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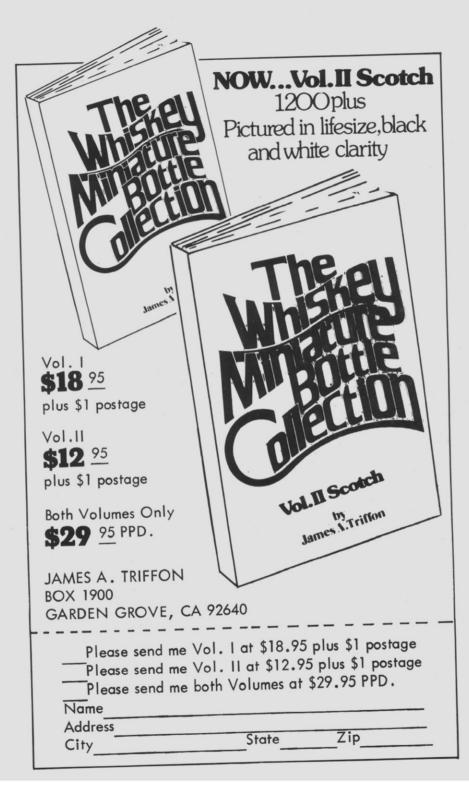
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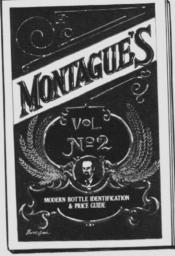
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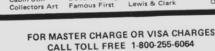


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## Let's Talk

Here it is almost Fall already. Hope so far it's being a good bottle year for you. I hear a lot of collectors complaining that all the good bottles are drying up and you just can't find them any more. Well, 'tain't so, you just have to get smarter and, as always, persevere!

Last time we had the Royal Wedding miniatures on the cover and the response I've heard has been incredibly good. Everyone wants to know how and where to get one. I can't tell you if they'll be available in the U.S. within a few weeks or so, but I can tell you that they'll definitely be available at the show in New York (see p. 4). Also, another company got in on the act. Bell's Scotch has issued a miniature Bell's Bell in white china with the official portrait on it. This one so far though has only been issued in the UK.

This time we have the first column by Mr. Joseph Levesque of Oklahoma City, OK. I'm certain you'll find it as interesting as I do. Next time Jim Triffon will be back (now that his book is finished) and he'll again tell you 'What's New!" Also, hopefully Connie Avery's article on the new Garnier miniatures will be ready.

For you puzzle nuts, we've included another one this time on p. 25. The answers are below...no peeking now!!

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#### Our Cover

The cover this issue features three of the new Hoffman Doggies. This is from a set of six with the other three being: "Fanny" Fox, "Scotty" Terrier, and "Terry" Terrier. They are all 50 ml bottles and each has its own music box. Also issued recently by Hoffman are a set of six cats: "Sammy" Siamese, "Tillie" Shorthair, "Terry" Tiger, "Suzie" Siamese, "Perry" Persian, and "Tom" Cat!

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## EAU-DE-VIE

FROM ALSACE, FRANCE

#### by Joesph Levesque

It is often said that Cognac is Brandy, but not all Brandy is Cognac. I'll go one step further: Cognac and Brandy are Eau-de-Vie, but not all Eau-de-Vie are Cognac and Brandy. Confusing?...
Not really.

For the most part, Eau-de-Vie are fruit Brandies distilled in pot stills from the fermented mash of fruits. Like all distillates, they are dry and colorless. The color of Cognac and Brandy is gained by aging in wood, and sometimes with a little caramel added. Eau-de-Vie is not meant to have any color; it is the degree of scent and flavor that counts. Actually Eau-de-Vie falls in the category of a Deluxe product

Eau-de-Vie was known way before Christ, then used as medicine in the middle ages, hence the name: Water of Life. Today, the French Government will not allow claims to medicinal properties, but occasionally you will find the word DIGESTIF on labels.

