

2012/2013 Club Membership Dues are now due!!

Please bring your \$40 membership renewal dues to the September meeting, or mail them to: Mark Hogan, 133 Fairlane Ave, London ON N6K 3E5



Shell Game

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September's meeting

The start of the new magic year brought new faces to our meeting – we welcomed **Jesse Davidson** and his father **Don** as guests.

The theme of the night was “Names from a hat – just like FFFF”. And while **Mike Fisher** was smart enough to be the only person to bring a hat – it wasn't really needed because the size of the group was small. Fortunately everyone was ready to show something - so around the table we went.

Mark Hogan started with something he had been working on during the summer – **Paul Gertner's** “Unshuffled”. And based on the results, a bit more work is needed! He also showed off one of his “Definitive Sankey” volumes (a book review will be in an upcoming newsletter.) From that volume he performed “Detective”, where a detective card finds a spectator's selected card from behind their back!

Peter Mennie performed a very strong and direct effect from **David Segal's** “Approaching Magic” book, where a spectator stops dealing at a previously selected card. **Paul French** also stepped up with his version of “Find the Queens”, with several spectators giving him instructions of how many card to deal.

Brandon Kidd, still glowing from a week at Sorcerer's Safari, gave us a really nice version of McDonald's Aces, and followed that up with an impressive Coins Across. **Jon Akrey** joined in with an excellent coin production, and then vanished a handkerchief and showed that it magically transported inside a previously empty replica of a magic wand!

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, October 10 7:30PM

Topic: LECTURE by BILL ABBOTT!

Beal Secondary School
525 Dundas Street, London
T-253

Mike Fisher ended the night with a great version of **Anneman's** "Pseudo Psychometry", where people chose objects from a box full of things, and Mike was able to determine which people chose which items – and also revealed what object the last person chose!

The crowd was small but the magic was big! Thanks to everyone for bringing something to share!

Mark Hogan

October's Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, October 10
TIME: 7:30 PM
PLACE: Beal Secondary School
T-253

TOPIC: LECTURE by BILL ABBOTT!!

This year's **Magician of the Year** (Canadian Association of Magicians) is back with a brand new lecture:



PACK SMART ... PLAY ANYWHERE

"I am completely obsessed when it comes to the Pack Smart Play Anywhere lifestyle. The basic philosophy is rooted in the idea that it's better to fill a stage with personality and entertainment rather than large props and paraphernalia. I will show you, with practical examples, how to stretch and pull every ounce of entertainment out of your props, your script and interaction to deliver a show that is high on impact and low on luggage. This lecture could change your opinions, your show and possibly your life."

The lecture includes:

- **6 complete stand-up routines** including general magic, geek magic and mentalism. Everything is performed and fully explained.

- The theory of the **Pack Smart Play Anywhere** approach, examined and demonstrated during the performance.
- How to develop your own **Pack Smart Play Anywhere** show to take with you on your next flight, throw into the glove box of your car or perform at your next paid function.
- and more...

Bill was hooked and in the years since, his magic has taken him across Canada and Western Europe. Over the past 18 years, he has been in constant demand for private parties, corporate functions and special events, becoming one of the most sought-after experts in this unique field of entertainment.

The locations of these events are a list of top establishments from Toronto to Montreal and New York to London, England and everything in between. From celebrities to close friends, Bill prides himself on performing a unique show for each audience.

He participated in the award-winning documentary *Sleight of Mind* and has made numerous television appearances, including a stint on Talk TV, where one of his illusions caused host **Ben Mulroney** to flee the studio, screaming, "I've been violated!"

Bill provides two types of entertainment - Cocktail Magic & Mind Reading, and The Magic and Mysteries show. Cocktail Magic & Mind Reading, is a brand of bold and direct close-up magic that could easily be called "jazz magic" in the sense that it's very off the cuff and impromptu.

The Magic and Mysteries Show showcases diabolical mysteries that Bill has been developing for over eighteen years.

Personal objects from the audience are teleported to unbelievable locations, the hidden thoughts of volunteers are revealed and Bill makes incredible predictions that turn out to be 100% accurate! Bill will convince the most jaded skeptics that they can have fun and be fooled at the same time.

Bill is also an inventor and creator of magic effects and routines. He has marketed many DVD's that encompass successful routines from his shows; from Cabaret card magic to performing for kids.

We Want Your Reviews and Tricks!

Please send any original reviews, magic tricks or routines to:

magic_london@yahoo.ca

See Page 5 for a list of items for sale at the "Pack Smart Play Anywhere" lecture!

News Of Interest



Peter Mennie shows on Rogers TV

Our own Peter Mennie recently recorded a series of television specials for Rogers TV:

“Enjoy the entertaining magic of legendary local Magician Peter Mennie as he performs onstage and gives viewers some inside tips on how to perform some of his illusions. The series was shot on location at The Palace Theatre with a studio audience of all ages.”

The shows are playing almost daily on Rogers TV until the end of the year.

You can get show schedules for these performances by going to the following link:

<http://www.rogerstv.com/page.aspx?lid=12&rid=9&sid=5090>



16th Annual Motor City Close-Up Convention

(from John Luka)

The **16th Annual Motor City Close-Up Convention** will be here in November. Wow! Now in its 16th year! Who would have thought? Another amazing line-up plus some added surprises.

This year the Motor City Convention will take place the weekend of **November 16-18, 2012**. The Motor City Convention will feature **Darwin Ortiz, Garrett Thomas, Mark Zacharia, and Kainoa Harbottle**. As usual, you will have an opportunity to meet and mingle with these performers, ask questions, and share some of your ideas with them. You can also register quickly and easily on line via PayPal.

You will enjoy the new spacious facility, **The DoubleTree by Hilton Dearborn / Detroit** located at 5801 Southfield Expressway, Detroit, MI 4822, Phone: (313) 336-3340. Website: www.dearborn.doubletree.com/

More details will follow. I am looking forward to seeing you at this year's event.

John Luka

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

Bill Abbott lecture information - articles for sale

(from Bill Abbott – regarding his upcoming lecture)

The Pack Smart Play Anywhere show is \$100 for all props and notes. These won't be sold separately but only as a set and are ONLY AVAILABLE AT THIS LECTURE. I have made hundreds of thousands of dollars from this show for paying clients.

I will also be showing Stabbed and Shot \$30 and Blockbuster \$25. In addition I will be taking email addresses and then sending those who sign up an email with a secret link to a 24 hr SUPERDEAL that will start right after the lecture. The SUPERDEAL will feature most of my products and will offer free shipping plus additional discounts. This will only be offered to attendees who sign up at the lecture.

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