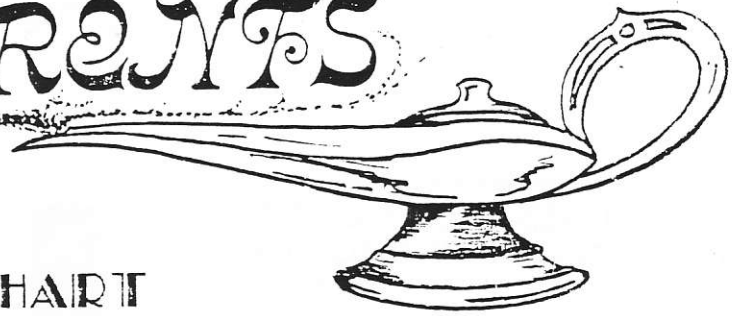


# MAGICURRENTS



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## Prez's Mezzage

This is like writing one's own obituary. It's difficult to start, but you know where you're going to end up.

Two years ago, in a letter to members, I asked participation in an exciting year ( which quickly became two ) of magic - magic performances, magic meetings, magic projects, and a magnificent magic convention. Today, I have the luxury of merely putting all this in the computer, and it appears on the front page of a marvelous labor-of-love known as *MAGICURRENTS*.

You have all responded, and then some! You have all been involved in some degree in a very wonderful two years, and I appreciate each and every one of you. I know that tomorrow's leaders of *RING 76* are probably reading this. Hopefully, the last two years have stimulated and fostered growth so that many more people will become first-rate leaders. Growth is a matter of goals to grow toward, of room to grow in, of responsibilities to grow on, and of a deep desire to keep on growing.

And why should one accept the challenge of an office. It certainly isn't for the money because there isn't any. It is the satisfaction of knowing you have done everything in your power to improve the club. The most important part of this is in what has been done to inspire other members to come forward - not to follow in your path, but to walk firmly in their own.

It's been a marvelous two years, and it couldn't have been done without an excellent team behind me and the superb membership that this Ring 76 has grown to. Who would've thought that our membership would approach one hundred and fifty? I am not going to thank everyone on that team individually - they know who they are. And more importantly, you know who they are. I am, however, going to single out four people for sincere "thank you's" without whom the wheels would have fallen off of the wagon. First is my wife, **Julie**, who put in some long hours in being a sounding board, and in giving input, too. The love, and the backing, and the support never wavered. I love you, **Jules**. Next is your new president, **J.P. Jackson**, my loquacious resident curmudgeon. Always pushing, taking notes, writing the newsletter, keeping me on course. Without **Frank SYREN** there would be no *MAGICURRENTS*. Without *MAGICURRENTS* the club would never have reached the stature it has. Communication, how extremely important to maintain this stature. The fourth? **Brad BURT**. His advice, his listening, his thoughts and magical knowledge have been a source of inspiration and action for me for more than the last two years. Thank You.

So, it's onward and upward gang. Things are just going to keep on getting better and better! To quote from a two-year old letter, ".....bottom line: show up, try us out, and please bring a guest. Welcome to a GREAT year!"

See you there at meeting *AND* The Installation Banquet. You'll love **Mike CAVENEY**.

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## ELECTION RESULTS

A very speedy voting process and even quicker ballot counting by Sgt-at-arms **Sherry LUFT** and 2nd Vice President **Bob INGALLS** at the June meeting resulted in the announcement of the following new Officers for 1990/1991: **Jan EASTMAN** was elected to the Board of Directors and will serve with the out-going President **Dick DALE** and past Vice President **Ed FORSYTHE**; plus:

President:	<b>J. P. JACKSON</b>
1st Vice President: (2nd term)	<b>Brad BURT</b>
2nd Vice Pres. (2nd term)	<b>Bob INGALLS</b>
Secretary:	<b>Sherry LUFT</b>
Treasurer:	<b>Peggy MARCUS</b>
Sgt-at-Arms:	<b>Jeff MARCUS</b>

Ballotting for a Member-of-the-year for 1989/1990 was also completed but the results will remain a big secret until the Installation Banquet on Friday, July 27th, which is really gonna be a **GOODER!** (see Flyer in this issue)