Knowing that the Alsace region of France is known to have the finest Eaude-Vie in the world, I decided to spend a week's vacation there this year. It is said that a true collector will travel anyplace to find new bottles. My trip was very rewarding, since I found a real gem. Deep in the Vosges Mountains, NUSBAUMER DISTILLERIES produces a series of 21 different mini Eau-de-Vie with a most attractive antique effect label, of course, true miniatures of full size bottles. I consider myself fortunate to have found this series, since they are absolutely unavailable in this country, and rare even in Europe. And I even brought a few extras for my friends. These are the kind of find that makes a trip worthwhile and enjoyable.

Alsacian Eau-de-Vie are sold throughout the Common Market, usually in exclusive wine boutiques, but very little is exported to the U.S. At least one producer, DOLPHI, has a distributor in the U.S. Due to its labor intensiveness and high cost of production, I have



BAIES DE HOUX, from NUSBAUMER Probably the rarest Eau-de-Vie in France. I have found only one Distillery producing this item this year. Made from handpicked wild holly berries, the standard size of 0.70L sells for \$65.00.







noticed a tendency of some producers to eliminate certain brands of minis from the market.

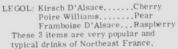
For the most part, the mini bottles have the same form or shape of the full size long neck flute bottles of Alsace. Even though the minis may not be flamboyant, the contents may be very rare and have special value, and are always true to labels. That is why I place great value to the contents of French

minis. French label laws are stringent. Production, distillation and bottling is all strictly supervised by Govt, inspectors. (The Govt, wants its taxes.) They have padlocks & seals on every still and at production time an inspector is present each day. In the off season, when there is no activity, the inspector will still come by at least every other day.

Every distillery lays claim to its own









secret method, or age old recipe, etc. And, these beverages are made in every conceivable or imaginable flavor from cultivated or wild fruits, herbs, plants, seeds, roots, herbs, bourgeons, leaves or whatever. I have personally counted

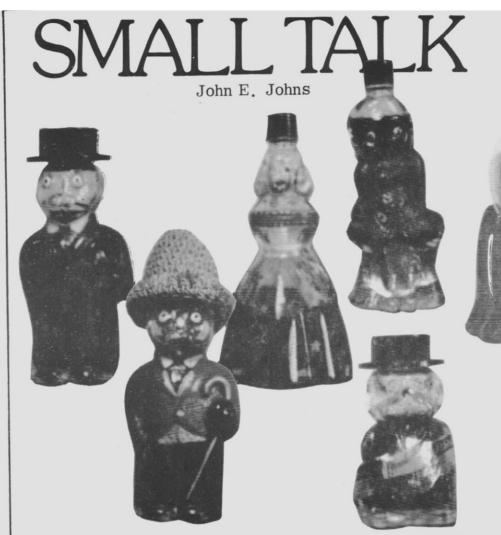






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over 36 different KINDS (not labels) of Eau-de-Vie from Distilleries located in a 70 mile stretch on Alsace. IMAG-INE, it would be comparable to finding 36 different KINDS of Whiskey in a 70 mile stretch of Kentucky.



Greetings! This month I am showing another group of Manhattan figurals from my collection.

In picture #1 the first two bottles are called The Sultan. The first, painted red, has a plastic replica of a straw hat while the other, painted blue, has a knit hat. I have heard that the Sultan also comes with a sombrero. Next is the Lady Queen followed by Betty Boop (also called the Fan Dancer) and finally, Bozo the Dog.

In the second picture there is a replica of a cocktail cart. This is made of brass and holds five different cordials. The cart comes with a lock and key...just like the real thing. Next to the cart is a glass Port Wine Barrel with its own brass spigot. The whole thing rests in a brass stand.

In the final picture, we have the glass-domed clock, the palm tree and the floor lamp with shade. These three pieces are very rare, particularly the clock. The floor lamp is most interesting because three different bottles represent the lamps or bulbs and come into view when the lamp chain is pulled.

I hope everyone has enjoyed seeing these pieces. Next time I'll continue with more interesting Manhattans.

--J. E. J. --



## MINIATURE BEERS

by Bob Kay

Since I live close to Chicago, I have become particularly interested in the history of the early Chicago Breweries and in collecting Breweriana (beer advertising items) from Chicago. Mini beers were one of the many ways used to advertise beer after the repeal of Prohibition in 1933 until competition in the beer business brought about lean times and less advertising money for the small brewers.

