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"It is my business to know what other people don't know."

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SOB Team Wins International Competition



By: SOB Margie Deck

The John H Watson Society has announced the winners of the 2014 John H Watson World Invitational Canonical Treasure Hunt. High Honours were earned by **Team SOB**. This *Sign of Four* included three SOBS—**Sheila Holtgrieve**, **Airy Maher** and **me**—and **Melissa Anderson** of The Hansoms of John Clay (Peoria, IL). Our team successfully answered a 150-question Sherlockian quiz, billed as possibly the most difficult Sherlockian quiz in history. We competed against teams from various European countries for team honours. ☞ Everyone had to submit a fully-completed quiz: Participation required an answer to every question and had to have a correct answer on the final question, to be considered a viable entry. We had the month of August to work, and **Team SOB** submitted a viable entry on August 25—a week ahead of the deadline. The quiz involved encryption, obscure references, geographic and biologic inferences, people, objects, dates, unique terminology, and all manner of Sherlockian scholarship. ☞ The SOB team won the 2013 inaugural treasure hunt in August 2013 with 100% accuracy on 100 questions and had to work vigorously to repeat the win: The expanded and more difficult 2014 quiz required approximately 200 man-hours of research and problem-solving to complete. SOB team members Sheila, Airy and Margie practiced their skills by participating in the weekly JHWS quizzes,

where they took first place in the team competition in all 30 of the 2014 weekly quizzes. Melissa competed during the year in the weekly individual quiz competition, winning many of them; she joined **Team SOB** for the treasure hunt as The Hansoms scion was not fielding a team for 2014. ☞ The team would like to extend their thanks to David & Terri Haugen and my son Jeremy Flores for their support during the treasure hunt. 🍵



Team SOB

Sheila, Captain: I've been a Holmes fan since my twenties. My first opportunity to join a scion came when I moved to Seattle from the Bay Area in 2009. I heard about

The SOBs from one of the club's long-distance members. I joined right away and have been thrilled with my club experiences and friends ever since. ☞ **Margie, Navigator:** I came to be an official Sherlockian later in life due to the wonders of the Internet when I found the on-line discussion group *Welcome Holmes*. I love, love, love BBC *Sherlock*, and nothing makes me happier than creating Sherlockian puzzles and quizzes. ☞ **Airy Maher, Interpreter:** When the recent wave of Sherlock Holmes media reached me, all of it was new to me. It was the BBC Radio 4 series which engulfed me. I'm fascinated by radio dramas now. I decided to sign up for the Sound of the Baskervilles at last year's Sherlock Seattle convention. I'm so happy I made that choice because now I can spend time with so many other Sherlockians! ☞ **Melissa Anderson, Counselor:** I discovered Holmes when I was 12 years old. Along with many other British writers, Doyle stirred a love for literature in me, which culminated in an M. A. in English with a specialty in British literature (focusing on the 18th and 19th centuries).



Contest Deadline Extended!!

Our deadline for submitting entries for the "What If" contest is extended to **September 15!!** Be at the September 21 Meeting to see who will win free dues for next year! ● **The Rules:** Use your knowledge of the Canon and imagination, to tell us what you think each of them would be today (*and why*) if they weren't a consulting

detective, a doctor, and a criminal! Be creative!! ● The prize will go to the best set of answers, and all the most imaginative entries will appear in our next issue of *Beaten's Christmas Annual!* ● Send your entry to: **Lauran Stevens, 109 John Street, Apt. 509, Seattle, WA 98109-4920** ● **Out-of-Towners, seize this opportunity!!** 🍵

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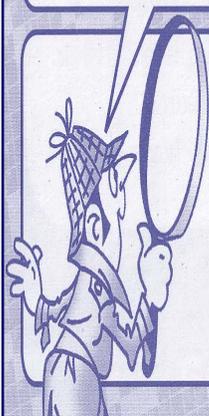
Ch...ch...ch...CHANGES!!

T.S.McHugh's is being turned into a sports bar!! The din we now hear will soon be turned into a roar. **We need to select a new location for our October 19 meeting**—and possibly more future meetings. We've had no luck in the past finding a convenient restaurant that meets all our criteria, so we are now looking at a library as an option. *Stay tuned!!*



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!**

Factoid About DYIN



The 9th episode of the first season (2012) of *Elementary*, starring Jonny Lee Miller as Holmes, mirrors many elements from this story.