**LAST MAGICURRENTS!** As promised, this is the last issue of **MAGICURRENTS** going out to the old mailing list. Your new Membership ROSTER is enclosed with this month's newsletter and if you aren't on it, you didn't PAY! The \$12.00 membership fee for 1990/1991 has been due since April, that's three months ago, and it's too late now. For those of you who **are** on the new Roster, please take a minute and check you name, address and phone number for accuracy and notify **J.P. JACKSON** at 569-0096 of any necessary changes. Treasurer **Frank SYREN'S** computer has kept unfailing track of "dues payments" to date and the new Membership Roster reflects this. (The number in parenthesis after your phone number indicates the year to which your dues are paid.) If you don't see your name and think you should, call **Frank** at 295-4339 and make your case. You'll find exactly **One Hundred and Two** active, dues paid members on the Roster for 1990/1991 and that's **FANTASTIC**; plus a monthly attendance figure of around 50 members per meeting - also some kinda record. **KEEP IT UP GANG!**

Great Double bill month in July with the regular meeting on Monday, July 16th and our annual Installation Banquet on Friday, July 27th, with a real **HEADLINER** - **Mike CAVENEY**. **DON'T MISS IT!** Watch his unique **MAGICOMEDY** on Friday night, then hear him explain it at a special **LECTURE** at **Brad BURT's** on Saturday, July 28th - by reservation only!

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VINCENT THE MAGICIAN

by Jim Whiting



## JUNE MEETING

.....or what you missed

Annual Elections were the focus of our June meeting with 52 members casting ballots for the following new Officers of RING 76: **Jan EASTMAN** elected to the Board of Directors to serve with out-going President **Dick DALE** and past Vice President **Ed FORSYTHE**. New President for the 1990/1991 year is **J.P. JACKSON**. **Brad BURT** and **Bob INGALLS** were both re-elected to second terms as 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents: **Sherry LUFT** was elected to the Secretary's position: **Peg MARCUS** is our new Treasurer and her husband **Jeff MARCUS** is the new Sgt-at-arms.

**Brad BURT** started the evening with a "new Products" Dealer Demo featuring the new "Walking Thru Ropes" mini-illusion by Martini Magic; his ultra deluxe Cigarette thru Card and a classy looking "NIFFIN" Tube. President **Dick DALE** introduced our five guests and presented IBM Membership Kits to **David LANE** and **Art BROOKS**. Vice President **Bob INGALLS** passed out our flashy new Membership cards and collected prize donation from **George EDWARDS**, **Ken AYERS**, **Jack EVANS** and **Ed FORSYTHE**. **Larry FRANKEL** showed up just in time with the trusty "Lotto" cage and another load of great prizes from "BUMPER & CO". About 25 items were re-cycled during the monthly drawing.

**Don HALBACH** started the "Tricks from TARBELL" program decked out in a fancy Western outfit, replete with classy boots, a three and a half gallon hat and "Drawl" to give us an excellent presentation of "Judge Lynch's Necktie Party" from Vol 5, lesson 67. **Vic MINERT** and **Bob SCHNEELOCH** helped lace him into a pair of ropes which went around his neck and down his sleeves. The quick escape came at the climax of a great story about Judge Lynch being hung by "bad guys" and left **Don's** necktie tied to the double ropes and him free. **Don** is to be applauded for proving, once again, that it's not so much the effect but the PRESENTATION - Well Done!

**Jack EVANS** never got as far as Volume 5 so he did a clever card rise from Volume 2, lesson 27, with the deck trapped inside two mouth-to-mouth glasses and all of his usual funny, funny bits 'o biz. **James SWOGER** lugged up a set of the original Tarbell Course lessons, the true first edition, which he probably acquired lesson by lesson for \$.25 each, and dutifully followed the lesson word by word to demonstrate the "Sealed Card Mystery" from lesson 10.

