



# Ineffable Twaddle

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

—*The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle*

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## A Note From the Associate Editor

*(And a silly photo, for good measure)*

Lauren Messenger



Hello, gracious readers! This is the Associate Editor of *Ineffable Twaddle*, Lauren Messenger. I will be filling in as editor of this issue, and, most likely, a few upcoming issues, in order to give our regular editor, Terri Haugen a chance to

rest and recover after a recent injury. Please bear with me, as I assemble and distribute these issues! If you have any questions, or would like to send in contributions for upcoming issues, I can be reached by email at [laurenmessenger.museums@gmail.com](mailto:laurenmessenger.museums@gmail.com). Thank you for your patience and understanding! Please enjoy this silly action photo of myself, taken by Sound of the Baskervilles VP Kashena Konecki, at this year's John H. Watson Picnic and Games! If you flip ahead to page 4, you will find a description of the event!

## A Blazingly Difficult Puzzle

**A Quiz on "The Adventure of Silver Blaze"**

**By: SOB Charlie Cook (Café Noir)**



1. As the tale begins where did Holmes tell Watson he had to go?
2. At what rate of speed did Holmes claim the train from Paddington travel?
3. How was Holmes able to compute that speed?
4. Name the murdered man and the two men who sent Holmes telegrams on Tuesday evening!
5. Due to so much publicity Holmes said he was suffering from a plethora of what three things?
6. From what stable did Silver Blaze hail and how old

was he?

7. Name the owner, the manager and the best horse at the Mapleton stables!

8. Who was arrested for murder and what kind of walking stick did he possess?

9. Where did Holmes claim to have met the murdered man's wife and say she was wearing?

10. Why did Holmes decide to have a little amusement at Silver Blazes' owner's expense?

11. What two points did Holmes bring to the Inspector's attention?

12. What alias did the person who took silver Blaze use and why did he need one?

**Answers may be found on Page 5**

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#### 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.

## Off to the Races! The Adventure of Silver Blaze



The Regular Monthly Meeting of The Sound of the Baskervilles will begin at **1:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 19, 2018**. Come meet us in the basement of the Queen Anne Branch Library at 400 West Garfield, Seattle (*driving directions at left*), to discuss The Adventure of Silver Blaze.

**SOBs Kashena and Mel B.** will be leading the meeting, so join us as we contemplate the conundrum of the curious incident of the dog in the night-time!

The Adventure of Silver Blaze is often considered one of the most popular of the Sherlock Holmes stories. Do you agree? How is it that such a famous race-horse could simply disappear, when it's notoriety would prevent it from being unnoticed in the locale?

Like The Hound of the Baskervilles, this is a story set in Dartmoor. How does the setting add to the atmosphere?

Does this story contain gothic elements, like HOUN, or does the thematic focus on sport shift it thematically, so that it is of a different genre and motif?

Come and share your thoughts with us, but, most of all, prepare to be surprised!

*If you have a favourite snack or non-alcoholic beverage you'd like to share, please feel free to bring it along!*



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## A South Sound Meeting About SIGN!

On **September 8, 2018, at 1:00 PM**, please join the Sound of the Baskervilles at the home of generous hosts, **Hank & Margie Deck**, at **1806 177th St Ct E, Spanaway 98387**, to discuss **The Sign of the Four!** Refreshments will be furnished, so there is no need to bring any food or drink items. Get ready for an exciting discussion of Doyle's fast-paced novel, featuring secrets, romance, a riverboat chase, and Toby, one of the more notable canonical hounds! Driving directions are included below. Margie can be reached at (206)612-1882, and Hank can be reached at (253)875-5956.

