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Let's Talk

First of all, we know this one is late. It's the old "due to circumstances beyond our control" lament. So, if you've already written to complain, patience, patience.

Next, in the last issue there was a major goof. No gremlins at the printer's, we just forgot to include Al Manuel's name on the gin list. If you were wondering who did all the work on that excellent list, now you know!

I suppose one topic of conversation is the upswing in collecting. Having been quoted in an AP release which went to 3900 newspapers, the response was terrific. With the second day after initial publication, we began receiving inquiries at the rate of six to ten a day. Almost every letter had a paraphrase of the following: "We never knew anyone but us collected. . . and . . . you mean there are clubs we can join." Music to the ears, isn't it? Remember, talk it up, you just might meet a fellow collector.

All of our old standbys are back with us this time, even John Sullivan with a slightly different type of scotch list. In coming issues, we've quite a few articles lined up on both old and new bottles from Europe, Asia, and the U.S. For example, you'll soon be seeing the complete line of Otard Cognac from France.

Something all of you will find interesting is in "The Search for Minis" column this time. Turn to page 29 for details.

Have a good summer looking for bottles and don't forget a duplicate or two for your collecting friends. See you next time.

--DMS--

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Our Cover

The three bottles on the cover are the new Rose Collection from McCormick Distilling Co. of Weston, Missouri. This is a unique departure for McCormick which is certain to pay off. The bottles are beautifully done in both detail and coloring. Incidentally, the McCormick Train is still chugging our way and we'll have news of it very shortly. Meanwhile, enjoy the Rose Collection.

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WHAT'S NEW

Old, Odd, or Unusual

by James A.
Triffon

For a start of my article this month, I have four rare and very unusual bottles. I call them rare because I do believe these will be in very few collections in the United States. The bottles are from Johannesburg, South Africa, of Suncrush Ltd., and all four contain a soft drink. From left to right: Suncrush the 1000 Pound Drink, Lemonade, Ginger Ale, and Soda Water. The four are identical in size and shape, being 4 13 16" (12.3 cm) tall and 1 1/4" in diameter. They are clear glass with a series of embossed rings around the center third of the bottle. The capacity of these bottles is unknown, although I would guess it to be no more than two ounces. The labels on all four are painted on with the first three having red letters on a white background while the Soda Water has white letters on a black background.

How the bottles got here is quite an interesting story. They were sent from Rhodesia in the spring of 1978 but were seized by the customs' department as nothing other than letters were allowed to be sent to Rhodesia or received by U.S. citizens. Then a few months ago that restriction was lifted and about six weeks later the bottles arrived. They had been kept in bond all those months. Many people have had bottles seized, but this story had an unusually happy ending.

The next four bottles are new and currently available. From left to right are: Cuervo Almondrado, El Cuate Tequila from Spain, Stella d'Italia Liqueur from Italy, and Vaklova Liqueur

from Belgium. The first, Cuervo Almondrado Liqueur made with tequila, is produced and bottled by Heublein, Inc. of Menlo Park, California. The bottle is of a standard round shape, 4 1 2" high with the label being very unique. It is embossed copper and gold foil with the name Almondrado in white. The strength is 54 proof.

El Cuate Tequila is the next bottle. It's square, 4 9/16" tall, clear glass and very ordinary without the label. The capacity and proof are unknown. The label though is multi-colored with a caricature of a horseman wearing a huge sombrero, guitar on his back, riding off into the sunset of the desert.

My third bottle is unique in design of the clear glass and the label. It is an Italian import of Sambuca Liqueurs, 4 1 4" tall, 50 ml capacity and 84 proof. Embossed at the base of the bottle in back are the words "Toschi & Co. S. P.A." The label is multi-colored, predominantly gold and silver.

Last in line is a Belgium import of standard design and size, 4 1 2" tall. The contents are 80 proof, 50 ml, titled Pierre Smirnoff, Vaklova Liqueur. Again, the label is the colorful and unusual part of this product. The photograph cannot do this justice, as it is with the other bottles. The border of the label and all the lettering is in gold foil on a shaded green background. The word Vaklova is outlined lightly in a bright crimson. These four bottles are a colorful and unique addition to any collection.





