

Quad Cities Magic Club, Ring 11 – May, 2018

Tonight was Joe Dobson's last night with us before he moves to Florida. Chuck Hanson spoke a few words in lasting tribute and presented him with a rubber band to remember us. The meeting began with a notice of the performers who will be in the nearby area in upcoming months for lectures: we already know that David Chiten is available in July, Michael Finney be available in the second half of the year, and Adrienne Vega will be in Rockford. Toto mentioned that Steve Marshall is on a lecture tour and will be around the first of September. He will contact Toto when he knows more. As to shows: the Plus Sixties Club in April was a successful venue for the club, as was the Nicola Magic Festival where Joe Dobson, Stu Yager, Rick Brammer, David Casas, Mark Yeager, Ken Cooper, and TJ Regul performed and/or lectured. May 15 will be another opportunity for walk-around magicians to perform for the Duffy Law Offices at Hilton Gardens, 11:30-12:00pm and 5:30-6:00pm – Ken Wilson, Ken Cooper, Kim Meacham, and Todd Herbst are performing so far. Sunday, Oct.7, is the library show in Independence, IA, celebrating their 10th anniversary.

July 5 will be our annual picnic. It was moved last month that we find a new caterer due to the cost. Ken Wilson's wife Deanna has volunteered to provide the food – hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, chicken, salad, misc. – with the rest of us bringing our own beverage and a dessert to share. It was moved and seconded to accept this proposal – passed.

Under old business, Eric Dany has purchased the blade box for \$1000 which will be available for the club to rent for future venues.

The club's website has been paid for the year.

Next month will be our annual magic contest. The rules were reviewed which were:

1. You must be a member of the Quad Cities Magic Club–Ring 11 to enter the contest. Last year's **first place winners** in each category cannot compete in the **same** category in which he/she won, but may enter the other category in which they did not win first place. Last year's second and third place winners can enter either or both contests in the current year.
2. The **close-up** presentation can be no longer than 7 minutes.
3. The **stage** presentation can be no longer than 10 minutes.
4. Winners are selected by people's choice. Everyone in attendance votes, based on entertainment value.

It was moved and seconded that rule #4 be changed again to allow only members to vote on the contest. Passed.

Two pieces of 'monkey business' were noteworthy enough to mention. Craig Beytein will be a columnist for the *Linking Ring Magazine*, and Brian Lees will be a columnist for *MUM*. What a club of talented people we have. Congratulations to both of you!

A new tradition has been started this year in the club – one-hour lectures by our own member magicians. Brian Lees has offered to present one, since he has done this often and has several sets of lecture notes and DVD's to offer on magic, tips on performance, marketing, etc. He will be offering his one-hour lecture in August. Remember, by the way, that the August meeting will be one week later than usual on August 9 due to the Abbott's Magic Convention in Colon, MI during the first week of August.

Media Report: Jerry Phillips gave a report on a biography of Tommy Cooper, *Always Leave Them Laughing* by John Fisher. He was a great magician, and the book had some great anecdotes, but Jerry felt there was too much detail that was not important.

Easy Teach-a-Trick: Carol Yodts taught a card trick in which a volunteer attempts to cut ten cards off the top of the deck four times. Whether they hit it exactly or not, they are successful in another way in that the bottom card of each packet that they cut to is a 10.

Hard teach-a-trick: Eric Dany taught a card trick based on the 1089 principle and involving some other interesting math as well.

Performances:

After the break, our MC, David Casas, introduced Kim Meacham who did a 3-poker chip routine.

Craig Cox did a routine about a pet store with pet supplies but no pets. There were animal cards, and the snake card disappeared, only to appear on Craig's back.

Ian Munk had two decks, one with numbers on the backs of the cards. A card was chosen from that deck, and the second deck was used to spell the number that was on the back. The card that was arrived at after the spelling in the second deck matched the card from the first deck.

Stu Yager had 10 packets of cards passed around, shuffled, and a card picked from each one. Stu called ten cards and hands went down as the cards were named. The last card matched a prediction in an envelope that had been in sight the entire time.

Chuck Hanson did a "do-as-I-do" card trick using two decks – one red, and one invisible. The volunteer chose two cards from the red deck, and Chuck chose two invisible cards and put them in his pocket. When it came to revealing the cards, Chuck's cards had now become real cards that matched the volunteer's cards.

Todd Herbst also performed a card trick involving a blank card and a process of elimination that ended with the selected card.

Joe Dobson performed *Twisted Sister* by John Bannon.

Andrew Kato performed a card trick in which cards were shuffled and cut into four piles with an ace on top of each pile. It is the volunteer who did all the work.

Finally, Eric Dany ended the performances with a square circle from which a Buffy doll appears and some of her body parts are used with a pom pom pole.

Next Month – June 7:

Snacks: Carol Yodts

Drinks: Todd Herbst

MC: Ken Wilson for the magic contest