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June Meeting from page 1

After a quick clean up it was off to the business meeting. Still managing to get meetings done in a timely fashion, President Mike Norden kept things to a reasonable 35 minutes. Dave Watters reported on the upcoming picnic and President Norden gave all the details pertaining to the free lecture by Justin Miller that the VMC was sponsoring. Dave Watters then showed off a new Ring 92 piece of apparel. A very nice leather & fleece jacket with our logo on the back and his own name. He had one made for himself and Mike also purchased one. Very nice indeed! Also mentioned was the fact that Stan Kramien had donated the proceeds from the auction at his 2006 Jamboree to us - almost \$100 Canadian. Thank you for your support Stan!

It was time for refreshments that were provided by Claire-ly Lee and what a feast!

Some wonderful homemade Chinese food and other treats awaited the members.

The main event of the evening was the competition for the Ray Gamble Trophy - Impromptu Card Magic. Emcee Aym Amlani, last year's winner, introduced Bill Lee doing a neat *Family of Cards* effect. Next was Clinton W. Gray doing his variation of *Out of This World* followed by David Hamil doing *They Eight Your*



Need we say more?

Card (Cannibal Cards.) Cameron Fisk, looking like a million dollars in his patent leather shoes, took to the stage next and did an impressive card find with some nice flourishes. Henry Tom followed, doing a demonstration of the Invisible Palm.. Michael Glenister did a mathematical trick (he is a math teacher) with the help of the father & son team of "The Boyes."

After some more closeup magic by our emcee, competition chair Walter Ruteck eventually announced the winner, Cameron Fisk.

The 50/50 draw of \$51.50 was won by David Wilson for the second time in a row. Fifty members and ten guests can truly say they had an entertaining evening.

Reported by Munro MacKenzie



Impromptu Card Magic Competition (clockwise): Bill Lee, Henry Tom, Clinton W. Gray, David Hamil, Michael Glenister, & emcee Aym Amlani.

President's Perspective



Summer is here and I hope everyone is booked solid or at least enjoying the sunshine! As you know, the club takes the months of July and August off for a break - and a break was what we needed! What a year this has been so far! 4 lectures, with 2 more to go. The next one is Chris Capehart on September 15th so mark that date on your calendar. We had the Open House, Kramiens, the Children's show and just last week the picnic.

I would like to thank everyone that made these functions happen - the turnout for the events have been huge! Now onto some business.

In the latest TLR, there is an advertisement for liability insurance for Canadian members. Yes, you read that right...Canadian members. HKMB

Insurance is offering a great package to cover magicians, clowns, face painters, jugglers and other entertainers while performing. If you slip on that banana peel or light the curtains on fire (not sure about that one...) you can feel secure in the knowledge that when they sue someone else is paying the bill! Check them out: www.hkmb.com/industry/sportsent/performers.asp. I would recommend that everyone take a look at this valuable tool. While we all hope nothing goes wrong, it is better safe than sorry.

That's my tip for the month! Now, I hope to see most of our members at the PCAM Convention our fellow Ring in Victoria is hosting on August 9-13th. If you have not registered there is still time - go visit www.pcam.biz for more information.

Have a magical summer everyone!

JUSTIN MILLER LECTURE

Reviewed by David Parker

On Friday, July 7 2006, Justin Miller, of Ellusionist fame, lectured to 61 Vancouver Magic Circle members and guests at Douglas College. This lecture was unique in that it was free to the first 100 people that signed up.

Justin came well prepared with his own sound system and assistant to man his products table. Justin started out by asking us "What was the reason you got into magic?", and explained that one of his goals of this lecture was to get us to think differently about our own magic.

Justin's opener was Second Print, where a signed, selected card is reprinted on a card that was previously shown to be blank on both sides. This trick utilized a great move called The Impulse Change. He followed this up with a few other card tricks, including his recently reviewed trick called X Marks the Spot, which involves a pseudo demonstration of how magicians use marked cards.



