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Mentalism Night

Have you ever wanted to read somebody's mind...or at least pretend to? If you answered YES or even maybe, then get ready for Mentalism Night at Ring 76. Here are some ideas of the many feats you may want to attempt at this upcoming evenings event.

- ♣ Mind Reading
- ♣ Mind Control
- ♣ Thought Transference
- ♣ ESP
- ♣ Telekinesis
- ♣ Second Sight
- ♣ Prediction
- ♣ Clairvoyance
- ♣ Metal Bending
- ♣ Hellstromism
- ♣ etc.....

To sign up please contact salomonbarajas@yahoo.com

Please let me know what type of effect you are doing to make sure that no two acts are the same.

— *Salomon Barajas*

A Night to Remember

As a performer, I'm not big on close-up magic – it takes to much skill. And those skills were certainly on display in our annual Close-Up Competition! Our February meeting was, indeed, A Night to Remember. If it were a long-playing show, I'd be going again and again, bringing everyone I know!

The Close-Up Competition is a one-night event, independent of our Entertainer of the Year

competition. This year, we had seven contestants; each performs an 8 minute routine at four separate tables. Each table has a small audience of members and a qualified judge. The winners are determined by a formula weighting the evaluations by four judges and a "peoples' choice" vote by the audience. Winners are announced at our Installation and Awards Banquet in July.

The Close-Up Competition brings forth some of our best magic. And this year, our performers even dressed the part – impressive! Word apparently has gotten out, as the Competition brought forth more guests than any other meeting. Guests included Elias and Jeni Barajas, both of whom served as judges; Robert and Jasper Giglio (Jasper is doing research for a school report on magic); Rich Costantinou; Moe Sepassi, Alexandru and Diana Saa; Jon Tsai; Marieke Thayer; and Dave Yaeger.

President Derek Ostovani brought the meeting to order at 7PM, and after several announcements, Entertainment VP Sal Barajas introduced the contestants and judges. Contestants in the Close-Up Competition were:

- 1) Terry Godfrey
- 2) Alfonso Vasquez
- 3) Cary Schaffner
- 4) Larry Samuels;
- 5) Jacques Lord
- 6) Jeff Sargent
- 7) Derek Ostovani.

Our judges, including both laymen and magicians, were Jerry Allen; Jennifer Barajas; Elias Barajas and James Kellogg, III.

Terry Godfrey performed a coins across, coin manipulations with audience participation, a ring on

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President's Message

A grand hello to all the members this month! As I am writing this, it is pouring rain, and the gusts of wind is throwing trees back and forth, so I hope you are all staying safe, warm, and dry!

Wow, what a Close-up competition! In my opinion, everybody did phenomenal and I'm sure it was tough for the judges to make their decisions! Thank you to all who put the effort in to put together a competitive routine

and share that in a competition at our club's annual competition! Since I have been on the board, ONE of the items that was on my agenda to get done, was to make competitions as fair as possible. Now I don't think there is anything that can be done to ever accommodate EVERYONE, but that being said, we have finally had a successful judging process to be as fair as possible. We will continue this process with future competitions, being close-up and stage.

Next month, will be a new popular themed night, Mentalism! This is a class of Magic that is a bit different, and often, extremely strong. One thing J.C. Wagner taught me is that "no matter how many times that card appears under the glass, at the end of the day, all they remember is those damn sponge bunnies!" That being said; you may try the trickiest of trickiest effect with a lot of very difficult sleights, but when you get in someone's mind, inside their thoughts, that is SO powerful! So all you Uri Gellers out there, come prepared to prove your mental abilities!

Also coming up will be the election of the new board. The process goes like this: the board gives the election slate to the members, members can add to that if they wish to nominate someone, and lastly there will be a nominating committee that consists of 3 - 5 people which will decide on the 2014 -2015 new board for fiscal year! That being said, a president can only serve for up to 2 years at a time, thus; my time is up. And I would like to say it has been a terrific op-



portunity to lead you as your President! I had a wonderful board under me and I couldn't do it without them! So thank you for welcoming me to Ring 76 and your president, Ring 76 has been such an influential part of my Magic career. Please welcome your next president as you did me!

Lastly, be prepared for a few auditions, and swearing-in of new members. Also I have a special announcement to share with everyone, so stay tuned for that, it's probably not what you think!

