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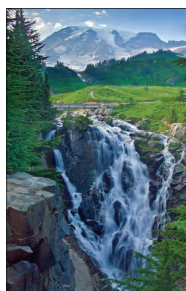
*"It is my business to know what other people don't know."*

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## Join Us May 6 for the Annual Wreath Throw

*"It was on the third of May" that Holmes and Watson arrived in Meiringen and the catastrophe at Reichenbach was played out.*



*In the early years, our re-enactment of the events at Reichenbach Falls occurred at various waterfalls on Mt. Rainier including Myrtle Falls (above).*

Our **Annual Wreath Throw**—to mourn Holmes' "death" and celebrate the fact that he never really died—is **Saturday, May 6.**

Meet in the park south of Falls Terrace Restaurant along the Deschutes River in Tumwater at **11:30 a.m.** and we'll walk from there to the Falls for the wreath throw, photos and champagne toast.

Lunch follows (**about 1:00 p.m.**) at Falls Terrace Restaurant.

We'll also remember our fellow SOBs who have passed on before us. Here's a partial list of those we've lost over the past 30 years:

- Will Crakes
- Samuel Fry
- John Nelson
- Don Mathews
- Ignacio "Nacho" Ospina
- Gerrie Kasper
- Michael Doyle
- Stu Shiffman
- Joyce Funk

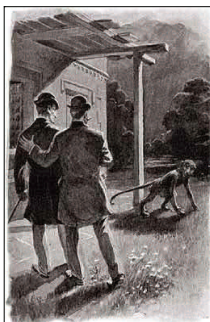
### Driving directions to the Annual Wreath Throw:

- If northbound on I-5, take Exit 103; follow Deschutes Way SW north (straight) for about one block to Tumwater Falls Park, just south of The Falls Terrace Restaurant on your right.
- If southbound on I-5, take Exit 103; stay straight to go onto 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SW, turn left onto Custer Way SE (which takes you back over I-5). Turn right onto Boston St SE, then left onto Deschutes Way SW. Tumwater Falls Park is south of and just beyond The Falls Terrace Restaurant on your left.

## In Honour of Our Study of SPEC...A Quiz on

**"The Adventure of the Speckled Band"**  
By: **SOB Charlie Cook (Café Noir)**

1. What was it that allowed Watson to finally tell this story?
2. Name the client, the client's sister and the name of their domicile!
3. Who recommended the client to Holmes and why was he recommended?
4. Name the villain who bent fireplace pokers, and what crime he had committed in India!
5. How did the client's mother die?
6. What two wild animals roamed freely over the property of the villain?



7. Name the client's aunt!
8. When the villain burst into 221B, what three epithets did he accuse Holmes of being?
9. What was the make of Watson's revolver?
10. Name the Inn where Holmes and Watson stayed after exploring the villain's property!
11. Holmes recalled two doctors who were executed for poisoning people. Name them!
12. How did Holmes describe the fate of a schemer of violence?



Answers to this Quiz may be found on Page 5.

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*To all the Sherlockian  
Moms out there!!*



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.



#### Please Note:

Standard distribution of our monthly newsletter is **by email!** Those with **NO email** and those who **"opt out"** of receiving *Ineffable Twaddle* by email will continue to receive it by **snail-mail!!!**

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#### Are Your Dues Paid?

Don't let your membership in The SOBs lapse!!

Payment of dues for the April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018 fiscal year are now overdue.

Mail your check today to **Treasurer Hank Deck** 1806—177<sup>th</sup> Street Court East, Spanaway, WA 98387 \$20 for individual membership; \$30 for a family!!

*And, thank you!!*

## Cheetahs and Baboons as Pets, Oh My!!

The Regular Monthly Meeting of The Sound of the Baskervilles will begin at **1:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 21, 2017** at The Seattle Public Library (Queen Anne Branch) at 400 West Garfield, Seattle (*driving directions at left*).

As we SOBs continue our chronological journey through the Holmes Canon, the third story we'll consider is **"The Adventure of the Speckled Band"**.

We've moved this story forward two months (in front of our 2-meeting review of "STUD")—because, sadly, our speaker, SOB Francis Bond, will leave us in July to return to his home across the Pacific (*though he did renew his dues!*)!! Did we mention that Francis works in the Division of Linguistics and Multilingual Studies at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore?

**Says Francis:** *"I plan to give both a talk on the annotation work I am doing (marking words with their meanings) and how this shows differences across languages (using examples from SPEC); afterward, I'll go through a talk on SPEC itself."*

Set in early April 1883, in this tale, Holmes has yet to reach the age of 30 and his relationship with Watson is still in its infancy!

