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Monthly get together for February 2013 - Shelton Jayasekera

The monthly get together for the month of February was held at 156 (Vishmithapay) on 24.02.13 commencing around 10.00am.

The following members were present.

Terry Amarasekera, C Gamage, Priyantha Gamage, Chrisantha Silva, Samantha Nanayakkara, Shelton Jayasekera, Lilani de Mel, Ranjitha Ratnapala, W A K Weerawardana, Himasha Peiris, Suranjith de Soysa, Amarasiri Wijesinghe, Shantha Pushpa Kumara, S K Dhanapala, Franklin Hewavitharana, Rohan Jayasekera, G H Fernando, Dinesh Thangavel, M U D Cooray and Devsiri Fernando.

A guest of M U D Cooray Mr. Lasantha was also present.

Messages of excuse was received from the following - Elrea, Botheju, Joy, Kumaraage and Thusitha.

VP/GS Mr Devsiri Fernando welcomed all those who were present especially senior member Lilani de Mel who was with us after a fairly long lapse. He spoke about the visit of Mr.

Fred and told that he has given a report to the President. He also announced about the AGM which is to be held on 24.03.13 and about the lunch which the Council decided to give the members free of charge at the AGM.



The main event for the day was Mini Card Contest. Six contestants took part. A separate report on this event will be given elsewhere in this issue.

Comments regarding the contestants were made by VPs Rohan and Shelton.

Training class was held by VP Shelton where he covered some points and acts he missed during last few classes.

Refreshments which were received from Dr. Kirthi was served during the interval.

Comments regarding contests and general performances were made by C. Gamage and Dinesh Thangavel. After the presentation Two contestants Mr. Franklyn and Dr. Weerawardana gave their comments regarding the past contests.

The get together terminated around 1.00pm.

AGM
The AGM of your Magic Circle is on 24th March. Coming Sunday. Please be present without fail.

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FREE LUNCH

Lunch will be given to the members free of charge at the AGM.

Vegetarians please inform the Secretary in advance on 072-2251420.



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Beginning Magic: Your First Show

By Wayne Kawamoto, About.com Guide

Many beginners know how to perform simple magic tricks, but few think about putting them together into an entertaining set or show. Here's advice on taking those tricks and organizing them into a set. We'll even use some tricks explained here on the site. For purposes here, we'll aim for about ten minutes worth of material with three or four tricks.

Professional magicians generally think of their shows as consisting of three parts: the opener, middle material and closer. The opener is a fast and flashy effect that catches spectators' attention. In the middle, you can perform more involved tricks that require additional setup and take longer to reach their conclusions. Your closer should be your strongest effect so you can leave the best possible impression in your spectators' minds. The closer is the last thing that your audience will remember about your set.

I feel strongly that it's best to vary effects and use different props. It's fine to perform an entire set with playing cards, but do keep the effects varied. For most performers, it's not a good idea to have spectators continually pick cards for ten minutes just so you can find them.

Opening

As mentioned earlier, the opener should be fast and visual. One effect that can work for this is the Color Changing Handkerchief. Here, you appear to make a handkerchief of one color change colors by simply pushing it through your hand. A fast and flashy card effect that can work as an opener is "Fast Find." And there's that rubberband effect that we call "The Jumping Rubberband."

Middle Ground

For middle material, a good effect is a Svengali Deck, a gimmicked card deck that allows you to quickly find a selected card and perform other impressive effects. Other card tricks that can work well as middle material are "Aces From Your Pocket," "Incredible Spelling" and "The Reversed Card" You might also try some mentalism with "The Killer Prediction."

The Closer

You'll want to end with some strong material. For this, you may consider learning and performing "Cups & Balls. While professional magicians perform stunning, advanced versions of this magic classic, beginning magicians can purchase simple, pre-packaged versions that result in a mystifying sequence. Another strong closer could be "Professor's Nightmare," the classic rope trick.

