



Ineffable Twaddle

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

—The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle

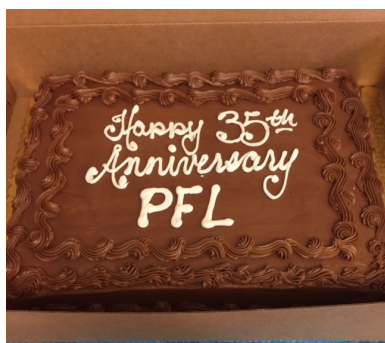
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SIGN and Celebration!

Happy 35th Anniversary to David Haugen as President of the Sound of the Baskervilles!



At our September 16th meeting, at the Queen Anne Branch Library, we discussed one of the four novel-length Sherlock Holmes stories, "The Sign of Four." Somehow, we managed to condense an entire novel's worth of material into a single meeting—Not easy! As we began our quiz, we all mutually agreed that it would be a joint victory between all participants; the truth is that none of us have Terri's skill in score-keeping!

At the meeting, we also celebrated David's 35th Anniversary of his appointment as President For Life of the Sound of the Baskervilles! There was lovely chocolate and banana cake, and general merriment. David wore his Queen Victoria medal (see the member notes on page 6 for an excellent picture, which, like the cake photo, was taken by Sonia Fetherstone).

Thank you, David, for all your hard work, for the way you welcome in new members, for your kindness, and for your enthusiasm and eagerness to engage others about our favorite detective! Happy Anniversary!

A Noble Puzzle

A Quiz on "The Adventure of the Noble Bachelor"
By: SOB Charlie Cook (Café Noir)

1. Where did Watson say the jezail bullet lodged in his body?
2. From whom did Holmes' two morning letters come?
3. Give the full name of Holmes's client, and who recommended Holmes to him?
4. What "little problem" occupied Holmes prior to the current case?
5. To whom did The Morning Post say Holmes's client was to marry?
6. Six people attended the wedding ceremony. Name them
7. What two events happened at the morning

breakfast after the wedding?

8. What word did the client say the British would use to describe his bride?
9. Whom did Holmes quote about "a trout in the milk"?
10. What hint did Holmes give to Inspector Lestrade about his client's case?
11. What three guests did Holmes invite to supper with Watson and himself?
12. What, in the end, did Holmes say was the only problem left to solve?

Answers may be found on Page 5

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



The Adventure of the Noble Bachelor

The Regular Monthly Meeting of The Sound of the Baskervilles will begin at **1:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 21, 2018**. We'll be led by Sondra Even, as we reexamine NOBL, at the Queen Anne Branch of the Seattle Public Library, at 400 West Garfield, Seattle (driving directions at left).

It's a lazy rainy afternoon in 221B, and having finished the papers Dr. Watson is looking for a diversion. On the side table awaits unopened correspondence with the prospect of a new case.... In a few short pages Conan Doyle weaves a tale spanning London society and the gold fields of California, of love lost and loyalty preserved, and of common virtue prevailing over upper-class privilege. As in much of the canon, "The Adventure of the Noble Bachelor" begins with a puzzle and its clues hiding in plain sight. What Watson and Lestrade merely see, Holmes observes and deftly crafts into a compelling result.

Join us as we examine the adventure, and the detective work through which the puzzle is solved! Feel free to bring food and beverages, or stories of your Sherlock Holmes Halloween costuming, pumpkin-carving, and mystery-solving adventures!

See you there!



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SOB Vice
President
Kashena

Konecki is now our "inclement weather coordinator" and is putting together a phone tree and email blast list for our Western Washington Members!!

Please let VP Kashena know if you prefer: a) email contact, or b) phone contact! Email her at: konecki@gmail.com

And, please be sure that your contact info is current on our Membership List!



More New Members!

Tom Veal was a guest at our South Sound Meeting in September, hosted by Margie & Hank Deck! He's a very long-term friend of SOB Bill Seil and also of PFL David & Terri where he's been encountered at many, many sci-fi events. Originally from the Chicago-area, we never knew he was also a Sherlockian, but he's living in the south end now. We are also very excited to welcome **Colin of Bothell**, this moth!



