March Madness: Master’s Dinner & Anniversary Tea!!

Our 31st Annual Master’s Dinner will be held on March 1, 2014!!

Instead of celebrating the anniversary of Holmes’ birth in January 1854, our Master’s Dinner will now celebrate the occasion of Holmes’ and Watson’s meeting in March 1881. Toasts to the pair at this event will be most welcome.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. The location is Angelo’s Italian Restaurant in downtown Burien, WA.

Our buffet choices for your eating pleasure will include chicken, pasta and vegetarian offerings at a cost of $25 / person. (Alcoholic beverages will be available on a pay-as-you-go basis.) And, the Club will foot the bill for appetizers, vino and dessert!!

Like all SOB weekend events, this a perfect occasion for you to socialize in a relaxed atmosphere and get to know your fellow Sherlockians even better!!

Angelo’s has wonderful ambiance, ample free parking and great food, so please be sure to join us!

A flyer/registration form is provided with this issue of Twaddle.

Driving Directions to Anthony’s in Burien:
• From I-5, take Highway 518 westbound (Exit 154, near South Center Mall, where I-5 meets I-405).
• After exits for Highway 509, Highway 518 will become S.W. 148th Street.
• Cross streets become numbered, so quickly watch for 1st Avenue South—the first main intersection.
• Continuing westbound on S.W. 148th Street, and turn left onto 4th Avenue S.W.
• Turn right onto S.W. 153rd Street, and go 2 blocks to 6th Avenue.
• Anthony’s is on your left at 601 S.W. 153rd Street.

Need a ride? Please contact PFL David!! See Page 4 for contact info!!

Our 33rd Annual Anniversary Tea & Auction will be held on March 29, 2014!!

Our Anniversary Tea is Saturday, March 31, at Hauggen’s home in University Place! Tea will be served at 1:00, and your contributions of snacks and sweets will be most welcome!!

Our annual auction will be only a part of the festivities—so we can concentrate on socializing and celebrating our Club’s 33rd anniversary!!

Watch for more in the next issue of Twaddle!!
T.S. McHugh’s Public House is at 21 Mercer Street, Seattle, (206) 282-1910. Come early, order a meal, and catch up with other SOBs!

Additional Holiday Greetings to The SOBs & “Compliments of the Season” came from...

- Elliott Black (IL)
- Charlie & Diana Cook (SC)
- Paul & Marcia Naher (MO)
- Dottie Normandin (MA)

Get updates on all The SOBs’ recent events at The SOBs’ website!!!
Go to: http://www.soundofthebaskervilles.com/recent.html

We Interrupt Our Regularly Scheduled Programming...

The February 16, 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!

SAYS PFL DAVID: Instead of discussing the next story, we will spend the afternoon discussing the future of this scion society and where the SOBs should go from here.

I’d like to continue the emphasis on the original stories, as they are the driving force for the BBC’s “Sherlock” writers. But it would be nice to have Members report—on a regular basis—the happenings in the worlds of both “Sherlock” and “Elementary” and their actors. Perhaps we could have regular Member reports on upcoming plays and events, BBC radio broadcasts, and progress with the 2014 Seattle Sherlock Con.

And, don’t forget, we want Members to take advantage of our once-per-quarter diversions, when we skip regular story-study for a Member to present a talk, conduct a quiz, or lead a discussion! Talk to me to discuss your topic and to get on the schedule!!

Since we have so many new Members, it’s time to discuss whether we are meeting the needs of both our new and our old Members. We can’t be all things to all Members, but we can certainly have FUN trying.

From SOB Margaret Nelson

When the SOBs attended “The Hound of the Baskervilles” at Seattle Rep this past fall, we picked up a brochure for a “Dog’s Night Out at the Rep.” For a hefty fee, you and a canine companion could attend a special performance of the play. I thought it was a joke but it was not! From The Stranger, December 18, 2013: “There were 120 canines in the audience at closing night of ‘The Hound of the Baskervilles’ at Seattle Rep. Seconds into the show, the sight of a man in the dark holding a lantern immediately set the dogs barking—and the barking lasted a good two minutes. One actor had to turn his back to the audience to conceal his laughter. Gunfire, stage fighting, thunder and howling-dog sound effects produced similar results. It was the third such Dogs’ Night Out the theater has hosted. And it was amazing.”

