



MagiCurrents



President's Message

The Paul Green lecture in February was excellent. I enjoyed it very much but three attendees let me know it was the best lecture they have ever been to. Paul not only did his routine lecture but graciously spent time answering all our questions. It was a late evening because Paul made sure he gave us what we wanted. I imagine that is why he is so successful. Please join us for the Auction and Swap Meet on Thursday March 12th. The date change is because so many members will be attending the Desert Seminar in Las Vegas. Donate whatever treasures you can spare and Dick Dale will auction them off for the good of Ring 76. You won't want to miss it and some of the items are very valuable.

In an earlier president's message I jokingly mentioned that being the Ring 76 president is a thankless job. Actually a lot of people have been very supportive and even kinda nice about it. It is time to give each board officer a quick, but public, thank you for all they have done. Believe me when I say that what I'm mentioning is just one of hundreds of things they have done recently. Thank you: Dick Dale for an historical perspective, organizing the entertainment for each meeting and for recommending Paul Green, Julie Dale for keeping track of our finances, holding us all

accountable, and for a fresh perspective, Tom Kasner for organizing the library, handling the name, address and phone lists and saying yes to everything, Tom La Chance for handling the membership issues and for handling the raffle and for being so positive, giving and ethical, Don Soul, a massive thank you for an outstanding newsletter, a logical view of the world and for recommending Bob Markwood, Greg Wauson for continued support, participation and new ideas. To all the board members I appreciate your hard work, extra effort and most importantly to me, your humor and love for magic. Also a thank you to all the members who keep helping out.

See you at the meeting on the 12th. Have fun.

Gary S

This month's meeting day has been changed. Ring 76 will meet at the American Legion Hall on Thursday, March 12th so that those returning from Desert Magic may attend. Swap meet begins at 6:30.

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MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS should be sent to the club treasurer, Julie Dale. All Ring 76 members must be members in good standing with the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

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Ring 76 February Meeting

This month's meeting brought us a stimulating lecture by one of the top corporate magicians in the country, Paul Green. Paul's career includes a great lecture at the IBM convention in Indianapolis as well as Magic Castle performer and lecturer. He came down from L.A. ready to answer any and all questions about performing and discussing the business of magic and there was no holding back. Interspersed with displays of card magic and other close up items, he elaborated on finding work in trade shows, private parties and restaurants.

His opening effect, an adventure in psychic coincidence, was inspired by Lee Earle's Buyer's Remorse in which he demonstrated that a routine should provide a lot of "playtime." He followed that with his own Fortuneteller's Book of Days, based on Elmsley's Fate Datebook, the prop book now professionally printed as a result of going through several hand calligraphed versions years ago. It was a dynamite mentalist's effect. Next he performed Magician's Insurance Policy with a twist; a money clip designed to reveal the chosen card. During the instruction period he demonstrated, in detail, various card forces including the Classic force, AL Koran's force and the Fan force.

Jumbo cards were used next in his effect titled I Knew It All The Time, based on Don Allen's Big Deal which included the Invisible Deck as a kicker. An interesting puzzle was presented next as he showed us a grid with Xs and Os. With one scissors cut of the paper, one set of symbols were completely detached leaving the others all joined when the paper was opened. Ambitious card was next taught followed by his own idea on Pygmy Paddle, a memorable Class-A effect at any trade show or restaurant.

Copper/Silver/Brass coin transposition was done in a unique way. Paul used a

simple, ungimmicked jewelry pouch to show us how unassuming and unrigged props can be used to the magi's advantage. Miller's Dice was performed next which uses two gimmicked dice - one totally devoid of spots and the other sporting seven spots on each face. Perhaps one of the most striking tricks he showed us was next: a tiny briefcase containing sponge balls and a steel ball of the same size which couldn't possibly have fit in the toy case! Also useful as a folded card-in-case routine, he demonstrated its workings.