And a good time was had by all! That in a nutshell pretty well sums it up for the first Mini Fair held in Chicago in April. Elsewhere in the magazine there's a personal thank you from the club but reprinted here is what Verne Brinker had to say in his newsletter.

"There isn't too much you can say about success, but we sure did it! I don't have any idea about how many bottles changed hands at the Fair, but by talking to sellers and buyers, the consensus was about 15,000 to 20,000 bottles. I can't say enough about the Fair. I sure don't know where to start thanking all the people who helped to make this mini Fair the success it was. All I can say is a BIG (mini) thanks to each and everyone who helped by donating time, items, the sellers, buyers, friends, guests, different clubs attending, and by just being there. Without you, the Fair would have been a big (not mini) flop.

"I would also like to thank the members who took time out to write or call me about the good reports we received from everyone. Also the article in the Chicago Sun-Times, and the Associated Press and WTAQ for helping us. I could go on and on. I would like to thank our Chairman, Jim Kruse, and the Committee of Steve Ziemek, Fred Kalve, Al and Linda Bernstein, Rich and



Rena Brinker and Eve Morini



David Spaid (seated) with Chairman Verne Brinker

Mary Ann Tobach, and Ralph and Linda Voris for presenting me with a beautiful plaque of our Fair logo. This was highly appreciated by me and my wife Rena. It will always be remembered.

"The M. M. B. C. will hold its second mini Fair April 10th and 11th in 1981 at the same place. More to follow.

"I just received a letter from Don Prosize about the successful Fair held the week after ours at Skipack. I'm sure glad to hear there are enough collectors to make both Fairs the success they were. Congratulations are in order!"



Left to Right: Mike Olson, Giuliano Pratolini,
Alessandro Carmgnini, Dr. Yoshihira Kashiwagi,
Jim Kruse(Fair Chairman)



One of the displays

Left: Bill Ukrainetz Right: Ed Wertheimer
Seated in front of Hoffman Display



KOBY'S

Kollectable Kolumn by Bob Koby



Just picked up a new batch of pictures that I hope you will like. A few more will follow in later issues.

When I first met the "Mayor of Irish Hills" in St. Joseph, Michigan, and naturally I'm talking about Mr. Pat McMullen, I was amazed at the amount of Old Mr. Boston minis in his collection. Though I never counted his bottles, I decided that eventually I would either catch up to him or maybe even pass him. In my original collection, I was fortunate in being able to accumulate 63 Old Mr. Boston bottles. However, in this latest find of mine, I ran across bottles that I had never seen before. Hope you'll enjoy the following pictures.

I hope that our editor can figure out how to place the many versions of

Brandy in order for the magazine. Just in case, I'll name them. They are: FINE BRANDY, GRAPE FLAVORED BRANDY, GINGER FLAVORED BRANDY, FIVE STAR BRANDY, WILD CHERRY BRANDY, PEACH FLAVORED BRANDY, APRICOT FLAVORED BRANDY and the last which is BLACKBERRY FLAVORED BRANDY.

In the following issues, I'll show you a few more of the CALIFORNIA WINES which are MUSCATEL and PORT. If any of you have any Old Mr. Boston minis, I'm certain you will realize the age of "SPOT BOTTLE WHISKEY" and especially the bronze label blended whiskey.

Have fun over the summer and more minis in the next issue. --R. K. --





TREASURES OF THE PAST

by Vic Visalli



Pre-prohibition whiskies are again the feature of one of my articles. They are an Old Ellis Club Whiskey and a Belle of Nelson Whiskey.

The Old Ellis Club is a clear flask with a glass and cork stopper. It was made in the spring of 1912 and bottled in the spring of 1916 by the Rathjen-Mereanfile Co. of San Francisco, CA. The label is sky blue with dark blue lettering and the words on the bottom "Bottled in Bond" are in red.

