



MagiCurrents

President's Message

This will be a fairly brief message as I know you want to spend most of your time practicing for the Stand-up contest in June. After the outstanding performances in the Close-up contest, I'm really looking forward to our June Meeting. Please have Dick Dale add your name to the list of performers. Good Luck.

Remember that at our May meeting the nominating committee of Sherry Luft, Gabe Travers and Jeff Marcus will present a slate of potential officers to the membership and voting will take place in June. If you are interested in being a Ring 76 Officer please contact the nominating committee. It appears that almost all of the current officers would like to return for another year. Let us know what you think of that idea. And yes, it is to late to get a membership refund.

Also in May you should pay your dues if you are one of the few that have not yet renewed. I hope the invoices that Julie Dale sent out made it easier to renew. Let me know. Try to recruit members that are involved with magic. The more the merrier. The May pre-meeting will be an outstanding close-up teach-in. The magic part of the meeting will highlight mental magic and mentalism, but you probably already knew that.

The July Installation should be great. It is at Jack White's Magic Place which is really worth some time. He has a great collection, so show up early to look around. Some of the evenings other highlights will be a show by Emmy award winning magician, Max Howard. We will also announce the Ring 76 Member of the Year, Ring 76 Entertainer of the Year, Ring 76 Close-up Magician of the Year and Ring 76 Stand-up Magician of the Year. Wow, what a night. Plan ahead to see what you win.

See you at the May meeting. As always, let me know how we're doing.

Gary S

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

The meeting theme this month is Mental Magic. All you aspiring Kreskins out there have the opportunity to bewilder us with mysteries from beyond, be it cards, spooky tales and props, mathematical wizardry or what have you. Now's your chance to explore the strange world of coincidence, PK and telepathy so get something together and give it a shot. Whatever you have in mind (hah!) would be great!

The pre-meeting at 6:30 will feature another teach-in which will require you to bring rope or twine and scissors. The whole thing takes place at the La Mesa American Legion Hall this coming Monday evening, May 11th. See you there.

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Ring 76 April Meeting

by Don Soul, secretary

Our April meeting opened with a surprise lecture by **Doug Brewer**. Doug showed us a lot of restaurant and walkaround effects with coins and cards, many of the latter effects inspired by his mentor Johnny Ace Palmer and the late Larry Jennings. He opened with The Famous Three Coin Trick using an ungimmicked ostrich leather coin purse then went into Backhanded, which used an expanded half dollar shell. Other presentations included Joker's Wild, the useful Tri-Flection routine and his Commercial Chop Cup routine in which the final loads are small red potatoes. He also gave us the Modified Invisible Palm Aces to Pocket, Mondo Nifty Kicker and his Translocated Okito Box routine. In all, his lecture

left the group with enough ammunition to perform close-up cards and coins which would please any audience.

Treasurer **Julie Dale** was on-the-spot next with her board member obligated pass-the-mat performance of *Any Deck, Any Time* from Karl Fulves *Self-Working Card Tricks*. The mat was then passed to **Don Soul** for the May meeting. This night's meeting theme, Bag Night, posed ad-libbed routing of randomly-selected bags of props WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS for participating members (nine in all) to present. New member **Mike Bennett** lead off with a box of candy mentalism routine which he performed as if he'd brought it himself! Good job, Mike. Next up,

