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President's Message

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Swap Meet and/or Auction. Through the contributions, efforts and generosity of our members, Ring 76 ended up increasing our treasury by about \$400 dollars. It was a much needed boost and I really appreciate each person's contribution, whether it was financial or behind the scenes activity.

I just read a novel titled 'The Houdini Girl' by Martyn Bedford. It is a mystery that has a great deal of magic in it. The magician's girl friend is killed and while he searches for her killer he discovers another aspect to her life. It takes place in England and Amsterdam. There is a fair amount of slang (and foul language) that takes a little while to adjust to. It is a different type of book but I enjoyed it and would recommend it if you like magic fiction, mysteries, and don't easily get thrown off by a different use of language.

April is dues months so please re-join Ring 76 and enjoy the Whit Haydn lecture which is our scheduled meeting in April. The lecture is \$15 to non-members. While you're paying your dues remember to bring along a new member that would benefit from what our Ring has to offer. I'll see you in April. Enjoy the magic of life.

Gary S

VALENTINO TO MAKE RARE APPEARANCE!

April Fools!! Sorry, buddy. Not at THIS club! We've got a world-class performer named Whit Haydn giving a lecture at this month's meeting and you can't afford to miss it. It's dues night and any member with twenty bucks ready to reinstate their membership are welcome to attend this lecture FREE! If you're not a member it'll cost you \$15. Incentive in place, get ready for an entertaining evening from one of magic's most prolific performers. Whit has done it all from cruises aboard the QE2, Ceasar's Palace, consultant to David Copperfield and awards for stage and parlour Magician of the Year at the Magic Castle. Let's have a big turn out. If you have a friend who is interested in magic, by all means bring him or her along. They won't be disappointed. 6:30 pm at the American Legion Hall in La Mesa, 8118 University Avenue.

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March Meeting

by Don Soul, secretary

The March meeting brought in eight tables of used magic for sale at our annual swap meet, held prior to the evening's auction. Lots of excellent magic props and books were snatched up at bargain prices during the hour-long sale. Don Bromley's offerings were mostly stage props while Tom La Chance, Marcus Day and J.P. Jackson let some of their excellent books go. Roy and Betty Armstrong, as usual, sold some fine children's show props and Bill Monroe and Paul Thomey were back closing out a vast selection of their video tapes. Dick Dale had some classic close-up and mentalism effects for sale and Loch David Crane also brought

in some interesting items. (Sorry if I forgot anyone).

The auction was a bigger success than last year, as treasurer Julie Dale had hoped, bringing in a total (including swap meet table space) of \$446!! Ilene Peiser and Bryan McDaniel (with the help of his daughter) managed to do some ferocious bidding and walked away with a car trunk-full of exciting items. Bryan's purchase of Tom Kasner and Jeff Smith's clever Lie Detector helmet was a steal!

The board is genuinely appreciative of the enthusiastic response from those member/bidders attending the March meeting and extend their most sincere thanks.

Board Meeting

by Don Soul, secretary

The March 22nd board meeting took place at Don Soul's home. Those attending were Gary Schwartzwald, Dick and Julie Dale, Ralph Mauzy, Paul Thomey and Tom La Chance. A recap of the swap meet was deemed a success by all. Whit Haydn is set for lecture duties at the April "dues night" meeting. The May meeting themes were defined with Chris Portillo and Jack Evans available to present The History Of Cards and Tom La Chance will perform the pass-the-mat.

The venue for our July installation banquet was determined to be the American Legion Hall main showroom with catering by

Ranch Caterers. Dick will secure the room and Gary will arrange things with Ranch. The installation performer is still up in the air with three magis in mind: Nick Lewin, Mike Caveney or Kendrick "Ice" McDonald as our goal. Nick Lewin was contacted by e-mail at the end of the meeting but there has been no response in two weeks.

Tom La Chance suggested a venue for any other fund-raising type of activity if needed for July or August: that being the J St. Marina RV Park rec room in Chula Vista. There are no plans at this time to set up a show but other members are encouraged to contact Tom if they have an idea.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.



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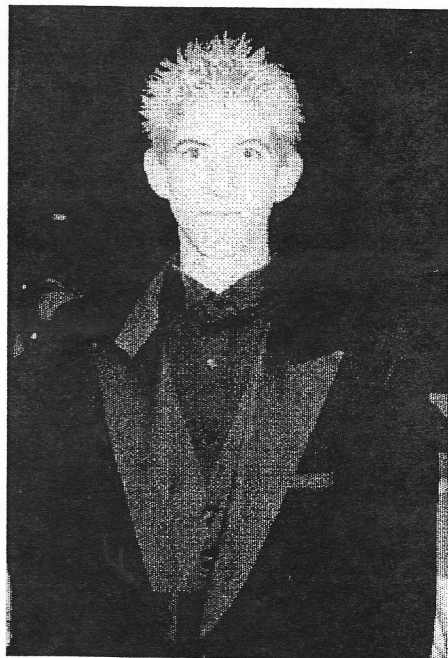
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Thanks from the A.C.E.S.