The Doyle Copyright Case

10 further stories (in *The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes*) published between 1923 and 1927, are still protected by US copyright, which expires in December 2022.

“If you proceed instead to bring out *Study in Sherlock II* unlicensed, do not expect to see it offered for sale by Amazon, Barnes & Noble and similar retailers,” the Doyle estate threatened.

Meanwhile, Klinger has petitioned the courts to require the estate to pay his legal fees of \$70,000 (£40,929).

Finally, the Black Formosa Corruption!

The September 21, 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 Adventure of the Dying Detective”.

Says PFL David: In this our 45th short story in the Canon (by publication date) we are shocked at the attitude of some folks upon hearing of Holmes' diseased state: “exultation”, “pleasure”??? Ye gawds, man, he is dying!!

Or, is he!?? How and why does Holmes convince both Mrs. Hudson and Dr. Watson of his dire condition? What possible help can Culverton Smith provide in dealing with this contagious disease?? Who is the real victim here??

Bone up on “The Adventure of the Dying Detective”, as Holmes shows just how far he'll go in order to extract a confession. 

A Few Words from Our Veep Kashena Konecki

The Museum of London is teaming up with Christys' Hats and Lovat Mill to launch **a new tweed inspired by Sherlock Holmes**. The October launch will coincide with the opening of the museum's next major exhibition about the famous, fictional detective. For more, go to: <http://www.licensing.biz/news/read/museum-of-london-to-launch-sherlock-holmes-inspired-tweed/040600>

The BFI (British Film Institute) has launched a campaign to **find a copy of the first British film featuring Sherlock Holmes**. The silent film *A Study in Scarlet*, directed by George Pearson, was first released in autumn 1914 but was subsequently lost. For the full story, go to: <http://www.screendaily.com/news/production/bfi-hunts-first-sherlock-holmes-film/5076302.article> and check your attic for hidden treasure like this!

London is doing speaking statues:

It's technology that aims to bring you physically as well as emotionally closer to the subjects. Once in front of a statue,



a “heritage plaque” on its plinth offers you three ways to hear its story: a link to type into your web browser, a QR barcode or a near field communication (NFC)

chip that can be tapped with any supporting phone to trigger a speech. “You don't need to download anything,...It's all about having a spontaneous moment. Your phone will just ring and it will say, ‘Sherlock Holmes is on the phone for you’ and the monologue begins.” For more and to download a map of London's talking statues, try: <http://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2014/aug/17/london-statues-find-their-voice> 

US Supreme Court Rejects Sherlock Copyright Case

From: www.bbc.com/news, 7/18/14

The US Supreme Court 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. Justice Elena Kagan dismissed the plea without explanation. The family say Les Klinger and Laurie R King should pay a licence fee for using Doyle's characters. An earlier appeals court decision ruled against the Scottish author's estate. The seventh circuit court of appeals in Chicago said that the character of Sherlock, along with 46 stories and four novels in which he has appeared, was in the public domain. Sir Arthur's estate

has argued this copyright protection means that anyone creating original stories based on Sherlock should pay for the privilege. Klinger 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 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 Supreme Court has agreed.

 [See more at left](#)

Remembering Our Valued Members: Part 3

In the last two months' issues of *Ineffable Twaddle*, we introduced you to SOBs who've been Members of this Club for more than 20 years (July) and more than 10 years (August). Here then are Members who joined more than 5 years ago!!!

♥ **Elliott Black (April 2004)** joined us while living on the east coast, but has since moved to a Chicago suburb and has been a frequent contributor to this newsletter.

♥ **James & Ginie Romnes (April 2005)** have given us the opportunity to watch their kids **Bryan and Emily** grown up! They have provided entertainment at our Masters' Dinner several times and act as hosts at our Annual Wreath Throw!!

♥ **Dorothy "Dotty" Normandin (August 2005)** is a registered nurse who found us on the web. She's been a steadfast SOB even though she lives in Massachusetts—west of Boston, near Worcester in North Grafton!

