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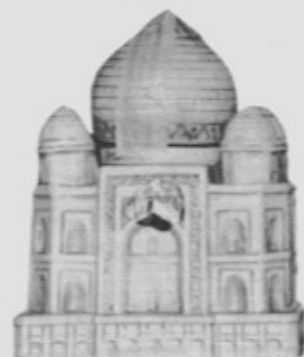
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## LET'S TALK

If I had a title for this particular column, it would have to be "Deja Vu"... not a lot, just a little. This is being written last and in approximately one hour from now, the magazine will go to the printers. It should be mailed out on January 20th so see how long it takes to reach you.

The reason that I had a little sense of remembering times or events in the past is that in a small way a group of us did relive some old times over the weekend. This past weekend was the annual Las Vegas bottle show which is always a most enjoyable event, regardless if you are buying, selling, or just window shopping.

Those of us who were there were reminded of the two miniature collectors' conventions which were held in conjunction with this Las Vegas show five and six years ago. So after a toast or two to those enjoyable evenings, we began to speculate about a possible convention in the future. All I can say along this line now is that a great many of you also collect the large decanters and often attend the annual Jim Beam International Conventions.

This year that Convention is being held in Chicago (July) and I think it would be a marvelous idea if as many of us as possible would get together there in the midwest for our own banquet. We're going to do a little work with this in mind and you'll read more about this idea next time. I would appreciate also any ideas you all might have on this subject so keep those cards and letters comin'!

While we're somewhat on the subject of bottle shows, do you attend the bottle shows in your area? If you don't, you're probably missing out on a great deal which would interest you. Many, many bottles are often found at bottle shows whether they are antique or modern shows. Remember, the more you support any group, the more support we as mini collectors can expect to receive. And, speaking of support, take a good long look at the page of club news this time. Whether or not a club is in your area, get involved...I'm certain you'll never regret it.

As of the second week in January, here are some of the new bottles to hit the market: Hoffman Dogs, Lionstone Dogs (set #2), Lionstone Shoot out at O.K. Corral, Raintree Clown #6, and Grenadier/Pancho Villa Teddy Roosevelt.

See you in March.

--DMS--

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## OUR COVER

Our cover this time shows two of the Grenadier miniatures which will be added to collections shortly. The Teddy Roosevelt was issued at the end of 1977 while the Robert E. Lee should be available in February in selected markets. Grenadier plans to have a good many excellent miniatures available for 1978. And, if you haven't completed the soldier set yet...you should have!

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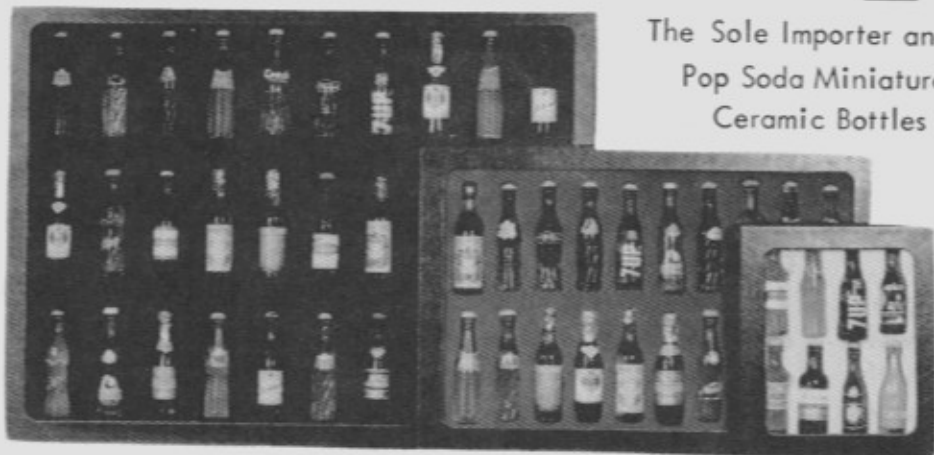
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# The Club Report

Since this column didn't make it last time, it's only fitting that this time we spend quite a bit of time telling you about the clubs and their activities. As you've no doubt already noticed, a list of the different clubs and their addresses appears at the end of the article.

Not much has been heard previously about the Northwest Mini Club of Portland, so that's going to be remedied right now. The following is from Donna Nigg, the club secretary. She writes: "The Northwest Mini Club of Portland, Oregon, is seven years old now. Although our membership remains steady, the enthusiasm of our club continues to grow.

"We look forward to our monthly meetings which are held on the third Saturday evening of each month in the homes of our members.

"Our Sept. meeting is a dinner meeting and election of officers. Our current President is Mr. Berlin Niles.

