



# Shell Game

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## December's meeting

December's meeting was all mentalism, as the club presented a lecture from renowned mentalist Chuck Hickok!

Chuck's lecture was different, in that he performed his entire corporate show from start to finish. This was the identical show he performed the weekend before in Minneapolis. It allowed us to see the various techniques Chuck use to move from one effect to the next.

Chuck started with "Einstein's Demise", a very effective Magic Square routine. Next, several spectators were used to freely choose a pack of mints, a post card, and a line on a newspaper clipping – which Chuck successfully predicted.

"Books Galore" was an amazing set of book tests, where Chuck revealed words, numbers, pictures, and people that were being read by spectators! He ended his presentation by revealing a series of stunning predictions, including the number to create the Magic Square; a drawing duplication; and a word being thought of by a spectator!

Chuck's entire show revolved around a Joseph Dunninger book ("Dunninger's Amazing Mental Mysteries") that Chuck had read

when he was young. Seeing his act from start to finish and how it used the book to tie together all the routines was masterful.

Few people in the audience had witnessed a complete mentalism act. Chuck made some new converts to this art with an energetic, fun and highly professional presentation. It is obvious that Chuck has a passion for this kind of magic, and he projects incredible energy and excitement to his audience. The flow from one routine to the next seemed transparent, and the effects he presented were astonishing.

Many thanks to Chuck for entertaining and informing us with his lecture!

Mark Hogan

Next Meeting:  
Wed. January 10, 7:00 pm  
Beal Secondary School,  
Room 253  
525 Dundas St., London  
Topic: RESTAURANT MAGIC!

## January's Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 10

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Room 253

Topic: RESTAURANT MAGIC

January's topic will cover tricks that can be used in a restaurant setting. Bring in tricks that you'd consider performing at a restaurant table – we'd love to see it!!



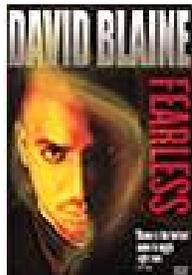
### News Of Interest

Last chance to help with Thames Valley Children's Centre

"All Stars Event"

Calling all members: This is your last chance to help entertain the children at the "All Stars Event" on Monday, January 15, at the London Convention Centre. We'll be performing walkaround magic from 9:00AM to 11:00AM).

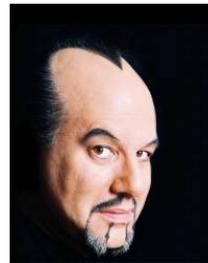
Please e-mail Mike Fisher ([AmazingCorbin@execulink.com](mailto:AmazingCorbin@execulink.com)) if you would like to be part of the fun!



David Blaine shows off for Newark city mayor

David Blaine was doing magic with kids at Newark's North Star Academy the other day when

Newark mayor Corey Booker stopped by. Blaine asked the mayor to hold a card in each hand and then waved Booker's hands back and forth. Booker was impressed as two cards magically jumped from one hand to the other. He was even more impressed when Blaine held up the mayor's watch. "I think we just witnessed a felony!" Booker said. Commenting on the value of the watch, Blaine said, "Nah. Maybe a misdemeanor."



### Magic Seminar in Niagara Falls

The Niagara Falls Magic Seminar is a day-and-a-half seminar that runs January 27-28, 2007 for magicians who want to learn about comedy and add humour to their performances.

The line-up includes some of the best comedy magicians – John Ferrentino, Bob Sheets, David Merry and more!

For more information, go to [www.ComedyMagicSeminar.com](http://www.ComedyMagicSeminar.com)

### Information for CAMeraderie competitors

Those interested in competing at this year's CAM convention in Kitchener in June should know that, for the first time, only CAM members are eligible.

The first 10 Close-up competitors will be accepted, and the best 6 Stage competitors. The close-up will be held on the first

night of the convention, and the Stage competition on the second night. Both CAM convention registrants, and a lay-audience will see the latter.

To apply for CAM membership, or to register for this year's convention, visit the CAM web site:

<http://www.canadianassociationofmagicians.com/>

(In future newsletters, we'll cover some of the performers scheduled for the CAM convention.)



Criss Angel Season 2 now available in DVD

Criss Angel combines traditional stage magic with dark and dramatic imagery to create a unique and highly entertaining show that earned him a cult following and the respect of the magic community. The show, "Mindfreak" follows Angel as he performed his magic and travels the country.

The Complete Season 2 DVD is now available, and includes tricks like the vanishing acts in the show "Vanish"; the motorcycle trick in "Bike Jump Vanish", and his version of "Metamorphosis".

For a review of the DVD, visit: <http://www.dvdtalk.com/reviews/read.php?ID=25680>

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