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## Let's Talk

Here we are, year nine! The world of miniatures has certainly been changing over the years and I believe mostly for the better. The negative aspects of higher prices, occasional fake bottles, and the disappearance of some brand names is more than offset by the clubs, publications, enthusiasm, and most definitely shows which the clubs have held.

And, speaking of shows, take a good look at the ads for the shows on pp. 4 and 5. There should be another ad for the Skippack show in March as the next issue will be too late. Anyway, it's the semi-annual Del-Val get together and it's on Sunday, March 28th.

Now, take another good look at the ad on page one. This is surely not to be missed if at all possible. For collectors of all size bottles, this new group is assuredly a boon and actually long overdue. It's taken work, expense, time and you name it. My personal plug here...every collector should support this group...it's in every collector's best interest. The key is: NO ONE DISTILLERY WILL CONTROL THINGS. Pardon the editorial but it's long overdue, also!

Looking at the contents this time, we're once again chock full (no nuts, either). Joe Levesque has two very interesting articles, John E. Johns is back with more "small talk", and Frank Gerlach reports from Germany on Whisky/Liqueurs in the first of several articles.

The Club Report goes from one to three pages and even with the expansion not everything is there that should be. Some of the clubs we just never hear of. In any case, 1982 looks to be a big year for the clubs and collectors alike.

See you next in March!

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### Our Cover

The bottles on the cover this time are most unique and certainly difficult to obtain...unless, of course, you happen to have a friend in Norway. You can read all about them and several others in the article on page 16 which was originally written for the new Norwegian Club by its founder, Fred J. Osther. It appears that in Northern Europe, it isn't easy to be a collector!

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## LARSEN COGNAC

by Joe Levesque

The Charente region of France, where all Cognac originates, was invaded by the Vikings several times in the ninth century. Thus the Vikings got to know the western coast of France almost as well as their own country. As more peaceful days came along in the centuries that followed, Norwegian merchants came to the Charente region to purchase salt to preserve their cod and herring. and later to purchase wine and Cognac for the Scandinavian countries.

In 1919, a descendant of the Vikings of old came to the city of Cognac looking for a job. Jens Reidar Larsen went to work for an old established Cognac firm called Prunier. A few years later in 1926, he decided to start his own Cognac firm, much to the surprise and sneers of the local population. There were too many old established firms doing business to take this foreigner seriously. (This same attitude holds true today.) But Larsen and his French born wife persevered and established a business which expanded from year to year. From the beginning, Larsen concentrated on exports to the Scandinavian countries where his name and the quality of his product provided immediate customer recognition.

As a Cognac firm, Larsen is considered very young. However, in its 55 years of existence, the company has shown a steadily increasing trend, exporting now to over 55 countries. Jens Larsen passed away in 1980, but the firm is still privately owned and managed by the Larsen family. Larsen is now numbered among the top 10 Cognac firms as far as the export volume is concerned.

Larsen produces 5 different categories of Cognac in 3 cl miniatures as shown here. They are: Special, VSOP, Napoleon, TVFC and the Larsen Extra. All their labels have the picture of a Viking Ship which is the Larsen trademark. The Viking ship also ap-



pears on top of the screw cap.

A few years ago, Larsen introduced the Drakkar Invincible ship decanter which became popular throughout its distribution market. This beautiful, gift-boxed ship decanter is available in the standard 50 cls size, and in the 5 cls miniature version. The miniature was produced in clear glass; in a second frosted glass version, and in genuine Limoges porcelain. Recently the frosted glass version was discontinued.

After the Drakkar Invincible ship decanter became such a good seller,



## **A Tour Of Germany**

by Frank N. Gerlach







After a long time working hard on my new home, I finally have found time to tell you more about the German Whisky market. In my collection, I have some rare and old German Liqueur miniatures which I'm sure you've never seen before.

Beginning in the North of Germany in the Habourtown Eckernfoerde is the Waldeman BEHN company. They marketed some Whisky-liqueurs. The distillery was founded in 1892 and also makes Behn Whisky.

In the first picture we have three bottles all 8 cm tall and 64 proof. The first is Apricot-Whisky which is made with a Scotch Whisky base. This has a light blue label and is a 10 year old product. Next is the Cherry Liqueur with an orange label. At right is an Irish Mocca Liqueur with over 10 year old Irish Whiskey. On the label it says: A racy liqueur like International kinds! (A most interesting comment.) All three bottles are from the early 1950's.

The next bottle is a Cherry Liqueur

which comes from the MAMPE Distilleries in Hamburg. It is 10 cm tall. Mampe is a very large company which makes many kinds of liqueurs. This one is 54 proof and has a white-red label. It comes from 1960.

