



Shell Game

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

The March meeting started off with our guest **Harvey Poole** making his performance to become our newest club member!

Harvey performed a card trick using AI, where the cards actually determined the correct colour, suit and value of a selection! He also did an impressive *Magic Square* variation he calls "*Sudoku on Steroids*". Later in the night, Harvey magically linked 2 paper clips and created a necklace out of a rubber band, and also found (after a barrage of mixing and flipping a packet of cards by the spectator) the four Aces as the only cards reversed! The vote was unanimous: *Welcome to the club, Harvey!*

This night's theme was "Other talents we use in our magic". Probably the best illustration was **Byron Berry's** rendition of "*Hook*", using his skills as a fisherman (after showing us some of his impressive catches!) to put a fishing hook in his mouth and we took turns pulling strings out – yet the last string was the only one attached to the hook!

Mark Hogan showed us **Bob Farmer's** "*Tsunami*", where he used his poker skills to find a selection and secretly build a winning poker hand using it! He also presented his skills as a brain surgeon with **David Williamson's** "*Brain Probe*".

Scott Hood is an expert woodworker, and exhibited some of his creations including a magic wand and a gorgeous set of handmade pens! He also did tricks

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Time: 7:00 PM

Topic: HAMILTON CLUB EXCHANGE!

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Room 253**

using a switch box he built for a card production; using his pens for a prediction; and built an origami rose using a napkin!

Nick Sun (one of our guests for the night) performed an impressive "Card to Pocket" routine. And Wesley Steele showed us a terrific **Craig Petty** routine where four Queens and four Aces all switched places – three times!

Thanks to everyone who came out to share some awesome magic!

Mark Hogan

April's meeting

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The Hamilton club members are coming to our regular April club meeting. We will be travelling to Hamilton for their regular club meeting on *Tuesday, May 12* (more information below).

Hope to see you help welcome our Hamilton friends on **Wednesday, April 8!**

We Want Your Reviews and Tricks!

Please send any original reviews, magic tricks or routines to:

magic_london@yahoo.ca

News Of Interest



Club exchange with Hamilton's Ring 49 - DATES CONFIRMED

(Ring49magic.com)

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Dates for these visits have now been CONFIRMED:

- The Hamilton magicians will come to London on **Wednesday, April 8th**. This is our regular meeting date for April.
- London magicians would then visit Hamilton on **Tuesday May 12th**. This is the regular Hamilton club meeting night for April.

We are looking for London magicians (that's us!) who would like to travel to Hamilton to perform/lecture on Tuesday May 12th. We would figure out carpooling arrangements once we know who is interested.

Please consider joining us in a trip to Hamilton. More information will be available as the date approaches.

NOTE: There was a suggestion put forward for London to considering hosting *both Hamilton and Windsor clubs* at a future club exchange event (perhaps sometime next year). People in attendance at the February meeting thought it was a great idea.



Magic & Shenanigans Guided Tour Festival in Waterloo: May 29-31

(MagicAndShenanigans.com)

Back for its 2nd year, this unique experience combines the greatest magicians from around the globe along with professional comedians, actors and improv specialists chosen as tour guides to help you navigate the streets of *Uptown Waterloo*.

A **walking tour** designed with indoor and outdoor surprises. Throughout the two hours your comedy guide will bring you to secret venues where magicians await to wow with incredible sleight of hand magic. If you can handle a few flights of stairs, strolling 6 blocks, comedy and magic combined, then come prepared for the fun and craziness of this year's *Magic & Shenanigans Festival*.

Shows are designed for ages 10+

Magicians this year include:

- **Laura London**
- **Matt Disero**
- **Chris Capehart**
- **Alyx Hilshey**
- **Siegfried Taylor**
- **Jack Wise**
- **Keith Fields**

For more information and to buy tickets, visit:

<https://magicandshenanigans.com/>

IBM Convention in St. Louis July 22-25

(Magician.org)

This year's *International Brotherhood of Magicians Convention* will be held at the *Marriot St. Louis Hotel Airport* in St. Louis, Missouri from July 22-25, 2026.

This year's guest of honour is **Connie Boyd** (author of last year's best selling book *Power of Magical Women*). Also appearing will be:

- **Aaron Fisher**
- **Andrew Goldenhursh**
- **Skyler Jade**
- **Jon Armstrong**
- **Paige Thompson**
- **Artem Shchukin**
- **Andy Gladwin**
- **Jonathan Levit**
- **Mandy Muden**
- **Jonathan Burns**
- **Rachel Ling Gordon**



Of course there will be the IBM Talent Competition, where the IBM Gold Cups and IBM Gold Medal will be up for grabs. And Lance Burton will be hosting the popular Lance Burton Teen Seminar and IBM Youth Competition.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.magician.org/convention>

MAGIC *Live!*

Magic Live Convention in Las Vegas: August 2-5
(MagicConvention.com)

This year's *Magic Live Convention* will be once again be held in the *Orleans Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas* (2.3 miles off the Strip) from *August 2-5, 2026*.

More than anything, *MAGIC Live* is known for its professional approach. From the highly organized registration process, to wonderful welcome gifts and a high-energy opening party... and that's just the start.

Every detail is considered, every option is explored, and every bit is polished in order to bring you the best convention experience ever!

The most celebrated, innovative, funny, and exciting stage acts from around the world are featured in *The Orleans Showroom*, with its state-of-the-art lighting and sound. *MAGIC Live* has consistently presented magic in the best close-up venues found at any convention anywhere. Our custom-built theaters, complete with lighting, sound, curtains, and raised seating, make our close-up show more than simply a show. That's why we call it *The Close-up Experience*.

Featuring five or six expert speakers doing 18-minute talks, our **General Sessions** are a combination of shared knowledge, magic instruction, inspirational messages, celebrity interviews, and live performances. Our Focus Sessions are in-depth workshops with the experts. Top performers teach their favorite subjects, including close-up, mentalism, business, family shows, creativity, cool new tricks, and more!

Our team works year round to find new ways to surprise you, to create an environment for you to feel wonder again. Attendees are regularly treated to unique concepts, such as experiencing magic while blindfolded, or a show without a performer at all, or an interactive journey in which each member of the audience plays a role in solving the mysteries.

Registration is open now. The registration cost is **\$520 U.S.**, and includes tickets to all performances, access to all sessions, workshops, special events, parties, and our 17,000-sq-ft dealer room, as well as all giveaway items. The hotel fee at only **\$94.99 U.S.** per night.

For more information, visit:

<https://magicconvention.com/>

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