**Dr. Bob ALLEN** gave us a bit of historical knowledge with the information that before his rise to magical literary fame, **Dr. Harian TARBELL** had been, in fact, a doctor of Naturopathy - a health practice subscribing to the use of natural herbal medicines and colonic irrigation. Specific details of this practice were suggested and expanded on by the audience for a few hilarious minutes (read "total break-down of decorum") until **Bob** was able to regain control with a nice presentation of **Tony NOICE's** Card Transposition from Volume 7. **Mark DIMENSTAIN** did a quickie Cut and Restored Balloon which he will probably market soon, followed by **Jeff MARCUS** with a tricky version of "Bird's of a Feather" from Volume 1, lesson 11.

**Frank HERMAN** pointed out that in addition to tons of great magic, the TARBELL series also contains often overlooked lessons on Originality and Timing in Volume 2; Routining a Show in Volume 3; and Publicity and Promotion in Volume 5; all of which are still appropriate after 63 years. He proceeded to illustrate this with a very clever presentation of the Topsy-Turvy Bill from Volume 3, his very own "Tender Legal Tender", a jumbo bill penetration which **Frank** has re-marketed; and his version of **TARBELL's** "Bank Night" from Volumes 5 and 6. Vice President **Bob INGALLS** closed the evening with a couple of "audio" gags - a breaking glass sounding hammer and a laffing mirror which kept going off while he revealed a chosen card to be the only one with a different back - Twice.

Join us in October for our annual Swap Meet and/or in November for the **Hank MOORE-HOUSE** Lecture. We meet the 3rd Monday of each month and visitors are very WELCOME.



## BOARD MEETING

by Sherry Luft

The Board met on July Second with **Dick** and **Julie DALE**, **Sherry LUFT**, **Jeff** and **Peggy MARCUS**, **Bob INGALLS**, **Don HALBACH**, **Jan EASTMAN**, and **MIKE KLICMAN**. The topics for discussion were: the Exchange Banquet, the Installation Banquet, and the Public Show. The Installation Banquet will be at the American Legion Hall on July Twenty Seventh. The Board approved new plaques for the officers. The Board also approved the dinner prices: Twelve Dollars for adults and Six Dollars for children ( Twelve or under ). Our club is providing the decorations and tableclothes. The Board suggested having a children's entertainment segment (not a competition) at this banquet.

The Board agreed to find a location midway from both clubs with the entertainment to be put on jointly. Each club pays for their food, and the host club continues to pay for the plaques. A date is still to be determined: First choice is late Sunday afternoon or early Sunday Evening; Second choice is Saturday night.

The Board is still looking for a name and design for the program cover of our Public Show, October Twenty Seventh. Be one of the Lucky Winners and get two free tickets to the show for either suggesting a great name or design. The Board was given a proposed budget for two shows. The tickets will be discounted in some way to be announced. We are still looking for entertainment. Send your audition tape to **Don HALBACH**. A discussion about a junior magician's act is still open. Another topic discussed was whether we are going to sell something during intermission.

The next Board Meeting will be at **Sherry's** on Monday, August Sixth.

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## JULY MEETING

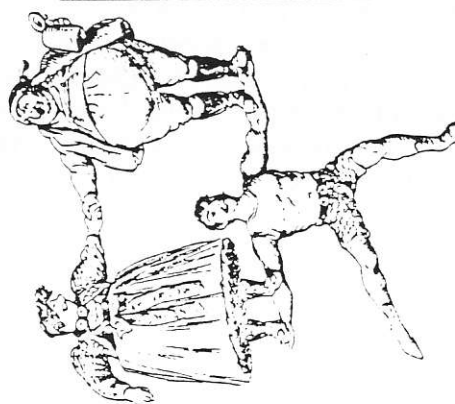
...or what's coming

Monday, July 16th, will be **Dick DALE's** last meeting as President - I hope that all One HUNDRED and TWO of you can show up to congratulate him on a fantastic two years of superb leadership and to wish him well as he moves on to his new position on the Board of Directors. **WELL DONE DICK!** (Gonna be a tough fellow to follow.)

"Classroom Magic" or "magic with an Educational Theme" is our topic for July's entertainment program: now all you teachers can apply your best classroom skills to dazzle the rest of us - come on **Jim RILEY**, **Mary BROWN**, **Dave LAMBERT** and **Rich ROBERTSON** - You're UP! (I think that's all of our teachers, sorry if I missed somebody). We're talking about magic that can be adapted to an education lesson, i.e. "Professor's Nightmare" with a Physics theme, or a "What's Next" with a math lesson. You get the idea. Use your imaginations and bring somethin to "teach" with.

