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Shell Game

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September's meeting

We started our new year with a small but enthusiastic crowd, ready to make some money with the night's theme: gambling effects!

Steve Seguin lead the way with a "teach-in" session on a fascinating dice effect: Sach's Dice Routine! After explaining the "total of 7" concept for opposite sides of the dice, he then used 2 regular dice to break that rule time and time again! Steve supplied everyone with dice and walked through the routine with us. It's a very visual and entertaining effect – and a real fooler!

Others came forward with their own gambling effects. One of our guests this night was Brad Rachuk, a teenager well on his way, who also shared a gambling card trick. He bet a spectator "the next card I turn over" will be his card – and even though it looked impossible, Brad still won!

Mark Hogan showed Tony Binarelli's Mississippi Poker, where poker hands were dealt in a variety of ways with the performer winning every time! He also presented Phil Matlin's The Endless Chain. A loop of chain is made into a figure 8 and a spectator bets which side of the figure 8 will catch his finger – and of course the performer wins every time!

Peter Mennie presented an excellent 4 card gambling effect Color Monte, where the backs of 4 cards changed from the same color to 4 different ones! He also performed Odd Card – a very entertaining 3 Card Monte effect with an odd card "kicker" at the end!

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, October 13 7:30PM

Topic: LECTURE by Mark Hogan!

Beal Secondary School
525 Dundas Street, London
T-253

And once the gambling theme had run its course, Brad was back with his rendition of the Olram Subtlety, as well as a presentation of Split Deck – two spectators each made a selection from a deck cut in half – and the two selected halves were the same card!

Many thanks to Steve Seguin for his excellent teach-in – and for all who showed their gambling effects (for fun ... not money!)

October's Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, October 13
TIME: 7:30 PM
PLACE: Beal Secondary School
T-253

Topic: "JUST DO IT"!

Next month will be a lecture by our own Mark Hogan – a man whose magic abilities are only exceeded by his own inabilities! He's named his lecture "Just Do It!" and will consist of routines that Mark has always thought were interesting, but has never performed. He has always asked himself "These tricks look really good. Why have I not done them before?" We might get the answers in October!

So come out and see one of our own do things he's never done. Sounds like a train wreck that you don't want to miss!

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News Of Interest



No trick to joining new chapter

(David Owens, South Wales Echo)

Over the years he's been a mentor magician to many high school students learning the fine art of magic.

Now College Avenue Secondary School teacher John Poole has developed the first-ever chapter of the Canadian Association of Magicians.

The new Woodstock chapter is designed for both his magic club graduates and other magic admirers.

Mostly (its establishment) had a lot to do with the amount of magic and interest drummed up locally and at school," Poole said. "This is for anyone who has interest in magic, whether they are a hobbyist, an amateur or a professional."

Poole has operated a magic club for students at CASS for 12 years, and he said the focus of the new group will be geared to youth involvement.

"It's very exciting to be the first-ever chapter and to hold the meeting at CASS is a perfect fit," he said. "Magic is a perfect tool for young people to develop confidence and self-esteem."

While he has been involved with a local "ring" of the International Brotherhood of Magicians in Kitchener for several years, the Canadian Association of Magicians (CAM), established in 1997, has yet to host a meeting group, Poole said.

Poole said Joan Caesar, current president of CAM, was a driving force in starting the organization geared to give "Canadians a world stage to compete in magic competitions."

Calling themselves the Friendly City Mystics, the new group will feature lecturers, events and competitions throughout the year. The lecturer at the first meeting is Nathan Kranzo, a professional magician and mind reader with almost two decades of experience.

Poole said he believes magic is admired because it provides people with an escape from their everyday routines.

"People enjoy seeing something that happens that's wondrous," he said. "It takes them away from the everyday."



Murray Hatfield schedule does not include London

For the first time in over 25 years, the Murray Hatfield Magic 'N Miracles Tour will NOT be coming to London!

Those wanting to see this excellent show can catch it at these locations:

Date	Times	Venue
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28	11:00 AM / 2:00 PM / 5:00 PM	GLEN FOREST SCHOOL 3575 FIELDGATE DRIVE MISSISSAUGA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29	5:30 PM / 8:00 PM	MOHAWK COLLEGE AUDITORIUM 135 FENNEL AVENUE HAMILTON
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7	5:30 PM / 8:00 PM	HUMANITIES THEATRE 200 UNIVERSITY AVE W KITCHENER

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The Trash Magician

by Jordan Edwards, Gazette.net

He calls himself a green magician, and performs his tricks using garbage. He walks the walk, too. When he's not molding minds in his trademark patched pants and top hat, Trash lives with his wife in an earth-friendly home in rural Alabama.

