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AGENDA FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 20th

FIVE Corners Night — 7:30 p.m. • Conference Room

Presence Saint Francis Hospital • 355 Ridge Ave. • Evanston

Check the Welcome Page on our website www.ring43.org on the day of the meeting for any meeting changes

Four Corners are So Square

So every now and again we get together and do a round robin of lectures. There are four lecturers from the club who rotate and show their stuff to all in attendance. They get to practice and perform, you members get to watch and learn. Usually, due to our room having four corners, we have four lecturers.

This time, however, we got FIVE lecturers for you! In one corner, **John Hutsebaut** will lead an interactive corner entitled “Props You Can Make for Yourself.” Starting with common items, like plastic cups, you can make props guaranteed to fool and delight a layperson. Everybody who attends will receive the materials necessary to construct at least one prop for themselves.

In the next corner, **Lynn Miner** will demonstrate and teach an in-the-hands, no-table-required version of *Fast and Loose*. If you already have a chain or shoe string you like to use, please bring it, although extras will be provided. You will receive a written copy of the patter demonstrated.

Next up, we have **Martin Mercy** demonstrating *The Flag Game*, which can be performed for close-up, parlor and stage. In addition, he will be demonstrating a three-phase soda straw effect. This corner will leave everyone with some interesting effects they can make and use in their own repertoire.

In the penultimate corner, **Ethan Schleeter** will lead a Card College corner. In it he will be teaching sleights and effects from *Card College Volume 1*.

And finally, **Julio Torres** will be teaching a close-up clinic, showing moves and effects that can be done close-up and in your face! Don't miss out on a night as packed as this.

BE A FRIEND - BRING A FRIEND

Members are always free; guests only \$5 on non-lecture nights

Last Month

Mark Mason

The March meeting featured a lecture by Mark Mason, from England. Mark has been a professional magician for over 20 years and is considered “the greatest magic demonstrator working today” according to Richard Kaufman, *Genii Magazine*. Mark has created many routines that are used world-wide by many top performers. Before introducing Mark, President Mike Kamlet announced that next month will be our Four Corners Night and the following month will feature a lecture by Adrian Vega, from Spain.

Mark began his lecture by remarking that his British accent made some people feel like they were watching a Monty Python sketch. He also remarked that he's working on a book titled *Stupid Questions People Ask at Magic*

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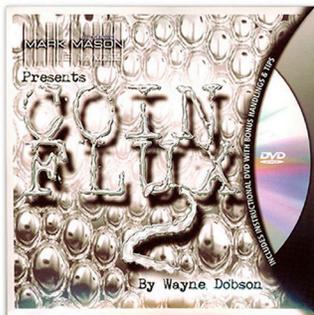
Dedicated to teaching its members to become better magical entertainers!

Last Month..... (continued)

Lectures. That being said, he was very open to audience questions and gave thoughtful and careful explanations. What stood out for me was that each effect he taught had the audience gasping during the performance, but when he explained the method everybody thought “I can do that!”

For his first effect he had **Alan Koslow** sign a card (AH), After returning the signed card to the deck, he removed three cards and began a humorous Three Card Monte. When he got to the denouement and turned the final card over, it had transformed into Alan’s signed card (*Stuck Up Monte*). He jokingly remarked that Alex Elmsley had four wives- but he never saw the third one.

Mark told a story about his friend Wayne Dobson and how they created a no-skill-required 3-coin matrix (*Coin Flux*). Three quarters were laid in a line on the table. Each coin was slowly and cleanly covered with a playing card. Without moving the cards at all, when the first card was lifted, two coins were under it. The card was replaced and when it was lifted again all three coins had appeared under it. The explanation was diabolically simple and well worth the price of admission.



Mark performed his *Card at Any Number (Exact)*. Mark had a deck and a prediction envelope on the table. A volunteer picked a number (15). He removed the deck from the pack and counted down to the fifteenth card (2H), flipping each card face up. He then opened the prediction envelope and removed a duplicate 2H. He said he could instantly repeat the effect using the same deck and a different number and the prediction card would be different! Reset for this effect is instantaneous.

Mark had **Martin Mercy** write a three-digit number on a drawing pad and pull out the page. Martin folded his sheet and handed it to another spectator. Mark then correctly discerned the number. Again, the method was simple, ingenious, and reset

instantly.