The Belle of Nelson is also clear glass and has a cork stopper. Made in the fall of 1910 and bottled in the fall



of 1916 by the Belle of Nelson Distilling Co., Nelson Co., Kentucky. This one was considered a very fine whiskey of its time. The very top of the label states "The Whiskey That Made Kentucky Famous." Under this statement reads that the whiskey was hand made sour mash. Pictures of the moon and stars are on this royal blue, gold, and white label, and a seal of quality is in the lower left hand corner.

Both whiskies are much sought after by collectors, especially the Old Ellis Club.

--V. V.--

A Visit To Boozeville

by Lloyd McLeod



The Boozeville Beavers Baseball team is warming up for the big game today. Each year they field a team of roughnecks from the local area. They are getting ready for the annual game with the Goldfield Gophers. One good thing about the sport is that it gets them out of the saloons and into the light of day.

Giveaway bottles like these shown here were given to some of the players by certain town team sponsors for winning games. Many of the sponsors were saloon keepers: they would buy these bottles from the traveling salesmen and add a shot of whiskey before giving them out.

The baseball bottle is 2 1/2 inches tall and has HENRY D. SONNEMAN/MEIER'S WINE CELLARS INC/CIN-CINNATI, OHIO printed in blue on the side. It is tan in color.

The baseball player bottle is a rare style. He is 5 1/2 inches tall and is wearing a white uniform with purple cap and socks, black shoes, belt, and bill of the cap. The crown mark is stamped on the bottom of this bottle.

Another baseball player bottle CA 7 "Have a Ball with Me" has the bat over his shoulder and is found more often than the one shown here. This one has "A HIGH BALL" embossed on the side.

Well, it's about time for the game to start. Boozeville has been waiting all year to get even with these guys as they were beaten by them last year. Now the sponsor is bringing out some of his finest booze to pass around. This is to get the boys started off correctly!

"Oh, thanks, don't mind if I do. Here's how!"

PLAY BALL!!

--L. M. --

THE SCOTCH LIST CAN YOU HELP?

by John Sullivan

As you probably know, during the past few years, I have published and updated, a list of scotch whisky brands available in miniature. In addition to extensive research of my own, many of you were of great help in supplying me with brand names. However, as happens many times, there are breakdowns in the system and words get misspelled, apostrophies are added or deleted, singular names are made plural or vice-versa and numerous other things go wrong. Understanding this, I have always tried to verify myself, every brand name on the list. By this I mean that I have tried to see in person or a photo, clearly showing the label, a bottle in miniature of every brand name on my list. I have been able to accomplish this task to a great degree, thanks to the tremendous help of my good friend, Tony Natelli, who I feel is the most knowledgeable person in this endeavor, and also the many others of you who took the time to drop me a note, send me a photo, or let me into your homes to have a look at your bottles.

This now brings me to the point of this article. I need your help again. Following is a list of the brand names that I have not been able to verify in person or by photo. Please, if any of you have any of the brands listed, drop me a line or send me a photo so that I can verify those brands. I am very pleased with the growing number of people who are collecting scotch minis. I had the opportunity to meet many of you at the Chicago Bottle Fair. Is there any interest among you scotch collectors to form a club just for scotch collecting? Let me have your comments.

--J. S. --

1. AILSA CRAIG
2. ALLANMORE
3. AVERY'S
4. BAGPIPE
5. BALMORE
6. BLACK LABEL
(not Johnnie Walker)
7. BLACK SEAL
8. BLACK SPECIAL
9. BLACK SWAIN
10. BLACK WATCH
11. BON ACCORD
12. BONNIE LASSIE
13. BRISTOL VAT
14. BURNETT'S
15. C & P SPEC. RESERVE
16. CAPTAINS TABLE
17. CARSON
18. CENTURY VAT
19. CHAFFINCH VATTED MAL
20. CHARLES STUART
21. CHRISTOPHERS
22. CLAN FRASER
23. CLAN GRANT
24. CLAN MACKENZIE
25. CLAN MACLEOD
26. CLASSIC
27. CRAIG CASTLE
28. CRAVEN'S
29. CRAWFORD & MURRAY
30. CROWN SEAL
31. CROWN THISTLE
32. DAVIS LAWSON ORIGINAL
33. DEEP RED LABEL
34. DEUCHER'S F. O. L.
35. DONALDS PERFECTION
36. DOUBLE CREST
37. DUFF
38. DUNFIFE
39. DUNTAY
40. EXTRA SPECIAL
41. FINCH'S
42. FORSYTHE'S BARLEY
MAID
43. FOUR HORSES
44. FRASER RED TARTAN
45. GLEESDALE
46. GLEN AFTON
47. GLEN CANNON
48. GLEN CATHRA
49. GLEN CORY
50. GLEN ESK

