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THE MAGICAL MINUTES NEWSLETTER

SINCE 1942

4 MONTHS OF MAGIC

Presidents Message

Bryn Williams-VMC President



The Williams Family Halloween

Wow. The VMC has undergone a lot of changes in the last few months. We've welcomed a virtually brand new executive, sponsored a huge convention, created and adopted a new constitution, ran a by election, held 2 regular meetings, 2 lectures and a picnic. That's a whole lot of magic activity for 4 months. The magical minutes have not been published since May, and that must be rectified. I'm going to try and encapsulate the last 4 months of activity into our 8 page format.

It has been a challenge and an honour to serve as your President for the remainder of the 2011 term. I could never have survived without the tireless efforts of many club members who have stepped up and undertaken important roles within our club. To everyone who has volunteered or contributed towards the running of our club during this time, my sincerest thanks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Halloween Meeting: Thursday Oct. 27th 2011

7pm – Workshop

8pm – Short Business meeting

8:15 pm- Halloween Costume Contest!!

8:30pm Tip Top and Tootsie Competition

If you wish to enter our Halloween magic contest, please contact our Competition Chair Henry Tom (henrytom@shaw.ca) at least 24 hours in advance.

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MEETINGS: IN REVIEW

May 2011

CLOSE UP NIGHT
WORKSHOP

“Now That’s a Stretch” – Rubber Band Magic by Henry Tom

Henry Tom was nothing short of astounding. He shared many secrets and techniques that he uses to create astonishment with regular rubber bands. From basic effects to advanced techniques, this workshop had it all!! Our sincerest thanks to Dr. Tom for his time and energy.

CLOSE UP CONTEST

H.B MacLean (Adult) Winner: **Jeff Christensen**

Dick Gardner (Jr.) Winner: **Billy Hsueh**



JUNE 2011

IMPROMPTU CARD NIGHT
WORKSHOP

The Business of Balloons- David “Hambone” Hamil

A wonderful, entertaining and enlightening insight into the business side of balloon twisting. Mr. Hambone offered advice based on his own experience as a highly successful and innovative balloon artist. Even non-twisting magicians found valuable and sage advice from this informative and highly hilarious lecture. A heartfelt thanks to Hambone for offering his expertise and experience to the club.



Special General Meeting:

The Constitution Committee presented resolutions to our constitution that were then voted on and passed by the membership. After some highly debated and controversial resolutions were passed by the members, President Bruce Hunt, 1st Vice President Gord Boyes, Secretary Mike Norden all resigned their respective executive positions.

Ray Gamble Trophy for Impromptu Card Magic:

Rescheduled for Aug 1st

September 2011

Auction Night!

The Vancouver Magic Circle held its annual auction on September 22nd. There was lots to buy and sell, our members found new homes for their treasures and found new treasures to take home. Many thanks to the members who helped organize and ran our auction: Steve and Jill Braybrooke, Alex Seaman, Dave Carlson, Dennis Chan. Special thanks to Cathie Watters for preparing the delicious snacks for the evening.

By-Election

Under the direction of our Nomination Chair David Watters, a by-election was held to fill vacant positions on the executive. The results were as follows:

1st VP - Alex Seaman

2nd VP - Graham Kita

Secretary - Steve Braybrooke

Treasurer - Vacant

Sergeant at Arms - Dustin Anderson

VMC ANNUAL PICNIC

AUGUST 1st 2011

Hume Park in New West played host to this year's VMC picnic. Because of the close proximity to the convention hotel, many of our honoured guest magicians were able to attend. Special thanks to Cheryl Wilson for slaving over the BBQ to prepare all the fantastic food. The event was a huge success because of the excellent organization and planning by 1st V.P Alex Seaman and his many minions. Thanks to everyone who helped and participated in this wonderful club event.

Ray Gamble Trophy for impromptu card magic:

Winner: Lon Mandrake

2nd Place: Henry Tom

Wand Degree Performances

Billy Hsueh

Matthew Jones



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LECTURES

June 2011

Doc Eason

This was a wonderful lecture from one of the true legends of bar magic. Doc Eason was charismatic, passionate, and inspiring. He often repeated the central message of his lecture: **“It doesn’t matter what you do, it’s how you make your audience feel”**. The highlight of the lecture for me is when he performed his signature “Anniversary Waltz” with the help of Gord and Jesse Boyes.



September 2011

Wayne Houchin

One of the hottest magicians on the planet, Wayne Houchin did not disappoint. Wayne performed many of his signature pieces including the “eye-popping” THREAD. Wayne offered lots of psychology around performing close up and stage magic and engaged the audience like no other lecturer I’ve had the pleasure of watching. I left the lecture both humbled and inspired to bring sincerity and dramatic intensity into my magic performances.