Next Mark demonstrated another mental effect, his soon-to-be-released *Eye Phone*. Martin wrote a name on a business card (his daughter Cari). Mark placed the card face down in the wallet attached to the back of his i-phone. He turned the phone over so you couldn't even see the back of the card. He then correctly revealed the name Martin had chosen.

After the break, we were treated to *No Tear 2* (Mark Mason and Andy Dallas), a stage effect with a double climax. Mark came out with pieces of newspaper sticking out from all his pockets. He read off a hilarious joke from each piece then instantly transformed them into a restored newspaper. There was a slight problem, however; there's a square missing from the front page. Mark noticed he still has one piece sticking out of his pocket. Placing the errant piece in place, he then showed the newspaper fully restored.

A deck of cards with a Post-it Note saying “You Will Pick the 8C” was shown. Mark then had Martin pick a card, When the card was shown, it wasn't the prediction card, it was the 3D. Mark peeled off the sticky note, waved it around, and showed that it now read “You Will Pick the 3D.” (*Duly Noted*)

Mark demonstrated his *Attitude Force* where a card is forced by “loading “ it onto the volunteer's finger. He then showed his *Put-and-Take* move where a card is placed in his breast pocket then instantly but secretly removed and put back in the deck.

In closing Mark observed “If they like you, it doesn't matter what you do. If they don't like you it doesn't matter what you do.”



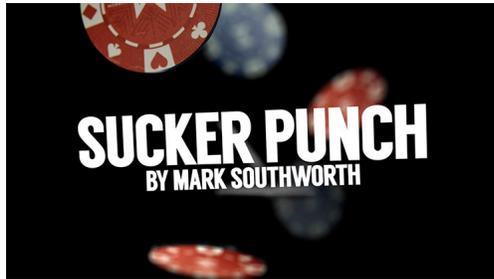
After the meeting a number of members met at Gulliver's for food and fellowship.

-John Hutsebaut

Trick Review

Sucker Punch by Mark Southworth

Review Summary: A great alternative to expensive coin gimmicks.



Have you ever wanted to try your hand at some ridiculously visual coin magic, but didn't want to put in the money to invest in high quality coin gimmicks? Well now is your chance. Say hello to *Sucker Punch*.

Sucker Punch is a set of poker chips that are gaffed to the nines to allow you to perform miracles. All of the effects you could do with a shell, sun and moon, slippery sam, and more can be done with these poker chips. It even comes with online video instructions hosted by Eric Jones.

What I like about this set is it gives you a chance to try out heavy-hitting coin magic without a huge investment. It even helps give you confidence to go out and practice in front of a group.

There are two small things that I didn't like about *Sucker Punch*. The first is that the chips are about the size of silver dollar coins, or poker chips (duh!). I am personally used to using half-dollar sized coins, so this took some getting used to, but it works to my advantage if I want to eventually move to dollar-sized coins. The second thing, however, is the chips themselves are a bit light, much lighter than coins, so the transferring from these chips to the coins may be harder than anticipated.

That being said, with this set of chips, you won't necessarily need to switch to coins. They are self contained and give you the opportunity to practice, try, and invent amazing magic with coin gimmicks at a fraction of the cost.

Review by Danny Rudnick

Sucker Punch by Mark Southworth- \$40
Available through your local magic dealer

Want to review a trick for the members of Ring 43? Talk to Danny Rudnick at the next meeting or email him at dannyrudnick@gmail.com!

THE PREZ SAYS:

"BACK TO BOOKS"

As I've written before, I enjoy reading biographies including ones about magicians. I've talked about some of my favorites and some of the "feel good" books, but this month I focus on some bios that may not have a happy ending.

The first book that comes to mind is *Pleasant Nightmares* by William Rauscher. This book tells the story of Bill Neff, one of the best spook-show performers. Bill grew up in Pennsylvania and was a childhood friend of Jimmy Stewart (they even had a magic act together). Although Neff had a successful travelling spook show, he was an alcoholic, which limited his ability to achieve more and caused him to be very abusive to his family. This was still an enjoyable book and provided some insights into the midnight spook-shows that began in the 1930's.

