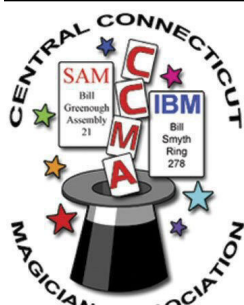


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Meetings:

Second Monday of every month except December

Rockledge Grille

289 South Main Street
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(I-84 exit 41)

November Meeting: ZOOM—Chip Romero

Our VP **Dan Sclare** has arranged for **Chip Romero** to join our meeting on **November 8**, which will start at 730PM. Chip will join the meeting in progress and give us a virtual tool of his collection of **Doug Henning** memorabilia. The sign-on information is to the right.

ZOOM Sign-in Details

Dan Sclare is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Doug Henning Tour
Time: Nov 8, 2021 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88207242215?pwd=YWI2ZEFVZ0oyWTZJdHpKTlo5NDNVUT02>

Meeting ID: 882 0724 2215
Passcode: 935781

Report of October “Meeting”

We didn't have one because we attended a lecture by **Joshua Jay** instead.

From The President's Change Bag

Hi there!

I hope everyone is enjoying the beginning of Fall, the last week in October as [Magic Week](#) and, of course, Halloween. I didn't have any good costume ideas come to fruition, but one that stood out was the outfits from the Netflix show [Squid Game](#). For those of you who aren't familiar with it, it's just a green track suit with a number on it. It's a relatively easy costume to make provided you have a green tracksuit; something there seems to be a global shortage of with the growing popularity of the show.

I just finished watching the show and I thought there were a lot of good magic premises that could be drawn from it. For the uninitiated (that's twice now you should probably go see it), the premise is that a bunch of adults play a bunch of children's games for a ton of money and if you lose, you die. Perhaps not with the high stakes involved, but you could have this great backstory of how you became good as this childhood game and suggest playing it with the person, either always winning, being very lucky or predicting the outcome.

Along those lines, in the magic community in general, there is often a tendency to use popular trends with magic, but only to a certain extent. What I mean is that we will often capture one thing from a show, movie, game, or any fad but then apply it to *strictly magic plots and premises*. For instance, with Squid Game, I feel a good direction for pulling from that show would be to use it as a starting point to discuss playing childhood games, one of which you could also predict the outcome of. And then you would play tic-tac-toe or rock, paper scissors or whatever.

An example of a bad direction to take this would be if you printed out the characters on cards and did an oil and water separating the winners from the losers. I feel like for those not familiar with the show would be completely disinterested in and even for those who have watched the show, you're probably better off just playing one of the games or talking about who the hell Oh Il-Nam is.

– Brad

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