

2009/2010 Club Membership Dues are now due!!

Please bring your \$30 membership renewal dues to the September meeting, or mail them to: Mark Hogan, 133 Fairlane Ave, London ON N6K 3E5



Shell Game

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June's meeting

"Bring on the food ... and the fun!" That was the call from the many folks who gathered in the back room of the Keg Restaurant in June to celebrate the annual club dinner.

This year was a bit different, in that there was no show afterwards. Instead, there was a contest – where the guests voted on their favourite performance. And with money as a prize, there was no holding back!

Ron Keller lead the way by linking two paper clips that were in love! Mark Hogan gave us a long-winded prediction effect that forever proved his mental prowess. Andy Parr caused the calculations on a calculator to come up with the Joan Caesar's phone number! (And many thanks to Joan for coming to our dinner and presenting us with IBM spirit keys!).

Max Scott performed an amazing dice effect where he read the spots on top of a covered die! Keith Brown showed us that he could move the diamonds one by one off of a playing card, and also did a time travel trick where the cards ended up as they started! Lorne Overholt has a husband choose a card and had his wife read his mind to find it! And Mike Fisher chose which hand a spectator was hiding a coin, and also performed the hilarious "Kate and Edith" 3 Card Monte routine.

Next Meeting(s):

Wednesday, September 9 7:30PM

Topic: CARD WARP – Teach in!

Beal Secondary School
255 Dundas Street, London
T-253

In the end, it was up to the judges (er... the guests), who gave second place to Lorne Overholt and named Keith Brown as the winner! Congratulations!

There was also the presentation of the President's Trophy (for the year's best member presentation as chosen by the club president), which went to Mark Hogan. As well, this year's winner of the Al Munro Memorial Award (as voted by the club membership) went to Ron Keller.

Many thanks to everyone who came to this year's event – it was a great way to start the summer!

Mark Hogan

September's Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, September 9
TIME: 7:30 PM
PLACE: Beal Secondary School
T-253

Topic: CARD WARP – Teach-in!

What a better way to start the new magic year by learning one of the classic card tricks of all time – CARD WARP!

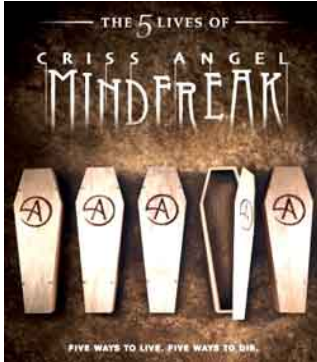
For those of you unfamiliar with the effect: Imagine folding a card in half, placing it inside another folded card, and when you push it through one side – it comes out the other side folded in the opposite direction! Sounds impossible? It is ... unless you come to the September meeting!

Steve Seguin will lead us step by step through the effect, and we'll talk about some variations on the moves, and other related effects.

So warm up your fingers – bring some cards (that you're willing to fold!) and come out on September 9!

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

News Of Interest



The Five Lives of Criss Angel

(from The Magic NewsWire)

Criss Angel talks about the new season of MindFreak in an article from the [Futon Critic](#).

The five part series subtitled. "The Five Lives of Criss Angel" will be highlighted by five "death defying" stunts.

With the upcoming "Mass Levitation" episode, Angel clearly understands the seriousness of not only putting himself at risk but also the Las Vegas crowd he will incorporate into the illusion.

"When I'm doing things to myself and if I get maimed or hurt or killed, that's one thing. But when you take a spectator that's there just among other people having a good time with their friends and family and I put them in a situation where they can get hurt, it certainly does weigh on my mind that I have to make sure that, you know, that doesn't happen because I have that responsibility. So it's certainly something I took into consideration and, you know, again this is years in the planning. This is not something I just came up with and the next day did it."

2009/2010 Club Executive

Congratulations to the London Magicians Guild Executives for this year:

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| President: | Steve Seguin |
| Vice President: | Andy Parr |
| Secretary: | Mark Hogan / Jason Williams |
| Treasurer: | Mark Hogan |
| Sergeant At Arms: | Mike Fisher |

Did You Know?

- Magician Kuda Bux (1910-1981) most famous for his "blind drive" and many other blindfold feats, lost his eye sight to glaucoma.
- Pulling a rabbit from a hat was as first recorded in 1836, in an era where top hats were reserved for the upper class.
- The first magic book was 1584 and was published then to save magicians from being hung for conducting "witchcraft." It was called Reginald Scot's Discoveries of witchcraft.
- Max Maven has created and published more than 1,700 effects and pioneered interactive magic that can be done thru television.
- In 1921 P.T. Selbit debuts the first "sawing thru a woman"

Next time you find yourself in Calgary

(from Jason Williams)

While in Calgary on business, I came across a great shop not too far from the Calgary tower, or the main downtown was The Vanishing Rabbit, known to be "Western Canada's Largest Magic shop" so naturally I had to drop in.

There I met Brent Smith (the owner) and truly a Magician who had full audience captivated in his store. Just walking in, you know magicians do frequent the shop with a wide variety of effects, but once you are there a bit you all of the sudden notice that there are about a hundred cards on the ceiling - naturally from performing the trick!

Brent was also interested in our club and sent two great effects, (Lips and Hole Sensation) to be given away at our next meeting.

"...and I quote"

- "A magician is an actor playing the part of a magician": Robert-Houdin
- "You Vait a Veek": Max Malini
- "The hard must become habit. The habit must become easy. The easy must become beautiful.": Doug Henning
- "The head is the house of the tongue, our bodies effectively speak less falsely.": Austin Osman
- "Art can contradict science": Austin Osman



Watch FISM on your computer!

(Message from Tobias Beckwith)

Jeff McBride teamed up with Street of Cards TV for the first ever live reporting from FISM -- The World Championships of Magic, going on in Beijing.

McBride reported using his tiny pocket camera, with instant uploads to the Street of Cards web site. If you're a magic fan and always wanted to visit the biggest event in magic, but couldn't make it in person – now you can be there virtually!

Go to <http://streetofcards.tv/channel/27/jeff-mcbride/> and see the archived reports as filed by Jeff.

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