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Magi-Whirl convention set for May 1

Registration for the annual Magi-Whirl convention sponsored by Ring 50 will begin bright and early on Saturday, May 1, with a full day of magic and wonderment planned.

Al Cohen, who has often been called the world's greatest magic

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demonstrator, will reflect on his many years entertaining people at his famous shop in downtown Washington as well as around the world at conventions and at venues in the Washington area such as the White House.

Steve Beam, who has edited the underground sleight of hand journal *The Trapdoor* for the last 15 years, will be another featured star of the one-day convention.

Dan Garrett, who has been performing magic professionally for nearly 30 years throughout the United States and in more than a dozen other countries, will deliver his popular Dan's Wizard Show lecture.

The location for this year's Magi-Whirl will be the Sheraton College Park Hotel in Beltsville, Maryland.

An evening magic show will cap the popular event with Denny Haney acting as the emcee. Performers will include Craig Dickson, Barry Taylor, Dan Garrett, Mauny Murray, Dick Steiner and Ring 50 contest winner. Ms. Charon Henning, known as "The Queen of the Swords," also is back.



Steve Beam

Annual auction ring theme

We will hold our annual "Spring Cleaning" auction at the May meeting of Ring 50. Remember, 10 percent of the proceeds of the sales for the night will benefit Ring 50. Payments for items on the block must be by cash or check only. If you wish to sell items, please bring them to the meeting.



Al Cohen at White House

MAY MEETING

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

PIER 7 RESTAURANT

in the

CHANNEL INN HOTEL

650 Water Street SW

Washington DC

6:00 Cocktails

6:45 Dinner

8:00 Meeting

Coming Events

Dave Shepherd Close-up Magic

Dates: Wednesdays from 7 - 9 p.m.
Place: Mama's Italian Restaurant,
9715 Lee Highway, Fairfax, Va.
Contact: 703-385-2646 or 703-623-
3952. Web site:
www.daveshepmagic.com

Lorenzo the Great Kid's Night

Date: Last Tuesday of every month
from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Place: Silver Diner Restaurant in
Tyson's Corner, 8101 Fletcher
Avenue, McLean, Va.
Contact: Larry Lipman at 703-237-
1531 or email lorenzomagic@cox.net

Open Magic Night at Barry's

Dates: May 6 and 20. Barry Taylor
serves as emcee as professional
performers, semi-pros and newcomers
appear.
Place: The Psychic Ghost Theatre
above Barry's Magic, 11234 Georgia
Avenue, Wheaton, MD 20902
Contact: 301-933-0373
Cost: \$10. Seating limited to 24

SAM Meeting

Date: May 19
Place: National Press Club, 529 14th
Street NW, Washington, D.C.
Contact: Ray Eyler at (410) 798-0176
or ceyler1026@aol.com

Lectures at Denny's

Denny & Lee Magic Studio, 325 South
Marlyn Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21221
Who: Boris Wild from France
Date: April 30 at 7:30 p.m.
Cost: \$20
Who: Silly Billy (David Kaye)
Date: June 16 at 7:30 p.m.
Cost: \$25

Who: Craig Dickson
Date: May 4 at 7:30 p.m.
Cost: \$15

Who: Tim Sonofelt
Date: May 21 at 7:30 p.m.
Cost: \$15

Who: Paul Cummins
Date: May 23 at 4 p.m.
Cost: \$15

Who: Steve Youell
Date: June 9 at 7:30 p.m.
Cost: \$15

Noland Montgomery wins Dan Lacey trophy

Noland Montgomery was declared
the winner of the second annual Ring
50 contest for the Dan Lacey Memorial
Trophy at our April meeting.

With only a handkerchief, Noland
quickly produced a cell phone and a
bottle of Coca-a-Cola®. He then
proceeded to keep the crowd chuckling,
causing three cards to mysteriously
pass through the air from a packet of
10 held by one spectator to another
packet of 10 held by another spectator.
As the 2004 trophy winner, Noland
will perform at the May 1 Magi-Whirl
convention.

Mauny Muray was a close second in
the competition. With graceful
classical music playing, he produced
five coins, had each one disappear and
land in a glass, and then all vanish
completely. It was beautiful magic in
motion.

Jason Harris, who placed third in the
lineup, opened with comedy mixed
with card and flower productions. His
lighthearted British humor continued
with a production of a glass of water
and a golf ball and silk routine. With
two volunteers, two cards were
selected. Because the room was hot,
Jason removed his necktie and passed
it magically through his body. The two
card selections were impaled on the tie.

First on the contest bill was Keith
Pass. He opened with his comedy dove
act where no doves were harmed, or
even used. His dove split caught us
all by surprise. He followed with a
touch of coin magic, and ended with a
beautiful and charming mirror
penetration routine.

Derek Jones was next with a "no
hands" card routine with volunteer
Laurie Curry. She should be
commended for being a great sport as
the butt of a few jokes throughout the
routine. With friend "Willy," mingled
with a ton of laughs, Laurie's card was
discovered. Derek's focus on cards
continued with a beautiful display of
card control as he found the four aces,
and rearranged the shuffled cards into
their separate suits with the skill of a
pro.

Next was Dwight Redman, who was
the first winner last year of the Dan
Lacey Trophy, who opened with a
classic sponge ball routine. He then
crossed mentalism with a card effect
and divined the selected card and used



THE WINNER--Noland Montgomery
receives first-place trophy from Dan
Lacey's sister Cecelia.

the cards to spell a thought of word.
Dwight closed with his version of
Martin Lewis' "Cardiographic," in
which the spectator's selection visibly
rises out of a drawing of a deck of
cards.

Geoff Weber harvested a selection of
apple magic. With a broken and
restored apple, red to gold apple, a
series of apple jokes, a bare handed
apple vanish, a floating apple, and a
production of a basket of apples, he
kept us in stitches. Greg's act was not
as seedy as it sounds and was original
to the core. (Groan!)

Ring 50 Sergeant-Of-Arms Donald
Freeman was the master of ceremonies
for the annual competition.

Dues must be paid now to avoid being expelled

Treasurer Rucj Uffelman has warned
that if your Ring 50 dues for 2004 have
not been paid, you will automatically
be suspended from membership. He is
urging everyone who has not paid to
do so at the May meeting.

Dues are \$15. Send a check, made
payable to IBM Ring 50, to:
Rucj Uffelman, 1808 Horseback Trail
Vienna, VA. 22182.

If you pay at the meeting in May,
have a check or the exact amount in
cash. Members who are suspended will
no longer receive the Ring 50 Magi-
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Web site www.IBMRing50.org*