In picture number three we have a Cherry Whisky Liqueur at 66 proof from NIKLAS Distillery in a town near Hannover. This one is from the early 1960's. Next to it is BURHENNE Royal Whisky Liqueur which comes from Bremen. They also made whisky as I mentioned in an article some time ago here in MBC. The label is tartan color and white while the bottle is 8 cm tall.

The next bottle (#4 picture) is FUG-GER Cherry Whisky Liqueur which comes from Berlin. It is a black label with red words and is made with Scotch Whisky.

The next four minis (picture #5) are all Scotch Liqueurs which come from the KEILLR company of Cologne. Today it is impossible to find this company so I believe they are out of busi-



s Keiler Hachi















ness. The first is an Apricot with an orange label. The second is a Blackberry with a dark blue label. The third is a Cherry with Scotch with a red label while the last is Black Currant with a lilac label. All bottles are 9.5 cm tall and 60 proof. The labels all show a wild boar, the English name for Keiler.

In picture #6 are two minis from the HOPPENHAUS company of Dusseldorf. These are 12 cm bottles with 62 proof liqueurs. The Blackberry is in a black label while the Cherry is in a red label which seems only natural. This company today also makes many liqueurs.

The last bottle with which I close is a German Whiskey Sour!! It must contain bourbon. It comes from Munich and is called Charly's Cocktail. It's a 64 proof with a black and white label, Don't ask about the company.

Next time I'll have more curious minis. --F. N. G. --



A Visit To

by Lloyd McLeod

Some of the fellows who line the bars in Boozeville are strange to say the least. The ones shown on these Giveaway flasks could be a "before and after" act.

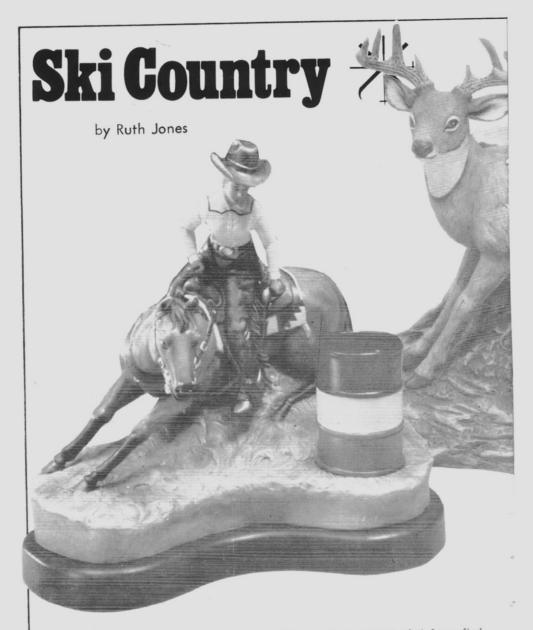
The one called "Happy Thoughts" shows a grumpy man with thoughts radiating from his head. Maybe he'll smile if he has a couple of drinks. The flask is 6" tall and the character sports a green coat (which is on a brown wood-grain background). It has the crown mark (of Schaffer and Vater) and the number 8312 is on the bottom.

The skeleton flask is another bottle from Shorty Johnston's collection. It is 7" tall and is all blue. The skeleton is holding up a bottle in each hand. This must be another one of those used in case of a customer getting drunk. The bartender would try to get rid of the customer jokingly by offering him

a drink for tomorrow and telling him if he didn't stop he might look like the guy on the flask by morning.

It is getting harder and harder to add a good giveaway bottle to a collection but they are still out there to be found. A lucky find came my way a short time back. This was a 5 1/4" Tango Dancer with "Compliments of LANAGAN & FOUSE SALOON Sacramento, Cal" lettered on the back. It has no street address, but some of you history buffs from Sacramento probably know where the Saloon was located. It would be fun to go back in time to walk into this old saloon to see the back bar lined with bottles to barrels. There would also be tobacco signs and cigars.

Say, bartender, give us a drink of white mule with a sarsparilla chaser and keep the change! --L. M. --



Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I'm writing this before getting the last issue of MBC and just before taking off on a two weeks' vacation. Naturally I'll be on the lookout for any new minis.

How about that Christmas bottle, The Chickadees, with both the bisque and high glaze finish? I think it is really beautiful. I also certainly like the new

Phoenix Bird. From what I can find out, there was a problem with workmanship on some of the bottles so a few were returned. Since only 1044 were made, there won't be enough of this one to go around. The Canvasback Duck also made its appearance and with those outstretched wings, there was a good deal of breakage...and that means there are fewer of those now



available!

