



# Ineffable Twaddle

*"It is my business to know what other people don't know."  
—The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle*

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## Celebrate The SOBs' 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Afternoon Tea

Our newest **Footprints of a Gigantic Hound Award winner SOB Carrol Clemens** has invited us to celebrate the Club's 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with afternoon tea (*not* high tea) on **Saturday, April 7**, at her home in Federal Way! **Tea is served at 1:00 p.m.**

*Carrol asks us to bring traditional fare of the sort served at "afternoon tea": Tea cakes, finger sandwiches, and small 2-bite sweet or savory treats are her suggestions!*

Stop by and join us! It's a great way to spend your Saturday afternoon—visiting, eating, imbibing, winning free raffle items, congratulating Carrol on her recent Award, and welcoming springtime!! We'd love to see **YOU** there!!

**Driving Directions to Carrol's Home:** From I-5 north- or southbound, exit in Federal Way at S.W. 320th Street and head west. After passing through intersections at 21st Ave. S.W. and at 26th Ave. S.W., turn left on S.W. 323rd Street. Then take the first left on 33rd Avenue S.W. Clemens' home will be on your right at 32148—33rd Avenue S.W. If you need further, call her at (253) 838-1790.

## Our 2018 Beaten's Christmas Annual Has Arrived!!

Another BIG issue of our **Beaten's Christmas Annual** was delivered to attendees at our 36<sup>th</sup> Masters' Celebration on March 10!! Though it's not our biggest issue—the 2016 issue had 65 pages—you'll find 58 pages packed with pastiches, quizzes, recipes, research and fun, fun, fun!!

The photo credit on our cover goes to **SOB Cara Cross**.

Editor Terri expressed her huge gratitude for editing assist to **SOBs Margaret Nelson** and **Ann Milam** (though they can't be faulted for the typos of Cameron Brandon's name in the "President's Message")!!

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## Renewal Dues are Now Due

*Are your dues paid for the April 2018 to March 2019 fiscal year??*

If not, now's the time to act! Send your check—payable to "The Sound of the Baskervilles"—to our new Treasurer:

**Melinda Michaelson**  
P. O. Box 7633  
Tacoma, WA 98417

If you joined in the last 6 months, chances are you paid a lower, prorated rate to join through March 31, 2018, so it's time for you to renew as well! Rates are: \$20 for individuals, \$30 for families (U.S. funds only). **Thanks!**



**Renewal deadline is March 31!**



The Seattle Public Library on Queen Anne Hill is at 400 West Garfield



Library opens at 1:00, closes at 5:00. Come early, and catch up with your fellow SOBs!

#### Getting there:

From north- 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 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, turn right. The library is one (1) block north on the northwest corner, at the cross with Garfield Street.

## Time Again to Read VALL's "Long Boring Part"

The Regular Monthly Meeting of The Sound of the Baskervilles will begin at **1:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 15, 2018** at the Seattle Public Library (Queen Anne Branch) at 400 West Garfield, Seattle (*driving directions at left*).

We'll cover the entire novella "The Valley of Fear" at this meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of April. Unlike in our days of old, we'll have none of that easy, old "two meetings to cover a two-part story" in this cycle of our Canonical study!!

**Adds PFL David:** Conan Doyle had a lot of ground to cover in this story! First Holmes has to head to a small village in Sussex to solve the alleged murder of John Douglas; then we're on to a years' old retrospective of events occurring in America with one Birdy Edwards; and then it's back to Baker Street for the "wrap up"!! And throughout, Moriarty is lurking in the background!

We hope you started on your study of VALL in March!! And, to get you motivated to finish this tale, at right is a quiz by **SOB Charlie Cook** that covers the second half of the story!! (*Part 1 of Charlie's quiz on VALL appeared in our March 2018 issue.*)

#### JEREMY BRETT AUTOGRAPH!

*There will be a special drawing at this Meeting for an original autograph signature from Sherlockian favourite actor Jeremy Brett. To participate, email PFL David at david@soundofthebaskervilles.com and he'll add your name to the drawing!*

### "The Valley of Fear" Part II: The Scowrs

1. The tale began on what date?
2. Name the two men who met on the train to Vermissa Valley!
3. Name the union boss in Chicago and the one in Vermissa Valley!
4. What did the newspaper clipping say that McMurdo gave to the union boss in Vermissa?
5. What criminal activity did McMurdo claim he was involved in while in Chicago?
6. With whom did McMurdo argue over the love of what woman?
7. Name the Chicago policeman who knew about McMurdo's criminal activity!
8. What two songs did McMurdo sing the night of his initiation?
9. Who and what was the victim on McMurdo's first job for the Scowrs?
10. Name the Pinkerton man!
11. Name the seven men who waited with McMurdo to trap and kill the Pinkerton man!
12. How did John Douglas die and whom did Holmes claim was behind his death?



