



Henry Evans Showing Roped



Evans showing the cards

### Upcoming Events

**May 4 – 7:30 PM**

***Close-up Contest***

At K Nipher Middle School, 700 S. Kirkwood Road. Take 44 to Lindbergh North. It'll be on your right-hand side. Hopefully, we won't have a Tornado warning this year (Eric's hands are REALLY fast!).

**June 8 – 7:30 PM**

***Casino & Gambling Magic***

*Self explanatory... at the Viking Holiday Inn.*

## Henry Evans Lecture a HIT!

**By Eric Grossman**

When I was told that on April 13, Henry Evans was going to lecture, I have to admit, I didn't know who he was. When I was told that he was an award winning card magician, my thoughts were, "Oh no, not another boring card magic lecture". Well my comrades, how wrong I was.

Henry, a native of Argentina, living in Buenos Aires, Brought a very impressive resume to St. Louis that includes a first place win at FISM in Lisbon, Portugal, among many other accolades.

The 20 or so club members, who attended, were shown some of the most entertaining, commercial, and accessible magic we could possibly hope for. Mr. Evans could probably retire on the amount of merchandise we bought up at the end of the evening. You could just hear the wheels turning in the room, as we imagined routine after routine being added to our own repertoires. This stuff was SO MUCH FUN! Here are a few of the wonderful items that your fellow magicians will surely be showing you in the coming months:

**Chinese Miser's Dream-** This one had us coin enthusiasts drooling. It's a very direct multiplication and production of Chinese coins that is both baffling and breathtaking.

**Automatic Kings-** Four signed Kings are lost in the deck, but one at a time, leap out onto the table. You could hear the gasps in the room, as each King revealed itself.

**2000 Three Card Monte-** This one may have been the most amazing. It's a totally fair looking, 3 card monte. The cards absolutely appear to change, without ever leaving your sight for a second. There are no fast moves, and no distractions. This is so diabolical, and so cool.

**Roped-** This is a showpiece that could play to any size audience. It is funny, surprising, and ends with a great climax. A rope was shown to penetrate the sleeves of Henry's jacket. It then penetrated his body, ending up behind him. After some humorous byplay, a card was selected and vanished from a deck. The rope once again penetrated Henry's torso, only to have the selected card hanging from it. The rope was actually through the card. I found this to be the most entertaining and versatile routine of the evening.

**The 10 Exact Cuts-** This was absolutely stunning. I shuffled Henry's cards, myself. He then proceeded to quickly and fairly cut them into ten piles. Each pile was then shown to contain its corresponding number of cards. The first being one card, the second having two, the third having three, etc... This in itself was amazing. Henry then turned over the top card of each pile, and it contained in order, an entire suit that was previously selected by an audience member. The rest of the deck is combined with the remaining cards, and cut into three even piles. Each pile is shown to contain the three remaining suits, in order. Remember, I shuffled the deck beforehand. We were dumbstruck.

This lecture really was such a pleasant change for me. It was all about entertainment. Also, Henry does not try to show off his great skills just for the sake of it. He tries to find the easiest way to accomplish a desired effect. The result is clean and fun to watch magic. The methods really are ingenious, and allow Henry to focus on the most important aspect of performance; memorable, and entertaining presentations. Audiences must absolutely love his shows. I absolutely loved this lecture.

## Close up contest promises to be big.

By Eric Grossman

Well, it's that time of year again. It's competition time. It's time to bring your "A" material to the people. You've been working hard all year. Your chops are finely tuned, and your routines, razor sharp. It's time to put it all to the test.

May 4<sup>th</sup> will be the IBM Ring 1 close-up competition, and we want to see a great contest. Everyone come out and show your support. We're still looking for competitors, and all club members are welcome. Come ready to perform your best, and most mystifying 10 minutes of close-up conivery. Prizes will be awarded at the annual President's Banquet. We need adult competitors, and juniors, too.

Despite threatening weather, last year was a lot of fun. The weather should be more forgiving this year, so we want to see everyone come out. Contact Eric Grossman at [magicedg@aol.com](mailto:magicedg@aol.com), or Keith Smith at [keithorth@aol.com](mailto:keithorth@aol.com) for details.

## Meeting night and room change recommended by board

By Keith Smith

The Ring Board has sought to lower the cost of the Ring's meeting rooms. It has found facilities, which accommodate our meeting needs at half the cost being paid at the current site, the Holiday Inn. In addition food may be brought in to the facility, for example at the Ice Cream Social, without having to utilize the Hotel's high catering costs. The Webster Groves Recreational Facility is located five to seven minutes east of our current meeting site. It is one block south of I-44 at the Elm Ave intersection. There are restaurants nearby for those that like to eat before or after the meeting.

To accommodate the change the meeting night must also be changed to the first Wednesday of the month vs. Tuesday. A vote of the membership will be taken at the next Ring meeting seeking approval of these changes.

## Constitution and by-laws updated

By Keith Smith

The Board has taken steps to establish Ring 1 as a not for profit organization (classified by the IRS as a 501 (c) 3 organization). The value of doing this is that the Ring then can then become exempt from Missouri sales tax. This a tax that the Ring pays on funds spent for banquets, meeting rooms, printing and other purchases. This past year we would have saved approximately \$200 if we were so classified

Although the Ring has operated as a not for profit organization we don't have the official status with the IRS. To accommodate our application to become a 501 (c) 3 organization we must have certain language in our Constitution and By laws that clearly defines our educational purpose in the magical arts.

These Constitution and Bylaws changes were reviewed at the last Ring Meeting and will be done so again at the next. A vote on the changes will be taken at the June meeting. If you have any questions about this issue contact any one of the Board members.

## New web site in development, and we need your help

By John Harness

As you may have heard, I am in the process of designing a new web site for the Ring. I'd like the site to be fun, informative, and educational. However, I cannot tackle this project by myself, and would like some help.

One thing in particular that needs to be done is to "digitize" the history of Ring 1 that is in the possession of Roger Linden. Roger has an amazing array of Ring 1 history, and what I would like to see is someone take a digital camera and photograph everything he has in super-high quality... so if someone wanted to they could download an image and clearly read everything on it.

Once that is done, I need the photos, and I can edit them for the web, but someone will need to go through all of them and write good short descriptions, preferably the same person who took the photos along with Roger.

What Roger has in his possession is amazing. It's so cool to see all the old photos and documents he has, the problem is that they are old photos and documents, and things like that are easily destroyed... one burst water pipe, and it's all toast. If anyone can do that, please contact Roger, and let me know you're working on it. Realistically, I need the stuff by May 15 to meet the June 1 deadline, though I can always cram if it goes past that.

***Thanks to the Performers for Project Magic at Shriner's Hospital!!!***

**December Performers:**

**HENRY SCHAPER, SR.**

**JERRY NOVACK**

**Next Show –**

**December 17, 7:00 PM**

**It's Your Turn! Call Henry (314-487-8296) or Jerry (314-991-1441) to participate!!!**