



I.B.M. MAGRUM-KIEFER RING NO. 11  
QUAD-CITIES MAGIC CLUB  
JUNE 2009 NEWSLETTER



## NEXT MEETING:

June 4, 2009  
7:00 p.m.  
Riverside Garden Room  
34th Street and 5th Avenue  
Moline, IL

## ASSIGNMENTS:

### JUNE MEETING

**Theme:** Dan Harlan Lecture

**Drinks:** Levi Samuelson

**Snacks:** Chuck Hanson

### JULY MEETING

**July 2, 2009**

### PICNIC



DAN HARLAN will be our lecturer at the June meeting. He has credentials galore...way too many to cover here. He's a performer, inventor, author, teacher [DVDs etc.] and was co-editor of The Minotaur, an excellent magic magazine in the early 90s. He'll cover a wide range of magic for us. Just be there. You won't be sorry. Cost is the usual...QCMC members--\$10, Spouses and parents of members--\$5, Other non-members--\$15. Remember...Magic Bucks may be used.

ROB THOMPSON will do a club lecture on Saturday, July 11, 2 PM at the Wizards's Den, 1228 Brady Street in Davenport. Several of us saw him lecture as well as perform at the recent Central Illinois Convention in Peoria and voted unanimously to have him lecture for our Ring. He will feature clever coin and card magic. Rob, a very good friend of Todd Lassen, was scheduled to do his lecture at the June meeting when we weren't sure about Dan Harlan. But when Harlan's availability was solidified Rob graciously agreed to come at a later date. For that we thank him.

The annual PICNIC is coming up...on Thursday, July 2. It will take the place of our regular meeting. Location...same as last year...the large shelter just south of the Garden Room. Plenty of close-by parking. Come rain or shine. People will start to gather about 5:30. Food, catered again by Hy-Vee, will be available at 6:15. All you have to bring is a beverage and a trick or two to perform on the show. Be sure to make a reservation for yourself and your guests. Contact Chuck Hanson by June 29 at 309 797 5996 or [email...hanson3108@aol.com](mailto:hanson3108@aol.com). We need to know how much food to order. More information will be in the next newsletter.

PLEASE NOTE...the August meeting will be delayed one week to Thursday, August 13 at the Garden Room because a number of members will be at conventions, etc. the first week.

Geoff Williams has been booked for a lecture on August 3 - location to be determined. Geoff will be presenting his "MOTHER" LECTURE which includes routines using cards, coins, threads and other very commercial material. President Joe says this is one you certainly won't want to miss. For more information go online to: <http://www.magician.org/member/geoffwilliams/lectures>

Please welcome new members...Larry Tooker from Sterling, IL and Josh Talal from Washington, IA. Also welcome guests Quinn and Valerie [his mom] Conner and the family members of Levi Samuelson...Penny, Curt, Jacob and Noel. It's nice to have you with us.

Treasurer Jerry Phillips reported a balance of \$7232.44, not including \$500 still due from the Polo Club gig last summer.

Karen Smith had a mastectomy May 22 and was home the next day, doing quite well according to Toto Johnson. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Karen.

Past President Steve Duffy and Jacky Lekin were married May 18 in Las Vegas. Magical wishes go to the bride and groom from all of us.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS :**

The Peoria Magicians Assembly is presenting the Shoot Ogama lecture on Monday, June 15 at 7 PM. Location...the Par-A-Dice Hotel, 21 Blackjcsck Blvd., East Peoria, IL. Cost...\$25 for non-PMA members. For more info go to their website...[www.peoriamagicians.com](http://www.peoriamagicians.com)

## **FUTURE CLUB EVENTS**

June 7.....Club Show and walk-around, Iowa City library, noon till 4 PM

July 2.....Club Picnic, Riverside Park

August 3....Geoff Williams Lecture

Sept. 19...Club Show, Abingdon, IL for library

Oct.24.....Walk-around, Fulton, IL, 10 AM till noon for library

Oct. 24....SPOOKTACULAR, Prospect Park, Moline, 3 PM Walk-around, 4 PM Show, for Park Dept.

Please help out by making yourself available to perform, or be of general assistance. Contact Rick Brammer.

June 30-July 4.....IBM Convention, Nashville, TN

August 5-8.....Abbott's GetTogether, Colon, MI

August 13-15.....Midwest Magic Jubilee, St, Louis, MO

## ***PICTURES OF THE CLOSE-UP CONTEST***



## RING REPORT

### RING 11'S SECOND ANNUAL CLOSE UP CONTEST

"It's not easy being green", as Kermit would say. And for that matter it's not easy judging Ring 11's Close Up Contest either...not when all eight contestants gave superb performances. Each was limited to seven minutes and was judged using five criteria.

MC Del Kiefer kept the program rolling along nicely. First up was teenager Levi Samuelson with a series of cute card bits of business as well as a four ace routine, coin production from the cards and a signed card in an otherwise empty card case. Levi featured his well-developed sleight of hand skills throughout.

David Casas followed with the nifty appearance of a ball from a flash of fire, then went into a sponge ball routine that ended with a fist full of large sponges. His signed card in an empty coin purse he called a 'murse' meaning, a man's purse, concluded his performance in fine style.

Sir Richard came on and did an interesting Cups And Balls routine called Rub A Dub Dub, complete with the Jack Bateman poetry that describes the action.

Our youngest member, ten year old Brandon Lipkowitz, conjured up enough courage to compete and did it admirably and with poise well beyond his years. He offered several short tricks including a card divination, coin vanish in a slide/box, bead release and the finger chopper. It's so nice to see these youngsters get up and perform.

Sponge Ball magic seems to always be a real crowd pleaser, so that's what Jesus Rios did...a very humorous presentation of this chestnut of a trick. That's all he did but his moves and clever patter kept the audience chuckling and smiling throughout. He was followed by new member, Josh Talal, who used a deck of cards, his passion, for his mysteries...a mental divination of a card, a written prediction of another card and a four ace assembly.

Jeremy Haak opened a new deck, showed the cards to be in new deck order, then proceeded to shuffle and cut the deck numerous times, after which the deck was still in the original order. He concluded by doing his polished version of the Cups And Balls, adding a few puns along the way.

President Joe Dobson had two cards chosen, replaced and the deck was squared. Slowly the upper half of the deck moved sideways at the location of the first selection [like the Haunted Pack only different]. A light tap on top of the cards caused the second selection to fly out and go clear across the performing area. He closed with a very humorous rendition of the Chop Cup.

The time for the judges' deliberations was at hand...and deliberate they did. During this time Rickie Rowray and Jason Hamilton entertained the audience.

Rickie, one of the Ring's talented deaf magicians did a cute trick in which a selected card placed in an envelope was literally put through the ringer. When the envelope emerged it was greatly enlarged and so was the card inside. Rickie correctly named the card before it was revealed. Then he showed a small box to be empty and proceeded to produce three dice from it, each one filling the box. The dice were stacked up, then unstacked, and standing in the middle of that pile was a tall bottle of pop.

Jason responded to the need by doing his unique version of Daryl's Rope Trick. His is a very energetic style ...fun to watch and very entertaining.

Finally the judges, Rick Brammer, Doug Johnson, Kim Meacham and Jerry Phillips, emerged from their chambers and announced the winners.

First place: Joe Dobson. Second Place: David Casas. Third Place: Jesus Rios. Each received an attractive trophy/statue. It was a great evening.

