



# Shell Game

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## October's meeting

October's meeting started before the first trick was performed or the first word was even spoke. We all got to see the new Victorian outfit to be used by the Amazing Corbin (**Mike Fisher**)! Jaws were dropping when people walked in. The outfit is stunning - Mike has hit a home run!

The Amazing Corbin led us all in an evening devoted to "Swindles, Scams and Cheats". First up was the famous 3 Shell Game, and Mike brought with him many of the shells that he has used over the years. Street shells; Vernet shells; beetles; gold-plated shells; shot glasses; ... – what a collection!

Mike showed us two of his own 3 Shell Game routines. First was a parlor routine where the pea would continually disappear from the shells and appear under a scarab beetle (even when a camel bell covers the shells!) The second was a close-up routine using gold-plated shells on a hard surface, where the spectator bets gold pieces and lost each time – even when the pea and shell is covered by a shotglass! These were two very different, well constructed and entertaining routines.

Mike was gracious to step though his routines and teach many of the standard 3 shell moves, plus several more advanced steals and loads. We all got a chance to practice using the shells in Mike's collection.

### Next Meeting:

**Wednesday, November 13**

**Time: 7:30 PM**

**Topic: COIN & COIN BOX NIGHT!**

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

**Jon Akrey** showed us several bar bet tricks using me as the spectator. Folding a cigarette without breaking it; removing an elastic over the back of the hand; dropping a coin and match on its side; ... – I would have lost a fortune!

**Mark Hogan** played a little Mississippi Poker with **Jesse Davidson** – straight up poker using only 10 cards and the magician wins every time!

Mike was back with a chain swindle called Fast and Loose, where a chain is placed on the table in 2 loops and the spectator placed a finger in one loop – it catches on one side and not the other – until the money is wagered! Mike brought lots of chains for us to practice – soon we all got the hang of it!

**Paul French** performed a neat Signed Card turns into Prediction effect and also led a discussion of top changes.

Many thanks to **Mike Fisher** for showing his routines (and new outfit) and teaching us – now we can all hit the bars and get some free drinks!!

Mark Hogan

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If you want to do a little magic with the change in your pocket, then this night's for you!

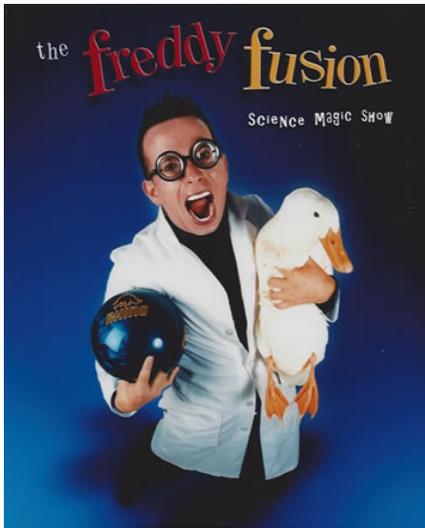
Bring in your favorite coin routines – and don't forget your favourite coin gimmicks, too.

Okito, Boston, Slot and plug – it's Coin Box night as well. If you've got some coin boxes, we'd love to see them and see what can be done with them.

So break open your penny jar, dig deep into your pockets, and come out for a little fun with coins and coin boxes!

<p><b>We Want Your Reviews and Tricks!</b> Please send any original reviews, magic tricks or routines to: <a href="mailto:magic_london@yahoo.ca">magic_london@yahoo.ca</a></p>
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## News Of Interest



### Freddy Fusion is coming to the Huron Country Playhouse

(Huron News Now)

The 2014 season playbill for Drayton Entertainment, which includes the Huron Country Playhouse, was unveiled recently. This year's playbill includes: The Freddy Fusion Science Magic Show.

**WHEN:** May 26 through May 30, 2014

**WHERE:** Playhouse II, Grand Bend

A wild combination of author, inventor, speaker, performer, and TV personality— look out, **Freddy Fusion** has become a dominant force in the science community!

Envisioning current trends and enhancing the enrichment of children at an early age has been the focus of Freddy Fusion's 'Outreach Program' into schools worldwide.

Freddy Fusion turns the impossible into the possible, and breaks down the unexplainable into a format kids are able to download, absorb, and understand.

(For those who aren't aware – Freddy Fusion is **Andrew Pogson**, a past member of our club!)

## Dani DaOrtiz lecture, show and workshops in Toronto

(Hat & Rabbit Club)

**Dani DaOrtiz** is visiting Toronto's Hat & Rabbit Club all the way from Spain for his first trip to Canada. He is one of the most famous card magicians in the Spanish speaking world and is one of the most sought after guests for conventions worldwide.

Dani is being called one of the greatest magicians alive today. He has created a unique style which blends the incredibly deceptive techniques of the Spanish School of Magic along with devastating sleight of hand and a friendly and charming personality. He doesn't just manipulate the cards, he manipulates the minds of the audience so they experience true miracles.

Since the release of his landmark DVD series, [Utopia](#), Dani has been touring the world headlining at some of the biggest conventions in magic.

This lecture focuses on card magic both tricks that work by sleight of hand, but also by misdirection and psychology.

**Lecture:** Thursday, November 7, 2013 @ 7:00 PM  
St. Leonard's Church ([25 Wanless Ave](#)) Toronto  
Admission: \$25

He is also offering a show and 2 workshops of different levels:

**The Show:** Dani DaOrtiz – Magic From Spain  
Saturday, November 9, 2013 at 8:00 PM  
The Wychwood Theatre ([78 Wychwood Avenue](#))–St.Clair & Christie  
Admission: \$30 (tickets by [Eventbrite](#))

An incredible evening of magic you don't want to miss. **Dani DaOrtiz** is one of the most famous magicians in the Spanish speaking world and he's in Toronto to deliver a one-night-only performance. He's also hilariously funny and unpredictable. The show is never the same twice.

**Simple Workshop:** Friday, November 8, 2013  
The Browser's Den ([3220 Dufferin](#)). Toronto  
Admission: \$95 (limited space)

This intensive hands-on workshop is limited to fifteen participants.

Learn amazing magic that does not require sleight of hand. This is card technique that relies on psychological forces, mathematical principles, verbal subtlety and timing, but still packs an incredible punch.

**Not So Simple Workshop:** Sunday, November 10, 2013  
The Browser's Den ([3220 Dufferin](#)). Toronto  
Admission: \$95 (limited space)

This intensive hands-on three-hour workshop is limited to fifteen participants.

Learn the difficult sleight of hand that Dani DaOrtiz is famous for, along with the timing, structure, and misdirection to incorporate it into your routines.

\*Advanced card technique – not recommended for beginners.

## Watch Harry Anderson remove his finger

The link below is a YouTube video of **Harry Anderson** removing his finger on the "Pen Pals" episode of the TV series "Night Court", which originally aired on April 12, 1989.

This was the opening of episode number 20 of the sixth season. The Finger Vanish is from **Meid Yedid's** Finger Fantasies routine.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=JTgoYCSX4UA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=JTgoYCSX4UA)

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