Sports Bar, 2; SOBs,0!!!

By: SOB PFL David Haugen

As we reported last month, T.S. McHugh’s Public House has been turned into a sports bar!! We knew that the din we’d heard for the last 15 years would soon be turned into a roar, and we were right!

The first run that T.S. McHugh’s scored on Sunday, September 21—where we “played” directly against a Seahawks game—was to firmly establish that we could no longer hold a meeting there, with all the new TVs blasting and the shouts from the patrons. The limited parking in the area, though free on Sundays, was nearly nil.

So, after polling local Members, arrangements are made for our next three (3) meetings to be held at The Seattle Public Library on Queen Anne Hill from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Our New (Temporary) Meeting Site: The Seattle Public Library, on Queen Anne Hill, is at 400 West Garfield—up the hill from T.S. McHugh’s—and we have booked it for our October, November and December Meetings.

The meeting room is very large, with WC access in the hallway. We will have to set up the tables and chairs and then take them down at the end of the meeting (and vacate the space by the Library’s 5:00 p.m. closing). So able-bodied helpers will be welcome!

Our 4:30 p.m. ending time should also give SOBs who are dependent on public transportation a chance to get home sooner.

The second run for McHugh’s at the September 21 Meeting was to prevent me from even trying to conduct our study of the scheduled story, “The Dying Detective”. So it will be carried over to the November Meeting.

If we find ourselves meeting at this Library longer than three months, we will not be permitted to ask for any money on the premises or during meetings. This means any dues collected next spring will need to be done outside the Library or through the mail.

Food Options: There are lots of shops and eateries both at the bottom and at the top of Queen Anne Hill. So you can eat prior, or bring something with you. Sack lunches and canned soda are permitted in the Library; we just can’t have a caterer (yeah, right!). This will give Members who haven’t eaten before the meeting the ability to grab something to go and eat informally at the Library and during our Meeting.

Driving Directions to the Queen Anne Library
From northbound or southbound I-5, exit at Mercer Street and head west. Turn right on Queen Anne Avenue, and head up the hill. At the 3-way stop sign at the top, turn left onto West Galer Street. At 4th Avenue, turn right. The library is one (1) block north, at the cross with Garfield Street, on the northwest corner. (The next cross street to the north is Blaine.)

How long will we meet here? This is an experiment. If it works out, we may stay. The Montlake Library and one on Capitol Hill where SOB Shannon Wallace works have also been suggested, so we have some fall backs.

But please be on the lookout for other restaurant options where our Club can meet! At right is the list of our restaurant requirements.
From Lovely SOB Daughter
Kate Nelson (Al & Margaret’s)
I didn’t know about this great website before Andrew & I went to Comic Con 2014! Check out: www.entertainmentearth.com/prodinfo.asp?number=BBP16064#. Too many fun things to look at!! And, from “Star Trek: The Next Generation”, you can get Data and Jeordie la Forge as Sherlock and Watson ...bobbleheads!!

“Sherlock: Chronicles” is coming October 23, 2014
Pre-order “Sherlock: Chronicles” now on Amazon.UK, the new official behind-the-scenes book packed with exclusive unseen material. Including all-new interviews with the cast and crew, this is Sherlock from the ground up: from story and script development to casting, sets, costumes, props, music and more. Each episode of the spectacular (first) three series (seasons) is remembered by those who made it, from the show’s dazzling debut in “A Study in Pink” to this year’s breathtaking finale, “His Last Vow”.

Thanks to SOB Airy Maher

Lauren Messenger Wins “What If” Contest!!

Our “What If” contest is now over! SOB Lauran Stevens challenged Members to use their knowledge of the Canon and their imaginations and wit to tell us what Holmes, Watson and Moriarty would be if they were not a consulting detective, a doctor, and a criminal!