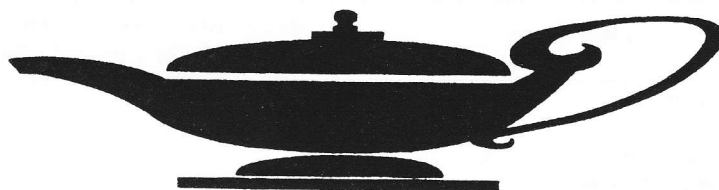
Paul also gave us Dai Vernon's Challenge and various other "you can do these now" routines providing our 33 members and guests with more than enough material. In all, the Paul Green lecture was greeted enthusiastically and rewarded us with yet another educational evening of magic. On behalf of Ring 76, thank you, Paul.

About Ring 76...

- Members must be at least 12 years old
- Non-members may attend three Ring 76 meetings at no charge (except for special events)
- Local dues are \$20 per year (under 18 years is \$10)
- Membership in the IBM international organization is required. IBM dues are \$40 the first year. You will then receive "The Linking Ring" magazine, one of magic's best publications.
- Prospective members are required to perform a five-minute magic audition at a Ring 76 meeting.
- Ring 76 members receive the monthly MagiCurrents newsletter and may attend all monthly meetings at no charge.

Danny Archer

Join us for the
Danny Archer Lecture
March 5th, 7:00pm at
El Cajon Valley H.S.
Room #71

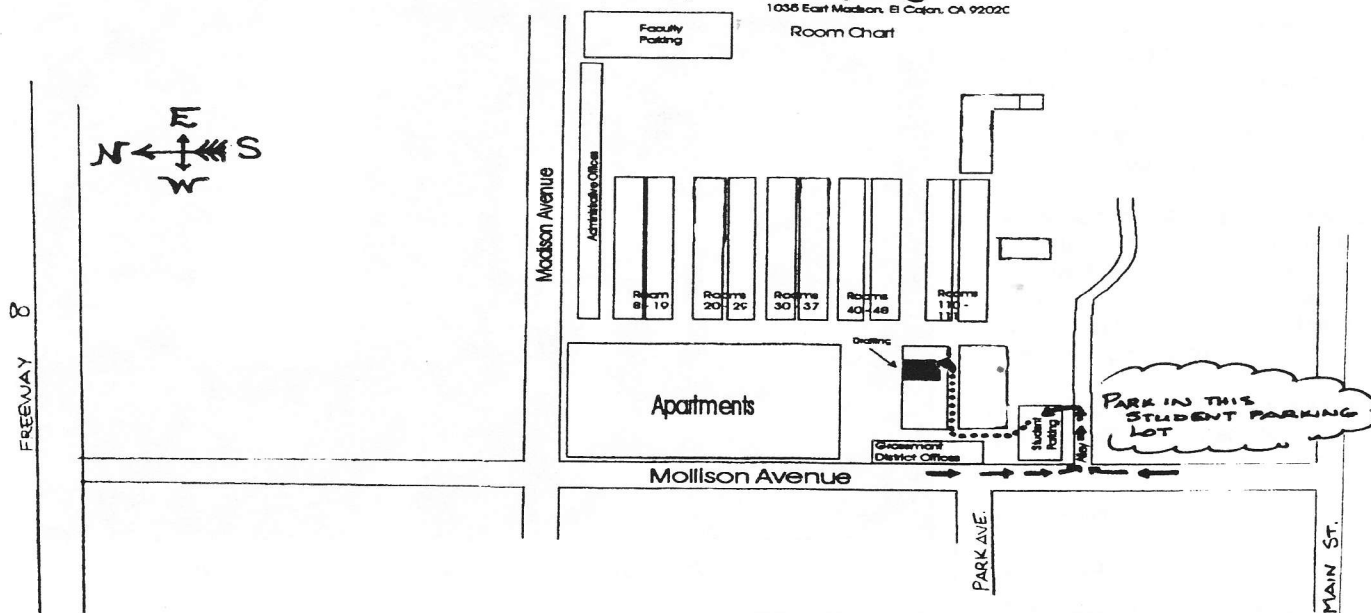


Danny Archer, from Denver Colorado, has done it all in the world of magic. His experience includes: owning a magic store, TV work, family shows, restaurant magic, convention dealer, lecturer, manufacturer, trade show worker and more. Lecture will cover close-up and stand-up.