⇒ **Notes PFL David:** “November 3, The 4th International Sherlockian Summit of Societies of British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, and the World: We will meet at the Skagit River Brewery, 404 Third Street, Mount Vernon. (It is the same location as last year.) It will run from noon until 4:00 PM. The cost is only the price of what you eat and drink. Food and drink orders will be separate checks off the menu. It is always so much fun last year, so plan to be there this year. Many thanks to Margie Deck for running this year’s event!” David also reminded us that the Jollification is scheduled to take place on December 1st. Carol Clemens has kindly agreed to host us again!

⇒ **From SOB Sheldon Langdale Gloger:** At our November meeting, Sheldon-Langdale hopes there will be a member who has visited Milan, Italy, where Irene Adler studied opera. That location plays a part in his presentation, and he hopes he will get it right.

- Amy Thomas, of The Baker Street Babes podcast, has published a series of novels about Irene Adler and Sherlock Holmes, which are soon to be published in a single hardback volume, by MX Publishing. The volume will contain the first three books in the series; the fourth book is still on its way to its first publication!

- At Sotheby's, on July 10th, the autographed manuscript of Conan Doyle's 25 page long cricketing story, "The Story of Spedegue's Dropper" went for the price of £12,500. What a mysterious title, to those of us uninitiated in the game of cricket!

sounds very neat; AR is my favorite means by which parks and historical sites can enhance visitor experiences through mobile technology. Not to be a museum nerd about this, or anything...)



Left Coast
**SHERLOCKIAN
 SYMPOSIUM**

A WEEKEND OF SCHOLARSHIP AND CAMARADERIE
 TBD OCTOBER 2019
 PORTLAND, OREGON

- Anglicon 2018, a local fan convention focused on British media and pop culture, has unfortunately been cancelled due to lack of interest in the form of pre-registration, and a major guest having to cancel due to unforeseen circumstances.

The Hound of the Baskervilles

Based on the Novel by
SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE

WITH PETER CUNNINGHAM ANNE MORGILL CHRISTOPHER LEE
STORY BY BARBARA DAVIDSON MUSIC BY PETER BERG COSTUME DESIGNER TONY CHANCELLOR
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IT'S TEN TIMES THE TERROR OF
TECHNICALIT!

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The SOBs Lose a Rare, Most Interesting Member

By Editor Terri Haugen



On September 27, PFL David Haugen received a voice-mail from Carolyn Creager, the sister of long-time **SOB Charles (Chuck) Creager** of Canfield, OH, to let us know that Chuck passed away peacefully the month before, at the age of 86.

A Member of this scion society since August 2005, Chuck passed away peacefully at the age of 86. We never had the opportunity to meet Chuck in person but with Carolyn's direction to his obituary we learned these facts: *(He) "was the rare renaissance man in his interests and activities, both in actions and words. n In acting, he began at Youngstown Civic Theater in productions, such as "The Rainmaker" and "The Emperor's New Clothes". In his later years he was active in "Move Over Broadway", performing in "Death Takes a Holiday", "The King and I", and the international premiere of "Light in the Darkness" (about Ann Frank's stepsister, Eva Schloss), as well as many others. He was an extra in two Will Smith movies—"Hitch" and "I Am Legend". He also performed in many local commercials and was a miner in the History Channel documentary on the West Virginia miners' cave-in. n*

In the early 1960's, he was active in the 100-year Civil War reenactments, traveling to battles as the captain of an artillery unit. In 2016 Chuck participated in the search for Amelia Earhart artifacts on the Pacific island of Nikumaroro, as a member of The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery."

As his obit continued, we also learned that among Chuck's many activities in local organizations was the Canfield Road-runners (completing several marathons), archaeological digs with the Archaeology Department from Youngstown State University (including the confederate prisoner of war camp on Kelley's Island), as a member of SCORE (mentoring beginning businesses), Youngstown Reading Radio Services, and Civil Air Patrol. Chuck was named volunteer of the year for Goodwill Industries and was also active with Second Harvest. He was a member of The Society of American Foresters for over 60 years.

