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The ACES Magic Club Newsletter

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## \$\$\$ DUES \$\$\$

**September 2010** marks the One Year Anniversary for ACES Magic Club and the start of another great year together promoting the art of magic, its education and performance in the Chicago area!

To celebrate we have booked the mind-blowing, off-the-wall, jaw-dropping Simon Lovell to present his lecture for us.

September is also the month when Membership Fees are due! To avoid long lines and keep admission time to a minimum for Mr. Lovell's lecture we invite you to (and would appreciate it if you) renew your membership at the August meeting (or at PJ's before the September meeting).

We do not want anything to interfere with the limited time we have to share with Simon Lovell !!!

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## REMINDER: Officer Elections

As we draw nearer to our one year anniversary there are three positions up for election this year: President, Vice-President, and Secretary.

The President is in charge of running the club and overseeing all other officers and all aspects of the club. Our Vice-President is in charge of announcements on meeting nights as well as working with the other officers for the creation of workshops and lectures. The ACES Secretary is in charge of the clubs social networking sites such as our FaceBook, YouTube, and Twitter pages.

If you're interested in running for an office please contact Brian Johnson before July 10<sup>th</sup>.

## BIG NEWS

Simon Lovell will be conducting a PRIVATE workshop in addition to his lecture for our club! (See Schedule) Admission is \$50 per person and space is limited! Paid, reserved spots are first come first serve. See Brian at PJ's. One seat will be raffled off at our July Lecture:

Tickets are \$1 each -or- 6 for \$5.

## TRICKs OF THE MONTH

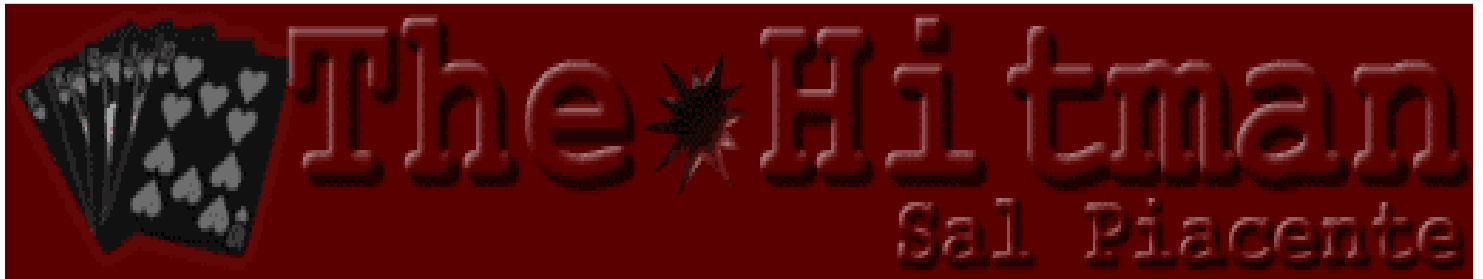
### THE ART OF MAGIC / AMBITIOUS CARD

Learn *The Art of Magic* and/or *The Ambitious Card* (Both available at P.J.'s Trick Shop) practice and then find Andrew Michals to have your version(s) filmed and up-loaded to the ACES YouTube account !!!

## Term of the month: Ascanio Spread

The **Ascanio spread** makes five cards look like there are four cards. It can be used with *The Art of Magic*. Ask member Nick O'Keefe to show you!

# JULY LECTURE



**Sal Piacente**

## **ACEs MAGIC CLUB**

Presents

## **A NIGHT WITH SAL**

Tuesday - July 20<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 P.M.

*A Chicago Area Exclusive!!!*

Sal Piacente has been a world authority on Casino Game Protection since the late 1980's. Born in Brooklyn, NY his father sparked his interest early in life when he taught him "Three Card Monte" so that he would not be swindled by it in the streets. He then began to practice various card-cheating techniques and study every card, dice and gaming book he could get his hands on.

His passion for knowledge of the different ways to cheat at all the casino games grew so tremendously that he made a career out of it. Mr. Piacente has been in the gaming industry for over 16 years, working as a dealer and in management. Yet he has spent most of his career as a casino fraud investigator. In this capacity, he has not only taught others about cheating methods (how to detect and prevent them), but has also offered consultation on suspect play and game efficiency for many clients, providing essential education to casino personnel. Keeping up with the latest casino scams, studying scams used in the past, sharing his knowledge, and displaying his manual dexterity are all passions for Sal Piacente. His unique lecture will include magic (cards), memory, and casino cheating.

**Members: Free**

**Non-Members: \$20**





# ACES Magic Club

## Meeting Schedule

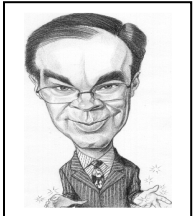
July 2010 – July 2011



July 2010  
**Sal Piacente**



August 2010  
**Magic with Business Cards**



September 2010  
**Simon Lovell**  
Lecture AND Workshop



October 2010  
**Meir Yedid**



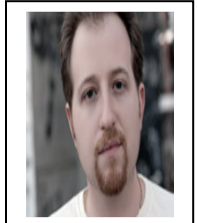
November 2010  
**P.R. Photos**  
AND New Trick Night!



December 2010  
**Teach-a-Trick with Dental Dams**



July 2011  
**Lecture**  
**TBA**



January 2011  
**Lee Asher**  
Lecture AND Workshop



February 2011  
**Balloon-o-Rama v2.0**



March 2011  
**TBA**



April 2011  
**TBA**



May 2011  
**ACES Magic Competition**



June 2011  
**TBA**

## ACEs Member Focus – Bill Koch



**MAKE BELIEVE** co-starring ACE's Magic Club President **BILL KOCH** took the award for **BEST FEATURE DOCUMENTARY** at the **2010 Los Angeles Film Festival!!!**

A coming of age journey set in the quirky subculture of magic, *Make Believe*, co-starring Bill Koch, follows six of the world's best young magicians as they pursue the title of Teen World Champion and lead us on their personal journeys of transformation through magic. Armed with great skill and a dazzling array of illusions, the teenagers embark from their varied hometowns to attend the annual World Magic Seminar in Las Vegas, where they each hope to be named Teen World Champion. The film's six subjects are remarkably assured and dedicated entertainers. Offstage, however, they face the diverse obstacles of adolescence: loneliness, high parental expectations, the pressures of impending stardom, abject poverty, and the deep desire to fit in. With great humor, honesty, and heart, *Make Believe* reveals an enduring world that main-stream audiences know little about while it also explores a time of life no one ever forgets!

*The 2010 Los Angeles Film Festival screened over 200 films from 40 countries.*



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

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