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| 51. GLEN FINNAN | 103. MELROSE | 154. RUSSELL'S |
| 52. GLEN FAIRN | 104. MENA DHU | 155. SALOON LIQUEUR |
| 53. GLEN GOWRIE | 105. MITCHELL'S | 156. SCOTCH CREAM |
| 54. GLEN LAGGAN | 106. MINSTER BLEND | 157. SCOTCH HEATHER |
| 55. GLEN EXTRA MALT | 107. MUNGAY | 158. SCOTCH KILT |
| 56. GLEN TILT | 108. MUSKETEER | 159. SCOTCH KING |
| 57. GLEN VANNON | 109. NORFOLK | 160. SCOTS' PIPER |
| 58. GOLDEN CREST | 110. O. E. SCOTCH | 161. SCOTTISH PEER |
| 59. GOLDEN DROP | 111. OFFICERS | 162. SIR JAMES DOUGLAS |
| 60. GOLDEN HEATHER | 112. OLD CAVALIER | 163. SIR WALTER THE |
| 61. GOLDEN RARE | 113. OLD CELLAR | ARISTOCRAT |
| 62. GOLDEN SCOT | 114. OLD CRAIG | 164. SPALDING'S |
| 63. GOLD SEAL SPECIAL | 115. OLD CRYPT | 165. STAG'S HEAD |
| 64. GOLD STAR | 116. OLD EIGHT | 166. STERLINI |
| 65. GOLD THIMBLE | 117. OLD FURY | 167. STRONG'S |
| 66. GRAND FARE | 118. OLD GREGORY | 168. STUART'S |
| 67. GREENALL'S | 119. OLD LOVAT | 169. TAPLOW |
| 68. GREEN'S | 120. OLD MALT | 170. TARTAN BLEND |
| 69. GREGSON'S | 121. OLD RETAILER | 171. THE CABINET |
| 70. HAMMER CLUB | 122. OLD SCOTCH | 172. THE FIFTY FIRST |
| 71. HEATHER ROSE | 123. OLD SKINNERS | 173. THE FORRES BLEND |
| 72. HIGHLAND SCOUT | 124. OLD TRAVELER | 174. THE HUNTING SQUIRE |
| 73. HIGHLAND WHISKY | 125. OLDE VAT | 175. THE LAIRD |
| 74. HUNTERS | 126. P & J CAMPBELL | 176. THE MCNEIL |
| 75. HUNTLEY ROYAL | 127. PETER BEATHIES | 177. THE NORTHERN ISLES |
| 76. ELISKA ("E" not "I") | 128. PETER GREEN | 178. THE OLD FISH |
| 77. INVERCAULD | 129. PETER MACKENZIES | 179. THE PRIDE OF SCOTLAND |
| 78. J & T | 130. PETER PRIME | 180. THE ROSS |
| 79. K30 | 131. PRIORITY DELUXE | 181. THE SCHIEHALLION |
| 80. KENT'S IMPERIAL | 132. PRIVATE CELLAR | 182. THWAITES LIQUEUR |
| 81. KING'S CUP | 133. PURPLE HEATHER | 183. TOP TEN |
| 82. LANCASTER'S | 134. R. O. L. | 184. TURNBULL'S FAVORITE |
| 83. LAUGHTON'S | 135. REAL MOUNTAIN DE' | 185. V. O. L. 20 |
| 84. LAURIES | 136. RED PLAID | 186. V. V. S. O. SPECIAL |
| 85. LENNOX | 137. RED ROVER | 187. VAT 5 |
| 86. LIFELINE | 138. REGENT | 188. VAT 10 |
| 87. LION BLEND | 139. RINTOUL | 189. VAT 14 |
| 88. LION CREST | 140. ROGER GRAYSON'S | 190. W. L. S. |
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| 92. MAC GIBBON | 144. ROYAL COURT MALT | 194. WEE TOOTIE |
| 93. MACKINTOSHES | 145. ROYAL GEORGE | 195. WHITE CROSS |
| 94. MACLEAY | 146. ROYAL MALL | 196. WHITE CROW |
| 95. MACLELLAN | 147. ROYAL MARSHALL | 197. WHITE RIVER |
| 96. MASON'S | 148. ROYAL LIQUEUR | 198. WHITE ROSE |
| 97. MC BRIDES | 149. ROYAL PRINCESS | 199. WILLIAM GRIGOR |
| 98. MC CALLEN | 150. ROYAL QUEEN | 200. WILLIAM WATSON |
| 99. MC CARTNEYS | 151. ROYAL ST. GEORGE | 201. WYPERS |
| 100. MC GOWAN | 152. ROYAL TOURNAMENT | 202. YELLOW SEAL |
| 101. MC NISH SPECIAL | 153. ROYAL VAT | |
| 102. MC WILLIAM | | |