"We have two social events during the year. One is at Christmas at the home of Don & Donna Nigg while the other is in the summer at the cabin of Keith & Jackie Scherlepp along the Willamette River for a picnic, swimming, and water skiing. Both events are family affairs.

"Most of our collectors have a specialty of their own and we planned to publish a pamphlet giving a brief write up on each of the members and their special interests so that we may share with other collectors.

"Each meeting there is a swap time and raffle of donated and

purchased bottles. This has proven to be profitable for both members and the club's treasury.

"We are proud of our club and its members. Anyone coming to the Northwest plan to be in Portland on the third weekend and share an evening with your fellow collectors."

In other news, the Canadian club met for a get together with a Courvoisier representative on Sunday, January 15th. This was also to be the meeting day of the Great Lakes Club. They are the only group currently known of which celebrates the holidays with a post-Christmas party!

The Del-Val Club had a very successful Bottle Fair in October and I'm certain are now getting ready for another. If you're a midwest or eastern collector who can possibly make one of these fairs, you owe it to yourself to do so. I drool when I hear of some of the bottles which change hands at these get togethers. Current President is Bill Johnston and all you scotch collectors should certainly know Bill.

The Christmas parties I either attended or heard about all had the same characteristic--- they were delightful. Our two Southern California clubs were both going strong at Christmas and now go back to their regular bi-monthly meeting schedule. Next meeting for the Lilliputian club will be Saturday, March 11 in Carson, CA while the Orange County Club will be meeting on Sunday afternoon, February 4th.

Remember, send us your news and we'll share it with collectors all over the world. --DMS--

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# WHAT'S NEW

As promised (for the last two times), pictured are the set of Stock bottles from Italy and a set of four cognacs from France. There are a good many more new bottles currently available in glass, but you'll just have to wait until next time when all the film has been developed.

An interesting point about the Eagle Rare miniature which was shown last time. The bottle came from Florida but was really only "half" sold. It seems a mini case of ten was given to each retailer if he handled the regular size. Whether or not the miniature has actually been released as a regular sales item is still not known.

The set of six Stocks—Creme de Menthe, Apricot, Creme de Cacao, Blackberry, Mandarine, and Coffee were found in Reno and are available in few markets. Interestingly enough, they are not sold in Italy!

The French bottles were obtained from a representative of the company who was visiting the U.S. last year. The regular 4/5 sizes are sold in selected markets in the midwest, but the miniatures have yet to be imported. From left to right these Renault products are: Lion D'Or (the top of the line), Duroc Napoleon Brandy, Renault Extra Cognac, and the V. S. O. P. Look for these pieces only in Europe.

In the March-April issue you can look forward to the new Beam Sour Mash, the Cocoribe, and many others.



# German Whiskies

by FRANK-NORBERT GERLACH

In my second article, I would like to tell MBC readers some interesting facts about German Whisky and the whisky market in general.

Whisky sales in Germany are growing rapidly. In the last ten years there has been over a 900% increase. Germans now drink over 30 million bottles per year. The sales in Scotch in 1971 were 31% higher than the previous year and in 1973 the Bourbon sales were up 102.9% from the year before.

Every fifth bottle of whiskey which is consumed does not come from Scotland or Kentucky. The most widely sold drinking whiskey in Germany is the bottle in picture one: RACKE Whisky. It is a blend of Scots Highland Malt and German Grain Whisky. This distillery makes its advertisements with two words: mild and rauchzart (smooth). The sign

on the bottle is a running red fox. Racke is 3 years old and is the only German Whiskey with high sales.

In the same picture you see the KOHUT Whiskey. This came from Frankfurt but today this distillery makes only liqueurs.

In the next picture you see a German Whiskey which comes from Duisberg. This WERNER Whisky is also unavailable today as the firm makes only beer.

Picture three shows the SORNBERG Whiskey. This was produced in 1948 in Aachen and was also blended with Highland Malt. Unfortunately the firm went bankrupt so this bottle is now quite rare.

JACOB STUCK Whisky comes from Berlin and is still produced today but only in large bottles and those are not common. In a store it is easier to get a bottle of Jack Daniels than a Jacob



**Stuck Whisky.**

Finally we come to the HEINRICH Whisky. This is a very important distillery. However, today they make only gin, Korn, and liqueurs. This whisky is also 3 years old and comes from Berlin.

For your information, all German Whisky must be 86 proof and must be called Whisky. On the label must also be written: German Product.

You see, Germans like to drink whisky, but I think most are drinking scotch, bourbon, Canadian, and Irish. The German Racked Whisky is a good mix for other drinks. And, Racked is much less expensive because you don't have to pay duty.

So that's about all for German Whisky. Perhaps next time I will write about Kentucky Bourbon... available only in Germany!

