



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

QUAD CITIES MAGIC CLUB

JANUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER

NEXT CLUB MEETING

January 3, 2013

7:00 PM

Riverside Garden Room
34th Street and 5th Avenue
Moline, IL

ASSIGNMENTS

MC: Not Required

Theme: Tech-in

Drinks: Ken Cooper

Snacks: Bradley Wheeler

Teach-A-Trick:

Easy—Chuck Hanson

Difficult—Eric Dany

Media Rpt: — Sir Richard

FEBRUARY MEETING

Theme: TBD

JANUARY MEETING

Ring in the New Year at our first meeting! Please bring a trick to perform—perhaps Santa brought you something new! We'd like to see whatever you bring!

Chuck Hanson asks you to bring a pencil and paper. He has some good ideas and you might want to take notes!

The meeting is at our regular meeting location, The Garden Center. We'll start at 7 PM.

DECEMBER MEETING

President Eric Dany called the meeting to order. Treasurer Jerry Philips reminded everyone that club dues are now due. They will be \$15 up until the end of the meeting on Feb. 7, 2013. After that they will be \$20 for the rest of the year.

Old Business:

The annual Christmas party at the Windmill Family Restaurant was a success and well-attended. The scheduled performer, Tim Wright, a.k.a. "Skilldini" had to cancel at the last moment, but The Great Kaplan graciously stepped in and entertained everyone with great magic, great juggling, great musical performances on the turkey baster and balloon, and all of it infused with great comedy. He was well received, and Tim Wright is hopefully slated for next year's party.

At the party the 2012 Del Kiefer Achievement Awards were presented: Junior – Luke Van Cleve, Senior – Chuck Hanson. Congratulations to both of them!

New Business:

After opening the election of officers for further nominations of which there were none, it was moved and seconded that the proposed slate of officers be accepted.

The new officers are

President – Eric Dany

Vice presidents (3) – Todd Herbst, Rick Brammer, Darryl Peplow

Treasurer – Jerry Philips

Secretary – Michael Dyer

Sgts.-at-arms – Ken Cooper, Brian Wheeler

Officers-at-large – Chuck Hanson, Bob Dahlquist, Dave Curley

Jerry Philips announced that this would be his last year as treasurer.

Finally, Eric Dany proposed for 2013 that in our meetings we reserve some time for what could be termed an “idea jam session.” Anyone who is working on an idea for a new effect or routine can present the idea or partial routine and then receive help or further ideas in designing and performing it. As an example, Eric offered the idea of doing the catch-the-bullet-in-the-teeth trick, only with a marshmallow instead. Any thoughts on that, or other magical dreams of your own? Bring them next month and we will see where it goes.

Upcoming events:

January 12 – club show at Eldridge, IA – cancelled

May 17-19 – Abra’corn’dabra Magic Convention in Des Moines

Mini-Auction:

As a new feature of our meeting, begun last month, there was a silent auction for a trick – the McCOMB-ical Deck, a DVD – McDonald’s Aces, and a book – Stars of Magic. And, there was a regular auction for several copies of the Fun Magic Coloring Book. There will be another mini-auction at next month’s meeting, and don’t forget to stop by The Fun Co. in January where there will be a month-long, in-store silent auction, also for a trick, a DVD, and a book.

NEW or newly featured at The Fun Co.:

DVD – The Magic of Trevor Lewis – a variety of tricks from this English magician

Tricks – Newton’s Nightmare – a metal disk falls freely through a metal tube by gravity, but in the hands of the magician it floats downward slowly as seen through the tube’s peep holes – immediately examinable.

Funny Rabbit – alternative to Hippy Hop Rabbits and more compact

Books - Mr. Mysto’s Wizard Academy –John Carney – simple magic and stunts

Card Dodgery – J.K. Harman – NEW - his most recent and final book

Magician's Magic – Paul Curry – from 1965, includes both history and magic, including his own classic version of “Out of This World.”

Prism – Max Maven – combines his 5-color series of mental booklets in one volume

Thabbatical – Phil Goldstein (aka Max Maven) – many excellent mental effects, including one using astrology

Redivider – Phil Goldstein (aka Max Maven) – the title is a palindrome (the word spells the same forward or backward) which is also the theme or principle of each trick

Presentations:

Media report: Todd Herbst recommended the book Devil of a Pub and Bar Book, chock full of hundreds of great tricks by various magicians for small gatherings.

Easy teach-a-trick: Michael Dyer taught a Do-As-I-Do rope trick of tying a knot without letting go of the ends of the rope, and with some added features.

Hard teach-a-trick: Joe Dobson taught a card trick in which a selected card impossibly appears between two reversed cards buried in the deck. The only sleight involved learning to do a double undercut which appeared to be fairly easy – at least it did in Joe's hands. Written instructions will be provided next month.

Performances:

Ken Cooper had a card selected, and the deck divided into packets, shuffled, and placed in a bag. Then using the “arrow of Hiawatha,” he pierced the bag and removed the arrow with the selected card on it. Longfellow would have been so proud.

Sir Richard had deck separated into 4-6 packets, spectator's choice. A pile was picked, a card selected and its position in the packet noted. After reassembling the packets and cutting, the position's number was counted, and voila! the chosen card appeared. Well done.

Joe Dobson performed his 3-fly routine with a 21st century adult version of the 3 bears story, which simply set the mood for his next trick involving picture cards of Vegas girls, one of whom is a homely hag called Mom. A card is blindly selected by a spectator, and after revealing which girls he did not select, including Mom (whew!), it is revealed that the person selected is Steve. Yipes!

Todd Herbst bamboozled us with a trick he has been building – On Target. A dart board with miniatures of every card in the deck was displayed. A dart was fairly thrown to randomly select a card. Immediately, a deck, already in full view on the table, was opened and divided into two halves which were each given to two people to look for the selected card. The card could not be found by either person, and the cards were then counted and found to total 51 only. Todd then withdrew an envelope from his pocket which proved to hold the missing card. WOW!

In a similar vein, Chuck Hanson, who will go to any length or distance to fool us, presented a trick from Hungary, land of the gypsies. A sheet of clear plastic is shown on which are attached 10 cards and numbered on their backs accordingly. By a random method a card is freely chosen, removed, and held in his hand in clear view. A deck wrapped in ribbon, and always in full view, is given to a spectator who opens it and finds a card already reversed, which when revealed matches the card held in Chuck's hand. He immediately rotated the plastic sheet so the audience could see that all the other cards were different. Another WOW!

2013 Meetings

Month	Theme	Drinks	Snacks
January	My new trick(s)	Ken Cooper	Bradley Wheeler
February			
March			
April			
May			
June	Stage, close-up contests		
July	Picnic—stage	Bring your own and a	desert to share!
August			
September	Auction		
October			
November	Teach-in		
December			