

**2016/2017 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

A Monthly Newsletter for the London Magic Community  
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## June's meeting

If you like good food, this was the meeting for you! **Peter Mennie** graciously opened his home to us and supplied some marvelous chicken and salads, with **Mike Fisher** bringing some smoked ribs that were too good for words!

Mike also showed us a carpetbag filled with things like rocks, bricks, boxes, an expanding shovel, multiplying bottles and clocks, and lots of things for Mark's daughter to use to make a *Mary Poppins* appearance.

After dinner we got to some magic, with **Mark Hogan** bringing out his newest purchase of a *BKM (Balducci/Kapps/Mullica) wallet*, with everyone providing some guidance on how it can be used. **Peter Mennie** showed us a wonderful packet trick he has used on television. **Mike Fisher** had a great ESP effect where ESP cards in envelopes were removed one by one until one was left, which matched his prediction! And **Paul French** performed some terrific card tricks of his own. All this even kept the kids entertained!

It was a terrific dinner, and the evening was a lot of fun. It was a great way to start the summer!

Mark Hogan

### Next Meeting:

**Date: Wednesday, September 14**

**Time: 7:30 PM**

**Topic: MAGIC AUCTION!**

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

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## September's Meeting

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## TOPIC: **MAGIC AUCTION**

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To begin the fall season, why not begin it with some new magic stuff – or at least stuff that's "new to you"?

Come out to our magic auction. Bring some things to sell, or better yet, bring some \$\$\$ to buy – as the highlight of the night will be the items of our former member **Don Tuckey**. He has a large number of props and tricks – and they are yours as long as you're the winning bid! (Note: Some of Don's items will have reserve bids).

The only thing you have to lose is a fun night out! So come to our magic auction. Sell some things – buy some things – bring some friends – and meet up with old and new friends for a great night checking out some great magic items.

**We Want Your Reviews and Tricks!**

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

[magic\\_london@yahoo.ca](mailto:magic_london@yahoo.ca)

# News Of Interest

## Amazing Corbin - now a published poet

For years, **Mike Fisher aka The Amazing Corbin** has been hiding his true talent ... writing poetry. One morning a spark of inspiration hit and resulted in the following poem, which caught fire on the Internet and has since been published.

Well done and congratulations, Mike!

### **To Be a Magician**

**To be a magician** it seems to me,  
you have to get good at things others can't see.  
Practice for hours when you'd rather go out,  
Explain to the client what your shows all about.  
Create a performance to fit a challenging budget,  
Perform for a crowd that can't help but judge it.

**To be a magician** performing shows can be tough,  
sometimes your best just isn't enough.  
Arrive at a venue with no sound system inside her,  
Argue with the client it was on the rider.  
Set up your show and learn most of it won't fit,  
weeks of rehearsals all gone to shit.

**To be a magician** and perform for the public,  
often does terrible things to ones stomach.  
Unruly children and parents who don't care,  
heads tilted downward into phones they stare.  
Volunteers from the audience who'd rather not join you,  
disrupt your act and often upstage you.

**To be a magician** running a business is hard,  
no one is begging for my contact card.  
Facebook adds are expensive, Newspaper's dead,  
I'm never sure if my twitter feed's read.  
Cleaning my suit and repairing an old prop,  
buying new magic spending won't stop.

**To be a magician** and have a great show,  
 is a powerful drug that many can't know.  
 The feeling you get when an effect goes right,  
 smiles from the audience -a beautiful sight.  
 Line ups for autographs, people asking for more,  
 inquiring about your next stop on the tour.

**To be a magician is a wonderful thing,  
 sometimes you cry, sometimes you sing.**

## MAGIC on TV - September 6 - 16

★Sep 6:	Simon & Simon: Grand Illusion on COZI.
★Sep 6:	How I Met Your Mother: The Magician's Code on WGN.
★Sep 6:	Next on PBS.
★Sep 7:	<b>NEW!</b> Penn & Teller Fool Us: To Tea Or Not To Tea on CW.
★Sep 7:	Gilligan's Island: It's Magic on METV.
★Sep 7:	No Escaping Houdini on PBS.
★Sep 7:	Mission: Impossible: The Falcon, Part 2 on DECADES.
★Sep 7:	<b>NEW!</b> The Carbonaro Effect: multiple episodes on TRUETV.
★Sep 8:	The Munsters: Munster The Magnificent on COZI.
★Sep 8:	Tanked: Saved By The Spell on ANIMAL.
★Sep 9:	Brain Games: Pay Attention! on NGC.
★Sep 9:	<b>NEW!</b> Masters Of Illusion: Body Piercings on CW.
★Sep 9:	<b>NEW!</b> Masters Of Illusion: A Magical Smorgasbord on CW.
★Sep 9:	<b>NEW!</b> Penn & Teller Fool Us: Penn & Teller Get Trapped on CW.
★Sep 9:	<b>NEW!</b> The Carbonaro Effect: multiple episodes on TRUETV.
★Sep 10:	The Incredible Burt Wonderstone on TBS.
★Sep 10:	<b>NEW!</b> The Carbonaro Effect: multiple episodes on TRUETV.
★Sep 11:	Now You See Me on SPIKE.
★Sep 13:	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation: Abra-Cadaver on USA.
★Sep 13:	The Big Bang Theory: Prestidigitation Approximation on TBS.
★Sep 14:	<b>NEW!</b> Penn & Teller Fool Us: Penn & Teller Rip For Your Pleasure on CW.
★Sep 14:	Tanked: Penn & Teller Monkey Magic on ANIMAL.
★Sep 14:	Diagnosis Murder: Sleight-Of-Hand on METV.
★Sep 14:	<b>NEW!</b> The Carbonaro Effect: multiple episodes on TRUETV.
★Sep 16:	Bob's Burgers: Presto-Tina-O on TOON.
★Sep 16:	Magicians on Shark Tank on ABC.
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## NFL player makes America's Got Talent semi-finals