--FNG--



# THE TRUTH <sup>"And Nothing But The Truth"</sup> ABOUT PROOF

by John Sullivan

The use of the word "proof" can be most confusing. The real intent of "proof" is to indicate the concentration of alcohol in the whisky.

The term "proof" as used in early times, was determined by very crude methods, such as dampening gunpowder with whisky, and when the gunpowder would ignite, the alcoholic strength was considered proven. This method was replaced in the year 1820 by the Sikes Hydrometer.

The most significant thing to take place concerning the definition of proof was the Customs and Excise Act of 1952. This Act not only clearly defined proof but it also, for the first time ever, legally defined Scotch Whisky by statute: "Spirits described as Scotch Whisky shall not be deemed to correspond to that description unless they have been obtained by distillation in Scotland from a mash of cereal grains saccharified by the diastase of malt and have been matured in a warehouse, in a cask, for a period of at least three years." Unfortunately, so much whisky is being produced by the distilleries that they are short of storage space and are therefore selling their whisky at the legal minimum of three years, when it may be bottled with the distillery name. Most experts agree that whisky should be 10 years or older to be fully appreciated. I would like to point out here,

that any reference of age on a label of a blended whisky, refers to the youngest of the blend, and that quite commonly there are older whiskies blended in as well.

The definition of proof is: "Spirits shall be deemed to be at proof if the volume of the spirits with distilled water, has a weight equal to that of twelve-thirteenths of a volume of distilled water equal to the volume of the spirits, the volume of each liquid being computed at 51 degrees F." To state this in simpler terms, it means that proof spirit is that which at 51 degrees F. weighs 12/13 of an equal volume of distilled water at the same temperature.

In practice, however, a temperature of 60 degrees F. is found to be more convenient, and at this temperature, proof contains 49.28% alcohol by weight and 57.1% by volume. This, however, is the British method used to determine proof. The standard of proof recognized by the United States is 50% of alcohol by volume at 60 degrees F., or 7.1% less than the British method. There is a third method used in some parts of the world called the "Gay-Lussac" method. I won't discuss that method here, other than to mention that it is usually seen on Italian labels as 43 G.L., which would correspond to our U.S. 86 proof.

Getting back to comparing the U.S. method to the British

method, we can see that a bottle of 100 proof U.K. (British) would be 114.2% in the U.S. (Any of you collectors who have a miniature of "Fulstrength" look at the label.) Similarly, American 100 proof is the same as British 87.7 proof. The difference is worth noting because Scotch Whisky shipped to America is bottled at 76.2 proof according to British standards, and that corresponds to our U.S. 86.8 proof. Though this is stronger than the 70 proof which comprises most of the domestic British market, it is not as much stronger as most of you might think. The 70 proof of the British market corresponds to our U.S. 80 proof, and in case you haven't noticed recently, more and more whisky, both Scotch and Bourbon, is appearing on store shelves at 80 proof as our American palates are demanding a lighter whisky. So the next time you are offered a sip of 70 proof British Scotch Whisky, don't look down your nose at it; it's the same as the 80 proof bottle you have in your own cupboard.

Now, let's take a look at the word maturity and see how it is applied to whisky. First of all, as most of you probably already know, whisky does not mature in the bottle, only in a cask, as the porosity of the cask is a significant factor in maturation. The rate of maturation depends in some measure on the size of

the cask - the smaller the cask, the faster the maturing. However the smaller the cask, the larger amount of whisky is lost through absorption by the porosity of the wood. To my knowledge, only oak wood is used in constructing these casks and oak wood with the proper degree of porosity, enabling the whisky to "breathe" without leaking, is essential for the maturing process. Not only is there a loss of volume during maturation, there is also a loss of strength. The degree of humidity in the warehouse where the casks lie during maturation also affects the loss of volume and strength of the maturing whisky. The greater the humidity, the more it loses strength, and the drier it is, the more it loses volume. Whisky is further reduced in strength by the addition of water before bottling. The strength at which the whisky is bottled depends on its destination. Whisky destined for America is now being bottled mostly at 86 proof if it's bottled in Scotland, but at 80 proof if it is bottled in the U.S., as more and more are. Those whiskies which are bottled in the U.S. usually say "Imported" on the label. Some examples of "imported" brands are: House of Stuart, Highland Mist, Grand Macnish, and Inverhouse. There are many more.

I would really like to hear from those of you who are interested in the Scotch miniatures. Write and tell me about your collection, your interesting bottles, what you would like to read in articles about Scotch miniatures, and any questions you might have. I promise you that I will respond to each and every letter. --J.S.--

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# argentine whiskies

by alfredo spinelli

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In this section dedicated to Argentine miniatures, we will comment on and show you miniatures of whisky bottled in this country. This survey of Argentine whiskies will be carried through several issues of our magazine. We will try to give you the most information possible about each miniature.

