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President's Message

By Robert Vinson

I was very pleased with the Close-Up competition and the performers at the February meeting. They all did a great job and we had a chance to see some real talent. Congratulations to all who performed. I really enjoyed it.



Magic Workshop - The March 11th meeting will be a unique evening of sharing skills and experience with those who want to improve their magic.

We have a lot of professional and semi professional talent and many of us want to help you with your magic.

Keep in mind that even the professionals know that there is room for improvement in their own work. If you think you have no room for improvement, then your magic career may be very short. This is a brotherhood and we are offering to share our knowledge with you — our brothers and sisters in magic.

Lecture - On Wednesday the 13th of March we will be hosting a lecture by Michael Finney, the International President of IBM. This is your chance to laugh and be amazed. Michael is one of the best in the business and you don't want to miss this lecture. This lecture is **free to active members**.

I will see you March 11th.

Sincerely,

Robert Vinson

Ring 76 2018-19 Calendar

March 11 - Performance Workshop.

March 13 - Finney lecture

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, March 11, at
the Senior Center in Clairemont*

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Direct any questions concerning the calendar
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**Minutes of the Ring 76
General Membership Meeting
February 11, 2018
at the Clairemont Senior Center.**

President **Robert Vinson** and Entertainment V.P. **Richard Ustick** called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

The theme of the meeting was our annual Close-Up Competition. To enhance the audiences' view, **Joe "Mystic" McGrievy** brought a video camera and projection system, and **Richard** brought a screen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Richard announced that I.B.M. president **Michael Finney** will be giving a lecture for the Ring on Wednesday, March 13th,

The monthly Ring meeting on March 11th will be a workshop where several stations will be staffed by experienced member volunteers. Members will be able to receive critiques of performances, instructions on the workings of effects and any other facets of improving their work. Other members may learn by observing the proceedings.

He also mentioned that elections for next year's Board will be coming up soon. The Election Committee will be formed at the April meeting. Please consider joining the Board; Any current member would be happy to pass the torch, as it is important to have fresh perspectives and ideas!

AWARDS

Next, the winners of the previous month's "Fool Us 2" contest ("**Magic Mike**" **Stilwell**, **Bob Meigs**, **Rich Robertson**, **Malcolm Campbell**, and **Winton Gibbons**) were presented with their beautiful custom plaques (designed and fabricated by member **Gary Salisbury**) and pictures were taken.

CLOSE-UP COMPETITION

Before starting the competition, members were given a scoring sheet, with four categories to be rated from 0 to 10 points. Performers were allotted up to 10 minutes, with a one point penalty if they go over that time. First up was:

Malcolm Campbell did a routine with coins, an Okito box, and silk. It involved a half dollar penetrating the box, his hand and the silk. It was silent, but with some interesting effects.

Ian Gibbons did a routine with a deck of cards from various casinos. Spectator **Tom Owen-Towle** determined one stopping point for selecting a card, and spectator **Mark Booth** determined another. Those two choices were revealed to be the only two with matching face and back.

He followed with a nice version of Dr. Jacob Daley's last card trick.

The third effect involved two face-to-face cards that were cut and transformed into hyper-cards that looked a bit like the Star Wars fighters.

Ken Intriligator was assisted by **Laurie Pearson**. The first effect told the story of the Professor's Triumph (and was an opportunity to practice the Zarrow shuffle version that he learned from Steve Reynolds, along with some Lennart Green false shuffles).

For the second effect, Ken asked Laurie to be the magician and to pick a spectator to think of a card. Laurie selected **Sherry Luft** and attempted to read her mind to determine the card that Sherry merely thought of, but was instructed to name a fake card for dramatic effect. Sherry then revealed that she had chosen the 8H and Laurie was instructed to spell the "Eight of Hearts." Sure enough, there was Sherry's card (Tamariz stack and jazz magic).

For the final effect, **Sherry** was asked to guess what card was put on the table, then **Malcolm** guessed the second card, **John Hunter** guessed the third card, and **Boyd Goldwynn** guessed the fourth card that was placed on the table.

