

2015/2016 Club Membership Dues are now due!!

Please bring your **\$40** membership renewal dues to the September meeting, or mail them to: *Mark Hogan, 21-455 Hyde Park Road, London ON N6H 3R9*



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September's meeting

We started the year welcoming back **Dan Narejko** who came back after being away for a few years. Dan is very interested in the use of electronics in magic, and brought some components and effects to show us that use electronics e.g. *Haunted 2.0* (a Haunted Deck effect). He also showed us David Penn's "*Mystery Solved*", where a predicted card folded inside a clear case matches the spectator's choice. He also showed an effect of his own, where a die shrinks on the wave of his wand, and then the wand expands, which then expands the die in his hand into a very large die! Nice to have you back, Dan!

On a similar note, **Matthew Stafford** also showed us a key fob that can be used as a tracking device, and is looking for an effect to take advantage of it. See what you can come up with! He also had the coolest camera we've seen – a 360-degree camera that displays different sections of the video on playback as you move the camera around!

Another friendly returning figure was **Dom St. Jacques**, who performed some terrific card effects – many from **Dani DaOrtiz**: *Invisible Die*, where two thought-of numbers on a die lead to a selected card; a nice *Ambitious Card* routine, and cutting the deck to a specific number by just flicking it with his finger! He also spelled to a thought-of card - amazing!

Next Meeting:

Date: Wednesday, October 14

Time: 7:30 PM

Topic: THREE CARD MONTE!

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

Mike Fisher showed off some of his new *Captain Corbin* advertising: he created a terrific new cartoon-type logo, and had new business cards, tattoos,

stickers and treasure maps created using the logo – plus a large new banner incorporating it! He even had a ceramic *3-D image of himself* created in full pirate costume (bird included)! There's got to be a way to use that in his show! Mike also had a fun spelling effect using maps – every time the spectator spelt, the wrong map would come up – until then end when the spectator got the treasure map!

Mark Hogan demonstrated a *Linking Ring* routine he learned over the summer. He showed a **Lennart Green** Oil & Water-type effect where a spectator chose only cards of a specific colour from a deck that they shuffled! **Dom** also had an Oil & Water effect using jumbo cards where they red and black stayed together even on mixing, and suddenly the entire deck was split into red & black!

A great way to start off the new year!

Mark Hogan

We Want Your Reviews and Tricks!

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

magic_london@yahoo.ca

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TOPIC: THREE CARD MONTE!

We all know the game by some name or other – "*Find the Lady*", "*Find the Money Card*", or **Three Card Monte**. And almost everyone knows a different routine to pull it off.

So bring your favourite Three Card Monte routine and teach it to the group! Some use regular cards; some use gimmicks – both are just fine!

If you don't know a good Three Card Monte routine, come on out. Learn a few of them, and choose your favorite!

News Of Interest



Twin Cities magician will try to trick Penn & Teller

(TwinCities.com)

A Twin Cities magician who goes by her mononymous name "**Suzanne**" spends most of her days performing at Twin Cities restaurants like *Lord Fletcher's* on Lake Minnetonka, private parties and sometimes even Hollywood's *Magic Castle*. She's known for her up-close magic and sleight-of-hand, being the first and only woman given the "*Close Up Magician of the Year*" award by the Academy of Magical Arts. Now, she's been invited to perform on renowned magicians **Penn Jillette** and **Teller's** hit show, "*Penn & Teller: Fool Us*," with the challenge of fooling two of the world's smartest and most talented magicians in front of a studio audience.

Suzanne grew up in Michigan, but followed her now-husband to the Twin Cities when he moved here. As a kid, she loved brain puzzles -- so naturally, she went into computer programming where she met a few coworkers who did magic.

"I started taking magic lessons from **Al Schneider**, and then I turned out to be good at it," she said. Three months into her private lessons from Schneider, a leading magician at the time, Suzanne began performing at restaurants, corporate events and private parties. "I was having more fun and making more money being a magician than a computer programmer, so I started doing magic full-time," she said. "I haven't looked back."

Suzanne made her career switch in 1986. Almost 30 years later, she's still at it.

Magicians don't audition to be on "*Penn & Teller: Fool Us*" -- they're invited. "It was all a surprise.

I was so very honored to be put on the list," Suzanne said. "Once I was on the list, I was like, 'How am I going to pull this off?' "

According to Suzanne, being on the show is barely about fooling Penn and Teller. It's mostly about just putting on a good magic show. "If you can fool them, then it's the cherry on top of all the other goodness," she said.

For the show, Suzanne will perform her signature Band-Aid trick that incorporates a story about her love for her 25-year-old son. Aptly, the piece is called "*A Mother's Love*."

Discover Magic classes for youth in Richmond / Norfolk

(BroadwayWorld.com)

Richmond magician **Watt Hyer** has been awarded the exclusive rights to teach the Discover Magic educational program in the Richmond area. This national program is specially designed to teach key life skills to 8 to 12 year olds through the process of learning to perform magic. The course was created by internationally-known, award winning magician and educator **Michael Ammar** and his creative team after nearly twenty years of research.

Discover Magic (www.discovermagic.com) is designed to teach key life skills to 8 to 12 year olds through the process of learning to perform magic. Studies have shown that the art of magic helps kids build key life skills like self-discipline, self-confidence, and teamwork. Scientists and researchers frequently study magicians' techniques to gain new insights into how the human mind works. Discover Magic is an educational program specifically designed to teach respect, creativity, confidence, and other valuable life skills while kids learn how to amaze and mystify with a series of incredible magic tricks.

Michael Ammar has been called "*One of the World's Most Influential Magicians*" by Magic Magazine. He has received six awards from the Academy of Magical Arts, and an F.I.S.M. Gold Medal. A veteran performer, Ammar's resume includes appearances on **Johnny Carson's Tonight Show**, the *Merv Griffin Show*, *David Letterman Show*, *CNN*, and the *Travel Channel*. He has performed in venues as varied as the Vatican and **George W. Bush's** inaugural banquet. Ammar has produced over 40 instructional DVDs, and his bestselling

2016 Browser's Bash tickets on sale now

(BrowsersDen.com)

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Jeff Pinsky says, *"Challenge accepted! The 2016 Browser's Magic Bash will be bigger and better than the last one. Wait until you see what **John Talbot, Lee Asher**, and I have planned for this one. I'm getting excited just thinking about it!"*

When: April 2, 2016 9AM to 9PM

Where: Montecassio Hotel & Venue
3710 Chesswood Drive, Toronto

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