The major portion of Argentine whisky is produced from a base of "Scotch Malt Whisky." At one time the malt was imported and there was produced a blending and mixture with aged alcohol, giving each trade



mark its own characteristic flavor. For many years all whisky produced in this form indicated carried the inscription on its label: "Scotch Whisky." Then it was prohibited to use this word. In place of this was used the phrase: "Whisky Produced from a base of Scotch Malt Whisky." The word "aged" was allowed if the whisky was aged for more than four years.

In photo #1 we see Alhec Whisky produced by the Alhec Company of Buenos Aires with two types of label: white and black. It was made during the years 1964-67.

Photo #2 shows the miniature which took the place of the first one. The shape and size of the bottle was changed and the design on the label was changed with the Number 7 added to the trade mark. The sale of this one started in 1968 and continued until 1972. Starting at the end of that year this distillery stopped producing miniatures but continued the sale of large bottles on a small scale. --A.S.--

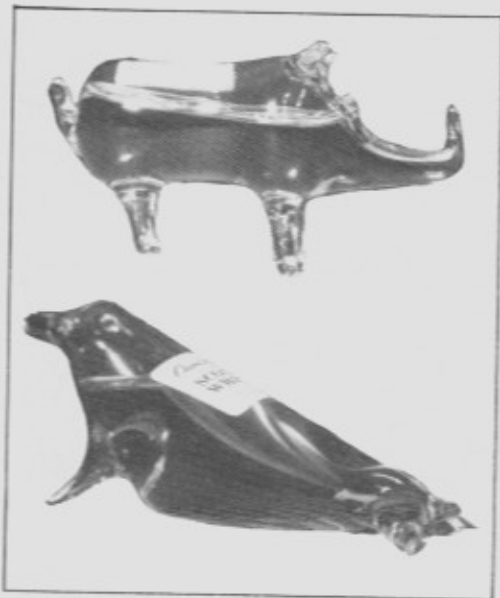
# MICROMINIS

By VIC VISALLI

Happy New Year! Hope you had a wonderful holiday!

For my first article of 1978, I would like to step aside from the Gold Seal line and concentrate on some of the "World's Smallest Minis." That's right and to begin, I'd like to cite this excerpt from the Guinness' Book of World Records: "The smallest bottles of liquor sold are the 24 minim bottles of Scotch Whisky marketed by the Cumbrae Supply Co. of Scotland. They contain 1/20 fluid ounce."

Featured here are nine of these extraordinary minis, each measuring 1 3/4" high, made of clear glass, and sport rubber stoppers as caps. They are from left to right: Robbie Burns Scotch Whiskey bearing a gold and black label; The King's Rider Deluxe Scotch with a very distinct rider on horse, visible in the photograph - the label is red, black, white, and blue. Third in the series is Long John blended and the label is black, gold, and white. Whyte & MacKays Special Selected Scotch Whisky follows with a manila, red, and black label. A white, black, and red label identifies the Cumbrae blended brand and it is followed by two variations of Thistle, the first being a blend, and the other stating Scotch Whisky. These Thistle variations were produced by Slater/Rodger & Co. Ltd., Glasgow. Even though they are not by the Cumbrae Supply Co.



they are identical to those that are. The labels are white, black, and gold.

Next to last is an 1857 Gilbey's Spey Royal with a colorful gold, red, black & white label. Our final mini is a Grant's Stand Fast sporting a white, red, gold, and black label.

Blown glass minis are featured in the next two photographs. They bear the same labels as the minis mentioned before: one, the seal, actually stating Cumbrae. This seal is 3 1/2" x 1". Also pictured are a fish containing Glen Abbey Scotch in a 2" by 2" size; a pig with King's Rider Deluxe Scotch in 1 1/2" by 2 1/2" size; and a penguin which contains Glenmark Old Scotch and is 2 1/2" high.

Until next time... Hope this new year brings us all health and happiness. --VV--



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## THE HISTORY OF MINIATURE DEERS

by Bill Odell

This time we will look at the products of four more American breweries.

We will start on the East Coast with the Gunther Brewery located in Baltimore, Maryland. Started around 1900 as the Geo. Gunther, Jr. Brewing Company, it survived prohibition and reopened in 1934 as the Gunther Breweries Incorporated. In 1952 the plant was sold to the Theodore Hamm Brewing Company of St. Paul, Minnesota, who sold it to Schaefer's Brewing Co. in 1962.

The bottle on the right is a 4 1/4" tall with an orange and brown decal label. Very interesting point about this bottle is that on the neck label is the National Recovery Act (NRA) Blue Eagle. The NRA was one of F. D. Roosevelt's major New Deal organizations to aid recovery from the depression. On the left is a later 4" medium





Photos by Don Bogucki

foil labeled bottle. Both are in the not too easy to find range and should be somewhere in the \$6-12 range.