For details, contact Dick Dale 562-7379. Space is limited!

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E-MAIL RE: FEBRUARY LECTURE

To: Dick Dale
From: Don Soul
Re: Monday's Paul Green lecture

After the Markwood lecture I felt as though my "contribution" to the board and to the club by suggesting Bob as a speaker was rewarding and appreciated by everyone.

But let me tell you, Paul Green's appearance tops me by a mile. I'm not on the board (or a member of Ring 76) for glory. Instead, I want to know about magic inside and out and to share. To me, that's why a member is a member. Paul's lecture is still fresh in my mind.

Yesterday I got \$65 for drawing 6 quickly caricatures for the Paul Ecke Nursery in Encinitas, immediately cashed the check and dashed over to Brad Burt's to buy what I've been waiting for for a long time: the Invisible Deck and a set of Bicycle FAKO cards. Did I walk out with my intended treasures? No! Instead, when I walked in, the first thing I pinned was the book Paul had mentioned the night before -

Eddie Tullock's Trade Show book. I HAD to have it! Then, I saw a stack of Twisted Sisters and, remembering Paul's praise of it, I added that to the book without ever having seen it performed. I told J.P. to toss in that Cornelius Shrinking Card Case and before I knew it my \$65 was used up.

So I walked out of Brad's without what I went in to get but I now feel that I have purchased three of the most valuable trinkets in my collection. If you do not have the Tullock book you're missing out on THE most valuable literature your library could contain.

I didn't mean this letter to sound like a pitch for Tullock, Brad's or anyone else. Very simply, had I not heard Paul Green give his lecture I'd have missed a great deal of important advice and it was because of your recommendation that we have Paul down to speak that deserves the biggest thanks.

ed. note:

*This e-mail was reprinted
at the request of Dick Dale.*



Paul Green

Dear Gary;

I wanted to thank you and your ring members for being so nice to me during my recent lecture. I sincerely enjoyed the group. The questions were thought-provoking and insightful. Please let your members know that I am always willing to answer any further questions that they may have. I want only success for those that choose to follow a magical path.

If you receive any feedback about the lecture, I would appreciate it if you could pass it along to me. I want to improve my presentations-the only way that can happen is if people let me know. Thanks in advance.

I also want to thank Dick and Julie Dale for hosting me. I have known them for a long time. They really went all out to make me as comfortable as possible. Their enthusiasm is contagious-I am sure they are great ring members.

Good luck with any future projects for the Ring. Let me know if there is anything I can do for you.

Yours Truly,

Paul Green



One of Paul Green's "fans", Bernie Kleinke, helps out.

RING 76 FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

by Don Soul, secretary

TV newscaster and Ring 76 past-president **Jack White** opened the doors to his commercial building for this month's board meeting. Attending were **Dick and Julie Dale, Tom Kasner, Tom La Chance, Jeff Marcus, Gary Schwartzwald, Don Soul and Greg Wauson**. The upcoming swap meet and auction was briefly discussed as well as an overview of future programs.

The central point of the board meeting was a discussion of plans for the officer's installation banquet in July. Tentatively booked to perform, and lecture the following evening, will be veteran magician **Max Howard**. Various venues were further examined to include the El Cajon Community Center at an approximate cost of \$200. The American Legion Hall large stage room at a nominal charge is also a possibility. Jack White's building, which houses an extensive antique magic collection and available at no charge, was also considered. Jeff Marcus volunteered to research Villani's, which was the site of the 1995 and '96 banquets. Beyond that, if a food establishment is not selected, no-frills catering (a la picnic-style from Rancho or Bekker's) will be an additional cost to consider. No decision was made this evening but the board vowed to make a commitment in March.

