Change in Venue for Watson Picnic

The date’s the same—August 23, 2014—and the time’s the same—9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. BUT we’ve had to change the venue for our 18th consecutive Dr. John H. Watson Picnic.

Due to construction at Seahurst Park, Haugen’s home in University Place, WA will have to stand-in for our usual water-front setting!

Even though early in the day, this is still a pot-luck lunch, so your contributions of food—salads, main dishes, side dishes, chips, snacks, sweets—and drinks are anticipated and hungrily welcomed! Please bring enough to share!

We’ll have the George Foreman fired up, so bring your grillables—and vegetarians beware!!

Haugen’s will provide some breakfast foods and coffee to greet the early risers. They’ll also supply the plates, cups, napkins and eating utensils, but if your food requires special implements, please bring those yourselves.

The PFL has once again created a game that requires no skill at all so anyone can win!! Imagine YOU taking home the coveted Dr. John H. Watson Trophy! And, SOB Margie Deck reminds us that our Watson Picnic coincides with the 100th anniversary of the events that took place in “His Last Bow”. So let’s celebrate that too! Could this mean a quiz??!

Don’t miss it…it’s always great fun!

Getting to Haugen’s Home (DO NOT USE GPS!):
Take Exit #130 off I-5 (whether northbound or southbound), and go west on South 56th Street. Proceed west on South 56th Street for approximately 3 miles where—at the intersection with South Orchard Street—56th Street will become “Cirque Drive West”. Continuing west, on Cirque Drive West, you’ll encounter a traffic circle. Go halfway around the circle, as if you were simply going straight on Cirque Drive West. After the traffic circle, at the next light—67th Avenue West—continue west through the intersection. You’ll see on your left white fencing; this is our complex: Nantucket West. Continue on Cirque Drive a scant ¼ mile, and turn at the first left-hand turn (70th Avenue Court West). The gate will be open for your entry from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Once inside the gate, follow the road to the left as it changes from 70th Avenue Court West to 51st Street Court West. Proceed to the very last home on your right…house # 6710. Park in the fenced RV lot to the east of the house. If you get lost, call us at (253) 460-2753.

Yes, U.P. is further south than Burien but there’s plenty of space to park and the bathrooms are close!
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It’s a Contest!!!

By: SOB Lauran Stevens

Enter “The What If” contest for 2014 and win free dues for next year!!

In “The What If” contest, there are no right or wrong answers!

The Key: We know Sherlock Holmes is a consulting detective...that John Watson is a doctor...and that Professor Moriarty was a master criminal.

The Rules:

• Using your knowledge of the Canon and your imagination and wit, tell us what you think each of them would be (and why) if they were not a consulting detective, a doctor, and a criminal! Be creative!! Create a new world!! It’s easy, and it’s free!

• The best set of answers will earn the winner free dues next year!! And, all the most imaginative answers will appear in our next issue of Beaten’s Christmas Annual!

• Send submissions to me as follows: Lauran Stevens, 109 John Street, Apt. 509, Seattle, WA 98109-4920

• Your answers—with reasons why—must reach me by September 1, and the winner will be announced at the September 21 Club Meeting.

Here’s a chance for EVERYONE to participate!! So, Out-of-Towners, seize this opportunity!!!

Holmes is Tipped Off by an Unusual Coffin!

The August 17, 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting of The Sound of the Baskervilles will begin at 4:00 p.m. at T.S. McHugh’s Public House. The social hour starts at 3:00!!

The story to study is “The Disappearance of Lady Frances Carfax”.

Says PFL David: No, we’re not going to look into Lady Frances’ “carfax” details!! Instead, our 44th tale in the Canon (by publication date) will introduce us to a lone, unwed woman—the sole survivor in the direct line of an Earl—denied a rich inheritance, as was the law at the time, because of her gender. Watson has been dispatched to Switzerland by Holmes to do recon on the disappearance of our poor Lady. She’s been being stalked by a big, bearded man, she’s lost her maid, her former governess hasn’t heard from her in weeks, and she seems to have taken off with some missionaries!

Watch as Holmes then makes mince-meat of Watson’s investigational skills!

Study up on “The Disappearance of Lady Frances Carfax”.

