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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY ROBERT VINSON



I am looking forward to November's meeting at which we will hold our bi-annual Swap Meet.

There will be a lot of magic for sale including items from three collections of prominent magicians that will be for sale by the Ring. Ring members and guests will be offering a variety of items from their own inventory.

Some of the items include Hand Choppers, Crystal Silk Cylinders, Miser's Dream Buckets, along with many other collectable and useable items. The prices are always lower than you would find at any other sale.

There is no need to worry about having enough cash for that special item you didn't expect to find; We will be able to take credit cards.

You don't want to miss this opportunity to add to your inventory.

If you need a table to sell your own magic, contact Richard Ustick to reserve one.

Thank you all,

Robert



## Ring 76 2018-19 Calendar

**November 12** - Bi-annual Swap meet.

**December 10** - Holiday Pot-Luck (see announcement for program details.

**January 14** - Fool the Judges\*.

**February 11** - Close-Up Contest\*.

**March 11** - No Props/Dollar Store Props Night\*.

**April 8** - Original effects and/or routines\*.

**May 13** - Stand-Up Contest\*.

**June 10** - Story Magic/ Historical Magic\*. Dues due. Election night.

**July 14** - Installation Banquet.

\* Opportunity for Members to Perform

*Our regular monthly meetings are at 7:00 pm on the second Monday of the month.*

*The next meeting is on Monday, November 12 at 7:00 at the Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club, 2606 N. Mission Bay Dr, San Diego*

Direct any questions concerning the calendar to V.P. Entertainment Richard Ustick, [ru9@ring76.com](mailto:ru9@ring76.com).

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## MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2018 RING MEETING

AT THE SAN DIEGO MISSION BAY BOAT  
AND SKI CLUB

**President Robert Vinson** and **VP of Entertainment Richard Ustick**, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Richard** announced that table payments are being taken for next month's Swap Meet. **Robert** announced that there will be three large collections of magic from deceased members estates and items donated by **Jack White**. There will be some larger items for sale.

**Richard** emphasized that the Swap Meet is open to all, and that members are encouraged to bring their friends.

**Dr. Jeff Pearson** reminded members about the North County Magic Club meet-up on the first Thursday of every month at Cocos in North County. The meeting is open to all, and is an opportunity to perform for lay people, who know to come on the first Thursday to watch magic.

### MINI-LECTURE

The Board has been providing mini-lectures at our monthly meetings. The October lecture was given by President **Robert Vinson**, who thoughtfully wrote up his advice into a printed booklet given to the Ring members. Robert started out as a performer in music, and has extensive experience in magic performance, including as a professional magician performing for large audiences in Las Vegas for many years. The lecture was excellent, covering many aspects of performing including getting gigs, what to do and not to do, setting up, on-stage tips, etc. There was a good discussion and the booklet will be a valuable reminder. Thank you, Robert!

### COMPETITION PERFORMANCES

Next came the member performances, with excellent EMC-ing by **Richard**.

First up was **Malcolm Campbell** who performed scary-themed magic in Dracula costume. He demonstrated a mysterious light bulb from his magic drawer, and then silks with knots that came undone. Then he had an audience member (**Ken Intriligator**) choose a word from his book (Dracula), and he correctly determined that the word was "disappointing." The performance was certainly not!

The next performer was **Mago Ruly** who called on **Nick Benevento** to assist him. Mago explained how in Mexico the Dias Del Las Meurtos is like Halloween, but also a little different. He brought out some spirit slate chalkboards, and demonstrated some amusing drawings. Then the spirits took over and correctly wrote the name of Nick's card on the board with chalk.

Next, **Matt King** set the mood with a scary costume calling the spirits with candle light. The spirits answered questions, somewhat mischievously — and with good humor, — with mysterious knocks from the back of the room.

Assistant **Sherry Luft** selected a card, and the spirits correctly determined its suit and value.

**Ken Intriligator** had several audience members examine and shuffle packets from what appeared to be a Halloween themed deck of cards, but which was presented as a mausoleum of ghosts. The packets were collected and further shuffled. **Nick Benevento** assisted in counting off ten cards, facedown, and holding them as in a card game. Ken explained that the spirits had infected their minds. He had Nick look at the clubs, then hearts, then spades, then diamonds, correctly naming all of the cards in Nick's hand in the order that he thought of them.

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The last card (4C) took a bit longer to name, and first appeared as a gag on the back of Ken's shirt. Then the wrong card, which had appeared between the two jokers, turned into the 4C.

**Winton Gibbons** demonstrated a street sign from Transylvania with a bat on one side and a vampire on the other. As the sign was flipped from one side to the other and rotated in various directions, the vampire was always standing upright no matter how the bat on the other side was oriented.

**Ian Gibbons** had audience member **Ken Intriligator** shake a die in a box "really hard, as if your life depends on it". Ian had a display with four sheets of paper numbered one through six. The die came up as a "4" and the sheet with "4" was turned over and shown to say "high-five", so Ian gave Ken a "high-five". In doing so, the audience saw that all five of the other pieces of paper said "Kill". Whew, that was a close one!

