



The SPIRIT

The Official Newsletter of I.B.M. Ring 1
June 2022 Edition



I.B.M. Ring One Gambling Lecture by Steve Finkelstein
June 1, 7 p.m. Dielmann Recreation Center
11400 Olde Cabin Rd. Creve Coeur, MO 63141



Learn an incredible collection of amazing routines on gambling and poker demonstrations using just a regular deck of cards. You will also learn multiple techniques for cutting to the 4 aces. There will be something for every magic level from beginner to advanced.



In addition to cards Steve will share and demonstrate other entertaining gambling effects to include Endless Chain, 3 Shell Game, 3 Disk Monte, Blackjack, 3 Card Monte, and many more.

Plus, at the end, he will perform an impossible gambling effect that earned him first place in a close-up competition.



You do not want to miss this lecture by one of our own members!. Please be sure to bring your cards, chains, shells, and other gambling items. After the meeting is over, Steve will stick around for questions and others to share.

Note: There will be a limited number of new gambling items for sale.



President's Message



The June meeting will be my last meeting as President of this great prestigious IBM Ring 1 Club. It has been such an honor. After I preside over the June Board meeting, I will no longer be president. I hope that I made a little bit of difference to the club. I will not be going anywhere because I will be on the board. My hope is this club will add new and younger members as we progress through the years. When I am too old to participate, I hope to see younger and able people running our club in the future. It is so important to have younger members, so we still have a club to go to as we get older. Always remember that you can add the club to your will as a beneficiary for as little as \$100. Can you imagine the benefits we can leave to this club in hopes that it will continue long past our lifetime?

We will have a fantastic meeting June 1st with Steve Finkelstein presenting his gambling magic that he was going to show us last January. This should be great! I have a great appreciation for Steve's skills. He helped me with a trick that I was struggling with about a year ago and he knew right away what to do to help. I can't wait!

Don't forget we have two great magic shops in the St. Louis area, and they are two completely different shops. Eric's new shop in High Ridge carries the latest and greatest magic. Don't forget if you need something they don't have you can always order it. Remember if we want to keep these two great magic shops in our area, we need to support them. If we all buy something regularly, it sure helps. Don't forget that there will be a lecture at Old Time Magic in High Ridge June 2nd. Many of us are going so it will be a great time. If you are interested in meeting for dinner before we go, please let me know. Maybe we can put something together. Let's make a fun evening of it.

Thank you for such a memorable year as President. The first meeting in person last September will be the highlight of my year. Honoring two of the greats from our area, Harry and Trudy Monte and John and Virginia Apperson. I could not have put this together without the help of Steve Zuehlke. Thank you, Steve!

Don't forget that Terry Richison will be performing his show at the Blue Strawberry June 13th. It will be fun to support one of our own at this event. I am looking forward to a great time!

Let's welcome our new president, Steven Buesking. Let's welcome him and help him to achieve his goals.

Thank you,

Scott R Smith

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Ring 1 Report

by Sandy Weis et al.

At the May meeting Terry Richison volunteered to give a lecture regarding stage magic. He is one of Ring 1's members who has been performing stage magic for years. He first explained the differences between close-up, stand-up, and stage magic. Close-up is actually performing close up for a small audience and receiving their undivided attention. Stand-Up (also called parlor, cabaret, or platform magic) is performed in front of a group from approximately 30 to 100. One usually uses props and calls the volunteers up to assist with the effect. The magician can see his/her audience since stage lights are not used. Stage magic is exactly what it says-it is performed on a stage. Chris Angel and David Copperfield are well known for their stage magic. Stage magic uses lights which set the mood. The performer can't see his/her audience so he is performing more like an actor. Stage magic usually includes music, a microphone, backdrops, decorations, assistant(s), backstage crew, lighting crew, sound engineer, tech crew, etc. Stage magic is expensive to produce and also requires many rehearsals. Terry added that nowadays lights can be computerized. Also, some venues are union so these people may be involved in assisting the magicians.