Eric Lenz gets hugs while Amanda O'Leary mugs

Mike Norden entertained us at half-time with a draw for the lucky number to win the entrance fee back for those who pre-registered, but unfortunately no one had the winning number. He then proceeded to present Justin with the coveted IBM Ring 92 pen, and the airport approved VMC garment bag. The usual Maple Leaf cookies were not presented. The supplier of the cookies claimed this was because he was late leaving for the lecture, but someone in the audience claims to have seen cookie crumbs on his shirt.



(l to r) Chris Schuh and David Noble happily accept fistfuls of money from Chris Pataki, Graham Kita and Henry Tom

Meanwhile back at the lecture, Justin continued with a trick utilizing loops followed by some mentalism routines. The final mentalism routine was an amazing effect called Believe where one person selects a card and another person

writes down a word. After mentally conjuring the name of the selected card, Justin removed a sealed envelope from his jacket which contained a matching card to the one selected, and on the back of the card was the very same word written by the spectator.

Justin closed his lecture by demonstrating a couple of coin tricks utilizing lapping. All in all, a very entertaining lecture.

WEB CORNER

Mike Norden

The IBM Convention was in July and that means a new winner for the 2006 Website of the Year. As last year's winner, I was honoured to be asked to judge this year's competition. And the competition was fierce! Many clubs have used our website as a model for theirs and in this case copying ones ideas is flattery!

My personal choice for winner was Ring 37, Nashville, TN check them out at www.nashvillemagicclub.com.

Alas, it was not meant to be... but my second place choice out of the 10 sites entered was the winner! After the many judges has tallied their scores the winner was announced....it was Ring 185 - Hawaii! A Well deserved win - their award winning website is www.freewebs.com/ibmring185

Now is the time to get your personal website up to par! We will be handing out the *Rufus Award* for best Ring 92 Website at the end of the year. If your website is linked on the Members page then you are entered. If it is not, then email me so I can put a link for you. We have added a new sponsor - www.omnimagic.com - they are a local online magic store that can serve your needs, and they just gave us four gift certificates totaling \$100 that were given out as prizes at the picnic. Thank you Chris from *Omni Magic!*

There will be a major upgrade to the website right after PCAM - lots more photos, information, events and jokes. Go to www.ibmring92.com - sign the guestbook and tell us what works and what doesn't. Thanks for your support!

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TIDBITS FROM THE TOP HAT

CONJURORS' CALENDAR

Ray Roch is scheduled to perform at the Tsawwassen Arts Centre, 1172-56th St., on Friday, Aug. 4 as part of the Delta Arts Council's Summer Holiday Show series. The performance starts at 1 p.m. Tickets cost \$7 each or three for \$15. Call 604-943-9787 to reserve a space. Full article about Ray appeared in the Delta Optimist.

While everyone is attending P.C.A.M., Clinton W. Gray will be headlining the P.G.X. in Prince George, B.C. This Agri-Exhibition is the second largest fair in B.C. (the P.N.E. is the largest) Clinton will appear in 3 shows daily, and feature his Strait Jacket escape hanging from a Bell E-10 helicopter, 250 feet in the air!

JUSTIN MILLER WORKSHOP

Reviewed by Munro Mackenzie

This is a brief review of Justin's WORKSHOP, not his lecture which was reviewed by David Parker on page 3.

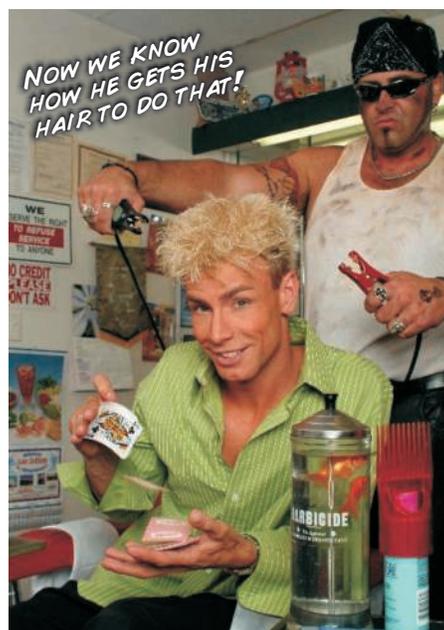
On Saturday, July 8, 2006, Justin Miller presented a workshop at Sands Hotel. The workshop dwelled on invisible elastic loops. Among other things, he taught the floating ring, the floating card, a routine with a fork jumping out of a cup, and a method for having a fallen cup stand upright.