It was revealed that there was a coin under each card and, upon turning the cards over, they said



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“These are your cards” and the four cards were revealed to indeed match the four that had been named (credit to Juan Luis Rubiales’ OLE’).

Greg Wauson did a card routine, assisted by **Matt King**. They each had five, mixed them up, then put them down on the table with Greg going first. It was revealed that the order of the cards matched. Next, a coin was nicely produced (the production had earlier been shown to us by **Josselin Nespoux**) then it became two coins, then three.

The coins danced, disappearing and reappearing from hand to hand. Then they all changed into Chinese coins.

Winton Gibbons started with a card deck / hank production. Assisted by **Tom** and **Sherry**, cards were selected from a spread and were revealed to be matching King of Hearts in a deck that was shown to be otherwise all jokers.

Next, with a fresh deck, Winton put down three prediction cards. A spectator said stop and the chosen card was the 10C. It was revealed that his predictions were all also the 10C, with different color backs, also differing from the back of the original deck.

His third effect was an “experiment with a lab notebook and bacteria”. Sherry assisted, rubbing the index of a card. Then, with a flame, the bacteria transformed and revealed Sherry’s selected card.

Following Winton’s performance, **Richard** collected the ballots which will be tallied to determine the winners who will be announced at the July Installation Banquet.

OPEN MIC

Since there was some time remaining, **Richard** asked if any other members would like to perform.

Mago Ruly did an impromptu performance with blue and red cards. Various members picked

four cards each and were instructed to rip their cards in half. The halves were put together and then everyone followed Mago’s instructions for putting one piece in their pocket, and then keep or eliminate pieces, with seemingly a certain randomness in each step. In the end, everyone checked their remaining card, and it matched the piece in their pocket. (I learned from Winton Gibbons that this interesting effect is explained in the introduction of Woody Aragon’s Book in English.)

Guest **Mark Booth** had volunteer **Jeff Marcus** pick a celebrity from a list on his phone and a food from another list. Mark showed the photo on his phone which was the celebrity eating pizza, the chosen food.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00, and many of us went to the nearby Denny’s for dinner, dessert, and camaraderie.

..... Ken Intriligator, Secretary



SHAVINGS FROM THE BOARD

MINUTES OF RING 76 BOARD MEETING

February 25, 2019

The meeting was called to order by **President Robert Vinson** at 6:58 pm. The board members present were: First V.P. (Entertainment) **Richard Ustick**, Second V.P. (Membership) **James Thayer**, Treasurer **Bob Meigs**, Sergeant-At-Arms **John Hunter**, Secretar **Ken Intriligator**, Newsletter Editor and Member-At-Large **Malcolm Campbell**, and Member-At-Large **Rich Robertson**.

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FEBRUARY'S FOOL ME 2 WINNERS RECEIVE PLAQUES



Malcolm Campbell



Mike Stillwell



Winton Gibbons



Bob Meigs



Rich Robertson



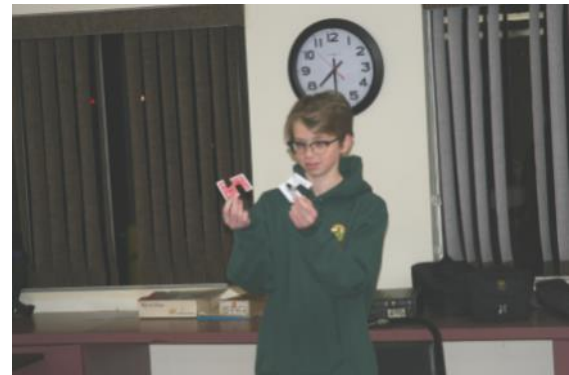
ANNUAL CLOSE-UP COMPETITION



Richard and Robert Review Rules



Malcolm Campbell



Ian Gibbons



Ken Intriligator



Greg Wauson



Winton Gibbons



MARCH 11 TO BE A WORKSHOP NIGHT

You should have received the following e-mail from Richard which describes the Board's format for the March meeting. Look for more information below here and in additional e-mails prior to the meeting.

To all members of IBM Ring 76:

Greetings to all members of IBM RIng 76.

As you are aware, the Board of Directors is striving to bring new ideas to the Ring meetings which will help develop and improve all of our the members, performing skills.