A Few Words from Our Veep Kashena Konecki

Seattle’s Insider carried an article on July 9 titled “9 Tips for Making Deductions like Sherlock Holmes”!! It’s based on Psychologist Maria Konnikova’s book “Mastermind: How To Think Like Sherlock Holmes”. For more, go to: www.businessinsider.com/9-ways-to-observe-and-deduce-like-sherlock-holmes-2014-7?op=1

Get your Sherlock Holmes-inspired clothing from Gold Bubble; see them at left and at http://goldbubbleclothing.com/collections/sherlock-holmes.

Ian McKellen is set to play a 93-year-old Holmes in the film, “Mr. Holmes”, based on Mitch Cullen’s “A Slight Trick of the Mind”. He’s retired to Sussex to keep bees and is grappling with his own deteriorating mental state and an old case.

Benedict Cumberbatch and Martin Freeman are both nominated in the 2014 TV Emmy awards race in the “Outstanding Lead Actor in A Miniseries or Movie” category—Cumberbatch for “Sherlock” and Freeman for “Fargo”.

“Elementary” returns in October to CBS. A new character is added: Kitty Winter, a new protégé for Holmes and a new rival for Dr. Joan.

Olympic Theatre in Sequim is staging “Sherlock Holmes: The Final Problem”. Show times are at 7:30 p.m. each Friday and Saturday night through July 26, and at 2 p.m. each Sunday through July 27. Tickets are $16 for general admission.
**Librarian’s Corner**

“It is a great thing to start life with a small number of really good books which are your very own.”—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

**Recent Gifts to The SOB Library**

Our SOB Lending Library has received, from PFL David and from members Shannon Wallace and Lauren Messenger, some grand books and DVDs.

We now have Jack Tracy’s *The Encyclopedia Sherlockiana*, a must-have for any Sherlockian library. It is a “universal dictionary of Sherlock Holmes and his biographer John H. Watson, M.D.,” and it is a very easy-to-use reference to the Canon. David also gave us *The Science of Sherlock Holmes: from Baskerville Hall to the Valley of Fear, the Real Forensics behind the Detective’s Greatest Cases* by E.J. Wagner (2006). I recently read in “The Saturday Review of Literature”, a new yearly Sherlockian publication, an article by Peter Calamai, BSI entitled “Sherlockian Science”. He reviews several books on this topic and chooses Wagner’s book as his “preferred example of this genre.” So, we are fortunate to have this book in our library.

Then there is the lovely coffee table type book, *Victorian and Edwardian London* by A.R. Hope Moncreiff (1999). This gorgeous book combines an interesting and well-written text with stunning period watercolor and oil print reproductions. What a gem. We also now have a recent book that has gotten excellent reviews, including one from our VP Kashena Konecki, titled *Bending the Willow: Jeremy Brett as Sherlock Holmes*. Here’s the SOB library book for your summer reading pleasure, you Brett-series fans!

Shannon and Lauren have created for us several CDs and DVDs. We have three sets of the very good Big Finish Productions of *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, *The Adventure of the Perfidious Mariner*, and *Sherlock Holmes and the Ripper*. These radio dramas star two of the best radio performers of Holmes and Watson—Nick Briggs and Richard Earl. *The Ordeal of Sherlock Holmes*, a 4-CD set from Lauren, promise to be fine summer listening. And, David and I have donated *The Crucifer of Blood*, a DVD movie starring Charlton Heston as Holmes. Did you know that he had played Holmes?

Finally, we have a small paperback, *Edith Meiser and her Adventures with Sherlock Holmes* by Lucy Brusic, et al., from the University of Minnesota Library. Meiser wrote over 55 radio scripts of the Canon that were broadcast in the 1930’s and 40’s. She also wrote many scripts for the unpublished stories such as “The Giant Rat of Sumatra”, “Vamberry the Wine Merchant”, and “The Incredible Mystery of Mr. James Phillimore.” This little booklet is quite a treasure.

So, once again, SOBs, happy reading and listening!  

Sheila Holtgrieve, SOB Librarian  
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**Remembering Our Valued Members: Part 2**

In last month’s issue we introduced you to many SOBs who’ve been Members for more than 20 years. Here’s another batch: Those who’ve been active for more than 10 years.

♥ Stu Shiffman (March 1995) joined us when he and pal Tom Walls were volunteering for Bouchercon 1994 (the mystery fan convention) here in Seattle. He’s an award winning sci-fi illustrator, who sadly is currently confined as he recovers from a June 2012 stroke.

