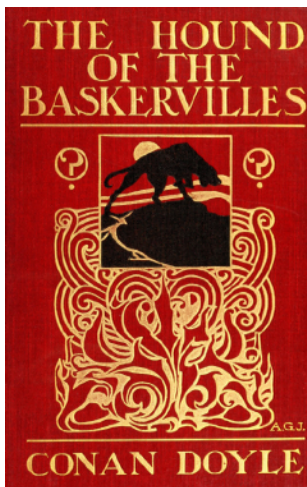




INEFFABLE TWADDLE



‘THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES’: THE NOTABLE CHARACTERS, ANIMATE AND NOT-SO-INANIMATE



Sherlockians are legendary for their ability to disagree about almost any aspect of Arthur Conan Doyle’s Sherlock Holmes canon. There is one thing, however, most of them can agree on: Conan Doyle knew how to create complex, intriguing, and memorable characters. Nowhere perhaps is this ability more on display than in ‘The Hound of the Baskervilles.’ When the SOBs gather on September 7, 1pm, for a south sound meeting in the marvelously lovely and Sherlock-soaked home of Geoff Jefferies and Cara Cross, we will look in-depth at the wide range of characters in ACD’s best known tale, and discuss why these characters have remained fascinating over some 118 years.


Margie Deck, with some assistance from Fran Martin, Master Bootmaker and president of The Stormy Petrels of British Columbia, will lead the discussion of the tale where Holmes is at the top of his game, Watson proves his value is incalculable, and the supporting cast in the story shine—from the fish-out-of-water Henry Baskerville to the tragic Barrymores to the comic Frankland, and more. Beyond the human characters, we will talk about the other not-so-inanimate characters

adding to the pulse of the story: Dartmoor, with its biting wind, swirling mists, and prehistoric markers that disappear into bracken; the great Grimpen Mire shrouded in the thick, dark, dangerous pools of liquid peat; Baskerville Hall itself, the ancient pile imprinted with the actions of the Baskerville heirs; and London, seemingly almost pale in comparison to Dartmoor, but yet providing necessary breath.

Don’t miss what is sure to be a fun and enlightening afternoon of Sherlockian scholarship and fellowship.

Assistant Editor’s Note: Don’t forget that we’ll be having our regular meeting to discuss HOUN at the Queen Anne Branch Library on September 15th, from 1:00-4:30, so if you can’t make it to the South Sound meeting (or, even if you can!) you’ll still have a second opportunity to discuss this remarkable and atmospheric story.

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.

Driving Directions to the South Sound Meeting at 1806 177th Street Court East, Spanaway, WA 98387:

FROM I-5: Follow I-5 S 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.

FROM 167: From 167, Merge onto Hwy. 512, Follow 512 to Canyon Exit, Take Canyon Exit, turn left onto Canyon, Follow Canyon to 176th Street, Turn right on 176th, Follow 176th to 22nd Ave, Turn left on 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.

Upcoming Events

South Sound Meet- ing,
Saturday, September 7,
1:00 p.m. at **Margie &**
Hank Deck's home in
Spanaway, see page 1
for details and driving
directions!

Regular Monthly
Meeting, Sunday,
September 15, 1:30 p.m.
 at Queen Anne Library,
 Seattle. Story to study:
 HOUN

Left Coast Sherlock- ian
Symposium, October 11
to 13, Portland, OR. Get
 hyped! Visit
www.leftcoastsherlock.com for
 details and tickets!

Left Coast Sherlockian
Symposium is seeking
Volunteers! Find out more
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Regular Monthly
Meeting, Sunday,
October 18, 1:30 p.m. at
 Queen Anne Library,
 Seattle. Story to study:
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Annual Sherlockian
Summit, Saturday,
November 2, Save the
Date!

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Stu Shiffman Memorialized in University of Minnesota's Sherlock Holmes Collection

By SOB Editor Terri Haugen

For many years SOB Stu Shiffman created whimsical Sherlockian illustrations based upon ideas from our PFL David Haugen. A limited number of photocopies of them were then produced and numbered and then distributed at our Masters' Dinners. Five of these original pieces have now been turned over to Curator Tim Johnson for addition to the Sherlock Holmes Collections held in the Elmer L. Anderson Library on the campus of the University of Minnesota.



Spotted by Margie Deck on Curator Tim Johnson's Twitter feed! Terri and David Haugen enjoy exploring the Sherlock Holmes collection at the University of Minnesota!

It's a good time to choose your Canonical Name—an alter-ego, a person, place or thing from Sherlockiana with which you'd like to be identified!