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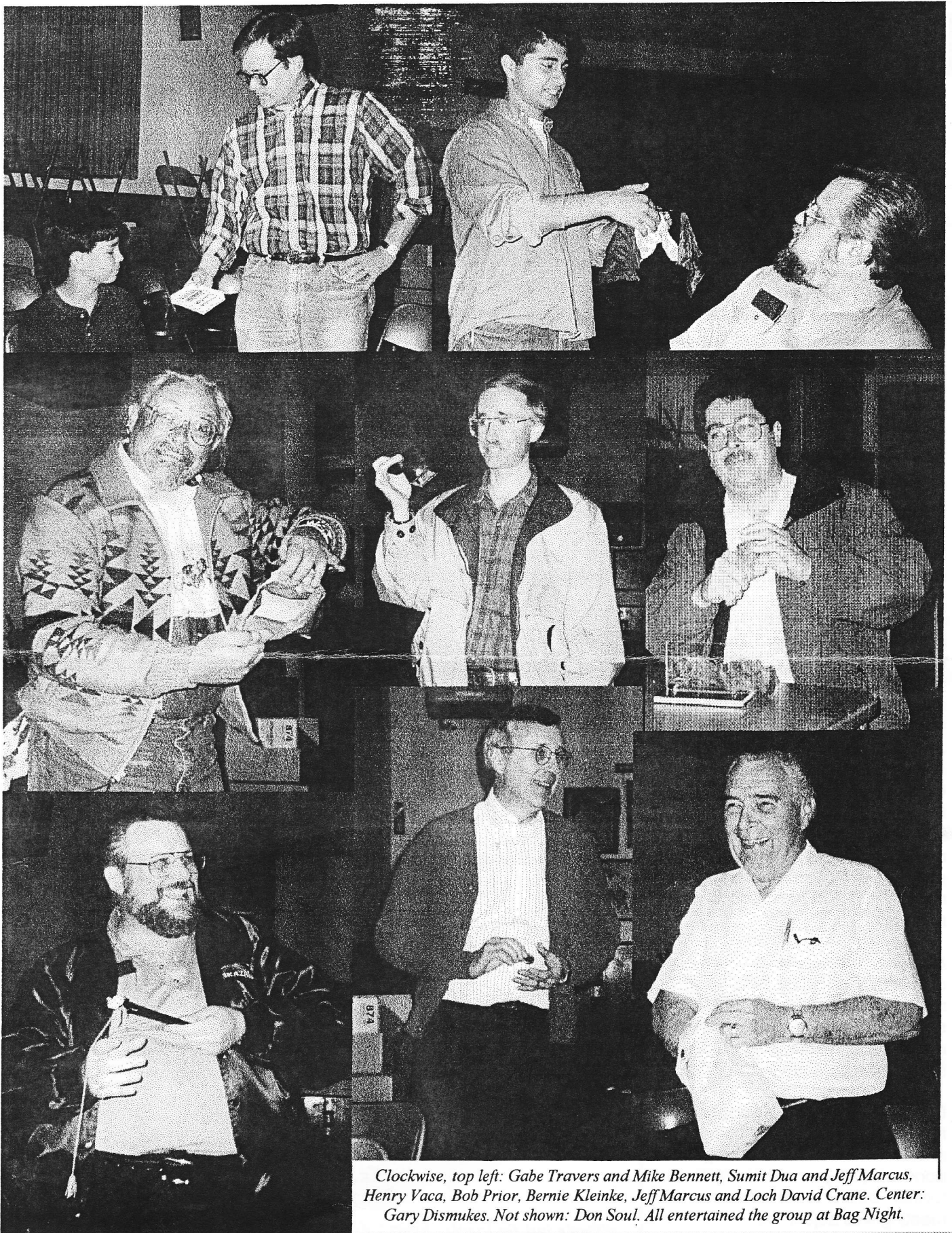
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Attending the April 27th meeting were **Dick** and **Julie Dale**, **Tom La Chance**, **Tom Kasner**, **Gary Schwartzwald** and **Don Soul**. Halloween Hijinks, the Ring 76 public show being out together by **Rick Bruce** and scheduled for October 23rd, was first to be discussed. The entertainers and stage crew have tentatively been chosen and the venue of the La Mesa Legion Hall was explored with the problem of parking for an expected 300+ audience. **Loch Crane's** idea of Ring members given a ticket booklet containing 12 tickets with ten to sell and two to keep was viewed skeptically and will be mentioned to Rick.

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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.



Clockwise, top left: Gabe Travers and Mike Bennett, Sumit Dua and Jeff Marcus, Henry Vaca, Bob Prior, Bernie Kleinke, Jeff Marcus and Loch David Crane. Center: Gary Dismukes. Not shown: Don Soul. All entertained the group at Bag Night.

April Board Meet

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A poster of performers for auto-graphing will be produced and food sales will be promoted during the 20 minute intermission. A follow spotlight is desired but may not be easily obtainable. Rick will be urged to attend the May board meeting for a progress report and strategy session. In relation to a public show, **Sumit Dua** has expressed an interest to Gary in donating back to the Ring 20% of Ring 76 member-purchased ticket sales for his upcoming UCSD production.

The May meeting was next as the board reviewed teacher candidates. Four members were selected and will be contacted by Don.

A review of the officer installation banquet plans showed that things are fairly well solidified and are going as planned. Regarding the election, Gary reminded us that **Gabe Travers**, **Sherry Luft** and **Jeff Marcus** are on the nominating committee which will seek out those interested in running for office in addition to the board recommendations. Those who attend meetings regularly and are interested in the decision-making process of the Ring should consider running.

A report from Julie on the April dues drive indicates \$780 in dues raised. The board agreed that Julie should follow-up in trying to contact members of years past to see if they'd care to return to the Ring.

Dick reported that arrangements for rent at the Legion Hall are loose and comfortable - in the neighborhood of \$25 per month. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.



The A.C.E.S. joined in the fun at Joe Stevens' (right) Desert Magic Seminar in Las Vegas last March. Joe is seen operating his ventriloquist dummy as KGTV's Jack White assists.



Seated, left to right, Don and Donna Soul, Bob Ingalls, Julie and Dick Dale and, standing, Jeff Marcus and Ralph Mauzy attended Jeff McBride's reception program at Seminar XXI.



"That's just the trouble, Agnes . . . the magic hasn't gone out of our marriage."

