

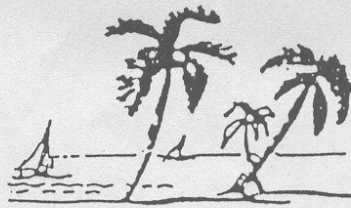


The Pleasant Places of Florida*

A Corresponding Scion of
The Baker Street Irregulars

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Ben Wood Retires as PPOFF Recorder



"...above all, do not fret until you know that you really have a cause for it." The Yellow Face.

After serving 20 years as Recorder of the PPOFF, Ben Wood, BSI, passes on the Scion's leadership to a "Raj Quartet" of talented & enthusiastic young Sherlockians. Their names are listed below. Fla's oldest Scion of the Baker Street Irregulars was founded in 1972 by the late Leslie Marshall, BSI. Ben took over in 1976. Since then, Ben has edited 137 issues of the Communication, along with numerous publications, including a baker's dozen "Round-Robin" Pastiches. **Now a new Game's Afoot!**

For Many DUES R DUE - If they are due, do send in your renewal (Form enclosed). If not due, cool it, your day of reckoning will come.

FALL GATHERING REPORT - 19 of the PPOFF faithful met for the 21st Annual Fall Gathering, graciously hosted by Wanda & Jeff Dow at their home in Dunedin. Winners of the quizzes were: Tom Takach, Caroline Everett and David Scott. Wessex Cup VII is scheduled for February.

A-PUN MY WORD! As perusal, Holmes and Watson were perusing the morning newspapers and commenting upon items of interest therein.

Watson: "I read here, Holmes, that geneticists theorize that twins are most likely to be born on the same day of the week."

Holmes: "I deduce, my friend, that it's usually on a two's day". Elementary, heh, Watson?!"

Holmes: "I say, Watson, did read this? A thief stole a man's garden gate as a 'Bobby' idly stood by and made no effort to try and stop him."

Watson: "But, my dear Holmes, the thief might well have taken a fence!"

Philatelic Philandering

... or Stamping around with SHERLOCK HOLMES

A Scott # has been assigned to the new Holmes/Rathbone stamp: **DOMINICA #1845d.**

Designs: a, Humphrey Bogart as Sam Spade, b, Sean Connery as James Bond, c, Warren Beatty as Dick Tracy, d, Basil Rathbone as Sherlock Holmes, e, William Powell as the Thin Man, f, Sidney Toler as Charlie Chan, g, Peter Sellers as Inspector Clouseau, h, Robert Mitchum as Philip Marlowe, i, Peter Ustinov as Inspector Poirot, \$6, Margaret Rutherford as Miss Marple.

1996, July		
1845 A280 \$1 Sheet of 9, #a.1	6.75	6.75
Souvenir Sheet		
1846 A280 \$6 multicolored	4.50	4.50



Shown at right is the 1st Day Cancel of the setenant pair depicting the "Sherlock Holmes" locomotive, issued by Tuvalu - Funafuti in 1984.



From Mrs. Hudson's Kitchen

by JOAN WOOD

Dear Culinary Sherlockians,
Dreadful sorry, no recipe this time - just a word of thanks to the Communication for allowing me the opportunity to pass on some of Mrs. Hudson's gastronomic delights through this column. Ta-ta & Bon Appetit!

Holmesian Headlines

Forget the 70% variety, please! Seeking A Quick Solution? Watson ends 9-year dry spell A NEW ADVENTURE?!

Red-Letter Day For Watson HE DESERVES IT! K'ALL GO ADVENTURES

Watson's Moves Are a Real Panic HA! HA!

Holmes likes '60s

Holmes' year filled with jinxes SHERLOCK CAN HANDLE IT.

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