About 25 breweries opened up in Chicago after Prohibition; to date, 26 different mini beers have been found from eleven different breweries in Chicago. These minis span the years from 1933 to 1956 -- thus they are about 25 to 48 years old. Like antiques, their value

is constantly increasing.

The Ambrosia, Nectar and Frederick's pictured are three of the early, scarce and highly desirable mini beers from Chicago. All three had decal labels and came with aluminum snap-on salt or pepper caps on 4 1/4 inch bottles with Owens-Illinois Glass Company markings embossed on the bottom. The Ambrosia and Nectar were from the Ambrosia Brewing Co. (1937 to 1958). These were a salt and pepper pair; neither had neck labels. The Frederick's 4 Crown Lager Beer is from Frederick Bros., Inc. a Chicago beer distributor. These are circa 1940-41 bottles and everyone agrees that they are really super.

The Manhattan Pale Dry Beer is from the notorious Manhattan Brewing Company (1893-1947) which had numerous underworld connections during and after Prohibition. It's a decal label on a 4 1/4 inch Muth bottle with a salt or pepper cap. The Topper and Koenig Brau are both from the Bis-







mark Brewing Co. (1933-1941). Both are decal labels on 3 inch bottles without obvious markings on the bottom. All are circa 1940 bottles and all three are highly desirable additions to any collection; the Manhattan and Topper

are especially hard to find.

The Canadian Ace Beer paper label is found on either 4 1/4 inch green-glass Owens-Illinois bottles or on 4 1/4 inch brown or amber bottles -- usually with Bill's markings. These were from the Canadian Ace Brewing Co. (1947-1968) which was the successor to the Manhattan Brewing Co. As its successor, Canadian Ace seemed to continue the underworld image of the infamous Manhattan Brewing Co. The Canadian Ace bottles are circa 1948.

Two different Meister Brau labels were produced. The first was a paper label (circa 1948) and is found on 3, 4, and 4 1/4 inch bottles; the 4 1/4 inch version is rare. The second (circa 1952) is a foil label and is found on both 4 and 4 1/4 inch bottles. These are from the Peter Hand Brewery Co. (1890 to 1967). They were produced by Bill's although as usual, the 3 inch bottles show Muth markings on the bottom.

The fine print on the Drewerys Beer label says "Drewerys Ltd., U.S. A. Inc., Chicago, Ill." (1941-1966). In Chicago, Drewerys beer came with a Drewerys Mountie chalk "back-bar" piece. The label says "contents one quart". It is a decal label on a 4 1/4 inch Bill's bottle with a solid crowncap with a design on it. Similar bottles show a South Bend, Indiana address. As far as I know, the decal Drewerys bottles only came on the various Mountie statues; however, it's not uncommon for collectors to remove them

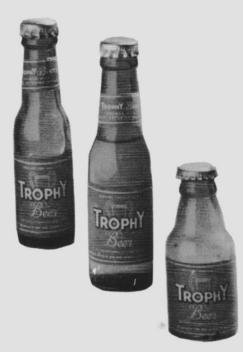


from the statues for their collections.

Next is a series of Prager, Tavern Pale, Trophy and Edelweiss bottles. All are paper labels, circa 1950 on 3, 4 or 4 1/4 inch bottles. All were produced by Bill's thus they may have either solid crown-caps (sometimes with water contents) or salt or pepper caps. Because of the possibility of liquid contents, all contain fine print which says, "does not contain beer". Prager Beer is from the Atlas Brewing Co. (1896-

1962); Tavern Pale is from the Atlantic Brewing Co. (1933-1965); Trophy is from Birk Bros. Brewing Company (1891-1950) and, Edelweiss is from the Schoenhofen Edelweiss Co. (1935-1971). These bottles are found more easily than the others.

Of course, this study includes only the mini beers from Chicago after the repeal of Prohibition (post-Pro). My book, Miniature Beer Bottles & Go-Withs, lists six pre-Pro minis from





Chicago, and more have since been found. The pre-Pro mini beers, especially with labels still intact, are so elusive there is no telling how many existed during their heyday around the turn of the century.