Andrew Gerard and Jose Almenares almost took over the workshop expounding their approach to these techniques, but Justin managed to prevail. Justin sold some of his material at

reduced prices... I have a gut feeling he did not want to pack it all back home.

I enjoyed the workshop more than the lecture he gave the day before at Douglas College. That lecture focused on cards and lapping techniques which hold little interest to me; the invisible loops were more my style.

An added benefit of the day was Joe Ward and myself enjoying the pleasure of Denzil Bee having lunch with us. As she is the newest member of the phone committee, it was great getting to know her better.



Murray's Big Hair Lands Him a Really Big Shew

Ring 92 member Murray Sawchuk will be performing in the show, *A Really Big Shew* in Tulalip, WA. In addition to the CD act, he will be doing some of his stand-up comedy that's been getting rave reviews at the Comedy Store and the Laugh Factory in Los Angeles.

"*A Really Big Shew*" is billed as "The too-big-for-TV" tribute to the number one variety show of all time." Starring Jerry Hoban (of "*Pulp Fiction*" fame) as Ed Sullivan, this ultimate variety show is a staged recreation of a national

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Contact Tony Eng for more details or visit the website at pcam.biz

September 12-15, 17, 19-22, 24, 2006

the Tulalip Casino presents

A REALLY BIG SHEW WITH MURRAY

A varitey show featuring Ring 92 member and superstar of magic Murray Sawchuk.

Information: www.areallybigshew.com

Show times: www.tulalipcasino.com

Friday, September 15th, 2006 - 7:30pm

Ring #92 the Vancouver Magic Circle presents

MAGIC LECTURE BY CHRIS CAPEHART

Room #2203 - Douglas College

700 Royal Avenue, New Westminster, BC

Reserve your seat by calling 604-467-7887

Thursday - September 28th, 2006 - 7pm

IBM Ring #92 The Vancouver Magic Circle

SEPTEMBER MEETING - INITIATION NIGHT

All new members encouraged to come out!

6:30pm - Doors open

7:00pm - Workshop (TBA)

8:00pm - Meeting and initiation

Saturday, October 7, 2006

Northwest Ring of Fire (Lynnwood) presents

DAY O' MAGIC STARRING OSCAR MUNOZ

Swap meet, lecture, youth show, competition & "card-art" contest.

Adults \$30, family rate \$45.

Dealers tables \$10. Show tickets only \$10

Thursday - October 25th, 2006

IBM Ring #92 The Vancouver Magic Circle

OCTOBER MEETING - MAGIC AUCTION!

6:00pm - Set-up

7:30pm - Auction

Sunday - November 26th, 2006

IBM Ring #92 - Vancouver Magic Circle

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER & SHOW!

Best Western Sands Hotel, Vancouver

television broadcast, with the local theatre audience playing the role of the studio audience. For information about the show, www.areallybigshew.com. For tickets and show times check out Tulalip Casino at www.tulalipcasino.com

Note from Clinton: I have talked to Gene Siler, the producer of the show and he has offered comp tickets to VMC members, but you must make arrangements through me. Please call or email if you are interested in attending this show.

Vancouver Magicians Make Rain Disappear

It's a beautiful day in the neighbourhood... well, ok perhaps it was raining in the morning but the sun did come out and we had a great picnic on Sunday, July 30th!

