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MINI PROFILES

This is something we haven't done for over five years, so it's more than about time... don't you agree?

VIC VISALLI shouldn't be terribly unfamiliar to you, especially considering the fact that he was featured in our Meet the Collector column. Check the Sept.-Oct. 1978 issue for a refresher.

RUTH JONES as you probably already know is from Colorado and has been collecting straights, ceramics, and you name it (in both large and miniature size) for a good many years now. Those of you who make it to the Beam Convention in Houston this year will be able to meet Ruth. Just look for someone talking about Ski Country!

LLOYD M^CLEOD hails from way up in the great Northwest... Oregon to be specific. Years ago he began collecting giveaways and has even built his own town of Boozeville. (Well, where did you think that title came from?)

JOHN SULLIVAN lives here in the greater Los Angeles area and has been collecting just the bottles he likes for almost twenty years. Now that specifically means Scotches and the last time I practically fainted when oohing and aahing over them there were about 1200 plus. Incredible!

BOB KOBY comes from the Detroit area and has avidly collected for some time now. After completely selling his collection, he started over... sometimes the fun is in the hunt!

Next time there'll be capsule profiles of our newest columnists: Barbara Gaines, Harry Ford (who isn't really new for those of you who remember his Gin articles), and Jim Triffon.

WE GET LETTERS

The magazine gets better all the time.

Juanita Rubio
Castro Valley, CA

We sure do like the new style of MBC.

Laveta Summerlin
Gretna, LA

Just got the "new style" magazine and I like it. Heaven help you though, don't go out of business.

Pat M^CMullen
St. Joseph, MI

(We're hanging in there, Pat.)

First off, I want to wish everyone a belated Happy New Year. Secondly, I think the new size of the MBC is absolutely fantastic! Now a question. Is there any small book binder available that I might be able to obtain for this new size of MBC? I have been using regular note book covers for the past issues.

Barry Kaplan
Las Vegas, NV

(Since both magazines are now the exact same size, we're looking into having an all purpose binder which could be used for either magazine. As soon as we know, you'll know!)

Just a line to let you know that I really like the "new look" for MBC! The new size is neat - allows me more space for filing copies. And, yes, I would like to see the Ski Country list become a price guide in the future.

Anne Holliday
Fremont, CA

(Speaking of that Ski Country list, how many of you noticed that one has been missing for sometime? If you didn't notice and can't figure it out, look at the Let's Talk column this time. And yes, we're working on a price guide.)

Let's Talk

Back again! We've got all the usual for you this time as well as some new, a smattering of the old, and needless to say, you are certain to find it all interesting. Sorry to say that a couple of regular columns are taking a one issue hiatus. Barbara Gaines on mini beers will be back next time and isn't with us now due to some picture problems. John Sullivan is madly working away on not only another article but also a new list. Yes, another Scotch list is in the offing.

Speaking of Scotches, just received a letter from England in which the collector (Mr. J. Reid) states that the following new labels or brands were just issued in Scotland: King of Scots, House of Peers, Langside, "77", Tuxedo, Eatons, Kentshire, McGibbon, Hielanman, and Putachieside. He went on to say that other brands would be issued in the very near future and these are: Oban, Mary Stuart, Glen Turret, Golden Rare, and finally, Craighmor. Our thanks to Mr. Reid of Shepperton, Middlesex, England.

Something now which has been mentioned several times previously but can certainly bear repeating. Are you aware of all the label changes on bottles due to the new metric changeover? If you aren't, take a good look and you'll notice that almost everything now is going to the 50ml size. As of January 1, 1980, all miniature spirits bottled here in the U.S. will have to conform to this size.

Next time those promised new columns will finally be present and I personally know you'll be stunned with some of the old bottles... Zwacks, whiskies, etc.

Don't you forget now, keep on thinking small! --DMS--

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Our Cover

We believe in tooting our own horn...not too often or too loud, but definitely when it's warranted. With the new Prairie Dogs bottle, we've got something to be proud of. This one was kept quiet because we wanted to make certain that the bottles would arrive on time and that all would proceed smoothly. As the ad states, only 900 were made and we expect a very quick public acceptance. In the next issue, we'll feature all the previous MBC bottles.

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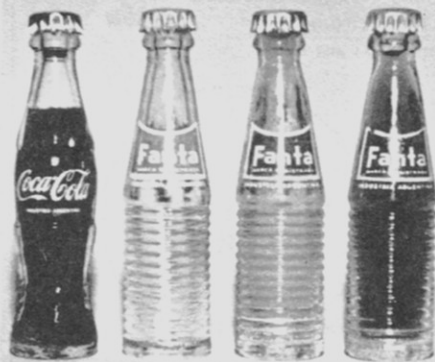


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WHAT'S NEW

Sometimes you can spread yourself a little too thin. With that in mind, I asked Jim Triffon (seen elsewhere in the magazine this time) if he would like to take over the responsibilities of this column for each issue...and so, beginning with the next issue, you'll have a fresh point of view in this column.

