



Shell Game

A Monthly Newsletter for the London Magic Community
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March's meeting

The dust was cleared off many of the old effects in our basements, and put on display at this year's annual magic auction!

The crowd wasn't huge, but the items for sale were plentiful, and many deals were made. Sellers auctioned off their own items, with computer expert Andy Parr capturing the sales and tallying the results.

In the end, the club made a cool \$12! Better not spend it all in one place!

Mark Hogan

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 28 7:30PM
(NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE!!)

Topic: TONY MONTANA LECTURE!

Beal Secondary School
525 Dundas Street, London
T-253

We Want Your Reviews and Tricks!
Please send any original reviews, magic
tricks or routines to:
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April's Meeting

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TIME: 7:30 PM

PLACE: Beal Secondary School
T-253

Topic: TONY MONTANA LECTURE!

Tony is a mentalist from Argentina who finished 3rd at the FISM World Championships in 2009 in Beijing.

Tony will explain effects from his winner act and many ideas on card magic and close up, apart from his original mental magic. He will also talk about the magician as a performer, applying acting to mentalism.

Not only will we see Tony's exciting lecture, he will be bringing along a famous friend (who WON'T be lecturing for us, but will be in attendance, and you'll get a chance to meet) - the 2000 FISM World Champion of Card Magic - Henry Evans!!

Henry's resume is beyond impressive:

- FISM 2000 World Champion
- Nominee for Best Lecture (twice) – Academy of Magic Arts, Hollywood
- MVP (Most Valuable Performer) at FFFF 2002
- Magician of the Year, Best Close-up Show of the Year, Best Lecturer of the Year 2005 – Cometa Magico, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 1st Place Card Magic at FLASOMA 1992

So come on out and see not only a great mentalism lecture, but hang with one of the most famous card magicians in the world!

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"WHERE FRIENDS MEET AND NEW FRIENDSHIPS BEGIN"

APRIL 29, 30, MAY 1ST, 2010
KITCHENER, ONTARIO



SPECIAL PRE-CONVENTION
LENNART GREEN
WORKSHOP
ON APRIL 28

Featuring FISM winners:

Henry Evans, Shawn Farquhar,
Lennart Green, Marc Oberon, Tim
Ellis and Sue-Anne Webster, as well as the
remarkable Bill Abbott, Timothy Drake,
Charlie Frye & Co., Dick Joiner, Ryan Joyce,
Mark Mason, Mike Robinson, Bob Sheets,
Stoil and Ekaterina, and Steve Walker

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT US ONLINE:
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Entertainers subject to change without notice.

News Of Interest



Jokes:

Packs Small, Plays Big.

A magician walks into a bar and says, "Bartender, give me a glass of beer, and a thimble-full of beer for my friend."

"What friend?" asks the bartender.

The magician reaches into his shirt pocket and lifts out a 4-inch man. He sets him on the bar.

The bartender is astonished. "That's amazing!" he says.

"Not half as amazing as his tricks!" says the magician. "Max, show the man what you can do."

The little guy takes out a piece of string and proceeds to break it into many pieces. Then he gathers up the pieces and places them into the bartender's hand. The string is now restored."

"Amazing!" says the bartender, "What else can he do? Does he talk?"

"Of course he can!" says the magician, "Max, tell him about that time we were in Africa and you made fun of that witch doctor's powers!"

Magic Boy

A pimple-faced young magic fanatic was walking from the convention dealer room to the close up room, playing cards in perpetual motion, when his friend said, "Where did you get that great bike you were riding this morning?"

The magician replied, well, I was walking along practicing my faro shuffle when my concentration was suddenly interrupted by a beautiful woman riding up to me on a bicycle. She stopped, threw her bike on the ground, took off all her clothes, and stood there with her arms outstretched shouting, "Take whatever you want, Magic Boy!!"

His buddy stopped his double coin roll and looked over at his friend in delighted surprise. Smiling, he said, "Good choice, Tom! Her clothes probably wouldn't have fit you anyway."



