



# THE SPIRIT TRUMPET

IBM Ring 96' Newsletter



June 2021

## May Meeting Round-up

On Saturday May 15th, Ring 96 held our monthly meeting.

Mike Sullivan came to us from the United Kingdom, via Zoom, to present a dealer demo on the magic of Wayne Dobson.

Mike began by explaining that some of the magic he showed us would be explained and some would not. This was due to Wayne hoping to be able to sell newer magic, while releasing older effects. Wayne likes to keep magic simple relying less on fancy gimmicks and moves, and more on presentation.


The first effect we saw is called the "princes's" effect. Like the famous Princess effect this one

relies on five cards. One is thought of by the audience and the thought of card vanishes. This version is very different. All of the five opening cards can be shown and all of the five cards can be shown after. The final card reveal, the one that the audience members thought of, is a blank face card. The thought of card did indeed vanish. Mike did not explain the gimmick to this trick, but it is for sale from Wayne's web page.

"The Call" This seems like a cell phone gimmick, and it somewhat is. A volunteer thinks of a card. The magician shows his cell phone screen which has the playing cards on it. He eliminates some cards, and humorously asks if it was the 14 of spades or the 15 of diamonds. Both fake cards appear on the

screen. The magician asks if he has named the card. The volunteer says "no" which appears on the phone. Another joke has the phone screen read "This." Finally, the correct card is named.

Mike demoed a "tribute to Houdini, the king of cards." Here a photo of a dropped deck of cards is shown. A spectator names one card, and a photo of Houdini is produced naming the correct card.

Next came a trick with scrabble tiles. First a card is chosen but not shown. Then nine scrabble tiles are laid out spelling the word "Startling." Mike proceeded to take away one tile at a time, still spelling a real word after each. Startling, starting, string, sting, sing, sin, in, I. The tiles were replaced spelling King Clubs, which turned out to be the chosen card all along. 

Next meeting

June 19th

"Members Favorite Effect"

Zoom/Live Hybrid meeting



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Coming Soon to Ring 96



July 17th

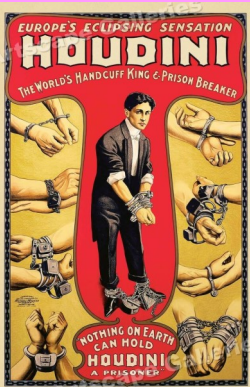


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“Invisible Cocktail” A volunteer is asked to think of one letter of the alphabet. Shown several clear cards with random letters on each, the volunteer is asked to identify if their chosen letter is present or not. Then is handed a cocktail menu and asked to pantomime making their chosen cocktail based on the chosen letter. Mike guessed the correct cocktail. This effect is also good for customizing the cocktail menu to a given venue if you can, and including your business information on the back.

“Cards in Glass” Cards with the letters “T” “L” and “C” were placed in a wine glass. A volunteer is asked to name a street address house number, then a price for a house, and then choose a card. The backs of the TLC cards reveal all.

Mike laid out nine cards in a square pattern, each card was the poster from a famous classic magician. Each person was invited to choose one card to start from. An old letter from Houdini suggested how to move from one chosen card to another. After each move, some cards were removed from the grid. At the end, everyone was



on the Houdini card. All nine were turned upside down to show a jumbo Houdini poster too!

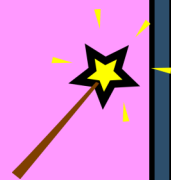
“Houdini’s Diary” A date is thought of by a volunteer. Looking through an old diary book reveals a card the four of spades on that date. When a blue back deck of cards is spread, there is one red card signed by Houdini. It is the four of spades. Mike now explained how to make the diary effect. Once the red card is ditched, you can continue your set using a now normal deck of blue backed cards.

