



## Words from the Secretary

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Happy Holidays from your secretary, Craig Colombel. We are looking for writers for the newsletter. Anything on your thoughts on magic, any performances you are doing, or conventions you have been to. See yourself in print. Send the articles to [accolombel@zipcon.com](mailto:accolombel@zipcon.com).

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## Elections

**We are looking for people to hold office in the club. We need a second Vice President and a Treasurer. Come to the meeting and volunteer or contact your secretary at [accolombel@zipcon.com](mailto:accolombel@zipcon.com).**

**This is your chance to take the club to new heights and to get the activities you want done.**

**Remember participation in the club makes it stronger.**

**Also we are looking for themes for the monthly meetings. Send in what kind of meetings you will like to have. Send your suggestions to me at [accolombel@zipcon.com](mailto:accolombel@zipcon.com)**

## November 2014 MEETING

### **Look who's coming to Dinner! – Perform magic sitting down at the Dinner table.**

The meeting started with a discussion about the meeting for next year. We talked about teach ends. We talked about have a group workshop where everything could work on something together. After the discussion we had some magic. The theme for tonight was magic at the dinner table.

Dan Staple started by taking out a small tea candle. Then he lit. He talked about the different types of candles and talked about how they each had different smells cents. He smelled the candle and said, this one smells like banana, but he wasn't sure he then blew out the candle and then proceeded to eat the candle and the week. Afterwards he explained to us how the trick was performed.

Craig Colombel performed a prediction using table napkins. He wrote down his prediction on a napkin and folded up. He had this volunteer first think of a number think of a shape. Finally, think of a letter. He had a volunteer write-down what he thought on the napkin. Craig then open the prediction that can and showed that he predicted what the volunteer was thinking.

Steve Tichi, showed a flashlight told us about being nervous when talking in front of groups talked about how his learned how to shuffled deck and he performed a trick using the deck switched. He talked about how to do deck switches and it was a club discussion about different ways to do deck switches.

Joe perform the card trick using a deck switch. He talked about the power suggestion to make a person see the card being suggested and to see the card everywhere.

Devin Graupmann had a spectator place a die into a container covered the container and with the container covered was able to determine which side of the die was facing up.

Linae Graupmann performed the professor's nightmare with a story about three girls and three ribbons with the theme of the story being about sharing and saying thank you. She then asked if anyone knew of other stories that could be used with the professor's nightmare trick.

There was some discussion in the group about other stories in magic.

We then had the drawing for some prizes.

Come to a meeting and show off your magic.

Remember, to visit the club's website, <http://www.nwringoffire.com/index.html>

And also visit the clubs Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Northwest-Ring-of-Fire/429616737105973>

**Ring of Smoke Report**

The ring of smoke meeting is on a later day this month. See you next month

For those at the meeting Linae took Photos and posted them on her Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/lgraupmann>

Thanks Linae

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**2014 NWRF Meeting Themes**

December 11 – “Tell me a story” night – Spin a yarn to go along with your magic.

**Make sure to check the website for upcoming events and lectures.**

[HTTP://WWW.NWRINGOFFIRE.COM/INDEX.HTML](http://www.nwringoffire.com/index.html)

**FACEBOOK :**

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PAGES/NORTHWEST-RING-OF-FIRE/429616737105973](https://www.facebook.com/pages/NORTHWEST-RING-OF-FIRE/429616737105973)

## The Pandora System

Shane Black

A spectators signed card found in a sealed deck

\$99.95 DVD with gimmicks

Shane Black

<http://www.papercranemagic.com/pandora.htm>

Reviewed by Payne

Here's the effect: The magician has a spectator select, sign a card from a blue backed deck. The card is returned to the deck and then given to the spectator to shuffle to his or her hearts content. The shuffled deck is then placed back into its box and given to the spectator to hold for safe keeping.

The magician now removes a brand new sealed deck of red backed cards from his inside jacket packet. The protective cellophane wrapping is removed and the seal broken. This brand new deck is then pulled out of the box and given to a second spectators to hold. The magician now asks the first spectator to name the identity of his chosen card.

"The Queen of Clubs" says he (or she).

The magician now has the second spectator carefully go through the deck and locate the Queen of Clubs. Since it is in new card order it is found between the King and Jack of Clubs. However, unlike the King and the Jack, the Queen is face down and bears not only a blue back, but the spectator's signature as well.

A classic effect that plays just as well today as it did when it was George Schindler created the basic concept back in the middle of the last century. The strength and utterly impossibility of finding a previously chosen card in a sealed deck is no doubt why magicians like Ricky Jay, Greg Gleason, Cyril Takayama, and Shaun Farquhar have created their own outstanding versions of this effect and featured it in their acts.

Now Shane Black has thrown his proverbial towel into the ring.

First the plusses of Mr. Black's version; It plays pretty much as described and as long as you can force, control and palm a card you should have no difficulty in performing this effect. If you cannot force, control or palm a card the enclosed DVD has instructions on how to master these much needed sleights. If palming a card sends shivers of terror up your spine fear not as the DVD comes with instructions on how to do this routine sans the nerve wracking palming.