**Alfonso Vasquez** was assisted by **Dave Chiu** as he performed a trick-or-treat theme, with Jack-o-Lantern sponge balls. In the end, many, many Jack-o-Lanterns were produced from a previously collapsed trick-or-treat container, including a large one for the finale.

**Jeff Marcus** had some fun jokes and predictions, and then found the word that **Malcolm Campbell** selected from a magazine.

**Kenny Shelton** demonstrated the handicraft of a ghost, which resides in Dean Dill's box, with assistance from **Dr. Jeff Pearson** and **Laurie Pearson**. The ghost linked and unlinked two ropes and a solid metal ring.

The meeting was adjourned around 9:00, and many of us went to Buddies Diner for dinner, dessert, and camaraderie.

..... Ken Intriligator, Secretary

## SHAVNGS FROM THE BOARD

### MINUTES OF RING 76 BOARD MEETING October 22, 2018



The meeting was called to order by President Robert Vinson at 7:30 pm. All the board members were present: 1<sup>st</sup> VP (Entertainment) Richard Ustick, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP (Membership) James Thayer, Treasurer Bob Meigs, Sergeant-at-Arms John Hunter, Secretary Ken Intriligator, Newsletter Editor and Member-at-Large Malcolm Campbell, Member-at-Large and Past President Joe "Mystic" McGrievy, and Member-at-Large Rich Robertson.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September Board meeting were approved.

### REPORTS

**Treasurer's report** - Treasurer **Bob Meigs** presented his report to the Board. There was a small increase in the balance, thanks to sales of donated items, which more than offset the fee for having the monthly Ring meeting at the Boat Club. There was a discussion of having raffles on a regular basis using the donated items.

**Membership report** - **James Thayer** reported that there are currently 58 members in good standing (down from 61 last year). President Vinson will contact those members from last year who did not renew.

### OLD BUSINESS

**October Ring meeting recap** - The meeting was seen as a success. Robert Vinson's lecture was much appreciated. There were nine performers which was a great turnout.

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**Boat Club fee issues** - We were informed by the Boat Club management company that the monthly fee will go up a bit, to \$75. There was discussion about whether or not our Boat Club member host has to be there, and what the incidental fees are. We need a detailed agreement in writing.

There was a discussion of other meeting place options, and that we should always keep our eyes open for possibilities. Some possibilities include various Denny's and Sizzler's and Wood Ranch Steak House.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**December 10th Holiday party and potluck** - There was a continued discussion of having sponsored families come, including child cancer survivors which Joe Mystic's Santa group sponsors. Joe will perform his traditional kid's holiday show and hand out small favors to the children.

A band which Malcolm is part of will provide music during the Meet and Greet. Robert Vinson will invite a friend from KGB radio, who might give the event some public visibility.

A volunteer to video the evening is needed. Please contact any Board member if you are able to do this for us.

There was a discussion of the possibility of the ring purchasing gifts for the children in attendance. It was decided that what Joe hands out would be sufficient.

There was discussion about items Board members are bringing for the potluck.

**November Ring Swap Meet** - We need to bring in visitors (specifically, buyers) since there will be a ton of great stuff for sale, including the large collections that were donated to the Ring. It was suggested to contact clubs between San Diego and LA to advertise the event. For non-

members who want to sell, it is \$20 for a full table. (They should contact Richard Ustick via the Ring Website email address).

**Public Shows at the Olivenhain Haunted Hotel for the Boy Scouts Fund Raiser in October**: - The performances will be on the three Friday and Saturday nights preceding Halloween, at 7 and 8 pm, Ring 76 members will perform all shows.

#### NEWSLETTER

**Malcolm Campbell** reviewed what is needed for the next issue.

The board meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Ken Intriligator, Secretary





## MINI-LECTURE



**Robert Vinson talks about specifics items to address when planning and executing a show and what should be given special attention.**



**Richard introduces the performers and injects some appropriate humor**



Malcolm Campbell assisted by David Lane, Tom Owen-Towle and Ken Intriliator



Mago Ruly assisted by Nick Benevento





Matt King assisted by Sherry Luft



Ken Intriligator assisted by Nick Beventino



**Winton Gibbons**



**Ian Gibbons assisted by Ken Intriliator**

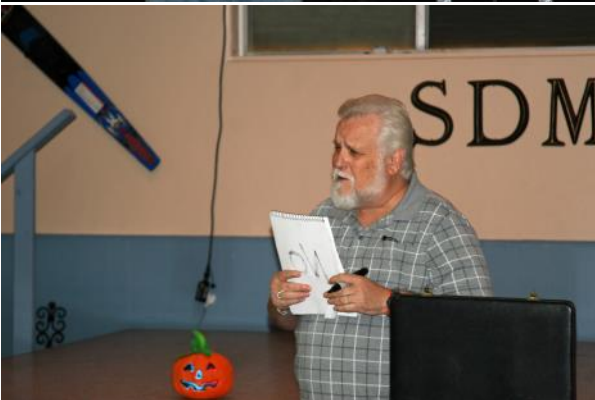




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Alfonso Vasquez assisted by David Chiu



Jeff Marcus assisted by Malcolm Campbell

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Kenny Shelton assisted by Jeff and Laurie Pearson

# THE CONTESTANTS







**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THE JANUARY 2019 MEETING**

I know, I know, the Holiday season is not even here yet so how can we even start to think about the New Year? Right? Well, you may want to start thinking about it because at the January meeting we are going to try something different and hopefully exciting.