Those submitting entries were encouraged to be creative, even to create a new world for this three-some, and to tell us the theories behind their choices! Winning the contest and free dues next year was SOB Lauren Messenger, who deserves extra credit for also devising new existences for Irene Adler, Mrs. Hudson and Jabez Wilson!! Her entire entry will appear in our next issue of Beaten’s Christmas Annual, but here are the highlights:

- Holmes would be a museum registrar involved in risk management and documentation of the collection. He would develop and maintain record systems and storage systems, and keep track of all associated documentation. He would use his detective skills to solve the mystery of missing documents and any irregularities of the museum. He would also be adept at detail work and problem solving.

- Watson would be a humanitarian aid, working for a non-profit organization dedicated to providing aid to remote, war-torn and impoverished communities, such as Afghanistan. He has also become a prolific Twitterer—tweeting about the people and places he encounters in his work.

Lauren’s theories are powerful, and her passion for the series is a great start. She will make a great entry for SOB! After seeing her entry, we decided that perhaps Moriarty would be the conductor of a symphony orchestra where he sits almost motionless on his pedestal like a spider in the center of its web. He does little himself but he plans and controls all the people in his orchestra, making them operate in concert as a formidable empire.

The noisy conditions at the September Meeting prohibited Lauran from reading out her “honourable mentions”, so here they are:

In the Holmes category:
- Jean Macdonald said he’d be a Shakespearean actor who personally designs and makes his own costumes.
- Diana Couture made him into a King Lear, whose best friend is called Joanna.
- Margaret Nelson had clothing/home furnishings mogul Ralph Lauren visit Holmes at 221B. So impressed was he with Holmes’ home decorating sense—such as his use of a Persian slipper as a tobacco pouch and a dagger to hold his correspondence—that Ralph hired Holmes on the spot as a consultant.
- Terri Haugen had Holmes eventually move to New York City where he purchased a seat on the Stock Exchange and cornered the market on tea futures.

In the Watson category:
- Al Nelson said Watson works at MI5 where he’s been researching the financial transactions taking place on the Internet that have removed 0.1 pence from every transaction and transferred them to a Swiss bank account.

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Holmes on the Air!

The October 19, 2014 Monthly Meeting of The Sound of the Baskervilles will begin at 1:30 p.m. at—new location!!!—The Seattle Public Library at 400 West Garfield, Seattle (Queen Anne Branch).

Says PFL David.: Our guest speaker this month is SOB Airy Maher. She’ll talk about the history of Sherlock Holmes on the radio. Her talking points will include: How was the Canon translated from print to sound? Who were the actors who gave a voice to Mr. Holmes and the Loyal Dr. Watson? Are radio dramas still relevant today? Offers Airy, “It will be an audio history of radio mysteries from Gillette to Briggs!”—and a great way to kick things off at our new meeting location!!

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The Seattle Public Library on Queen Anne Hill is at 400 West Garfield, Seattle. Library opens at 1:00, and closes at 5:00. Come early, and catch up with other SOBs!
It’s Always a Good Time to Volunteer!

Have you ever wanted to educate, inspire and challenge our Members on the topics of Holmes, Watson, the Canon, radio and film actors, Victorian England, or whatever your heart fancies? Each time we have a Member share the podium with PFL David, we have been delighted and entertained.

In 2011, we began our periodic diversions from our Canonical study, offering Members a chance to share their ideas and knowledge about topics Sherlockian and Victorian. SOB Dr. Ed Funk discussed changes in medicine and pharmacology during Queen Victoria’s reign. SOB Stephen Adkins gave us his theory and learned response to the question, “Is Sherlock Holmes a Drug Addict?” And, SOB Margie Deck closed the year for us with her “Great Goose Hunt”.