As my "swan song" here, I thought I'd do something a little different. Usually a small number of bottles have been pictured and as much information about them as possible is also presented. This time I'd like to give you a list of bottles to look for...but only if you live in, or are traveling through Illinois and specifically the Chicago area.

For those of you with quite a few old straights in your collection, the name Corydon & Ohlrich may be familiar. This Chicago company was a leader in importing bottles back in the 1930's. Today the situation has repeated itself and Corydon & Ohlrich are importing miniatures from all over the globe. Following is the current list of their imports, all of which may be found in selected stores in the Chicago area.

1. H. Bruder German Blaubeere Liqueur
2. H. Bruder German Prieselbeere Liq.
3. Thienelt Krotzbeere German Liq.
4. Finsbury Bitters
5. L & P Finnish Lakka Cloudberry Liq.
6. De Beukelaer Belgian Liqueur

7. De Beukelaer Advocaat
8. Koerner Echt Stonsdorfer Bitters
9. Karlsbader German Beckerovka Bit.
10. Peter Eckes German Cherry Liqueur
11. Peter Eckes German Blackcurrant Liq.
12. Pere Maglorie French Calvodos
13. Vetter German Bitters Liqueur
14. Necklas Barenfang Liqueur...this is a figural bear bottle.
15. Duval Poissy French Liqueur
16. Calsay Spanish Liqueur
17. Ettaler German Green Liqueur
18. Ettaler German Yellow Liqueur
19. Warnink's Dutch Advocaat
20. Bokma Holland Geneva Gin
21. Lysholm Linie Norwegian Aquavit
22. Loitens Linie Norwegian Aquavit
23. Konig Pusckin German Vodka
24. Konig Leibwacher German Bitters
25. Hemmeter German Enzian Liqueur
26. Hammer Brennerei Strawberry
27. Hammer Pear Liqueur
28. Deesjonqueres Clairboise Raspberry
29. Deesjonqueres Calvados Apple Brandy
30. Marli Finnish Cloudberry Liqueur
31. Gusano Rojo Mexican Mezcal
32. Gilka Kummel German
33. St. Halvard Liqueur
34. Morin VSOP French Brandy
35. Duc'Arthur French Calvados

As a last note, there was a mistake in the last issue I'd like to rectify. For some reason, Two Fingers Tequila was identified as a Heublein bottle. The fact is it was issued by the Hiram Walker Company. Oops.

Seagram's

by PAT McMULLEN



I am following up on the request a few months ago to add to the Seagram's story. I too like to make displays and one of my little cabinets currently contains 18 different "P-M" miniatures (Ed. note: let's see how many readers can figure out why these are special) and another case contains 35 "Four Roses" bottles with either a different style or label.

Hope you enjoy these Seagram's bottles as much as I do.

1. V.O., 90 proof, 1/10 pint, 6 years old, Rare Old Canadian Whisky. There is no stamp attached.

2. V.O. (photographed from the back), 86.8 proof, Rare Old Canadian Whisky, 6 years old, 1931 Canadian tax strip.

3. "83", Blended Canadian Whisky, 1934 Canadian tax strip, 86.8 proof, 1/10 pint, 7 years old, Maryland tax stamp.

4. "83", Canadian Whisky, no stamp attached, 1/10 pint, 90 proof, 5 years in black print.

5. "83", Canadian Whisky, 1/10 pint, 90 proof, 5 years old in red print, 1932 Canadian tax strip, Maryland 1 1/2¢ yellow stamp dated March 7, 1939.



1. Straight Bourbon, 1931 Canadian tax strip, 5 years old, 100 proof, 1/10 pint, and "Distilled in Canada" printed in gold letters.

2. Ancient Bottle, Straight Rye Whisky, 1929 Canadian tax strip, 1¢ Louisiana tax stamp.

3. Straight Bourbon Whisky, 5 years old, 100 proof, 1/10 pint, 1930 Canadian tax strip, 1935 red Illinois tax stamp.

4. Pedigree, Straight Bourbon Whisky, 1929 Canadian tax strip, 100 proof, 1/10 pint, 8 years old with Maryland 1 1/2¢ yellow tax stamp dated Sept. 17, 1938.





MICROMINIS

By VIC VISALLI

As promised last time, we will return to the microminis.

Three bottles of the cordial line, two of which should be familiar to most of you will be featured.

First, probably the nicest of the three is a Grant's Morella Cherry Brandy. The 2 7/8" micromini is made of brown glass and is capped with gold foil. A vertical neckband featuring a stallion compliments the pink, gold, green, white, and black label. A figurehead on the label is encircled by olive branches. It is a product of the Maidenstone Distillery, the name of which is embossed all around the top of the bottle. Embossing on the bottom of the bottle reads "Property of Thos. Grant and Sons, Ltd."

The second and third bottles are those familiar ones previously mentioned. The Cointreau liqueur is a 2 1/4" exact replica of the larger version. In fact, even the red ribbon is in its proper place. Its authenticity is emphasized by the rear label which grants permission of the Messrs. Cointreau, S A R L, Angeres, for Gold Seal to produce the miniature.

