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Shell Game

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June Meeting

On Wednesday, June 14, the London Magician's Guild (I.B.M. Ring #265) held its annual closing banquet and show.

As in the past few years, it was held in the Elephant & Castle Restaurant in downtown London. And like other shows in the past, it brought our past and present members for a time of fun, food and of course, magic! Joining the festivities was the IBM Territorial Vice-President for Canada-Ontario: Joan Caesar - who has been busy working on next year's C.A.M. convention in Kitchener, Ontario.

Steve Seguin (Ring President) was the Master of Ceremonies for the show, and lead off the night showing us his incredible juggling skills. Peter Mennie was the first magic act and entertained the crowd with a silent card routine, and followed it up with his version of "Six Card Repeat". He finished by finding a spectator's torn dollar bill inside a tube of Life Savers!

Max Scott put a spectator's bill inside an envelope, mixed them and the specter selected one - and Max shredded the rest! But no fear - the spectator's bill was safe in the chosen envelope! A series of colored

covers was shown to a spectator, who placed an object under one of them. But there was no fooling Max - he knew which one it was! And to top it off, a spectator crumbled a bill in their hand and Max knew which hand had the bill - three times!

Andy Parr (Ring Treasurer) announced the winner of the Al Munro Fellowship Award, given yearly to the club member that best exemplifies the qualities displayed by our late friend, colleague and past club member, Al Munro. This year's winner was a most deserving one. Mike Fisher (Vice President) coordinated several external events for the club, and created a wonderful historical club display board and photo albums. [Congratulations on a well deserved award, Mike!](#)

Mark Hogan (Ring Secretary) was up next, and did his version of Richard Sanders "Card in Ear". Then he gave a sales pitch for his new invention - the "Porta-Pack" - and demonstrated it by using it in a "Card At Any Number" effect.

Next Meeting:
Wed. Sept 6, 7:00 pm
Beal Secondary School,
Room 225
525 Dundas St., London
Topic: [Lecture by Richard Sanders!](#)

Steve Wallace followed with an excellent cups and balls routine, and Ross Andrews gave us his take on a series of rope effects.

Steve Seguin was back, and had us rolling in the aisles by juggling an ax, machete and shears overtop the body of Andy Parr (Actually, Steve switch the super-sharp objects with plungers after Andy was blindfolded - but he didn't know that - until Steve dropped one of the items right on him!)

The main highlight of the evening was a special, surprise presentation. Over the past few years the executive and members of Ring 265 realized a need to recognize a couple of individuals for their long and dedicated service to the club. These members have shown exceptional friendship to the London Magician's Guild by their generous participation and support in meetings & events, not to mention their many years of infectious enthusiasm for the IBM and the Art of Magic. Congratulations to Max Scott and Lorne Overholt for their many years of involvement in our club & for sharing their charisma and wealth of magical knowledge!

And the magic just kept coming! Greydon Gilmore (Sergeant at Arms) had four spectators each select a card, and he was able to divine each one of them. Lorne Overholt took some blood out of Devon Elliott's "cheeks" before cutting through his midsection with an electric saw! Andy Parr showed us his take on Michael Close's "Rubic's Bill" by stabbing a bill with a toothpick and moving it around - and also a fun routine using Ton

Onosaka's "Lucky Lady". Steve Seguin raised the bar by divining the name of a child, the name of a pet, and a design duplication with three separate spectators. T

The finale was left in the capable hands of Mike Fisher, who did a terrific job with Slydini's "Napkins into Box"; a Coin Through Bottle routine (using a really small bottle!); a Coins Across routine into a mug; and a Coin Production from a handkerchief, finishing with the production of a giant coin!

It was a wonderful night of friendship and fun. Who knows - we might just do it again next year!!

- Mark Hogan

September's Meeting

Wed. Sept 8, 2006

We are proud to present a lecture by one of Canada's most well known and respected magicians today ...



Richard Sanders!

Called by Jay Sankey, "One of the best kept secrets in magic," Richard

Sanders is a boni fide, underground treasure. His material has appeared in such respected magazines as The Magical Arts Journal, New Directions, Genii, The Magic Menu, and France's Arcane, and his marketed items have infiltrated the working repertoires of magicians around the world. David Acer wrote, "When Richard Sanders picks up a deck of cards, the cards quite simply sing. His Elmsley Counts, his Double Lifts, his Classic Passes are mesmerizing, because he has that quality – that ability to bring a technique to life – in greater abundance than anyone else I've ever known!"

For non-members, the fee to attend is \$15. Club members are free as always. Hope to see you there!

For more on Richard's lecture, visit the club's web site:
http://www.geocities.com/magic_london



News Of Interest

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Canadian takes two at FISM

This year's FISM World Championships of Magic were held in Stockholm, Sweden and ended on August 6th.

This year our Canadian conferee, Shawn Farquhar – a previous IBM Stage and Close-up Magician of the Year – won second place for Close-Up and Parlor at FISM.

We Want Your Reviews and Tricks! Please send any original reviews, magic tricks or routines to:
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