



Shell Game

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February's meeting

February's meeting had a lot of members holding their balls! It was a Rubber Ball routine being presented by Mark Hogan.

Mark presented Danny Archer's "Balls" routine, with a few twists of his own. Mark presented the routine, and then led everyone through all the steps and moves. Rubber balls (a staple at the local Dollar Store) were available to everyone to follow along.

Not only was there time for everyone to experiment and practice the moves, and there was a lot of discussion on alternative approaches. We proved that a pretty darn good routine can get even better when people share ideas.

And isn't that what a magic club is for?

Mark Hogan

Next Meeting(s):

Wednesday, March 11 7:30PM

Topic: ALL ABOUT ROPES!

Beal Secondary School
255 Dundas Street, London
T-253

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Please send any original reviews, magic
tricks or routines to:
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March's Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, March 11
TIME: 7:30 PM
PLACE: Beal Secondary School
T-253

Topic: ALL ABOUT ROPES!

It's hard not to like rope effects. They're well understood by the audience; they pack small; and they play big!

So it's time for a rope revolution! And what better way to start is by coming out to next month's meeting, where resident rope rebel Andy Parr will lead us in some cool rope effects. This will be a working session – ropes will be available to everyone to experiment with all the moves. So there will be something to learn for everyone!

Come on out next month and "tie one on"! (Get it? Ropes? Tie one on?? I should ask for a raise!)

NOTE: April's meeting - Hamilton Ring is coming to town!

Since we went to Hamilton in November to perform for the Hamilton Ring, it's time they returned the favour. And that time is NEXT MONTH (Wednesday, April 8)! Members of the Hamilton Ring will be coming to our next meeting. Their mission: to entertain us!

So tell your friends- we'd like to have a big crowd out to watch them perform for us. Please come out on Wednesday April 8 and be entertained by some great magic from our fellow club from down the 402.

News Of Interest



Britney Spears recruits magician
(from the CMU Music Network)

Britney Spears has apparently recruited a magician to help with her upcoming world tour.

Illusionist Ed Alonzo says "she'll be singing, dancing and doing illusions at the same time", which sounds interesting.

Meanwhile, choreographer Rujata, who has also been helping with the show, says that Spears has been rehearsing for eight hours a day. "Britney is a perfectionist. When she comes in the room, it's a really intense, high-pressure environment", she says. "[She] is totally fit and her body is back in shape. She is really confident right now".



CAM now on Facebook

The world's most popular social networking web site Facebook has a new member – the Canadian Association of Magicians (CAM)! Many of our club members are CAM members, so this is an easy way to stay in touch with other magicians from across the country, learn about the Camaraderie 2009 convention in Montreal, etc.

Simply sign onto Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com>) and type "Canadian Association of Magicians" into the search box. Or if that is too much work, typing "C.A.M" works just fine!



Amazing Kreskin: In London, and in the movies!

Two announcements about the world's foremost mentalist The Amazing Kreskin.

First, the movies: Here's an announcement from his web site:

Tom Hanks' production people announced the premiere and release dates for the movie, *The Great Buck Howard*; it will be premiered on March 10th and then released on March 20th. The movie's main character is based on

The Amazing Kreskin and is portrayed by John Malkovich. Each scene in the movie has a dramatic similarity to the persona of The Amazing Kreskin.

View a clip from the movie: (link):

<http://movies.nytimes.com/movie/352075/The-Great-Buck-Howard/trailers> .

Now the local news: The Amazing Kreskin was in town on February 12th for a performance at the Aeolian Hall. A good crowd was on hand (including several of our club members!) to witness one of the true legends of the genre. Apart from some technical problems with the microphone, he put on a very good 2 ½ hour show – both his mentalism performances and a 40 minute presentation on hypnosis.

After an effect of linking three spectator's rings together and then separating them (to the ooh's and ahh's of the audience), he dove into mentalism with some impressive card demonstrations and book tests – including one especially skeptical audience member who came away very impressed.

Of course, no Kreskin performance is complete without an attempt to find his night's pay cheque hidden somewhere in the hall. While he has not found his cheque a total of 9 times, on this night it took less than 5 minutes to locate it (hidden onstage, inside the folds of a curtain). He also read the minds of the audience (birthdays, pet names).

And when you thought the night was complete, he takes a break and comes back with a thoroughly entertaining presentation of hypnosis, using about a dozen audience participants – who smelt terrible smells; fell asleep onstage; couldn't remember their own names; and couldn't let go shaking hands.

A standing ovation at the end of the night awaited "The World's Foremost Mentalist".

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