

## Quad Cities Magic Club, Ring 11 – April, 2018

The meeting began with a notice of the performers who will be in the nearby area in upcoming months for lectures: David Chiten is available in July, Michael Finney be available in the second half of the year, and Adrienne Vega will be in Rockford. As to upcoming shows: April 26 is the Plus Sixties Club with Todd Herbst in charge, May 15 is an opportunity for walk-magicians at the Duffy Law Offices, 11:30-12:00am and 5:30-6:00 – Ken Wilson, Ken Cooper, Kim Meacham, and Todd Herbst are performing so far, and Sunday, Oct.7 is the library show in Independence, IA, celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

There will be a Nicola Festival at the Warren Historical Museum in Monmouth, IL, on April 21, 11am – 9pm. The festival will feature Joe Dobson, Stu Yager, Rick Brammer, David Casas, Mark Yeager, Ken Cooper, TJ Regul, and David Charvet as performer and lecturer about the life of Nicola.

Jerry Phillips moved (2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Dany) that in light of the last year's cost of catering, we get a new caterer. Further discussion resulted in looking further into various possibilities, such as keeping the same caterer but cutting the meat choices down to two, or having Ken Wilson's wife handle the food since she has done this many times in other venues. We will also confer with Todd Herbst, our contact person for Golicks, before making any further decisions. A final decision will be made at our next meeting.

The subject of the blade box was next on the agenda. The box was purchased for \$1655. Craig Beytien will be glad to auction it off on the internet along with a video showing its use. Chuck moved that Craig attempt to sell for the best price over \$1000.

Two marriage dates were announced: 1. Grace Abel will marry Liam Nadean on June 2 at the New Windsor Presbyterian Church, 414 Walnut St., New Windsor, IL at 2:00pm. 2. Craig Beytien will marry Christina Harrison on July 1. Congratulations to both!

Just like last month, tonight featured a one-hour lecture, this time presented by Mark Yeager. He performed a number of tricks involving silks and knots, a fascinating coin routine, and several card tricks originated by Bill Malone, Bill Simon, Steve Beam, Fred Kapps, Arthur Buckley, and others, followed by explanations. Many of the effects could be found in his lecture notes, 'Simply Magic' which he made available. Many good tricks, but more importantly, many good techniques expertly demonstrated and explained. Thanks, Mark.

**Performances:** Craig Cox presented two piles of halves of bumper stickers. Three were chosen from each pile, some placed in an envelope. In the end all the pieces were matched to their mates.

Joe Dobson did a two-ace trick, guessing the correct ace according to the weight of the card since, as we all know (?), red ink is heavier than black ink (!).

TJ Regul did a card trick in which four piles each had an ace placed on top. After carefully counting each pile, three piles were found to have only indifferent cards with the fourth pile containing all four aces.

Kim Meacham did some quick magic. A card was chosen, returned, outjogged, and shuffled. All four suits of the chosen card were then produced from the air. Next came some top card changes, and finally his own coin trick involving a penny and a quarter in which a coin is placed in his jacket pocket but it continually returns to his hand. Finally, both coins disappear from his hand in exchange for a small tomato.

Craig Beytien presented his Demon Wonder Box, open on two sides and involving no load and no flap – good for silk production and other close-up magic.

Finally, Grace Abel reprised her Japanese routine, beginning with an empty bowl, then producing fans for performing a fan dance, which ended with the fanning of one hand from which arose many paper butterflies. Finally, the bowl was lifted from the table, revealing a large frog figurine.

**Next Month – May 3:**

**Snack:** Joe Dobson

**Drink:** Craig Cox

**Media report:** Ken Cooper

**Hard teach-a-trick:** Craig Beytien

**Easy teach-a-trick:** Carol Yodts