Pictured last is another exact replica, namely Cherry Heering, a product of the Peter Heering Co., Copenhagen, Denmark. It is a 3 1/16" bottle and also features the picturesque rear label of two crossed flags and a shield.

In closing, possibly one or maybe two more micromini beers next time.

--V. V.--

No matter what time of day or night that you travel through Boozeville, you will see the same characters walking the streets. Every town has them. In this case, one is well to do and lives down here on Front Street because he likes it here and has many friends with whom to visit. The other character lives down here because he is poor and living here is cheap. Besides, he does not like to work and just gets by the best he can on a small pension and a few handouts. He is the one with "Short of Money and of Temper" printed on the base.

Any saloon keeper will tell you one thing that makes an overly intoxicated customer angry is to cut off his drinks. A situation of this kind is always present in the saloon business. In order to tame the tempers and not to risk losing a good repeat customer, the bartender would offer him one of these Giveaway bottles with about one ounce of whiskey in it. He would say something like this:

"Joe, you've had enough for tonight. Let me give you this 'short one' to take home with you."

This in most cases would get the drunk out in good humor. The drunk is 5 1/2 inches tall and is colored all brown except for his hat which is black. The cork fits in the top of his hat. Germany is printed on the bottom in black. Three buttons on his coat are in gold.

The other one has no printing on the base or bottom. We can only guess at his name and what the bartender said might be something like this: "Joe, here's a 'big shot'. Take it home with you for the morning."

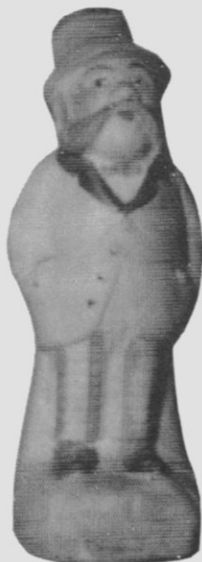
This bottle is 5 1/2 inches tall also and is in multicolor. It has Germany and the number 6759 F impressed in the back near the bottom. He is standing in simulated bushes which go all the way around in back. This is an older style of around 1900 or before.

You can still see these fellows down on Front Street. Here comes one of them now. What... what did he say? Oh, yes, I heard him mumble that just twelve more cents and he'll have enough for a bottle of wine. --L.M. --



A Visit To Boozeville

by Lloyd McLeod





Meet The Collector: Kijuroo Kondow

We depart from our regular type of "Meet the Collector" column to bring you something just a shade different this time. Usually we present just a collector; however, this article is about a collector-dealer in Nagoya, Japan.

The man I'm speaking of is Mr. Kijuroo Kondow who owns and operates Miyoshi-ya Co., Ltd. in Nagoya. The two pictures were taken by Mr. Kondow's wife and recently sent to us as a commemorative of our Nagoya visit last summer. Standing next to Mr. Kondow is yours truly (looking a little worse for wear thanks to the August 96% humidity and 97 degree temperature) and on my left is Mr. James Triffon who should already be familiar to many of you as he was once our featured Collector. Mr. Triffon was in Japan putting the finishing touches to his book on miniature whiskies (all in color yet) to be released later this year. But enough of us Americans!



Mr. Kondow specializes in bottles for the collector and is always interested in adding anything new in bottles, whiskey pitchers, trays, ash trays, swizzle sticks or muddlers as some call them, and just about anything to do with whiskey which can be collected. These pictures were originally in color so some of the definition has been lost; however, take a good look at some of those pitchers, trays, and advertising items. One of my all time favorites is a figural glass whiskey pitcher in the shape of a horse's head put out by White Horse Scotch. Another excellent little item we found nowhere else in Japan was a small ceramic figure of a French count which advertised Hennessy Cognac.

So if you're ever in Nagoya, have your English-speaking hotel person put you in contact with Mr. Kondow at the Miyoshi-ya Co., Ltd. You'll be very happy you made the effort...and so will Mr. Kondow.

--DMS--



KOBY'S

Kollectable Kolumn

by Bob Koby



Shalom:

If any of you readers ever visit Israel, the best place to hunt for minis there would be in the larger cities. I had some luck in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Small grocery stores, sidewalk cafes, etc. are good places to look. Also, try looking in shops not on busy streets. When our tour ended, my wife and I stayed on an additional week. We spent the whole week in Tel Aviv. Most of the time we visited with cousins I had not seen since 1946. During the morning hours we went shopping, swimming in the ocean, visiting museums and such. By one or two in the afternoon, it gets VERY HOT in Tel Aviv. My wife would then retire to our hotel room to catch some round "Z's" (that's sleep) and I would go bottle hunting. Anyway, I'm sure you want to think about the minis.

As in my previous article, the minis in Israel are not of the unusual shape or size. At least that's true for the ones I was able to find. They are all 4 3/4 inches high, round, clear glass and have either yellow-red plastic caps. I was not able to find out how many distilleries there are in the country even though we toured the Carmel Winery and tested eight different products they produce. The labels on most of these shown here are from the ELIAZ Distillery in Binyamina, Israel. From my recollection, they are located halfway between Tel Aviv and the port city of Haifa.