*If you have a favourite snack or non-alcoholic beverage you'd like to share, please feel free to bring it along! As this could be Francis' last meeting with us for quite a while, please join us in May to wish him adieu!!!*

## A Toast to the Creeping Man

**As presented by SOB Club Lending Librarian Sheila Holtgrieve at our Masters' Celebration on March 11, 2017:**

This is not my favorite story  
But in a way I can relate  
The quest for eternal youth  
Is one way to alter fate.  
Professor Presbury knew  
Alice Morphy  
The daughter of his friend.  
When it came to courting her  
He had lots of pounds to spend.  
So he contacted the man in  
Prague, Lowenstein was his  
name  
From making elixirs for youth  
Came his claim to fame.  
Serum of anthropoid, Oh My!  
Really—a black-faced langur?



Taken every nine days as directed  
Filled the man with strength and anger.  
Good old Roy the wolfhound  
He knew that something was strange.  
When Presbury started to provoke him  
Very soon he broke his chain  
Presbury's throat was nearly  
torn open.

Watson lessened the mess  
A first class surgeon should be  
called, he said  
But then Presbury would have  
to confess.  
So, a lesson for us older folks  
Who might like from age to  
escape  
We'd run the risk of the  
creeping man  
And turn into an ape!

## SOB Al Nelson Catches Us Up on His Sunday Times Reading!

● **A Review of Michael Sims' *Arthur & Sherlock: Conan Doyle and the Creation of Holmes*, excerpted from "Meet Sherrington Hope", London Times, 2/18/2017**

Every devotee of Sherlock Holmes knows that it wasn't Arthur Conan Doyle who gave him his signature deerstalker. It was Sidney Paget, in his unforgettable illustrations of the great detective for The Strand Magazine...Holmes sported a top hat, or perhaps a bowler, when wearing his Inverness cape against the London fog and drizzle. He was always a gentleman, albeit a bohemian one...He was always a patriotic Briton, as was his bluff, tweedy, no-nonsense creator, Conan Doyle; not an intellectual, and certainly not a sensitive arty type, but surely a genius.

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## Things to See, Buy, Do & Know

⇒ **Posits SOB Cameron Brandon:** In the TV series on FX called "Fargo", **Martin Freeman** played one of the main characters during season 1. It's an excellent series that chronicles true-life "deception, intrigue and murder in and around frozen Minnesota", replete with Martin doing his Midwest accent. While Freeman doesn't appear in season 2, episode 9 is presented in a slightly different manner, showing an old book on a shelf entitled "The History of True Crime in the Midwest". As the book opens, we hear an awfully familiar narrator's voice with a British accent reading from the book, where "Readers will note that I have chosen to file this case as a Minnesota crime, even though most of the murders took place in North and then South Dakota." ■ During a climactic scene in the episode, a gunfight ensues at a hotel, with room #221 conveniently behind one of the antagonists. I wonder how many viewers caught these **Sherlock Holmes Easter eggs**, with Martin being curiously chosen to do the Watson-esque narration for the episode?



⇒ **From SOB Larry Raisch:** My daughter has invited me to attend this not-quite-a-locked-room adventure. I thought you and the other SOBs might be interested. Try this link: <https://epicteamadventures.com/experience-real-life-mystery-adventure-scotland-yard-baker-street-affair>. It takes you to info on an event that's coming up at the Hyatt Hotel in Seattle on Saturday, May 20, 2017. There will be six (6) 2-hour time slots to choose from, in which teams of 4 can participate in the "Scotland Yard Baker Street Affair" puzzle. It took some digging, but the cost is \$200 per team and only one team member needs to buy that ticket (not \$200 per person!!).

⇒ **Seen by SOB Cara Cross:** Was perusing the current "Bas Bleu" catalogue (Vol. 358, Spring 2017) and reading the review of *The Other Daughter* by Lauren Willig (2016, pb, \$15.99). Was surprised and pleased to see the review was written by none other than our own **SOB Lauren Stevens!!**



⇒ **Seen in AAA of Washington's Journey magazine:** June 9 through 11 are the dates for 2017's "The Brass Screw Confederacy" Steampunk event in Port Townsend, WA. For the uninitiated, Steampunk works—performance, music, art, fashion, cosplay—are often set in an alternative history of the 19<sup>th</sup> century's British Victorian era or American "Wild West", but it's always fun! For more go to: [brass-screw.org](http://brass-screw.org) or call (360) 896-2695.

⇒ **From our friends at MX Publishing:** Now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year, *The MX Book of New Sherlock Holmes Stories—Part VI: 2017* will debut on May 22 with the first of two volumes for this year. The 35 stories in this volume bring the total number of stories and participating authors to more than 100. All royalties from this collection are being donated for the benefit of maintaining Undershaw. Hardback \$48.95; paperback \$34.95.