Baltimore also was the home of the American Brewing Company. Starting around 1890 as the John F. Wiessner Brewing Company it had a production of 80,000 barrels a year at the time of prohibition. As one of 69 Baltimore breweries closed by prohibition, it was one of the ten survivors when it reopened its doors in 1933 as the American Brewing Company. It finally closed in 1972. The two minis are on the very rare side. The stubby is very unusual in that it is a bock beer and the only mini bock that I know of. Both bottles would be in the \$20+ class.

Down in Louisiana we have the Jackson Brewing Company which opened its doors in 1890. In its first year, it produced 25,000 barrels. Surviving until

1974, the Jackson Breweries finally succumbed to the big breweries. Jax was their most popular brand in post-war years and pictures #3 & 4 show the 4 1/4", the 4", and the stein in foil labels. The bottles are semi-common and should go for \$6-8 while the stein would be \$15+.

The last brewery to be covered this month takes us out to St. Louis where one of the United States major breweries was founded shortly after 1900 as the Wm. J. Lemp Brewery. Renamed Falstaff in 1916, the brewery was producing 300,000 barrels before prohibition. It reopened in 1933 as the Falstaff Brewing Company and included the old Griesedieck Brewery in 1957. That plant remains open but the three other plants have all been closed. Falstaff is now connected with the General Brewing Association of the United States.

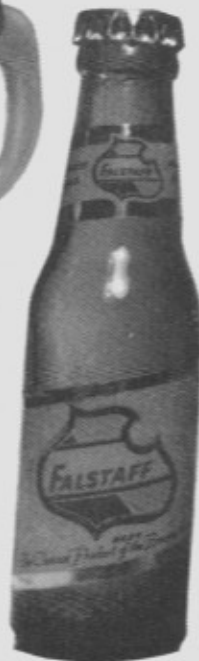


In picture 5 we have four 4 1/4 tall (three with decal labels) from before WWII. From left to right, they are: Falstaff, Falstaff Pale, Falstaff (foil label), and the Super-X. All of these are primarily red and white with some yellow.

Picture #6 has five 4" mediums from l. to r.: Falstaff foil with wheat shocks; Falstaff with stars; Falstaff red paper label; Falstaff red foil label; and, Falstaff red foil but different from #4.

In picture 7 we have the foil wheat shocks on a matching tall bottle and stein while in number 8 we have the wheat shocks can and the star can both at 2 1/4". Most Falstaff minis are in the \$2-6 range except for the decal labeled ones at \$8-10.

See you next time. --Bill--

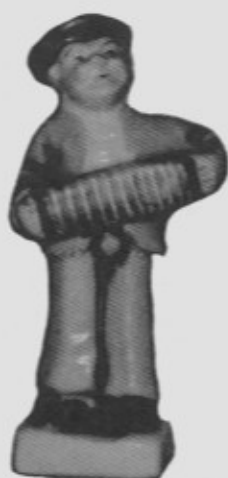


# BAL TABARIN

Time for another look at the seldom seen Bal Tabarin bottles. Last time six bottles were shown while this time you're getting a look at eight more. Shown on this page are the Squirrel, Satyr, St. Bernard, Cat, and four musicians.

This makes a total of fourteen different bottles but there are at least five more from the set. There are a minimum of three other dogs with their pups, and two more sports figures: the baseball and tennis players.

If you're wondering about the value of these pieces, I'll stick my neck out and say \$20@ would be a good minimum. And, that's not saying much when you consider that there are individual ceramics on the market today with a \$20+ price tag. -DMS-





In keeping with our policy of presenting collectors with their collections, this time meet Signor Giordano Montanari of Novel-laria (Reggio Emilia), Italy.

As you can see from the pictures, Signor Montanari is a collector of figural bottles only. There are in excess of 6,000 ceramic and glass figurals in his collection. . . many of which have

not been sold (or even seen) in the U.S.

These pictures were made from color originals so they're a bit more difficult to make out. If however you use a magnifying glass, you'll see some magnificent bottles. The sign on the wall thanks visitors for not touching the bottles!





*MEET THE COLLECTOR*  
**Giordano Montanari**



# KOBY'S KOLLECTABLE KOLUMN

by BOB KOBY

I bet some of you collectors are tired of reading my articles that say the following, "I am running out of material and my former collection is gone." Well, to sound like a broken record, here I go again on some gin minis that you might like. Not to sound conceited I have received a few encouraging letters from some collectors that they like my articles just the way they are written and besides they like the bottles that are being exposed to old and new collectors which was my original intent.