The first bottle is Vermouth Bianco with light brown contents. Bottle two has a blue paper label as you look at it and on the back it's blue and white with a Star of David on it. On the front as you can see or perhaps read in English "Lechaim" three times. It means "to life". Also, see "This Year in Yerushalayim", which is the Hebrew pronunciation of Jerusalem. It also depicts a picture of the old city. A caption on



the bottom of the label reads "distributed by TASTE OF ISRAEL."

Bottle three is a mystery to me. I have no idea of the contents... TUICA or whatever that means. I've looked in the dictionary but no such word appears. Bottle four is also Vermouth Blanco but its contents are much darker than the first bottle. The fifth bottle is Old Moria Sweet Ruby Wine with dark red contents. And, finally, bottle six is 1818 Brandy, V.S.O.P. Special Reserve.

I have 12 more minis from Israel for the following issues plus two minis that I bought there from a South American country.

--R. K.--



Las Vegas Bottle Show 1979

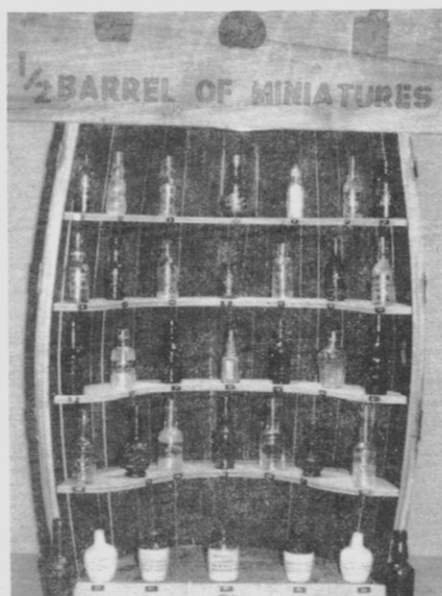
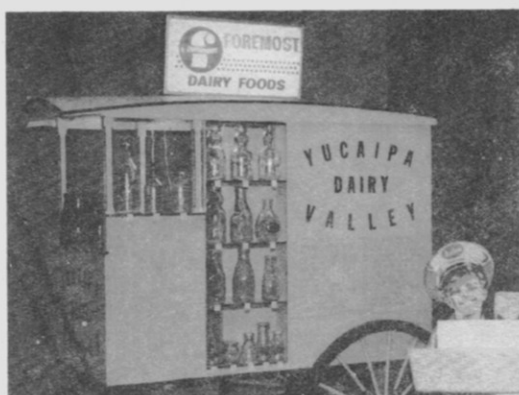
In case you haven't discovered it yet, bottle shows are great! Not only do you get to see friends, new and old bottles, incredibly high... and ridiculously low price tags, but you also get the opportunity to see some fabulous displays. The pictures shown here were taken at the recent Las Vegas Bottle Show in February held in the L. V. Convention Center. The Show is always advertised as the best bottle show in the U. S. and if it doesn't measure up, it runs something else a very close second.

This year Bob Snyder came up from Texas and you collectors of old whis-



gies can just gnash your teeth that you weren't there... cuz, they sure went fast. Mini collectors from all over California and Nevada were in attendance as well as some from Texas, Illinois, and even North Carolina. Obviously you can't meet everyone, but there were a great many faces from the miniature world.

The pictures on these pages show not only some old miniatures but a variety of old bottles. Note the large whiskeys, the cokes, and even the milk bottles. Remember, it always pays to broaden your horizons.



Ski Country

by Ruth Jones

Three cheers for the new look on the MBC magazine. I think the new format is great. (Ed. note: honest, folks, unsolicited testimonial!)

First off, a correction on the last article - only 1800 Blue Jays were actually made.

The next bottle to be here is the Black Labrador with Pheasant. Everything is three to four weeks late, because we have the distinction of having the coldest Dec. and Jan. on record. Miserable! But Spring is in the air. That means the Indian Chiefs will be in later than planned, but that is pretty normal.

I got a preview of a number of new bottles to come out. There is a Fox Family that has to be a winner. We're probably talking about next year on that one though.

The Ceremonial Indian, already known about as the Eagle Dancer, is due out before too long. The 4/5 size is exclusive for Arizona, but the minis will be everyplace and I take it they won't be very limited. Speaking of exclusives, the Wyoming Bronco is already out in Wyoming and is exclusive for both 4/5th and minis. However, I know that some of the minis will be available one way or another. And, the mini of that one should be out very soon now.



That should take us at least to the next issue. If not, you can look for the Chukar Partridge. From what I can find out, Partridges are pretty much alike, except in America. Anything that resembles a partridge is called by that name, be it grouse, pheasant or quail. But, I think this one looks as if it just might be that "Partridge in a Pear Tree" we all know about.