#### Directions:

**FROM I-5:** Travel on I-5 to Hwy. 512. Travel on 512 to Hwy. 7/Pacific Ave. Exit at Hwy 7/Pacific. Turn right onto Pacific Ave. Follow Pacific Ave. to 176th Street. Turn left onto 176th Street. Turn right onto 22nd Ave. Turn immediate right into Parklane Court. Stop at 1st gate call box. Input #8080 into call box. Second gate ahead will open. Drive forward through 2nd gate. Turn left. Forced Right Turn. Stop at last house on the left. Parking on street

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## Things to See, Buy, Do & Know

### ⇒ Notes PFL David:

● **Taproot Theatre** will be putting on a production of **Baskerville**, this Fall, in which five actors will portray 35 characters in this hilarious and clever adaptation of **The Hound of the Baskervilles**! We are hoping to make arrangements to see the production as a group on **October 6th**. If you are interested in joining in on this outing, please get in touch! You can find more information about the play at <http://taproottheatre.org/shows/2018/baskerville/>

● **Imagination Theatre's Sherlock Holmes**, ed. by David Marcum, which was published in December, 2017 has been **reviewed by the Sherlock Holmes Society of London**. They had this to say: "I've welcomed two earlier volumes of Sherlock Holmes scripts from the late Jim French's Seattle-based company. This new collection shows that the standards of American radio's golden age live on in Imagination Theatre. Here are fifteen plays, by authors from both sides of the pond, including Jim French, M.J. Elliott, David Marcum, John Hall, Matthew Booth and the excellent leading actors, John Patrick Lowrie and Lawrence Albert. All are exciting, suspenseful, inventive – and faithful to the spirit of the canon, thanks partly to an internal consistency with an agreed chronology." We heartily agree!

● Here's a book for those wishing to spice up their vocabulary! **The Adventure of the Wordy Companion: An A-Z Guide to Sherlockian Phraseology** by Nicko Vaughan. It's a handy guide to those "wordy words" and references found within the pages of the Sherlock Holmes canon!

● **Holmes and Watson**, an upcoming film, has changed its release date to December 21, 2018. The film stars Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly, Lauren Lapkus, Rob Brydon, Kelly Macdonald, Rebecca Hall, Ralph Fiennes, and Hugh Laurie.

### ⇒ From SOB John Trent:

● Do you know an aspiring actor? **Valley Center Stage** in **North Bend, WA** is holding **open auditions** for its upcoming production of **Sherlock Holmes: The Baker Street Irregulars** (adapted by Eric Coble from graphic novels by Tony Lee and Dan Boulton) on **August 12 and 13!** A few of the roles include Wiggins, Pockets, Eliza Mayhew, Sherlock Holmes, Mrs. Hudson, and Moriarty. See [valleycenterstage.org/auditions/](http://valleycenterstage.org/auditions/) for more information!

### ⇒ From Jean Upton, and the London Society's District Messenger:

● Are you a fan of visiting filming locations? **Swinhay House** in North Nibley, Gloucestershire, the home of **Charles Augustus Magnussen**, from the BBC TV series **Sherlock**, will be open for the public to visit on the **16th of September, from 2:00 to 6:00p.m.** Entrance to the property must be booked in advance, and applications will be available from Stroud Tourist Information Centre. Be sure to make a reservation before September 10th! Guided and self-guided tours will be available. Find out more at [stroudcivicsociety.co.uk](http://stroudcivicsociety.co.uk) and at [heritageopendays.org.uk](http://heritageopendays.org.uk)

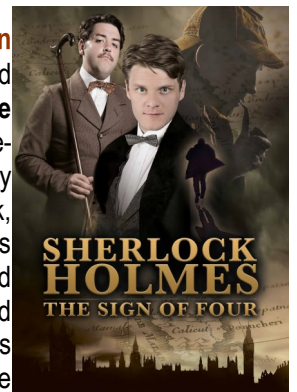
● The new BSI website is live at [bakerstreetirregulars.com](http://bakerstreetirregulars.com)! The previous Baker Street Journal page will stay up for the transition, but for any new material, consult the excellent new website!

