



# Shell Game

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## January's meeting

The club started the new year off right with a theme that was of interest to many members wanting to take their interest in magic to the next level: Restaurant Magic.

First things first, though – we had Austin MacDonald performing for admission to the club. And what a job he did! First, Austin performed an excellent "Twisting the Aces"-type routine using Jacks, and followed with his magic wand finding a spectator's selected card (the magic wand unrolled revealing the selection!). It was a slam-dunk: Congratulations, Austin, and welcome to the club!

Peter Mennie took the stage and performed much of his restaurant routine. He started with a "Travelling Coins" effect using nuts, with a final kicker of a bolt appearing with a nut threaded onto it! He then did a "Torn and Restored Match" with a signed match!

A card routine followed, where a spectator keeps selecting the same card. Once another card is finally selected, Peter entertains with his take "Chicago Opener", where the card's back changes colour, then changes to another selection!

He ended his restaurant act by performing a killer routine called "Hypothetical Possibilities", where a deck of cards is used to go back and forth in time!

After demonstrating his act, Peter shared with us his thoughts and tips on performing in restaurants. With his 25 years of restaurant performing, Peter was an expert in the field. He covered a host of topics such as choice of material; approaching tables; personal space; when to arrive; when to leave; how to handle troublesome spectators; etc.

Peter answered many questions and provided a great insight into the art of restaurant performing. Thanks for sharing your experience with us, Peter!

And that wasn't all the restaurant magic this night! Guest Keith Brown demonstrated how 4 Jacks and 4 Aces could change places multiple times (even in mid-air!)

Next Meeting:  
Wed. February 7, 7:00 pm  
Beal Secondary School,  
Room 253  
525 Dundas St., London

Topic: WORK IN PROGRESS  
NIGHT!

Next, Keith did an "Ambitious Card" routine, but only used 4 cards!

Mike Fisher showed us his unique portable table, which attaches not only to restaurant tables, but to his belt! He also entertained us with his restaurant rope and cups & balls routines.

Aaron Wald ended the night with having a spectator's blown kiss to the pack appearing as a Hershey's kiss on the back of their selection, only to turn into real Hershey's Kiss chocolate!

Mark Hogan

## February's Meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 7  
Time: 7:00 PM  
Place: Room 253

Topic: WORK IN PROGRESS NIGHT

Everyone is working on something! So bring it this night and perform it for the club! Members will assist you in bringing out the best in your routine by provide insight into your performance. This night will help you be a better performer!!



### News Of Interest

Childreach Family Fun Brunch

Club members are invited to support the inaugural Childreach Family Fun Brunch by being a performer at the event! This event

supports Childreach was founded in 1975 and serves London and 5 counties with play-learning and support programs for children up to 6 years of age and their families.

They are looking for 4-6 magicians to "roam" the tables and areas. Although Childreach is unable to pay the going rate for performers, your advertising material will be placed in a "goody bag" for each attendee, and you'll be mentioned in the program brochure. There may also be a small honorarium available, or they may cover expenses.

The event will be Sunday, February 18 from 11AM until 1PM at the Hellenic Community Centre.

Please contact Jane Powers at Childreach (519) 434-3644 x36 if you are interested in this very worthwhile cause.



Lecture by Carl Cloutier at Hat and Rabbit Club (IBM Ring 17)

Past FISM winner Carl Cloutier will be lecturing at the Sid Lorriane Hat & Rabbit Club (IBM Ring 17) on March 1 at 7:00 PM at St. Leonard's Anglican Church, 25 Wanless Avenue, Toronto

For more information, visit the IBM Ring 17 web site:

<http://ibmring17.org/>



CAM Convention  
Lecturer

Boris Wild

In the newsletters leading up to the CAM Convention on June 14-16 in Kitchener, we'll be wetting your appetite by highlighting one of the lectures appearing at this year's convention.

Boris Wild began practicing magic in 1985 when he was 12. He is now one of the most renowned French magicians. He is an international performer and lecturer, author and creator of original effects.

His list of awards is prestigious and has never been equaled by any other French magician. Boris has notably won the title of "French Champion of Magic" in 1996. He has also been awarded at the FISM World Magic Championships and at the "Monte Carlo Magic Stars".

Boris Wild has been invited to many French and international TV shows including "The Greatest Cabaret in the World" (two appearances), "Magic Show at the Lido" or "Champions of Magic" in the USA.

His performances have drawn thousands of spectators all over the world and his romantic "Kiss Act" has quickly become a classic of close-up magic. His books, effects and videos are distributed everywhere in the world and are all

bestsellers in their category, especially the "Boris Wild Marked Deck", which is unique in its design that it uses only one mark per card instead of two.

To register for this year's convention, visit the CAM web site: <http://www.canadianassociationofmagicians.com/>

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