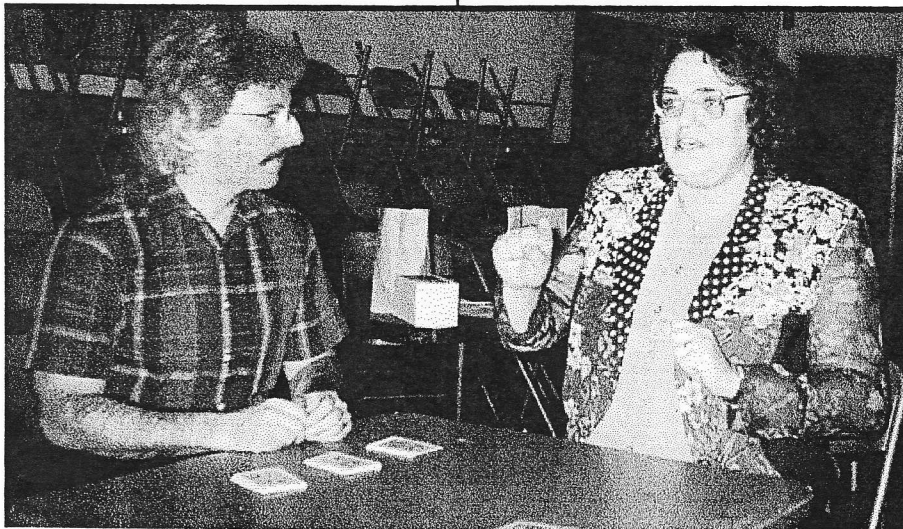
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Sumit Dua showed us three loose silks in a plastic holder which then miraculously became knotted together. After that, **Loch David Crane** came up and plucked invisible face cards from the air, materialized them into a paper bag then asked five members of the audience to merely think of their selections. Lo and behold they were the cards announced. Our next performer was teen wonder **Gabe Travers** who tore up an entire deck of cards, placed them into the paper bag and pulled out one and only one whole card: the Ace of Spades. Clever.

Henry Vaca performed Silks Between and he did surprisingly well without the printed directions. **Jeff Marcus** next baffled us with Chinese Sticks, a routine many of us thought would be a sure-fire winner for a certain German magician at the Desert Magic Seminar competition last month. Jeff equaled, if not surpassed, that performance. **Gary Dismukes** followed and set aside his assigned colored blocks prop to

use his Rocket Box "de-atomizer" and proceeded to produce various colored silks called out from the audience. Jeff Marcus returned to the stage to demonstrate the colored blocks in box routine. He placed the blocks into the box, closed the doors then drove a knife straight through all the holes of each block. Upon opening the box, the two colored blocks named by the audience fell out and the other two remained. **Bernie Kleinke** showed us a white-faced disk which he rubbed on his red sweater and it changed to red. Amazing. **Bob Prior** next gave us Gypsy Floss performed with used dental floss obtained from an actual gypsy. Don Soul closed the show with his own variation of Card at Any Number using Juan Tamariz's Perpendicular Control then proceeded to levitate the chosen card. It seems impromptu magic has almost become the thrust of Ring 76 ever since our Bob Markwood lecture in October and, aside from keeping us on our toes, provides for a hilarious evening of fun each time we do it.



Julie Dale, right, performs her Pass-the-Mat trick for Gary Schwartzwald.

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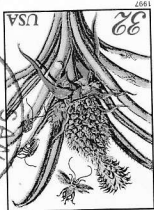
It's still not too late to enter the June Stand-Up contest. If you've always wanted a chance at putting an act together and "WOW" the audience, now's the time to do it! Call Dick Dale at (619) 562-7379 and tell him to make room for you and your dynamite act then go for it at the June 8th meeting.

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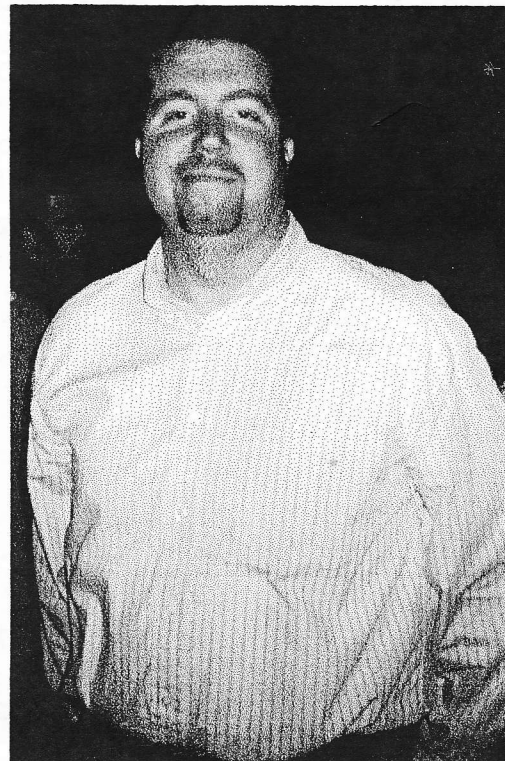
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What's Happening

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| 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 |
| June 8 | 6:30 pm American Legion Hall - La Mesa
theme: Stand-Up contest |
| June 22 | 7:00 pm Board meeting
home TBA |
| July 13 | 6:30 pm Jack White's Magic Place
Annually officer installation banquet |



Doug Brewer