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The Gimmick



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Want to Bet?

Wright Writes (David Wright, President)

Our next magic meeting's performance theme is *Gambling Gimmicks*. It covers all things related to the secrets of cheating. It's an opportunity for you to show off your knowledge and skills with games of chance, bar bets, street cons, crooked carnivals and/or cheating at cards. What do you know about classic street hustles like the three-card monte, fast and loose, or the shell game? Can you demonstrate dice stacking for us? Do you own a holdout devise, mechanical aid or accessory used by crooked gamblers to cheat at poker? We want to see it.

This meeting should be a lot of fun! It covers a topic that is a personal favorite of mine. I look forward to hearing what you have to say about this fascinating subject. Please come and share your knowledge about the secrets of cheating.

The history of gambling has been documented in a number of books, one of the most famous may be 'Sharps and Flats' by John Nevil Maskelyne. This book is now available on-line at this website: sharpsandflats.com. The website itself is interesting because it is managed by the National Center for Irresponsible Gambling (NCIG), an organization dedicated to the better understanding of the benefits of pathological gambling. NCIG was founded on the strong belief that gambling is one of the traits that make people human. NCIG was established to help us unravel the mysteries of how gambling evolved from our primate ancestors to modern humans. NCIG wants to help society as a whole by debunking misconceptions and taboos about gambling and casinos. If interested, you can view the NCIG website by clicking on the link above.

The following is the suicide note of San Francisco gambler Pat Hogan, written, somewhat poignantly, upon an Ace of Hearts:

"Life is only a game of poker, played well or ill
Some hold four aces, some draw or fill
Some make a bluff and oft get there
While others ante and never hold a pair"



IBM 192 Meets at
7:00 p.m.

2nd Wednesday of each month
at Mission Oaks Community Center
4701 Gibbons Drive
Carmichael, CA 95608
<http://magic1.org/ibm192/>

(Note that SAM meetings are also at
Mission Oaks in 2015)

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Dues for 2015

Dues are \$25. To pay by mail, make a check out to Victor St. Leon, Ring 192.

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2015 Calendar and Meeting Themes

Date	Performance Theme	Additional Information
Sept. TBA	Magic Auction & Flea Market	
Sept. 9 th	Gambling Gimmicks	Mission Oaks, 7 pm
Sept. 30 th	Dan Fleshman Lecture grandillusions.com/product/dan-fleshman-lecture-ticket/	Grand Illusions, 7:30 pm
Oct. 10	Annual Mission Oaks Community Show	Mission Oaks, 7 pm
Oct. 14 th	Ghostly Animation	Mission Oaks, 7 pm
Oct. 16 - 18	Magic Festival http://www.oldsacmagicfest.com/ Facebook page	Delta King Theatre, Old Sacramento
Oct. 22	Martin Lewis Lecture	Dale & Elaine's House More details to come
Nov. 11 th	Rings, Rope, Strings & Things	Elect Officers for 2016
Nov. TBD	Magic Auction and Flea Market	(location TBD)
Dec. 2 nd (1 st Wed.)	Holiday Magic	IBM/SAM Mixer
Dec. TBD	Dale & Elaine Lorzo's 22 nd Holiday Party	Dale & Elaine's House
Dec. 9 th	NO MEETING	
Dec. 2 nd (1 st Wed.)	SAM/IBM Holiday Magic Meeting	Mission Oaks, 7 pm

Magic Library

Thanks to the efforts of Dale Lorzo, Dave Wright, Don Banks and Mary Mowder, the joint IBM/SAM Video Library has added 22 DVD's for your selection.

Some of the video titles include Michael Ammar's Easy To Master Money Miracles (#1,2 & 3), Michael Close Devious (#1 & 2), World's Greatest Magic Series, which includes Money Effects, Rope Routines, Sponge Balls, and Color Changing Knives, Dean Dill's Flip it, Aldo Columbini's Roped In and many others.

Available at meetings for check-out. Must be member of either Ring 192 or Assembly 72. See Dick LaVergne. Another benefit of being a member of the IBM and SAM.



Dan Fleshman



Exciting news; Dan has agreed to teach a SMALL group of people a detailed and hands on class specializing in close-up magic, restaurant work, pocket management and even his invisible pass recently released by Vanishing Inc. Most importantly, Dan wants you to bring something that you're current working on that you want professional help refining. This Workshop is limited to TWELVE attendees. Book your seat now by replying to this email or writing steve@grandillusions.com.

WHERE: Grand Illusions (Steve's library)
WHEN : Saturday, October 3rd, 2015
 Afternoon. (Exact time TBA)
WHAT : Close up workshop with Dan Fleshman
PRICE: \$40

August Performers
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