



VORTEX

Magic Club of PJs Trick Shop

March 2011 – Second Edition – Volume Seven

Schedule

Mar. 22-23	Aaron Fisher Lecture + WS
Apr. 19	Workshop T.B.A
May 17	2 nd Annual Magic Contest
Jun. 21	Michael Hall Lecture
July 19	Workshop T.B.A.
Aug. 16	Elections/Workshop T.B.A.

Welcome Back

After a month of hiatus we are back to the Vortex newsletter. Please notice some new sections are works in progress. We need your help to make them great. Any feedback on how to make this newsletter better is greatly appreciated. Please let us know if you are interested in writing for the newsletter with a one time section or monthly section.

For those of you who received a call from Bill and Lee Asher we would like to know your opinion of the phone call. Would you like monthly reminders by phone or just by e-mail?

Aaron Fisher WorkShop

Aaron Fisher will be conducting a **PRIVATE** workshop on Wednesday March 23rd

Admission is \$50.00 per person and space is limited to 10 people.

Paid, reserved spots are first come first serve. See Brian at PJ's to reserve your seat.

DEAL OF THE MONTH

\$5.00 OFF a \$20 or more purchase

Members print this out and show before your purchase at PJs Trick Shop sometime in March to receive your deal.

*Offer can be used on non-magic items.
One offer per member Valid March '11*

2011 Magic Contest

May 17th is our second annual magic contest. If interested in performing contact Fred. We will have limiting the performances to 12. Slots are going fast. Entry Deadline 4-19-11

To All Balloon Artists

This past month we had our annual balloon meeting. To experience even more balloons throughout the year contact Pete or Holly for more information.

*Contact Pete Kovacevich 847.459.4155 or
Holly Nagel 847.356.8029 for more information.*

Latest and Greatest Magic

We may not always stock the newest magic but it is available to us. Visit www.murphysmagic.com for a complete list of new and old tricks you may not have seen. Let us order it and save you shipping plus receive your member discount. Remember to support or local brick and mortar magic shops.

Save the shipping and receive 10% off for all members.

See Magic Live!

With your help we can make a list of where to see magic live around Chicagoland. If you know of any magicians or balloonists performing live for the public please let us know. Restaurants or public shows only.

Jaime Aponte – *Tuesdays at Giordano's in Morton Grove*
Bill Koch – *Saturdays at Pisanos in Richmond*
J.B. Brash – *Fridays at Long Grove Café*
Dan Neilson – *Mondays at Hackneys in Glenview*
Your Name – *When and Where*

Who, When, and Where

Member Focus

TRENT RIVAS



At birth, ACEs member Trent Rivas had a stroke as a result of a life saving procedure that left him with cerebral palsy and the use of only his right side.

When he was 16 years old his parents took him to see Lance Burton. Because of his amazement and enthusiasm they bought Trent Lance's step-by-step magic video.

That was six years ago. Today Trent can be found performing his magic at the taste of Des Plaines, the Arlington Heights Senior Center, Asbury Court Assisted Living Complex, Misacordia's *Sister Fest* Fundraiser, private parties, and most recently demonstrating behind the counter at PJs Trick Shop.

-- So don't tell this kid a trick is too hard to do!

A Word From Our President

Bill Koch

Competition

I once heard my father say "Competition is for the competent." That saying rang with me because whether I knew it or not, I have always been competitive. Looking back, I always wanted to be the first one in class to turn in my assignment, be the first one in line, time the phone call so I could be lucky caller 15 on the radio, the list goes on...

Every year, during the last week in February the World Magic Seminar is held in Las Vegas at the Orleans Hotel and Casino. Besides lectures, dealer rooms, and amazing shows by world-class entertainers, there are always the competitions. Kids and adults alike flock to Las Vegas for the chance to call themselves the "World's Best."

My last WMS competition was in 2009, and this year, our very own Danny Dubin is heading to Sin City to try his hand at the big stage. I want to take this time to wish Danny all the best of luck, as I cheer for him on the sidelines, and as the Master of Ceremonies.

One more quote from my dad.

"While most are dreaming of success, winners wake up and work hard to achieve it."

Suggestions

If you have anything you would like to contribute to the newsletter please let us know. Ben Speaks will be back next month with a new review.

Make Believe

Showtime has picked up the movie Bill co-starred in called Make Believe. If you have Showtime please look for it April 12th for the first showing. DVD's will be for sale at PJs Trick Shop as soon as they are released this summer. Ask about preordering.

MARCH LECTURE / WORKSHOP PREVIEW

AARON FISHER

See what you have been missing March 22nd and March 23rd
As Aces Magic Club and PJs Trick Shop present Aaron Fisher

The first day will be a lecture.

You are here because you are serious about your card magic. You have a sense that there is another level — of craftsmanship, artistry, and performance — beyond your current expertise; a level that could change everything. I'm Aaron Fisher, and I have devoted my professional career to understanding this next level. By helping you learn to apply the principles of tension, focus, and design to your card magic, I can take you beyond where you ever thought you could go.

The second day will be a private workshop limited to ten people at a cost of fifty dollars per person. March 23rd the workshop will begin at 6 pm and run as long as it runs. The last workshop went into the wee hours of the morning. At the time of printing we have only four spaces remaining. Please contact Brian at PJs Trick Shop to save your spot.

Members: Free

Non-Members: \$20

ACES FEBRUARY RECAP – BALLOONS V2.0

Another year has come and gone with our annual Balloon meeting. We would like to give a special thanks to our teachers for the wonderful evening: Dan Neilson, Bob Coleman, and Pete Kovacevich.

ACES Board Members: *PRESIDENT - Bill Koch, OFFICERS/MEMBERS AT LARGE - Steve Lindstrom, Andrew Michals, Brian Johnson, Mark Chavin, PUBLIC RELATIONS -Fred Paul Bailey*

Deadline for Vortex submissions is the 24th of the month.



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