And that, my friends, was the curious thing about the dog(s) in the night!

Re-envisioning Holmes and Watson as African Americans and taking place in New York City’s famous Harlem district, the stories go in fresh and new directions never traveled before.

This is also a series in which Holmes is no longer the central character as he shares equal spotlight with Watson as emphasized by the title. In this take of the classic, Jon Watson is a former para-jumper for the U.S. Air Force returning from Afghanistan, He is currently working in an inner-city clinic helping the less fortunate while trying to pay his debts after a hard divorce. Holmes is a private investigator who used to work as a programmer in an internet start-up that went belly-up. His career, consequently ruined as a result, he has become a PI.

Both cross paths for the first time when an unusual case Holmes is involved in ends up in Watson’s emergency room. During the investigation, a conspiracy is discovered that links unexpected people together while Watson & Holmes bump heads along the way, in more ways than one.—Product Details, Comic, Publisher: New Paradigm Studios (December 11, 2013), ASIN: B00HARGS48

DC sez: While this series has never been released on home video, I have acquired a bootleg DVD copy, of watchable quality, that will be on long term loan to the SOB Library for your viewing pleasure.

While I leave it to other SOB’s, who are more expert than myself, to review this particular DVD (I don’t fancy The Hound myself), I do highly recommend the above mentioned episode of Doctor Who! It is a fun-filled Victorian period sci-fi detective romp, complete with master criminals and a perfectly delightful dark, dank, foggy London.

And that, my friends, must conclude this thrilling episode. Hope to see you soon, DC

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Things to See, Buy, Do and Know

- From SOB Stephen Adkins: Here is a great “I am Sherlocked” limited edition t-shirt for all us ‘Sherlock’ fans: http://teespring.com/sherlock
- From SOB Airy Maher: Saw this on Kickstarter and thought it might be of interest to fellow Sherlockians. Jackson Robinson of Bartlett, TN, produces a variety of Sherlockian products. His latest offering is a limited edition deck of Sherlock Holmes playing cards. I put a donation in for a set. It’s so cool! Here’s a link: http://kck.st/1cy2Xow
- From SOB Dawn Kravagna: I suggest—for those interested—that we set-up a group of Members’ twitter contact info and blog sites!
- From SOB Dorothy “Dottie” Norman: Apologies to SOB Terry Burns, who wants to find a jigsaw puzzle that shows 221B’s sitting room. I didn't find that but did find “Sherlock Holmes and The Speckled Band: A Mystery Jigsaw Puzzle”. It includes the ACD story and a 1,000 piece puzzle. The interesting part is that the picture on the box is NOT what the puzzle looks like when assembled. It sounds like a great challenge for the long cold winter nights! You can buy it at: www.puzzlemart.com/Sherlock-Holmes-33118.html
- Your Editor simply googled “Sherlock Holmes jigsaw puzzles” and—while images of 221B’s sitting room were NOT found—these were:
- From SOB James Romnes: I had a 4-page spread in the November 2013 issue of The Washington Arms Collectors Gun News Magazine, with the first two chapters of my novella, “The Repulsive Affair of the Red Leech: A Sherlock Holmes Firearms Mystery”. (We’ll add it to our Lending Library and, James, send us the next two issues so we can finish your story!)
- From SOB Manson Polley: Our Phoenix PBS station (KAET) has been on a Sherlockian kick! Just recorded 9 hours including “HOUN”, don’t know which series or who plays SH yet, but will look at them soon! And, our paper—The Arizona Republic—gave a very good review (11/14/14) on the first episode of series 3 of “Sherlock”—saying, “…the show remains a joy.”
- From SOB Margie Deck: Dam, I should have asked Santa for this one! Check out: wwww.ebay.co.uk/tm/281249900734 for the Benedict Cumberbatch signed “Sherlock Deerstalker”, benefiting St. Mungo’s Woolly Hat Day.
- From Editor Terri: While “How Sherlock Changed the World” was pre-empted on Western Washington PBS channels in December, we did get these reports—
  - “It showed here tonight. Ok show, but nothing I would want a DVD of.”—SOB/ Webmaster Stu Nelan, Melissa, TX
  - “It was a dandy show with many forensic experts singing the praises of the Master, calling him the father of forensic science.”
  —SOB Charlie Cook, Sumter, SC