As an avid traveler, he visited every continent and was a tour escort for AAA for many years. His travels included sailing on a Russian ice-breaker to work on a science station in Antarctica, climbing Mt. Fuji, and learning to hang-glide with his youngest child. He was also proud of the fact that he had personally seen every president since Herbert Hoover. Chuck held a degree in Civil Engineering in Forestry from the University of Michigan. He initially worked for Mill Creek Park, Ohio's first park district established in 1891, surveying and laying out many of the current gardens, golf courses, and paths, including the Rose Gardens and Mill Creek Golf Course. Then he became a claims adjuster for thirty years for State Farm Insurance.

On the Sherlockian front, Chuck naturally sought out roles. Here's our report from the February 2010 issue of Ineffable Twaddle (page 6, Vol. 29, Issue 2):

Who Knew?? #1: **SOB Chuck Creager** of Canfield, OH sent his dues in early and wrote: *"You might be interested to know I just finished another movie—also titled 'Sherlock Holmes', in spite of (Robert) Downey's movie. It should be in release now in all major markets. It was filmed in and around Youngstown, OH by Anton Pictures in conjunction with Versace Entertainment. Director was George Anton; co-director, Vitaliy Versace. It's based on 'The Adventure of the Empty House' and 'The Woman in Green'. Kevin Glaser is Holmes, Chuck Simon is Watson, and I had a very minor role as Inspector Dawson. I also just finished filming 'The Last Vampire on Earth', in which I played an English Lit professor. It was filmed at Youngstown State University."*

Editor's Note: Googling Chuck's name, we found the trailer for "The Last Vampire on Earth" available for viewing on YouTube and that he also appeared in Bello Productions' 2007 film "Doing Therapy"!

And then there was Chuck's follow-up a couple of years later, from the June 2012 issue of Ineffable Twaddle (page 3, Vol. 31, Issue 6):

From **SOB Chuck Creager** of Canfield, OH: The movie I was in two years ago (see Ineffable Twaddle, February 2010, Page 6) did not sell to theatres but has been put on YouTube!

Go to: www.youtube.com, then "search" for "Sherlock Holmes-Youngstown-Anton". This a full-length feature film (1 hr. 17 min.) in HD. George Anton is the director and all the performers are local, from Youngstown and western PA. I'm an inspector in the first scene, at the far end of the table...with beard, bald head and glasses!" **Editor's Note:**

Chuck's film can still be viewed on YouTube currently!! (9/28/2018)



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Farewell, Chuck! See you another time..."Where it is Always 1895"!

More...Things to See, Buy, Do & Know

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⇒ From Peter E. Blau of Spermaceti Press:



- A Sherlock Holmes-themed figure skating routine? That's right! Thirteen year old, Canadian skater Stephen Gogolev landed a quad lutz in his performance, as he skated to music from the film "Sherlock Holmes." You can read more about it in this article from the Toronto Star: www.tinyurl.com/y7dsltre.
- The McClelland Tobacco Company has closed its doors, after 40 years of selling pipe tobaccos McClelland products included a "221B Series" that featured Black Shag, Arcadia, and Honeydew in nice tins, and were prized by Sherlockian pipe-smokers.
- Here's a "blink, and you'll miss it" bit of Sherlockiana: You can see a poster for a fictional film "Detective Chimp and the Case of the Missing Mustache" in the trailer for "Teen Titans Go! to the Movies" (2018), and likely in the film itself. Spot the poster (at 26 seconds) in the trailer www.tinyurl.com/y8z428kj.
- Speaking of trailers, we can finally see an official one for the upcoming "Holmes and Watson" (starring Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly). See it for yourself at www.tinyurl.com/y8kgh4at. The film's release date has been pushed back from initial projected dates, and is now due in theaters on Dec. 21.