Dave Watters was the man in charge for this event and kudos to him for a fantastic job. While the weather did cancel some of the planned events the show must go on - and it did!

The event started at noon with Mike's better half, Nicole, showing up with all the food and getting it ready for consumption. Dave and Cathie Watters brought along a BBQ and Cathie got to

A huge thank you goes out to the Watters clan for their effort in organizing this event. Dave brought along his backdrop, sound system and acted as emcee while Cathy dished up the food. Jeremy and Al Olson brought along a nice assortment of fruit that was eaten up, and Nicole was invaluable in getting the food prepared and delivered. Dennis Chan was busy selling 50/50 and even donated two prizes to be won. David Wilson brought along a cooler and the BBQ, but what else is new? This man does so much for this club...

And we cannot forget Claus Ritter - he donated \$100 to the club to help cover

Wilson. David did *What Next?* and a hilarious *Professor Cheers* routine culminating in 20 metres of red rope tied to both ankles when finally being pulled free brought forth his boxer HEART undershorts. The kids loved it... okay, so did the adults.

David Watters next did a change bag effect ending up with TWO simultaneous beautiful silk fountains.

The final act was Rod Chow doing his award winning money magic effect culminating with a hilarious lighted banner across his chest emblazoned "In **ROD** We Trust."

Finally, Dave Watters introduced our President Mike Norden. Mike addressed the crowd, gave them our thanks and then got the VMC members and family up on the stage for a group photo. It was done fast and efficient thanks to David Wilson and his expertise in this field!

The 50/50 draw was next and \$63.50 was won by young Jessie Boyes. But, our President had an announcement - he had \$100 in gift certificates donated by www.omnimagic.com - our newest online sponsor! The first gift certificate of \$50 was won by Alf Spence and \$25 gift certificates were won by Munro MacKenzie and Cathie Watters.

But then Dennis Chan had more prizes! Jessie won a shoulder bag and then his dad Gord won a pair of binoculars. Hmmm... maybe you should mix up those tickets more Mr. President. Gord donated the bag back which was then won by Anthony Young.

By this time it was 4pm and the party started to break up. Organizer Dave Watters was happy to have pulled off another successful picnic. Incidentally, his employer Canada Post, was having their picnic right next door. No doubt this is why our 60 members and guests swelled to such a large crowd for the magic show.

Reported by Mike Norden



work making coffee and tea for everyone. David Wilson brought along the club's new BBQ that he had fixed all by himself (thanks David!) and Shawn Whithead took on the cooking duties and started flipping burgers for the now growing crowd - but wait, did anyone bring a flipper?! Our President showed up at 12:30 with a new set of BBQ tools in his hands to save the day. He relieved a smokey Shawn and took over the BBQ duties.

Burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, chips and drinks were on the house courtesy of your VMC. 60 burgers and 50 hot dogs found their way to the stomach of the 36 members and 45 guests! A great turnout for a rainy start to the day.

the costs of the picnic! What a donation! On behalf of all our member, thank you very much, Claus.

Now on with the show. Dave Watters was the emcee and started the show with a Card Stab in a paper bag. He then introduced 5yr old Nicolas Chow with his assistant "Sylvia" - what? The Mom is in the act now too?! Oops! He meant Melody Choi who came out and made us all go, "awwwwwwww." They were a delight to watch.

Next Trevor Watters, looking like a million dollars in his sky blue suit, did a card stab on his umbrella plus discovering a second card. Dave Watters did "Will The Card Match" routine to the consternation of his five audience helpers, and then introduced David



from the desk of Rod Chow

I just finished up both 2006 international conventions - the IBM in Miami Florida and the S.A.M. in Louisville, Kentucky. I am pleased to announce that out of 31 international contestants in the IBM close-up preliminaries, I was one of the top six to be presented a Gold Cups finalist award on stage by IBM International president, Roger Miller.

After IBM I went on the S.A.M. convention where I am pleased to announce that I won 1st Place in the International contest of Close-Up Magic, and am honoured to have represented Vancouver, BC, Canada, to bring home the prestigious award.