A public fund-raising show is being discussed and the foundations laid by **Rick Bruce and Mike Stilwell**. It was determined that, in order to have a successful presentation, adequate time must be allowed to produce a quality show and that there is little time before the election of a new board. The understanding is that such show will most likely be produced in the fall. **Sumit Dua** has also expressed an

This Month's Meetings

This month's meeting will be held on **THURSDAY, March 12th**. If you have magic items such as books and props which you are ready to part with, why not set up a table at this month's swap meet and sell 'em off? A \$5 table fee *paid in advance of the meeting night* will be charged; \$10 at the door to set-up that night. Treasurer **Julie Dale** will be receiving payments. **Member-donated** magic items for the fund-raising auction later in the evening should be worth at least \$10. There will be no raffle at this meeting.



interest in helping the Ring through donating a percentage of ticket sales for his planned event at UCSD. Gary will find out more details from Sumit.

With officer elections pending, it was decided to form the nominations committee in April, formal nominations set for May and the election held at June meeting. All current board members, with the exception of Tom Kasner (Sgt.-at-Arms), are willing to continue their present positions and will seek re-election.

Ring Recognition information supplied by Don and Tom La Chance will be due for submission to the board at the March board meeting. Gary Schwartzwald will submit MagiCurrent master sheet layouts to Dick Dale for submission to the I.B.M. for their convention exhibit. Treasurer Julie Dale expressed the need for mailing labels in order to send membership renewal notices. Don will provide them. She also stated our funds stand at \$407.11. The meeting was then adjourned.

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January's Close-Up contest was a huge success. Don't be shut out of the Stand-Up contest in June. Get your act together then call Dick Dale and tell him you'd like to perform at the June meeting. What's your specialty? Doves? Cards? Ropes? Mentalism? Comedy? Illusions? Go for it!

WHERE'S THE LA MESA AMERICAN LEGION HALL?

It's located south of the Interstate 8 freeway. Heading east of I-15, take the **Spring St. exit and bear right**. Go to the end and you'll be right there in the parking lot! Heading west of I-125, take the **El Cajon Blvd. exit, turn left at Baltimore** and go past El Cajon Blvd. The Hall will be on the left. Make a U-turn at Spring St. and enter the parking lot just past the hall.

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At the Magic Castle

What's Happening

- March 12 6:30 pm American Legion Hall - La Mesa
theme: Goodwill auction/fundraiser
pre-meeting: Swap meet
- March 23 7:00 pm Board Meeting
Tom La Chance's home
- April 13 6:30 pm American Legion Hall - La Mesa
theme: Bag Nite
pre-meeting: A special 1-hour event
you won't want to miss!
- April 27 7:00 pm Board meeting
Don Soul's home
- May 11 6:30 pm American Legion Hall - La Mesa
theme: Mental magic
pre-meeting: Close-up teach-in
- May 27 7:00 pm Board meeting
Don Soul's home

March 16 - 22	March 23 - 29	Mar 30 - Apr 5
CLOSE-UP GALLERY Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 Pit Harding Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30 Rainer Pfeiffer	CLOSE-UP GALLERY Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 Suzanne Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30 Leopold	CLOSE-UP GALLERY Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 Monte Smith Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30 David Malek
PARLOUR Early - 7:45 - 8:45 - 9:30 Jorg Willich Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15 Nikolai Friedrich	PARLOUR Early - 7:45 - 8:45 - 9:30 Steven Yonoff Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15 John Shryock	PARLOUR Early - 7:45 - 8:45 - 9:30 James Warren Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15 Howard Jay
PALACE of MYSTERY 8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15 Dana Daniels Myxina John Shryock	PALACE of MYSTERY 8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15 Larry Clark Eric Bass Gerry & Leonora Frenette	PALACE of MYSTERY 8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15 Tom Ogden Leopold Jade

Lectures (for magician members only)

Lectures will now be presented on Sundays at 3:30 P.M. in the Parlour.

- Mar 8 **Fernando Keops** What can I say about this well-known magician from Mexico City that hasn't already been said? Fernando is one of our most popular performers and lecturers. He always has new effects to show and sell.
- Mar 22 **Dana Daniels** Dana is a hard-working pro who will discuss creative thinking and original ideas for your act. He will tie this in with "How to get bookings" - a subject that is sadly neglected by many magicians.
- Mar 29 **Gerry Frenette** Gerry and his wife Leonora are illusionists from Toronto who create and build many fine illusions. The lecture is entitled "Misdirection, subtleties & psychology as they pertain to all forms of magic."