By the next issue there may be a whole tribe of Indians. Think Spring!! and, of course... small. --R. J. --

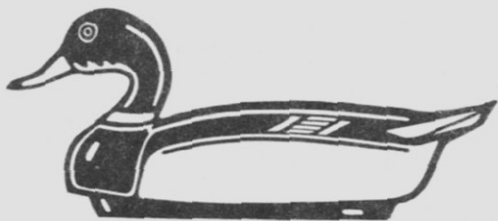
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2. SNOWY OWL
3. PEACOCK
4. GILA WOODPECKER
5. RED-SHOULDERED HAWK
6. RAM
7. LEADVILLE LADIES
9. CALIFORNIA CONDOR
10. GOLDEN EAGLE
(aka Mountain Eagle)
11. MALLARD DUCK
12. CANADA GOOSE
13. PEACE DOVE
14. COLORADO SCHOOL OF
MINES BURRO
15. ELEPHANT ON A DRUM
16. FOX ON A LOG
17. HARPY EAGLE
18. AMERICAN OSPREY
19. MOUNTAIN LION
20. GREAT GREY KANGAROO
21. OREGON CAVEMAN
22. THE RINGMASTER
23. CLYDE
24. AUSTRALIAN BLACK SWAN
25. RED-HEADED DUCK
26. CLOWN BUST
27. SAGE GROUSE
28. GREAT HORNED OWL
29. BONNIE
30. TOM THUMB
31. INDIAN DANCERS (6)
37. RACCOON
38. WOOD DUCK
39. SKIER (2)
41. TIGER ON A BALL
42. LION ON A DRUM
43. JENNY LIND (2)
(Yellow and Blue)
45. CIGAR STORE INDIAN
46. WILD TURKEY
47. CONNECTICUT ROBIN
48. MOUNTAIN GOAT
49. LIPIZZAN
50. PALOMINO
51. BABY SNOWY OWL
52. BLACK-FOOTED FERRET
53. BLUE-WINGED TEAL
54. BROWN TROUT
55. SPECTACLED OWL
56. P. T. BARNUM
57. DONKEY POLITICAL
58. ELEPHANT POLITICAL
59. BIRTH OF FREEDOM
60. PRAIRIE CHICKEN
61. SUBMARINE
62. BROWN PELICAN
63. IVORY-BILLED WOOD-
PECKER
64. PHEASANT
65. CARDINAL
66. HAWK EAGLE
67. TROUT #2
68. END OF THE TRAIL
69. NORTH AMERICAN
INDIANS (6)
75. LAND-LOCKED SALMON
76. DRUM EAGLE
77. MALLARD DUCK FAMILY
78. KING EIDER DUCK
79. MUSKIE
80. SCREECH OWL FAMILY
81. RED-TAILED HAWK
82. WHITE FALCON
83. BARN SWALLOW
84. BOB CRATCHIT/TINY TIM
85. FIGHTING PHEASANTS
86. SAW WHET OWL
87. BALTIMORE ORIOLE
88. BLUE JAY
89. RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD
90. BASSETT HOUND
91. PENGUIN FAMILY
92. COYOTE FAMILY
93. ARKANSAS LABRADOR
94. SKUNK FAMILY
95. MRS. CRATCHIT
96. PIN TAIL DUCK
97. LOOKOUT INDIAN
98. INDIAN CHIEF #1
99. INDIAN CHIEF #2
100. BLACK LABRADOR

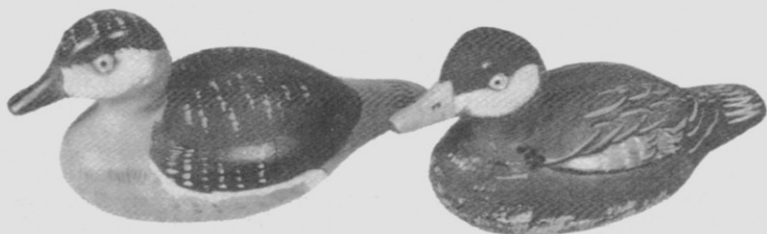
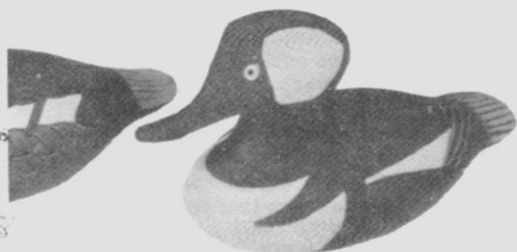
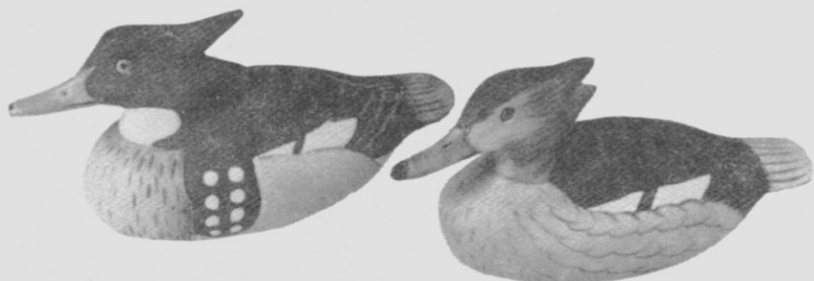
These clever little devils (what else can you really call a decoy?) are already on the shelves in some areas and are even in many collectors' hands. They're sold only in pairs and with the rapid inflation and price raises of today, they're quite a bargain.

