

2011/2012 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



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June's meeting

There's a celebrity in the house! June's meeting was a great turnout – including a number of young magicians eager to get their picture taken with the celebrity-du-jour: our lecturer for the evening – Jay Sankey. Jay was starting his "Bending the Real" lecture tour, and we were honoured to be his first stop.

Jay started the night with "Cardavor" – where four Kings eat three spectator selections! Next up was one of his many Bends, which are effects performed without the "aura" of magic tricks – so people are able to define the effects for themselves. His first bend was a spectator stopping Jay as he ripped sticky notes from a pad – and stopped him on the sticky note containing a message!

"Strike Three" had Jay vanishing 3 coins and reappearing under a sheet! Then a couple of bends – first a spoon bend, then some really loud finger cracking! He also performed "Reenactment" – a great mentalism effect where a mentally selected card is found inside a card case! Then another bend - removing the top off a can and putting it back on!

After a quick break, Jay was back with a nice two card transposition, followed by another bend – after snapping the top of a cap onto a pen, the spectator finds it stuck on the bottom of the pen! Next, he performed "Lottery" – where the spectator selects cards, mixes them, and they match Jay's prediction!

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 14 7:30PM

Topic: BIZARRE MAGIC!

Beal Secondary School
525 Dundas Street, London
T-253

He ended the night with three more bends – a broken stir stick appears inside a wrapped straw! A cap is removed from a bottle and put inside the bottle! And paying for some candy with money found inside the candy!!

What a fun night! Jay was very generous with his knowledge of his effects, as well as his time with the younger magicians who came to meet him. A great way to start our summer – thanks, Jay!

Mark Hogan

September's Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, September 14
TIME: 7:30 PM
PLACE: Beal Secondary School
T-253

Topic: BIZARRE MAGIC!

To start the new year off, let's do something a little "bizarre".

The theme for the evening will be "bizarre magic". This is magic with a story – often something scary, including haunted props or Halloween-type effects. Mental effects fit nicely with bizarre magic as well. Any type of magic that includes a story will do.

So go deep into your basement and dig out any magic you have that is related to a story. Come out on September 8, meet some old friends, and get back into the magic groove!

CONGRATS TO THIS YEAR'S CLUB EXECUTIVE!	
President:	Mike Fisher
Vice-President:	Andy Parr
Secretary/Treasurer:	Mark Hogan
Sgt at Arms:	Peter Mennie

News Of Interest

Penn & Teller coming to Casino Rama

They defy labels, and at times, good taste. They've performed together for 30 years; skewering the genre of magic, their sold-out audiences, and themselves -- very often all at the same time, within one mind-boggling evening.



And along the way, Penn & Teller have made the hardest trick of all – a remarkable career that ranges from stage to television to three best-selling books – look easy. And they've done it all on their own, distinctively offbeat terms.

Edgy, provocative and hilarious, Vegas icons Penn & Teller's live show on any given night can involve knives, guns, a fire-eating showgirl and a duck. Known as the "Bad Boys of Magic", for supposedly revealing the secrets to their tricks, they may show you how it's done, but they still manage to leave you startled.

They are coming to Casino Rama on Thursday, November 3rd at 8:00pm. Tickets are \$45 and available at TicketMaster.

For more information on Penn and Teller, visit <http://www.pennandteller.com>

Browser's Den has moved!

After 26 years at Bathurst and Eglinton, the landlord at the Browser's Den of Magic location decided to build a condominium. So it was finally time to move the Browser's Den. And what a great location they now have – only 2 minutes south of the 401, close to the TTC, and TONS OF FREE PARKING!

The Browser's Den of Magic is now at the following location:

3220 Dufferin Street, Unit 19
Toronto, ON
M6A 2T3

The shop has a completely new look and feel. To celebrate, there is a Grand Opening Party on Sunday, September 25 from 11am until 4pm. There will be discounts, specials, food, and one of their famous MAGIC AUCTIONS.

Lecturers for October and November

In the next two months, we are fortunate to have two lectures at our club.

In October (Thursday, October 13), Keith Fields will be lecturing. Keith is an internationally acclaimed magician and comedian originally from London, England. In 1987, he won the coveted title of Best Magician at the International Festival of Street Entertainers in Covent Garden, London. He has appeared on TV in the UK and Europe over 20 times. He has written 3 books on the art of magic and performance (one of which was translated into 4 languages), produced one of the first teaching magic CDs, been asked to perform and lecture in front of his peers in magic conventions around the world (he also invents new magic and illusions), and won the title of 'Close up Magician of the Year' from the world famous Magic Circle.

In November, Marsha Bergeron will be giving us a customized talk on the anatomy of a speech (vocal variety, the use of gestures, stage movement, opening and closing a speech, breathing, eye contact etc) with magicians in mind. This will be followed by a question/answer demonstration and evaluation (what individuals do well and areas for improvement). This will give us an opportunity to learn how we can improve how we can better present our magic!

So book your calendar now – don't miss these two great lecturers!

We Want Your Reviews and Tricks!
Please send any original reviews, magic
tricks or routines to:
magic_london@yahoo.ca

Toronto Hat & Rabbit Club events - 2011/2012

For those who don't mind the drive down the 401, the Sid Lorraine Hat & Rabbit Club in Toronto (IBM Ring 17) always has a great list of lecturers and events during the year, and this year is no exception.

Here is the list of events at the Toronto club this year:

Thursday, September 8, 2011

[Richard Forget](#)

(Canada)

Thursday, October 6, 2011

[Joshua Jay](#)

(U.S.A.)

Thursday, November 3, 2011

[Michael Weber](#)

(U.S.A.)

Thursday, December 1, 2011

[Members' Night](#)

Thursday, January 12, 2012

[Used Magic Auction](#)

Thursday, February 2, 2012

[Comedy Panel](#)

(Matt DiSero, David Merry, Glenn Ottaway & Paul Wildbaum – Canada)

Thursday, March 1, 2012

[Morrissey Magic](#)

Wednesday, April 11, 2012

[Murray Hatfield](#)

(Canada)

Thursday, May 3, 2012
[Will Houstoun](#)
(United Kingdom)

The Sid Lorrane Hat & Rabbit Club meets at St. Leonard's Church, 25 Wanless Ave, Toronto. Meetings start at 7:00pm. For more information on the club and these events, visit <http://ibmring17.com/Ring17/>

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