I just talked with Steve at the Foss Company and it looks like the Mountain Sheep will be the last one for 1981 and the Stone Sheep, which will complete the quartet, will be the first one available in 1982.

Everyone is breathlessly waiting for the Fighting Gamecocks. It is so different - and beautiful - that it's a definite "must"! But it is hard to tell when it will arrive. Most seem to be betting on a February release. The White-Tailed Deer surely looks great in the picture. According to the Ski Country newsletter it will be here before we know it!

Come the new year and the March-April issue, I'll have more news. See you then. --R.J.--

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Before describing the two limits? In about a present, I'd like to tell you about a liquor store in the North Jersey area which I recently discovered. My constant search for new miniatures frequently takes me to liquor stores in my area and I was fortunate to meet Mr. Allan Capalbo of Ramsey Liquors, 41 East Main Street, Ramsey, New Jersey. Ifound Mr. Capalbo to be extremely knowledgeable in every category of his business, especially in the subject of wines. The store has a wide variety of all types of alcoholic beverages, especially Armagnacs, Cognacs, Malt Scotches, and has a selection of wines "from peasantry to exquisite royalty and everything in between".

Why am I telling you all this? Because Mr. Capalbo is also responsible for creating the largest selection of miniatures by far that I have seen in the greater New York/New Jersey area. At last count he had over 120 different brands. So, if you're in the area why not stop in and say hello or call (201) 327-0353. Now, on to the minis.

The two miniatures pictured are both very desirable bottles; however, the second is the better of the two.

First is an Old Discovery, a blend of straight whiskies, 5 years old, 86.8 proof; blended and bottled by Renfield Importers, Ltd., Pennington, N.J. It is a round brown bottle with a very colorful, picturesque label. It is circa 1940.

Next is the Old Hardie Whiskey from United Distillers & Company, Ltd., Louisville, Kentucky, New York, and Burkittsville, Maryland. This bottle is definitely a prohibition bottle, if not pre-pro. Can anyone identify the gentleman pictured on the label?

--V.V.--

## **News From Norway**

by Fred J. Osther

From Norway (see related article in the Club Report) we have pictures sent by Fred J. Osther and they are indeed interesting. The article which accompanies them was first published by Fred in the first issue of the Mini-News of Norway. The article is as follows:

Norway is in a very unique situation from a miniature bottle collector's point of view. We do not produce mini bottles for regular sales within our borders at all.

On our way abroad, on board an airplane belonging to one of the major airlines, we may buy Løitens Linie Aquavit alongside other foreign spirits sold in miniature bottles, Løitens Linie Aquavit is one of the few Norwegian spirits produced here. This is the nearest any miniature bottle comes legally for sale on Norwegian soil.

St. Hallvard Likør, a very popular liqueur in Norway, is as far as we have been able to ascertain, available in the USA, in mini bottles.

All wine and spirits are sold through the state monopoly, Vinmonopolet, and they are heavily taxed. Our prices are therefore sky-high. We believe Norway to be the most expensive country in the world on any kind of beverage containing alcohol.

When we do buy miniature bottles abroad, we have to pay duty after the same volume rate as for whole bottles, as the same import-restrictions apply on miniature bottles in volume as on the import on whole bottles for consumption.

So what does a drink loving average Norwegian do?

He distills his own....

It is highly illegal, and punishable with heavy fines or a jail sentence, but it goes on in every town and city, every valley and village.

Up until a few years ago, we could order ready made stills from advertisements in most of our newspapers. Now this has been stopped by law too, but instead the advertisements tell









how to purify our drinking water. The method is the same for both water and spirit distilling. Cheaper still, we make our own stills. If you don't know how, just ask one of your neighbors. He is bound to know, or know of someone who has arrived (in his opinion) at a perfect result.

How do we get different tastes to this illegal spirit we keep on producing? We go to the nearest store or supermarket and buy the legally sold additives "essens" that the state condones to make our illegally produced spirit have a taste which reasonably



resembles whisky, gin, rum, or whatever we fancy.

A two-faced system?

Yes, but it is the only way the average Norwegian can get himself a drink without going broke. So if you sometimes come to Norway and you are offered a "HJEMMEBRENNT", then do try it.

Our legislation makes us all lawbreakers by the book, but by the same token, the state does condone it by legally selling the additives which makes this "moonshine" drinkable.

Both size and looks of the bottles

these additives come in look exactly like plain miniature bottles with 5 cl contents. The content is just enough to flavor two bottles of spirit. And the cost is just about the same as the cost of any ordinary mini bottle bought abroad as well, from 50¢ to \$3.

