

In May, we were extremely lucky to host a Dan Fleshman Lecture. Dan is probably one of the leading restaurant workers around. After spending the first part of his career in the St. Louis, MO area, Dan relocated to Colorado and is the resident magician at the Chophouse Restaurants in Beavercreek and Vail, Colorado. So, the topic of the lecture was (duh) restaurant magic and Dan really knows what he's talking about.

Dan opened with a nice rope routine that includes Professor's Nightmare and he mentioned that he performs so often that he wears out his ropes (they get dirty) usually within two weeks. That's a lot of performances! He also demonstrated a wonderful linking ring routine using the small 4 inch or so rings. He also demonstrated his version of Mark Jenest's Jiggernaut; an oil and water-four ace routine and a really cool packet trick called Mona Lisa's Secrets.

He performed another item he calls Marked Triumph. You figure it out. He also demonstrated another item where he combines a marked deck with an invisible deck. He also demonstrated a number of additional card routines.

Interspersed with all the magic were many anecdotes and bits of advice germane to the restaurant venue. As a restaurant worker myself, I thought this was an outstanding lecture! Book 'em Dano whenever you get the chance. You will not be disappointed. You will see a great lecture and get to hang with probably one of the nicest guys in magic that you will ever meet!

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