Both were great contests where I had to repeat my Money Magic act seven times at I.B.M. (I performed three shows in the preliminaries and four shows in the finals) and at S.A.M. in six consecutive rooms with little time for reset. I received wonderful audience response during my act and many raving comments afterwards. Those who have seen me perform before noticed much improvement. To succeed as a finalist at IBM and a 1st place winner at S.A.M. were indeed proud accomplishments after putting in so much work and refinement into my act.

Thank you to ALL V.M.C. members for all your support, feedback and encouragement! The V.M.C. really has been invaluable as a club which my membership and participation in, over the past 15 years, genuinely has expanded my horizons as a magician, and which has given me the vital opportunities to learn, share and achieve which one could never do alone.

A special thanks to VMC Treasurer and Past President David Wilson, one of the longest and most consistent of VMC executive members for being there to keep the club together and strong, uphold its integrity and heritage, and for being such a terrific inspiration to myself and my family.

A special and sincere thanks to S.A.M. #95 Assembly President, Lon Mandrake, for recognizing my capabilities and inviting me into the S.A.M. at the beginning. The performing opportunities, the executive duties and the sharing amongst members that S.A.M. have afforded me, have really helped me grow as a magician.

A special and definitely well deserved thanks to S.A.M. Regional V.P. for Canada and past IBM Territorial V.P. Shawn Farquhar for being a great mentor, for all his assistance in the construction of my act, for his invaluable technical know-how, and for his always wise, experienced and indispensable words of advice over the years.

And finally, a special and big thanks to Glen LaBarre who has spent long hours over the years coaching me and preparing me for the competitions. His adept, quick-thinking and fertile mind was always available to provide solutions to problems that arose and to come up with the better methods to make the magic cleaner or patter to make the act run smoother.

Our goal was to strive for perfection, and Glen, with his un-wavering encouragement for me to have the act so practiced and foolproof, got me to the point where I could sincerely enjoy myself while performing.

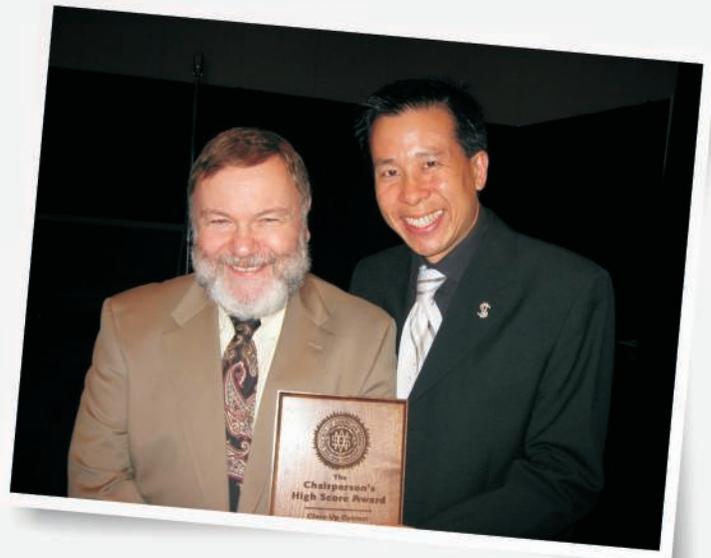
Thank you to Everyone for all your friendship. All the Best!

Magical Regards,

Rod

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P.S. Enclosed is a photo of me receiving my award from S.A.M. Contest Chairman Paul Critelli.



