



PATRON SORCERER MARCH 2015.

Hi everyone,

Just returned from France and a couple of days Skiing, the snow is still good and the season over there is still in full swing.

Back home February has been a busy month for Magic with the Blackpool Convention running in the middle. However before that there is some very sad news. Allan Fox, one of our founder members died of a major heart attack on Thursday 19th February. Allan who was 78 yrs of age was a Founder Member of DMC and immediately went into a coma and sadly did not regain consciousness. Our condolences go out to Allan`s Family, Francis, son Richard and daughter Adel at this very sad time. The funeral was at the Markeaton Crematorium on Friday 6th March.

I mentioned last month that the Blackpool Magic Convention was being held in the Winter Gardens from Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd of February. There was an informal Magic Auction held on the Thursday, also run by the Blackpool Magicians Club, but not officially part of the Convention. The Auction started at 1pm and finish after 10.30pm. Good business was done, especially with the books and surprisingly Punch and Judy puppets, all at reasonable prices.

Similar to last year, the Convention was very well attended. I was told that the registration exceeded last but it did not appear that way although everywhere you went the venues were filled to capacity.

In my view, the Far Eastern Contingent from South Korea, China and Japan were the highlight of the Convention. The dove productions of Hyun Cheol Yong were as good as I have seen since the days of the famous Channing Pollock in the fifties. Other acts of note were the card manipulation and productions of Japanese Mike Chao, that was just beautiful to watch. Also the extraordinary balance of Sandorn of Switzerland constructing a pagoda of free poles that balanced on a central pole. It held the audience spell bound throughout her full presentation.

One other Act that court my eye was Katrin Weibensee who made animated sand pictures interactive with matching music that was ever changing to tell a picturesque story, just lovely.

There was, of course, the usual array of fine magic being demonstrated throughout the Convention from all the International and home grown Magicians. As well as the 130 or so Magical Dealers doing a roaring trade selling their new miracles to the wondering magicians visiting the trade hall.

The Convention was well patronised by the DMC and as far as I know, the following members attended one or more days:- D GREGG, A HUMPHRIES, T HICKMAN, C MORE, J ELLISON, T WARD, S GOODFELLOW and R FLINT and a good time was had by all.

YOUR OWN EASY CARD TRICK.

Take a pack of cards and place it on a table. Ask a friend to place both hands flat on the table as if he were about to play a piano. Take the pack of cards and place any two between the fingers of each hand, leaving nothing between the thumb and first finger of each hand. Now take one card only and place it between the thumb and first finger of either the left or right hand.

Now take each pair of cards between the fingers and split them into two separate piles and place them on the table. Take the remaining one card between the thumb and finger and place it on top of one of the piles on the table. Take hold of this pack and again split them into two separate piles. It will be seen the odd card has now vanished as you have two equal packs. Do the same with the remaining pile by splitting it into two separate piles and behold the odd card has transferred itself into this pile by Magic. Try it, it's good.

Diary Dates:-

The Northern Magic Circle have announced some of the Magicians demonstrating at their Convention in Harrogate on the 11th and 12th April which include

M Diamond—A bizarre children's magician.

Wayne Goodman—Well known card magician.

Mark James

Elizabeth Rogan seen on the BBC One Show and came third in the Young Magician of the Year.

Blackpool

International Illusionist Christian Farla, seen at the Blackpool Convention, has been booked for a summer season in the Horseshoe Bar of Blackpools Pleasure Beach. His shows start on 3rd July 2015

Derby Magic Circle Events

Thursday 26th March- Magic Close-Up and Cabaret Magic at the **Spot Derby at 7-30pm**

Tickets £7 including refreshments.

Night of Magic at the **Spot Derby** Thursday 11th June for Close-Up and Cabaret. Tickets £7 Including refreshments.

All Patrons come along to these events we need your support. Also they are good nights out at a very reasonable price.

If you would like to contribute to the Patron Sorcerer or have any articles which you think may be interesting to other readers, please let me know, there is always space to fill.

See you next Month, take good care.

Doug Gregg