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# Bootmaker News and Events

**BE THERE!**

**Saturday July  
12, 2014**



## Silver Blaze Event at Woodbine Racetrack

Join The Bootmakers of Toronto for the annual Silver Blaze event at Woodbine Race Track. We will start out with a sumptuous brunch in the Favourites Dining Room overlooking the track. Afterwards Bootmakers may enjoy the racing and then head down to the Winners Circle for a presentation of a prize to the winning horse in our own race! For more information and to reserve, contact Donny Zaldin at [donaldzaldin@rogers.com](mailto:donaldzaldin@rogers.com) or at 416-565-9555.

**Save the Date: Saturday July 12, 2014**

### Place

Woodbine  
Racetrack

555 Rexdale Blvd,  
Toronto

### Time

12:00 noon for  
brunch buffet in the  
Favourites Dining  
Room

### Cost

\$50 per person  
Free parking.



**Don't miss the Silver Blaze  
event at Woodbine Race  
Track.**



## Bootalicious Short Story Contest

The Bootmakers of Toronto are sponsoring the first and only e-short story contest with boots!

### What is it?

The Bootmakers of Toronto takes its name from The Hound of the Baskervilles, from the maker's label in Sir Henry Baskerville's boot: "Meyers, Toronto". To enter Bootalicious, your original short story must feature your original version of Sherlock Holmes AND make creative use of the word "boot" in any of its meanings.

### To Enter

The contest is open from June 1 to July 30, 2014. Five stories will be selected to receive book awards and recognition from the Society. Everyone can enter the contest! Stories may be in any genre or setting as long as copyrights are honored (cannot use characters, settings, dialogue or story elements from the TV shows or movies). The word limit is 2500 words. Excerpts from the top 5 stories will appear in *Canadian Holmes!*

Check out our website for more information on this fun and interesting contest. Aspiring writers can read all the submission details at:

<http://www.torontobootmakers.com/contest-3/>

Your Sherlock Holmes story deserves to be heard. So boot up those computers and get writing.

## Volunteers Needed!

The Bootmaker Executive tries to make every meeting a fun and informative event, but we can't do it alone. The Society works best when lots of people get involved! Do you have a particular skill or talent or interesting hobby? Can you sing or play an instrument? Do you know anything about bookkeeping? Do you like to be creative with food? Are you a good organizer? Have you heard any interesting speakers that others would enjoy? Could you be available to lend an extra pair of hands when needed? Would you enjoy being on an awards committee? These are just a few of the skills we are looking for. Maybe you have a skill and don't realize how valuable it would be to the Society. Volunteering is a great way to interact with other members who have similar interests, and get the most out of your membership. If you would like to get involved, there are many jobs, from small, one-time-only to big and creative projects. You can choose the level of involvement that suits you. Please contact Meyers to discuss what YOU can do to help out at <mailto:meyerstoronto@yahoo.ca>



## Highlights of Fall Meetings

Following the Silver Blaze event at Woodbine Race Track, there is a summer hiatus for Bootmakers from all things Sherlock. By September, we are ready to get back to Holmes as we contemplate *The Adventure of the Creeping Man*. We have two special guests for this meeting: Al Dawson, an American Bootmaker from Iowa City, Iowa will present his paper on *The Adventure of the Creepy Old Man*. Al is unique, as two of his ancestors were actual bootmakers in Toronto. In addition, Detective Murray Barnes, a Homicide Detective with the Toronto Police Service will enlighten us on modern forensic methods.

October finds The Bootmakers at Heliconian Hall, where we will have Lunch With Lady

Eaton and our guest author, Carol Anderson. If Mrs. Hudson be willing, we will serve sumptuous treats including some from the famous Eaton's dining rooms at the turn of the century. Donny Zaldin will then entertain us with a paper on *The Adventure of the Lion's Mane* as we munch away.

In December, Meyers will give us a "state of the nation" summary of the year at the AGM. Bruce Aiken will discuss *An Irish Secret Society at Buffalo*. To round out the evening and put us all in a good mood, Dayna Nuhn will be presiding over *A Sherlockian Family Feud*.

We are currently looking for papers and presentations of any length for 2015. If you have something that would be of interest, don't be shy!



## Searching For Mrs. Hudson

We are searching for someone to be Mrs. Hudson and/or Mrs. Turner for the September 13, 2014 meeting. If you would like to volunteer, please send an email to Meyers at <mailto:meyerstoronto@yahoo.ca>

It is not too early to volunteer for Mrs. Hudson and Mrs. Turner for the 2015 year. We need volunteers for all meetings next year.