● The play **A Scandal in Nova Alba**, by Sherlockian author **Orlando Pearson**, was performed at the Tolworth Festival of one-act plays in April. Pearson has uploaded footage of the performance to YouTube. You can watch it at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1Mc\\_w6CTwI&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1Mc_w6CTwI&feature=youtu.be)

● On the subject of theater productions, **The Blackeyed Theatre Company** will be touring **September, 2018 through April, 2019**, with a production of **The Sign of Four**, adapted for the stage by **Nick Lane**. It will also feature live original music by **Tristan Parkes**. If you will be in the UK, and want to catch a performance of the play, you can find performance dates and locations, as well as more information about the play and its cast, at <http://www.blackeyedtheatre.co.uk/future-shows/sherlock-holmes-the-sign-of-four/>

### ⇒ Says SOB Associate Editor Lauren Messenger:

Kim Newman announced that his book, **Professor Moriarty: The Hound of the D'Urbervilles** is being developed into a television mini-series by Playground Entertainment. The book, published in 2011 by Titan Books, follows the escapades of Professor Moriarty and Colonel Moran, creating a parallel and parody of Sherlock Holmes and Watson's adventures, down to Moran acting as the narrator figure for the book. It is packed with obscure references to other Victorian literature, and somewhat warped humor!



⇒ **From SOB VP Kashena Konecki:** At long last, the third **Sherlock Holmes** film, starring **Robert Downey, Jr.** in the titular role, and **Jude Law** as Dr. Watson, has a release date! The film is expected to hit screens on **December 25, 2020**, nine years after the last installment in the trilogy, **Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows**, so we'll have a bit of a wait, still! No director has been attached to the project, so it remains to be seen if Guy Ritchie will also return to the franchise. The script is by Chris Brancato, who has previously written for the series Hannibal, among others.

### ⇒ From Peter Blau of the Spermacti Press:

● In episode 146 on the "I Hear of Sherlock Everywhere" podcast and blog [www.tinyurl.com/y9765sbh](http://www.tinyurl.com/y9765sbh) Nick Martorelli, interviewed by Scott Monty and Burt Wolder, suggests that Irene Adler was the Boba Fett of the Sherlock Holmes stories! What do you think? (Assoc. Ed.'s Note: "Also, can you imagine how much more awesome Irene would be, if she were given a jetpack?")

● **Study in Honor** by **Claire O'Dell** reimagines Holmes and Watson in a feminist thriller





## It Was All Fun and Games at the Annual John H. Watson Picnic!

On July 28th, at 9:00 a.m., the SOBs began to assemble in Seahurst Park, in Burien for our annual Picnic! The weather was lovely, and the wind coming off of Puget Sound kept things quite cool, as it began

to get sunny outside! Paul Williams bestowed the role of “keeper of the flame,” on Chris Berwald, who was able to grill up some tasty eats, despite the lack of barbecue tongs! Many tasty side dishes were contributed, such as vegetables and dip, strawberry and brownie skewers, and corn muffins!

Al Nelson had devised a fun variation on Aunt Sally, called Uncle Jim, in which each of the participants was given a set of sticks to throw at a water bottle emblazoned with an image of the dastardly Professor James Moriarty! The bottle was perched precariously upon a

stool, and the object of the game was to try to knock the bottle off of its seat with the thrown sticks. The winner was whoever caused Moriarty to tumble to his doom the greatest number of times! Sonny Even went home with the trophy, having triumphed over the Professor in an impressive display of hand-eye coordination!

We stayed through the afternoon, enjoying the beach, and one another’s company!



*Pictured: The crowd looks on from the picnic tables, as Kashena winds up to hurl one of the sticks at the Professor!*



*Pictured: The malevolent Professor watches us from his perch on a stool, as we get ready to try to knock him over!*



*Pictured: Sondra Even celebrates her victory, after having toppled the evil Professor! Her victory dance was epic.*

*Pictured: Judy takes a turn trying to unseat Moriarty.*

**Hope to see you all again, next year!**





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set in the near-future. The protagonists are Dr. Janet Watson and covert agent Sara Holmes, both black LGBT+ women.