Hoffman began issuing these duck decoy miniatures several years ago and the first ones are not too easily come by these days. The very first ones had the corks in the heads; however, when those sold like the well-known hotcakes, the revision was made and the bottles since that time have all been bottom-filled.

Another thing that's making these bottles more accessible to collectors everywhere is that in some areas they are being issued with non-alcoholic contents. Of course, for each and every person who is happier that he can purchase the bottles with any content, there is always someone else who feels that it's not a true miniature unless there's liquor in it. Naturally, this is a personal thing and most will have a definite opinion. It should be pointed out though that some of the bottles we cherish most in our collections today came from the 1930's and 1940's and were filled with non-alcoholic contents. Remember the majority of bottles issued by Manhattan, Southern Sales, Miniature Specialties, etc. all had non-alcoholic contents.



Hoffman Decoys





PERSONALIZED
by Al Halpern

Jim Beam

MINIATURES

Shown here is the package of six personalized Jim Beam miniatures given as part of the "convention deal" to everyone who attended the convention of the International Association of Jim Beam Bottles and Specialties Clubs in Chicago last July.

The names of the six bottles are: Dave Nissen, Herb Kanter, Martin Lewin, Bob Weisenberger, Julian J. McShane, and Charles Wittwer. At the time that the package was made up and presented to the collectors, Julian McShane was President, Martin Lewin was a consultant, Dave Nissen was the bottle designer, and Bob Weisenberger, Herb Kanter, and Charles Wittwer were Vice-Presidents. It's interesting to note that of the six, Nissen, Lewin, Kanter, and Wittwer are no longer associated with the Beam Company. It's a safe bet, then, that these names are

not likely to appear on personalized Beam miniatures again.

This package marked a turning point in Beam's system of matching the metal bottle caps to the type of contents of the miniature bottles. Up to the time that these bottles were issued, there was a definite system that helped collectors to identify some of the phony miniatures. For example, a white cap was used on the regular Beam bourbon as well as on pictorial labels. Green caps were used to match the green labels on the Beam's Choice bottles. Gold caps were used on the new Sour Mash bottles. But with the issuance of this package no regard was paid to the matching of caps to the proper labels. However, in spite of what others may lead you to believe, there was a definite system established prior to July 1978 and it was strictly adhered to.

--A. H. --

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	JAY HILL A. & F. Dispensary Albuquerque, N. M. <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)	<i>Happy Holidays</i> GEORGE MUELLER <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)	<i>Happy Holidays</i> HARDY HUNT <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)		JOHN PEROS <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)
	BARRY M. BERISH <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)	<i>Happy Holidays</i> HARRY FIEDLER <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)		JULIAN J. McBRANE <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)	
	Bill & Gladys Milza Fazy Brewer <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)	<i>Happy Holidays</i> HENRY BAUMEIER <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)		KEN GRADY <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)	
	BOB STEDORSKI <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)	<i>Happy Holidays</i> HOWARD CHERRY <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)		MARIE MAPELLI <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)	
	BOB WEISENBERGER <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)	<i>Happy Holidays</i> JACK FREPA <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)		MARTIN LEWIN <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)	
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	Combs and Valley Bottle Club 1978 <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)	<i>Happy Holidays</i> JOE HIGGINS <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)		PAUL'S PAYLESS LIQUORS Reno, Nevada <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)	
	DICK SNITKER <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)	<i>Happy Holidays</i> JOHN MINARDO <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)		PORTLAND ROSE DIST. II WORKSHOP 1978 <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)	
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	DIXIE Beam Bottle Club Clarksville, Va. <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)	<i>Happy Holidays</i> NORM TROUTT <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)		RICHARD DISTRIBUTING CO. <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)	
	DON WEST Mich. State Dixfield <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)	<i>Happy Holidays</i> PHIL HAMPTON <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)		RICHARD MATTEUCCI <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)	
	ELLIOTT FRANKEL <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)	<i>Happy Holidays</i> RAY HILL <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)		Robert Weisenberger <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)	
	EMPIRE STATE BEAMERS NEW YORK 1978 <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)	<i>Happy Holidays</i> RICHARD POPE <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)		ROBERT CAPITAL Jim Beam Bottle Club 1st Beam Club in Ohio <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)	
	ERIK LANSFORTH District I Director <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)	<i>Happy Holidays</i> SAM LAMASTER <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)		THE JOE & SAGE DOUGH Reno, Nevada <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)	
	Fred City Club Johnstown, Pa. 1978 <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)	<i>Happy Holidays</i> HERMAN MAPELLI <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)		SHELBURNE TV & APPLIANCE Ketchikan, Al. Phone 348-3884 <i>Ketchikan Straight Shot</i> (Black) (Holiday)	
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by Jim Gardner

small talk

My thanks to Al Halpern and Gary Fisher for being the leaders in the past of Beam miniature identification. Al has, as of December 1978, identified somewhere around 600 labels for the collector. The obvious limitation though in the previous method is that mistakes do get made in setting up an article.