More...Member News & Updates

- SOB Carl Wirth, Omaha has been invited to address a 7th grade class about Sherlock Holmes’ history (they’re reading a few of the stories). Then on April 12 those students will sit in on his normal Holmes book group at The Bookworm and, with enough interest, he’ll start a Sherlockian book group for adolescents aged 12 to 15! Kudos, Carl, on “keeping the memory green”!
- SOB Sonia Featherston, Salem reports that she’s been invited as “The Solitary Cyclist” in the Baker Street Irregular’s prestigious BSI community. Thus she will henceforth be addressed as “Sonia Fetherston, BSI”.
  Kudos to you too, Sonia!

Important News

From PFL David: The SOBs are personally invited to attend!!

The American Academy of Forensic Sciences—as part of its annual meeting outreach—will hold a special Sherlockian panel during its annual convention:

- “Sherlock Holmes: The First CSI”
- Free to the Public: Door open at 6:15 p.m.
- Monday, February 17, 2014 7:00 p.m.
- Sheraton Seattle Hotel 1400—6th Avenue

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Member News & Updates

SOBs attending our January 19, 2014 SOB Meeting, presided over by PFL David Haugen were:

Vivika Sundqvist  Airy Maher  Terri Haugen
Kashena Konecki  DC Smith  Lauran Stevens
Sheila Holtgrieve  Judy Lyen  Al Nelson

• It was a smaller than usual group who met at T.S. McHugh’s as the Seattle Seahawks again battled the San Francisco 49-ers for a spot in the Super Bowl!! And, the Seahawks prevailed, so Seattle will be NUTS on February 2!!!  But we held our own (most arrived very early to beat traffic), enjoying the intimacy of a smaller group, devoting a lot of discussion to the new season of “Sherlock”.  It was great to see Judy after a long absence!!  In the PFL’s quiz on SECO, Sheila and Airy tied for 1st place, far outdistancing everyone else!

• Apologies to those who did not receive PFL David’s e-mail “blast”, but thanks to SOB Judy Lyen the Club was invited to view a sneak peek of the first episode in the new season of “Sherlock” at the Tacoma PBS station (KBTC) on January 15. SOBs attending included: David & Terri Haugen, Margaret & Al Nelson, Beatrice Roy, Ann Park, Carrol Clemens, Don Hodge and Judy Lyen.  As there were 105 others attending (!!!), Terri and Al passed out membership literature and a blurb about the Club is now on KBTC’s website, so who knows?!

• Margie & Hank Deck hosted the Club once again on January 18 for a viewing of ALL three eps of the new season of “Sherlock” (in British format) in the party room at their community in Spanaway!!  Enjoying the fun and the muchies that day were SOBs Sheila Holtgrieve, Kashena Konecki, Catherine Bancroft, Ann Park, David & Terri Haugen, Vivika Sundqvist and Al & Margaret Nelson.

• SOB Picnic Chair Paul Williams was able to send a very cryptic, encoded note—“Same bat time, same bat channel”—to inform us that the 2014 Dr. John H. Watson Picnic will occur on Saturday, July 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. once again at Seahurst Park in Burien!!

• SOB Sheldon Gloger sent this report of his trip up from Portland in December to attend his first SOB Meeting: Dear fellow out-of-town SOBs—I, Escott, can recommend attending our monthly meeting the way I did: The train from Portland arrived in the Seattle Amtrak King Street station at around noon.  Upstairs, two blocks away, was the #1 city bus which dropped me off at McHugh’s Pub. The neighborhood looked interesting to me, so I stayed over at the MarQueen Hotel around the corner, and took the #1 city bus.

• SOBs Lauren Messenger, PFL David, and Kashena Konecki attended Sherlock Seattle’s 2014 birthday bash for Holmes on January 4, where they saw episode 1 of “Sherlock” series 3!!