



## I.B.M. MAGRUM-KIEFER RING No. 11

### QUAD CITIES MAGIC CLUB

### MAY NEWSLETTER

#### **NEXT CLUB MEETING**

May 3, 2012  
7:00 PM  
Riverside Garden Room  
34th Street and 5th Avenue  
Moline, IL

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

**MC:** Not required

**Theme:** Steve Daly Lecture

**Drinks:** Eric Dany

**Snacks:** Jesster

**Teach-A-Trick:**

Easy—Not required  
Difficult—Not required

**Media Rpt:** Not required

#### **JUNE MEETING**

**Theme:** Stage and Close-up  
Contests

#### **MAY MEETING**

We're have Steve Daly lecturing at the May Meeting. If you missed him last year, you missed a great lecture. Be sure you make it this year. Steve's material is great—easy to do and full of entertainment! The items he sells are \$20.00 or less, with most priced at \$10.00.

The lecture is at our regular meeting location, The Garden Center. The lecture will start at 7 PM and is FREE for paid club members. \$10 for non-members. As always there's no charge for parents, wives and significant others.

A lot of club members are going to Steve Daly's Abracordnabra convention in Des Moines May 18-20. You can register online! Hope to see you there.

#### **APRIL MEETING**

The meeting was opened by President Eric Dany. Treasurer Jerry Phillips reported four more members have newly paid their dues. (Late membership is now \$20; new members are still \$15).

Rick Brammer reported on upcoming lectures: Mark Strivings in late July, Steve "Tiny" Daley at our next monthly meeting on May 3, and David Stone on April 17 at the Garden Room at 7 pm. Also, our largest club show is coming up soon -- Sunday, June 2 in Iowa City, noon till 4pm. More walk-around magicians are still needed -- please call Rick or any officer if you can participate. Rick also bestowed a big thanks to the club for our participation in the River Bend Food Bank food drive. Our first effort at this was successful. Contributions for two thousand meals were raised, and twelve kids were taken off the Food Bank's waiting list, still leaving 75 on the list, so the need is still great. Another drive is being planned for next March.

And speaking of kudos for the club, Brian Lees visited a nearby

magic club and reported receiving several reasons why that club admires our Ring 11, our policies, and how we run things. It is one thing to think how good we think our club is, and another to see ourselves from the viewpoint of other clubs. So, let us all give ourselves a pat on the back for having developed and maintained a great and fun organization, and to keep up the good work. On the other hand, it is with sadness that we heard from Kim Meacham that the Wizard's Den will be closing soon with all items to be sold at reduced prices.

This evening's media report was given by Dave Curley who recommended the book *Evasive Moth* by Adele Rhindress, one of the assistants of Harry Blackstone, Sr. The book offers a lot of history and backstage lore about Blackstone's great magic show.

For the easy teach-a-trick, Luke Van Cleve showed how to combine magic and technology. A card was chosen, and then it was revealed that he had already predicted that card and had saved it on his iphone – a picture of the chosen card.

Michael Dyer performed and taught John Hammond's Billy the Kid card trick. Twelve cards are counted off, and the spectator silently remembers one of the cards, or "bullets," and its position among the twelve. The spectator (as Sheriff Pat Garrett) and the magician (as Billy the Kid) then engage in a quick draw duel with their "hand" guns. One by one each card, or bullet, is placed on the table, and at the chosen card the spectator outdraws the magician and slaps the card. However, it turns out not to be the correct card, nor can it be found among the remaining cards. Then it is recalled that Billy the Kid was supposedly left-handed, and the card is then shown to have mysteriously migrated over to "Billy's" left hand which is off to the side.

The evening continued with our annual round-robin in which all members (youth – teen – adult, pro – amateur – enthusiast, stage comfortable – stage frightened) perform one trick several times, once at each table. There were 16 performers, five new guests, and a host of returning guests as potential victims to be picked upon.

Todd Herbst performed a puzzling Colombini trick involving four 3's and a deuce in which the deuce kept disappearing several times, each time using one less 3 in the pack, till only the deuce was left. Dave Curley had a card chosen which matched a prediction card he had in his wallet. The clincher came in revealing that it was the only real card in a deck of blank cards. Michael Dyer did a Bob Brown trick with 6's. He and a spectator each held a packet of five unknown cards, and then one card from each packet was exchanged and flipped over. It seems that both had chosen the 6H, begging the question, "Are they all 6's?" Yes, but all the other cards in both hands were revealed to be the 6C.