Alan Zibits shared his experience being part of the backstage crew since he has assisted Terry during many of his shows. It takes a "village" to perform a stage show since so many different roles are required. Each role needs a "cue" sheet and everyone needs to know all the "cues." The show needs to be rehearsed over and over again so everyone will know their part. There are small details which need to be addressed such as packing, loading the equipment, breaking things down, etc. Most stage shows use an assistant(s) and an assistant(s) needs to be carefully picked. They need to be the right size in order to fit in the illusions but they must also be committed and know how to move around the stage.

Then, Ted Schnarre shared his experience performing a stand-up act. He brought his rolling case/stand which he customized to fit his needs. The magician's materials need to be within a hand's reach. He showed his baskets and shelves in his case. He always keeps a "cheat" sheet on hand since it reminds him what effect he will do next. He has been performing the same act for over 30 years but still uses a "cheat" sheet. He then performed his version of the Torn and Restored Newspaper effect for the members.

The entire lecture was excellent. It was so well-planned, organized and interesting. Terry projected his power point on a screen and it even included pictures. It is highly recommended to ask Terry to give this lecture at other Rings' meetings, conventions, etc. Thanks, Terry, Al, and Ted for a job well done.

Mike McClure shared the following: “Our Ring 1 Scribe,” Sandy, has asked me to give an update regarding the game I have been developing. My son and I have been busy working on our next table-top game, Mythics, Legends & Masters of Magic (working title). It is a tribute to the great magicians that came before us. Our last production, a Sherlock Holmes themed game, (viewable on my website at baskervilleproductions.com/shbsi) sold over 1000 copies in the first 4 months after its release, and is currently being considered for translation in three other languages. We hope to expand upon our global sales experience and share our Magic game, a comprehensive passion project, with a much larger audience. It has an interesting performance mechanic that gamers should love, but it also will educate them in our Art's vast history, plus reward them by teaching a mystifying (public domain) effect to the winners upon the game's completion. Our intention is to introduce that spark which ignited all of us to pursue magic after the first time we witnessed true magic and learned a secret of an effect that WE could perform. It is our hope that we will entice several generations of untapped talent to join us in keeping our avocation alive. There are three levels of magi that are featured in the game. The notable magicians being honored in the MASTER level are all real people from throughout the last two centuries that have passed away prior to January 1, 1999 (for legal reasons). LEGENDARY status showcases fabled people, spanning several thousands of years, whose magical prowess was likely exaggerated, and have become legends in their part of the globe (imagine Merlin or Dedi). The Old World Gods and supernatural beings that populated the imaginations of our earliest ancestors are also included, since they have reached reputations of MYTHIC proportions and provide the true origin and inspiration for what we perform. For an example. our International Brotherhood of Magicians logo prominently features Mercury, the ancient Roman god of magic. Cultures from around the world will have their deities represented in the game. Gameplay is quick, with every player also having action/decisions during each other's turns. There will never be a dull moment! A unique mechanic is in place whereby the large tokens bearing icons, each representing a different traditional magical effect, continue to change into other icons with every turn. As the game players take on their roles as students of the art, and are successfully mentored by the Masters, they are able to use their earned, in-game abilities to advance upon the Legendary level of magi. Once achieving Legendary status the player then strives to reach a reputation of Mythic proportions. We are providing an opportunity whereby magicians (performers, store owners, and effect creators) can have their services and products advertised for FREE. We do have a reasonable fee IF someone also wants a “bit of immortality” by having their faces incorporated into the artwork representing the age-old inspirations of our art. Current workers and magic fans can have their faces used for the LEGENDARY or MYTHIC magi (since no selfies were taken back in the day) and literally have “skin in the game.” Everyone interested in this unique opportunity to have THEIR face be used in EVERY game that we sell is encouraged to contact me at watson76754321@gmail.com for more information. The unique game mechanic is engaging to play, and our attention to the details makes it educational for both seasoned

practitioners and fans alike, but the promise for the winner to learn real magic secrets at the end of the game is our “secret sauce.” We feel that this “prize” will provide a gateway into the huge and expanding Gaming niche, and therefore expose these players to the very thing that excited each of us at the very beginning seeing a magical effect performed, and then knowing that WE can do this!!! Our expectations for this project are akin to a missionary effort ... to spread this magical opportunity to a whole new demographic of young and old gamers who are going to love magic ... even if they just don't know it yet.”

