



Shell Game

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November's meeting

November's meeting was all about Comedy Magic. And the comics were out in full force this night!

Starting off the night was Daniel Manley, who had a card chosen by a spectator, and attempted to pull the card out of a paper bag. After the card was "too small" too often, Daniel pulled out a jumbo card that matched!

Ron Keller was next, and in one move, knotted two rings on a rope (each with individual knots!). After making a knot disappear, he tried to help Daryn Bee tie a knot in a rope without letting go – who couldn't pull it off, until he got Daniel back on stage to be his helper! And Mark Hogan did a comedy version of the Signed Bill in Lemon (a la Bill Malone).

Peter Mennie performed a funny routine where unexpected cards turned face up in a packet, only to find that the backs spelled F-A-K-E. Then he had guest Austin MacDonald perform the role of magician and Daryn as his lovely assistant, and presented a very comical routine that included breaking and multiplying wands, breaking fans - and yet the magician-spectator was still able to pull off an amazing feat, and was

rewarded with some cool balloon animals!

It was time for Sean Avram to perform his initiation routine for membership – and what a great job he did in keeping with the comedy theme. He used a stand-up clown "Seany Bravo" to produce a selected, signed card inside a balloon. Then he displayed a nice sponge ball routine with Mike Fisher and Daniel as assistants. And he finished with a hilarious routine with a special magical guest – "David Plain" – who not only correctly guessed Mike's thought-of card by writing it on his arm, but also had it in a sealed envelope sealed for weeks, and found it drawn on, but also had it written on Mike's ankle! (And after we all stopped laughing, it was pleasure to welcome Sean to the club!)

Next Meeting:

Wed. November 8, 7:00 pm
Beal Secondary School,
Room 234 (Staff Room)
525 Dundas St., London

Topic: LECTURE by Chuck Hickok!

Mike showed us a running gag he uses with a jelly bean can which turns into ... wait for it ... a snake! He then demonstrated his own routine that he created using the "Vanishing Bandana", but without the banana!

Don Tuckey finished the night with a great laugh, by using a huge needle to draw some blood from Steve Seguin's arm, and then injecting it into Don's own head!

It was a laugh-a-minute night – thanks for everyone who made this evening so much fun!

- Mark Hogan

December's Meeting

Date: Tues. December 5, 2006

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Beal's Staff Room

Topic: CHUCK HICKOK



December will feature a lecture by renowned mentalist Chuck Hickok.

Author of "Mentalism, Incorporated", Chuck will share his secrets for strong, entertaining

mentalism proven successful before corporate audiences of all kinds.

This lecture will change December's meeting night to Tuesday, December 5. So mark your calendars now for this highly entertaining night!

See the club web site for more information on Chuck's lecture.



News Of Interest

Magic Castle "After Dark" TV premiere

"Magic Castle After Dark" is a half-hour live to tape special featuring some incredible magicians from the world famous Magic Castle in Hollywood. It's like Evening at the Improv was for comedians BUT for magicians!

It focuses on the intimate magic of the Magic Castle. Some of the performers on the show include Nathan Gibson, Jon Armstrong, Andrew Oldenhersh, Chris Hart, Joel Ward, Shoot Ogawa and Gregory Wilson.

It is earmarked as a series, but, of course, ONLY if the numbers reflect well enough for the network to sign off on it – so be sure to watch: Saturday Dec. 16 at 11:00 PM on A&E.

Christmas Illusia show in Toronto

On December 16, at 7:00 PM, Vladimir Martyniuk will take the Music Hall stage for his highly anticipated Christmas inspired magic show, Illusia.

The show will be an hour and twenty minutes of high energy magic, dance and music set to a Christmas holiday theme. It will consist of a mix of both traditional Houdini inspired illusions along with some never before seen levitations.

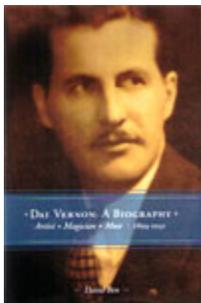


Prestige receives excellent reviews

Critics and moviegoers are sounding the praises of the new magic movie "The Prestige".

The Washington Post: "Here's something every critic lives to be able to write: If you see one magic-at-the-turn-of-the-century movie this year, make it 'The Prestige'!"

'Prestige' sold about \$14.8 million worth of tickets during its first three days."



David Ben's latest book "Dai Vernon: A Biography"

The Washington Post says: "David Ben is himself a talented and well-regarded

magician -- his author photo shows him in the throes of swallowing a handful of needles -- and he brings an insider's perspective to the task as he traces Vernon's wildly adventurous career and his pivotal role in the development of modern magic.

Magic has produced very few 'artists,' Ben has said. 'The few

artists we have need to be celebrated.' Nevertheless, Ben takes care to present the story here to appeal to insiders and laymen alike."

For the complete Washington Post article, visit:
http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/09/20/AR2006092001647.html?nav=rss_print/style

Where are they now??

See if you can recognize this former club member:
<http://www.freddyfusion.com>

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