To that effect, we are having a Magic workshop where experienced members of the Ring will help you with questions and problems you may be having both on and off the stage.

To make sure this is a productive meeting, I would like to hear back from you with your suggestions on what aspects of nagic this workshop should cover. What are your difficulties, questions, and interests in your world of magic?

For example:

Are you interested in developing your slights and manipulating skills?

Are you interested in improving your presentation and patter?

Are you more interested in how to market yourself and get shows in this competitive market?

Do you have problems scripting and routing your magic so that you present a show than a collection of tricks?

To facilitate achieving your goal of helping you improve your shows, we plan to have a series of experts at various stations so you can go where you want to learn the things you are interested in. To do that better, I need to hear from you about what you want to see.

Please respond with your suggestions so we can have a workshop that will help improve all aspects of our members' skills.

Thank you, Richard.

FUTURE EVENTS

ORIGINAL EFFECTS AND ROUTINES

APRIL 8, 2019.

Along with being Tax Time, April will be a time to demonstrate your original original effect and routines.

We all know the standard stuff but I am wagering you have come up with a new or even rediscovered use for those Four Aces, those Cups & Balls, that Hank of Rope, or those Coins in your pocket. Well, we would like to see it.

Also in April will be a special presentation on the art of scripting and why it is important to an effective routine. This promises to be one of the most unique lectures of the year.

So mark your calendars for April 8th.



Mago Ruly



Mark Booth



STAND-UP CONTEST

May 13, 2019

**It is never too early to start planning
for a Ring 76 Contest.**

May may seem like a lifetime away, but, in just a few short months it will be time for our annual Stand-Up competition. All members in good standing will be allowed to compete against one another for the title of First Place. The basic rules can be found on our website. Any changes will be announced. Just remember that you have to reserve a spot *before* the day of the meeting.

Walk-ins will not be allowed to compete.

If you have any questions about any of the events, please contact Richard Ustick, V.P. of Entertainment. ring76ibm@yahoo.com.



FOCUS ON THE LINKING RING

The article in the February issue starts out, “Frederick Eugene Powell — Who?”. This is followed by the story of a great international magician who made many contributions to our art but who was overshadowed by the greatest of the great with whom he rubbed elbows. You’ll find it an informative good read.

..... Editor



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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January board meeting were approved.

REPORTS

Treasurer's report - Treasurer Bob Meigs presented his February report to the board.

Membership report - There are currently 59 members in good standing.

OLD BUSINESS

February meeting recap - The closeup competition meeting was a success. The board discussed the pros and cons of the point system used. It concluded that the procedure had merit but possibly in need of refinement before the next time. The Board will poll the members at the next meeting to assess their reaction to the more detailed scoring system.

Library discussion - There was more discussion about having Gary Salisbury take over the library to help make it more available to our members and to update the inventory list of Ring items.

Clairemont Senior Center - The Board is very happy with meeting there. Robert will remind the person who lets us in to be there on time. He will also ask about the possibility of our Ring doing a show for the seniors in exchange for a discount in the fees we are charged.

NEW BUSINESS

March meeting - Instructors will include **Bob Meigs, Robert Vinson and Mike Stilwell**. The format of the instruction was discussed. **Richard Ustick** will send email blasts requesting feedback from members on topics they would like to work on.

April Meeting - The theme is Original Magic. **Greg Wauson** will also lecture on "Scripting".

Board Elections - Board members, and others need to decide by the next meeting if they are willing to serve on Bnext year.

Installation Banquet - There was discussion about catering options. Robert suggested getting BBQ food, and he will check out some BBQ places. Bob suggested having a theme, and tying it together with the food. He will look into getting Pop Hayden to do the entertainment.

NEWSLETTER

Malcolm Campbell reviewed what would be needed for the Newsletter. The Board meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Ken Intriligator, Secretary



NOTES AND REMINDERS



MagiCurrents offers paid advertising for magic-related items — including shows and other events — 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

The Board is currently reviewing our library status and will be taking measures to identify the rarer volumes, provide proper storage, create an accurate catalog, and make the collection more easily available to members.

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