In 2012, SOB David Smith, history prof at the University of Puget Sound, presented his paper “Empire and Monarchy”, which asked the question, “What does it mean to be British?” SOB John Longenbaugh presented a talk on London Gentlemen’s Clubs in the age of Sherlock Holmes. SOB Lauran Stevens stumped most of us with her “Peppermint Stick Quiz”. And, SOBs Hank & Margie Deck hosted our combined December Meeting and Annual Jollification at their home. In 2013, SOB John Longenbaugh gave a reading from his upcoming novel, “The Private Library”, in which Sherlock Holmes has a significant guest appearance. Club Librarian Sheila Holtgrieve and SOB Stephen Adkins chaired the April Meeting and our study of “The Adventure of the Golden Pince-Nez”. SOB Lauran Stevens quizzed us again with her “Mostly Conan Doyle Pence Quiz”. SOB Sonia Fetherston, BSI gave us a great talk on John Barrymore and his appearance in the 1922 film “Sherlock”. SOB Gordon Frye discussed the firearms used in Sherlock’s time and demonstrated several unloaded examples. SOB Lauran Stevens again conducted a quiz, this time on animals in the Canon.

This past April SOB Vivika Sundqvist explored the life and training of the first female surgeon in Victorian Britain. SOB Airy Maher will entertain us with her talk on the history of Sherlock Holmes on the radio at our October Meeting (see details on Page 2)! And, SOB John Longenbaugh has again offered to give us a talk next April on using Sherlockian tropes in original fiction.

We have three (3) more openings for Member Talks in 2015! Please consider volunteering! Be creative! Give it a shot! We SOBs don’t bite!!

There are also many, many opportunities to see your name in print... either in this monthly newsletter or our Beaten’s Christmas Annual.

So, please let us hear from you!!

From Bay-Area Librarian & SOB Ann Deussenberry

I found a signed copy of SOB Bill Seil’s “Sherlock Holmes and the Titanic Tragedy” at my library’s Friends of the Library book sale—a great find in such an unexpected place! I loved it! So much like a real ACD story...highly enjoyable, and I finished it way too quickly. I recommend it to other SOBs who haven’t discovered it!

From SOB Bill Seil

On September 30, MPI Home Video released a high-def Blu-ray disc version of Sherlock Holmes—The Complete Granada Television Series, a 12-disc set (prices vary). This title has already been on DVD since 2007, but now it comes to BD format for the first time. Or, if you prefer to pick these up in “smaller bites”, MPI has also released these Blu-ray titles: The Adventures; The Return; The Casebook; The Memoirs; and The Feature Film Collection.

Messenger Wins “What If” Contest!!

- Lauran S thought he would be manager of a racing stable, so he could get the best tips from the jockeys and owners—thereby making the best bets and being much more successful with his gambling at the track.
- PFL David thought Watson had become a successful liquor salesman, with an excellent knowledge of brandies.
- Sheila Holtgrieve thought he’d be the Director of the Project for Ongoing Proliferation and Dissemination of Overall Chaos (POOPDOC).
- Airy Maher thought he would work his way the top of the UK’s political system, become Prime Minister and a devious politician and world leader.

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!! Last Call !!

Portland’s NW Children’s Theater will stage an adaptation of “Sherlock Holmes” September 27 to October 26. Show times are at 11:00 and 3:00. There is more info, including ticket prices, on their website: nwcts.org.

Thanks to SOB Sonia Fetherston, BSI
SOBs Attend “Steamposium“

Billed as “The first annual steampunk convention in Seattle” and held September 26 through 28, 2014, SOB John Longenbaugh and PFL David Haugen (in SOB James Romnes’ absence) conducted the panel titled, “Sherlock and Steam.” The program summarized it this way: “… is there anything about (Holmes) that is Steampunk? In this light but fact-filled panel, two eminently local Sherlockians discuss how the stories of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle explore some of the themes of Steampunk, and how his Great Detective, as well as his lesser-known creations such as Professor Challenger, can provide inspiration and entertainment for present-day Steampunks in their descriptions of weird science, foreign lands and early forensics.”

Others attending were SOBs Eli Edwards (not shown) and DC Smith.