NEW FROM



It's been some time since we've featured some modern Italian ceramics in these pages, so we're overdue. And, to get back in the swing of things, pictured are some truly cute new bottles which probably were first seen here in the U.S. when Giuliano Pratolini brought them to the show in Chicago.

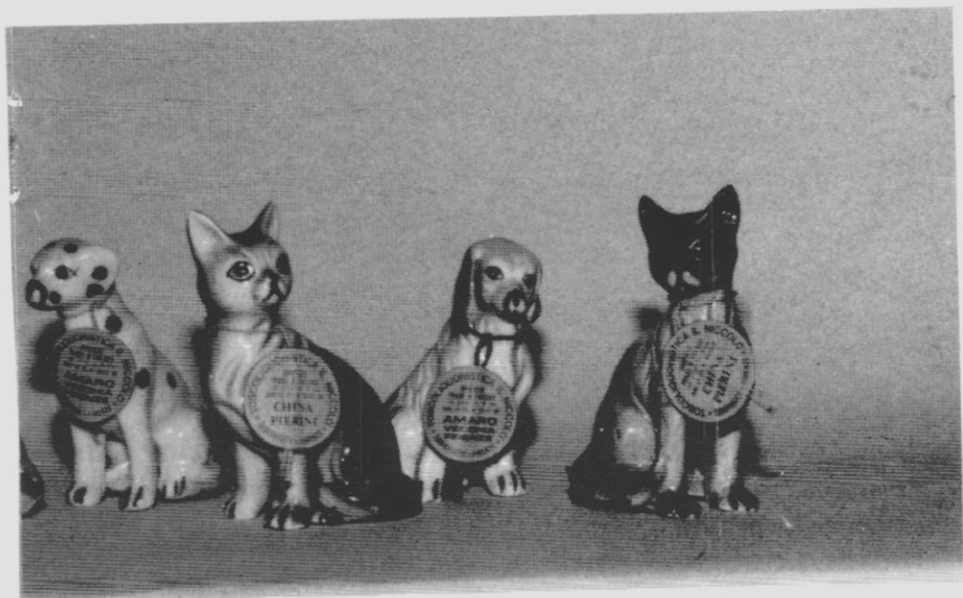
I don't really know if they should be called one huge set or group or a good many little groups. In any case, what you're seeing here amounts to only half of the bottles. There are eleven here and next time we'll picture the other twelve.

