

Our topic for July was Anything But Cards. Considering that we met the day after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July (that's July 5<sup>th</sup> for those who are numerically challenged), we had an amazingly good turnout.

We started out with a membership audition by Bill Gleason. Congratulation to our newest member, Bill Gleason!

Steve Palamore put together a really good show and it started off with Chris Ward performing a penny and dime transposition / penetration. Next up was Gary Levenson who demonstrated a version of Danny Archer's Animental called Emoji-Mental. Steve Goldstein followed that bit of mentalism with a little more mentalism with an item called the Xanadu Jackpot Horse Race Prediction where he predicts the exact order of finish of all the horses in a seven horse race. Man, I could have used him at the track last week!

Kevin Rhodehouse followed with the hot item of the past year or so, Rubik's Cube magic. Nice routine! Bob Weinowitz followed with a nice effect using another hot item - Sven Pads. Mel Boskin aka Dr. Melvoni performed an effect he called Miracle Grow Fish in a Pond. Only Mel could pull this off.

Magic-Al Garber demonstrated Michael Ammar's Coins through Sheer Silk. Good job! Bill Krupskas followed with some money magic. First, it was a dollar bill version of that old puzzle where you start out with three people paying \$10 each or \$30 for a motel room and then \$5 is returned to the renters by the bell-hop who keeps a \$2 tip and returns \$3 to the renters who now paid \$9 each for the room or \$27 which is combined with the \$2 tip to total \$29. What happened to the other dollar? Norman Beck adapted this puzzle to a very nice trick. He then did Michael Close's A Visit from Rocco and closed with a version of Powerball 60 but using real New York state lottery tickets. Our final performer was our MC Steve Palamore who performed Celebrity Smart Ass. A really enjoyable show!

Bill Krupskas