

The topic for our June meeting was Ropes and Silks. Our emcee for the evening was Gary Levenson by introducing our first performer. Warren Bausert started off with a couple of classics the first of which was Vernon's rising card from a deck that was wrapped in a silk. He followed that up with a nice rendition of Slydini's Knotted Silks. Next up was Bob Lusthaus who covered a deck of cards with a napkin (which is like a silk) and asked a spectator to cut the deck into four piles. Upon removing the napkin, the spectator had cut to four of a kind. After that, bob then gave a nice demonstration of Amodeo's Sliding Knot. Following that madness was Bill Krupskas who demonstrated the Michael Close version of Stewart Judah's Straw and Shoelace. Gary Levenson was next with Sympathetic Silks and a nice knot transposition. Harry Mandel then had his hands tied behind his back and then repeatedly escaped, escaped, escaped and escaped. It was only a matter of time before someone would perform Professor's Nightmare on rope night and Bill White did not dissapoint. He then did a nice card through silk routine. Gary Levenson was back with a nice silk penetration. Steve, the new guy, was next and he performed a nice Zombie routine he calls Where's Waldo. Steve Goldstein then gave a nice performance of Shari Lewis' Magic Tea Kettle routine. Ed Hass then ended this nonsense with a demonstration of the rope through pinky effect. We had a small but enthusiastic group and a lot of fun.

Bill Krupskas

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