Here we have provided a preliminary list of the 90 proof, 101 month black labels. Everyone can probably find two labels that are missing from the list. What I ask though is that you send me a Xerox copy of the label so that it can be identified exactly.

This method has been working well since the publication of my "End List" last June. We now have over 100 new labels to add to the already cataloged one thousand fifty-two Beam white labels. (Ed. note: this identification guide has appeared for sale in our classified pages for those of you who wish to have it.) This update will be printed in a future issue of MBC.

I am glad that Al showed in his value guide that almost all bottles are worth the same. We all get down to serious collecting that way. And, as far as green top, white top, gold top, pilfer proof top, screw top, etc., it seems Beam doesn't care what kind they use as evidenced by the bottles given away at the Chicago Convention.

See you in Houston. Beamingly,

--Jim--

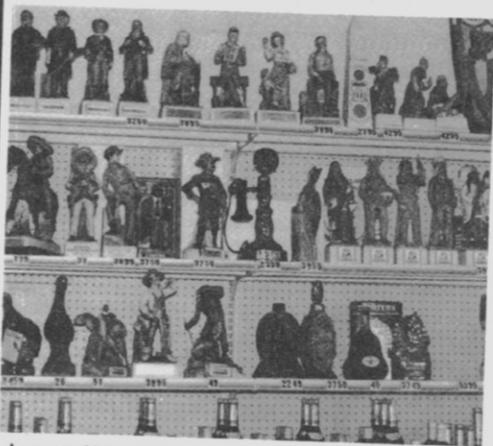


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--Ginny--



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The Search For Minis Across The U.S.

Back again. I guess some of you didn't make it to the end of the article last time. I mean the part where I asked for your help in filling in the unknown areas on our list (facingpage). The overwhelming response was limited to one letter... Vic Visalli wrote that New Jersey is as dry as a bone when it comes to minis. However, through the grapevine (eg. I know a person whose friend said that a good friend of her uncle's...) I did hear that Michigan sells wine miniatures now. C'mon, Wolverines, let's get that clarified.

Some of the responses we did get and which didn't fit in our Letters column on p. 2, stated they were very happy to see something like this which could be used as a reference point. One letter even came from Europe which said that the writer was re-evaluating his summer U.S. vacation plans to put him in line with more of the places he could buy bottles. Now that's what you've got to call devotion!

Since many of you readers live in Pennsylvania, you'll be interested to know that there is a movement afoot there to end the State control over liquor sales. That's right, the possible end of State Stores. And, of course, along with the end of any monopoly comes the opportunity to pass the laws which benefit the special interest groups. In case you hadn't looked, recently, we miniature collectors are a fairly potent special interest group... when organized. So, watch the headlines.

Finally, here's a repeat of some needed information. The asterisk (*) denotes that this is a control State. On-sale and off-sale are terms which refer to the places which sell liquor. On-sale usually refers to a bar, restaurant, etc. while off-sale generally means your local liquor store. For States which are listed as "Both on-sale and off-sale", this basically means there are no restrictions.

Regulations By State

1. *ALABAMA..... Special order by consumer, in bars.
2. ALASKA..... Both on-sale and off-sale.
3. ARIZONA..... On sale for consumption on premises.
4. ARKANSAS
5. CALIFORNIA..... Wine & Liqueurs only in 75 ml size.
6. COLORADO..... Off-sale only.
7. CONNECTICUT..... Cordials both on-sale and off-sale.
8. DELAWARE
9. DIST. OF COLUMBIA... On premise consumption.
10. FLORIDA..... On & off-sale in certain counties.
11. GEORGIA..... Airlines and Railway passengers only.
12. HAWAII..... Both on-sale and off-sale.
13. *IDAHO..... On special order by consumer.
14. ILLINOIS..... Off-sale.
15. INDIANA..... Both on-sale and off-sale.
16. *IOWA..... On special order by consumer.
17. KANSAS
18. KENTUCKY
19. LOUISIANA
20. *MAINE
21. MARYLAND..... Both on-sale & off-sale ex. Pr. George County.
22. MASSACHUSETTS..... Off-sale where not prohibited by local law.
23. *MICHIGAN..... Wine off-sale (?)
24. MINNESOTA
25. *MISSISSIPPI
26. MISSOURI
27. *MONTANA..... On special order in case lots only.
28. NEBRASKA
29. NEVADA..... Both on-sale and off-sale.
30. *NEW HAMPSHIRE
31. NEW JERSEY..... No miniature sales!
32. NEW MEXICO..... Both on-sale and off-sale.
33. NEW YORK..... Cordials and liqueurs only.
34. *NORTH CAROLINA
35. NORTH DAKOTA..... Both on-sale and off-sale.
36. *OHIO..... Wine, Spirits 42 proof and under, case lots.
37. OKLAHOMA
38. *OREGON..... Specialty stores off-sale only.
39. *PENNSYLVANIA
40. RHODE ISLAND
41. SOUTH CAROLINA..... On-sale only.
42. SOUTH DAKOTA..... To Military installations.
43. TENNESSEE..... Both on-sale and off-sale. local option.
44. TEXAS..... On-sale only.
45. *UTAH..... At Spec. stores located in hotels & rest's.
46. *VERMONT
47. *VIRGINIA
48. *WASHINGTON
49. *WEST VIRGINIA
50. WISCONSIN..... Both on-sale and off-sale, local option.
51. *WYOMING..... Both on-sale and off-sale.

