINGER. WHEN YOU MAKE A FIST AROUND YOUR RINGED FINGER, YOU SWITCH AND MAKE A FIST AROUND YOUR MIDDLE FINGER. TO DO THIS, BRING YOUR EMPTY HAND AROUND YOUR FINGER, SO IT BLOCKS YOUR AUDIENCE'S VIEW. WITH YOUR FINGERS HIDDEN BEHIND YOUR HAND, RETRACT YOUR INDEX FINGER AND EXTEND YOUR MIDDLE FINGER. THEN SLIDE YOUR FIST OFF YOUR MIDDLE FINGER, REVEALING THAT THE RING IS GONE. FINALLY, BRING YOUR HAND IN FRONT OF YOUR EXTENDED FINGER TO SHOW THAT THE RING IS NOT IN IT, AND BLOCK YOUR AUDIENCE'S VIEW AGAIN. RETRACT YOUR MIDDLE FINGER, EXTEND YOUR INDEX FINGER, AND THE RING RETURNS! PRACTICE THIS IN FRONT OF THE MIRROR. IF IT FOOLS YOU, IT WILL DEFINITELY FOOL OTHERS.

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MURRAY

LECTURE



Starring: Murray Sawchuck

DOUGLAS COLLEGE

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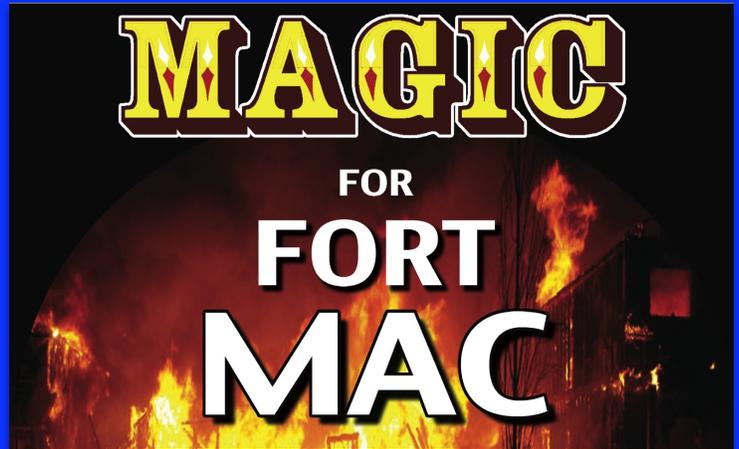
7:00PM.

Friday, June 3, 2016



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VMC MEMBERS HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR DISASTER RELIEF!



On May 16, 2016, John Kaplan and many local entertainers came together to help families affected by the Fort McMurray fires.



A Magical Evening

to raise money for children's charities with magic, music, and laughter



Time: Saturday, June 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Place: WorkSafeBC auditorium
6951 Westminster Highway, Richmond

This 8th annual show will feature music by the Compensators and the magical talents of Paul Romhany, Bruce Hunt and Jeff Christensen along with special guest, Tamariz the Toucan!

Proceeds will support Free the Children through our Vancouver Foundation endowment fund in memory of Jonah Christensen.

free the children  we are the change

To donate to this event or to reserve tickets to the Magical Evening, go to www.CelebrateTheChild.me or email celebratejonah@shaw.ca.



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OUR LINK TO THE PAST



Last month, Past President Graham Kita, Past President Alex Seaman, Author Ray Roch, Life Member Dennis Chan and Club Photographer John Smithman visited with I.B.M. Brother and Life Member Jack Lillico at Ray's house in Tsawassen.

Jack had generously agreed to share his memories of the early Vancouver Magic Circle with us. He showed us photos and spoke of his recollections of magic from the 1940s to the 1960s. Jack spoke of his friendships and experiences with people such as WC Shelley (Club President 1944/1945), Past Presidents Thornton Poole, Henry MacLean, George Abray, and Ken Hughes.

In a future issue of the Magical Minutes, we will share additional details of the interview and some extraordinary photos.





MAKE MONEY TO LOSE MONEY

Mac & Bill King

MAKING MONEY DISAPPEAR IS A TALENT MANY SHARE. HERE'S ONE WAY YOU MAY NOT HAVE CONSIDERED



HOLD OUT YOUR HAND TO SHOW A FRIEND THAT YOU HAVE SIX QUARTERS IN IT.



ASK YOUR FRIEND TO COUNT THEM TO CONFIRM THAT YOUR ACCOUNTING IS CORRECT.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.



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CLUTCH THE QUARTERS IN YOUR FIST, WAVE YOUR FREE HAND OVER THEM, AND SAY THE MAGIC WORDS:

SIX QUARTERS WE HAVE THERE, BUT ONE QUARTER JUST VANISHED INTO THIN AIR!