**J.P. JACKSON** will provide a "Collector's 'Silk' Corner" as the pre-meeting event at 7:00 p.m. or so with a display of and very brief talk on **RICE SILKS** made for close to 60 years for the magic world - incomparable and never again to be equalled or matched. Come and share your knowledge too and bring a special Rice silk!

Usual short business session at 7:30 p.m., the break, our monthly drawing and the "Classroom Magic" program at 8:00 p.m. or so.



Man on bottom: "One more hernia and I'm going back to my old act as a magician."

## SLEIGHTLY NEWS 'ROUND TOWN

by Dick Dale

- ☆ A quick trip report on **Marcus DAY'S** recent visit to London, England. As a prelude to attending a meeting of *THE MAGIC CIRCLE*, the uniformed sergeant-at-arms escorted **DAY** to President **David BERGLAS** where he was officially identified and sponsored. After admittance to the June Fourth Meeting, a competition with London's *ZODIAC MAGIC CLUB* was witnessed in the company of regular *CIRCLE* members and another Colonial guest, magic producer and author, **Charles REYNOLDS**.

Later in the visit, **DAY**, using directions from Dr. **John BOOTH's** *LINKING RING* article, found and photographed four magic shops. Foremost was *DAVENPORTS*, run by third generation **Betty DAVENPORT** who proudly displays trophies won by her son, a fourth generation of magical **DAVENPORTS**. Next was **Ron McMILLAN's** with entry into the basement shop by escort only. A quick stop at **Stacey LEE'S** precluded **Alan ALLEN'S MAGIC SPOT**. **Alan** always wears a bolt through his neck and a nail through his head. He can criticize TV magic all day.

**DAY** visited dozens of London Book Stores, but found only a few old magic books to add to his burgeoning collection. He reports that the best selection is at *DAVENPORTS*.

- ☆ The *NINTENDO POWERFEST 1990*, mentioned in the June *MAGICURRENTS*, had been scheduled to appear at the San Diego Convention Center later this month, including a Magic Show. Apparently the kids didn't like the "Game Competition" part of the exhibit, so it's been cancelled and is being being revamped with the future of the Magic

Show being unknown at this time.

- ☆ **Mike CAVENY** lectures at **Brad's** on Saturday, July Twenty Eighth. Fifteen Dollars per seat by reservation only.
- ☆ Alzheimer Day Care Center looking for volunteer entertainers. Call Pat at 549-9379
- ☆ **Angelo ODDO** at *KICK'S* in the Mission Valley Marriott Wenesday Nights and Sunday Brunch.
- ☆ **Craig STONE** at the Chula Vista *LOVE'S* Wednesday Evenings and the San Diego Marriott for Sunday Brunch.
- ☆ **Dick DALE** at *BAXTERSEL CAJON* for Sunday Brunch.
- Jeff "The Ref" MARCUS** at *SLUGGO'S* Sunday Evenings.
- ☆ **Mike STIWELL** at *CORVETTE* Diner Tuesday and Wednesday nights.
- ☆ *THE GATHERING* features **Mike CALLAHAN** on Thursday, **Joe McGRIEVEY** on Friday, and **Terry LUNCEFORD** on Saturday - all in the evening.

## MAIL CALL

Recently recieved a note from our most distant member, **Al KNOX**, now of Scotland Neck, Noth Carolina. He is, in his own words "doing quite a few shows for the schools and different Festivals in small near-by towns. They are starved for Magic here, and a Magician is like a King here."

However, he quickly adds, "But even so I miss each and every one of you, and I catch myself day dreaming of San Diego and all the good times I had in Ring 76 with all of its members. God Bless them all. I miss those guys and gals."