Josh Hall

Rick Bruce and the rest of the members of A.C.E.S. wish to take this opportunity to thank all of the Ring 76 members - and especially those attending the competition - for showing their support for Josh Hall, who won second place at this year's World Magic Seminar juniors contest. If the popular vote had its way - as evidenced by the thunderous ovation from an appreciative audience of over 1,000 - Josh would have taken first place with his classic presentation.

There was unanimous agreement among San Diegans Ralph Mauzy, Bob Ingalls, Josef Rennleitner, Jeff Marcus, Tom La Chance, Dick and Julie Dale, Don and Donna Soul, Gary Salisbury and Jack White that it was glitz over talent which impressed the judges and robbed Josh of the title. Well, there's always next time! Congratulations!

Magic in the Air

Entertainment is needed for Thursday, April 22nd at 5 pm for the Sharp Mesa hospital. Contact Lynne Lurie at 694-8413. No pay but probably a free dinner.

Thursday, May 20th at 7 pm in Hollywood at the Women's Club at La Brea and Franklin presents the 4th Biennial Festival of the Society of American-Canadian Deaf Magicians. See Don Soul at the April meeting for the flyer.

The likely date for David Blaine's second special is

Wednesday, April 14th on ABC at 10 pm. It is entitled "Black Magic", taped in the Southern U.S. and Hati.

The PCAM conference is set for August 6-9th in Orange County. Call Bill Pearce at (714) 498-4500 for details.

Magic Castle Online

For those of you who are members of the Magic Castle and have a password for their internet web site Members Only section, check it out this month. Look in the Shuffled Deck contributor's page and you will find Loch David Crane's Bafflin' Bill Cody lecture notes from his 1997 Euro Tour. These notes draw on 30 years worth of experience.

Also in the Shuffled Deck section is Billy McComb's presentation of the Invisible Deck. You'll get some great ideas.

The Ring 76 website is online. Want to see plenty of pics and a great promo for our group? Want to find out what's in our library? Then visit

[CMSS.LIMAX.COM/RING76 / RING76.HTM](http://CMSS.LIMAX.COM/RING76/RING76.HTM)

Find out what Ring 76 is all about by getting on the web now! Links to many magical sites are also listed.

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.

at the Magic Castle

April 19 - 25	April 26 - May 2	May 3 - 9
CLOSE-UP GALLERY Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 Armando Vera Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30 Tom Ogden PARLOUR Early - 7:45 - 8:45 - 9:30 Lawrence Leyton Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15 David Sandy PALACE of MYSTERY 8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15 Tom Burgeon Margaret Steele Gerry/Leonora Frenette SUNDAY BRUNCH PARLOUR Children's Shows 12:15 - 1:15 - 2:15 J. C. Dunn *	CLOSE-UP GALLERY Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 Bob Busch Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30 Steve Valentine PARLOUR Early - 7:45 - 8:45 - 9:30 B.J. Hickman Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15 Rafael Benatar PALACE of MYSTERY 8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15 Larry Clark Jerry Lane Loren C. Michaels SUNDAY BRUNCH PARLOUR Children's Shows 12:15 - 1:15 - 2:15 Tom Ogden *	CLOSE-UP GALLERY Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 Simo Aalto Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30 Rafael Benatar PARLOUR Early - 7:45 - 8:45 - 9:30 Bruce Cervon Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15 Mike Elkan PALACE of MYSTERY 8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15 Chris Broughton Craig Dickens SUNDAY BRUNCH PARLOUR Children's Shows 12:15 - 1:15 - 2:15 Monique *

Lecture Schedule for magician members only

Lectures are normally held at 3:00 P.M. on Sundays, in the Parlour

Apr 11 Dominique Duvivier Dominique lives in Paris, France, and is one of the most eminent, creative magicians you will ever see. He has lectured around the world, written many books and put out more than a dozen video tapes of his work. He will be performing all shows in the Close-up Gallery.

Apr 18 Fukai Fukai is from Japan and is well-known around the world for his beautiful, colorful stage act performed with his wife Kimika. His lecture will be on what he calls "Special misdirection" in which he is a true master. He will also demonstrate and explain his new Kabuki streamer.

Apr 25 Armando Vera Originally from Mexico, Armando now lives in Las Vegas and works closely with his friend Joaquin Ayala. We have seen Armando's exquisite card work a few times in the Castle. Now he will explain the modus operandi and subtleties behind his work. This gentleman is from New Hampshire and specializes in family magic shows for all ages. He will share some 'tricks of the trade' in working with children as well as his ideas on the importance of injecting lots of humor into his shows.

May 2 B.J. Hickman Simo comes to us all the way from Finland. This will be his first visit to the Magic Castle, where he will both perform and lecture for us. He came in a very close second place at the last FISM convention and should delight our close-up magic enthusiasts.

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GO FOR IT! SIGN-UP FOR THE JUNE STAND-UP CONTEST NOW!

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 12th American Legion Hall-La Mesa 6:30 pm
Dues Night and free-to-members lecture by
Whit Haydn

April 26th Board Meeting 7:00 pm
Don Soul's home

May 12th American Legion Hall-La Mesa 6:30 pm
theme: money tricks
pre-meeting: the history of cards

May 24th Board Meeting 7:00 pm
Don Soul's home

Forwarding and address correction requested