INSTRUCT YOUR FRIEND TO HOLD OUT HIS HANDS AND THEN DUMP THE CONTENTS OF YOUR FIST INTO THEM.



WHEN HE COUNTS THEM AGAIN, HE'LL NOTICE THAT ONE QUARTER HAS INDEED VANISHED!



HOWDY DO IT?

THE SECRET TO THIS TRICK IS A SPECIAL "COUNTERFEIT" QUARTER THAT YOU MAKE YOURSELF TAKE A SMALL PIECE OF FOIL AND PRESS IT OVER ONE OF THE QUARTERS WITH YOUR FINGER. TRIM OFF THE EXTRA FOIL WITH SCISSORS AND THE RESULT IS A VERY REAL-LOOKING FAKE QUARTER. PUT IT IN YOUR HAND AND LAY FIVE REAL QUARTERS AROUND AND ON TOP OF IT. WHEN YOU CLOSE YOUR FIST, THE FAKE QUARTER WILL BE CRUSHER. MOVE YOUR FINGERS AROUND UNTIL THE CRUSHED FOIL GETS WEDGED IN BETWEEN THEM. DUMP OUT THE COINS AND WHILE YOUR FRIEND COUNTS THEM, FLICK THE FOIL AWAY.



CRUSHED FOIL

March Report By: Dennis Chan

The March meeting started off with a workshop by Amanda O'Leary. Amanda is a very talented family entertainer who goes by the name of Smartee Pants the Clown. Besides being a clown, she also does balloon twisting, face painting and magic. She has a theatre degree from the University of Ottawa. With her background in theatre and acting, her shows are designed to tell a story. She is the former owner of Clownin' Around Magic Shop. She is also the World Clown Association's Caring Clown Director.

She talked about staging and storytelling. She demonstrated her way of using the colouring book in her performances. Well-done Amanda! Everyone enjoyed your workshop. Thanks! Amanda just came back from a very successful lecture tour in England. Bryn Williams video recorded Amanda's workshop.

There were two competitions this month. The Cecil Ackery trophy for excellence in comedy magic performed by an adult member and the Rick Honey trophy for excellence in comedy magic performed by a junior member. Last year's winner, Juan Garcia was the host and MC for this year's competition. Bryn Williams, the competition chair read the rules and introduced the competitors. The competitors for the Cecil Ackery trophy were: Amanda O'Leary, Chris Yuill, Alex Seaman, James Hanson, Errol Lipschitz and Edward Stehr. The winner of the Cecil Ackery trophy was Chris Yuill. Alex Seaman came in second place. Congratulations to Chris and to the rest of the competitors. Two competitors were disqualified for going over the ten minute time limit. There were no competitors for the Rick Honey trophy. Juan told jokes in between the acts to keep the competition flowing. Karen Eskilson tallied the score from the five judges.

During the business portion of the meeting, it was announced that the Children's Magician of the Year competition for the Wilf Rutherford trophy will be held on Sunday, June 12, 2016 at Douglas College in New Westminster. Kelvin Ng is in charge of this event. Bryn Williams is the competition chair.

Other business items included the Three of Clubs mini convention to be held in November. The dates are from Friday, November 11th through Sunday,

November 13th. The Vancouver Magic Circle is hosting this event. Billy Bales Hsueh and Alex Seaman are in charge of putting this event together. More details to follow.



Many thanks to John Smithman, the club's roster book Editor and Membership Chairman who spent many hours on the phone and on the computer reaching out members in order to get their correct information for the 2016 roster book. Assisting John were Wiley Allen and Dennis Chan. Two new features were added to the 2016 roster book. The first is a colour photo headshot of the members next to their names and the second feature is the Vancouver Magic Circle's members list by their given names located on the inside of the front cover.

He also spent a lot of time negotiating with the printer to get the best possible cost for the books. Excellent job John! We don't know how you did it. That is dedication!

Plans are underway to celebrate the Vancouver Magic Circle's 75th anniversary in 2017. The Vancouver Magic Circle was formed in 1942.

Wiley Allen created a new style of members sign in sheets. The sign in sheets have the member's name printed on the left side of the sheet in alphabetical order and next to the name is a blank space for their signatures. Yes, there is plenty of space to scribble...OOPS!...to sign your name. He also created a new guest sign-in sheet with enough space for e-mail addresses and phone numbers. Thanks Wiley.

Edward Stehr provided the refreshments. The helping hand was Brendan Stehr, Ed's son. Thank you very much!

Graham Kita sold raffle tickets. John Smithman took photos of the evening's events.

There were 34 members and 6 guests in attendance.

-Dennis Chan



Dinner and Magic at the Cottage Bistro



*James
Hanson*



*Alex
Seaman*



*Tony
Chris*



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