This even led me to another book, *Ghostmasters* by Mark Walker, another good read, which profiles many of the spook-show performers of the era. An interesting fact – Harry Blackstone tried his hand at a spook-show.

Another fun book is *We Remember Dante* by Joel Ray. This tome includes interviews and stories by those who knew Dante. This style produces a good picture of Dante as a person and I think Jay Marshall summed it up nicely, "Dante put on a good magic show... But he was also a very pompous and arrogant man." Other friends describe his "practical jokes" which included things like cutting the tip of Malini's cane, or convincing workers they were digging ditches on the wrong side of the road. Reading these stories, I got the impression of a jerk, not a joker.

And finally one of the best biographies is Sandy Marshall's *Beating a Dead Horse: The Life and Times of Jay Marshall*. If you haven't read this, I highly encourage you to do so. As Jay sums it up in the prologue "Tell the story, and tell it true... just write it when I croak." The reason for this is that many of the stories in the book may not show Jay in the best light, but it's one of the most honest biographies and a great read.

Happy Reading!
-Mike Kamlet

2017-2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 20: Four Corners Night
 May 18:..... LECTURE: Adrian Vega
 June 15:..... Close-Up Contest

This calendar is tentative, and may be changed by unforeseen events.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Celebrating February Birthdays

. . . Elliot Cutler, Tom Grossman,
 John Hutsebaut, Mike Kamlet, Fred Lane,
 David Mountz, Tom Richards



FELLOWSHIP AFTER HOURS

A great deal of the friendships made, ideas exchanged, and magic learned can be found at *Gulliver's* after the regular meetings. *Gulliver's* is located at 2727 W. Howard Street just east of N. California/Dodge Ave., Chicago. Everyone is welcome so we encourage you to join us for this opportunity to mix and mingle. Directions are available at the meeting.

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Magical Happenings:

Shows/Lectures:

Chicago Magic Lounge—Shows every day of the week. More information: chicagomagiclounge.com
Magic Inc. — Upcoming Events: **Magic Book Club** - 3rd Sunday. Located at 1838 W. Lawrence Ave. For more info, call 773-334-2855 or visit magicinc.net

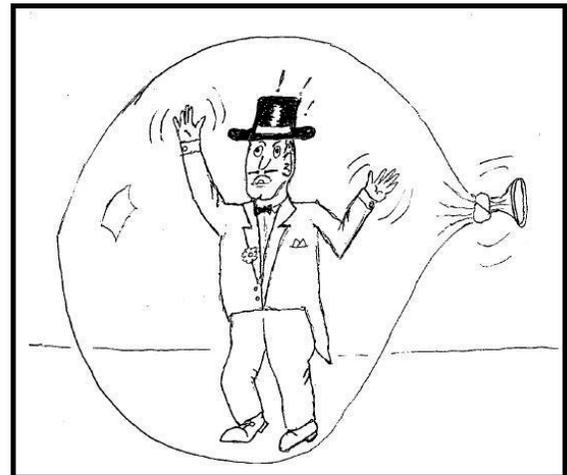
Club Meetings:

S.A.M. Assembly 3—First Monday, NOW MEETING AT THE CHICAGO MAGIC LOUNGE!
The Alliance of Chicago Entertainers—Third Tuesday, H.O.M.E. Bar Chicago, 1227 N. Rand Rd., Arlington Heights.
Conjurer's Corner Magic Club—Fourth Monday, Mr. Beef & Pizza, 1796 S. Elmhurst Rd., Mt. Prospect.
Magic Masters—Third Thursday, Tinley Park United Methodist Church, 6875 W. 173rd Place, Tinley Park.
Mazda Mystic Ring—Second Thursday, Knights of Columbus Hall, 10 Villa Court, Elgin.
S.A.M. Assembly 106—Second Monday, The Timbers, 1100 N. River Rd., Shorewood.
S.A.M. Assembly 148—Third Monday, Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church, 314 W. Valette St., Elmhurst

This month's stamps feature

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The GREAT MYSTO BY: *John Hutsebaut*



WHEN BALLOON TRICKS GO WRONG...

**Just bought a trick that you love?
 Just bought a trick that you hate?!**

TELL US ABOUT IT!

Write a review and send it over to Danny, our newsletter editor, at dannyrudnick@gmail.com