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

*Do you want to see your essay, story, review, pastiche, cartoon or research work published?*



- To appear in our monthly newsletter, *Ineffable Twaddle*, you're encouraged to limit essays, stories, reviews to 300 words or less. Submissions are taken throughout the year.
- For mention in the "Things to See, Buy, Do & Know" column, send your news and the Editor will adapt as needed.
- Watch this space in July for details on appearing in our 2018 issue of *Beaten's Christmas Annual*.

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⇒ **Speaking of Undershaw (see last item at left):** Joe McDonald, a pal of Al & Margaret Nelson's in Haslemere, England, provides an update on Doyle's former home—"I'm delighted to tell you that the people who took over *Undershaw* to transform it into a school for children with learning difficulties have made a brilliant job of it. It seems to me everything that Doyle might have aspired to for it. The owners, who have invested some millions of pounds into it, are now talking about exploiting the facilities to improve its local profile, and are in discussions about having a Doyle weekend in 2018, perhaps in the month of May, not unlike the one which I promoted 5 years ago. Although it's still very early days yet, I'm sure many SOBs will be interested. When I know more, I'll update you."

⇒ **From Peter Blau of the Spermaceti Press:** Spanish artist Iñaki Aliste Lizarralde has prepared a colorful floor plan for **221B Baker Street** as seen in the BBC television series "Sherlock". And, thanks to SOB Margaret Nelson for the visual:

⇒ **Says PFL David:**

• We all know that **Nigel Bruce played Watson** to Basil Rathbone's Holmes. I believe that I have determined where his first name came

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from. King Robert the Bruce had a brother and his name was Sir Nigel Bruce. Unfortunately, in 1306 he was captured by the British on his wedding day when they stormed the castle he was in. He was later executed. • To hear **Cumberbatch read 4 new Sherlock railroad mysteries**, go to YouTube and search on: "Audiobook: Benedict Cumberbatch Sherlock Holmes {FULL} by K D"

## Travels with Dottie

Here's news from our Massachusetts connection, SOB Dorothy Normandin! She's been with us for 12 years, but other than annual holiday cards, this is her second report for *Twaddle*! (She is a frequent attendee at the BSI Weekend, however!)



Last spring (2016), a friend and I spent a week at Walt Disney World in Florida. On arrival, our first stop was World Showcase in Epcot—always a favourite of mine; where else can you go “around the world” in a day?! In the United Kingdom Pavillion, I was surprised to see a nice display of “Sherlock” items. First purchase of the trip: A “221B” shirt! (See photo.)

In September—the 9th to the 12th—I attended “The Mind and Art of Sherlock Holmes” convention in Chautauqua, NY, hosted by the BSI. It was set on the beautiful grounds of Chautauqua Institution.

Most events were presented at the Athenaeum Hotel, which opened in 1881 and was among the very earliest buildings to be lighted by electricity. Being quite grand (see photo), it certainly was an appropriate setting for the conference. Included in the presentations were such diverse topics as: “The Intriguing Vernet Family”; “Sherlock Holmes in the Trenches”; “A Photographic History of the BSI”; “Ships, Boats and the Canon”; and many others. There were also showings of Eille Norwood silent films and the Gillette “Sherlock Holmes”.



The weekend also included private cocktail parties with residents of Chautauqua, wine tasting and a lake cruise aboard the Chautauqua Belle paddleboat. Plenty of time was provided for socializing too. (A copy of the Conference Programme is offered by the BSI at: <http://www.bakerstreet-journal.com/sherlock2016p.html>.)

Many attendees also journeyed to Lilly Dale in southwest New York State. Founded in 1880, it's the world's largest center for philosophy, science and religion of Spiritualism, and their library includes books by Sir Arthur. We enjoyed



a tour of the grounds and lecture by Joseph Nickell—the world's only full-time professional paranormal investigator.

The Sherlock Holmes Birthday Weekend in New York City is always great! This year at the Gaslight Gala, I ran into fellow

**SOB Stu Nelan!** It's good to see another SOB on this coast! (Actually we have many SOBs “over there”, Dottie!!)

Happy Spring to all! —Dottie

## Mark your Calendar now for these upcoming events!



### The SOBs' 21<sup>st</sup> Dr. John H. Watson Picnic

- **Date:** Saturday, July 29, 2017
  - **Time:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
  - **Location:** Seahurst Park, on Puget Sound, Burien
- No cost, just a potluck, games and fun!