SLMC TV Channel

A new Television Station is due to begin shortly. They would be providing their service through broadband connections. Subscribers to this service could watch television not only on TV sets but also on computers and mobile phones which are connected to the internet (Smart phones as they are known).

SLMC is making arrangements to have a channel of our own. This will be totally under the control of the Circle and will be broadcasting 24 hours a day. To the best of our knowledge not even IBM has a TV channel.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for all members of the Magic Circle. Members who wish to appear on this channel are kindly requested to contact the Secretary for details.

Your own Circle! Your own Channel!

WANTED FOLIAGE PLANTS

Please donate foliage plants to beautify the SLMC premises.

Contact VP Rohan inform regarding this matter

Tel: 0777-158864



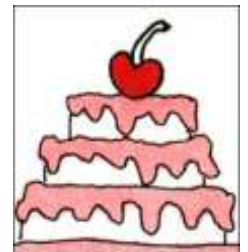
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Happy Birthday

to all members celebrating their birthdays
in the month of March

- 2nd C. Arangala
- 5th Terry Amarasekera
- 10th R.G. Bulathsinhala
- 15th Abeyratne Wickremasinghe.
- 16th Lahiru Goonawardane
- 17th S.K. Dharamapala
- 28th Ranjan Jayawardane



Bring your B'day treat on Sunday

Of course, what I've offered here are simply suggestions, based on established approaches to putting together a set and tricks that have been explained or mentioned on the site. The key is to select effects that will work best for your personality and combine them in a manner that is entertaining to spectators. And the next step? Practice, and get out there and perform.

Sent in by - VP Rohan Jayasekara

President Ronald will be returning to the island in early April after celebrating his 50th Wedding anniversary with his family in the UK

Message from President regarding Election of Office bearers to the Board & Committee



Elect only those members who are dedicated to SERVE with a Deep Interest for a Progressive SLMC Attend Meetings regularly & follow up.

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Comments from two members who regularly participated at the in the Mini Contest series concluded last month

I first got interested in Magic in 1988 through a patient of mine. However I didn't get a proper chance of learning this art until I came to the Circle about six months back. Now I feel that I'm really learning properly the art of magic. The Mini Contest helped me a lot in this regard.



Dr. Kirthi Weerawardena

Even though I practiced tricks at home when I came for the monthly meeting I feel too nervous to perform in front of senior magicians. Therefore I used to go home without performing. Because of the series of Mini contests I have got over my fear of performing.



Franklin Hewavitharane

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Annual report of the VP Contests - Suranjith de Soysa

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Magician of the Year
VP Contests Suranjith announced a few months ago that the Magician of the Year Contest will be held in 2013. He called for applications. However he regrets to inform that not a single member has informed him of their intention of participating. In order for this contest to be held we need to have at least four or five contestants. Now that the Mini Contests are over we hope at least some of the members who took part in that will give in their names for this contest.

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CARD MAGIC BRINGS THE MINI CONTEST SERIES TO AN END

Due to the non-conducting of contests in the recent past, the Board decided in July 2012 to have a series of Mini Contests. The contests were decided to cover the four areas of Coin Magic, Silk Magic, Rope Magic and Card Magic. This is the first time such a programme has been done and it was very successful. The **VP Contests Suranjith** should be congratulated for all his efforts.

Overall eleven members took part in the four contests. Altogether we had 24 contest appearances of members. The most popular mini contest was the first contest namely the Rope Magic. Here we had eight contestants. Coin Magic was the least popular with only four people participating..

The final in the series Card Magic Mini Contest was held on 24th February. We had six contestants. Once again all participants had taken good care regarding their dress. In a keen battle **Pushpakumara** once again became the winner edging out **Franklin** by a few points. Winner received the Talent Cup, Winner's certificate and other gifts.



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Terry, Chrisantha, Dr. Kirthi, Franklin, Ranjitha, Pushpakumara
Our six Card Magic Contestants

