

2025/2026 Club Membership Dues are now due!!

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Shell Game

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June's meeting

June's meeting (the last one before our summer break) was all about Transitions. We had already discussed openers, closers, etc. but how do we tie our effects together into a show that is more than just a bunch of tricks?

Mark Hogan talked about **Dan Harlan's** show outline that he provides in his booklet "*More Than Meets The Eye*". Using the "*Series of Three Principle*", Dan provides a framework for categorizing effects based on the function the effect captures within the framework. He also talked about **Paul Harris's** concept of "*ringing a bell*" between tricks, to slow down and allow the spectators sufficient time to experience the mystery of what they've witnessed.

Peter Mennie discussed his building of a show based substantially on *music*. He taught us how music can be used to show when effects are over (and applause can happen); building excitement; etc. He also talked about the various challenges he has faced performing at weddings.

Andrew Olmstead talked about his recent *street magic* experiences and how he used transitions to gather and keep his audiences. In addition, he showed off his new *Miser's Dream* bucket, and performed his *Card to Pocket* routine he developed from the **Stars of Magic** and **David Williamson's** versions.

We started talking about **Steve Seguin's** masterpiece "*Chairs*", and with Steve with us tonight, it was a perfect opportunity to try it out! While it all

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Time: 7:00 PM

Topic: LECTURE BY WINDSOR MAGIC CLUB!

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Room 253**

collapsed halfway through the performance, it was fun to show the newer guys a truly terrific closing effect!

"*Shrinkflation*" was on the mind of **Sam General**, who took a **Jay Sankey** effect and made a selected card disappear only to end inside a chocolate bar wrapper! **Mark Hogan** talked about using a single effect as a means to transition through a show. He demonstrated this with **Mark Elsdon's** "*Limelight*", a 3-phase effect where a spectator finds 7 different selections!

Peter Skells performed his variation of **Paul Curry's** "*Out of This World*", and **Peter Mennie** demonstrated a terrific "*Bank Night*" variation where spectators mixed and chose bags using coloured clips, but left Peter with the winning prize. The coolest part is that the method was actually created using *ChatGPT*!

What a way to start the summer! See you all in September!

Mark Hogan

September's meeting

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TOPIC: *LECTURE BY THE WINDSOR MAGIC CLUB!*

We made a deal with the *Windsor Magic Club* (formally the **Windsor Magic Circle – IBM Ring #116**). They would perform for us, and we perform for them.

Please come out on *Wednesday September 17* to welcome several magicians from the Windsor club, for a performance/lecture. We are excited for everyone to meet them and share our common interest in all things magic.

(P.S. We'll be performing for them on *Thursday, October 9 in Windsor!* We'll be arranging a carpool for all those who want to perform in Windsor!)

Hope to see you on **Wednesday, September 17** to be entertained by the *Windsor Magic Circle*!

News Of Interest



London Magic Lounge took over Heads & Tails Bar in June

(Heads and Tails Bar)

The **Heads and Tails Bar** (759 Dundas Street, London) was transformed into the “**London Magic Lounge**” on Tuesday June 17 for a one-night performance by members of the *London Magicians Guild* (that’s us!). The host for the evening was **Peter Mennie**, who used comical cue cards effects to introduce each performer.

First up was **Scott the Magical Guy**, who showed us his *Silk Fountain*; and his version of *Cardiographic*, where a selected card magically rose from a deck drawn on a pad! He also performed the *Norm Nielson Coke Bottle*; taught everyone *The Vanishing Bandana*; showed off his superior memory with the *Sheer Luck Book Test*; and ended with his amazing *Dancing Hank*, where a handkerchief jumps inside a plugged glass jar!

Fenyx Fyre left no one disappointed with his startling displays of physical feats, including a thumb zip tie escape; running a chainsaw across his tongue; *Razor Blade Roulette* allowing spectators to pull strings to see if a razor blade would slice his fist; *Razor Blade Swallowing*; drilling a *Blockhead Jigsaw Blade* into his nose; making Sunny D orange drink evaporate; and a terrifying finale of a *Smoke Escape* from handcuffs and a combination-lock harness before his lungs were engulfed by smoke!