## Beaten's Has Arrived!!

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**SOB Michael Phillips'** efforts on his "Just Keep Calm & Carry On" poem has now paid off with sheet music! You'll find an interesting revisit to the Piltdown Man Hoax that **Ann Milam** addressed in last year's issue. And there's a small tribute to **SOB DC Smith**, who passed away on January 11, explained at the bottom of Page 4.

We had a bunch of SOBs back with new contributions:

**Charlie Cook**  
**Margie Deck**  
**Sheila Holtgrieve**  
**Jean Macdonald**  
**Lauren Messenger**  
**Ann Milam**  
**Al Nelson—our resident pastiche writer**  
**Michael Phillips**  
**Lauran Stevens, and...**  
**PFL David Haugen**

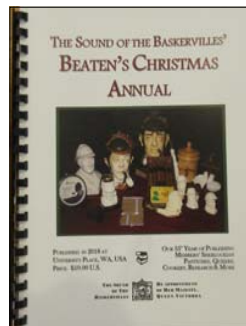
...and we had some new contributors too, including:

- **Melinda Michaelson**, who shares

the quiz she conducted at the September 2017 meeting and is our new Treasurer (on April 1).

- **Patt O'Neil**, a fairly new member who lives in Olympia, gives us a pastiche that could give Al Nelson a run for his money;
- And...**Cara Cross**, who offers her very inventive test of your Canonical skills on Page 20—though technically she's not a first timer because she had another of her photos featured on the cover of our 2013/2014 issue of *Beaten's*!

We hope you enjoy the read! And, next time you see or talk to any of our contributors, be sure to give them a compliment on their selfless effort!!



Answers may be found on Page 5

# HAVE YOU GOT THE WRITE STUFF?

## 2018 Contest!

*Did We Grab You With That Headline?? We Hope So!*

**SOB LAURAN STEVENS** has a new challenge for us and *everyone is welcome to enter!!*

**IMAGINE:** Of all the Sherlock Holmes stories written by Conan Doyle, there is bound to be at least one that you did not like the ending of, right?

### Contest Rules & How to Enter

Decide which story—or stories—you would have liked to have a different or better ending. Explain what you would have had happen instead—to make it a more satisfying ending for you! And multiple entries are permitted!!

You don't have to actually rewrite the original story's ending; just explain how you would have liked the story to end.

Bring your entry to a meeting or mail it to Lauran at: 320 West Roy St., Apt. 207, Seattle, WA 98119.

As we did with Lauran's 2016 contest—for which winning entries appeared in our 2017 issue of *Beaten's Christmas Annual*—the winning entries for **this** 2018 contest will appear in our 2019 issue of *Beaten's!*

**THERE WILL BE PRIZES AND YOUR DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 30, 2018!!**

## Toasts & Photos from our 2018 Masters' Celebration!

A number of toasts were made throughout our banquet by a number of attendees: **PFL David** started off with a toast to our SOB Members who passed away since last year's banquet (Kay Chelemedos, Jim French and DC Smith); **Margie Deck** hailed Watson's orderly Murray; **Sheila Holtgrieve** recognized Monsignor Ronald Knox, PFL David continued with toasts to Queen Victoria, ACD himself, Dr. Watson and, of course, our hero Holmes; and **VP Kashena Konecki** toasted Baker Street.

**Cara Cross** read the following toast from **Lauran Stevens**, who was unable to attend: "A toast to David, Sheila, Terri and Margie without whom this Club would not be as enjoyable and informative as it is. And, a special toast to Airy Maher, Cameron Brandon, Kashena Konecki, Lauren Messenger and Shannon Wallace—our newer members—who have joined the SOBs and, with their contributions, have insured us that our Club is in great hands long into the future."