- Take the time now to note your alter-ego selection on a dues renewal form where indicated! **Editor Terri will call or email you with any conflict; she keeps those records.**
- Don't know if your choice of a person, place or thing is already taken? **Phone or email Editor Terri (above) to find out in advance if your choice is already taken.**

Study to Solve the Mystery of The Hound of the Baskervilles With this Quiz by Charlie Cook (Cafe Noir)!

1. Watson recognized Dr. Mortimer's walking stick as one known by what sobriquet?
2. Holmes was unaware of Sir Charles's death because he was working on what case?
3. What did Sir Charles do every night before going to bed?
4. Name the butler at Baskerville Hall and what Dr. Mortimer said he missed in Yew Alley!
5. What did Holmes ask Watson to get him from Bradley's?
6. What was the humorous sounding name of Mr. Frankland's home?
7. What was the name of Stapleton's home?
8. Where was the prison located and what prisoner escaped?
9. How did the escaped prisoner relate to Baskerville Hall?
10. Why was Henry Baskerville eligible to inherit Baskerville hall?
11. What color were Sire Henry's eyes?
12. What did Sir Henry say when Holmes asked if he'd been watched or followed?
13. How many cases of capital importance did Holmes tell Sir Henry he handled?
14. Name the cabman, his cab number and the passenger he claimed asked him to follow Sir Henry and Dr. Mortimer!
15. Who was L. L. And where did she reside?
16. What two men were living on the Moor?

17. What did Holmes say was the first quality of a criminal investigator?
18. Name the lad who assisted Holmes!
19. Watson observed the fantastic shape of which two Tors?
29. Who was Mr. Vandeleur?
21. Who arrived from London to assist Holmes in his final efforts in this case?
22. What two cases did Holmes say were analogous to this one?
23. Where was the hound purchased?
24. What two cases absorbed Holmes's time following the Baskerville problem?



Puzzled? See page 5 for the answers!

Add This to Your 2020 "Want List"!

SOB Sonia Fetherston, BSI has completed the first draft of her next book, a biography of Baker Street Irregulars great Dr. Julian Wolff. Sonia's book is scheduled to be published in early 2020 by BSI Press.

Wolff (1905-1990) was the BSI's longtime "Commissionaire" following the death of Edgar W. Smith. Dr. Wolff was renowned for his series of maps of the Sherlockian world. He spent World War II in the Pacific Theater, and after the Allied victory he collected Sherlockian books and maps in Occupied Japan.

The book's acknowledgements offer a tip-of-the-deer-stalker to our own SOB Ariana "Airy" Maher, who lent a hand translating one of Dr. Wolff's Japanese language maps. *(In addition, Sonia has made a generous donation to the Club Treasury in honor of Airy's time and talent!)*

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Kashena**

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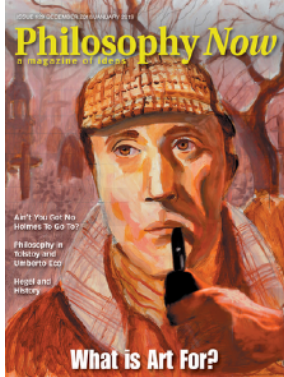
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THINGS TO SEE, DO, BUY, AND KNOW



• From SOB Ann Milam: “A friend gave me a copy of this article—rather esoteric. After considering various philosophers through history, the author argues that Holmes and his methods come closest to the French philosopher, Blaise Pascal. This essay demonstrates the ‘philosophical kinship between Holmes and Pascal, and in so doing pinpoints (sic) the cognitive source of

Holmes’ unbridled success.’ The author, Tim Weldon, is Chairman of Philosophy and Theology at the Univ. of St. Francis in Joliet, IL. rweldon@stfrancis.edu. He cites many examples of Holmes’ methods in the canon, which he seems to know quite well.” Check out this intriguing find in Issue 129 of *Philosophy Now!* <https://philosophynow.org/issues/129/>

[A Forgiving Reason The Secret of Sherlock Holmes Success](#)

