



THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF
EXCELLENCE IN MAGIC



September 2017

September is AUCTION month!



Thursday, September 28th
Doors open at 6pm, for viewing - Auction starts at 7pm

Non Members are allowed to attend and purchase
items with the invitation of a member in good standing,
+ \$20 entrance fee paid at the door!

Silent Auction is back by popular demand!

Please contact Billy or Karen if you would like a table.
Come buy back all the stuff you sold last year!!
No cash, no problem - we take credit cards this year!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Members!

It's been a long time since we last released a Magical Minutes newsletter! Thank you again Rabbi Don Pacht for years of service! The baton has been passed to Henry Tom! So if you have anything you would like to be included in the Magical Minutes, please send them to Henry in the future.



I hope everyone had a great summer! I know I had a busy one! The IBM/SAM Combined Convention in Louisville, Kentucky was a blast! If you have never been to a national level convention I highly recommend it! The coolest thing happened there, VMC member Alex Seaman was elected and sworn in as International Vice President for the International Brotherhood of Magicians! I was also elected into the position of Executive Committee for a 2 year term. It's awesome to see fellow club members stepping up to the international level! Perhaps one day we will see you there!

After IBM/SAM came Magic Live, another big convention, held in Las Vegas. I saw a lot of VMC members there in attendance as I work registration. It's always nice to meet up with your friends in a different city.

This years picnic was an absolute blast! We held it at Barnet Marine Park, and the feedback from those in attendance was they loved the location! Thank you Graham Kita and Dennis Chan for organizing it, as well as Karen Eskilson and Terri Kita for setting everything up! If you have any feedback on any event we put on, please send them our way! We would love to hear from you guys, what went well and what we can do better next time!

The September Auction is coming up on September 28th! If you would like to sell or know someone who would like to sell please let Karen Eskilson (secretary@ibmring92.com) or myself know!

Members in Good Standing are able to sell with a 15% commission rate, Non - Members are able to sell with a 25% commission rate. Last year we implemented a entrance fee for non members to allow them to attend and buy, and it went really well! So this year we are doing the same! Non-Members can attend and purchase items with a \$20 entrance fee paid at the door.

Following last year's success at the Silent Auction Table, we will be featuring that once again!

A special note: This year, we will be offering credit card transactions for when paying at the end of the night via Square! No Cash? No Problem!

If you haven't noticed already, but we have a new event that is FREE for Members! This series is called "Pro Talks". It is a chance to meet, chat, and jam with the Pros! We already have had 3, those who attended LOVED them! So keep watch for when we make a posting! So far we have had Chip Romero, Anthony Barnhart, and Chris Funk. Hope to see you at the next one!

We have some cool stuff planned in the coming months, so keep watch on Facebook and your emails!

See you at the Auction!

Billy Hsueh

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Billy Hsueh". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

Annual Summer Picnic was a blast!!!



Summer Report

By: Dennis Chan



What a fast, busy and a fun filled magical summer it has been for the members of the Vancouver Magic Circle. Several members went to the I.B.M./ S.A.M. combined convention in Louisville Kentucky and some went to Magic Live in Las Vegas. I am sure that they thoroughly enjoyed all the lectures, workshops, shows, contests, dealers and much more.

The club's annual picnic was held at Barnet Marine Park in Burnaby. There were plenty of burgers, hot dogs, soft drinks, salads, chips and much more. Many thanks to Terri and Graham Kita for picking up the supplies for the picnic. Dennis Chan worked the barbecue. Graham Kita was in charge of the picnic contests.

There was the usual card tossing contest and a water balloon tossing event. Normally there are no prizes given out at our picnic contests, but our forever affable Graham Kita likes to reward the people who participated in the picnic contests for their efforts. Thanks Graham.

Scott Jansen was the winner of the card tossing contest. He won several decks of novelty playing cards. Brandon Jean-Rose and Wiley Allen were the winners of the water balloon tossing contest. Brandon won a magic kit and Wiley won a water pistol which he gave to Chantel Allen who in turn gave it to Rayne Mandrake. Thank you very much Chantel.

Of course, what would the afternoon be without the club's most popular picnic event, the watermelon eating contest. In this contest a watermelon is cut into six wedges, placed on a tarp, and then covered with whipped cream. Contestants are then blind folded, on their knees, and with their hands behind their backs, till " eating " begins. The person who eats the most " red " within the three minute time limit is declared the winner. The contestants were Graham Kita, Scott Jansen, Wiley Allen , Kim Fabbro, Rayne Mandrake and Logan Mandrake. Logan Mandrake was the winner. Congratulations Logan ! She was also the winner of the 2016 watermelon eating contest. Logan Mandrake was given a giant squirt gun as a prize. This event was very popular, with plenty of fun and laughs.

