



**IBM Ring 96' Newsletter** 



September 2021

### August Meeting Round-up

On Saturday August 21, Ring 96 held its second live meeting back in our usual meeting room. Ken Sands and Brent Walske came to lecture for us.

Ken Sands has spent the last 21 years as the founder and proprietor of "Magic Galore and More," a brick-and-mortar magic shop in Westminster, California. He also performs and teaches magic to young people. Brent Walske has a strong and long-time reputation as a creator, designer and builder of magic.

Brent started off the show

with some comedy mentalism by doing, "one prediction after another." These were largely site-gags, and went over well as a nice warm-up. He had everyone think of a random five-digit number and after some equivoque thinning of the heard, narrowed down one person who had the correct digit in the correct place to match the prediction.

Ken took the stage and did the effect that has largely become his signature trick. He had four large poster boards with markers and called for four volunteers. Each was told to draw a picture on the poster board, but not let anyone else see it. They placed their poster boards face down. Ken "Shuffled" them, and then commented on each one.

doing an improv analysis as he showed them off. Ken matched the first three boards to the volunteer who drew it. Before looking at the last one, Ken drew a picture himself on a fifth poster board, and showed an excellent match. This is a wonderful effect enhanced by Ken's knowledge of Philosophy and improvisational abilities. When Ken was asked about "What if you misread a poster?" he responded with, "What happens in the show, is the show." He explained that if you bring little incidents into the show, they make the show better, and if you completely misinterpret a poster, put that on yourself. The audience will appreciate it"

Brent borrowed three one-

Next meeting:
Sept 18th... 7 pm
"Close-up Competition"
North Community Center
3333 Saint Cloud Drive,
Seal Beach CA, 90740

### **Coming Soon to Ring 96**



Sept 18th



Oct 16th

Magic Swap Meet

Nov 20th

dollar bills from a volunteer. He had the volunteer draw a digit on George Washington's forehead. The volunteer was told to call out all the digits of the serial number in random order, including the added one. Brent correctly called out the added number.

Ken loves Star Wars. He told a story of a deleted scene from the original movie in which Darth Vader shows Luke Skywalker a card trick. It was a simple pick a card, find the card, card trick but the window dressing made it exciting.

Brent had a bag with five coins inside. After showing the coins, he had volunteers each take one coin from the bag. Since one coin was an Australian one, he decided to have Ken find who picked the Australian coin. Ken had the five volunteers repeat phrases in an Aussie accent and then named the correct holder of that coin.

Ken performed a card trick in which he did not touch the deck. The spectator cut to a free choice of card, and Ken fanned the deck to the correct

card.

Brent borrowed an iPhone and its owner. He had a 10-digit number entered on a calculator, the number was in any order, but used each digit once. Brent told him to multiply by any six-digit number. The result was a 15digit number. The volunteer wrote the numbers into circles on a pre printed sheet of paper, and Brent had him to choose add one more number and write it in an extra circle on the page. Brent looked at the page and named the extra number correctly.

Brent told a volunteer to shuffle a deck and cut to the  $33^{rd}$  card. The volunteer cut to the  $34^{th}$ , not too bad. He had the volunteer do a couple of shuffles with half the deck face up and half face down. This made a messed-up deck. Brent took the card behind his back and brought them out restored in all face down orientation.

Ken ended with a box he bought from Goodwill. It was a small wooden box, about ten inches wide eight inches deep and five inches tall. The front of the box had a small drawer at the bottom. He opened the box to show a chess pawn, a little cherub cup, and a small cup with an ankh on it. He asked a volunteer to take one object. The Ankh was taken. The drawer was opened to revel one folded paper predicting that he would take the ankh.

This was another exciting night at Ring 96!

Welcome new members:
Michael Van Horn
& Daniel Hurtt

"Hating clowns is a waste of time because you'll never loathe a clown as much as he loathes himself, but a magician? Magicians think they're wise and witty, full of patter and panache, walking around like they didn't deserve to be shot in the back of the head and dumped in a lake. For all the grandeur of its self-regard, magic consists of nothing more than making a total stranger feel stupid. Worse, the magician usually dresses like a jackass."

— Grady Hendrix, Paperbacks from Hell: The Twisted History of '70s and '80s Horror Fiction

## Need you to get ready!

On September 18th we will have the long-awaited close-up competition.

Now would be a good time to get back to the table and start practicing your act. Remember we have two different vote categories. One is for members and the other is the "People's Choice" for non members.