♥ Al & Margaret Nelson (June 2005) heard about us when he attended a geologists convention in Seattle and we co-hosted a dinner with Peter Blau. She’s an avid rose gardener and they’re both huge soccer fans. Al served as our 4th Treasurer from...

**From SOB Margaret Nelson**

SOB Michelle Poitevin, her son Gabe, her friend and his daughter, and Al and I attended the very good lecture on beekeeping given by Green River Community College Instructor Dr. Daniel Najera on July 7 at the Mary Olson Farm in Auburn, WA.

Members of the Puget Sound Beekeeping Association arranged the lecture and it was great! Dr. Najera is a biologist and beekeeper who held our attention for over an hour, which passed by in the twinkling of an eye. We were able to observe a portable hive, inspect large scale color photos of the bees and their lives, and taste about six different varieties of local honey.

The raspberry honey is terrific! The farm is charming, with two cows and some chickens, an old orchard, hops vines for those beer drinkers in The SOBs and a restored barn, house and outbuildings.

That’s Michelle and Gabe on the left side of the hive, and Al, Margaret and Dr. Najera on the right side.

**This Week at The Watson Society**

(July 20, 2014)

**Weekly Quiz 2014: 28—Minor Characters of the Canon**

The team entry, as always, was ably mastered by Ariana Maher ‘Carla’, Sheila Holtgrieve ‘Daisy’, and Margie Deck ‘Gwen’ of the Seattle SOBs. Congratulations to this trio also!

**Let the 2014 Treasure Hunt begin!**
**From SOB Al Nelson**
We didn’t get to the Gillette Castle on this year’s trip to Connecticut (to see Kate’s in-laws), but here’s a picture of it.
We had a great time! CT is a really beautiful state...all forest and sea shore as far as we could see!!

**Bill Farley Ailing**
For those who frequent Seattle Mystery Bookshop, founder and former owner Bill Farley is receiving care at Skyline on First Hill retirement community, where he lives (as does SOB Ann Milam).

PFL David was at Skyline recently at Ann’s request, giving a talk on Sherlock Holmes to their residents.
Bill left a note for David apologizing for his inability to attend the talk.

**Things to See, Buy, Do and Know**
- **From SOB Librarian Sheila Holtgrieve:** Check out this link to the Signals website. I now have my own Vintage Book Kindle Case—it is really great. Fits my Kindle Touch just fine; there are sizes for other types of Kindles too. The workmanship is really nice. There is also a Jane Austen one; I wonder if SOB Jim Nagle would like that one?
  http://www.signals.com/cgi-bin/hazel.cgi?action=DETAIL&ITEM=HN3982
- **Fran Martin, President of B.C.’s The Stormy Petrels** tells us she’ll be attending the “From Gillette to Brett IV” conference in Indianapolis in September. If you’re going, be sure to look for Fran and our own SOB Charlie Cook of Sumter, SC. Subtitled “Basil, Benedict, and Beyond”, it will run September 12 to 14. For details on this event, see Ineffable Twaddle for June 2014 [Vol. 33, Issue 6] Page 3 or go to: www.wessexpress.com/html/g2b4.html
- **From Our Friend, Carl Heifetz from Florida:** Hugh Ashton has constructed a Sherlockian site featuring Ronald Howard. It’s a great addition for those who want to know about various visual incarnations of The Master.
  http://sherlockhoward.homestead.com/index.html
- **From SOB Margie Deck:**
  ➞ Oh, if only we could have gone: “Potted Sherlock” was previewed at the Pleasance Theatre and the new Diorama in mid-July in London!!! All 60 Sherlock stories in 70 elementary minutes! Here’s what the website said: “This delicious romp through the Canon of Arthur Conan Doyle is fabulous fun for the whole family. See it first at these exclusive London preview performances prior to the show’s premiere at the Edinburgh Fringe…This brand new show comes from the creators of worldwide hit ‘Potted Potter’ and festive funhouse ‘Potted Pan to’, the double Best Entertainment Olivier Award nominees Dan and Jeff.”
  ➞ **221B as a test:** If you want to see 221B done as a test, go to the following blogspot for Sherlock Peoria. Brad Keefauver’s comments are always interesting:
  http://sherlockpeoria.blogspot.com/2014/04/the-221b-test-part-one.html
- **From PFL David and SOB Airy Maher:** UK-based online book seller “The Book Depository”—www.bookdepository.com—will ship any of their 10 million books worldwide for free!! Good news, as shipping from the U.K. is very costly!
- **From PFL David:** For those who are planning a trip to the U.K. in the coming months—“A Museum of London exhibition from October 17, 2014 to April 12, 2015 is to place Sherlock Holmes under the microscope, examining the traits that define Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s 125-year-old creation as well as his intimate relationship with his native city of London. Visitors will see the literary beginnings of the great detective brought to life by exhibits including original issues of The Strand Magazine, in which the stories were first published, and artwork by Sidney Paget, the man who gave Sherlock Holmes not only his famous aquiline profile but also his trademark deerstalker hat.” A spokesperson told RadioTimes.com, “I can promise that Benedict Cumberbatch will feature, in some shape or form.” As to exactly what form that will take, fans will have to wait and see, with organisers adding, “This is just the tip of the iceberg—there will be big announcements later in the year”. This is billed as the first major temporary exhibition of Sherlock Holmes in London for over 60 years, since the 1951 Festival of Britain.
- **From SOB Maffie Rafferty:** Found this posting on BBC News on July 3. What a cute nickname the Chinese have for Sherlock! “The UK government organised a screening of BBC TV drama “Sherlock” in North Korea in the hope of “encouraging change” in the country…The programme was shown in 2012 at a film festival in the capital Pyongyang. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) said it was ‘one of the things we…’