Jerry Phillips introduced his baby pet cobra, Shelby, that has been magically trained and kept in a wicker basket. A card was selected and returned to a deck, and the deck carefully placed in the basket with the snake and the lid put on. When the basket was reopened, the cobra was seen to have the chosen card in its mouth – diabolical and venomous. David

Casas had four 2's examined, then a card was chosen from the deck – in this case, an ace. With a wave the other cards instantly and correspondingly changed into aces. Ken Cooper performed Extreme Burn. With a flick of the wrist, five strips of newspapers instantly became five \$5 bills, and with another flick returned to being newspaper strips.

Brad Wheeler showed us an ink sketch of a fish, and then had a card chosen and returned. Then Brad used a lighter to heat the paper. Most of the lines disappeared with the remaining lines forming the name of the card. Bob Dahlquist set out two jumbo prediction cards. Two regular cards were then selected from a deck. Bob knew that one would be red and the other black, because when the jumbo cards were turned over, one face was solid red and the other solid black. He then used scissors to cut notches into two folded papers, which when unfolded and held against their respective jumbo cards, the holes revealed the suit and denomination of the chosen cards.

Rick Brammer had someone merely think of a card and then restack separate halves of a deck back into a whole deck according to his instructions, depending on whether the card was red/black, H or S vs. C or D, and finally the denomination. After each restacking, Rick examined the deck, chose one card, and placed it face down on the table. At the end Rick correctly guessed the name of the thought-of card. What were the three cards that gave him the clues? All three cards and the entire deck were shown to be nothing but blank cards. Kim Meacham had four aces placed in different parts of the deck and then shuffled. Yet with deft fingers, he unhesitatingly and immediately cut to each of the aces.

Eric Dany showed us his "shoehorn," which was a two-inch long tennis shoe which also served as a whistle. After a card was selected and returned, the shoe was placed on top of the deck. When the shoe was turned over, three diamond shapes in the diamond tread of the shoe were colored red, thus revealing the name of the card. Chuck Hanson did two tricks. As a master of misdirection, he removed a mini-globe ornament from the top on a pencil, and made it disappear under a handkerchief and then go through the table, each time reappearing back on top of the pencil that had been lying on the table in plain sight the entire time. Then after identifying the continents on the mini-globe, he displayed five identical white cardboards with the name of a different continent on one side of each. After selecting a person to mix up the cards and freely choose four cards to dispense with, the remaining card turned out to be Asia. Chuck had already predicted that, and showed us by opening an envelope that had always been on the table and which contained a plastic bag of real Asian coins.

Luke Van Cleve had three cards chosen and returned to the deck. Using the KH as a helper to wave over the deck, the three cards all came up to the top of the deck at once. Darryl Peplo held three cards – two red and one black card on the bottom. Visibly, the black card is seen to melt right through the next card above it and is now found to be between the two red ones. Nice illusion.

Truly, a good time was had by all, causing us to look forward to next year's round-robin. In the meantime . . . Come to the Windmill Family Restaurant and have brunch with us on Saturday mornings at 11 AM. The Windmill is located at 1190 Avenue of the Cities in East Moline, IL.

## 2012 Meetings

<b>Month</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Drinks</b>	<b>Snacks</b>
January	My new trick(s)	Brandon & Rick	Brandon & Rick
February	Cards, coins & bills	Dave Curley	Dave Curley
March	Stage, ropes & silks	Levi Samuelson	Luke Van Cleve
April	Round robin close-up	Ken Cooper	Ken Cooper
May	Steve Daly Lecture	Eric Dany	Jesster
June	Stage, close-up contests	Bradley Wheeler	Chuck Hanson
July	Picnic—stage	Bring you own drinks and	dessert to share
August	Auction	Todd Herbst	Todd Herbst
September	Comedy	Michael Dyer	Michael Dyer
October	Halloween, mentalism		Chuck Hanson
November	Teach-in	Toto	Eric Dany
December	Holiday, children		