From SOB Ann Deusenberry

This Olde Book Pillow Classic featuring Sherlock Holmes looks great in your reading nook, giving you something to prop your neck on while you’re nose-deep in a book or a soft place to face-plant if your reading’s been a bit too much. The quote on the back of the book is: “Life is infinitely stranger than anything which the mind of man could invent.” Get it at: www.thinkgeek.com/product/1545/?srp=1

From SOB Paul Williams:
The 3rd season of “Elementary” starts on CBS on October 30. The first episode, according to Entertainment Weekly: “When Holmes returns from an MI6 stint, he finds Joan Watson solving crimes alone by day but spending nights with her new boyfriend Andrew. And Holmes has a new protégée named Kitty Winter.” Then asks EW, “Considering ‘Elementary’s’ appeal for many fans lies in Holmes and Watson’s crackling chemistry, will the show survive Winter’s chill?”

From SOB Airy Maher: For the first time in a single collection, you can bring home every episode of the international blockbuster “Sherlock” starring Benedict Cumberbatch and Martin Freeman on both Blu-ray and DVD! Plus this collectible boxed set contains Sherlock and John mini-busts, two original art cards, all the bonus features on the original releases, and a bonus disc with never-before-seen outtakes and a deleted scene, BBC archive interviews with the stars and producers from the time of the original UK series premiere, audio commentary on “The Empty Hearse” and “His Last Vow,” the season three specials “Unlocking Sherlock” and “Sherlock Uncovered.” To get it, go to: Shop.bbc.com/us

From SOB Jean Macdonald: Found this description in Martha Grimes’ “The Black Cat”: “The doctor gave a Dr.-Watson-as-played-by-Nigel-Bruce sort of grunt.”

From District Messenger Editor Roger Johnson:

At www.EverythingSherlockHolmes.com, you’ll find what’s described as “a single destination for everything related to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s legendary sleuth: films, TV series, e-books, radio plays, games and merchandise”, where subscribers can read or listen to stories and novels, watch beautifully restored films and television shows, and then discuss them with a community of other experts and enthusiasts.” At $5.99 per month (first month free), the deerstalker membership includes a continuously updated and comprehensive database of vintage video, audio and literary material—encompassing everything Sherlock.
Name The Actor! A Quiz by SOB Charlie Cook

1. He probably never met “The Fonz” but he played Holmes in 39 TV episodes.
2. This “brittle candle” was also “Good old Watson”.
3. He was Brett’s first Watson.
4. Did you know that this Jackal had his day playing Watson in a BBC TV entry?
5. This Holmes once was crazy in love with Eliza Doolittle.
6. He was known as a “Wilder” Holmes.
7. But he was a much (more) quieter Holmes.
8. His surname appeared in one of “The Return of Sherlock Holmes” adventures.
9. He was probably more famous for playing a Dickens curmudgeon.
10. His portrayal of Holmes was definitely “A Study in Terror”!

Test yourself, then see the answers on Page 6!

On Meeting Author Laurie R. King

By: SOB Margaret Nelson

On Saturday, September 6, 2014, Mystery Writer Laurie R. King—held a talk and signing at the Lakewood Playhouse, which several SOBs attended.

Laurie King visited Lakewood, WA on September 6, while she was in the area to speak at a “Small and Rural Library Conference” held in Tacoma. She agreed to do this talk for the Pierce County Library System.

While she is from California and lives there now, she did live in Dash Point near Federal Way, WA with her parents for some years. Her mother was the Dash Point Community Center Librarian. Laurie attended Franklin Pierce High School in Tacoma.

She was not a Sherlock Holmes fan when she began to write her Mary Russell books. The first sentence for the first Mary Russell book came to her and, when she realized she really didn’t know anything about the character of Sherlock, she bought the Complete Works of Sherlock Holmes and read the whole thing. That made her decide that her idea of Sherlock Holmes was not accurate.

She also told us, “Great minds don’t read crime (novels), which is fine with me as long as you guys keep buying my books.”