♥ **Ann Park (January 2006)** was one of our many professional librarian Members when she first joined. She's not able to attend many meetings but she's one of our most enthusiastic Members!

♥ **Tom & Nina Daly (January 2006)** live in Port Townsend, WA and found us on the web. We finally got to meet them in October 2013 when some of us attended an excellent Sherlockian production in Port Gamble!

♥ **Margie & Hank Deck (January 2007)** relocated to Spanaway, WA to be near friends when they left Texas. Lucky for us, they found us SOBs on the web and have been a solid presence: Her knowledge of the Canon is unsurpassed and he's now our Treasurer.

♥ **Frank Bork (January 2007)** lives in Lancaster, NY and found us through a stop at Otto Penzler's Mysterious Bookshop. We haven't met him yet, but he always sends Christmas cards embellished with his original Sherlockian art.

♥ **Jody Holm (July 2007)** too found us on the web. Being a Bellinghamster, she can't attend often, but she's always such fun when she does!! Lucky for us, she may be relocating to King County soon!

♥ **Dr. Ed & Joyce Funk (July 2007)** are Washington natives who live in Redmond. He's a retired surgeon; she's a retired RN. Ed always brings an erudite

presence to our goings-on!

♥ **Dr. Henry Ernst (March 2009)** is from Hampstead, MD. We haven't met him yet, but he plans one day to submit an article or essay to our *Beaten's*.

♥ **Bill Mosteller (March 2009)** lives in Falls Church, VA and has attended several SOB events over the years, when he's here on business or visiting his friend Sarah.

♥ **David & Carol Smith (July 2009)** live in Tacoma and are active in the Richard III Society—along with the Al Nelsons, the Decks and Jean Macdonald. He's a prof at U of Puget Sound and she's in the banking industry.

♥ **Sheila Holtgrieve (September 2009)** jumped into Sherlockiana with both feet when she relocated from the Bay area to be close to her son and his family. She and Margie Deck are the main components of The SOBs' team in the John H. Watson Society. And she's been our Club Librarian ever since Verne Johnson left us in 2009.

♥ **Charlie Cook (October 2009)** is a retired college math professor; his bride, Diana is a retired French teacher. Charlie spends his time writing for math journals and attending conferences (and contributing to this newsletter and our *Beaten's Christmas Annual*). He's also been an avid recruiter of SOB Members—including cousin Dan Michalak, granddaughter Nadia Cook-Loshilov, and pal Mike Bacon.

♥ **DC Smith (October 2009)** is a Seafair Pirate in Seattle and a fellow with broad interests. Just check out his "Irregular Views" column in this issue of *Twaddle*!!

♥ **John Longenbaugh (November 2009)** was recruited as a guest speaker and joined the same night!! We were all agog and anxious to attend the premiere of his "Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Christmas Carol". A fire delayed that debut for a year, but his play has become a holiday mainstay in many cities!

♥ **Terry Burns (December 2009)** is a quiet but enthusiastic Member who lives in Olalla in Kitsap County. He's retired military and is interested in endowing a membership for any new SOB recruited out of the military!!

The Third
Sherlock Seattle
Convention is
January 9 to 11,
2015 at the
Broadway



Performance Hall!!

For further details, as they develop,
check our social media!!

Facebook at: www.facebook.com/soundofthebaskervilles

Twitter at:
twitter.com/SeattleSherlock

Tumblr at:
<http://thesoundofthebaskervilles>.

Correction

In last month's issue, we erroneously noted the wrong year for **Al & Margaret Nelson's** joining! They joined in June 1995!!! Our apologies for the error!!

From SOB Margie Deck Howard Ostrom

...of the Pleasant Places of Florida scion and avid Sherlockian collector is a prolific source of info.



