



Shell Game

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January's meeting

January's meeting was New Trick Night, where everyone was to have brought an effect they have been working on recently. And everyone did!!

Mark Hogan started things off with "Prediction Deck", where actions done to selected cards in one deck appeared the same way in a second deck! **Brandon Kidd** showed his interpretation of Joshua Jay's "Prism Deck", where packets of cards (and the deck) would vanish, reappear, and finally change their backs!

Jon Akrey showed us a torn and restored jumbo card; a nest of wallets where a signed spectator coin appeared; and a few great Coins Across routines, including one using the spectator's hands!

An elegant Linking Ring routine to music was done by **Steve Seguin**, showing great things can happen when we step out of our comfort zone.

Peter Mennie presented a terrific mentalism effect where a totally free choice of one of six cards matched a prediction. He also showed his Card in Handkerchief that he uses for tablehopping for many years.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, February 13 7:30PM

Topic: LINKING RINGers – Teach-In!

**Beal Secondary School
525 Dundas Street, London
T-253**

Paul French demonstrated Do As I Do where both the magician and the spectator perform the same steps and come to the same card (and a extra

"kicker" was offered up by Peter). He also showed us an excellent Card to Pocket effect.

Jesse Davidson was not going to sit out the night, and he showed us a great rope routine, ending with Professor's Nightmare.

We even had a guest with something to perform! **Nick Buckborough** and his father **Ray** came out for the first time, and Nick showed out an elastic wrapped around a deck can find a spectator's card!

There were lots of suggestions for people to take away to help with making these effects even better. Thanks to everyone for sharing what they've been working on !!

Mark Hogan

February's Meeting

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TOPIC: LINKING RINGers – Teach-In!

We've all seen the card effects in the Linking Ring magazine. There are usually a number of effects in each edition that are within everyone's wheelhouse and can be quite entertaining – many of them based on classics from the past.

Mark has reviewed some Linking Rings over the past years and picked out some card effects that will be presented and discussed. This is a teach-in, so everyone can step through the routines with their own deck.

Please bring a deck of cards!

Come on out and learn some new (and not so new) card effects from the Linking Ring.

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Magician pulls escape stunt to win Houdini handcuffs

(David Raleigh – Irish Examiner)

A leading magician has told how he managed to bag a "priceless" new-year gift after completing an escape in honour of his hero **Harry Houdini**.

Card trickster and escape artist **Steve Spade** got his quick hands on a set of handcuffs originally used by his hero, after winning them in a bet with a US film crew.

The Limerick magician was interviewed for a television documentary on Houdini for the Discovery Channel when the crew challenged him to complete Houdini's famous '100ft of rope' escape challenge in 60 seconds.

Spade, 27, was told he could have the set of handcuffs, which the TV crew had, if he managed to escape on time. Just when it looked like he would fail, Spade managed to free himself, much to the surprise of the crew, who handed over the handcuffs.

"The handcuffs were issued in Paris in 1906 and they are signed by Houdini's brother, **Theo Hardeen**," Steve said. "Forty seconds into the escape and I wasn't getting out of it. I started to panic. Then suddenly I flicked a ninja-type kick and I got out. The crew's faces dropped and I beat my own record for the escape too. It dawned on them that they'd lost the cuffs," he said.

According to Spade, the crew purchased the handcuffs at an auction in America complete with all the necessary valid paperwork, which he said were now "in hiding".

"There were 101 [Harry Houdini] items sold at other auctions and the majority of it is owned by the great magician **David Copperfield**. Maybe he will want the cuffs," Steve said.

The magician, from Coonagh, Limerick, is in talks with MTV about a show and is rehearsing to emulate more Houdini escape acts.

Last year, Spade made two successful death defying escapes — after he was submerged in a chained box under the River Shannon and later chained to a burning stake in King John's Castle.



New comedy magic movie opening film festival

(Canadian Press)

The **Steve Carell** magician comedy "The Incredible Burt Wonderstone" will kick off the annual South by Southwest film festival.

The Austin, Texas, festival announced Tuesday the film will premiere as the opening night film March 8.

"The Incredible Burt Wonderstone" stars Carell and Steve Buscemi as a washed-up Las Vegas magician duo, with Jim Carrey a rival street performer. It also stars Olivia Wilde, Alan Arkin and James Gandolfini. It was directed by Don Scardino.

Warner Bros. Pictures will release the film in theatres March 13.

The SXSW film festival runs March 8-16.

Videos available

Steve is offering some magic VHS tapes for anyone who would like them. As he says, they are "free to a good home".

Here's the list. You can contact Steve at steve_seguin@hotmail.com for more information.

<p>Whit Haydn's Comedy 4 Ring Routine (10 minute comedy ring routine – he does this regularly.) Aldo Colombini's Three Ring Circus (another comedy ring routine) Lee Earles Q&A Teach In Meir Yedid's Finger Fantasies (disappearing finger routine) Jay Sankey's Paperclipped Bob Sheet's Rope Through Body Patrick Kuffs Metal Bending Banachek's Psycho Kinetic Silverware Revolutionary Coin Magic of Jay Sankey Carl Andrews The Strolling Magician, Kevin King Money Morph, and the Self-Levitating Video Dan Harlan's Ultimate Impromptu Magic vol 1,2,3 Simon Lovell Live (his full comedy show) Steve Bedwell MD Not Required (learn the balloon swallow) Larry Becker Standing Ovation Michael Close the Workers Colombini Mama Mia Rope Trick Bill Malone On the Loose Vol 2 Paul Wilson Restaurant Act Michael Close Very, Very Close vol 3 Daryl's Ambitious Card, & Rope Magic #8 Syzygy's Swami Gimmick Teach In Jon Tremaine Close Up Mental Act (good stuff on this one) John Zander Loose Ends (comedy rope routine) Michael Close Power of Palming Jeff McBride Classics of Magic vol 3 & Dan Harlan Close Up vol 2 Greg Wilson Off the Cuff</p>

Kenton Knepper Klose Up and Unpublished
Martin Lewis Making Magic
Bob Sheet's Its the Rules
Jeff Hobson Live
Sankey 1999
Jon Allen Spectators Don't Exist



Here's **Jeff McBride** breaking in some new material on December 20, 2012 where he was celebrating the third anniversary of Jeff McBride's Magic Wonderground show which runs every third Thursday in Las Vegas (currently at The Olive Grill on Sunset) and features Jeff and his many show-biz friends.

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