At first she thought that some Sherlockians were resistant to her books, fearing that they were a form of Sherlockian erotica, but she has since been inducted into the Baker Street Irregulars.

Laurie’s educational background is in theology. She said she has gone from “a life of god” to “a life of crime”.

She said that as citizens of the 21st century, we know closure is unlikely in our lives but reading crime fiction in some ways allows us to experience closure. She and Michelle Spring have co-written a non-fiction book, Crime and Thriller Writing, and Laurie also has other series not Sherlock-related.

Laurie had brought a stack of Mary Russell’s business cards, which attendees snapped up. My husband Al asked her if he could leave a pile of The Sound of the Baskerville club business cards on the signing table. She not only said “Yes!” but volunteered to them to the other people who came up for her signature in line behind us—including SOBs David Haugen and Geoff Jeffery! I thought it was very gracious of her to promote our local Sherlockian society!

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From SOB Airy Maher

Did you catch History Channel’s biography of “Houdini”, starring Adrian Brodie? It streamed in September on their website at: http://www.history.com/shows/houdini/videos. Reviews vary, but I enjoyed it. If you do watch, keep an eye on the scene where Houdini and Doyle first meet: Houdini picks up his personal copy of Holmes to show to his wife; look closely to see it is undeniably the very recent “Complete Sherlock Holmes” edition from Barnes & Noble’s hardcover classics series. I thought that little anachronism was rather funny.
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Member News & Updates
SOBs attending our September 21, 2014 SOB Meeting, presided over by PFL David Haugen were:

Diana Couture  Annie Becker  Terri Haugen
Lauren Messenger  Lauran Stevens  DC Smith
Sheila Holtgrieve  John Geis  Margie Deck
Shannon Wallace  John Longenbaugh  Hank Deck
Kay Chelemados  Peter Chelemados

It’s been forever since we’ve seen Kay & Peter. They both looked well and we were thrilled to see them! Just too bad that nobody could hear anything at our last visit to “sports bar”, T. S. McHugh’s!! ☺ The temps were in the high 80s, so Shannon decided it was a good day to walk from the top of Capital Hill all the way to the Seattle Center neighborhood! She is one fit young lady! ☺ John G. says he’s found a great apartment to move into soon and he’s enrolled in an electrical engineering course at Cascadia Community College on the U-Dub Bothell campus! ☺

Diana and Annie brought former co-worker, June, as their guest ☺ Sheila brought treats for all since we had so much to celebrate: Margie, Sheila and Airy’ Maher’s win of the 2014 John H Watson World Invitational Canonical Treasure Hunt (beating everyone else on the planet!!), it was the 31st anniversary of PFL David’s reign as our fearless leader (beating every other Sherlockian president on the planet, no doubt!!), and the winner of Lauran S’s “What If” contest was named:

Answers to the “Name The Actor!” Quiz
(See Page 5)

John Neville
10. His portrayal of Holmes was definitely A. In Scandal.

Reginald Owen in A Study
9. He was probably more famous for playing a 99% diabolical character, The Hound of the Baskervilles. His name appeared in one of the Flemish Holmes’ novels along the lines of “he was known as a ‘vicious’ Holmes.”

Jeremy Brett

Peter Ustinov as Sherlock Holmes. Rob.

Edward Hardwicke
6. He was known as a “Wilder” Holmes. Jim S.

Edward Hardwicke
5. This Holmes once was crazy in love with Eliza Doolittle. Jeremy Brett.

Ronald Howard
4. Did you know that Dr. Watson played in a “Jackal” episode? David Burke.

Edward Hardwicke
3. He was Dr. Watson in the first episode of “Watson.”

Edward Hardwicke
2. This Arthurian “villain” was also “Good old Bill.”

Diana Couture (beating out every other Member on the planet too!!) ☺ And we bid farewell to T.S. McHugh’s Public House after more than 15 years and to the best of the best waitperson Heather, after what seems like forever! At so many meetings, her smiling face made everything better!!