

Quad Cities Magic Club, Ring 11 – Jan., 2017

Our first meeting of the new year began with the concern over our shrinking funds. It was moved by Craig Beytein (2nd Joe Dobson) to no longer use club funds for meals for club members and the lecturer when the lecturer visits our area, except for the entertainer of our Christmas party. Motion carried. Further ideas are under discussion, such as finding new venues for club shows.

Upcoming lectures:

Tues., Jan. 24 – Vinny Grosso – at the Garden Center, 7:00pm.

Thurs., Mar. 23 – Tom Frank – at the Fun Co., 7:00pm

Thurs., April 20 – Alain lanonne – at the Garden Center, 7:00pm

Club shows: Rock Island school in Feb. Further details at the next meeting.

Next month:

Easy teach-a-trick: Grace Abel

Hard teach-a-trick: Craig Beytein

Media report: Ken Wilson

Beverage: Richard Abel

Snacks: Grace Abel

After our meeting, we learned two new card tricks – one by Ken Wilson in finding a chosen card among a sequence of ten cards, and 'Dr. Daley's Last Trick' presented by Kim Meacham.

Richard Abel reported on *Mark Wilson's Complete Course in Magic*, noting all the basics of magic and the great classics of magic to be found there, as well as many tricks that can be made at home.

Performances: Our evening's performances began with Craig Beytein showing his recent piece of magic craftsmanship, a stand to hold six cards. The six cards were chosen randomly from a pack of letter cards and placed on the stand in whatever position chosen by the spectator. Yet, when the stand was turned around, the letters spelled a name. Quite baffling.

Young Freddy Abel caused a coin to appear and disappear from a coin slide.

Kim Meacham did two tricks. 1. A coin trick from *Inferential*: starting with five coins, one silver and four copper coins, the silver coin is placed in the volunteer's hands. Then one of the remaining four copper coins changes into a silver coin which is also placed in the volunteer's hands. This routine is continued until all the copper coins have changed into silver and are now held by the volunteer, but when his hands are opened, the coins have all changed back into copper coins. 2. Next, Kim did the version of *Triumph* that uses a Cheek-to-Cheek deck. Always effective.

Tristan Hauser presented a pack of note cards with a word on each and one was freely chosen. Tristan guessed the word was 'silk' and produced a silk from a case. But the volunteer said that that was the wrong word. The real word was 'wand,' and the silk was then changed into a wand.

Using a humorous Star Wars theme, Todd Herbst placed a long balloon in a light saber handle and had two lighted rods inserted through the handle and balloon, but the balloon remained intact. It only popped by 'the force' of magic put forth by the audience.

Grace Abel had a card chosen and returned to the deck. While looking for the card through part of the deck, she used the old gag of betting the volunteer that the next card she turned over would be his card. He readily took up the bet, but she turned over one of the previously turned-up cards in the turned-up pile, which was the chosen card.

Joe Dobson had a volunteer cut a packet of cards and also choose a card. The volunteer then secretly counted the cards in his packet and looked at the chosen card. The card was placed with the packet and shuffled and returned to the deck. After further cuts, Joe asked that the volunteer reveal for the first time the number and the card. When that the number was counted off again, the next card was the chosen card. Another baffler.

Ken Wilson had a card removed from each of two equal piles. After the remaining cards were turned up in pairs, he then immediately named the chosen cards and in which pile they were originally.

Craig Cox used a prediction board to write down his predicted word for each category (animal, transportation, number) and then wrote down a volunteer's chosen words. When revealed, all the chosen pairs of words matched.

Tyler Cronin had four cards chosen. Each of the first three cards represented an aspect (color, number, suit) of the final card which was the ace of spades.

T.J. Regul presented an empty coke bottle and a silk that was stamped with the secret recipe of coke. The bottle was covered with a cylinder (the 'vault') and the silk placed into a zipped 'top secret' bag and handed to a volunteer to hold. When the bag was opened, the silk was gone, and found inside the coke bottle under the cylinder. A very different and visual trick.

Luke Van Cleve had a card chosen and returned to the deck. He then chose five cards and asked if the chosen card was among them, which it was. Using great mental prognostication, he removed one-by-one four of the cards with the last card being the chosen card.

Finally, Richard Abel performed a nice version of the *Color Monte*.

It was a good start to the new year.