

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

In our meeting this month, dates were determined:

Mar. 23 – lecture by Tom Frank

Apr. 20 – lecture by Alain Iannone

July 6 – annual QCMC picnic

Aug 10 – Aug. QCMC monthly meeting

Dec 4 – annual QCMC magic dinner

Next month:

Snacks – Ken Wilson

Beverage – Carol Yodts

MC – Joe Dobson

Easy teach-a-trick: Chuck Hanson and Joe Dobson

In lieu of a hard teach-a-trick, there will be a “Creativity Challenge” by T J Regul

Media report: Ken Wilson reviewed *Scarne on Cards*, giving a background on Scarne as an authority on gambling, and especially on how to spot a cheater. This can be used to improve one’s own effectiveness with cards, as well as the angle of performance you have with the audience so as not to get caught.

Easy teach-a-trick: For this segment Grace Abel had 4 piles of random amounts of cards created, cards counted out according to the random card appearing at the top of each pile. At the end of process, an ace appeared on each pile despite all the randomness. Nice.

Hard teach-a-trick: Craig Beytein had three cards randomly selected, each placed in a plain sealed envelope. The envelopes were then mixed. Yet when handed each envelope, Craig could magically divine the card in each envelope, and whose card it was that was selected. Clever.

Performances: Our evening’s performances began with Craig Cox showing an empty tube and pushing four silks, each a different color, inside. Out the other end came a four-color large silk. Craig said he had a doll inside who did the magic for him. After showing the tube empty, he reached in and produced a blonde doll.

Richard Abel had two volunteers hold the ends of a rope on which was strung a penny and a dime that had a hole drilled through them. Richard held the coins in his hand, a volunteer chose one of the coins, and Richard reached into his hand and removed the coin from the rope. Nice.

Carol Yodts used a large pack of cards to make four piles of cards, exchanged cards among the piles using a special method of dealing, and ended with the four aces on the piles.

Joe Dobson demonstrated Liverpoolian poker, shuffling a deck with cards half up and half down. Volunteers ended up with regular poker hands, but Joe had a royal flush.

Tyler Cronin convinced us that he had an empty paper bag, only to turn it upside-down and out dropped a real solid brick. Wow.

Grace Abel had her wrists chained together with a padlock, a scarf tied around the chain, and a large silk placed over all of it. Several times a hand came out and returned, and then showed everyone she was still chained. Finally, she escaped.

Ben Headlee had a card selected and shuffled into a small packet. Four questions were then asked, and the answers counted off with the cards, but the person being questioned can either lie or tell the truth. Nevertheless, the answers led to finding the chosen card.

Ken Wilson, our cardician, had two cards lost and found reversed in the deck in spite of much shuffling.

Finally, T J Regul performed his version of Cards Across in which 10 cards were placed inside one of three envelopes, and the volunteer sat on the envelop. Yet, after the magician mysteriously sent three cards over, the volunteer tore open the envelope and now there were thirteen. Great version.

A great evening of magic.