

2017/2018 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*



Shell Game

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September's meeting

The new year started off easy ... but good! The night was spent catching up with old friends after the summer break, and then getting into some easy (but good) card magic.

But first, it was time for **Kyle Robinson** to audition for club membership. He performed *Fire and Water*, where red and blue backed cards are put together and then separate. He then removed the image from a card by rubbing it on his shirt! And finally he correctly predicted a spectator's choice with the only reversed card but also the only different coloured back.

Welcome to the club, Kyle!

Then **Mark Hogan** showed a number of effects that were within the range of most everyone (easy! - many self working) and yet had surprisingly strong impact (good!). Tricks like:

- *Impossible Killer* – Bill Abbott's routine of finding a spectator's card peeked at from a distance and hopelessly lost in the deck;
- *What's your card* – spelling to a selected card courtesy of **Paul Richards**
- *Amateur vs. Professional* – **Jay Sankey's** routine that teaches a lesson and then turns into a trick before they know it

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Topic: INVISIBLE THREAD LECTURE!

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- Several effects from John Bannon, including *Ulterior* (where the spectator eliminates cards to find their selection), *Petal to the Metal* (using the *Matsuyama Petal Force*), *Four Sided Gemini* (using a variation on the *Gemini Twins* technique to create a four-sided triangle), and *Origami Poker* (where the spectator shuffles everything and deals themselves a Royal Flush!).

Mike Fisher brought some items from **Lorne Overholt's** collection. Lorne has offered many of his magazines for those who would like them, and many were gobbled up. He also showed us a lovely effects using Lorne's *Pillar of Solomon* – Mike added bells and a wonderful banter to show how reality can turn into imagination. Nice work, Mike!

Matthew Stafford not only showed us his newest one-wheeled transportation unit, but also his marvelous *RocknRoller MultiCart* that he uses to transport his magic props and animals from show to show – all in one trip!

Mike and Matthew also helped Kyle with his use of linking rings, and Keith O'Brien offered some techniques on his linking ropes. Plus Keith brought Kyle a huge bag of magic from a donation Keith received. It's great to see people offering guidance and encouragement to those just starting on their magical journey.

What a great night to start the new year!

Mark Hogan

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Is invisible thread a "no go" for you? Invisible thread can be terrifying for some or should I say most most magicians.

A lot of magicians tend to stay far away from invisible thread as they just can't get it to work for them. Thread breakage, glare, lighting, environment, nerves, worry..... The list goes on and on. Well, that is all going to change in this month's *London Magicians Guild* meeting!

Keith O'Brien is a pro with Invisible thread! His work has been recognized by **Losander** (the *King of Levitation*) and **Yigal Mesika** (creator of the *Spider Pen, Loops, Tarantula, Tarantula 2, and Electric Touch*).

Keith is going to teach you how to use invisible thread confidently and effectively. You will learn amazing mind blowing effects like the floating Bill, the magnetic Bill, standing business card, moving straw in the spectators finger tips, haunted deck and many more! Keith is also going show you how to make your own loops to save you a ton of money!

Keith is going show you the newest types of ITR's on the market and the amazing miracles you can achieve with them.

By the end of this lecture you will be leaving with a plethora of knowledge on invisible thread and how to use it confidently and effectively. You will definitely be using invisible thread somewhere in your show after this meeting!

Come out and join us on October 11 to learn how to create miracles and memories with visible thread.

We Want Your Reviews and Tricks!

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

magic_london@yahoo.ca

News Of Interest



Browser's Bash tickets available

(BrowsersDen.com)

Tickets are now available for the fourth annual **Browser's Bash**, sponsored by the *Browser's Den*.

This one-day, day-long event is being held on Saturday, April 21^s at the *Montecassino Hotel and Event Venue, 3710 Chesswood Drive, Toronto, ON M3J 2P6*.

Tickets are available at various price levels: *Bronze* (\$99 + HST), *Silver* (\$119 + HST), *Gold* (\$139 + HST) and *VIP Platinum*

(\$159 + HST).

Talent will be announced closer to the event. Talent announced to date includes **Dick Joiner** (Emcee), **Michael Close** and **Nicholas Wallace**.

For more information and to purchase your tickets, visit:

<http://www.browsersden.com/bash/>



Blaney gets surprise from David Copperfield

(Magician.org)

During the big *Magic Live Convention in Las Vegas*, David Copperfield invited me to see his current show at the MGM Grand Hotel, and it is simply astounding. No mere words can describe it adequately.

Then David drove me over to his museum (David Copperfield's International Museum and Library of Conjuring Arts). David walked me into the new section where he just finished setting up the Blaney Tribute Display. About 20 top magician friends had been invited, and they were all waiting for us to enter.

All my "magic stuff" is beautifully displayed... a mannequin of me is seen, dressed in my tux, Western Boots and Stetson, silver vest and Texas T-tie. and I

am holding up my fake, stiff lasso I opened with at every show for all my long career. A video tape showing each of my various trick inventions and illusions is shown running continuously in the background.

My original **Ladder Levitation and Hoop** are there, and my **Blaney Sawing**, plus my whole **Instant Texas Act** props. David made a very kind toast to me, with champagne for all. Then he asked questions about some of the Instant Texas Act props.

Soon I was showing him how I switched a fan of regular size cards into the big Texas size "Fan-To-See" cards. David stood by me holding a tricky-tray and box. He then moved the box forward to make the secret switch I used. All of a sudden it dawned on me that I was demonstrating this trick, just like on my show, but my assistant helping out was **David Copperfield**. It was a truly memorable moment for me and everyone there.

David was just a kid again, playing with all the "magic toys". I and everyone there were just delighted with all the fun we were having. For me it goes down as one of the most memorable experiences in my long magic career.

And we got it all on video tape, and soon there will be a DVD of this special occasion. Long live my dear friend David Copperfield. David, you made an 89-year-old magician a very happy man indeed.

Best to all,
Walter "Zaney" Blaney
Houston, Texas

MAGIC Live pictures from Keith O'Brien

(Keith O'Brien)

One of our own was able to meet up with many of the top magicians in the world when he (along with Peter Mennie) went to Las Vegas in August to attend this year's MAGIC Live convention. Keith is friends with some of the biggest names in the business and he sent us some pictures – see who you know:



Back to front. Left to right.

Banachek, Oscar Munoz, Nick Lange(Criss's PA), John Shaw, Kyle Marlett, Joe Monti, James Docherty, Keith O'Brien, David Penn, Criss Angel, Will Tsai, Justin Willman, Joe Devlin



Sigfried & Keith



David Penn, James T, Keith



David Copperfield & Keith



Mac King & Keith



Chris Angel & Wayne Dobson (Chris Angel's dressing room)



Keith & Mr. Electric



Chris Angel's dressing room (see if you can find Keith!)

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