

Quad Cities Magic Club – July, 2015

This year's July picnic was quite unusual – pleasant temperatures all day with a somewhat chilly evening. Trophies for the magic contest were awarded:

<u>Close-up</u>	<u>Stage</u>
1 st place – TJ Regul	1 st – Mark Yeager
2 nd – Mark Yeager	2 nd – TJ Regul
3 rd – Luke Van Cleve	3 rd – Brian Lees.

After a delicious meal, Mark Yeager with his inimitable humor emceed the evening's performances.

Craig Cox began by turning two halves of a wand into a solid wand, and displayed a black empty bag, out of which he produced a yellow silk. He then showed that the bag's inside had turned yellow also. This effect was repeated with red, green stripe, plaid, flowered, and cow figured, each time producing silks, or ropes, bananas, a pair of socks, and a 'thank you' silk. Quite colorful.

Ken Wilson had a volunteer help him in thoroughly cutting and shuffling a deck until four piles resulted. Yet, in spite of all the randomness involved, an ace appeared on top of each pile. Sweet!

Michael Dyer combined Shawn Farquhar's Ultimate Invisible Deck with David Regal's Sudden Deck, so that instead of a deck disappearing from the volunteer's hands, it invisibly dropped into an empty card case, leaving the volunteer with the clear block of Lucite.

Ken Cooper performed Craig Beytien's creation of mental magic. Ken and a volunteer each have five variously colored blocks, a spindle, a rack for the blocks, and a screen to hide one's moves. No matter what arrangement of blocks on the volunteer's rack or the spindle, Ken's color order of blocks always matched the volunteer's. Colorful ESP.

Chuck Hanson displayed a big die, inside of which was the die's case. He then showed that the die and the case can be switched with the die now fitting perfectly inside the case. When he opened the case a completely different Chinese block was found inside. Nice surprise!

Eric Dany had a card chosen. Then using his DNA analyzer, he produced several slides with faint markings on them, but when the slides were combined the markings formed an eight of spades, the volunteer's card.

Jerry Philips continually turned over a large domino with a spot on one side, a two on the other, then a three, and then a four. A five could not be found on the next side since one of the spots had turned into a hole.

Finally, our emcee, Mark Yeager, had a volunteer sign a card which became part of an ambitious card routine. Finally, it ended up in an envelope inside a wallet in his inside coat pocket.

Great weather, great food, great magic!

Next month:

The meeting will be on August 11, not the 4th due to Abbott's Magic Convention.

Theme – Round Robin (everyone performs a trick at different tables for 2-3 others at a time until everyone has seen everyone else's trick)