⇒ His "Sherlock Holmes & Dr. Watson on TV, Film, Radio, Stage, Internet, et. al" autographed photo collection can be viewed in part, in a slide show at: <http://www.nplh.co.uk/the-howard-ostrom-holmes-and-watson-collection.html>

⇒ His essay series on "Holmes in Films" featuring articles about silent film, Afro-American Holmes, Canadian Holmes, Female Holmes & Watsons, the first Holmes of film, Adaptations of HOUN, silent Doyle, etc. can be found at: <http://www.nplh.co.uk/original-essays.html>

⇒ The mini-documentary based on his article about "Female Holmes & Watsons" can be viewed at: <http://www.nplh.co.uk/the-diogenes-documentaries-the-original-baker-street-babes.html>

⇒ Those doing research can email him with Sherlockian film questions at: howardostrom@yahoo.com



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<http://thesoundofthebaskervilles.tumblr.com/>

**Things to See, Buy, Do and Know**

• **From SOB Jim Nagle:** **Benedict Cumberbatch is set to voice Khan**, but not *Star Trek's* Khan. (This time) the actor has taken on a role in Warner Bros. *The Jungle Book*. He'll be voicing the malevolent tiger Shere Khan in this adaptation of Rudyard Kipling's story, which will be directed by **Andy Serkis**. The script for *The Jungle Book* was written by Callie Kloves, and the movie will be produced by her father Steve Kloves. (This is not the only *Jungle Book* adaptation out there; *Disney* is also producing a version of the story.) The film will probably be released in 2016.

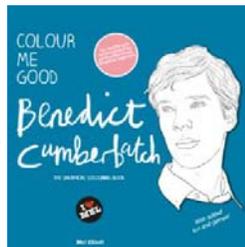


• **From both SOBs Cara Cross and Maffie Rafferty:** **Mystery writer Laurie R. King** will appear at the Lakewood Playhouse (5729 Lakewood Towne Center Blvd.; tele: 253-588-0042) on Saturday, September 6. Cohosted by the Pierce County Library System, the event will begin at 10:00 a.m.

• **From Editor Terri:** **Also, at Lakewood Playhouse**—through October 12 is Agatha Christie's mystery, *"And, Then There Were None"*; on October 24 & 25 is their Annual Radio Gala, this year featuring *R.L. Stevenson's "Jekyll & Hyde"*; and from April 17 to May 10 is *"The 39 Steps"*, based on Hitchcock's film. For details: www.lakewoodplayhouse.org or (253) 588-0042.

• **From SOB Bill Seil:** The 2014 **Emmy results are in** and (*drum roll*), for *"Sherlock: His Last Vow"*, **Benedict Cumberbatch** won Outstanding Lead Actor in a Miniseries or a Movie, **Martin Freeman** won Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Miniseries or a Movie; and **Steven Moffat** won Outstanding Writing for a Miniseries, Movie or a Dramatic Special.

• **From SOB Margaret Nelson:** The London Sunday Times' Style section, June 29, 2014, listed a **"Colour Me Good, Benedict Cumberbatch"** colouring book. Newspaper



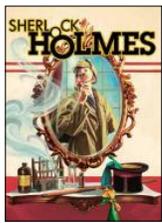
text read, "Apparently French women do col-

ouring for therapy and relaxation. This Benedict Cumberbatch colouring book would make you feel so much better after a session." The website for the item, bartrums.co.uk (£7.50), reads, "A glorious celebration of all things Cumberbatch! Colour in his chiselled features in a series of drawings highlighting all his charms! Perfect for a swooning friend or an avid Sherlock fan. It is just a shame it doesn't come with actors commentary. Suitable for all ages and genders." Google the title to see images of some of the pages.

• **From SOB VP Kashena Konecki:** While season 4 is still in the making, all three episodes of *"Sherlock"* season 3 have been released through **Netflix Watch Instantly**. A special feature called *"Sherlock Uncovered"* has also been released, which revolves around a few specific aspects of the series and is shot in three parts. The first, *"Sherlock Uncovered: The Return"*, showcases the return of the cast for season 3; showing the cast and crew attending the table reading of the first episode. The second, *"Sherlock Uncovered: The Women"*, throws light on the women in Sherlock Holmes' life, both on the show as well as in the books. The last, *"Sherlock Uncovered: The Villains"*, focuses on the villains Sherlock has come across to date.

• **From SOBs Kashena Konecki, Airy Maher and Jim Nagle:** **Go to YouTube and search on "neutron cream"** to see Simon Pegg's prank on the *"Star Trek into Darkness"* actors; Cumberbatch's segment is hysterical!!!

