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President's Message

by Gary Schwartzwald

Most, if not all, of us joined the magic ring so we could see, learn and hear about magic. Well, here is a brief sample of what is coming up. In September, Tom La Chance and I will be teaching at the pre-meeting, Julie Dale will do a Pass-the-Mat trick, Ring 76 members will perform at Sweetwater Elementary and Craig Stone will present a lecture by Jeff McBride.

October will have Magic Week with Ring 76 being honored by civic leaders, local collectors will share some of their treasures at the Ring meeting and then Aldo Columbini provides us with a dealer demo as well as another Pass-the-Mat trick. Wow!! Not a bad start especially if you throw in a July performance and lecture by Max Howard and an August lecture from David Neighbors.

Many thanks to Dick Dale for arranging several Proclamations honoring Ring 76 during

Magic Week in October. This should bring recognition and support to our Ring. The Sweetwater Elementary school show will also provide us an opportunity to reach out to the community, practice our skills and bring in a few dollars to the treasury. Thank yous to Mike Stilwell, Dick Dale, Paul Thomey and the other members who will be performing. It looks like there will be a lot of good magic in our near future. Our next meeting theme is comedy so show up and make us laugh. See you at the meeting.

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The September 14th meeting will emphasize comedy magic. Anyone with a flair for presenting magic in a comedic vein is asked to perform. Our last comedy night one year ago at Patches was terrific.

The pre-meeting, beginning at 6:30, will offer a rope and string teach-in. See you at the Legion Hall in La Mesa.

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Ring 76 August Meeting

by Don Soul, secretary

This month's meeting started off with introductions by our new official greeter, **Jeff Smith**. Presented was veteran **Bill Todd** whose closet is so full of props he's decided to unload them. There's a possibility that some of them might find their way into the monthly raffle prize collection. A surprise audition for Ring 76 membership by **Debbie Travers** (formerly known as **Gabe Travers**' mother) was next. She gave us a couple of interesting card tricks, a scissors cut matrix puzzle, a prediction involving three numbered cards placed any way desired on the table and closed with a silks-between effect. Good job, Debbie. More to come?

Afterwards, **Todd Reis** of Ring 313 introduced our guest lecturer for the evening, **Dave Neighbors**. Dave's technical handling of coins is right up there with David Roth and much of his mentoring came from Ed Marlo. Without revealing his presentation, suffice to say he dazzled us with coins across and other coin effects (including a devilish sound effects device), a nice four coin/two-card matrix and a couple of clever card routines as well as a bounce/no-bounce rubber ball trick, which was delightful. The extensive lecture gave us all more ammunition to use in our entertainment ventures.



Ring 76 August Board Meeting

by Gary Schwartzwald

Attending this August 24th meeting was attended by **Dick Dale**, **Julie Dale**, **Tom La Chance**, **Ralph Mauzy**, **Paul Thomey** and **Gary Schwartzwald**. The first topic of discussion was the September meeting. Gary and Tom will lead a pre-meeting teach-in showing some ring-and-string type effects. The September meeting theme is Comedy and board members will be calling the membership reminding them to attend and encouraging people to perform.

The October meeting was then discussed. Dick will contact a few people to present a Collector's Showcase pre-meeting. Suggested speakers include

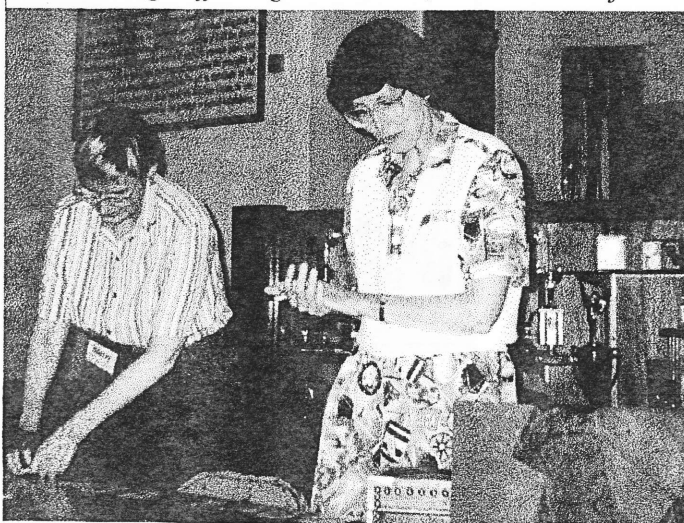
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About Ring 76...

- 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.



Left, David Neighbors gave us a great lecture. Right, Jeff Smith has become the Ring's official greeter. Below, Debbie Travers fools Sherry Luft.



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August Board Meeting

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Dick Dale, **Jack White** and Tom La Chance as well as several others. The October meeting theme is a dealer demo and thanks to Dick Dale it will feature **Aldo Columbini**. Aldo's a big favorite in the Ring. Great work, Dick.