Dan Todd shared the following, “My newest creation is a Fantastic Dice effect using chess pieces laser etched on blank dice. I also made the box which is made out of PVC board and it holds 4 dice. You see random chess pieces on the dice, put the lid on, and shake to show King, Bishop, Knight, and Rook in order as on the back row of a chess board setup. You explain that in order to castle you need the Bishop and Knight to have moved away from between the King and Rook. Then you shake the box and those two places are now blank, but the King and Rook are still on the ends. You then say the pieces can castle now and with another shake of the box, the King and Rook are in the center two positions but on the others side of each other and the places on the ends are now blank!”



Silly Jilly is excited that she has more city and county festivals booked this year than in any other year. Usually festivals want her to do balloons only, but this year she's talked three of them into doing a magic show in addition to balloons. She believes her balloon animals are more special if children have gotten to know Silly Jilly the Clown from her magic show and silly pre-show meet-and-greet. Silly Jilly shared a recent experience

she had and also a lesson learned. She was hired to make balloon animals at a holiday party for forty-five minutes and then perform a magic show. Silly Jilly was asked if she would like to do the show in the foyer or basement. She regrets choosing the foyer. It looked nice since it was 8' deep, the width of four doors, and had four steps (which the children could sit on). Each time someone was at the door, an audience member stood up to let the visitors in, which interrupted her show. This kept happening about every three minutes. One male adult visitor decided he was going to participate in the show when he entered. Her show finale is blowing up her giant whoopee cushion using a hairdryer. Guess what--there was no electrical outlet in the foyer, so she had to leave the area to blow up her whoopee cushion. Everything worked out, even with these minor difficulties. The kids loved the show and even the man who joined in. However, she wanted to share with other magicians what she learned from her mistakes--don't perform in front of a door unless you've confirmed with the party host that the door will not be used. Even if the party has been going on for two hours and dinner is over doesn't mean more people aren't going to arrive. Also, even large two-level foyers may not have outlets. Thanks, Jill, for sharing these lessons.

Visitors are always welcome to Ring 1's meetings and activities.

Sandy Weis

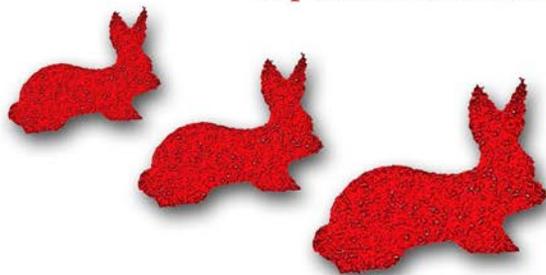


RING 1 CLOSE-UP COMPETITION

September 7, 2022, at 7 p.m.



**There will be
a beginner/intermediate division
and advanced division.**



Contestants and judges are needed.

Please contact Gary S. Chan at ring1newsletter@finderstellers.com to register.

New Officers and Board Members

Terms for officers and board members are from July 1 through June 30 of each year. This upcoming term, Scott Smith will be transitioning to the position of Past President, and Steve Buesking will be the new President. Thank you, Scott, for your work throughout this year! And thank you, Steve, for leading us in the future!

Beginning July 1, 2022, the following roles will be led by the following people:

Role	Name
President	Steve Buesking
Vice President	D. Jay Lenz
Secretary	Al Zibits
Treasurer	Sandy Weis
Board Member	Steve Finkelstein
Board Member	Terry Richison
Board Member & Webmaster	Michael W. McClure
Board Member & Past President	Scott Smith
Spirit Newsletter	Gary S. Chan

Upcoming Events

I.B.M. Ring 1, and other events nearby St. Louis (US Central time)

All events are in-person unless otherwise indicated.

