International Brotherhood of Magicians

Ring 6



The Apparition



A Wisch Come True

Our April meeting on April 10th will feature a lecture by Bill Wisch. He has been a world-class creator and performer of sleight-of-hand magic as an art form. His effects and methods are primarily original and have mystified the finest magicians in the world.

In 1973 he began studying with the legend, TONY SLYDINI, probably the most influential, pure sleight-of-hand expert and teacher of general magic in the 20th century. In 1976 Bill was sponsored by SLYDINI to lecture nationwide from his long awaited book, "THE BEST OF SLYDINI AND MORE". He lectured SLYDINI'S methods and techniques, as well as his own, to thousands of magicians in 36 cities, and is the only student ever honored by SLYDINI in this way.

Another national tour followed the publication of the companion volume, "THE MAGICAL WORLD OF SLYDINI" in 1978. Each tour was a resounding suc-

cess and established Bill as a major performer, inventor, contributor and influence on the world magic scene.

Since then Bill has presented over 400 lectures to his peers with his video's, books, articles and theories about sleight -of-hand being so innovative that literally thousands of magicians around the world have adapted and adopted them.

Over the years practically every magic periodical has had at least one of his articles or effects, but the "Special Bill Wisch issue" of GENII in September 1984 was exclusively his and according to the late publisher Bill Larsen, one of the most requested backissues in the entire history of the magazine.

Bill is also the largest manufacturer of handcrafted card tricks in the world. In 1975 he was looking for an easy effect that he could make and sell during his upcoming, Slydini lectures. He discovered a little-known, five card trick



Bill Wisch



in "The Dai Vernon Tribute To Nate Leipzig" and, after creating a new design and manufacturing method for the complicated cards, introduced to a brand new audience of magicians, the now classic, "PRINCESS CARD TRICK". For over 30 years he has handcrafted and sold more than 20,000 sets of this one effect alone...far surpassing any other hand-crafted card trick in history.

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Meeting Times: April 10, 2006

7:00 PM Doors Open
7:15 PM Dealer Tables

7:45 PM Social Time

8:00 PM Business Meeting

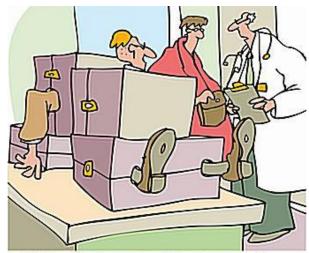
8:30 PM Bill Wisch Lecture

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The Funny Side





"Bring in the rest of the boxes if you want, but I'm telling you, I've seen this before. He's fine. It's just a magic trick."

March Schedule at a Glance

April 5th SAM 181
Johnny Cee Lecture 7:30 PM
First United Methodist Church
187 Stockton St.
Hightstown, NJ

March 13th IBM Ring 6
Bill Wisch Lecture 7:00 PM
C.C. Hancock Memorial United
Methodist Church
542 Wesley Rd.
Springfield, PA 19064

April 20th SAM 4
Boris Wild Lecture
7:00 PM
Polish American Home Association
9150 Academy Rd.
Philadelphia, PA

Members in the News

Richard Gustafson was named the Dean of the Magicians' Alliance of Eastern States at their convention on September 10. 2005. Dick was President of the S.A.M 1973-1974 and was very active on the S.A.M. convention committee. He is a senior member of Assembly #4 of the S. A. M., a long standing member of IBM Ring 6 and is a member of the S.A.M. Hall of Fame.

We have many talented members and we are very fortunate to be able to get to know some of the best in the magic world. Dick Gustafson is one of those members. If you haven't met Dick, take the time the next time you see him. He always has an interesting tale and has a great depth of knowledge of magic in general.



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Not Just Routine

Muscle Pass Basics



Hold a fairly large coin at the fingertips.



Press it into position using one or two fingers. You have to try out different spots placing the coin in your hand, and find out what's best for you. Your guideline should be a high classic palm.



Lock the coin with the base of the thumb pressing a piece of flesh above the coin. Increase the pressure, and it will pop out of the grip.

President's Corner

As many of you who attended last month's meeting know, the club is having a small financial crisis. After discussing the issue and taking into consideration some of the suggestions submitted, the committee and I have decided to implement the following:

1.) Annual dues will be raised to \$25 from the current \$20. However, this will not take effect until May of this

year. All those who have paid or will pay by May can still take advantage of the \$20 rate for 2006. If you are not sure if you have paid for this year, please check with Bob Jensen.

2.) There will be a \$5 fee for all guests at every non-lecture meeting, and \$15 for lectures. Members will either still get in for free or continue to pay the \$5 fee for lectures. All

"members" who are not up to date on their dues, will be assessed the guest rate.

It was not an easy decision to come up with these changes but we felt that in order to consistently bring in quality lecturers and to continue having enjoyable, informative meetings in a comfortable environment, these steps were necessary.

Ring 6 Report

The March meeting brought us some fantastic magic from Marc DeSousa, George Hample, and Joe Mogar. Three of our own talented magicians sharing some marvelous effects with us. Marc taught various moves and routines with the linking rings. To see him perform this staple of magic was like seeing it for the first time. Marc also showed us what size rings to use in different venues.

George Hample regaled us with the wonders of the Palmo Ball. He taught us the proper handling of that gimmick and did a masterful job. George makes to look so effortless. One of the effects he demonstrated was a method of changing the color of a silk from yellow to blue. The beauty of George's method is that every move is natural and each has a specific purpose. And lastly we were very fortu-

nate to have Joe Mogar show us the great creativity of thimble manipulation. This writer has not seen thimble magic done so well in years. Joe showed us how to palm a stack of thimbles and produce them one by one. They seemed to come from thin air. Each was a different color and they were very visible when they appeared. Thank you to all three of our wonderful members for teaching us.

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Submit Articles to "The Apparition"

The Apparition is your newsletter as much as it is any other member's of Ring 6. We encourage you to submit your ideas, articles, tricks and anything else that you may think of to make it better for all. It is a big job to create the entire newsletter all alone every month. I am happy to do it, but all of your voices will make it more enjoyable to the membership. Feel free to bring your articles to any Ring 6 meeting and I will include them in the next issue. You can also email your content to me at:

dshale@ccn1.com.

The newsletters are going to be published two weeks prior to each meeting. This will allow time for the post office to deliver them to the recipi-

ents that receive them through the mail. That means that the deadline for any contributions from the members is the last Monday of the month. Articles that are submitted after that date will be placed in the following issue.

It may take a village to raise a child, but it takes an entire Ring to produce a great newsletter.

David S. Hale—Newsletter.