• **From Peter Blau's Scuttlebutt:** "Mad Movies with the L.A. Connection" (a syndicated TV series that aired in 1985 and 1986) **spoofed old movies by editing them to fit a 30-minute slot and overdubbing new dialogue**. The series included *"Sherlock Holmes and the Secret Weapon"* and *"Dressed to Kill"* that are now available at www.madmoviesonline.com; they went on to parody *"The Woman in Green"* in 1993, available at their web-site for \$3.79. **Spoiler alert:** Editor Terri saw *"...the Secret Weapon"* episode and it was an absolute gem!



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.

Are we up for a road trip???

"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 SOB Airy Maher for getting this on our Tumblr page.



IRREGULAR VIEWS

DC sez: I again apologize for the way in which this column has taken to living up to its title. I offer no excuse for abandoning the usual format of this intolerable scrawl. I made bold to query the editor of TWADDLE, and came away with what can only be styled as a homework assignment. So here goes;

Sherlock Holmes («Шерлок Холмс») Between 1979 and 1986, Soviet television produced a series of 5 films, split into 11 episodes, starring Vasily Livanov as Sherlock Holmes and Vitaly Solomin as Dr. Watson. Based on the stories by Doyle, and including some works that had never (at that time) been adapted before. Later, a cinematic adaptation was made based on the 1986 episodes. This film was called "the Twentieth Century Approaches."

DC sez: Who knew the Evil Empire had such high production values? In my Cold War childhood we were led to imagine that Russian TV was something akin to a snowy, distorted, slightly less interesting version of "the Farm Report". (Anyone who doesn't get that reference will just have to ask someone who has tried to watch rural television in the days before cable and satellite.)

OK, so my curiosity, which propelled purchase, was transmuted into gob-smacked amazement when I finally watched the series.



It's in Russian with subtitles and that may not be some folk's cup of tea, but WOW! While I admit I'm not enough of a Sherlockian to comment much on the adaptation of the text, I know great TV when I see it. I do have a few reservations about some of the actors and their performances, but again my lack of Russian may be the chief problem. But the fact is, I can't get my head around all these thin, fit Mycroft! (By my count this is at least the 3rd.) Happily, Lastrade is still a self-important imbecile. Of this Holmes and Watson, they require no praise from me. ●

"Livanov was made an Honorary MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) for his portrayal of Sherlock Holmes."

I now know that most of the Sherlockian community has heard of the "Russian Holmes", but have you been able to watch it before? Probably not, but now you can: My DVD set is on long-term loan to The SOBs' Lending Library.



Also, here are a few things falling under the title of "I hear of Sherlock everywhere..."

If you missed "How Sherlock Changed the World", it's now available from PBS video. *DC sez:* This title is, for those who have not seen it, a surprising bit of understatement and a must see for anyone who thinks Doyle was just a lucky hack (including me).



For those who have not seen the "Murdoch Mysteries" or, as it's sold in the US "The Artful Detective", I suggest you give it a go. I'm up to season four, and Sir Arthur has made 3 appearances thus far, and in the episode titled "A Study in Sherlock", the Great Detective himself puts in an appearance. I shan't elaborate, but Doyle is given a unique chance to come face-to-face with his creation. ● The series airs on the Ovation Network. For those without this convenience, you will have to resort to Netflix or Amazon.com.



DC sez: Some of you have heard me praise the M.D. Jr. Holmes series solely on the grittiness of their London. Well, there's another bit of grimy, authentically dirty turn-of-the-century drama out there now, in what is expected to be a long running Cinemax series credited with bringing Director Steven Soderbergh out of retirement. I've seen the first episode of "The Knick", and I'm hooked. But be warned, it's set in a hospital in 1900, so it's not for the squeamish. (Rumor has it that even the SFX grips were grossed out a bit.)



Now that I've drifted so far from the Sherlockian... **Continued in sidebar (at right)** ↗

The Northwest Tea Festival is



October 4 & 5, 2014 in the Fisher Pavilion at Seattle Center

- Admission is \$10; for those wishing to attend both days, a two-day pass is \$15 per person.
- A porcelain tasting-cup will be provided as part of admission, allowing sampling of tea at free tea-tasting sessions and exhibiting vendor booths.
- No additional cost for presentations, many workshops, tasting sessions, or entry to exhibiting vendor area; see program for details.