A quarter folded card is held in a paper clip visible for all to see. Volunteer chooses a card. Deck is shuffled. Correct card is on top. It is a fake out though. Cards are spread and it is a one-way deck. All cards the same. Volunteer signs one card. Deck is shuffled, and the card cannot be found. Of course, it is the one in the paper clip that has been there in plain sight all along.

Finally, Mike demoed a trick in which a ring is put in the hole of a key. This is a work of art and can be done with a borrowed ring.

Everyone agreed that Mike did a great job of showing off Wayne’s work.

Another exciting night at Ring 96!



## The Victor Cohn Magic Estate Sale

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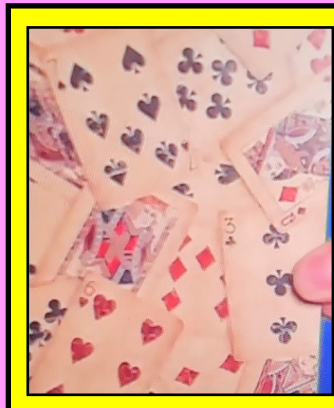
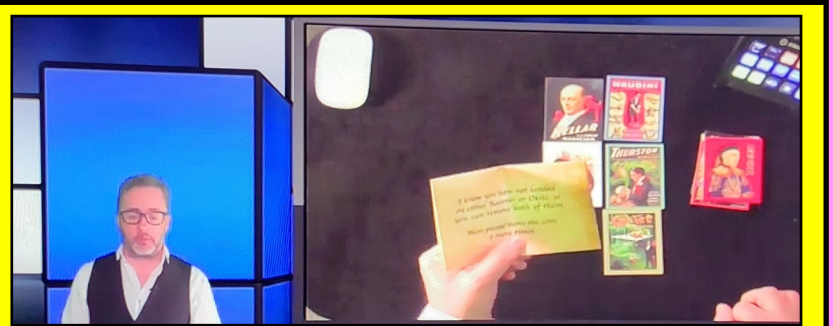
Please come ready  
to pay by check.

“Love is the magician that pulls man  
out of his own hat.”

— Ben Hecht



# May Photos: Mike Sullivan for Wayne Dobson



# Where do we go from here?

Our next meeting will be held on June 19, but where will it be? The board has decided to have another go at “Member’s favorite effects” night. The last one yielded less than positive results, but we are hoping to do better this time.

Our Governor has announced that he plans to re-open California on June 15th just days before our meeting. Does this mean our Community Center in Seal Beach will allow us back in? Maybe, and probably not. It is probably too soon for that. But let’s consider our options.

1) If the community Center will let us back in, then there it is. It will be strange and uncomfortable going back there for the first time in over a year, but sooner or later that will happen. If we are there, so much the better.



They don’t have the best Wi-Fi access there, but

we can try to put the meeting out on Zoom for those who are not yet comfortable going out and gathering.

2) Hennessey’s Restaurant in Seal Beach on main street will accommodate up to 20 people and only 12 have said yes to going there. The logistics here include parking which can be a challenge and the need to purchase dinner which may be an issue for

for some people. On the positive side, what a treat to get out and be with people again after looking at



them on a small screen for the last 14 months. The other positive is that we may even have an audience to watch us as we perform our “favorite Effects.”

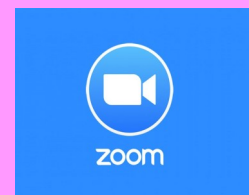
3) Does someone have a large backyard



we could use for a meeting? Again we can try to put the meeting out on zoom, but no

guarantees on that. Here the logistics to be thought of include the weather; simple wind can be an outdoor magicians worst enemy. The other question is who has a centrally located yard big enough to allow for reasonable social distancing? Also, pardon my being crude, but will the house owner be OK with people using their restroom?

4) Is there another place I have not discussed? The board kicked around a few other ideas, but the obvious answer is to stay on Zoom yet another month. Is this your choice? OK if it is. It is your business and your choice. Do what feels right for you.



We don’t really have the answer yet, keep checking you e-mail. You will know when I know.