- SOB Bill Seil also has an excellent find of an article, this one from the Northwest Homes section of the Seattle Times (May 20, 2019). Entitled “5 Keys to Sweet Success for Aspiring Beekeepers,” the article gives detailed advice relating to five suggestions: 1) Educate yourself, 2) Buy local, 3) Equip yourself properly, 4) Be ready for a sting, 5) Place carefully. Bill asks, “Anyone else have any thoughts on beekeeping? Watch ‘Mr. Holmes,’ with Ian McKellen and Laura Linney? Ask SOB Maffie Rafferty...her Canonical alter-ego is “the Busy Bee” (CREE)? Ask Members Lisa Miller & Ann-Marie Wehrer who have in the past kept bees themselves? Or, note this: The Associated Press reported on June 20, 2019, ‘Beekeepers say last winter was worst die-off yet’: Winter hit U.S. honeybees hard with the highest loss rate yet, an annual survey of beekeepers showed. The annual nationwide survey by the Bee Informed Partnership found 37.7% of honeybee colonies died this past winter, nearly 9 percentage points higher than the average winter loss. The survey of nearly 4,700 beekeepers managing more than 300,000 colonies goes back 13 years and is conducted by bee experts at the University of Maryland, Auburn University and other colleges. Bees pollinate \$15 billion worth of U.S. food crops.”
- Bill Seil also points us to the Seattle Times’ Paperback Picks on July 3, 2019, which include both “Conan Doyle for the Defense” by Margalit Fox, and “Give Me

Your Hand” by Megan Abbott, the most recent in a series of woman-centered crime thrillers, which takes place in a scientific research laboratory.

Read more here: <https://www.seattletimes.com/entertainment/books/paperback-picks-a-woman-centered-thriller-a-true-crime-conan-doyle-story-and-a-year-of-sleeping/>

- The Left Coast Sherlockian Symposium tweeted some program updates: “Great news! Our Friday evening welcome happy hour will be taking place at @RavenandRose, upstairs in the Rookery bar. Join us from Oct 11th, 5-7pm, to drink and snack with Sherlockian friends from all over. No tickets necessary.” They also had this to say, “Join author Lindsay Faye to talk about “Sherlockian Themes in Pastiche/ Fanfiction and in Original Works”. Does Loving Sherlock Holmes make his intrusion into one’s original work inevitable? To what extent is ALL fiction fanfiction? Find out this October!”



- From Assistant Editor Lauren: As we bid farewell to the television series, “Elementary,” a number of excellent reflections on the series, and how it fits into (and breaks the mold of) the array of modern televisual adaptations of the Sherlock Holmes canon, have been written. Here are a few I enjoyed: <https://www.themarysue.com/modern-era-sherlock-holmes/>, <https://www.popsugar.com/entertainment/Are-Sherlock-Holmes-Joan-Watson-in-Love-in-Elementary-46510118>, <https://www.bleedingcool.com/2019/08/17/elementary-the-end-of-the-modern-sherlock-holmes-era-opinion/>, <https://screenrant.com/elementary-series-best-sherlock-holmes-adaptation/>
- PFL David Haugen says: “Am I the only person who didn't know that Benedict Cumberbatch got the 2019

BAFTA Best Actor Award? Unfortunately, it was for the limited series ‘Patrick Melrose,’ not something Sherlockian.” See Cumberbatch accepting the award here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7vj9DqS2X5I>

- SOB and Footprints of a Gigantic Hound Award Recipient Carrol Clemens writes: “Just learned that Centerstage players in Federal Way will be doing a SHERLOCK play in October 4-27. They have an excellent theatre at Dumas Bay. Could be of interest!” The play will be Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s The Hound of the Baskervilles, as adapted by R. Hamilton Wright and David Pichette, and directed by Trista Duval. It is the same play that ACT originally presented. Quite exciting news that it will be making a return in Federal Way! Margaret Nelson also pointed out this news, and suggested potentially having a group outing. Anyone up for a Sound of the Baskervilles field trip?
- From Jean Upton: “Filming has started on the Enola Holmes film, set to be released in 2020. On 22nd July, while walking along Brick Lane, we happened to turn into Fournier Street (near Spitalfields Market), only to discover that it had been transformed into a slightly seedy Victorian street in the East End of London. Crew members informed us that location filming would begin the following day. Spare a thought for the actors who will be in full Victorian dress during this warm weather!”
- Also from Jean Upton and the London Society’s District Messenger, news of an intriguing publication: *Upon the Chaldean Roots of the Ancient Cornish Language (With Observations on the Early Tin Trade in West Cornwall)* by Sherlock Holmes (edited and annotated by Kelvin I. Jones). Upton remarks, “Long-time Sherlockians will doubtless be familiar with the work of Kelvin Jones. This is a reprint of his book that was first published in 1998, which includes ‘some additional observations regarding the toxicology of the Devil’s Foot.’ As one expects from Kelvin, it is well-researched and entertaining.”