And, **Margaret Nelson** provided her "Toast to the Horse": "Unless you walked here, we all drove or were driven. The verb *drove* means "to force to go" and refers to driving animals like the horse. ♡ Sherlock is forever taking hansom cabs, carriages, gigs and traps in the stories. Sometimes even he or Mycroft drove while Silver Blaze raced. ♡ Horses caused Sherlock some troubles without it being their fault. In "The Hound of the Baskervilles", Sir Henry Baskerville and Dr. Mortimer visit Sherlock's in Baker Street, when they leave Sherlock and Watson tail them. Upon reaching Regent Street, Sherlock notices a hansom cab following the first pair and says, "There's our man, Wat-

son,,We'll have a good look at him". Watson says that just then the trapdoor at the top of the hansom flew open, something was screamed to the driver and the cab flew madly down Regents Street. Holmes looked eagerly round for another but no empty one was in sight. "There now" said Holmes bitterly, "was ever such bad luck?...Watson, if you are an honest man you will record this also and set it against my successes." ♡ There were about 300,000 horses in London at the time, so we can feel Holmes' frustration about no horse being available for him. ♡ A toast to our faithful driven-partner, the horse!

### Joining The SOBs in February & March 2018 were:

- Ben Fetherston of Salem, OR.**
- Marc McDaniel of Lake Forest, WA.**
- Sherrill Hendrick of Tacoma, WA**
- Ed Southon of Olympia, WA**



♡ **Ben's** is a familiar face and he joined at the February Meeting when wife Sonia Fetherston, BSI (a member since 2012) shared with us her vintage Valentine's cards.

♡ **Marc** found us on the web and paid his 2018/2019 dues via PayPal, so we haven't met him yet! We hope he'll attend a meeting soon at the Queen Anne Library!

♡ **Sherrill** is an acquaintance of Margie & Hank Deck's and is also a member of the local Richard III club. Sherrill was able to attend our Masters' Celebration in March, so she got a good glimpse of our style and joined that day!!

♡ **Ed** stopped into a couple of Meetings in Seattle in the last year, then came to the South Sound meeting on March 24 and joined! And, he was a member *wwwwaaayyy* back in 1980!

*Welcome to you all!!*

At right, Al Nelson presents a memento to outgoing Treasurer Hank Deck.



At left, Sheila Holtgrieve pins the medal



on our 2018 "Footprints of a Gigantic Hound" award winner, Carrol Clemens.

At left, PFL David gives one of his many toasts.



At right, VP Kashena Konecki presents her toast.



Photos this Page by SOB Margie Deck

## Things to See, Buy, Do & Know

⇒ **From SOB Mafie Rafferty:** Just sharing with you what the lid of a bottle of tea I had today said.

⇒ **Says SOB Cameron Brandon:** Ouch! Sherlock, "not fun anymore..." says Martin. Pick up the March 16 issue of Entertainment Weekly or read it here: <http://ew.com/tv/2018/03/16/martin-freeman-sherlock-season-5/>

● **Adds PFL David to the above commentary:** (Freeman) and Cumberbatch have given us the Holmes and Watson of our age. I think it is now time for us to support Martin. **What follows is the information of how to contact him.** Let's let him know how much we appreciate his acting in "Sherlock" and how much we hope he will return to that role. It would be a much poorer world if we didn't have another episode of "Sherlock" to look forward to. Please pass this on to any other Sherlockians that you know. Maybe, together, we can change his mind.

**To send Martin Freeman fan mail:**

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⇒ **From SOB Jean Macdonald:** Daedalus Books ([sale books.com](http://sale.books.com)) is offering "Houdini and Conan Doyle: Friends of Genius, Deadly Rivals" by Christopher Sandford (item 73941) for \$5.<sup>98</sup> and "Sherlock: The Essential Arthur Conan Doyle Adventures", with an intro by Mark Gatiss & Steven Moffat and Freeman & Cumberbatch on the cover (item 73985) for \$6.<sup>98</sup>

⇒ **SOB Jody Holm notes:** Apparently bee-keeping is now popular! Thanks to our beloved Sherlock Holmes? Available at Costco is this startup kit (at right).

● **Adds Editor Terri to the above:** If anyone buys this kit, let us know!! We'll refer you to Members Lisa & Ann Marie in Olympia who have some experience with raising bees!

⇒ **Writes SOB Judy Lyen:** Found this ad (below) while searching



## 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Wreath Throw is May 5!

**We're Changing Things Up This Year!**

We'll begin our event, **FIRST**, with **LUNCH** at the **Falls Terrace Restaurant** in **Tumwater at 11:30 a.m.**

This will be followed by **our trek to the Falls at approximately 1:30 p.m.** for the wreath throw, photos and champagne toasts.