(HuffingtonPost.com)

**Jon Dorenbos** is a name that most football fans aren't aware of. He's a Pro Bowl long snapper for the Philadelphia Eagles, and he's making a name of himself away from the field this offseason.

Dorenbos is a participant on "*America's Got Talent*", and he's wowing the judges with his incredible magic tricks. During the semi-finals, he debuted a new trick which may have been better than the previous two.

You can watch the full performance below, and it's absolutely worth your viewing pleasure.

<https://youtu.be/J3smwlrSiWY>

In fact, to see the "TOP 10 Amazing Magicians on America's Got Talent and Britian's Got Talent", visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yyYo4RV0jsI>



## Ranking the top 4 magicians on "Penn & Teller: Fool Us"

(BlastingNews.com)

**Penn & Teller** quickly became some of the most popular magicians in magic several years ago. Their act sells out every night several weeks or months in advance thanks to the pure spectacular nature of what they do. Their tricks often involve explaining their magic to an audience and showing that audience exactly how it is done.

From that idea, the two came up with the hit show '*Penn & Teller: Fool Us*'. On the show, magicians perform magic and attempt to trick Penn & Teller. If the magician successfully fools Penn & Teller, he/she wins a trip to Vegas and a chance to perform as an opening act for Penn & Teller. Several magicians have succeeded, but I'm about to show you the best of the best.

## 1. Shin Lim

Shin Lim turned to magic after carpal tunnel ruined his piano playing career. He's been very successful as a magician and was incredible in his only performance on '**Penn & Teller: Fool Us.**'

<https://youtu.be/EAN-PwRfJcA>

This entire act just seems impossible. I have absolutely no idea how Lim did any of this and neither did **Penn & Teller**. At the end of the trick, Penn couldn't even explain how Lim managed to pull off the simple trick of making the marker disappear. And the entire act was beautiful. The silence just makes the act even more magical and beautiful to watch. Even Penn, one of the masters of magic, called the act "perfect." Lim is the best magician to ever appear on the show and deserves all the accolades for his wonderful performance.

## 2. Steven Brundage

The Rubik's cube magician appeared in **Penn & Teller** before he dazzled audience members on 'America's Got Talent' in 2016. This time, his trick involved two cubes that seemed to be solved by nothing but magic. It's a bit similar to what he's doing on 'America's Got Talent' [this year](#), but it's still very impressive to watch.

[https://youtu.be/Qph0\\_pBUer8](https://youtu.be/Qph0_pBUer8)

Is this skill or just pure magic? I'm not sure how exactly Brundage manages to solve these things so quickly. And how on Earth did he solve it while tossing it behind his back? Penn immediately admitted that he was fooled after the act and I did too.

## 3. Shawn Farquhar

This **magician** gets a spot on the list because he fooled Penn & Teller twice with two separate tricks. First, Farquhar used a card trick featuring a simple deck of cards that was anything but simple.

<https://youtu.be/CRpz0zuAGVs>

How did he do that? Even Penn & Teller didn't know what was going on! And Penn was standing right next to Shawn the entire time! But things got even more impressive when he appeared again on the show with a different trick that managed to fool **Penn & Teller** once again.

<https://youtu.be/UQ3hw3sbVwM>

This time, Shawn utilized a phone book to impress the audience. He used Penn & Teller's assistant Allison to further dramatize his own act. He somehow uses a blank book and knows exactly what is on the pages that Allison is reading. **Penn & Teller**, who thought they saw right through the act, were actually completely wrong about the

trick. And that's why this awesome magician absolutely deserves a spot toward the top of the list.

#### 4. Nick Einhorn

This time, there were no cards involved in the trick. Instead, magician **Nick Einhorn** uses a dinner party setting to wow an audience that couldn't figure out how Einhorn managed to guess everything correctly in a game of complete chance.

<https://youtu.be/VcKe8eFbe9I>

The trick begins with three dishes and three different tables. A random woman from the audience chooses where to place the three plates and then selects three men from the audience. The random woman then gives three envelopes to each of the three different men and even switches once. She then gives each man a table to sit at. The end result of the trick is completely unbelievable and you have to watch to understand just how incredible the trick was. **Penn & Teller** were completely stumped thanks to the free choice aspect of the trick, adding Einhorn to the list of people who fooled the star magicians.

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