The brand name may be familiar to many of you as Liquoristica Niccolo has done quite a few bottles in the past. However, I would venture to say that these are the nicest so far. The bottles are all bottom filled and are done with extremely nice detail and coloring. All the bottles contain China Pierini or an old Amaro. Of the ones shown here, I personally am mighty partial to the dogs and cats.

More next time with some very, very clever little people.



OM ITALY





MINIATURE BEERS AND GO-WITHS

by Barbara Gaines





It's time to chat with all you mini beer collectors once again.

This time I'm all excited! What about? Well, nothing else but the mini beer book Miniature Beer Bottles & Go-Withs by Bob Kay. Just got mine at the mini bottle show in Chicago and already see beers I don't know about.

There are not enough words to say how great I think this book is. So much information is covered on just about anything you have been asking me. It's so great for all us older collectors and super for you newcomers too. I have had the pleasure of knowing Bob for several years and know a little of how hard he worked on this book (you too, Marilou). Many long hard hours. It's such a shame though that with all the work that the high cost of printing kept it from being in color. There are so many pretty mini beers.

Now, everyone, there are so many ways of putting this book to good use. Of course, you first need the book. Then start checking off the ones you already have. Boy, have I been surprised at the amount I don't have and I'm not even half way. There are so many with something different on them. We'll talk a little about them later in this article. It will be nice when everyone gets the book and all we'll have to say is: "I need OH-27" and so on instead of all that writing. For sure I will be taking my book with me wherever I go to make certain I don't miss a single one... that's if I'm lucky enough to find any!

What I would like to do (and for certain need all of your HELP, PLEASE). I would like to picture beers or whatever that Bob talks about and doesn't have pictured and some that he may

not have or that may be different in some way. If at all possible, take a picture of whatever you may have and send it to me.

Here now are a few we will talk about this time. The first three are from Taiwan and are Budweisers. The first Bob shows in his book as MO-39 p. 84. The second has the eight cities but has different writing altogether plus it says 12 fluid oz. The third has the same writing as the first but only has three cities. Also this bottle is a yellowish green in color and has a metal cap. The first ones coming from Taiwan all had metal caps before going to the plastic.

The next bottle is a Ballantine Extra Fine Beer which could be NJ-13 on p. 80 because mine has the cap missing. The fifth picture is simply the back side of the Ballantine. This is followed by a Ballantine blue stein candle (and mine is slightly melted).

Finishing up we have the Bud Man which is part of a salt and pepper set and quite pretty in color. The final item is a Bill's novelty. It's a Blatz white label 4" with the two salt cellers one on each side.

As of this writing I am in Washington picking up the motorhome. I'll be returning to Ohio the first of June. My first stop will be in Reno, then Lake Havasu City, Denver, Omaha, and on to Ohio. Sure wish I'll be lucky enough to find some nice beers.

The next time I sit at the typewriter I hope will be in Ohio. Good hunting to all as always. Oh yes, Bob, until I see you, "a job well done." THANKS from all of us.

--Barbara--

BEAUTIES FROM THE ORIENT

by Jim Triffon

The four "bottles" pictured here are very unusual and unique in size and design, the bottles themselves being true minis. The first three are from Japan, again demonstrating that flair for merchandising that is so outstanding. The first pictured is a Knight bottle from France of Marquis de Montesquiou Armagnac. It is 30 ml. in capacity, dark green frosted glass, and a flat shape. The bottle is permanently mounted in a bust of a knight made of plastic with a bronze look. The face plate of the hood will move up and down with very fine detail of metal plates, rivets, vents, etc. This piece is 4 3/4" high and 2 3/4" wide.

The next piece is a tilt stand holding a bottle of Remy Martin Cognac from France. Dark green in color and of frosted glass, it has a 45 ml. capacity. The stand is of plastic, dark brown, wood grain pattern and color. The four small round knobs holding this together are of turned brass. The stand tilts to pour, of course, and is 5 1/4" tall and almost 4" in total width.

The third piece is an Eagle covering a bottle of French brandy. The bottle is 30 ml. capacity, dark green in color and in frosted glass. The name L.