WEBSITE UPDATE

You might have noticed we have a new website!! Our new webmaster is Clinton W. Gray and he has been working very hard to upload content and updates onto our site. Thanks Clinton, he site looks fantastic!

We also have a very active VMC Facebook group. This is the place for you to post all of your magic-related news and tidbits. If you are not a member of this group, join now!! It’s a great place to get up to date information on the magical adventures of our members.

M.A.G.I.C CONVENTION

One word, *phenomenal*. This is the only way I can describe the summer convention that was hosted by the VMC. The M.A.G.I.C convention had it all: big names, amazing lectures, entertaining dealers, friendly staff and a positive and inviting environment for magicians of all ages and skill levels.

With names like Eugene Burger, Silly Billy and Mark Mason (just to name a few), the quality of the lectures and performances was world-class. With the talent of a “big” convention but the feeling of an intimate gathering of friends, I was able to talk and hang out with some of the true greats in our art

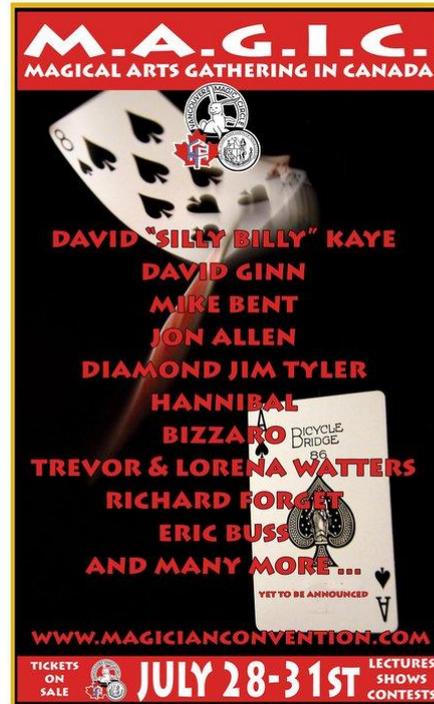
I was especially proud of our club when we went to Lougheed Mall for the public children’s contest. The calibre of the performers and the reaction of the crowd made me proud to be a magician and a member of the VMC.

I’d like to thank everyone who came to our convention and especially those VMC members who took the time to help make our event so successful.

The real star of the convention was Shawn Farquhar, the man responsible for organizing and running this fantastic convention. Mr. Farquhar, you inspire us all with your passion for magic, your infectious positivity and your immense skill for organizing large, complicated events. Thank you for making M.A.G.I.C a weekend I will never forget.

“Best weekend of magic in 25 years of magic for me.”
–James Hanson

“This was my first convention ever and I really enjoyed it. Due to my availability and commitments I cannot go to any out-of-town conventions, so this convention worked just perfectly for me.” – Bob Kao



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MAGICAL MEMORIES



DID YOU KNOW...

VMC Member Matthew Jones recently appeared on the local cable show "Close Look". Great Job Matthew!

The VMC Xmas dinner will be at The Sunrise Community Hall this year

Billy and Alex won the **Golden Barbeque Rib Award** at the recent NW Ring of Fire Picnic. Way to go guys!!



Dennis Chan bought a COMPUTER...

Gordon McIntosh is an amazing visual artist... Check his facebook!

Theater Intensive for Close Up Magicians

What? Interactive workshop to build theatrical skills for magicians

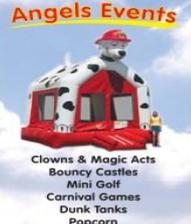
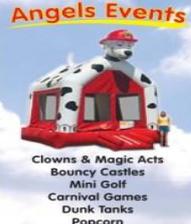
Where? Port Townsend, Washington

When? American Thanksgiving weekend

For more information please contact Joey Pipia at joey@joeypipia.com

Amanda O'Leary recently returned from Denmark, where she was performing family magic and teaching/lecturing as well. Amanda also owns the only *real* magic shop in Vancouver. Let's support our local magic shops!!!

Joe Khan from Clownin' Around Magic Shop is responsible for my love and pursuit of magic – Go see Joe, he's an amazing guy. - BW

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COMING SOON



JAY SANKEY

BRINGING THE HARDCORE TO YOU

Friday, November 11, 2011

7:30 PM Room 2203 - Douglas College
New Westminster

VMC Members: \$20 advance purchase
\$25 at the door

Junior Members \$10 advance purchase
\$15 at the door

Non-Members: \$50

(Includes Associate membership application fee)

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