

It's now January and we're dealing with a Polar Vortex here on Long Island! Ouch! But I guess if I want sympathy from certain parts of the country or the world for that matter, I'll probably need a dictionary!

Traditionally, in January, everyone who shows up does a trick and this year was no exception. Wayne Haarhaus started by borrowing a one, five and twenty dollar bill and asked a spectator to place one in his pocket and hide the others in each hand and Wayne knew exactly what he did. Ed Hass followed with an item called Hockley's Mate. One of our guests, David Glassman followed with the Ultimate Invisible Deck where the deck transforms into a clear acrylic block. Another of our guests, Steve Roberts, performed an item using three coins and three envelopes from Larry Becker's Stunners. Josh Kurzban participated in a duel and had his hand slashed off by a light sabre. Thankfully, it was re-attached. Magic Al Garber then demonstrated Steve Forte's Painted Poker. Roy Miller, who by the way is 92, performed an item called Six Degrees of Separation with Kevin Bacon. Well done! Terry Oberman performed Cue the Magic by Angelo Carbone where the spectator reads the cue cards and does all the work. Chris Ward combined Bob King's thought of rising card with a rising card app on his smart phone. Dan Miller constructed a thought transmitter with a colander and an egg beater and it actually worked! Gary Levenson auditioned for the Membership committee and performed the old sign bit with the arrow, and followed with a rope routine that included making a knot without letting go of the ends and a cut and restored rope bit. Very nice! Steve Morisi then demonstrated a packet trick called OMG. Bill Krupskas followed with Wayne Dobson's Second Chance. Bob Lusthaus then demonstrated an original creation that he calls March.com. Dave Levitan then showed us a very nice routine using seven pennies and a spectator's hand. Okay, time to take a breath. Harry Mandel then performed a trick dealing with poker tells. Dick Mancini, who rarely performs, but is our excellent sound and lighting guy, performed the Princess Card Trick. Mike Maione followed with an updated version for the late Professor Putter's Tin Can Tele-fax using Twitter and texting acronyms. Kevin Rhodehouse using his grandfather's pocket watch demonstrated a time prediction effect called Geneva Watch. Bill White performed that golden oldie – Fresh Fish Sold Here Today. And finally, last on the bill and last alphabetically, Ziggy performed a pychometry and design duplication effect.

We have a bunch of lectures scheduled. We had Gregory Wilson in February and coming up we have Nathan Kranzo in March and Darryl in May so swing by if you can. Now that's what I call a hat trick!!!

Bill Krupskas