"I wanted to reach people with comedic, fun entertainment, and I stumbled onto doing tricks with trash," he recalls. "It just really grew into this thing where I was really able to share ecological principles through really high-quality sleight of hand, magic and, in some cases, stage illusions."

Trash grew up in Texas and Alabama, and dreamed of being an actor. Instead of lining up auditions with a stack of headshots under his arm, he hit the streets of New York City, Los Angeles and Tokyo, performing tricks for whoever would pause to watch. Eventually, he began to make a solid living and has appeared on VH1 and CBS Marketwatch as well as in The New York Times. The TV appearances are good exposure, but Trash really enjoys reaching children.

"Probably the greatest thing on the whole planet is a kid laughing out loud. If you can really get at their hearts in a very meaningful way, you can make them laugh," he says.

During his shows, Trash inserts lessons about conservation and sustainability. That doesn't mean his tricks aren't top-notch. The magician takes his craft seriously and invites audiences to stand as close as possible.

"The magic should never suffer from trying to tell the eco message," Trash says. "I'm not going to be a professor. If someone comes to my show, I'm going to be that really cool-looking guy wearing the patchy pants and the top hat, and I'm going to show them some amazing magic tricks. Hopefully, I'll walk in through the back door of their psyche and sprinkle some green seeds in there that will sprout in their minds."

Since starting his career as a green magician in the mid-1980s, Trash says he has witnessed several waves of earth-friendly trends but thinks the current green movement is here to stay.

"People who grew up in the '90s were educated about ecology," he explains. "Those children are now grown up and are executive vice presidents at

corporations. They're actually people who can help influence the way businesses make decisions."



Paul Daniels says he's Dancing's sex symbol

by Mark Jefferies, Mirror.co.uk

Magician Paul Daniels has conjured up some impressive illusions in his time.

But the 72-year-old is hoping to pull off his most impressive yet - by calling himself Strictly Come Dancing's new sex symbol.

Daniels, who claims to have bedded 300 women, is partnered with Ola Jordan for this year's Strictly and they have been training for the past fortnight.

Gorgeous Ola is married to Strictly pro dancer James Jordan and Daniels said: "Her husband is always hovering.

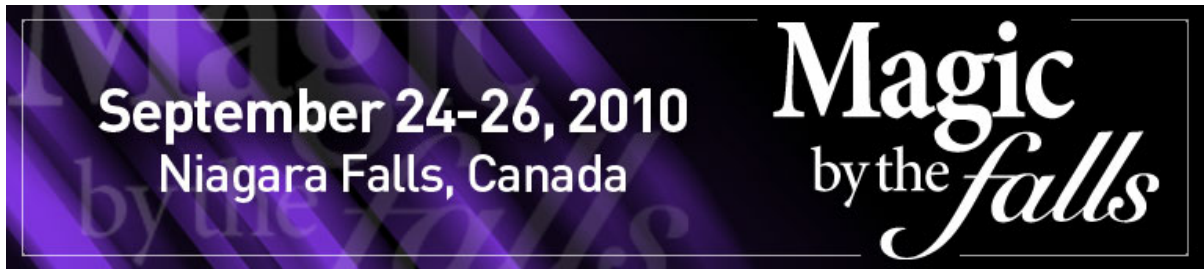
"He knows she's in the presence of a sex symbol and he's worried."

Magician Daniels also claimed to be getting inspiration from the show's judge Len Goodman. He told Radio Times: "Well, after we found out our first dance, I went on the internet and there was Len Goodman giving lessons on YouTube. Jackpot."

Ola, 27, is bigging up her partner and reckons the couple could do very well. She said: "My prediction is the final, definitely. I am very confident. After seeing the steps he learnt off the internet, I was impressed."

Strictly Come Dancing is on BBC1 on Fridays at 9:00PM.

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(from Anthony Linden, Founder & Co-Organizer)

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- John Archer
- John Carney
- Joshua Jay
- Nate Kranzo
- Tyler Wilson and more!

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