October 25th through 31st is Magic Week. Dick Dale has arranged presentations of Proclamations for Ring 76. One is October 20th at 3:00 by El Cajon Mayor Joan Shoemaker and the other will be presented by Greg Cox, San Diego County Board of Supervisors on October 27th. Maybe even more to come. Sounds like Dick has had a good month for the Ring.

A public show for Sweetwater Springs Elementary will be held on September 24th. Dick, Paul Thomey and **Mike Stilwell** are arranging the show. **Rick Bruce** will pursue a venue for a larger public show. If you have any great suggestions please contact Rick.

The board agreed to sponsor a few lectures to bring in both some top names and a few dollars. The board will pursue bringing magicians such as (but not limited to) **J.C. Wagner, Johnny Thompson, Paul Gertner** and **Peter Pit**.

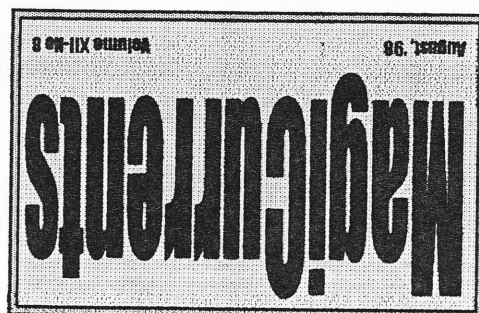
April's lecturer, Doug Brewer, received a half page photo spread in the August 20th issue of the Rancho Bernardo News-Journal. Doug took first place at the recent SAM Close-Up competition in New Orleans and will be performing at the Magic Castle October 19-25.

Did anyone catch Joel Bauer on Howie Mandel's show Thursday, August 27th? He was up to his usual mental phenomenon, which he carries off with regularity at trade shows across the nation.

The new, improved Ring 76 website is online. Want to see plenty of pics and a great promo for our group? Then you've got to visit CMSS.LIMAX.COM/RING76/RING76.HTM.

Thanks to the diligence of Tom Kasner, you're in for a treat when you visit our site. Archived pictures galore. Find out what the Ring is all about by *getting on the web NOW. Links to many magical sites are also listed. Be sure to let Tom know it's great.

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AT THE CASTLE

What's Happening

- September 14 6:30 pm American Legion Hall - La Mesa
theme: Comedy magic
pre-meeting: Rope and string teach-in
- September 28 7:00 pm Board meeting
Gary Schwartzwald's home
- October 12 6:30 pm American Legion Hall - La Mesa
theme: Dealer's night
pre-meeting: Collector's corner
- October 25-31 Magic heritage week
- October 26 7:00 pm Board meeting
- November 9 6:30 pm American Legion Hall - La Mesa
theme: Mentalism/mental magic
pre-meeting: Rubber band teach-in

September 7 - 13	September 14 - 20	September 21 - 27
CLOSE-UP GALLERY Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 Jeff Farmer Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30 Johnny Ace Palmer	CLOSE-UP GALLERY Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 Wesley Edberg Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30 Andrew Goldenherish	CLOSE-UP GALLERY Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 Bruce Cervon Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30 David Malek
PARLOUR Early - 7:45 - 8:45 - 9:30 Chris De Palma Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15 Bob Markwood	PARLOUR Early - 7:45 - 8:45 - 9:30 Matt Marcy Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15 Robert Baxt	PARLOUR Early - 7:45 - 8:45 - 9:30 Mike Elkan Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15 John Carney
PALACE of MYSTERY 8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15 David Avadon Eric Bass Enrico De La Vega	PALACE of MYSTERY 8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15 Guy Bark Ice MacDonald Bob Borgia	PALACE of MYSTERY 8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15 Jonathan Neal Hans Davis Joel Hodgson
SUNDAY BRUNCH PARLOUR Children's Shows 12:15 - 1:15 - 2:15 Jeanine Anderson	SUNDAY BRUNCH PARLOUR Children's Shows 12:15 - 1:15 - 2:15 Jeff Martin	SUNDAY BRUNCH PARLOUR Children's Shows 12:15 - 1:15 - 2:15 Joe Monti

Lectures

(for magician members only)

- Sep 13 Bob Markwood Bob is a well-known magician whose "Poof" books are considered the top standard for entertaining children. He will debut his latest book "Poof, you're a Pro" with new, audience-tested material.
- Sep 20 Milt Larsen This will be a very special lecture for both Magician and Associate members at 3:30 PM in the Palace of Mystery.
- MILT LARSEN has spent his entire life in magic. He will talk about his life as part of the Larsen Family of Magicians, growing up in the Thayer Studio of Magic, how "It's Magic!" came to be, writing for "Truth or Consequences" and the events that led to the creation of the Magic Castle. Milt will illustrate the lecture with tricks, gags and video clips.
- Sep 27 Mark Jenest Mark will lecture on original close-up magic with emphasis on highly commercial routines using only natural props. This material is featured in his new video AMiracles while you wait.