All told there were more than 200 breweries in Chicago, a city rich in brewingtradition. It's sad to think that in 1978 the last operating brewery in Chicago closed its doors. Thank goodness we still have our mini beers as evidence of the good old days!

'Til next time. -- Bob Kay--

#### MINI BOTTLE NEWS!

A large quantity of 1955 Bill's mini beer labels were recently discovered in an old printer's stockroom. Virtually all of the circa 1955 foil labels found on Bill's bottles were discovered. Labels from the following bottles were among those found:

Eastside	CA-13
Falstaff	CA-15
Goebel	MI - 9
Grainbelt	MN-15
Hamm's	MN-22
Schmidt	MN-23
Ballantine	NJ-10
Schaefer	NY-26
Duquesne	PA- 7
Blatz	WI -31
Gettleman	WI -34
Gettleman	WI -35
(a paper label)	
Pabst	WI -52
High Life	WI -61
Fox Head	WI -95
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These labels currently are a hit with collectors, but they also offer the opportunity for application to any and all types of miniature collectibles with representation as "olde" or rare. So be forewarned.

Irv Kennedy reports the discovery of a previously unknown Senate mini beer. It's a completely different design from the 4 inch bottle pictured in Miniature Beer Bottles and includes a neck label. The label is a decal on a 4 1/4 inch Muth, circa 1936 bottle according to Irv's info. I'd love to get a picture of it. Can anyone out there confirm this bottle and produce a picture?

July 1981 --



I just found out that the Eagle on the Water mini is now available. I think possibly a few places might have ended up short on their orders as there were only 1400 made because of all the problems with breakage. When you look at those wings, you can easily see why. But no matter how many are available, if you're on the ball, you'll get one! Rumors can always start a run on any bottle, but when there's one as excel-

lent as this one, even rumors aren't needed for them to disappear quickly. Look what happened to the 750 ml size of this one. The price is already up and the price on this mini is bound to rapidly climb, also.

Next out should be the Stone Sheep and then the Wolf Dancer. However, I can't really say when. The Wolf Dancer in 750 ml size is an exclusive in the State of Arizona for sixty days, then



the rest will go nationwide. And, if the past is any indication, this one (in both sizes) will disappear almost overnight.

Getting away from our favorite bottles for a moment, many of you know Mr. Pat McMullen of St. Joseph, MI. Well, Pat had the bad luck to have two glass shelves collapse and many of his favorite nips were broken or damaged. Certainly hate to think of the Majestic Eagle, Osprey, and lots of others being on one of those shelves. I guess the lesson is, don't keep too many on one

shelf. Sympathy is certainly in order for Pat...hope the bottles can all be replaced.

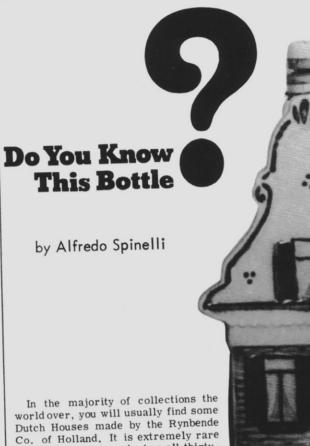
Of the new releases, I especially like the Merganser with her little babies and that Prairie Falcon which is another beautiful bottle. Look for that one to join the endangered species list for collectors. In short, just try to find one now.

More next time and maybe a look at that new Christmas bottle. --R.J.--

## Ski Country Guide

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- 2. SNOWY OWL
- 3. PEACOCK
- 4. GILA WOODPECKER 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)
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- 38. WOOD DUCK
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- 105. FOX FAMILY
- 106. GREAT SPIRIT
- 107. WYOMING BRONCO
- 108. PEREGRINE FALCON
- 109. WIDGEON 110. NEAR MISS
- 111. RIVER OTTER
- 112. EAGLE DANCER -113. U.S. SKI TEAM
- 114. CANADA GOOSE FAMILY
- -115. ELK
- 116. BUFFALO DANCER
- 117. MEADOWLARK 118. BULL RIDER
- 119, WOOD DUCK PLAQUE 120. EASTER SEAL EAGLE
- -121. DALL SHEEP
- 122. DESERT SHEEP
- 123. RUFFED GROUSE
- 124. MALLARD 1981 125. BOBCAT
- 126. BADGER
- 127. BARRED OWL PLAQUE
- 128. PRAIRIE FALCON
- 129. MERGANSER



to find a collector who has all thirtysix of those houses. However, it is even more rare to find a collection with this (pictured) dutch house. This one contains Gin and was made by J. G. Cooymans & Zoon of Holland, I do not know the age of the bottle; however, it --A.S. --

is very old.