As I mentioned above, I happened to save a few pictures just in case an emergency arose regarding my articles. The first two samples are from the Heublein Distillery. I am sure you would like to see two versions of bottle shapes and label shapes. Both are 90 proof and the wider version is the older one.

The two versions of Barclays are from different cities. The flat one which, of course, is the older one was distilled in Detroit, Michigan, and the newer version comes from Peoria, Illinois. I'm sure that most straight collectors must have the Bengal Gin on their shelves.

The Lloyd's flat mini is empty and I'm not sure whether the cap came with the bottle but that is

how I got it. The Nuyens comes from Baltimore and was four years old when I bought it. The J & W Nicholson & Co. comes from a collection I got in 1973. It must be somewhat old as it has a cork and the Wile label on it. The K & L is from Standard Distillers Products, Baltimore, Maryland.

Until next time... --BK--





# SKI COUNTRY

by Ruth Jones



Barn Swallow  
Family



Red Tail Hawk

Ski Country has closed out 1977 with a bang! The Saw Whet Owl should be out by the end of December - probably is in some places, but I haven't seen anything but a picture. Already you have seen Bob Cratchit with Tiny Tim and what a nice job they did on that. Now everyone will be ready for the Christmas bottle next year. The Owl Family is cute, and I predict that it won't be around long. The Red Tail Hawk is one of the best bottles made yet, I think.

Starting with the first of 1978 there should be just one mini

and one 4/5 size per month. That should be great news to the collectors and the dealers. Both the White Falcon and Barn Swallow have just been released. And, the Fighting Pheasants should be out soon along with a Baltimore Oriole which is in the works.

The Toronto Tower and the Black Labrador have run into hard times. Not much hope for either, at least for the present. Hope you all had a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR, and that Santa left you some of the Ski Country minis.

--R.J.--



White  
Falcon

by Al Halpern

# Jim Beam

## MINIATURES

The printer's typesetter grem-lins have a strange way of popping up when you least expect them. Three times in our column in the Nov-Dec '77 issue. So please locate your copy of the magazine and make the following changes:

D7 should be as follows:

DESERT DOLL  
HOUSE  
Hawthorne, Nevada

P2 should be as follows:

PAT'S M&L BAR  
ELKO, NEVADA

Q2 should be as follows:

QUEEN MARY  
BEAM CLUB  
"Spirits of '76"

Now that we have the corrections out of the way, I want to express my sincere gratitude for the response to our new list of Beam Personalized miniatures. Most collectors with whom we have spoken agree with the way it's being done and are willing to accept this list as the "official" list including the method of numbering and the trade unit values. If you bear with us long enough, we will eventually have all the Beam personalized minis included in this list.

I have received some great correspondence from enthusiastic collectors who have passed on information on Beam mini labels and I do appreciate hearing from you. But if you don't reproduce the printing exactly as it appears on the bottle label, I can't use

it on the list. Your info should show the number of lines of printing involved, the exact upper and lower case letters on each line, and if it's the new 5-year-old label. I especially want to thank William T. Schaffer of Baltimore, Maryland, who has been extremely helpful in giving me detailed information on Beam minis, especially those in his area, and for providing the necessary background details to enable us to make sensible value judgments on the bottles.

If you have added the Portola Trek mini to your Beam collection in the last year or so, please make a close examination of it. Chances are you have a "counterfeit". Not the label on the bottle -- it's probably okay. Some of these Portola Trek labels have popped up in the Pennsylvania area and some unthinking collector has slapped them on improper bottles. (I'll say "unthinking" to give him the benefit of the doubt because I don't want to believe that one of our colleagues would deliberately defraud the collectors.) The original Portola Trek, even though a Beam's Choice, is a white-capped bottle (not green) and it's the old style white cap with the crimped-in edge. If you have anything other than that in your collection, trace it back to its origin and ask for a "refund".

In our last column, I said that I would list the Spey Royals and the Beam's Choice miniatures in the next column but, in the meantime, I have come up with so many additional white labels that I beg your indulgence and will postpone the listing of the Spey Royal and Beam's Choice bottles.

