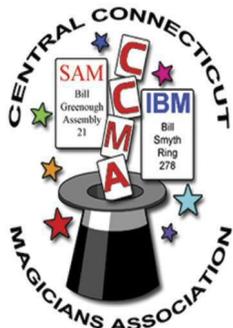


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Meetings:

Second Monday of every month except December

Rockledge Grille

289 South Main Street
West Hartford.

(I-84 exit 41)

August Meeting: A Song of Ice and Fire

Back to the restaurant this month. It's still summer so let's enjoy it! Theme captain Dana Ring says this is the season of weather so hot we all want cold drinks, so do some magic involving either fire, or ice, or both. Bonus points if you work in a good "GoT" joke. Get hot with a cool trick on **August 12 at 7PM**. Join the officers for dinner at 6PM.

Minutes of July Meeting

8 July 2019 6 PM onward 14 members attending
6 guests

Business portion of the meeting:
This is easy: We didn't have one!
Because of the perfect weather, the delicious food, and the great company, we tabled all the business stuff until August in favor of a wonderful time in **Jeff Leitz'** back yard. When we were all sufficiently sated, we started the entertainment

The theme was "Tablesides/Restaurant."
Jon Cap was the night's Captain and he showed a house key to Jeff and told of how, when he goes for a jog, he can swap his key with the keyring that he leaves "at home." After multiple swaps, the keyring ended up attached to the key. He also gave an interesting talk on how he performs his act at a local restaurant.

Newcomer **Tim Hamilton** performed a quick Cups & Balls. He also did a card trick in which a deck that was half face-up and half face-down becomes properly assembled with a snap of his fingers. He finished by playing a game of "light-catch" with his dad.

Jon brought back Tim and his sister Sara as spectators for his Twisting The Aces. Jeff shared a way to do a card reveal. He lit a candle and got a wire from his rose bushes. A card was selected and returned. The wire was held over the candle flame and the wire re-formed into a

shape that named the card.
Jon returned one last time, with Tim and Sara, to perform "Jiggernaut," which uses an olive and a bartender's jigger.



The climax to "Jiggernaut."

From The President's Change Bag

Hi everyone!

Good to see everyone at the July cookout! There was lots of food, drinks magic, and even croquet! Thanks again to Jeff Leitz for opening up his backyard to us and to him and Tom Gentile for helping grill. I think it was a successful event so we might look to do something similar next summer!

Since we didn't hold a meeting at the barbecue, I just wanted to highlight some of the members' work, ideas and upcoming shows. Member Eric Wolfe has a [great video](#) incorporating magic into his life advice for Southwest Central School's commencement speech. Another [great listen](#) is the story of how Teller (of the titular Penn & Teller) fell in love in magic in an episode of the podcast *The Moth* shared by member Bob Hale. Finally, I'll be performing my first one-man show on Thursday, August 8th, at Sea Tea Comedy Theater in downtown Hartford. I'll be talking about putting this show together in a future article but suffice it to say it will be filled with original magic and tricks unique to me. Tickets are just \$15 and can be purchased [here](#).

See you at the next meeting!

– Brad



Jon Cap does a trick for Tim and Sarah. (The cat just wandered in; Jeff has no idea who it belongs to.)



Tim Hamilton demonstrates his own skills.

When Last We Met



Jeff Leitz's spacious backyard patio.



Brad Beady gets advice from our unofficial croquet arbiter, **Tom Gentile**.



When heated, Jeff's wire forms the design "♦ 8" matching the chosen card.

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