Get that act set up and come surprise everyone with your amazing magical skill. Contact Kim to sign up!

While you are at it don't forget the stage competition is coming up in March of 2022. That one may also be a place for you to shine!

Please don't forget the Ring is only as strong as our membership and we took a good hit over the enforced pandemic break. Now is the time to come back stronger than ever!

Welcome back Ring 96... Now lets get to the magic!

f	Magic of Lou Gallo	Egbok/Gorman	Daniel
f	3 notes of Money Magic	Suds Estate	Brad
e	Three exciting tricks	Bill, Suds & Cohn	Bruce
W	Juggling kit	Suds Estate & Cliff	Brad
n n	Practical Encyclopedia of Magic	Suds Estate	Bruce
e r s	12 Linking rings from 1950's	Suds Estate	Mr. Fabulous
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**Donner** 

Winner

# Get ready to invite your friends to our next two meetings!

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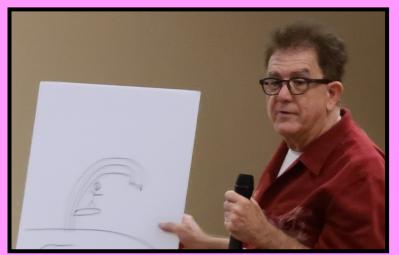
Ring 96
Swap Meet
Coming in
November
Get your
magic organized
& ready to sell!

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### Free all-ages Magic Show



It's the Seal Beach
Magic Club "Ring 96,"
annual close-up
magic competition!

North Community Center 3333 Saint Cloud Drive Seal Beach CA 90740

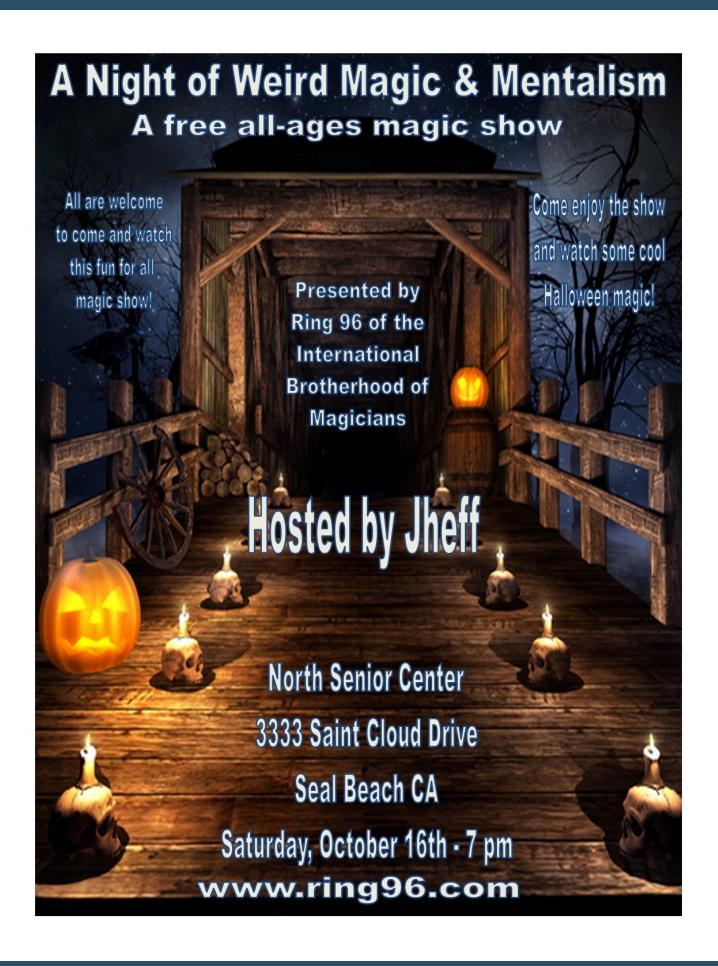
> September 18th 7:00 pm

Admission is free!



Vote for your favorite!

More information at www.ring96.com





# A Magical Swap Meet!

Saturday, November 20th at 7 PM
North Community Center 3333 Saint Cloud Drive Seal Beach

Table for members...
6 foot table \$10
12 foot table \$15

Table for non-members...
6 foot table \$20
12 foot table \$25

Want to show off or spotlight an effect? Let us know.

Contact Cliff to sign-up! cliffg37@verizon.net