DEREK OSTOVANI

wand, and Bob Sheets' "Rules" routine. Jacque Lord treated us to Four Daughters, which was a Sam the Bellhop routine, with an original story line. Larry Samuels performed an audience participation routine called, Lucky in Love (pulling off a very difficult 100% success rate); and a packet trick, called Rorscsch.

Derek Ostovani did some coin manipulations; a cigar from coin purse routine; and impromptu version of Anniversary Waltz. Cary Schaffner did only one trick, but what a rick it was! Matthew Biche's Spreadway, and, at this viewer's table, it stunned!

Jeff Sargent performed several card manipulations, including Jumping Gemini, and the Three Card Trick. Alfonso Vasquez presented us with a bill switch, Mental Photography, and Phantom Deck.

There was no "opener," nor "closer," as the sequence of performers depended upon the table at which you were sitting. The quality of the performances might also vary from table-to-table, but it is safe to say that the Close-Up Competition brings out our best.

Of course, many of us continued on for the "after meeting" meeting at Denny's, but that was a bit anticlimatic. We knew the February meeting had been something special!

— Bob Meigs

Photos from the February Meeting



Larry Samuels



Derek Ostovani



Cary Schaffner

Photos from the February Meeting



Jeff Sargent



Terry Godfrey



Jacques Lord



Alfonso Vasquez

Photos from the February Meeting



2014 Ring-76 Close-Up Contest Contestants



*Our Panel of Judges
Elias Barajas, Jennifer Barajas, Jerry Allen, James Kellogg III*

HEADLINE

*Reviewed by Joel A Moskowitz MD,
FAPA, FAAP
February 19, 2014*

This reviewer predicts that if you learn to use HEADLINE in your performances, audiences will be astonished, on their feet applauding (standing ovation). They will be talking about this sensational effect for eons.

The Trick and Joke Shop is no more (since August 2013) but magicians wanting to get audiences on their feet applauding will contact Murray Hatfield to purchase a personal copy of HEADLINE. This one trick may seem pricey (\$80) but worth it.

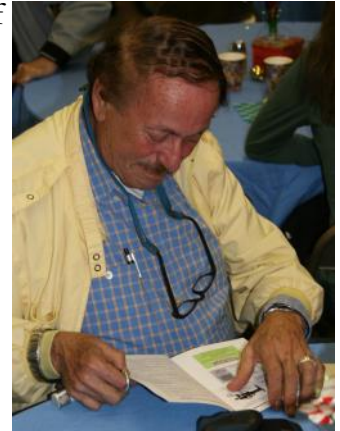
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Headline predictions have many authors i.e. Ted Lesley; Lee Earle M.I.N.D. (Mentalism in new directions); Docc Hilford in his handbook *If You Dare*; Dan Harlan proffers a practical method on his *Pack Small, Play Big Mentalism DVD*; Bannachek's simple and effective method on his *Radio Magic* audio tapes; Larry Becker on his *A1 Tapes* offers a multi-prediction including the Headlines of a newspaper. Paul Romhany is another exponent of a headline prediction.

Hatfield is an much awarded magician/illusionist. His performance have been rated spectacular great entertainment eliciting laughter and other superlatives - all over the world. He was the owner of the *Trick and Joke Shop* in Victoria British Columbia Canada. Succumbing to online competition, Murray and his wife Teresa had to close the shop in August 2013.

There is a maxim that a good magician is first of all a good actor playing the part of a wizard. Some who

profess to be psychological savvy are of the opinion that in this day of technological and internet wonders the continuing fascination with the conjuring arts is a regressive hope (that is, we wish to be children where many things were magical). Avoiding the use of jargon or mumbo medical jumble, as an example, the infant/young child just thinks and his mind reading mother knows that he is hungry.



What does this have to do with a newspaper prediction? A lot. When the mentalist predicts what is in the newspaper, he announces he or she can read the future. Audience reacts commonly on two paths: (1) The mentalist is a faker and I am going to figure out how he does this; (2) My... how marvelous ...he/she can predict the future! Reality guards against swallowing this whole. If he/she (mental maven) can predict the future, why is he not rich?