### The Stormy Petrels of BC are turning 30, SOBs are invited to help them celebrate!

- **Date:** Saturday, September 16, 2017
- **Time:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration begins at 9:30.
- **Location:** The Billy Bishop Pub (Legion), 1407 Laburnum Street, Vancouver; [www.billybishoplegion.org](http://www.billybishoplegion.org); (604) 568-4130; west of Downtown Vancouver, across the Burrard Bridge; west on Cornwall, north on Laburnum
- **Cost:** \$30 CDN per person—payable at the door—for lunch and swag!
- **RSVP:** To Fran Martin at: [franziskah@shaw.ca](mailto:franziskah@shaw.ca) for more info and pre-registration by August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Accommodation:** Staying overnight? Consider the **Century Plaza Hotel**, 1015 Burrard Street; (604) 683-1399; [century-plazahotel.reservations.com](http://century-plazahotel.reservations.com).



### The Geologists are Coming...Again!!!

The Geological Society of America's annual meeting is in Seattle October 22 to 25, 2017.

The Sherlockian subgroup “The Practical but Limited Geologists” will hold its semi-annual social as well—joined by The SOBs!

- **Date:** Wednesday, October 25th, 2017
- **Time:** 7 p.m. no-host cocktails • 8 p.m. no-host dinner
- **Location:** Elephant & Castle Pub & Restaurant, 1415 Fifth Avenue, Seattle

All are welcome, no RSVP required



### The SOBs Host the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Sherlockian Summit in Mt. Vernon!

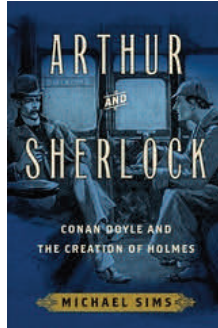
- **Date:** Saturday, November 4, 2017
  - **Time:** 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
  - **Location:** Skagit River Brewery, 404 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St, [360] 336-2884, Mt Vernon, WA. (<http://www.skagitbrew.com>)
- All are welcome, no RSVP required



## ...Nelson Catches Us Up on His Sunday Times Reading!

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Michael Sims' *Arthur & Sherlock* seeks to follow the clues and trace the evolution of Holmes in Doyle's imagination...The book is brimful of these kind of Holmesian arcana and minutiae. It also works as a sketchy biography of the young Doyle and how he found his way in the world, from his beginnings as a poor but hard-working Scottish doctor to a highly acclaimed writer of irresistible tales of crime, travel and adventure.



We learn much about Doyle's favourite reading...Sir Walter Scott...Edgar Allan Poe...Wilkie Collins...and Charles Dickens—who like Doyle was always fond of reading crime reports and ghoulish accounts of grisly murders.

Much as he respected his predecessors, though, Doyle wanted to do it differently, scientifically—and he wasn't going to give his creation a giveaway name as Dickens liked to. No Inspector Sharp or Ferret, he joked. He found the name Sherlock in the stories of Sheridan Le Fanu, among other places. The detective's original name for a while was Sherrington Hope, which as a certain ring to it. John Watson for a time was Ormond Sacker, which would have been disastrous. Sounds like a con man from Kansas City.

But the greatest inspiration for Holmes, as we all know, was his teacher at Edinburgh medical school, Dr. Joseph Bell, whose method of diagnosis by startlingly close observation of his patients meant, for instance, that he could deduce that one of them worked in a linoleum factory across the Firth—from her posture, the calluses on her hands and the traces of mud on her shoes and clothing.

Sims' brief book doesn't cover everything. There is no mention of Mycroft Holmes, Moriarty or Mrs. Hudson. However, *Arthur & Sherlock* does offer intriguing insights into Holmes' evolution, and still portrays what a decent, admirable figure a "man of the Victorian age" often was.

This short study is a stimulating contribution to our never-ending fascination with Sherlock Holmes himself and, even more perhaps, his genial creator.

● Editorial, "Sherlock's creator in grab at limelight", *London Times*, 3/5/2017

Sherlock Holmes is often pictured in his famous deerstalker but fans of his creator, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, may soon be wearing their own tribute homburgs.

The adventures of the great detective live on and now the writer's heirs have launched their own battle to boost recognition of Doyle. They claim that the author has largely been forgotten in favour of his greatest creation.

Descendants of the Edinburgh-born writer have applied to the Intellectual Property Office to register the author's likeness and name for a range of goods, from bow ties to whisky

and even fountain pens.