Answers to Quiz on "NOBL" on Page 1

1. In one of his limbs
2. A fish-monger and a tide-waiter
3. Lord Robert Walsingham de Vere St. Simon; Lestrade
4. The Grosvenor Square furniture van
5. Miss Hattie Doran
6. Aloysius Doran, the Duchess of Balmoral, Lord Backwater,
7. Lord Eustace, Lady Clara
8. St. Simon and Lady Alicia Whittington
9. Flora Millar tried to crash the party; the bride disappeared
10. Tomboy
11. Thorau
12. That Lady St. Simon was a myth, that she never existed
13. Lord St. Simon; Mr. And Mrs. Francis Hay Moulton
14. "How to while away these bleak autumnal evenings"

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!!

Calling all Writers, Puzzlers, Poets, Scribblers, Cooks and Jokes
Serious or silly, it's all goo

*Do you want to see your essay, si
review, pastiche, cartoon or researc
published?*



- To appear in our monthly newsletter, *Ineffable Twaddle*, you're encouraged to limit such writings to 300 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 4th quarter of the year, with a December 31 deadline.

For contributions to our **2018 Beaten's Christmas Annual***, font type or size, margin size or formatting, and the number of words are not as important as submitting your text in a Word file; your images, in a .jpg file.

Please send any queries and submissions to Editor Terri at: terri@soundofthebaskervilles.com

Our Beaten's is an annual magazine-style publication for the Members by the Members!

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



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**Regular Monthly
Meeting, Sunday,
October 21 1:30 p.m.** at
Queen Anne Library,
Seattle

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

**4th International
Sherlockian Summit,
Saturday,
November 3, 2018, 12-
4 p.m.,** Skagit River
Brewery (404 S. 3rd St,
[360] 336-2884), Mt
Vernon, WA

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

Member News & Notes

SOBs attending our **September 16th Meeting: David, Sheila, Chris, Dawn, Paul, Alexander, Sonia, Sheldon, Lauren, and Shannon!**

David Haugen celebrated his 35th Anniversary as the PFL of the Sound of the Baskervilles! He reminded us of upcoming events, such as the Sherlockian Summit in Mt. Vernon, on November 3rd—always a great time! I can't wait to discover what fun games and puzzles the Sherlockian societies will have devised, this year, and to socialize and make new friends! Also in November, at our monthly meeting, on the 18th, Sheldon-Langdale will be discussing some theories about Irene Adler! Don't forget Lauran Stevens' contest (see page 5). Entries are due on November 30th! Beaten's Annual entries must be submitted by December 31st. For the meeting, we discussed SIGN. Margaret Nelson had put together some excellent research about the layout and geography of the Red Fort in Agra!

Editor Terri got this message from **SOB John Longenbaugh**: "There are about 6 productions of 'Sherlock Holmes & the Case of the Christmas Carol' this year—three in California, one in Texas, and one in Pennsylvania, as well as a professional production up in Alberta; sadly nothing nearer than that. I am hoping for a seasonal reading of my new



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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.

Christmas mystery, however; "The Coverley Inheritance," which I hope will be going up in December, features Lady Brass in a classic manor house mystery with a comedic Steam-punk twist. I'll make sure to let people know about it if it goes up here. Miss the SOBs very much. Due to a tumultuous year I haven't been able to make any connections with Portland Sherlockians, but hope to do so this fall. Next up for me and Katherine: a long-awaited trip back to London and the Home Counties, where we'll be hitting a half-dozen English cities (Brighton, Colchester, Devon, Canterbury, Oxford, and Margate) as well as London and a quick trip to Scotland to round it all off. Very much looking forward to the visit, as I haven't been back in 2001 and many of the folks we'll be visiting I haven't seen in 20+ years." We miss you, as well, and hope the trip to England and Scotland is fantastic!

SOB Francis Bond had this request: "I have some students interested in studying the dialogue in Sherlock Holmes, and in particular looking for differences based on class, character, and gender. Can anyone give us a lead on interesting Sherlockian scholarship on Dialogue, Class or Women in Sherlock Holmes (or a good index of papers)?" Any ideas, SOBs?

SOB Sheldon Langdale will be presenting his paper on Irene Adler and would appreciate our thoughts on his work. Study up on SCAN!