Venue: Cruise, stage, platform, restaurant/roving

Skills: Ability to force a card - well practiced; Gift of gab - scripted entertainer

Apparatus: Deck of cards; Prepared newspapers with HEADLINE with the message Murray Hatfieldfails to find....etc.; Detailed instructions on how to print and prepare all facets of the Headline including the font style and measure and how to compose the message Headline; Printer (small) for you to prepare the Headline when on the road.

Occasions: Casual; corporate; convention; restaurant event; cruise ship and celebration - e.g. special birthday

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New Membership Year Coming Up

It's still a few months off, so don't panic yet, but in June, it will be time again to pay your dues for 2014. In order to participate in meetings; vote for your favorite magicians in the Close-Up and Stand-Up contests; attend Ring lectures for free and elect officers, and receive MagiCurrents, you will need to have paid your dues.

One important thing to keep in mind is that to be member of Ring 76, you need to also be a paid up member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. Your Ring dues do not cover this. In most cases, we know who is a member of I.B.M, but there may be some cases, where we will need ask for evidence of membership in the I.B.M before we will be able to accept your dues for membership in Ring 76.

— James Thayer

"MagiToon"

by Jim Whiting & Ellen Friedman



“Really, Dear . . . should a lost key be a problem for Valdaró, the Great?”

Teach-A-Trick Night

April 14th, 2014

Do you have a fun little miracle you would like to share with the club? Then get ready for Teach-A-Trick Night at Ring 76. More details coming soon.

— Sal Barajas

(Headline — Continued from page 6)

Confederate: To name and identify audience members which will be stars and keep the secret for life. Actually, they know nothing except that the performer wanted to know significant persons names to involve them in the show. Contrary-wise they don't reveal personal facts which then will the performer reveal as a psychic;

What will you get: Certificate of authenticity; Permission to use ; Twenty-five blank newspapers and an option to order more; DVD which contains an actual show.

The humorous style of Murray Hatfield where he gets the first two audience members cards and then fails with the third. But had he read the newspaper he would have known that he would fail with the specific named third person and his/her named card as well.

Commentary on how to print and prepare all facets of the Headline including the font style and measure and how to compose the message Headline.

The message will avoid the dispute of whether magicians or psychics should leave the audience with the impression .. that the performer has the talent to predict the future

Dr Moskowitz prescribes that magicians, mentalists purchase/ study/perform HEADLINE and predicted result will high audience appreciation Rx Rx Rx Rx Rx (5/5).



Stand-Up Competition

Attention Ring 76 members our Stand-Up Competition is just around the corner (in May). Which means that now is the time to start preparing for this evening of magical delights. More details coming soon.

— *Sal Barajas*

Searching For Board Members

A reminder that Elections will be coming up in a few months. Ring 76 does not run itself and to keep all of the contests, events, lectures, raffles, and performance nights going, we need the efforts of the Rings' Board of Directors. That Board is made up of members like you. From President to Member at Large, the Ring is organized by this dedicated group of magicians. A group not unlike yourself.

If you have any interest in serving on the Board of Directors, and would like more information, contact any Board member at the next meeting or by e-mail. Elections are in June and the Nominating Committee is currently forming the slate of candidates.

— *Richard Ustick*

Magic Notes

We received the following e-mail this month:

My name is Don Lynch. I am a retiree living in Ramona. I have a collection of magic magazines that I would like to sell to magicians in the area. I do not want to deal with shipping. I would appreciate your passing this information to members of Ring 76. I am willing to consider any reasonable offers.

The list is as follows:

- ♠ The New Tops Jan 74-Dec 94
- ♠ Magigram July 75-May 90
- ♠ MUM Late 73-present
- ♠ Linking Ring Late 74-present
- ♠ Magic Sep 91-present
- ♠ Genii Mid 73-present
- ♠ The New Pentagram Vols 6-20

Ring 76 2013-14 Calendar

Mar 10	Mentalism*
Apr 14	Teach-A-Trick Night
May 12	Stand-Up Competition*
Jun 9	Money Magic*
Jul TBD	Installation Banquet
Aug 11	TBD

* Opportunity for Members to Perform

- ♠ Tannen's Magic Manuscript Apr/May 82-Nov/Dec 90

If you have any interest, please contact Don at: dnslynch9081@gmail.com

Please keep in mind that has he is not interested in shipping these items, you will likely have to make your own arrangements to pick up your purchases.

