



I.B.M. MAGRUM-KIEFER RING NO. 11
QUAD-CITIES MAGIC CLUB
MAY 2008 NEWSLETTER



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING:

June 5, 2008
7:00 p.m.
Riverside Garden Room
34th Street and 5th Avenue
Moline, IL

Classics of Magic...that is the theme for the next meeting. What is a classic of magic, you might ask. There is no specific definition, but certain tricks have been performed successfully by many magicians for many years and have stood the test of time. Examples would be the Linking Rings, Cups and Balls, Cut and Restored Rope, Chinese Sticks and many others. Whether or not you can do a miracle you consider to be a classic, the important thing is to get up and perform something. Maybe your trick will be, as a lot of ads state, "destined to be a classic". DO IT !

ASSIGNMENTS:

JUNE MEETING

MC: Laura Anderson
Theme: Classics of Magic
Drinks: Ken Thompson
Snacks: Brittany Schmidt
Performers: Eric Dany (hard)
Todd Herbst (easy)

The treasury balance is \$3686.41 according to our chief financial advisor and keeper of the keys to the vault, Jerry Phillips.

The fine club library is missing a few volumes, according to our head librarian, Joe Dobson. If you have an overdue book in your hands or just occupying space on your shelf please bring it to the next meeting so some less fortunate member will have the opportunity to read it. That's the way the library is supposed to operate. Remember, the library was a gift to all of us from one of our late members.

Book/DVD Report: Jeremy Haak

The Christmas Party committee is diligently closing in on a facility. Mark your calendars because we know for a fact that December 8, a Monday, is the day. Stay tuned for more.

JULY MEETING:

ANNUAL PICNIC
July 6, 2007
Shelter south of Garden Room

The club welcomed the idea of bringing in David Ginn and his workshop next Spring. It will take some doing on our part and Eric Dany volunteered to head up that work with Todd Herbst's assistance.

MC Needed
Performers Needed

Rick Brammer reported on future club shows...one in the Fall in Mt. Pleasant, IA and three next Spring at the Scott County Library in Eldridge, IA, Monroe Elementary School in Davenport [the third year in a row] and in Aledo. WOW !

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont'd):

There was general agreement that the club should book Doc Morrissy for a return gig with his new lecture, probably sometime in the Fall.

The big Close-Up Contest at the last meeting was quite successful [see the story below]. President Joe announced the rule that the first place winner would be ineligible to compete in the next Close-Up Contest. The same will apply to the Stage Contest winner.

The Saturday Magicians Lunch bunch has decided to meet at the Windmill Restaurant in East Moline for the time being. Later, when Iowa eliminates smoking, there might be a change. The Windmill has much to offer, but is a bit of a trip for some people. It's located on the Avenue of the Cities across from the high school between 7th and 13th streets in East Moline.

Williamsfield, IL was the site of the club's May 3 show for Breast Cancer. Jeremy Haak, Rick Brammer, Jerry Phillips, Joe Dobson and Chuck Hanson performed for a somewhat small but very responsive audience.

The May 17 show at the Dixon, IL theatre for the local animal shelter had a very much larger audience. Performing were Eric Dany, Rick Brammer, Brittany Schmidt, Ken Thompson, Jeremy Haak, Jerry Phillips and Todd Herbst. The sponsoring organization indicated its desire to have the club back next year...always a good sign.

Speaking of lectures [were we?...]the Bob Sheets lecture on May 10 was excellent and was well attended. The Will Houstoun lecture on May 16 was also very good with some superb sleight of hand work. Unfortunately, only 8 members and two guests showed up. Considering the large number of members who wanted to book Houstoun and indicated they would attend at the last meeting. this was disappointing and costly to the club. Do we need a better system?

FUTURE EVENTS

July 6...Regular meeting night..plus,
Club Picnic, catered, shelter south of Garden Room.

August 7...Regular meeting.

August 9...Club performers for the Polo Match.
Same function as last year.
Rick needs volunteers.

August 6-9...Abbott's Magic GetTogether
Colon, MI

August 7-9...Midwest Magic Jubilee
St, Louis, MO, Airport Hilton

September Meeting...Auction

October Meeting...Stage Contest



Ring #11 Report

Ring #11 held its first close-up contest in recent times on May first in Moline, IL and it was a winner all the way. President Joe Dobson, as MC, introduced the lead-off contestant Eric Dany. Three small 8-balls jumped from pocket to hand several times, then mysteriously turned into a jumbo 8-ball. Eric then successfully predicted which three parts of a voodoo doll would be “needled” by a spectator and wound up with an interesting trick in which he cut to the four aces, two of which sandwiched a selected card.

A blindfolded P.J.Wiese cut to each of the aces, calling each one by name, then caused the aces to apparently travel up his sleeve and into his pocket...one at a time...a clever and well performed act.

Kim Meacham, who always uses good sleight-of-hand skills in his magic, did his own version of the color changing knives. He followed it with an interesting trick using four small balls and a brass cup. The balls magically moved in, out and through the cup, eventually changing to several large balls. It was an excellent routine combining elements of the chop cup and cups and balls along with some original moves.