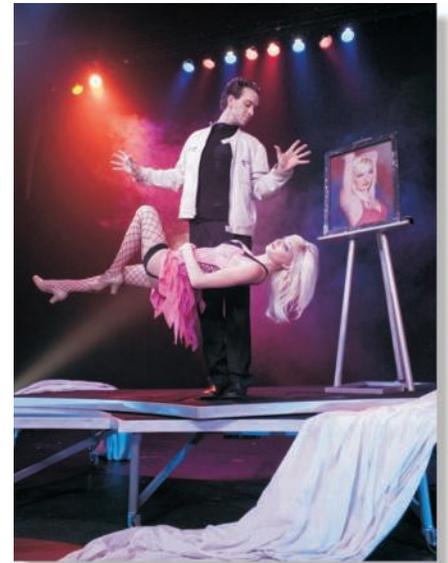
Dave Womach Headlines in Saipan

One of our out-of-town members, Dave Womach, has been extremely busy... Last year, he was happily working on the Norwegian Sun cruise ship, when the SandCastle resort in Saipan sent him an email about the possibility of him headlining with his own show. Dave quickly finished up his contract with Norwegian Cruise Lines and caught a flight to Las Vegas to meet with the CEO of SandCastle resorts.



The company loved Dave and within days, contracts were signed, plans were made, and opening dates were set. By March, he was producing the show in Las Vegas. Throughout the rest of the year he continued his breakneck schedule of gigs throughout the US, Canada and internationally while working on the new show for the SandCastle. This past March, Dave and his team were back in Nevada, this time in Reno, rehearsing daily for well over two months. He purchased more than \$70,000 in new illusions and costumes with money he had saved up from the cruise ships, crated it all and sent everything to Saipan. They then spent another month rehearsing in Saipan from midnight to 9 a.m. every day; the only time the theatre was available.

The show finally opened on July 1st, 2006. Currently he is doing 12 shows per week featuring all of his award-winning material as well as many illusions. Recently added routines include a levitation, (see photo), a Table of Death, Bird to Girl, Shroud, & the Million Dollar Mystery. When asked if he had time for an interview, he said, "Of course, I'd love to be in the VMC newsletter. Ask your questions... but then I have to run! Gotta train birds, maintain



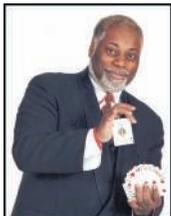
props, sew, create new ideas and rehearse (yeah, still rehearsing about 5 hours every day!"

For more information about Dave's travels and show, check out www.DaveWomach.com.

remember, for more information about our members and events go to.....

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Don't Miss Our Next Lecture... Chris Capehart



On September 15, 2006 IBM Ring 92 - The Vancouver Magic Circle will present a lecture by Chris Capehart, a true Professional Street Magician

As a professional street performer, Chris' magic takes him all over the globe and allows him to entertain crowds on some of the world's most famous avenues, street, and corners. Chris Capehart's street lecture covers:

- **The importance of crowd control.** Chris will teach you the truth about keeping everybody's attention.
- **Collecting money is trickier than you think.** Chris reveals personal secrets about filling your hat to the brim.

- **What should you carry when performing on the street?** Pocket management distinguishes the professionals from the amateurs and Chris reveals his thoughts on this important topic based on real-world situations.

- **What cases to perform on and an extensive discussion about the proper places to work.**

Chris' lecture also covers other subjects like what licenses are needed in order to perform in certain areas, thoughts on how money is made, and the true dangers of street entertaining.

Come to Chris' lecture and you will find a pleasant blend of detailed instruction

and street-theory, which is guaranteed to inspire you for years to come.

You will regret missing Chris Capehart!

DETAILS

What: Chris Capehart Magic Lecture

When: Friday, September 15th, 2006
Start: 7:30p.m.

Where: Room #2203 - Douglas College
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New Westminster, B.C.

How: Reserve your seat by calling
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Chris Capehart

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- What should you carry when performing on the street? Pocket management distinguishes the professionals from the amateurs and Chris reveals his thoughts on this important topic based on real-world situations.
- Part of Chris' lecture sheds light on what cases to perform on, and extensive discussion about which places to work.

Friday, September 15th, 2006 - 7:30pm
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Reserve your seat by calling
David Wilson at (604) 467-7887

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