The enclosed check was for seventeen dollars, and Al explained that twelve was for his dues and the other five was for the raffle, or a donation to the Juniors - our choice. ###

## CROSS TALK

- Just back from the Sixty Second I.B.M. Convention in St. Louis, and it was fun and FRANTIC! Tons of Shows, Contests, Lectures, Special Events, Dealers, and Activities - almost TOO MUCH. Not quite as good ( in my humble opinion ) as the Sixty First, here, last July; but can't help but be a bit biased. Did recieve many more "THANKS" and compliments for our Ring's help with last year's convention and lots of flattering comments - so, PAT YOURSELVES ON THE BACK AGAIN! By comparison, we did an incredible job. The Baltimore convention next year will most likely be the sixth sell-out in a row, and it's gonna be Salt Lake City in 1992 \_ Plan AHEAD!
- Great turnout for *THE MAGICIAN'S GUILD OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA*'s picnic on July First with cake and ice cream at **Bob ALLEN**'s house afterwards. **Oscar MUNDO** was there, as promised, with the goodies from *VIKINGHAENCHEN*, and a nice little close-up presentation. Another good bunch showed up for the *MGSC* **HIRATA** lecture on July Third. He demonstrated some very clever principles, lots of original thought, and a neat throw-out coil production.
- From **Stan ALLEN**'S *INSIDE MAGIC* - The Movie Channel (if you get it) will be airing old *BOSTON BLACKIE* movies during July, starring **Chester MORRIS**, who was a practicing magician as well, an actor. Two of the films have magic: *ALIAS BOSTON BLACKIE* and *BOSTON BLACKIE AND THE LAW* - hope you can find 'em.
- *MAGICIAN'S GUILD OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA* will have another double-bill month with a special event on Friday, August Third, at **Bob ALLEN**'s home. **Arnold FURST** will be bringing **Shiego FUTAGAWA** down from the *MAGIC CASTLE* for a special lecture at Seven P.M. Cost for non-*MGSC* members is five dollars. Then, the regular meeting for August is on Tuesday, the seventh, and will be their annual Magic Clown night.
- And, if you get this in time and can go traveling, **Stan ALLEN** tells us that **William WIZARD** is having a Magic Auction and Flea Market in San Jose on Saturday, July Fifteenth. Call (408) 294-9653 for details.

*J. P. Jackson*

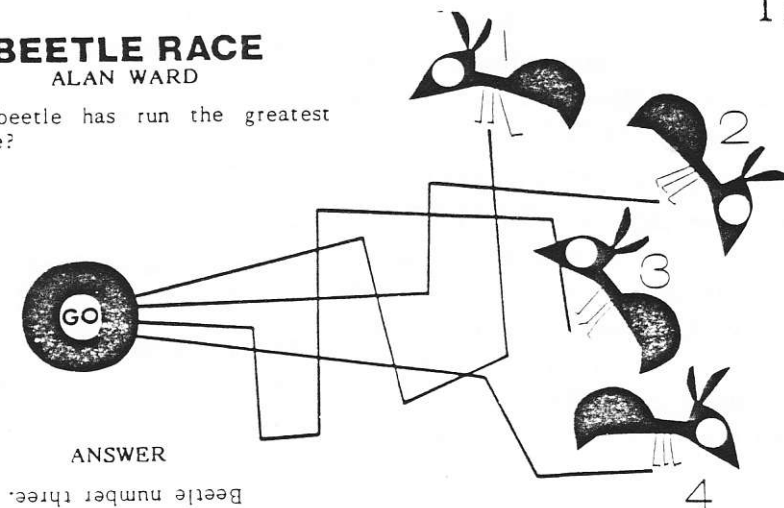
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### BEETLE RACE

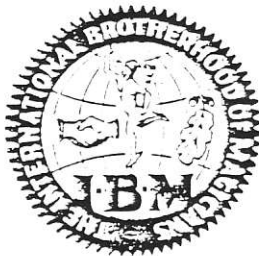
ALAN WARD

Which beetle has run the greatest distance?



ANSWER

Beetle number three.



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REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ I.B.M.# \_\_\_\_\_

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Please Print Names (for Badges) as follows:

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Total Amount Enclosed - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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\*( \$30 of nonmember fee may be applied to 1st year of membership if application form is submitted - all non USA membership applications must include an additional \$5 postage surcharge)

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