

July starts the second half of the year and our topic for a hot month is really cool – Icebreakers.

Icebreakers can mean something different to everybody so MC Jeff Miller broke the ice by entertainingly finding a selected card. Next, Don Engstrand performed Psychic Aces which can be found in his new book “Secrets of Mind Reading & Telepathy Revealed” which can be found at [www.donsmentalmagic.com](http://www.donsmentalmagic.com). Bill Krupskas was next and he performed openers from his parlor show, Dan Harlan’s Starcle and from his strolling sets, a \$5 and \$1 bill transposition and Stuck Up Monte by Mark Mason. Al Garber followed Bill But I can’t remember what he did because I can’t read my notes, but I know it was funny.

Mike Maione came dressed for Icebreakers wearing a ski jacket, a fleece hat, a scarf and gloves and for good measure he brought along a pick axe. You’ll have to ask him why. Mike performed Bruce Kalver’s Growing/Shrinking Head Illusion followed by Crystal Gazing where a spectator divines a card selected by another spectator by gazing into a crystal ball. Our next performer was guest Dylan Margolin who performed some really nice card stuff. I have to take better notes. Another guest Jonathan Price performed a bill switch and a multi-phase card routine. Jonathan along with buddy Alex Pandrea also has a DVD out there. Chris Ward followed with a nice packet trick, Technicolor Marked Cards. Wayne Haarhaus followed with a nice design duplication bit. Jeff Miller was back with Tenyo’s spike through balloon. Eric Greenberg then found a selected card in his wallet. Dave Levitan then performed a really nice three card monte routine followed by Wayne Haarhaus who was back with a nice routine that featured that old vanishing pen in the ear bit.

Our annual picnic is coming up the second weekend in September and tickets are going on sale soon for our annual dinner, dance and show that takes place on January 9, 2010. Also, congratulations to member Eric DeCamps on the recently completed third run of his show “Pure Magic” and on being named Dean of the Parent Assembly of the SAM in New York City. That’s quite an honor!

Bill Krupskas O.M.