● **Benoit Guilielmo** has launched an on-line collection of **Sherlockian articles from the 1930s!** Check it out at [www.earlysherlockiana.blogspot.fr](http://www.earlysherlockiana.blogspot.fr).

● The restored version of **Der Hund von Baskerville**, a 1929 silent film, may get a commercial DVD will be available! In the meantime, you can watch clips from the film uploaded by Rob Byrne to Vimeo: go to [www.vimeo.com](http://www.vimeo.com) and search for **der hund von baskerville**.

⇒ **From SOB Sonia Fetherston:** "Wow! I'm surprised and very disappointed to read this "open letter" from Vasily Livanov, and can't help but wonder if he's being used by the Russian government because his name is well-known in the West." <https://tinyurl.com/yau55k9s>

⇒ **From SOB Bill Seil:**

● **Mycroft & Sherlock** is a new book, due for publication on **October 9th**, by **Kareem Abdul Jabbar & Anna Waterhouse**. The book is set in 1872. When a young boy dies of a suspected overdose at an orphanage, the Sherlock and Mycroft Holmes – along with Mycroft's closest friend Cyrus Douglas – are drawn into the investigation that will reveal corruption and intrigue!

⇒ **From SOBs Ann Milam, Bill Seil, and Pat McIntosh:**

● The new book **Conan Doyle for the Defense** by **Margalit Fox** tells the story of how a note pleading for help set Arthur Conan Doyle on a quest to right a miscarriage of justice caused by endemic anti-Semitism and xenophobia in the Scottish police force. SOB Ed Funk has read the book, and reports that he really liked it! You can read an article about the book here: <https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/industry-news/tip-sheet/article/77306-the-time-arthur-conan-doyle-helped-solve-a-real-murder-case.html>



## Remembering Joel Senter

It was with great sorrow that we learned about the passing of Joel Senter. Joel and his wife Carolyn operated Classic Specialties, selling and publishing Sherlockiana on the web for 28 years, as well as publishing and curating the excellent Sherlockian E-Times, which has been an invaluable resource and source of connection among the wide world of Sherlockians.

His contributions to the Sherlockian community were only one aspect of a remarkable life. He was also a Professor of Psychology, at the University of Cincinnati, teaching a variety of classes, including those on psychology and statistics. He was widely published in academic journals, and also published textbooks. He was very well-liked by his students and fellow faculty, and his lectures were engaging and inspiring to all who attended them.

He will be deeply missed, and fondly remembered. Our thoughts are with his wife, Carolyn Senter, and his friends and family. The world is better for his kindness, curiosity, and insight.

## 4th Annual International Sherlockian Summit

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Saturday, November 3, 2018 / Noon—3:30ish  
Skagit River Brewery, Mount Vernon, WA



Elinor Gray

Lunch Program—

*'Bee Keeping: Sherlock Holmes  
In Retirement'*  
Elinor Gray

Elinor is a member of Watson's Tin Box of Ellicott City, Maryland, the John H. Watson Society, the Sherlock Holmes Society of London, the Blue Carbuncle Society of Portland, The Sound of the Baskervilles of Seattle, and is a co-organizer of The Retired Beekeepers of Sussex. She edits the *JHWS Watsonian*, a twice-yearly journal of Sherlockian scholarship, as well as the *Retired Beekeepers' Practical Handbook*.

Elinor grew up in Baltimore, got a BA in Philadelphia and an MA in London. Now she lives in Portland, Oregon. She has two cats, Zeke and Paco, who keep her company while she writes and works, a yarn stash that is always on the verge of being out of control, and is the keeper of two hives and about ten thousand honey bees.