Date	Event
Jun 1, 2022, at 7pm	Gambling lecture by Steve Finkelstein
Jun 2, 2022, at 7pm	Sal Piacente lecture at Old Time Magic shop
Jul 6, 2022	No meeting
Aug 3, 2022, at 7pm	Ice cream social and flea market (TBC)
Sep 7, 2022, at 7pm	Close-up competition
Oct 7, 2022, at 7pm	TBA
Oct 22, 2022	Stage shows at Florissant Civic Center Theatre • matinee and evening show
Nov 2, 2022, at 7pm	TBA
Nov 2022	Midwest Magic Jubilee (TBA)
Dec 7, 2022, at 7pm	White elephant gift exchange

There will not be a July meeting or a July Spirit. Have a great summer!

Board meetings are generally held the third Wednesday of each month over Zoom (virtual meeting), and all members are welcome to attend. To attend, please contact the President and Secretary (contact info on last page).

A free magic convention is being planned for October 22, 2022 in Peoria, Illinois. Volunteers are needed to lecture, or perform in a close-up show or evening stage show. Those interested should contact Steve Buesking (svbuesking@gmail.com or (314) 732-5678) to let him know how you want to be nominated.

Note: The Close-up competition rules will be sent out via email in June, separate from the Spirit, as well as appearing in the August Spirit.

What's Going On

Most of us receive more emails daily than we have time to read. The Spirit is a once a month email unless something special is happening. As you are reading it now, thank you.

I will try to keep things brief, but keep you informed of happenings that may appeal to you. Before I do that, I want to recognize Gary Chan. Gary is a quiet, thoughtful gentleman, who privately told me he did his mentalism act for 600 and received a standing ovation last month. If you see him, congratulate him; he is one of the good guys. You cannot imagine the amount of time and effort put forth by Gary Chan to create the Spirit monthly. Unfortunately, only 40% of our members open the Spirit newsletter. I ask that if you have read it and see another magician, ask him/her if they read it too. Word of mouth seems to be the best means of passing information but the Spirit is a good second choice.

Onto the useful: Jeff Lefton is promoting Monday Night Magic at the Blue Strawberry on Boyle in St Louis. The shows are scheduled for the second Monday of each month. The lineup for June 13 is Terry Richison doing a solo show, July 11 is Tim Shegitz and Dale Jones. Dale is a one-handed, comedy juggler. August 8 is everyone's favorite Uncle Steve Corbitt and Chuck Levy. If the owners of the Blue Strawberry continue Monday Night Magic in the Fall, Jeff will be looking for new talent. Let Jeff know if you would be interested.

Looking ahead, the Central Illinois Magic Group - composed of Springfield, Champaign, and Peoria magic groups, will host a free - yes free, one day convention. The date is October 22, 2022 and will be in Peoria, Illinois. They are looking for volunteers to lecture, or perform in a close-up show or evening stage show. If you have interest in volunteering a lecture or performing, please let me know and I will pass your name to the organizers. Additional information will be passed along as I receive it.

Two national surveys were completed on the IBM and SAM members. Both surveys confirmed members want to see magic and they want to learn more magic. Ring One does well with traveling lecturers but we could do better when we do not have an outside lecturer. The Board is committed to doing better but we need your guidance.

In June, we are sending a survey to each member. Please take two minutes to answer the questions. With your responses we will tailor the next year's meetings and lecturers to your interests. If we do not get a response from you, you may see a second or third request.

Finally, the August Ice Cream social for members and family will be back on Wednesday, August 3. This is the time to strut your stuff on things learned over summer vacation. The Board and I look forward to seeing you then.

Until then stay safe and be well.

Steve Buesking
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