So...let's add these Beam white labels to the previous list:

### A

- 11. ALAMO LIQUORS 1  
PUEBLO, COLORADO
- 12. ARGONAUT LIQUOR 1
- 13. ARGONAUT

### B

- 15. BIG SPUR 1  
BROKEN BUTT  
SALOON
- \* — 16. BUCKEYE 1  
Jim Beam Club  
5th Anniversary 1977
- 17. BROADMOOR DRUG 1

### C

- \* — 21. Compliments of 3  
THE STARTING GATE
- \* — 22. COLONIAL LIQUORS 1  
La Plata, Md.
- 23. COMPLIMENTS OF 1  
CAMP PAROLE LIQUORS
- 24. CAMELLIA CITY 1  
JIM BEAM  
BOTTLE CLUB 1977
- 25. Cumberland Valley 1  
JIM BEAM CLUB
- 26. CORKY & AVIS 1  
FT. LUPTON, COLO
- 27. Cumberland Valley 1  
1977
- \* — 28. COTTON CARNIVAL 1  
BEAM CLUB  
Memphis, Tennessee

### D

- 9. DART LIQUORS 1  
South Lake Tahoe, Nev.
- 10. DART LIQUORS 1  
South Lake  
Tahoe, Nev.
- 11. Doc's Liquor Store 1  
1088 S. Federal Blvd.
- 12. DON WUEST 1  
Dist V Director  
1972-1977
- 13. DRIVE-IN LIQUOR 1  
Your Thirst Aid Station  
Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 14. DISTRICT IV 1  
ROUNDUP  
February 12, 1977
- 15. DON & VERNA 1  
Beaming  
Grand Parents



16. DUTCH'S LIQUORS 1  
Security, Colo.
17. DISTRICT VI 1  
Jim Beam Roundup  
April 16-17, 1977
- \* 18. Dave Green's Poultry 1  
Lexington Market  
Baltimore, Md.
- E**
3. El Pueblo Bottle Shop 1  
Green Mtn. Falls, Colo.
- \* 4. Englewood Liquors 1  
Englewood, Colo.
- \* 5. EDWARDS' FURNITURE 1  
PAT EDWARDS  
Franklin, Ohio
- F**
9. FRIEND LIQUORS 1  
AURORA, COLO.
10. FRIENDS LIQUOR 1  
ARVADA, COLORADO
11. FOODWAY 1
- G**
- \* 8. GARY & DONNA FISHER 1  
Rochester, Pa. 1977
9. GOLDEN BEAR 1  
BEAM CLUB
10. GEORGE LIQUOR 1  
CANON CITY, COLO.
- \* 11. GLASS BOTTLE 1  
LIQUOR  
Englewood, Colo.
12. GREELEY PLAZA 1
- H**
- \* 11. HITCHING POST 1  
Cheyenne, Wyo.  
Ph. 307-638-3301
12. HIWAY LIQUOR 1  
FAIR  
GLENBURNIE, MD
- I**
7. Illini Jim Beam District 1  
VI Round Up
8. INTERN'L MEETING 1  
DISTRICT V  
3-12-13-77 NC
- J**
9. JOHNSTON LIQUOR 1
10. J&B LIQUORS 1  
MANITOU SPRING  
COLORADO
11. JUDY'S RANCH 1
12. JOHNNY'S LIQUOR 1  
COLORADO SPRINGS  
COLORADO
- \* 13. JACK & PAULINE 1  
Susquehena Valley 1977
14. JERRY'S FRIENDLY 1  
BELVEDERE TAVERN
15. JIM'S BOTTLES 1
16. JIM'S BOTTLES 1  
FALLS CHURCH, VA
- K**
2. KENNEDY VAN & 1  
STORAGE CO.  
WASHINGTON, D.C.
- \* 3. Kiski Mini Bottle Club 1  
1977
- L**
10. LIQUOR MART 1  
BRUSH, COLO
11. LONDON LIQUORS 1  
AURORA, COLO.
12. LATELA'S 11 1  
Rt. 175  
Jessup, MD.
- \* 13. LONGHORN 1  
LIQUOR  
La Salle, Colo.
14. LET'S GO LOBOS 1
- M**
7. MIDWAY INN 1  
BRADSHAW, MD.
8. MORGAN'S PHARMACY 1
- \* 9. MD. DISCOUNT 1  
BEV. CENTER  
La Vale, MD.
10. MARSHALL LIQUORS 1
- N**
- \* 5. NORTH BOULDER 1  
LIQUOR
6. 1976 COLLECTORS 2  
EXTRAVAGANZA
- \* 7. NORTH END LIQUORS 1  
Colorado Springs. Colo.
- O**
- \* 4. OCEAN CITY 1  
Maryland
- P**
8. PENN. DUTCH 1  
Bottle Club 1977
9. Parks Drive In Liquors 1  
DEALE, MARYLAND
- \* 10. Paul & Mrs. Paul 1  
Greeley, Colo.
- \* 11. PARKS 3  
DRIVE-IN LIQUORS  
Dale, Maryland
- Q**
3. QUART HOUSE 1
- R**
5. Razorback Jim Beam 1  
Bottle Club
6. Range View Liquor 1  
NORTHGLENN, COLO.
- \* 7. RANGEVIEW 1  
LIQUOR  
North Glenn, Colo.
- S**
10. SUSAN GROOTE 1  
MINI COLLECTOR
11. SAN DIEGO 1  
JIM BEAM  
BOTTLE CLUB
12. SUNBEAM'S 3
13. State Line Liquors 1  
ELKTON, MD.
- \* 14. STATE LINE 1  
LIQUORS  
Elkton, MD.
- T**
- \* 9. TED WHITAKER 1  
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- \* 10. THOROBRED 1  
LIQUORS
- \* 11. TINY'S TAVERN 1  
& BOTTLE MUSEUM
- \* 12. TOWN LIQUORS 1  
Florence, Colo.
13. TRANSPORTATION 1
14. The Lamplighter Motel 1  
Santa Fe, N.M.
- W**
- \* 8. WELL'S LIQUORS 1  
6310 York Road  
Baltimore, Md.
9. World Wide Liquors 1  
BALTIMORE, MD.