Andrew Olmstead took times from his busy busking schedule to amaze the crowd with his terrific *jumping coin* routine; his version of *Clipped* where he kept restoring a cut sheet of paper; his unique take on a *Rubik’s Cube* solving

and matching effect; and his wonderful version of *Fiber Optics* and *Professor's Nightmare*.

The final performer was **Mike Fisher** as the **Amazing Corbin**, who waxed poetically his *Kate and Edith Monte* routine, and did a great *Bank Night* presentation, where Mike was left with the only envelope holding \$50. He also introduced a *Mind Reading Orange*, which contained a selected card with a matching torn corner held by the spectator; and his new *Mental Epic* routine using the items from the board game Clue.

It was a terrific night! The bar was full, the laughter flowed, and the magic was amazing. Well done, guys!



2025 FISM World Champions

(FISMIItaly2025)

The **FISM World Championships of Magic** were held in July in Turin, Italy. Here is a list of the winners in the various magic categories:

GRAND PRIX WINNER

Francesco Della Bona (Stage)

GENERAL MAGIC

Lea Kyle (World Champion)

Nikolai Stribel (2nd place)

Calista (3rd Place)

MANIPULATION MAGIC

Francesco Della Bona (World Champion)

Ho Jung (2nd Place)

Shifu Huang (3rd Place)

PARLOUR MAGIC

Mortenn Christiansen (World Champion)

Piero Venesia (2nd Place)

Jonio (3rd Place)

MENTAL MAGIC

Mind 2 Mind (World Champion)

Niccolo Fontana (3rd Place)

MICRO MAGIC

Ibuki (World Champion)

Duo (2nd Place)

Starman (3rd Place)

STAGE ILLUSIONS

Alberto Giorgi & Laura (2nd Place)

Mag Edgard (3rd Place)

COMEDY MAGIC

Artem Shchukin (2nd Place)

Yannis Why (3rd Place)

Juan Colas (3rd Place)

CARD MAGIC

Tino Plaz (2nd Place)

Francesco Fontanelli (2nd Place)

Kimoon Do (3rd Place)

MOST ORIGINAL ACT (STAGE MAGIC) – Lucas Kaminski

MOST ORIGINAL ACT (CLOSE UP MAGIC) – Michael Bloemeke



Penguin Magic Top 10 Buying Guide over the summer

(PenguinMagic.com)

These are the latest and greatest magic tricks of June 2025 (as well as a few that have just recently been restocked). **Nick Locapo** walks you through his favorite new tricks at *Penguin Magic*.

1. [One Card by Daniel Garcia](#)

One Card. One Envelope. One impossible reveal. DG has created the perfect one-card trick. Every word, and every move has a purpose.

2. [Quantum Aperture by Calen Morelli](#)

The largest, most visual moving hole we've ever seen. Easy to do with instant reset.

3. [Stolen by Urbain & Gentlemen's Magic](#)

A borrowed ring vanishes in full view, and reappears FIRMLY attached to your WALLET. An incredibly visual and super safe WORKER. No more dropped rings!

4. [Brain Scanner by Alvo Stockman](#) (\$39.99 iOS App)

From a borrowed shuffled deck, a card is secretly selected AND NEVER RETURNED TO THE DECK. By scanning your spectator's brain, you're able to reveal their thoughts. Our #1 favorite app trick!

5. [Firefly by Titanas](#)

Conjure LIGHT on demand! A stealthy, super-bright light that appears, fades, and leaves audiences breathless.

6. [Invisible Harmonica by Fabien Rebouh](#)

With hands empty, turn any inanimate object (and most small animals) into a harmonica!! The most musical magic trick of the year.

7. [Bottle Pocket by Mickael Chatelain, Urbain & Gentlemen's Magic](#)

Make any small object appear inside a sealed glass bottle that fits inside your pocket!

8. [52 Farewells by Geoff Latta](#) (Hardcover Book)

A lovingly crafted masterpiece collecting all known card magic (public and private) of Geoffrey Latta, a genius way ahead of his time.

9. **Mental Block Dice by Dan Harlan**

Guess what number someone is thinking with this hand-crafted wooden die. So good it can be repeated MANY times!

10. **Credit Swipe by Craig Petty**

A full act with credit cards! Eye-popping tricks you'll combine into routines. Print, morph, and transform credit cards in your spectators' hands!

We Want Your Reviews and Tricks!

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