Kim Fabbro presented his fifteen minute Wand Holder's Degree programme with a mentalist effect using jumbo cards. Well done Kim. Kelvin Ng presented his Wand Holder's Degree with a rising card on a sketch pad. Unfortunately Kelvin did not qualify as he was well below the fifteen minute limit.

Other guests who brought food to the picnic were Bryn Williams, who brought pop and chips. The Farquhar family brought desserts. Chris Estrada brought a fruit platter and a bag of ruffle chips. Wiley Allen brought potato salad. The Mandrake family brought a bag of grapes, David Yoo brought some pastries, and Karen Eskilson brought a large calorie filled cake that was heavily decorated with a rich butter icing. OOPS! There goes my blood sugar count.

Thank you very much everyone. My apologies if I missed anyone. Graham Kita and Alex Seaman took videos of the afternoon's events. Terri Kita and Chelsea Kita took photos of the afternoon's events and the group photo. Thank you everyone. Dennis the "Bulldog" Chan provided the barbecue. Many thanks to Terri Kita, Chelsea Kita, Graham Kita and others for all their help and helping with the cleaning up. Many thanks to Billy Hsueh for selecting this venue for the picnic. As usual, it was a fun filled and successful afternoon. The helping hands for the afternoon were Terri Kita and Chelsea Kita. Graham Kita assisted Dennis Chan with the report. There were 19 members and 26 guests in attendance.

Dennis Chan and Graham Kita

The VMC has been presenting PRO TALKS, a free event for VMC members, where we get to jam with amazing magicians in an informal setting.

The first two were with Chip Romero and Anthony Barnhart.

For our 3rd Installation of Pro Talks, we had Chris Funk joining us from Manitoba!

We had a great turnout of about 15 VMC members and everyone had a great time - especially the owner of Legends Pub, where it was held.

Make sure you don't miss the next one. The best part is it is free for all VMC members!



*It is my sincere honour to serve as
International Vice-President
of the
International Brotherhood
Of Magicians*



A huge congrats to our own Alex Seaman, as he announces that he has been elected as the International Vice President of the International Brotherhood of Magicians!

A big congrats to Billy Hsueh as well for being elected to the executive committee of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

**DIAMOND
CELEBRATION!
VMC CELEBRATES
75 YEARS OF MAGIC!**



Shawn and the executive have been working hard to put together an amazing weekend of magic shows to celebrate the VMC's 75th Diamond Anniversary.

Dates are November 4th and 5th at the Waterfront Theatre on Granville Island. Keep those dates open and tell all your family and friends!

We are just selecting acts for the two gala shows so if members want to do a five to eight minute act they can request to be considered.

The show will feature acts from outside our club as well.

Ticket will soon be available and we hope that the membership will promote, sell and buy tickets to the shows.

More details to follow.

At the moment there is a poll on the Facebook page to name the show, so please submit your own suggestions there as well.

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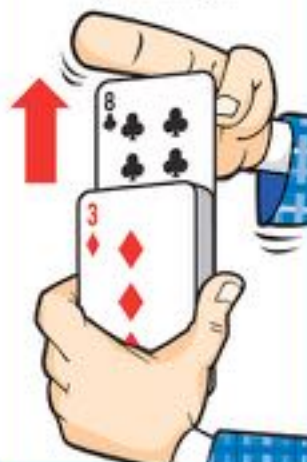
Here's a card trick that anyone can do. All you need is a deck of cards and a pinky finger. It's important that you know what the top card on the deck is, so take a peak at it before you perform this trick.



Hold the deck in one hand so it faces your audience. Lay the index finger of your other hand on top of the deck just like this. Tell your audience that your index finger is magnetically attracted to the... eight of clubs, for example.



Raise your index finger; and to the amazement of all, the eight of clubs rises with it, as if by magic... magnetic magic!



HOWDY DOIT?

While you may possess personal magnetism, you don't need it here. All you need is a pinky. When you raise your index finger, press your pinky against the top card and drag it up.



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CONJURING CALCULATOR



Here's a trick that will not only amaze your friends but yourself as well. All you need is a calculator.

Hello.



Now, tell your friend to pick any number from 1 to 9. Ask him to multiply the magic number by his randomly chosen secret number.



Hand the calculator to a friend and instruct him to enter the magic number 12,345,679. (It's basically just 1-9 without the 8.)



Your friend now has a new number. Tell him to multiply it by 9. When he hits equal, the calculator will show his randomly chosen secret number over and over!



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