And now the minuses; If you're looking to do this effect more than once or twice a night you might want to invest in a nice Mullica wallet instead. This effect is needlessly cumbersome to setup and requires a certain amount of privacy to do so. While you are supplied with the necessary accoutrement to get the spectator's card into the sealed card box you will need to gimmick the card box yourself. Ample instructions on how to do this are on the DVD and the card box, if carefully handled, should last through many performances. However, if you add this feat to your repertoire you will find yourself with the new hobby of gently peeling off and saving the seals on new decks as well as carefully preserving the cellophane wrappers they came in as you go through one set of each with every performance of this trick.

Also, since the card case is gimmicked it requires a great deal of audience management if you chose to have the spectator open the cards. One will more than likely decide it's not worth the risk and have the spectator cut the seal and remove the cards while the magician holds the box. Needless to say the card case, while it can be casually shown, cannot be examined.

You are required to wear a jacket to perform this effect. A non jacket version is offered up on the DVD but the angles are so bad that it makes this version effect almost unusable.

The gimmick too is a bit awkward and a certain amount of undue fiddling is required to get the card into the case. On at least one occasion on the DVD Mr. Black searches about in his pocket a bit too long in "search" of the red deck. With a bit more work I believe they could have come up with a smoother gimmick that required a lot less motion to load and release. In fact I believe that many who purchase this effect will eventually abandon the gimmick altogether and find a solution based on the original George Schindler version far more workable and allow them to preset as many decks as they wish before a performance. It should also be mentioned that the gimmick is a bit fragile. Even though they provide instructions on the DVD as well that show you how to bend it back into its correct shape one would wish that for the price that you paid for this system that the gimmick would be a tad bit more robust.

Besides the effect that has also been described there are a couple of other routines and ideas suggested on the DVD. The gimmick could also be employed in Paul Potassy's "Sing Sing" routine if you already had the two aluminum plates already made up.

The Pandora System comes with everything you need save the gimmicked card box and the cellophane wrapper (it arrives with five seals to get you started) The website claims you needn't do it with a sealed deck, but then, what's the point? It would simply look as if you stuck the card into an open box in your pocket. It really needs to be a, perhaps not enclosed in cellophane but at least a sealed deck.

If you're willing to go to the effort to make and set up this trick you'll could have a lot of fun with this one. However personally, for the price point I'd invest in a nice card in wallet routine.

### Magic Shops in the Area

Below is a list of the Magic shops in the Area. None have paid for this listing and if anybody knows of others let me know and I will list them.

#### Seattle's Market Magic Shop

Pikes Place Market  
1501 Pike Place #427  
Seattle, WA 98101

[www.marketmagicshop.com](http://www.marketmagicshop.com)

(A store that many know about. In existence for 30 years)

#### Terjung's Studio of Gifts

4547 Calif. Ave SW  
Seattle, WA 98116

(This is a gift store with a counter in the back where they sell magic)

#### Lakewood Costumes

5932 Lake Grove ST SW  
Lakewood, WA 98499

<http://www.clownshop.com>

(Mainly Costumes and Clown items, they have a counter where they sell magic)

#### Dave's Killer Magic Shop

910 NE Minnehaha St. Ste 1  
Vancouver, WA 98665  
1-888-360-6244

Brian Cook's

[WWW.MAGICCRAFTER.COM](http://WWW.MAGICCRAFTER.COM)

#### Seattle Juggling and Magic Shop

9460 Rainier Ave South,  
Seattle, WA 98118  
206-859-8363

<http://SeattleJuggling.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/SeattleMagicShop>

### Magical happenings

#### Tim Flynn hosts a live magic show at Egan's Ballard Jam House, featuring a variety of local performers.

Reservations are \$10. It is best to book early by calling Egan's Ballard Jam House as it is an intimate setting and seating is limited to about 46. Doors open at 6pm and dinner at Egan's is excellent. [Click here for Egan's current Performance Calendar](#) Tim Flynn is looking for performers, If interested contact Tim at 206-290-7767 or on Facebook at [notification+khiuhkim@facebookmail.com](mailto:notification+khiuhkim@facebookmail.com)

**Magic Monday!** Magic Monday is an hour of magic, conjuring, & prestidigitation which stars magicians from the Northwest region on the second Monday of each month. Location: Ravenna Third Place Books in the Ravenna neighborhood of Seattle. 6504 20<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, Seattle, WA. Time: 7-8pm Magic Monday is not only a great place to see local magicians doing what they do best; it is also a great place for YOU to perform. It happens the second Monday of each month. If you want to hone your magic skills, get in touch with Mark Paulson, the producer of this venue ([mark2061@yahoo.com](mailto:mark2061@yahoo.com)). It is a wonderful chance to perform for an appreciative audience. It's been standing room only all year.

If you wish to perform contact Mark at:

[mark2061@yahoo.com](mailto:mark2061@yahoo.com) or on Facebook at

<http://www.facebook.com/thirdplacebooksmagicmonday?fref=ts>

#### Illusion Factory (Seattle's Best Magicians)

Delancey's on 3<sup>rd</sup> 810 S 3rd St Renton, WA  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays of the month. Doors open at 7:45pm  
Food, Drinks Close-up Magic 8-9 pm  
Emcee Tim Flynn  
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206-859-8363



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