## Sassano & Pagani



A couple of issues back, we ran an article on the new bottles from Sassano & Pagani of Italy. We recently received more pictures but no information what so ever. Therefore it is impossible to tell if the two jugs are glass or ceramic. And, likewise whether the three plates are plate-bottles. However,

since Sassano & Pagani does produce liquors and bottles, it would seem highly unusual if these three plates were not decanters. What we can tell you is that they are extremely attractive with multi-colored designs in the center and gold trim around the edges.



#### by Vic Visalli

Featuredthis month is a pre-prohibition whiskey with a very interesting label. This Official Souvenir was Bottled in Bond from the George Baker Distillery, Frankfort, Kentucky. The label is predominantly off-tone black and grey with some bold red letters, almost giving a "lithograph" appearance. This rather uncommon whiskey is made of clear glass with its standard of quality....its trademark being a twisted cross or swastika. This corker has its revenue stamp ripped just enough so only the first half of the date is showing; however, I would guess it's around 1912.

A Jesse Moore Deluxe Blended Whiskey is next, blended and bottled by The United Distillers (of America) Ltd. of Baltimore, Maryland. This bottle is not impossible to get; however, it is not exactly common. The "swirl" design of the glass as well as the beige and orange label with black and red lettering gives this bottle an attractive touch. A man with a wide brim hat holding a shotgun is apparently sitting in a stagecoach. The Maryland "stamplike" tax stamp, visible on the front, bears a comptroller's name of J. Millard Tawes, which indicates that the bottle is dated 1939-1947. This name also appears during the years of 1950-1959. However, due to its general appearance, I doubt that this bottle originated in the '50's.

Until next time.... --V.V.--





## MEET THE COLLECTOR: Emil Wisniewski

MEET THE COLLECTOR this time journies to New York where we meet Mr. Emil Wisniewski. As is easily seen from the pictures, Emil is one very busy collector. But let's hear about his collection in his own words.

"When I was ten years old, I was collecting miniatures of figurines in winter and summer scenes. I still have them after 56 years. However, it was when Prohibition was over that I got my first miniature bottles. I went into a liquor store and bought a Central Park and a Greenwich Village Blackberry Flavored Brandy.

"The pictures shown here were taken when I had 4500 bottles in my collection. Since then I have collected about two hundred more. Most of the bottles are on single shelves and behind glass. The showcases on the floor are ten inches deep and I built them myself as I am a carpenter.

"Beside all the bottles, I also collect casino dice from all the casinos and I now have about 250 pair. And, I have many wines, mugs, shot glasses, and all sorts of jugs hanging from the ceiling.

"Pictures give you an idea of what I have; however, you really have to see it to believe it. As far as I know, there is nothing like it."

Emil, from looking at your pictures, we can believe that. And, it's really nice to see someone who enjoys so many bottles...and collections!







## **CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

#### **ACROSS**

- 1. German river
- 4. Cut quickly 8. Arctic settlement
- 12. North American indian
- 13. River in U.S.S.R.
- 14. Girl in "Damn Yankees"
- 15. Rumple Minze, Peppermint \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Chateaux Paulet \_\_
- 18. Singer Horne
- 19. Chivas Regal
- 21. Ricard \_\_\_ Aperitif 23. Horseman's goads
- 24. Baltic native 25. Snapshot
- Mancha Ponche,
- Spanish Brandy
- \_\_\_ Tequila 29. Mattingly & \_\_\_\_, Bourbon 30. Hobo
- 31. Paul Etter
- 32. Mark of omission 33. Plant with grapes on it
- 34. Corrodes
- 35. A liquor measure 36. Minenotsuyu, Ohara or
- Takara 38. Beef fat
- 39. Wine barrel
- 40. \_\_\_ Irish ( Irish Coffee Liqueur
- 45. What G.I.s called "French
- leave" 46. Turmeric
- \_s Tequila
- 47. Silver \_\_\_\_\_
- 49. Bashful