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Our Valued Members: Part 2

...January 2003 through early 2014.

♥ Geoff Jeffery & Cara Cross (January 1998) both work for Pierce County and live in Tacoma. They can’t make a lot of our functions, but they did host our Master’s Dinner in 2012 and 2013 at Meridian Habitat Park in Puyallup, which she manages. Geoff’s been an avid Sherlockian collector since long before joining The SOBs.

♥ Lauran Stevens (May 2000) joined The SOBs when she returned to the States after living in the U.K. for a number of years. She was, of course, a member of the London Society. She lives within blocks of T.S. McHugh’s and her Canonical name is Hattie Doran.

♥ Ann Deusenberry (March 2001) works at the Benicia Library in northern CA with an old pal of Editor Terri’s. When she learned about this “wacky Sherlockian group in Seattle”, she had to join!! We’ve seen Ann on several visits to CA and she was here a few years ago for a Howard Shore concert. See Page 6 for a squib on her upcoming return visit!

♥ Our resident Holmeses are Dwight & Gayle (September 2003) who live in LaConner. He’s a retired law enforcement officer who twice had a partner named Watson...once a lady (human) officer and once a canine...and shares his firearms interest with other SOBs! Gayle’s a part-time artist—see the cover of our 2009 Beaten’s Christmas Annual which featured her “Sherlock’s” painting—and a full-time, doting grandmama!!!

♥ Honororable Mention: While no longer an active Member of The SOBs, we can’t overlook the contribution made by Lloyd Hedberg. Lloyd conceives and created our website in 2001, and acted as our Webmaster and Club Historian until 2011. Before taking on other pursuits, he contributed his sizable Sherlockian collection—The Lloyd Hedberg Collection—to our Club, under the curatorship of SOB Stephen Adkins.

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...have done to encourage North Korea to be more open to the outside world’...It was listed among 34 educational, diplomatic and humanitarian initiatives. An FCO spokesperson said: ‘Most North Koreans have never seen anything other than domestic, Soviet or Chinese films.’...The FCO document did not specify whether a single Sherlock episode was included or a whole series. But in the first episode of the third series, Holmes, played by Benedict Cumberbatch, identifies a British minister and peer as a North Korean spy who attempts to blow up Parliament...“Sherlock” has been a big hit around the world. In China, it is among the most popular TV imports and Cumberbatch has been nicknamed Curly Fu.” http://www.bing.com/ir/1F/HNSG9?a=1&m=EN-US

• From District Messenger Editor Roger Johnson: Irregular Stain: A Facsimile of the Original Manuscript of ‘The Second Stain’ by Arthur Conan Doyle, edited by Andrew Solberg and Robert Katz, is available at www.bakerstreet.journal.com. As with a couple of the other extant manuscripts, a few pages are in a quite different hand from the author’s own small neat script—identified in this case by Dame Jean as her mother’s, evidently writing from Sir Arthur’s dictation. Philip Bergman provides a transcript and notes, and Randall Stock traces the history of the story and the manuscript. Unique features: a scan of the galley proofs, the only illustrations.

