

## Another Fabulous Watson Picnic

The sun shone brightly on the south shelter (the only one that mattered) at Seahurst Park in Burien for our annual Dr. John H. Watson Picnic on July 23, 2011. Though he denied having paid extra for the good weather, some of us thought we could see a twinkle in Picnic Chairman Paul Williams' eyes when he said it.

Despite a severe lack of nearby parking, 17 SOB's showed up for the event, with Member Jody Holm coming all the way from Bellingham!

We celebrated Holmes' biographer in the grand Victorian style, eating way too much. (No booze, of course, this being a public park!) There were three very tasty cakes—including the one for Paul's birthday, which we celebrate each year at the Picnic. Not that they were the only sweets available: Becky Geis' dessert covered in chocolate was available to those refused to "have their cake and eat it too". The rumor that we had run out of forks again this year was soon quashed when Terri appeared with another handful of the eating implements.



The unnamed game concocted by PFL David was christened by Terri as "The Giant Rat of Sumatra Ring Toss". This made sense since one of the targets for the rings was, indeed, a giant rat. The winner of the event was actually Barbara Nelson. But in a show of true British... um... American sportsmanship—because the spot where the "Watson Trophy" sat for 3 years on her mantle is occupied now by something else—she accepted the 2nd place prize of four Rathbone Holmes VHS tapes and gave the honour of accepting the "Watson Trophy" to Bob Geis, newly returned from Afghanistan—*really, Bob just served another year in Afghanistan as a helicopter pilot!!* Becky was fairly glowing with pride!!

Though the Giant Rate Ring Toss was the only *official* game on the schedule, the Romnes clan came prepared for more: sand croquette and badminton. Bryan took the lead on the croquette, but Emily, in a Victorian bathing costume, and James, dressed to the nines as an English lord, proceeded to show everyone how badminton should be played!

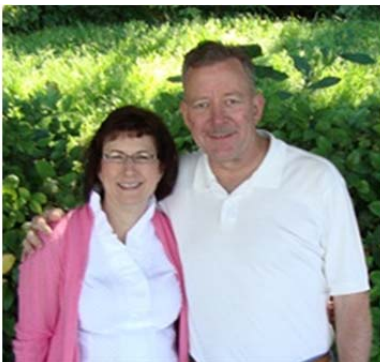
There was enough food and sunshine and blue skies to satisfy everyone! The deep blues of the water and the sky can be seen in several of our pix below, including a great one of a ferry passing by!

Most folks moved frequently into the sunshine then back into the shelter to get cool again and enjoy more food!! All and all it was another excellent SOB celebration for the good doctor.

Those not already mentioned above who attended this event include: Stephen Adkins, Librarian Sheila Holtgrieve, Judy Lyen, Jean Macdonald, John Nelson, Treasurer Al Nelson and Bill Seil.



Photos shown here are by Terri Haugen and Bill Seil. For more on our 2011 Watson Picnic, see Page 1 of our monthly newsletter, *Ineffable Twaddle*, for September 2011 (Vol. 30, Issue 9).



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SOBs try their hands at the “Giant Rat of Sumatra Ring Toss”, while Jean looks on.

Notice the amazing blues of the water and the sky!!!

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