

In October, we honored the topic of Bar Magic. This means magic with props that are indigenous to a bar; magic that can be performed while standing behind a bar and magic that can be performed while socializing at a bar. So you can see from those constraints, that the choice of material is extremely limited.

Bill Krupskas was the emcee for the evening, and why he was selected for this particular topic, I'll never know. Well anyway, Bill started off with the Sucker Torn and Restored Cocktail Napkin trick followed by the Judah Straw and Shoelace Routine and he closed with an old Ken Brooke item where a random cardboard coaster on the bar is torn apart to show that sometimes they contain paper money inside. Harry Mandel followed with You Must Have Been Drinking which is Back Flip, but ending with all the cards having the Budweiser logo on the back. He then demonstrated a center tear by Wayne Houchin and closed with a card to wallet. His son Zach continued on with an original item he calls Chicago Shock which is his take on Chicago Opener but using two decks.

Bob Weinowitz then demonstrated a card effect called Destiny that he learned at a recent Jay Scott Berry lecture. Terry Oberman performed a sobriety test. He wrapped a spoon in a napkin and then asked a spectator what was in the napkin. When the spectator replied spoon, he opened it to show a fork. He then performed a nice bit using John Kennedy's Mystery Box.

Wayne Haarhaus used a breathalyzer app on his phone to determine who took a sip of the vodka that was on the table. Bill White was able to ram his finger right through the center of a beer bottle cap. He then filled a shot glass right to the top with water. Spectators then began to drop nickels into the glass and they dropped well over twenty before the water began to spill out of the glass. How is that possible? According to Archimedes, there is a displacement principle going on here.

Newly returned to the club, Warren Bausert performed Diamond Jack, a sandwich effect taught to him many years ago by Mark Nathan Sicher and an item called My Drink Trick by Oliver Mackenzie. Finally, TJ Tana ended this madness with a prediction trick using the calculator on a borrowed I-phone.

On behalf of Ring 244, I would like to wish a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone out there.

Bill Krupskas