

Well it's now December on the Island of Long, and it still feels like the middle of September. And December means our annual Holiday Show. Our MC for the evening was that Silly Magician himself, Mike Maione. Before I continue, I just want to say that I was enjoying the show so much that I forgot to take notes, so I'm writing this strictly from memory. Mike performed a number of items throughout the evening including disappearing iced coffee, his vanishing Coke bottle routine and his sock sorter routine. Very funny!

Our first performer was Dan Miller and he performed his routine for the McCombial Prediction Deck. Next up was Steve Palmore and he gave a wonderful performance of the Dancing Handkerchief! Bill Krupskas was the lucky guy that got to follow Steve and he gave a nice Christmas themed performance of Larry Becker's Magician's Lottery and made a little girl very happy when he gave her a nice Christmas stocking. Our next performer was Steve Roberts, whose real name is Steve Goldstein and you can always count on Steve for some really fine mentalism and he did not disappoint. Following Steve was Joe El Mag-O, aka Joe Merced who is our resident stage performer. Among other things, Joe performed color changing rings, you know - like the old color changing records and a wonderful linking ring routine. Mr. Warren aka Warren Bausert was next and he started off by showing a melted Frosty the Snowman that he kept in his Lota Bowl. He also performed those old classic favorites, What's Next and the Torn and Restored Newspaper, Gene Anderson style. Closing thins out was Wayne Haarhaus and started off with showing the leftover Frosty from Warren's performance and then continued on with Danny Archer's In a Pig's Eye, which always gets a lot of laughs, and followed that with a signed dollar bill found in a nest of Santa Claus shaped containers.

I'm sure that I forgot some magic along the way but it was a great evening of magic and fun.

And don't forget Valentine's Day now - it's coming up!