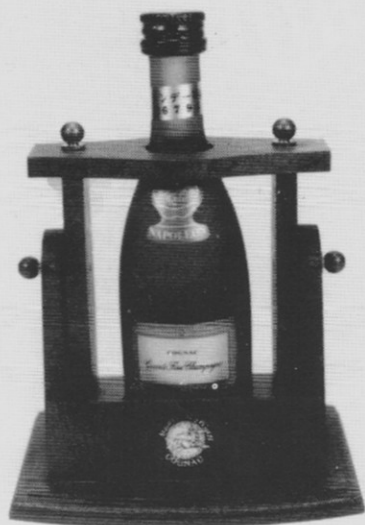
Dorville is on the label and is embossed on the base of the Eagle. This again is a molded plastic in a shaded bronze color. The detail and workmanship are magnificent. This is a miniature bottle, but large in size, being 5 1/4" tall and 4 1/8" wide.

The last one pictured is another of those remarkable pieces purchased in Singapore. The bottle is Bisquit VSOP Fine Champagne Cognac from France. It's dark green in color and has a 30 ml. capacity. It stands on a base of bright red plastic with a decal label Bisquit VSOP on the front. The mermaid is another imposing piece of work in plastic, with a bright shiny gold finish and great detail. This is also rather large in size, measuring 5 5/8" wide and 4 1/2" high.

These four pieces and many others I have described in previous articles, I would class as figurals, but only because of the lack of a better name. I personally am delighted to have them in my collection, as they are true conversation pieces and attention getters. If you readers ever travel to the Orient, look for these and others. I think you'll be very pleased with them.

Until next time...

--J. T. --

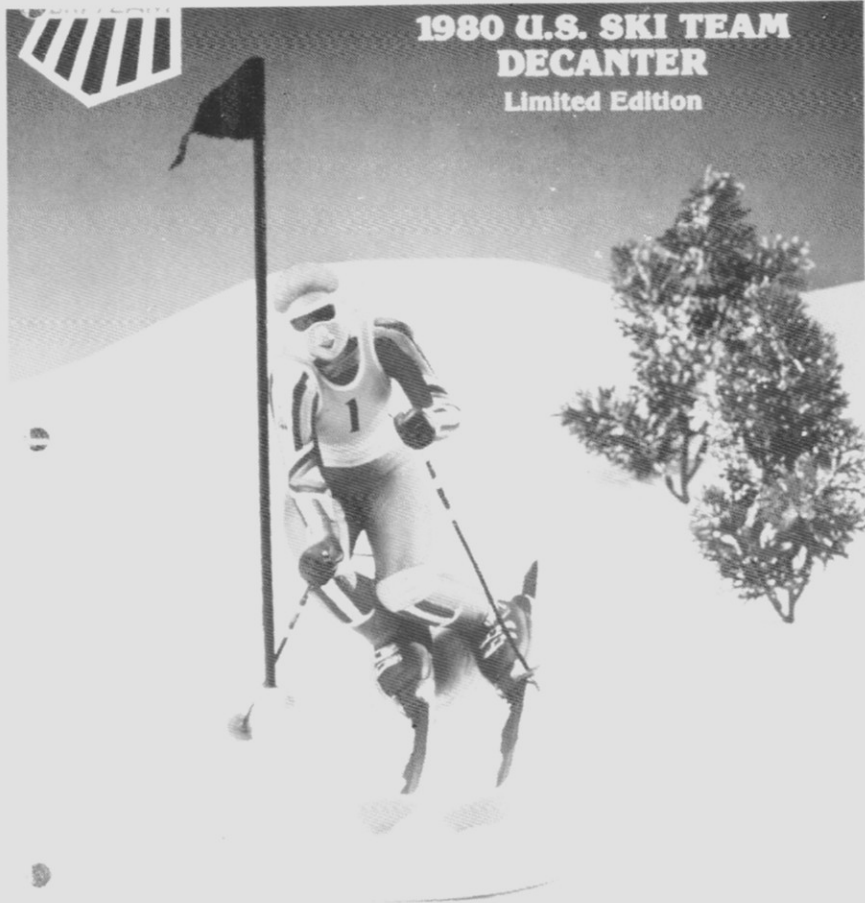


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Just in case this gets in in time to make it to the printer, I'll tell you a little bit about the new bottles that have come in. Just found out that the Elk, Olympic Skier, Canada Goose Family, and Buffalo Dancer are in. Sent a note and some pictures earlier, so this may not make it.

