



Movie Premiere, A Night to Remember!!

Thanks to Allied-THA Marketing, thirty Members of The Sound of the Baskervilles were in attendance for the advance screening of Guy Ritchie's "Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows" on December 13 in the AMC Theatre at Seattle's Pacific Place mall.

Allied-THA hosted a Victorian costume contest for those in the Club who wore a costume to the screening. SOB James Romnes, in his alter-ego as Inspector John Rance, was voted as wearing the most creative costume and was awarded a Sherlock Holmes-themed prize pack, which included games and a golf-style umbrella with the film's logo.

The straw poll taken following the film was a mixed bag and fairly evenly split among those who *liked* the film, those who *disliked* the film, and those who found it *to be so-so*. Comments heard that night include:

"It's a popcorn movie, just like the first one."

"If you take out the 'video game' that was the chase through the woods, I think I like it better than the first film."

"I thought the writing was bad."

Photos of those attending the premiere that evening appear below.

In the January 2012 issue of our monthly newsletter, *Ineffable Twaddle*, we've asked our Members to send their opinions in writing to the Editor. Be sure to watch for the posting of future issues of *Twaddle* on this website, to see those comments!

In the meantime, following is the review provided by our President-for-Life David Haugen.



Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows

If you saw the first Robert Downey Jr./Jude Law "Sherlock Holmes" movie, you will at least be partially prepared for the second film, "Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows", which premiered in mid-December. Downey still plays Holmes dressed more like a Baker Street Irregular than a Victorian gentleman.

That being said, this movie has many pluses to it. Jude Law again proves that he is the best *movie* Watson. He holds his own in the many verbal jousts that he has with Holmes. The good doctor not only sees, but he observes. He is the one who does the investigating at the climax of the new film, while Holmes is incapacitated. He even saves Holmes' life this time around! For everyone who has wanted to see Dr. Watson portrayed as an intelligent man, this is your movie.

Holmes, on the other hand, is more flawed in this movie than in the first one. He makes mistakes when trying to outwit Professor Moriarty. Holmes is also more human: When the Professor threatens Watson, you can see real affection in Holmes for Watson; you understand that Holmes will do anything to protect his "friend".

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There are enough explosions and gun fire to make this a real popcorn movie. But the obvious affection between Holmes and Watson makes this a better movie than the first one, whether you see it with popcorn or not.

By: David Haugen, SOB, PFL



At left: Our costumed attendees are analyzed for the prize package!

Below left: Ann-Marie Wehrer & Lisa Miller, Catherine Bancroft, and Jim Vavra.

Below right: Jean Macdonald, Carroll Clemons, and Margaret & Al Nelson.



Left: Emily and Ginie Romnes, and Jim & Pat McIntosh

Right: James Romnes, with his prize package!

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Left: John & Barbara Nelson, and
Andi Shecter & Stu Shiffman



Right: Hank & Margie Deck

Photos by Editor Terri Haugen



Left: PFL David Haugen



Right:
Bryan Romnes, Josh Nelson,
James Romnes, and
Gabe Poitevin



Right: Michael Phillips & Walter Choy,
Michelle Poitevin, and
John Longenbaugh



Left: Jon Strandberg and
friend Pattie

Below: Some candid shots