Note: P 11 was withdrawn from the market when it was noted that the name of the city was misspelled. It should be Deale, not Dale.

\*Asterisk denotes that the label is the new one indicating that the contents are 5 years old.

The Sedgewick Rye Man is in Boozeville today. The distillery sends him around the country giving out samples to everyone who is willing. In Boozeville there are very many who are willing. He hands out small crockery 1/4 pint jugs filled with rye. He'll also pour a shot right from the bottle if you wish. Competition is very keen in the whiskey business. With all the private home-made stills operating in great numbers this forces the bigger distilleries to get out and sell their products.

The Distillery giveaway is probably one of the most sought after bottles in the giveaway class. Not only do the giveaway collectors want it, but so do the whiskey, distillery, and figural bottle collectors.

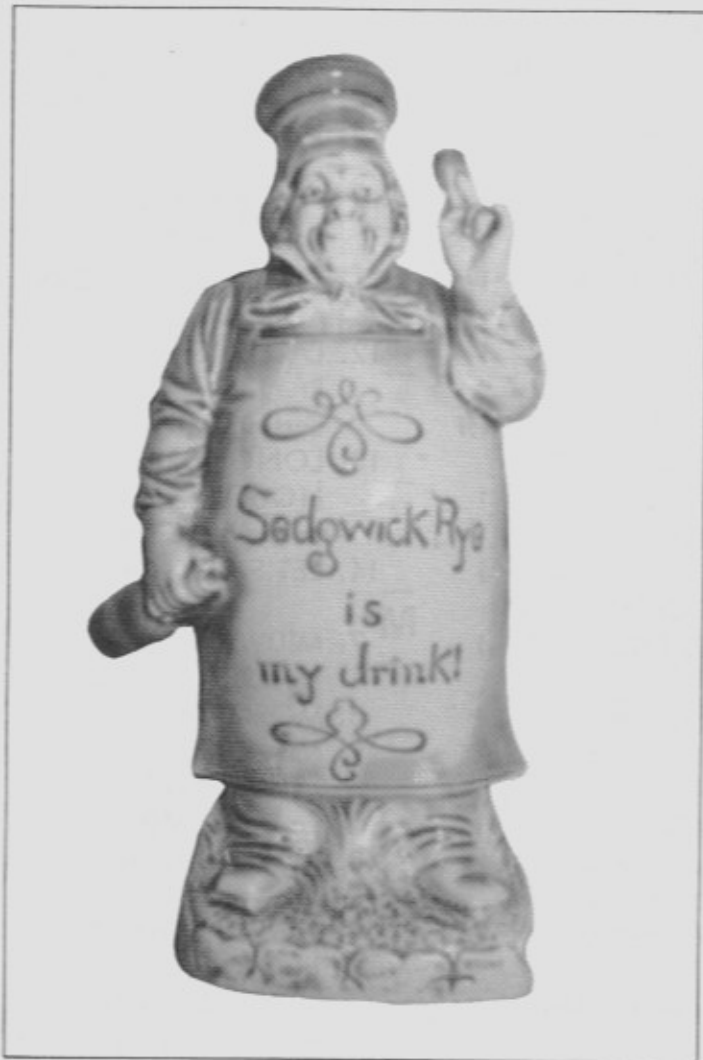
The one shown here is finished in an overall light blue glaze. It is very thin shelled and I doubt if very many of these have survived since they were made around 1900. He is wearing a large apron with a typical old Dutch cap. The top of his cap is also the cap of the bottle.

He is holding a bottle in one hand and a small glass in the other. And as you can see on the apron is impressed Sedgewick Rye Is My Drink. From the back he seems to be sitting on a tree stump indicating an early style. On the bottom is the crown mark and number 5328. This bottle is 7 1/2 inches tall including the cap. It is a generous giveaway as it holds 3/4 of a pint.

"Ummm that isn't too bad. How about just one more small sample?" --LM--

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by Lloyd McLeod



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--Ginny--

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