Have been away on a month's vacation...pure vacation. The only place I saw bottles was in Bermuda so I brought back a few straights. They get heavy to carry so I didn't bring back too many.

The Easter Seals bottle didn't make it, and I didn't find out anything about it. I just know there was a problem with breakage, but those that make it should be great. It's great to be back to the typewriter, but really did enjoy my time away.

For those of you who may be traveling to the Estes Park area of Colorado this summer, don't forget the Longhorn Liquor Mart, 1640 Big Thompson Avenue. This is a great place to find figurals and straights. That's all for now. See you in August. --R. J.--

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The Search For Minis

Good news! The uphill battle continues, but progress is made. Legislation was passed recently in two States to make minis legal. In New Jersey they became legal just a few weeks ago and in California they will be legal on Jan. 1, 1981. Remember, it's usually the wholesalers who don't want them (not all, by any means as there are many who realize the potential and cater to the liquor stores and collectors) so if you're in New Jersey or California, talk it up.

I now want to reprint part of an article which appeared in the last excellent Del-Val Club bulletin. This is something of which you should all be aware.

"The liquor laws of the State of California provide that only a person holding a California state liquor import license may pay the customs duty and internal revenue tax on the quantity in excess of 1 liter when entering the U. S. through the state of California.

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"On their most recent trip to the Orient, Herman Hoffman and gorgeous wife Elaine ran afoul of the above law upon their return to the U. S. via Cal-

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"When Herman opened some of his bags and the agency saw the miniatures, he would not take into account that Herman was a collector and the business manager of our club. He totaled the contents of the bottles and destroyed 151 of the minis by breaking the seals and pouring the contents down the drain. He gave Herman the empties back. Despite Herman's pleas that he be allowed to pay the duty on the bottles and keep them intact, the agent adhered to the letter of the law and said, 'No way, buddy.' Even when the agent got down to the last few bottles he wouldn't heed Herman's plea to let those few slide by."

The moral of the story is, know the port you're returning to. Texas is another horrendous example. Don't try to bring anything into Texas from Mexico. If you do go to the Orient, make certain you stop in Honolulu to clear customs there as there will be no problem. You may be in line for hours, but you'll retain your bottles!

The Club Report

Well, April was certainly the banner month for minis and all of us. Of course, by now everyone knows about the Chicago Show (see article elsewhere) and the equally successful one a week later in Skippack. It's shows such as these which really gladden the hearts of true collectors and the enthusiasm always is catching.

We have a new club now to add to the list. I recently heard from one of our European correspondents with the news of the U.K. club. It's headquartered in Middlesex, England, and you can get the name and address from the adjacent column.

As far as other foreign clubs go, still no more word from Norway or Japan, but as usual, Pierre La Salle's Club Mini Barman seems to be as active as ever. Their last two meetings until this fall were held in April and May. The March 17th meeting featured a tasting of Haig Scotch with 155 members in attendance. Now, that's a good showing.

The big Tenth Birthday get together for the Lilliputian Club in Southern California is moving ahead full steam. Details will be in the next issue for those out of the area who can possibly make it.

For those of you in the Midwest, the next meeting of the Great Lakes Mini Club will be on June 22nd at 1:00 pm at 8606 Ira Road, Fair Haven, Michigan. Hopefully Pat McMullen will be up and at 'em for this one. Sorry that you've been under the weather, Pat, and also sorry all those AP articles insist on calling you Mr. McMillan!

No news whatsoever from the Kiski Mini Bottle Club, The Northwest Club in Portland, or the Orange County Club. C'mon, folks, let us know what's in the offing so we can pass it on to everyone and build that club spirit!

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