• From Entertainment Weekly’s Special Comic-Con Double Issue: How can Sherlock be a “Movie”? Here’s a mystery worthy of Holmes: Why is Sherlock considered a movie by the Emmy Awards when the BBC/PBS cult fave is obviously a series? It’s a matter of deductive elimination: Sherlock cannot be submitted in the series category because it has only three episodes per season. But it cannot be submitted as a miniseries either, since Sherlock episodes tell self-contained stories rather than a continuous full-season story line...PBS’ Masterpiece actually entered Sherlock by sending just one 90-minute episode—so Sherlock the series isn’t nominated for a movie Emmy at all, just one episode is. Elementary, right?

From SOB Sonia Fetherston, BSI

Portland’s NW Children’s Theater will stage an adaptation of “Sherlock Holmes” September 27 to October 26. They do a good job, so the production ought to be a treat. Show times are at 11:00 and 3:00. There is more info, including ticket prices, on their website: nwcts.org. Hmm...time for a group event or a road trip??

From SOB Stephen Adkins

Saw this posting on BBC News on July 18:

“The US Supreme Court has refused to hear an emergency petition from the heirs of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, who are trying to stop the publication of a book based on Sherlock Holmes. The family says Les Klinger and Laurie King should pay a licence fee for using Doyle’s characters. An earlier appeals court decision ruled against the author’s estate. Sir Arthur’s estate have argued this copyright protection means that anyone creating original stories based on Sherlock should pay for the privilege. Klinger, a known authority on the cerebral detective, handed over the $5,000 (£2,923) licensing fee when he published A Study in Sherlock: Stories Inspired by the Sherlock Holmes Canon, in 2011. But when it came to publishing a second volume, he decided to withhold the money, leading Conan Doyle’s estate to threaten legal action. However, Klinger sued the estate first, arguing the characters were in the public domain and no fee was due. The appeals court sided with him on 16 June and now, it appears, the US Supreme Court has agreed.”
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Member News & Updates

SOBs attending our July 13, 2014 SOB Meeting, presided over by PFL David Haugen were:

Vivika Sundqvist Airy Maher Terri Haugen
Kashena Konecki Diana Couture Annie Becker
Lauren Messenger Lauran Stevens Sue Reid
Jon Strandberg Margaret Nelson Al Nelson
Laurel Becker John Geis

Important to note is: The Watson Picnic will be held in University Place! See Page 1 ! Jon & Sue made a trip east in May, stopping to see family (hers) near Indianapolis, then on to Williamsburg, where John satisfied his passion for the Revolutionary War. He also mentioned spending part of his youth in East Anglia! ! Airy presented what we hope will be a new feature at meetings: “Airy’s Intermittent Referee”. She found a Sherlockian quote that intrigued her, gave her thoughts on its intent, then threw the topic out for discussion. She really got the group going!! ! Winners in our quiz on REDC were: Airy and Jon sharing 1st place; and Diana, Sue and Laurel tying for 2nd. Kudos to all! ! We were bowled over to see young John Geis walk into the Meeting!! Except for couple of visits, he’s been absent for five years while serving with the Marines, most recently stationed in Hawaii (yeah, aawwww)!!! He’s back to stay, though, pursuing a degree in electrical engineering, and recently engaged to his long-time girlfriend, Mimi.

SOB Erynn Laurie went to Italy last winter to visit her brother. She’s got her dog with her now, is living in Trieste and plans to stay at least a year! WOW!!!

Thanks to SOB Bryan Romnes for his photo of his Pop SOB James Romnes (r) and John Longenbaugh (l) as they ferried to the Peninsula on June 7 for the Brass Screw Confederacy, Port Townsend’s annual Steampunk Festival (see more in last month’s Twaddle, Vol. 33, Issue 7, Page 6), where they debated the topic “Is Sherlock Holmes Steampunk?”

Says Sheila Holtgrieve: Here is a pic of my twin grandkids on their first airplane ride in June to San Francisco. Felix (l) looks a bit dubious.

Long-time Northern CA Member SOB Ann Deusenberry (see Page 5) will be a houseguest at Haugen’s in early December, so you’ll get to meet her!!!

Come hear SOB Airy Maher give a presentation on the history of Sherlock Holmes on the radio at the September 21 SOB Meeting!