The Club Report

Last time at the end of the column it was mentioned that a new club would possibly be forming in the midwest in the Chicago area. Well, looks pretty good! Just received a note from Jim Kruse which states the following: The organizational meeting of the Midwest Mini Collectors Club will be Saturday, April 14th at 7 pm on the upper level of the Playboy Club in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Hmm, the Playboy Club... that should certainly add a little zest to the proceedings!

The other midwest club (if indeed those in Michigan consider themselves to be midwesterners) is the Great Lakes Miniature Bottle Club and its last meeting was March 4th at the home of Dave and Shirley Hood in Brighton, Michigan. Haven't had a report on that meeting yet, but Jean Davis does a great job keeping their members up to date.

Pierre La Salle of the Club Mini Barman sent their latest newsletter and it appears that in French Canada things are going well. I know I certainly would enjoy being present at those tastings they're always having. On March 11, they were to have a program by the Remy Martin people.

Something to consider now. The Kiski Mini Bottle Club has become the first miniature club to affiliate with the Jim Beam International Association. I personally would love to see an International Association of just mini collectors some day. Anyone else have thoughts along those lines?

Now, and most importantly, the Del-Val Club will be having their Spring Mini Fair in Skippack as usual. It will be held the week after Easter which is Sunday, April 22nd. Once again it will be in Skippack at Bill Johnston's and I really envy those of you who are able to get there.

As usual, to keep you up to date, the club listings are as follows:

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Del-Val Miniature Bottle Club
11912 Templeton Drive
Philadelphia, PA 19154

Great Lakes Miniature Bottle Club
c/o Ms. Jean Davis
P. O. Box 245
Fair Haven, MI 48023

Kiski Mini Bottle Club
c/o Ms. Donna Fisher
Box 3 Freedom Road
Rochester, PA 15074

Lilliputian Miniature Bottle Club
c/o Mrs. Lee Weiss
5626 Corning Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90056

Northwest Mini Club of Portland
c/o Ms. Donna Nigg
38306 S. E. 10th St.
Washougal, WA 98671

Orange Country Miniature
Bottle Club
c/o Mr. Richard Francesconi
836 Carob Street
Brea, CA 92691

Club Mini Barman
c.p. 126 rosemont
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In our publications section this time, we have a new book by Oscar Getz. It's entitled *Whiskey* and is an American Pictorial History. For those of you who are unfamiliar with Mr. Getz, he became known in the 1930's as the foremost collector of "Whiskeyana". Through the years, he gathered momentos about the whiskey and distilling industry and then founded the Barton Museum of Whiskey History in Bardstown, Kentucky. If you can possibly visit the museum, it's definitely worth your time... as is this most delightful book by Mr. Getz. It's published by David McKay Company of New York and retails for \$12.95.

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NOTICE: Would like to contact miniature bottle collectors of ordinary miniatures in St. Petersburg/Clearwater/Bradenton/Sarasota, Florida areas. Have 600 different miniatures. Also have a small collection of decanters. Am interested in acquiring Lord Calvert Duck #1. R. Silvernail, (813) 546-1664.

WANTED: Any minis from Israel. Send list and prices. Will answer all letters. Randy Selnick, 3C Hemlock Dr., Bay Shore, NY 11706.

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WANTED: Foreign whiskies, you name it, I want it. Buy or trade, just let me know. David M. Spaid, Box 2161, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274.

WANTED: The following back issues of MBC: Vol 1 #2 March-April 1974, #3 May-June 1974; Vol II #1 Jan-Feb 1975; Vol. III #4 July-Aug 1976, #5 Sept-Oct. 1976. Please send price and condition with first letter. Jim Kruse, 3702 W. Lancer Road, Peoria, IL 61614.

WANTED: Will trade top Ski Country and old Garniers for old ryes, BCDC Dist., embossed silver dollar or old tequilas, gins, vodkas...or will buy. Please send lists to: Don Weichold, 15 Ray Mar, Saratoga Springs, New York 12866, phone (518) 584-3937.

WANTED: Miniature bottle collectors in the Chicagoland and surrounding area. Looking to start a mini club. Also looking for Lionstone mini sword swallower. Verne Brinker, 3510 So. 52nd Court, Cicero, IL 60650 or phone (312) 652-0553.

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