**So, you see, we've just flipped things around a bit!!**

More details will be provided in next month's issue of *Ineffable Twaddle!*



for events for the Tacoma PBS station; didn't know if you had heard about it. This is at the Roxy theater in Morton, WA; kind of far for the group in the north end, but it sounds like fun. I plan to pass this on to the Blue Carbuncles as well since it might actually be closer to some of them.

● **Adds Editor Terri to the above:** Be sure to note the spelling of this play and, for our actors, note the dates for the auditions!!

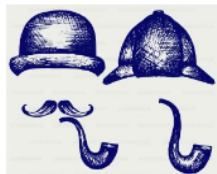
⇒ **From Jean Upton of the London Scion's District Messenger:** Imagination Theater's "Sherlock Holmes" edited by David Marcum (\$34.<sup>95</sup>, HB) from MX Publishing is a collection of fifteen scripts from *The Further Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* radio series, broadcast in the United States. All sixteen authors have donated their royalties to Stepping Stones School at Undershaw.

⇒ **Directly from MX Publishing:** *The Criminal Mastermind of Baker Street* by Rob Nun (\$18.95): "Starting with their coming together in January 1881, the book takes us on a fast-paced chronological canter through the Canon and the highs and lows of Holmes's criminal career, aided by the very capable Dr. Watson... This is a well written and clever book. But it is also a ripping yarn with lots of humour..."

—per The Sherlock Holmes Society of London.

⇒ **Per TV Line on MSN:** For the first time ever, **new episodes of "Elementary"**—which was renewed last May despite earning record-low ratings—were held until midseason. Even more worrisome: CBS has yet to announce a return date. However, "Elementary" (allegedly) banks serious coin internationally, which explains CBS' proactive decision to **increase the series' Season 6 order from 13 to 21 episodes.**

⇒ **Per 24/7 Wall Street, a web news outlet:** In its list of the **50 best horror films of all time.** At number 45 was "The Hound of the Baskervilles" with Rathbone & Bruce.



### Shelock Holmes (and other foolery)

Roxy Players Traveling Troupe  
June TBA – Packwood  
July 7 & 21 at 7 p.m. – Roxy Theater stage  
Aug 3 at 7pm – Mossyrock Blueberry Festival  
Auditions: April 9 & 11 at 6:30 p.m.

## More Photos from Masters' Celebration

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At right, VP Kashena presents "Hound Citation" awards to, top, Dawn Kravagna, our Twitter Administrator; and below right, Lauren Messenger, our Associate Editor.



Below, Carroll (center) realizes she's just won our Footprints Award; at left with her are Dawn Jaekl, at right, Al Nelson.



At left, PFL David with Webmaster Shannon.



Left, Margaret Nelson. Below, Margie and Sheila.



Left, Shannon, Cameron Brandon and Airy Maher.



Calling all Writers, Puzzlers, Poets, Illustrators, Cooks, Reviewers and Jokesters! Serious or silly, it's all good!

Would you like to see your essay, story, review, pastiche, cartoon or research work published?

### From the Editor

- To appear in our monthly newsletter, *Ineffable Twaddle*, you're encouraged to limit such writings to 350 words. Submissions are taken throughout the year.
- To appear in our *Beaten's Christmas Annual* (more than 350 words), there's much wider latitude. Submissions are taken in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the year, with a December 31 deadline.

Please send any queries and submissions to Editor Terri at: [terri@soundofthebaskervilles.com](mailto:terri@soundofthebaskervilles.com)

Surely you've got something you want to say about Holmes, Watson, Doyle, the Canon or Victorian-era England!!



Below, Nancy Holder won the coveted item in our (always) free raffle—the autographed and framed photo of Rupert Graves!



Photos this page by Terri Haugen

## Answers to "Valley of Fear" Quiz on Page 2

1. The fourth of February, 1875.
2. Mike Scanlan and John McMurdoo.
3. James H. Scott; Black Jack McGinty.
4. It told of the shooting on one Jonas Pinto in Chicago.
5. Forgery of treasury bills.
6. Ted Baldwin; Miss Ettie Shafter.
7. Captain Teddy Marvin.
8. "I'm sitting on the stile, Mary" and "On the Banks of Allan Water".
9. The editor of the *Daily Herald* newspaper, James Stanger.
10. Birdy Edwards.
11. McGinty, Baldwin, Harraway, Carter, two Willaby brothers and Tiger Cormac.
12. He was lost overboard from a ship during a gale off St. Helena; Moriarty.



