

Being that it's summertime, well it is July, our theme for the evening was Outdoor/Picnic magic. I wonder if the person who came up with this idea was one of the evening's performers. We also had in our audience David Oliver who was in town from Boston. Well, anyway, Don Engstrand was first up and it was good to see him after his recent stay in the hospital. Don performed a prediction where he gave Ziggy a card to hold and someone deal from a deck and stop anywhere and someone else was given a deck that eventually turned blank with the exception of one card which matched the card where the person stopped dealing and the card Ziggy was holding. Don then closed with Tri-Color Ropes. MC Kevin Rhodehouse attempted to perform a card trick after each performer but each time he started, he was interrupted by various pratfalls that occur when performing outside. Chris Ward correctly predicted the outcome of a six man Tug 'O War. Bill White also correctly predicted the outcome of a Tug 'O War between eighty-something Roy Miller and forty-something Billy Gray, and did so without using a wallet. Roy won. It was evident by the performances that the term Outdoor Magic means different things to different people. Harry Mandel followed with Sword Through Neck. Harry was followed by his son, Zack who performed a John Scarne routine where Zack and the spectator each shuffle and cut the deck and then deal out to the four aces. Bill Krupskas followed with his performance of Wayne Dobson's Second Chance, reason being that he had total control of his props which is necessary when performing outside. Wayne Haarhaus was next up and as usual, he did not disappoint. He had a branch from a tree and showed us both sides. Suddenly, he produced three ladybugs and performed a one-in-the-hand, two-in-the-pocket routine. He closed with a medieval version of Color Monte because Monte routines are always performed outside on the streets. Bob Lusthaus was next and he performed Pure Mathematics from Dai Vernon's *Ultimate Card Secrets*. Kevin Rhodehouse finally got to perform and he demonstrated Daniel Garcia's torn and restored card. Beautifully, I might add. Ziggy closed out the evening's festivities with that all-time classic,

What's Next or Dots Impossible, but, instead of dots, he had jumbo ants. Well, you find ants at a picnic, right? Then he had names for everybody. He said Bob Lusthaus was an account-ANT, Billy Gray was import-ANT, and somebody, I forget who, was brilli-ANT.

After the meeting, one of our junior members, 13 year old Nicole Homberger, performed for the membership the silent act that she is working on. She started off with a lot of bubbles, some of which became solid and one was big enough to perform a Zombie routine. Then she blew a gigantic bubble and the ring she used turned into three and she went into linking rings. David Oliver was helping her out and promised to continue later in the month at Tannen's Magic Camp where Nicole will be a camper and David will be an instructor. See you next month.