Richard Pooley of Conan Doyle's estate, said, "Our strategy is to make the world take more notice of Sir Arthur himself and all those other characters he created. As wonderful as Holmes and Watson are, he wrote some extremely interesting other stories and led an extraordinary life. So we are trying in a sense to 'rebrand' Sir Arthur Conan Doyle himself." An application has been published in the Trade Mark Journal for nine categories, from fob watches to walking sticks to cigars. Pooley said, "The deerstalker was never in his books, but Sir Arthur wore a homburg."



You would think that creating Sherlock Holmes would be legacy enough, but the heirs of Sir Arthur are keen to remind us that he also wrote plays, invented the angry scientist Professor Challenger, and produced an account of the Boer War after serving in his forties as an army doctor. His family is planning to launch a range of Doyle merchandise.

With some obvious exceptions, authors and their estates have neglected their marketing opportunities. If you are looking for a Bleak House, there is already a Somerset estate agent called Charles Dickens. But where are the Hercule Poirot moustache care kits? The Mr. Darcy range of ridiculously tight trousers? Some ideas suggest themselves. There are obvious business opportunities in the work of EL James, author of *Fifty Shades of Grey*. Her readers might like a special Dulux range. Or perhaps that wasn't your first thought?

**Ed. Note:** The Conan Doyle Estate's website (<http://conandoyleestate.com/about>) asks, "Inspired by what you see? Interested in aligning your brand or product with the legendary Conan Doyle? Contact the Family Estate."

### Answers to Quiz on "SPEC" on Page 1

1. The untimely death of the woman to whom he promised to keep it secret.
2. Helen Stoner, Julia Stoner, Stoke Moran.
3. Mrs. Farintosh; Holmes had recovered her pearl tara.
4. Dr. Grimesby Roylott; he beat his native butler to death.
5. She was killed in a railway accident.
6. A cheetah and a baboon.
7. Miss Honoria Westphall.
8. Holmes, the meddler; the busy-body; and the Scotland Yard jack-in-office.
9. An Eley's No. 2.
10. The Crown.
11. Palmer and Pritchard.
12. The schemer falls into the pit which he digs for another.



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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.

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.



### Annual Wreath Throw!

Saturday, May 6, 11:30 a.m. at Tumwater Falls Park,

Tumwater, WA

Lunch follows at 1:00 p.m. at Falls Terrace Restaurant.

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Regular Monthly Meeting, Sunday, May 21, 1:30 p.m. at Queen Anne Library, Seattle  
See details on Page 2.

Regular Monthly Meeting, Sunday, June 18, 1:30 p.m. at Queen Anne Library, Seattle

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

## Member News & Notes

SOBs attending our April 23, 2017 Meeting, presided over by PFL David Haugen, were:

Sheila Holtgrieve	Francis Bond	Al Nelson
Lauren Messenger	Terri Haugen	Alex Snow
Cameron Brandon	Lauran Stevens	Hank Deck
Airy Maher	Margaret Nelson	Margie Deck
Shannon Wallace	Larry Raisch	Pat McIntosh
Melinda Michaelson	Chris "Bear" Berwald	
Kashena Konecki	Sonia Fetherston, BSI	

● **Larry** introduced us to more of the Raisch clan, **Larry, Jr and his affianced Malka!** ★ **Sonia** brought **guest/hubby Ben** again! We need to see more of them! ★ **Hank** gave his annual report on our financial situation. We're on the right path now thanks to his efforts and those of all the **many SOBs who've made contributions** to our treasury!! During discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed that Haugens receive going-forward only direct reimbursement for the \$12.95 monthly fee they pay to our internet host. ★ We recently got to have great chats with new **Grandma SOB Becky Geis**, who's relocated to Vancouver, WA, and **Dr. Ed Funk** who's in good humour, good health, very active and still driving...at 93, on his next birthday!

## LIBRARIAN'S CORNER

"It is a great thing to start life with a small number of really good books which are your very own."  
—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

In 2016 a change was made to the SOB Club Lending Library. Instead of trying to have a little bit of everything for everyone, its emphasis is now upon that of a **Research Library**.

If you want to lead a story discussion, you can check out the Annotated Sherlock Holmes.

If you want to know what the newspapers were saying about Doyle or Sherlock Holmes back in the day, we have both current volumes of Sherlock Holmes and Conan Doyle in the Newspapers. If you're going to be on our Watson Society Treasure Hunt in 2017, there's lots to choose from in doing your research!

Contact me for our current list of items available or view it on our website at: <http://soundofthebaskervilles.com/news/library/>

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## More New Members!! Joining us in late April:

- ◆ **Cliff McIlroy of San Diego, CA**, a pal of east coast SOB **Charlie Cook's**, who's gifting Cliff membership this year!!
- ◆ And rejoining us after a year's absence is **Catherine Bancroft of Tacoma, WA!**

*Welcome to you both!!*