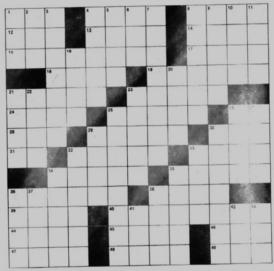
#### DOWN

- 1. Feminine suffix
- Robbie, 6 Star Scotch
- 3. "Beer that made 'Milwaukee famous"

- Akvavit Liqueur 5. Famous California wine-
- making Valley 6. Imported, abbr.
- Scotch Whisky
- Scotch Whisky
   Tequila, Margarita or Coffee Liqueur: 2 wds.
- 9. Civil wrongs
- 10. Actor Guinness
  11. Meat dish from leftovers
- 16. Cozy place

- 20. Pretty 21. Flor D'. . Italian Liqueur
- 22. Tidy
- 23. Footwear
- 25. Country importing La Gosta and Lancer's
- 26. Leash for hawks 27. \_\_\_ Picon Liqueur
- 29. Benchmark Sour
- 30. Dekuyper Orange \_

- 32. Type of clock
- 33. Scene , blended 34. Four
- Whiskey 35. Soothes
- 36. Old English poet
- 37. Robust Gin Fizz
- 38. \_\_\_ Gin 41. Wonder
- Ching Liqueur 42. Chu \_
- 43. Speak



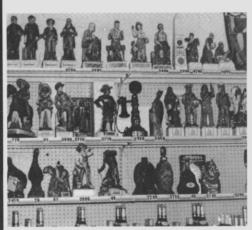
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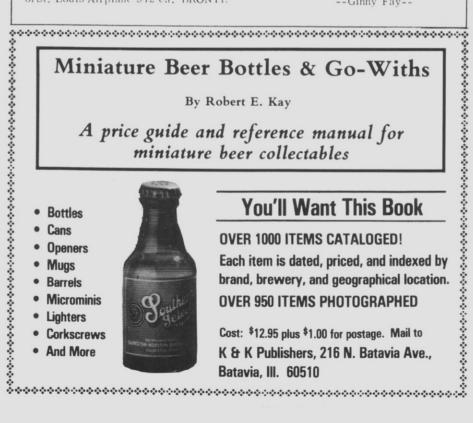
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-- Ginny Fay--



## The Club Report

A good deal has happened since this column was last run. By now the get together of the Northwest Mini Club of Portland is past history. Certainly do hope all went well and that it was a greattime for all. And, possibly if we are lucky, someone will send us a little write up and some pictures.

Many of you also know about the 1982 (it's never too early to start planning) show and sale of the Lilliputian Club in Los Angeles. You'll find out more next time, but mark Saturday, Feb. 13th, as the first ever miniature show

in Southern California.

Of course, the big news for these two months are the two shows back East. This month sees the second annual get together of the Northeast Mini Bottle Club in New York City while next month will be the semi-annual show and sale of the Del-Val Miniature Bottle Club in Skippack, PA. For further details, consult pp. 4 and 5.

Since this column has always listed book news, there are a few choice tidbits for you this time. Jim Triffon's second volume (on Scotch Whisky) is now at the printer's which means that it will be available before you receive this issue. One small note here, if you're putting off ordering for some reason, be aware that the cost of volume II will go up at the time of publication as the \$12.95 price tag was a pre-publication offer.

Some of you are aware of the books which have been done in Italy over the last few years. Well, another volume was released late last year but I still haven't seen it yet. As soon as we have more news, you'll find it out here.

Finally, just got word that there is to be yet another volume in the Kovel Price Guide series. Might it not be a splendid idea if a few of you wrote them about how unrealistic the miniature prices often are? This is an excellent guide but with a few problems in the miniature department.

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