Joe Urbain cleverly found five cards selected by five spectators. His next trick was a combination of knots appearing, disappearing and jumping around. A short sponge ball routine followed, and lastly he did his version of the workhorse, the Professor’s Nightmare.

Rickie Rowray, fresh off his second place finish in the recent contest of the International Deaf Magicians Organization, combined ropes, rings and silks for a colorful, polished and very nice program.

One of the Ring’s more creative members, Jeremy Haak, performed his own unique version of Sam, The Bellhop, with a number of variations on the original story line. It was done flawlessly, complete with all the necessary false shuffles.

Concluding the contest, Rickie Szewczyk skillfully did an amazing card routine in which the deck was repeatedly mixed, the four aces were found by spelling each one and finally all the suits were shown to have migrated into their own piles.

The seven performers all did well, so well that the judges, Rick Brammer, Todd Herbst and Jerry Phillips, even using a scoring system with rating factors, were challenged to determine the winners. When all the points were totalled Rickie Rowray won by a nose [It was close to Derby Day], closely followed by Eric Dany in second place and Jeremy Haak in third. The other four were close on their heels

Preceding the contest two of the members did the teaching session. New member Michael Dyer showed and taught a nice You Do As I Do card trick and Jerry Phillips taught an unusual version of the Linking Ropes.

Our area has had a magic shop since 1940 and fortunately will continue to enjoy one. Kim Meacham has just purchased Mr. Wong’s House of Magic from Brian Moore, who has moved to Las Vegas. Kim is keeping it at the same location in Davenport, IA and is renaming it The Wizards Den.



The Close-up Contest

How did he get in here????



Ricky Rowray



Now this worked at home!!!
HONEST!

Come on,
I just need three more!

Ok Kim, show us your stuff!

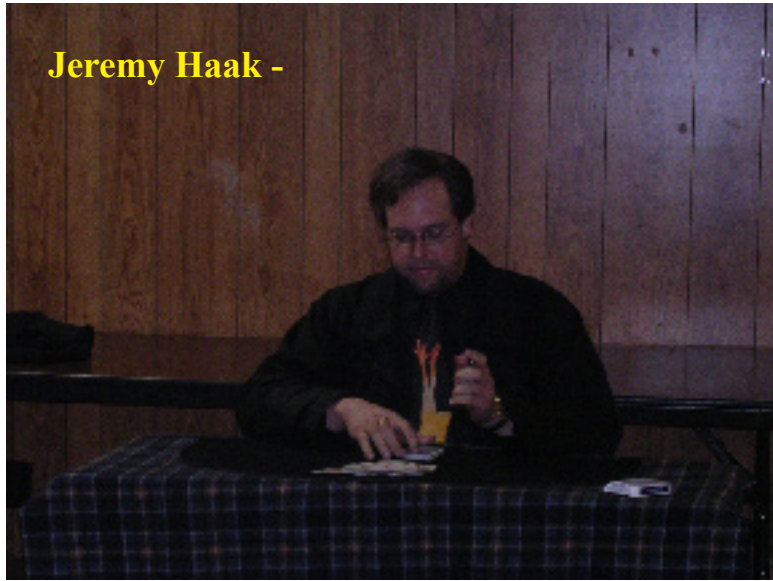
Kim Meachum



Abra-Cadabra...poof!

Jeremy Haak -

**This takes total concentration
...shhhhhh**



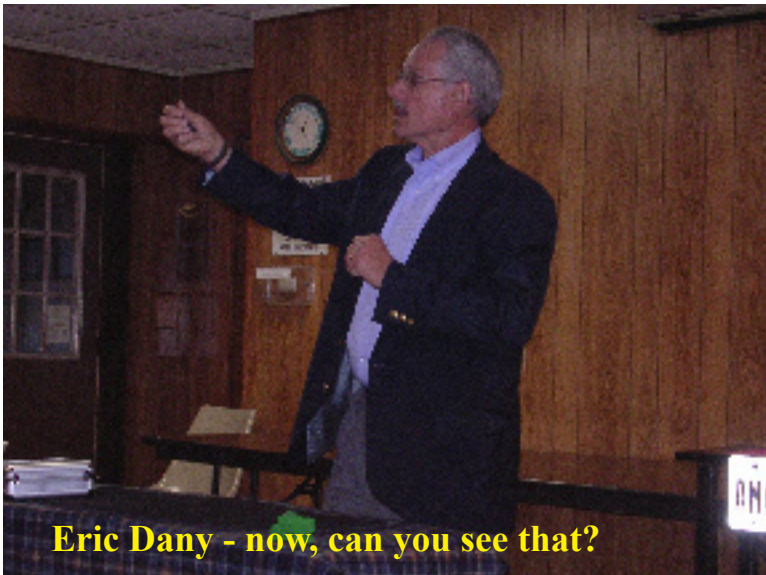
**Rickie Szewczyk -
are the cameras rolling yet?**



**P.J. Wiese -
Watch out for this young talent!**



Eric Dany - now, can you see that?





Joe Urbain - small picture, BIG magic!



WELL DONE GENTLEMEN!!!