



Shell Game

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April's meeting

What an honour it was to have as our special guest lecturer in April, the one and only Patrick Page. We were lucky enough to get Patrick on his way to the FFFF convention (where he was the Guest of Honor a few years back!). We expected a great lecture - and he didn't disappoint!!

Pat's first effect was simple but powerful – a coin was tossed into the middle of a folded hanky – and instantly vanished! An amazing version of Do as I Do was next, where Pat & the spectator shuffle their packets and even exchange packets – yet the top cards always match!

He gave us the history of his use of The Change and demonstrated it in several effects. He then showed his Hanky Panky handkerchief, and proceeded to vanish and produce coins, balls decks of cards ... and you could hear the jaws hit the floor!

The thumb tip got a good workout from Pat – as he demonstrated a thumb tip steal with everyone burning his hands -and fooled everyone! He followed that with a useful knot for any cut & restored trick, and ended with a version of the Princess card trick where the chosen card is in his pocket!

It was time for a break – which we needed after all that magic! But Pat wasn't done – he was back at it in no time with a nice Cards Across routine from his hand to his pocket! And his thimble moves proved his anthem for the night – what's most important is Timing!

He showed us the improvements he created for the Colour Changing Hanky, and his version of the Diary birthday effect.

He ended this night with his take on Miser's Dream, and his Money Bag effect where invisible coins thrown into a hanky are heard to enter, and later seen inside!

The first thing Pat asked us is why we attended his lecture. After several "wrong" answers, he told us

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 9 7:00PM

Beal Secondary School
525 Dundas St., London
Room 253

Topic: OUR ANNUAL AUCTION

the right one – to see just one effect we would use tomorrow. If that's true – then everyone went away happy this night! Rarely have we seen so much useful material – and all delivered with Pat's laser-like wit!

It was a night to remember – Come back soon, Pat!

Mark Hogan

May's Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, May 9
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: Beal Secondary School
Room 253

Topic: OUR ANNUAL AUCTION!

It's time again to blow the cobwebs off the boxes of old props, gimmicks, books, videos, and anything else remotely magical – clean out the basement, and make some \$\$\$ in the process!

Our annual auction is designed to let members sell their gently used magical items – with 10% of all proceeds going to the club. So bring any magic items you wish to sell – and we'll do the rest.

And bring some \$\$\$ of your own, as there's bound to be some great deals!

For more information on our auction, visit:
www.geocities.com/magic_london/auction.html



News Of Interest

June dinner/show

Wed. June 13
7:00PM

Time again for a party!

We'll be having our annual June dinner and show at the Elephant & Castle restaurant, in the Galleria Mall in downtown London.

Dinner will start at 7:00 PM, with the show starting after dinner (around 8:30 PM).

This is a relaxing evening of food and fun, with a show for ourselves and our guests – and club members are the stars! It's a great night to try something new or different. Or entertain with an oldie-but-goodie. It's a friendly audience, an a bar is close by – what more do you want??

At next month's auction, I will be asking if you want to attend and if you'll be bring a guest (so I can make dinner reservations.)

I'll also be asking for performers for the show (for only a few minutes, so we can have lots of performers!). We gets lots of requests to perform, and we hope this year is no exception.

So book Wed. June 13 on your calendar!

Club executives wanted!

At May's lecture, we will hold elections for the club's executive.

If you're interested in helping the club, please consider volunteering for one of the club's executive positions.

As well, in May we'll be voting for this year's Al Munro Fellowship Award, in honour of our good friend Al Munro.

CAM CONVENTION
JUNE 14 -16, 2007
KITCHENER, ONTARIO

CAM Convention Lecturer



Steve Beam

Steve Beam has been inventing, performing, and teaching card magic for over thirty years.

In addition to authoring more than 25 books, he edited and published The Trapdoor.

This underground journal of magic spanned fifteen years and 1500 pages which, by Steve's

own calculations, averages out to almost 900 pages a year!

Steve lives with his long-suffering bride and three daughters (the resident card-pickers), along with thousands of decks of cards in Cary, North Carolina - the thimble capitol of the world.

We Want Your Reviews and Tricks! Please send any original reviews, magic tricks or routines to: magic_london@yahoo.ca

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