Sweden has more or less the same restrictions as Norway, so there the "moonshine" industry is gaining ground. Just as illegal of course but with the prices at the level they are today, then this had to be the result.

Our thanks to the Mini-News of our colder cousin Norway.



Greetings and Happy New Year for 1982. I have some interesting Manhattans to show you this time. Unfortunately, I know very little about them so can't say much. Anyhow a picture is worth a thousand words, so just enjoy them.

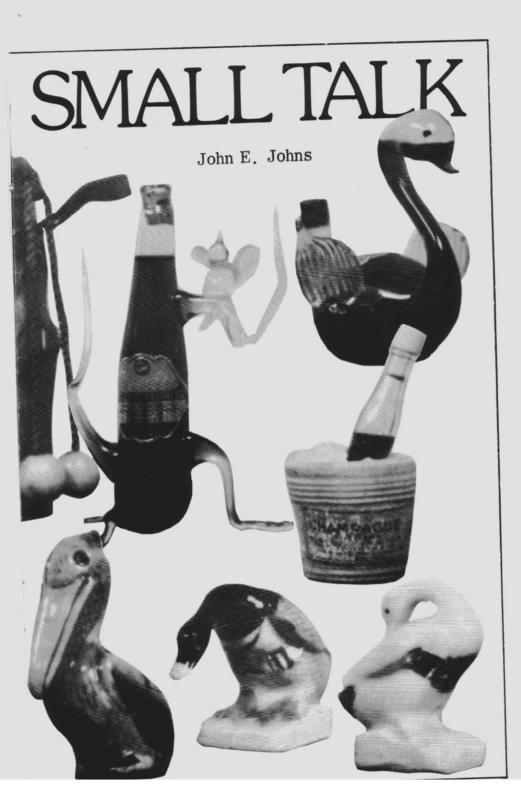
Picture number one shows a blown glass alligator (note how the glass attempts to give the appearance of his sharp teeth) and a brass stand holding three cordial bottles. Finding one of these with all three bottles intact is quite a chore.

Picture number two shows a second blown glass animal, the Giraffe. The other piece is quite a rare one, the Golf Bag. What's really fascinating about this piece is that the handles of the clubs are blown glass bottles filled with cordials.

The third picture presents the blown glass swan and the bird on a tree trunk. This latter piece is also very rare. The third one here is a bucket of ice with a champagne bottle. The ice is actually rock salt but it certainly does look real.

Finally, the last picture has a ceramic trio: the pelican, goose, and the duck. The goose also comes in the same colors as the duck.

I hope you enjoyed the pictures. I just wish I had more to tell you about them. But, next time I'll show the remaining Manhattans in my collection. Until then, be happy. --J.E.J.--





## VINTAGE COLLECTOR

by Joe Levesque

Recently, I had the good fortune of visiting one of the most unusual collectors and collections in the world. This collection of over 8,000 miniatures is owned by Mr. Darmangeat, owner of a 3-Star Hotel in Moulins, an industrial city of 30,000 inhabitants in central France.

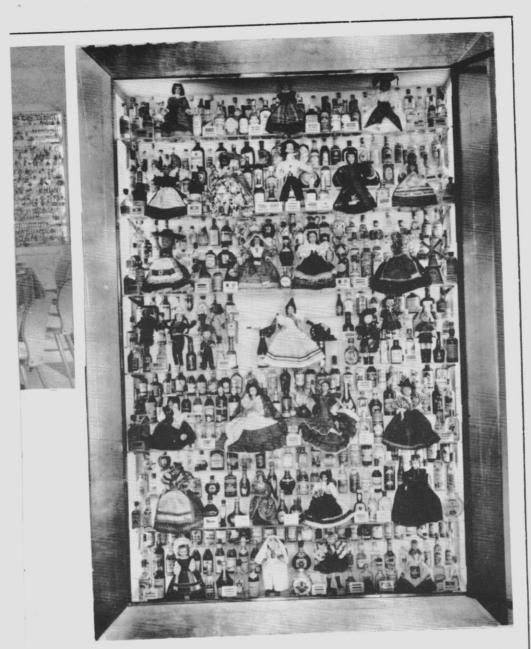
The most unusual factor in this collection is not so much in its large size, but its quality. All the bottles are in mint condition and Mr. Darmangeat stopped collecting in 1965. Yes, the collection was frozen 17 years ago.

Now, if any of you readers are thinking of making him an offer he can't refuse, I'll spare you the effort. The collection is an integral part of the Hotel, and the Hotel is not for sale. Mr. Darmangeat inherited his hotel from his family, and the hotel and collection will remain in his family after he passes away.