This January, Ring 76 is going to have its own Ring 76 “Can You Fool Us “ event. Members of Ring 76 are invited to perform in front of the Ring and a panel of judges who will then see if they can figure out HOW THE PERFORMER DID IT !!!!!

The effects do not have to be large, expensive, or really that complicated to baffle our panel of, so-called “experts”.

Details of this event will follow. Any suggestions you have would be appreciated. We think this will be fun but only if we have the support of the Ring. See you in January!

Richard Ustick  
VP of Entertainment  
IBM Ring

**OUR APOLOGIES TO IAN GIBBONS FOR MIS-SPELLING HIS NAME**

(again, and again and again ...)

**FOCUS ON THE LINKING RING**



Scott Humston has a regular column called “2-Minute Tips.”

This month, the subject is the new USPS service which automatically notifies you in a daily e-mail of incoming mail and packages.

The service is free and is particularly valuable if you get your mail off-site (P.O. box ) or are expecting a delivery which requires your signature.

..... editor



New member **IAN GIBBONS**

**Note:** If you have visitors with you, make sure their names are *clearly* recorded on the sign-in sheet at the door.

..... editor





## COMING UP

**November** is our bi-annual swap meet where members can sell their wares and make room for their Christmas wish list. Great deals on fabulous magic is always available at this event.

**December** is the annual Holiday Pot Luck. This year the Board has a very seasonal evening planned. Families and friends are welcome and this is often the best meeting of the year.

In **January**, the Ring will be presenting its own version of "Fool the Judges." More on that to follow.

As always, this is YOUR Ring and the Board is always eager to hear what YOU want to see at a Ring Meeting.

See you there!

**Richard Ustick**, V/P Entertainment

## HEADS UP — THE SWAP MEET IS COMING

### **Bargains! Swap Meet! Bargains! Swap Meet! Bargains**

It is time for the Bi-Annual Ring 76 Swap Meet. The time when members and guests can get incredible deals on brand new and gently used magical props and effects. When you can clean out your closet and fellow members can clean up on their Ledgerdemain Wish Lists.

The Swap Meet will be on our usual meeting night, November 12th at our usual meeting place, the San Diego Mission Bay Boat & Ski Club. If you are interested in selling your treasures, tables are \$5 for a half table and \$10 for a full table for members. Non-Members are invited to sell as long as space is available and at guest prices.

Doors will open at around 6:00 pm for setup, and the meeting will start at 7:00 pm. Do you know a non-member who is interested in magic? Please, invite them along. This is the place to talk to magicians, see what the magical community is all about, and get great deals on everything from basic self-working beginners tricks to advanced sleight of hand packets and books and DVDs galore. There will be something for everyone no matter their age or interest level.

If you have any further questions, or want to reserve a table, please contact Richard Ustick (Ring76ibm@yahoo.com).

Table space is limited so please reserve your space today.  
See you at the Swapmeet.



**YOU ARE INVITED  
TO THE I.B.M. RING 76  
ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**

**MONDAY DECEMBER 10, 2018**

**SAN DIEGO MISSION BAY BOAT AND SKI CLUB**

**DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 FOR SETUP**

**MEET AND GREET WITH MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT AT  
6:00**

**POT LUCK AT 6:45**

**SPECIAL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AND GUEST AT 7:30 PM**



**TURKEY AND TRIMMINGS PROVIDED. PLEASE BRING A  
SIDE DISH OF YOUR CHOICE.**

**GUEST WELCOME!**



## NOTES AND REMINDERS



**MagiCurrents offers paid advertising for magic-related items from non-members. The rate is \$60.00 per page per issue.**

**Remember**, we are looking for product reviews. It doesn't matter if you liked what you paid for or not, we want your opinion for the benefit of the rest of the members. If you're not a writer, we can arrange a short sit-down to gather the facts and write the review.

Have magic to sell, stage equipment to rent? Looking for something to buy or rent? Need a ride or have room for a passenger to an out of town event such as the Magic Castle?

Have a special skill or service another member might use? Need a temporary assistant?

**Advertise it at no cost to Ring 76 members in MagiCurrents**

### LIBRARY REMINDER

Ring 76 has a large library of books DVD's, even VHS tapes covering every phase of magic. All of the materials are available for members to check out and use at home.

Kenny Shelton, our Librarian, regularly brings a sampling to our meetings and those are available for immediate check out. You may not know that the "Library" link on our website leads you to a complete list. If you find something there that you would like to use, contact Kenny at [magicjugglerks@gmail.com](mailto:magicjugglerks@gmail.com). Tell him what you want and he will bring it to the next meeting.

The intended publication date of each issue of MagiCurrents is the Friday 9 days before the monthly meeting.

Submissions from officers, reporters and other members are due the Wednesday before the publication date. If you want *your* newsletter on time, please be prompt!!

.... editor