



# Shell Game

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## March's meeting

This night was all about the "sponge". It was time to see who was "sponge-worthy" by having a workshop devoted to sponge magic. And leading us was one of our own, Jason Williams, in his first lecture for the club. People brought their own sponge balls (and Mike Fisher brought lots of extras) so everyone could participate. Jason lead us in several of his favourite sponge ball routines and vanishes. (He even had lecture notes! Nice touch!!)

His routines included "The Magic 10 Count"; "Two in the pocket; one in the hand"; and "Sponge balls in spectator's hands". Jason demonstrated the effect,s and then lead us step by step through all the moves in the routines.

Jason also performed a host of different vanishes, including the Garcia Master Move, the Two Finger Vanish, the Deliberate Vanish; the Bluff Vanish; the Place Vanish; the Impossible Challenge Vanish, and the Transfer Type Vanish. (No that's a lot of vanishes!!). Jason put a lot of effort into this night and it was well worth it! He is obviously very talented in sponge magic and showed not only his technique to us but also his enjoyment in doing it! Let's hope there are many more presentations from Jason!

Peter Mennie also presented a very entertaining sponge routine using "clones" as a theme – and ending with the appearance of a green dragon! Lorne Overholt joined the mix with a fabulous "multiplying sponges" effect.

Mike Fisher demonstrated a recent purchase ("Knight's Templar") and asked for suggestions for a routine, in keeping with his pirate theme – and he seemed very pleased with all the ideas he received! And Dan Narejko showed off a "cubes in a box" trick he got at a Subway store!

Next Meeting: (NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE)

Monday, April 21 7:00PM

Beal Secondary School  
255 Dundas Street, London T-253

Topic: TWO LECTURES IN ONE NIGHT!

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## April's Meeting

DATE: Monday, April 21 (NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE)  
TIME: 7:00 PM  
PLACE: Beal Secondary School  
Room 253

Topic: TWO LECTURES – Giacomo Bertini and Vanni Bossi!!

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Do not miss April's "Two Lectures In One" night, when we have one of the finest coin performers in the world, Giacomo Bertini, on his way to FFFF! David Roth says that Giacomo does some of the finest and most innovative magic he has ever seen! And Vanni Bossi is one of the most creative minds in magic.

It should be a very special evening. Tell your friends!  
(NOTE: This evening is \$15 for non-club members.)

## News Of Interest



### Steve Duperré's **Magic Muscle**

Learn the card tricks that Steve has used to fool many magicians at the renowned 4F convention!

A new book on card magic from a well known Canadian magician – Steve Duperre – is now available. His book - Magic Muscle – is getting a lot of good press:

This is a great book. I wish I could keep it to myself. Steve fooled me badly with the card to wallet and the mid-air visual change. They are well worth the price of the book.

— **Bill Malone**

Steve's book should be a lesson on how to write a magic book. It is extremely easy to read, there are tons of quality pictures, and the layout & design are superior to most books already out there. I've seen him perform much of this material and he fooled the pants off many magicians!

— **Oscar Munoz**

Steve Duperré is young, he is good looking, and he fooled me. I hate him!

— **Pat Page**

The book is \$65 (shipping is free) and includes gaffs and cards for performing 3 of the tricks!

Visit <http://www.magicmusclebook.com/> for more information.

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## Jay Marshall Collection auction after IBM convention

This will be of interest to anyone heading to the combined IBM/SAM convention this July in Louisville, Kentucky:

A public auction of ephemera and memorabilia from the legendary magic collection of entertainer Jay Marshall (1919-2005) will take place in Louisville, Kentucky, on Sunday, July 27, 2008 – the day following the conclusion of the IBM/SAM 2008 Combined Convention. The auction will be held at the Galt House Hotel & Suites, Louisville, KY.

Jay Marshall accumulated one of the world's finest collections of magic-related material in the world. Over the course of his lifetime, he amassed millions of pieces of magical memorabilia, books and ephemera. A selection of choice artifacts from his collection will be available for sale at this public auction.

Rare Houdiniana – autographs, books and ephemera - will be included in the sale. Scarce books on conjuring dating to the 18th Century will also be offered, along with vintage gambling collectibles, magic apparatus, posters and ephemera related to some of the greatest magicians of the 20th Century, including Howard Thurston, Alexander Herrmann, Karl Germain, Harry Blackstone, Sr., and others.

Jay Marshall entertained audiences the world over with a unique blend of ventriloquism, magic and comedy. With his renowned-gloved rabbit partner, Lefty, he performed at the Palace Theatre in New York, the Palladium in London, and guested on virtually every major TV variety program between 1945 and 1980, including 14 appearances on the Ed Sullivan Show. Jay also appeared in The Ziegfeld Follies, and on Broadway. Along with his second wife Frances, he owned and operated Magic, Inc., Chicago's premiere magic shop - supplying magic tricks and books to the trade, for over 40 years. Since 1992, Marshall served as Dean of the Society of American Magicians. He died on May 10, 2005 at the age of 85.



## New web site provides card sleights – for a price!

There is a new web site that is taking the process of learning card sleights into a different (and more profitable) level.

At <http://www.theory11.com/1on1/>, you can buy videos online of individual sleights, for about \$4.95 per sleight. Each video is several minutes in length, produced in high definition, with "extreme detail on every topic".

And who are the 11 in Theory 11? Aaron Fisher, B.J. Bueno, Chris Kenner, Dan White, Dana Hocking, Daniel Madison, Dan Buck, Dave Buck, Jonathan Bayne, Lee Asher, Mathieu Bich, Tom Isaacson and Wayne Houchin. There is some serious talent here!!

## Keith Richards' Sleep Stunt Warning For David Blaine

The Rolling Stones' Keith Richards has a warning for illusionist David Blaine, who plans to go a record-breaking 13 days without sleep later this year. The rocker says he ended up with a broken nose when he stayed awake for nine days.

Richards claims he managed to stay awake for nine days back in the 1970s, thanks to a cocktail of narcotics, but the feat ended badly. He reveals, "On the ninth day I was putting a tape into a tape deck. In 0.3 of a second I fell asleep and crashed headfirst into a JVC speaker, smashing my nose apart. I just lay there and let it bleed. It was a chemical thing."

## Get excited about the IBM/SAM convention

In the next few months, we will include some information about the combined IBM/SAM convention being held this year in Louisville, Kentucky from July 21-27, 2008.

This month – some of the basics:

- There will be \$50,000 in contest prize money and performing contracts;
- It will feature six never-to-be-repeated lectures on the art of magic;
- There will be world class gala stage shows, an international cabaret banquet and a dynamite East meets West Close-up Magic Shoot-out.
- And, of course, our own Joan Caesar will be inaugurated International IBM President!

There will be more details coming your way in upcoming issues. Check out the new-and-dramatically-improved IBM web site for more information.

<http://www.magician.org>

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