Elinor's first published-for-pay work was a Sherlock Holmes pastiche featured in *Elementary Erotica* (Circle Press, 2011). Her debut novel was *Compounded a Felony: A Queer Affair of Sherlock Holmes* (Full Fathom Five, 2015). She has also contributed short Sherlockian fiction to the *JHWS Fiction Series* (2016) and *A Murmuring Of Bees* (Improbable Press, 2016), and essays to *About Sixty* (Wildside Press, 2016), *About Being A Sherlockian* (Wildside Press, 2017), and *Femme Friday* (Baker Street Babes, 2017).

Games

Toasts

Skits

Raffles

No Host Lunch

Questions?

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Raffle Highlight:

The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes  
Volumes I and II  
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Courtesy of David & Terri Haugen

'Come, Watson, come!' [Sherlock Holmes] cried. 'The game is afoot. Not a word! Into your clothes and come!'

## Answers to the Puzzle on "SILV" on Page 1

Answers

1. Dartmoor - King's Pyland.
2. 53 and 1/2 miles per hour.
3. By the fact that the telegraph poles were 60 yards apart.
4. John Straker; Colonel Ross; Inspector Gregory.
5. Surmise, conjecture and hypothesis.
6. Isomony stock; 5 years.
7. Lord Backwater; Silas Brown; Desborough.
8. Fitzroy Simpson; a Penang Lawyer.
9. At a garden party in Plymouth; a dark colored dress with ostrich feather trimming.
10. Because the man's manner towards Holmes was a trifle cavalier.
11. The singular epidemic among the sheep; the curious incident of the dog in the night.
12. Darbyshire; he had a mistress that he was shopping for.



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**Regular Monthly Meeting, Sunday, August 19th, 1:30 p.m.** at Queen Anne Library, Seattle

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**Regular Monthly Meeting, Sunday, September 16, 1:30 p.m.** at Queen Anne Library, Seattle. ★

**Save the Date!** On **October 6th**, we are hoping to see a matinee performance of **"Baskerville."** Please reach out to us, if you would like join us for this event! ★

**South Sound Meeting, September 8, 1:00, p.m.,** at Margie & Hanks's Home

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## Member News & Notes

SOBs attending our **July 22nd Meeting** at the Queen Anne Branch Library were:

**Ariana, Kashena, Dawn, Shannon, Cameron, Alexander, Chris, Laurie, Jean, Allen, Margaret, Kate, David, and Sheldon**

PFL David let us know that his wife, Terri Haugen, had been injured, and will be laid up for a little while. We wish her a speedy recovery. In the meantime, I'll be putting together our issues of Ineffable Twaddle, in my role of Associate Editor, so that she can focus on her recovery.



The SOBs are taking on the John H. Watson Society's annual Treasure Hunt again, this year. This time, our team consists of PFL David Haugen, Cameron Brandon, Sunny Even, Francis Bond, and myself, Lauren Messenger.



Cameron brought in his improved picnic game, Twisted Flip, and was able to let a few members try it at the end of the meeting. Fun!



Get ready for our August 19th meeting at the Queen Anne Library! Kashena and Mel will present "Silver Blaze" story. September's story will be "The Sign of Four", and in November, we will be discussing "Scandal in Bohemia."



## The Sound of the Baskervilles

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*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.*

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Kashena won first place in the quiz for our July 22nd Meeting, Dawn and Margaret got second, Margie third and Dawn fourth. These place winners all received ear shaped soap (the quiz story was "The Cardboard Box"). Hilarious!



We were so pleased to be able to wish Paul Williams a very happy birthday at the John H. Watson Picnic! Thanks for being such a great friend to the SOBs, Paul!



Join us on Sept. 8th, for a South Sound Meeting, hosted by Margie and Hank Deck! The discussion will be about The Sign of the Four. Please see page 2 of this issue for directions!



## Another New Member!!

Joining us in June was  
**Dawn Jaekel.**

It was great to see Dawn at the July Meeting! We can't wait to see you again at future meetings, and hear more about your insights into the Sherlock Holmes stories as we discuss them together!

**Thanks for joining, Dawn!**