Over the coming months, **SOB VP Kashena Konecki** will serve as **acting President** and **SOB Lauren Messenger** as **acting Editor** throughout the months of **August through December**. ♦ **Editor Lauren** will be most pleased to receive your contributions to this monthly newsletter throughout that time at: **laurenmessenger.museums@gmail.com**. ♦ Because the deadline for receiving contributions to the 2020 issue of *Beaten’s Christmas Annual* is December 31, those will be accepted by either Editor Lauren at **laurenmessenger.museums@gmail.com** or by Editor Terri at **terri@soundofthebaskervilles.com**. ♦ Details of how to submit contributions to *Beaten’s* will be explained in an upcoming issue of *Ineffable Twaddle* later this autumn.



- From Peter Blau’s Scuttlebutt: “Queen Victoria, Smiling and in Sunglasses, Found Anew on Film” reads the headline on a story in the N.Y. Times on May 30 <www.tinyurl.com/y6qxyfts> (kindly reported by Al Rosenblatt); don’t neglect the article’s link to a longer MoMA video. The Smithsonian also reported on the find at its web- site <www.tinyurl.com/y4dmcmam>.”
- Also from Peter Blau: “Variety reported on June 9 <www.tinyurl.com/y4yqohan> on plans for a new French animated series “The Baker Street Four” based on six French comic books written by Jean-Blaise Dijan and Olivier Legrand and illustrated by David Etien; the comic books also are available in English, and they feature ragamuffins Billy, Charlie, and Tom, and their cat Watson, who all assist Sherlock Holmes.” (Assistant Editor Lauren would like to chime in with a recommendation for this series of graphic novels, which is visually stunning, and features interesting, well-developed characters.)

Answers to Charlie Cook’s Puzzling HOUN Quiz!

1. A Penang Lawyer
2. The affair of the Vatican cameos
3. He would walk down Yew Alley of Baskerville hall
4. Barrymore; “The footsteps of a gigantic hound!”
5. A pound of the strongest shag tobacco
6. Laffer Hall
7. Merritt House
8. Princetown; Seldon, the Nottingham murder.
9. He is Mrs. Barrymore’s brother
10. He was the son of the second Baskerville brother; the third brother having died of yellow fever in Central America
11. Hazel

12. “I seem to have walked into the thick of a dime novel.”
13. 500
14. John Clayton; #2704; Sherlock Holmes
15. Laura Lyons; Coombe Tracey
16. Seldon and Sherlock Holmes
17. He should see through a disguise
18. Cartwright
19. Bellivere and Vixen
20. Stapleton’s real name
21. Lestrade
22. The one in Grondo, Little Russia and the Anderson murders in North Carolina
23. Ross and Mangles in the Fulham Road in London
24. The atrocious conduct of Colonel Upwood at the Nonperil Club and the defense of Mme. Montpensier against the charge of murder



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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.

A Day Out at the Beach: The 23rd Annual John H. Watson Picnic!

by SOB's Editor Terri Haugen



Those attending The SOB's' Dr. John H. Watson Picnic on July 27, 2019—our 23rd annual—included Members Sheila Holtgrieve, Marcia & Brian Marcy and their two boys, Al & Margaret Nelson, Dawn Jaekel, Treasurer Melinda Michaelson, Margie Deck, Judy Lyen, VP Kashena Konecki, Cameron Brandon, PFL David & Terri Haugen, Webmaster Shannon Wallace, Tom & Becky Veal, Program Chair Sunny Even, and BBQ Chef Chris "Bear" Berwald and his wife Laurie Curtis.

Our Gamesman Cameron gave us another variant on his Twisted Flip... employing only the beanbags from that game this year! His intro for his 2019 "Reichenbach Falls Challenge" went something like this: "It is with a heavy hand that you take up these beanbags to vanquish your rivals in the game of 'Reichenbach Falls'. You will endeavor to score 100 points—without going over." That's when things changed...competitively!

This new version of Cam's game no longer used a horizontal orientation for tossing the bags; that is, flat on the grass. Instead we had a very vertical orientation, using Cam's shower "tree" with baskets stacked to a height of 6' and blue streamers indicating the roiling waters of Reichenbach! And, our first contender—8 year old Orion—set the bar high, scoring 160 points with his 5 beanbags! Not bad, right? Pretty great actually! We all gave it a shot, and only one competitor came up empty-handed: our little 6-year-old "Sherlock Holmes" but he sure tried! The average scores fell closer to 60 points and, in the end only two others, Al and Melinda, were able to best the youngster's starting score! And, with a "toss off" between Al and Melinda, the final ranking was: Al in 1st place, Melinda in 2nd and Orion in 3rd!