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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 Masters' 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 or to renew your membership, send your check for dues—\$20 for individuals, \$30 for families (U.S. funds only)—to the address shown at left.*



## Member News & Notes

⇒SOBs attending our **Masters' Luncheon March 10, 2018** in Federal Way, WA presided over by PFL David Haugen, were:

<b>Kashena Konecki</b>	<b>Terri Haugen</b>	<b>Chis Berwald</b>
<b>Lauren Messenger</b>	<b>Laurie Curtis</b>	<b>Hank Deck</b>
<b>Michael Phillips</b>	<b>Margaret Nelson</b>	<b>Al Nelson</b>
<b>Shannon Wallace</b>	<b>Jody Holm</b>	<b>Margie Deck</b>
<b>Cameron Brandon</b>	<b>Carroll Clemens</b>	<b>Airy Maher</b>
<b>Dawn Kravagna</b>	<b>Jean Macdonald</b>	<b>Judy Lyen</b>
<b>Sheila Holtgrieve</b>	<b>Nancy Holder</b>	<b>Cara Cross</b>

● Guests also attending were Michael's pal Nadine Berry; **Margie & Hank's** friend Sherrill Hendrick (who joined that day!); and Dawn Jaekl, a familiar face from the "Sherlock Seattle" conventions! ★ Poor **Chris & Laurie** had read the starting time wrong, so arrived a bit late but not late enough to miss the food and drinks! ★ Those who offered toasts and their subject matter can be found on Page 3 of this issue. Photos are on Pages 3 and 5 ★ Award winners were **Carroll** (Gigantic Hound Award); and **Dawn K.** and **Lauren M.** (Hound Citations) ★ Outgoing Treasurer **Hank Deck** was also honored for his service with an original drawing by **Al Nelson** ★ A two-year Certificate of Membership was presented to **Cameron**; others also receiving such Certificates, but not in attendance—**Melvin Alcorn** of Sacramento, CA; **Melinda Michaelson** of Tacoma, WA; **Paula Price** now of Pahoa, HI; and **John Trent** of Tacoma, WA—will receive theirs by mail! ★ And, our **2018 Beaten's Christmas Annual** was delivered to all in attendance; those who did not attend will receive theirs with this issue of *Ineffable Twaddle*.

The SOBs' 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea, **Saturday, April 7, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at SOB Carrol Clemens' home in Federal Way, WA**  
**Details on Page 1**

Regular Monthly Meeting, **Sunday, April 15, 1:30 p.m.** at Queen Anne Library, Seattle  
**Details on Page 2**

The SOBs' 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Wreath Throw, **Saturday, May 6, Lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Falls Terrace Restaurant. Followed by the Wreath Throw at 1:30 at Tumwater Falls Park, Tumwater, WA**  
**More Info on Page 4**

● **New Meeting Planner Still Needed!** **SOB Margie Deck** has been doing the work of managing our meetings' content for the last two years. She has decided to step back from that, so do one of you wish to take up the challenge? If so, please contact PFL David (contact is shown above).

⇒SOBs attending our **South Sound Meeting on March 24, 2018** in University Place, WA presided over by PFL David Haugen, were: **Cameron Brandon** **Margaret Nelson** **Nancy Holder** **Judy Lyen** **Genie Romnes** **Melinda Michaelson** **James Romnes** **Sunny Even** **Al Nelson** **Terri Haugen**

● Our guest that day was **Ed Southon**, who's stopped in at our Queen Anne Library Meetings a couple times and decided to join! ★ This was a very informal meeting, so **PFL David** started out with a discussion of Sherlockian films and actors—using several "Best" and "Worst" lists as comparison, and everyone had a chance to agree or disagree and to add their 2¢ on the topic! ★ **Cameron** brought along the five new charts and maps he made that record the WWII facts he learned and places visited this last winter ★ **James** then gave us a demo of one of his guns and an explanation of the Victorian sport of shooting "parlor" pistols inside their sitting rooms! ★ Between it all, we found time to **EAT** the vast amount of food folks brought and to **RAFFLE** off some neat stuff! ★ We all learned something new, and everyone went home happy!!