Top Ten Michael Ammar Facts

(from <http://www.ammarfacts.com>)

1. If you allocate $A=1$, $B=2$, $C=3$ and add the total up for both 'Mike Ammar' and 'Dai Vernon', 'Mike Ammar' is EXACTLY twice as big as 'Dai Vernon'... coincidence? I think not...
2. Michael Ammar doesn't need Easy to Master Miracles. You do.
3. Bluff pass? Ammar doesn't bluff.
4. Michael Ammar will one day cure all known diseases as a kicker to a "coins across" routine.
5. You know how when you are dealing a second deal you sometimes get a card "that hangs"? It isn't because the deck is sticky. It's because Ammar held it back.
6. When Ammar cuts to the aces - people die.
7. When Michael Ammar does card on ceiling, he does it outdoors.
8. Michael Ammar's name can be used to answer any trivia question.
9. Michael Ammar once challenged all known magicians to equal or beat his skill at magic. This tradition continues today. We know it as FISM.
10. Ammar once used his own head as a final load to his cups and balls routine.
11. In the Star Wars Trilogy, the Jedi were originally going to be called Ammars.



Playing Cards

(from <http://www.magichat.co.uk/a64-Card-Care.html>)

How To Break in a Deck of Cards

We all love the feeling of a new deck, but they are so stiff. Here is my method of breaking in a deck:

1. Riffle shuffling the cards face up, then face down about four or five times.
- 2a. Springing the cards on the short side from hand to hand face up, then face down twice.
- 2b. Springing the cards on the long side from hand to hand face up, then face down twice.

If you can do a one-handed shuffle, then the second half of the routine is really good for breaking in cards. If not able to do the one-handed shuffle, then repeat steps one and two multiple times.

- 3a. Performing the one-handed shuffle face down in the right hand.
- 3b. Performing the one-handed shuffle face down after rotating the deck 180 degrees with the right hand.
- 3c. Repeat 3a and 3b face up in the right hand.
4. Repeat step three with the left hand.

Repeat entire routine a couple of more times. Once you are done, you can put the deck underneath something heavy to flatten it out, but the deck should be flat after this work out.

How To Conserve a Deck of Cards

When a new deck is received, the deck of cards before it can still be put to use. One way is to use the deck as a practice deck.

Wash your hands before you begin to practice. Wash in cold, soapy water; then fully dry your hands afterwards with a towel. This prevents the cards from absorbing moisture on your hands from sweat.

When practicing, if you feel your hands becoming sweaty; stop and wash your hands again.

When practicing, don't leave the top card and the bottom the card the same. Cut the cards numerous times during practice.

Keep the old deck of cards in a dark, cool corner; leave it there, and forget about it. A couple of weeks later, you will eventually find it again. This deck will be better than it was before, all the moisture is now out of the cards and they are great again.

When to Call it Quits for a Deck of Cards

Eventually there comes a time when you need to call it quits for a deck of cards. There are many phases of calling it quits:

- When a deck has about half of the cards left.
- When there is a line in the middle of the long side going down the entire deck from where you've bent the deck so many times (this does happen, trust me)

When they don't fan well anymore and the clumps are in at least 6 to 10 cards.

There are reasons that once the cards get to this point that they aren't even good for practice, except for tearing up, folding, burning, stuffing in your mouth, etc.

First of all, it doesn't help with new decks. New decks have a slippery feeling to them. If you are used to the cards sticking together, you will have less control over them (fans may jump out of your hand, cards may slide during a one handed cut, etc...)

Secondly, if the deck has less than a full deck, your hands are not using the usual amount of cards, which will mean that a normal deck will feel big for your hands which can affect the magic greatly.

Removing the seal

How do you open the box? You usually have to either rip the seal with your fingers/knife as if opening a letter, or carefully peel the seal off.

It looks a lot better with the seal completely peeled off, but a lot of times the sticky stuff remains on the box. So if you keep the deck in your pocket, a lot of fabric fluff, dirt, etc. will stick on the adhesive from the seal and looks quite unpleasing.

So how do you exactly get all the stick stuff off? Follow these simple steps:

1. Carefully peel off the seal. If it rips or some part still stays on, don't worry. Try to remove as much of the seal as you can.
 2. Taking the removed seal, re-attach the seal wherever there's a sticky spot. Quickly take the seal off, and repeat until all of the adhesive is taken off.
 3. If the seal loses its stickiness, you can do step 2 with a piece of scotch tape.
- I guarantee this will work for you and will leave the deck box looking as though it never had a seal on it in the first place.

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