



Shell Game

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November's meeting

Our club has not only many talented magicians, but many members have other talents that can be used to raise their performances. Steve Seguin is one such person – who can use his juggling skills to enhance his performances.

Steve was gracious enough to share his expertise - by teaching us to juggle!

Steve is a superb juggler (he's a member of the Western Juggling Club, and holds several club records). He is also an excellent teacher – and that's a good thing, but lots of folks needed help this night!

And just to make it more nerve-racking: joining the meeting was none other than the IBM International President Elect – Joan Caesar – who did a great Kate and Edith routine!

Also on tap were tricks by Jason Williams and Aaron Ward. And to top it off, Dan Narejko presented his performance to join the club! Congratulations, Dan!

In the end, Steve did a wonderful job teaching us basics of juggling. People were really working

on the techniques he was sharing – and having a lot of fun!

Thanks, Steve!

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, December 12
7:00PM

Beal Secondary School
255 Dundas Street, London
T-253

Topic: **PASSING AROUND A
FIVE-DOLLAR BILL!**

President's Choice trophy

No – this has nothing to do with Loblaws!

Earlier this year, our president Ron Keller came up with the idea of presenting a trophy to be presented each year to the person with the best presentation during a club meeting - as judged by the club president.

Ron has been holed up in an underground cave, designing and

building his masterpiece – which is now ready for public display.

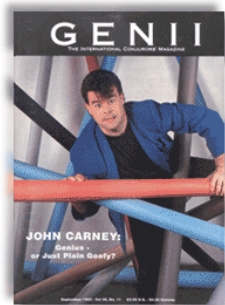
Introducing...
The President's Choice trophy:



Ron has captured the image of a ball being revealed underneath a cup – on top of a beautiful wood base.

Many thanks to Ron Keller for his brilliant concept and expert craftsmanship to create a trophy that will be treasured for years to come! We look forward to the first presentation of the trophy this June.

News Of Interest



Magic & Magicians Survey

Peter Nardi, a Professor of Sociology at a university in Claremont, California is asking for magicians 18 years of age or older to participate in an online survey as

posted in Genii Magazine's online forum.

The forum posting says: "The purpose of this study is to understand more about the kinds of people who like to perform magic and what their views are on a number of social, political, and cultural issues. The survey takes approximately 15 to 20 minutes to finish.

Completing this survey of magicians is voluntary and anonymous. It does not require you to identify yourself. All responses will be reported in group summaries. you may skip over any questions you are not comfortable in answering or stop the survey entirely at any point. The survey is intended for amateur and professional magicians 18 years of age and older."

If you wish to participate in this survey, visit:

<http://www.hostedsurvey.com/takesurvey.asp?c=Magic1>

Need some magic online?

Let the Magic Gopher read your mind (courtesy of Max Scott):

<http://www.learnenglish.org.uk/games/magic-gopher-central.swf>

Veteran on the \$10 bill

For those of you who do money magic, this is very interested (again, thanks to Max Scott):

If you have a Canadian \$10 bill, look at the back right side of the bill. You will see an old veteran standing at attention near the Ottawa war memorial.

His name is Robert Metcalfe and he died last month at the age of 90. That he managed to live to that age is rather remarkable, given what happened in the Second World War.

Born in England, he was one of the 400,000 members of the British Expeditionary Force sent to the mainland where they found themselves facing the new German warfare technique - the Blitzkrieg.

He was treating a wounded comrade when he was hit in the legs by shrapnel. En route to hospital, his ambulance came under fire from a German tank, which then miraculously ceased fire.

Evacuated from Dunkirk on HMS Grenade, two of the sister ships with them were sunk. Recovered, he was sent to allied campaigns in North Africa and Italy. En route his ship was chased by the German battleship Bismarck. In North Africa he served under General Montgomery against The Desert Fox, Rommel.

Sent into the Italian campaign, he met his future wife, a lieutenant and physiotherapist in a Canadian hospital. They were married in the morning by the mayor of the Italian town, and again in the afternoon by a British padre.

After the war they settled in Chatham where he went into politics and became the warden (chairman) of the county.

At the age of 80 he wrote a book about his experiences and on his retirement he and his wife moved to Ottawa. One day out of the blue he received a call from a government official asking him to go downtown for a photo op.

He wasn't told what the photo was for or why they chose him. "He had no idea he would be on the bill," his daughter said.

And now you know the rest of the story of the old veteran on the \$10 bill.

Thames Valley Children's Center - We're All Stars Event!

For the third year in a row the Thames Valley Children's Center has asked for our participation in the "We're All Stars Event" on the morning of January 21, 2008.

This is an event with children from all over the region! It is an incredible day for the kids filled with fun magic, games and ends with the children meeting some famous hockey stars

The London Magicians Guild have been assisting this event by providing as many magicians as we can to stroll around the event, meet the children and perform a bit of magic for them!

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet some very special children, make some good contacts and of course practice that magic on a real world audience!

Tables are provided if you would like to perform behind one, but strolling is recommended. No Latex balloons or peanut products allowed. Parking will be validated as long as you park in the proper lot.

This is a volunteer event, open to current members of the guild and non members.

Please consider volunteering for this important and worthwhile event!

We Want Your Reviews and Tricks! Please send any original reviews, magic tricks or routines to: magic_london@yahoo.ca

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