



# Shell Game

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## January's meeting

January's meeting was a lecture by our own Mike Fisher (aka Amazing Corbin, aka Captain Corbin). Mike put on a superb lecture, complete with lecture notes, an "idea book", and items for sale that complicated his presentation.

Mike has been doing magic for most of his life, and has been a full-time magician for 5 years. Mike's lecture was on Magical Creativity – or as he puts it: "An in-depth educational insight into magical and non-magical structured Creativity in the workplace." And creative it was! After viewing a video of samples of his Amazing Corbin and Captain Corbin performances, he showed us many results of problems he has encountered when creating new effects, like:

- How to add an animal into a routine without using a real animal;
- How he turned a mental card effect into a search for buried treasure maps;
- Taking effects like "Two in the hand; one in the pocket" and tailoring them to different occasions by using different items;
- Causing a kid to choose the only can of beans that had a roll of toilet paper inside (guess what effect used a "fart machine"?);
- Adding some major "punch" to a fish production by creatively adding simple, inexpensive, reusable exploding confetti devices that Mike developed.

Mike handed out "idea books" to everyone – a simple way to document the ideas that we all have every day but forget to write down.

The lecture was full of ideas on how to take effects you do today and drastically altering them to create larger presentations with much greater impact. Mike put a lot of effort into this night – and it was certainly well worth it. I'm sure everyone walked away with something they could apply. Well done, Mike!!

- Mark Hogan

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, February 13  
7:00PM

Beal Secondary School  
525 Dundas Street, London  
T-253

Topic: VIDEO NIGHT!

## February's Meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 13

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Beal Secondary School, 255 Dundas Street, London  
Room 253

Topic: VIDEO NIGHT!

Want to know about some good magic DVD's? Better yet, want to see them??

Bring out any magic DVD's that you'd like to share with everyone. We won't show all of it – just a clip or two. Enough to wet people's interest! You can give your opinion on the DVD and see if everyone agrees. It will also give you an opportunity to see what is available and get some genuine feedback before getting your own. (Or maybe there will be some backdoor trading going on!)

So come out on Feb. 13 and bring some of your DVD's.

## News Of Interest



April 4-6, 2008

Niagara Comedy Magic Seminar "Performing with Humor"

If you're serious about being funny ... The Comedy Magic Seminar is being held in Niagara Falls on April 4-6, 2008.

Featured lecturers and performers include: David Acer, Jay Sankey, Johnny Thompson and others. There will be lectures, panel discussions, a Post Show Q & A, Hospitality Suite, a Friday night Comedy show, and featuring Greg Frewin's "Beyond Belief" show on Saturday night!

Registration is limited to 100, so book early. The cost is only \$150.

For more information, call 416-606-3151 or visit their website at <http://www.comedymagicseminar.com>.



## VH1 set to premiere new magic reality show

(From PRNewsWire)

VH1 is set to premiere in April 2008 a new magic reality show -- "Celebracadabra".

Seven TV and film stars vie for the title of "Best Celebrity Magician" when they gather at the Magic Castle in Los Angeles, the world's most famous club for magicians, and attempt to learn and perform tricks normally left to the professionals.

Guided by veteran magicians, the competitors face tough crowds and a master panel of judges who determine which celebrities get to advance to the next round and a shot at a grand prize. Executive producers are Michael Hirschorn, Shelly Tatro, Karla Hidalgo and Chris Martin.

We Want Your Reviews and Tricks! Please send any original reviews, magic tricks or routines to: [magic\\_london@yahoo.ca](mailto:magic_london@yahoo.ca)

## Psychic accused of lottery scam

(taken from a story by Tamara Cherry of The Toronto Sun)

Several members of Peel Region's Hindu community forked over hundreds of thousands of dollars to the alleged "Swami Swindler" Mohammad Roshan Zameer – then he upped and left, leaving nary a coin -- or prayer -- behind.

He was also known as "Brother Roshan" to the community. If anyone had a problem, Brother Roshan would solve it in a few days, free of charge – he told his listeners on his 540 AM radio show. Some had family problems they wanted fixed. For others, it was cancer or financial problems. "I have a lot of power with the god," he would say. Then he would perform magic tricks to impress his potential victims.

For example, a 6/49 lottery ticket was pulled from a boiled egg. Written on the ticket: "You are a lucky person. You will win \$21 million." But only if they forked out \$210,000 – which, of course, they did!

For more on the Swami Swindler, read the complete story at <http://cnews.canoe.ca/CNEWS/Crime/2008/01/10/4765491-sun.html>.

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