<http://www.nwteafestival.com/>

Thanks to SOB Margaret Nelson

IRREGULAR VIEWS

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...theme of this column, it is but a single step that takes us from Victoria all the way to SteamPunk. Our Editrix has suggested that I acquaint you all with Professor Elemental, the undisputed comic darling of the SteamPunk set.

Rather than attempt a suitable description here, I suggest you visit first an early YouTube video of his little ditty entitled "Splendid" at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n1SWH_an4ST4, follow that with "Fighting Trousers" at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0iRTB-FTMdk>, and then visit his website at: <http://www.professorelemental.com>.



Once there, if so inclined, you might care to seek out a sample of my light fiction work offered on his blog.

Hopefully, in my next installment we will be returning back to Holmesian Comics. ("Moriarty Lives" remains promising comic book fare.) And that, my friends, must conclude this thrilling, adventure-packed episode. See you soon, DC



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\$20 per year brings Members the monthly newsletter "Ineffable Twaddle", a copy of Beaten's Christmas Annual, and the incalculable benefits of association with a group of certifiable Holmes aficionados.

Meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of each month. Location of the meetings may vary. Regularly scheduled additional events throughout the year include: "The Master's Dinner" celebrating the meeting of Holmes and Watson (March), "The Annual Wreath Throw" commemorating Holmes' loss at Reichenbach Falls (May), "The Dr. John H. Watson Picnic" (July), and "The Will Crakes Memorial Jollification" (December). Other activities—book crawls, teas, plays and gaming events—are as announced.

To join, send your check for dues—\$20 for individuals, \$30 for families (U.S. funds only)—to the address shown at left.



Dates of Interest

- **SUNDAY, September 21**
Regular Monthly Meeting,
Social = 3:00 p.m.; Business = 4:00 at T.S. McHugh's
- **SUNDAY, October 19**
Regular Monthly Meeting
Location & Time to be announced
- **SUNDAY, November 16**
Regular Monthly Meeting
Location & Time to be announced

Member News & Updates

SOBs attending our August 17, 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	DC Smith
Sheila Holtgrieve	Eli Edwards	Al Nelson
Shannon Wallace	Morag Logan	

- **Shannon** said we finally found a date when she could be off work on a weekend! **DC** made his annual, post-Seafair, summer visit, and **Eli** was back—though she's still busy with her book! ☆ Being busy learning that T.S. McHugh's is turning into a "sports bar", **Editor Terri** failed to keep her attention on quiz-scoring! Thus, we had a 13-way tie for 1st place in our quiz on LADY!!
- **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 anything else your heart fancies?? This past April, **SOB Vivika Sundqvist** entertained us by exploring the life and training of the first female surgeon in Victorian Britain. **SOB Airy Maher** will do the same with her talk on the history of Sherlock Holmes on the radio at our October Meeting! And, **SOB John Longenbaugh** has offered to give us a talk on using Sherlockian tropes in original fiction. **WE HAVE THREE (3) MORE OPENINGS FOR MEMBER TALKS IN 2015! PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM YOU!!**



U.P. Venue Didn't Hurt Attendance at 2014 Watson Picnic

Lots of fun was had at this year's Dr. John H. Watson Picnic!!!
Picnic Chair Paul Williams

ordered up—and secured for us—a gloriously warm and sunny day, tempered by the tall firs shading Haugens' driveway, where it all took place!! Checkout the write-up and pictures on our website at: <http://www.soundofthebaskervilles.com/recent.html>

- **SOB Margaret Nelson** won the game trophy at the Watson Picnic then asked, "Do I really have to give it back next year? What if Moriarty's agents burgle our home and steal it?"
- **SOB Don Mathews** sent a great letter with "photographic evidence" of his existence and "mental competency"; of daughter Jennifer, "famous in Club history for her part in 'The Murder on the Snoqualmie Express'" back in the '80s; and his grand-



kids, including grandson, Thomas Craig Houston, Jr., "related to both President Jefferson Davis and Sam Houston". Don went back to teaching for the fall quarter last year—"a well-behaved class of Idaho scholars"—then left for Texas in November to "snowbird" with Jennifer's family.