Mr. D. started his collection in the early 1930's, the heyday of miniatures.

When the Germans invaded France in 1940, Mr. D. carefully boxed up his collection and buried it in his cellar. The following day, the Germans moved in, made their headquarters in the hotel, and stayed four years. Strange as it may seem, they never went to the cellar. When the Germans left in 1944, Mr. D. took his collection out and displayed it a little too soon...some of the French soldiers requisitioned a portion as souvenirs.

Immediately after the war, many foreigners came and stayed at Mr. D's hotel. These included ambassadors, diplomats, businessmen, technicians, tourists, etc. Affable as he is, most clients struckup a personal friendship with Mr. D. Many were fascinated by his collection, and they would return on their next trip with miniatures from their own countries...not only the common variety, but miniatures of quality. (The lesson of this story is if you want to build a large collection,



buy yourself a hotel.)

By 1965, the collection had grown to over 8,000 miniatures. Mr. D. displayed his miniatures in permanent display cases in the three dining rooms of his hotel, and decided to call it quits. The remarkable thing is that all the minis in this collection are pre-

1965. Mr. D. has no doubles; none to trade, none to sell. He is content to look upon this unusual collection as complete.

Down deep in his heart, as a collector once bitten by the bug, I just wonder if he is really satisfied that his collection is complete? --J.L.--

## KOBY'S Kollectable Kolumn

by Bob Koby

For the past number of months I've hunted, asked questions, hit garage sales, ads in local papers and finally hit pay dirt with a small collection... about 200 to be exact. Though I promised not to bore you with great detail and assorted descriptions, I will give you some details (not too much).

The first five minis are from Portugal; all were imported by Kraus Brothers of New York. On the bottom of THE GRAND LIQUEUR there is a small paper sticker which reads "Gimbels" and has a price on it. THE CARTUXA Liqueur, as you can see, might be considered in the perfume class since the shape of the bottle has eight sides. The LIMAO Lemon Liqueur is 65 proof. All of the minis have corks with the exception of the Brandy.

The BONNAL GRENADINE was bottled in France and then imported by G. Viviano of Detroit, Mich. I called their office here in Detroit but they could tell me very little about the mini. They did tell me though that the founder of the company was a great lover of wine and because these little bottles were 'cute', he had them brought into the States.

The CALIFORNIA MUSCATEL WINE was bottled by Don Cimino Wine Company of Chicago and has on the back a gold paper label with red letters which reads "Christmas Greetings".

SUNNY ACRES California Port Wine is a mystery and I can't give you its origin. The bottom part of the label appears to have been soaked in water or something else.

FRANZIA BROTHERS Straight Sherry of California is another version of one shown in one of the books by Bob Snyder. It is embossed on the bottom "Franzia Brothers Winery California".

CORONET Orange Flavored Gin by the Jos. Finch Co., Inc. has a Florida orange/gold tax stamp of 1 1/2¢. It is also embossed on the back with a little crown.



PETER PAN Peppermint Schnapps is a cordial with a Wisconsin green, white and orange 1 9/16¢ tax stamp. It was made by the Wisconsin Liquor Co., Milwaukee, Wisc. The label, as you can see, depicts a ship with either pirates or Peter Pan and his friends. The sides of the bottle are ribbed while the back is pock marked.

Hope I didn't bore and you enjoyed my latest finds. I might add that henceforth I will be rotating my pictures with M. B. C., Del-Val, and the Chicago Club. This is to stimulate the economy, keep the mailmen busy, the editors busy... and you just might have to subscribe to other club papers to find out more of what I have to show!

--R. K. --







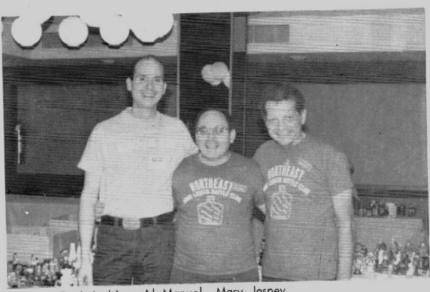








## THE CLUB REPORT



L.to R.: Fred Jenkins, Al Manuel, Marv Jospey

Where to begin? We haven't had a Club Report for some time now and there's certainly a great deal to tell. This may not be in any type of order, but we do want to cover as many of the clubs, particularly the new clubs, as possible. So, let's start with those at long distance.

In Japan there is now a second club. The first was in Kobe while this new club, the Osaka Miniature Bottle Club, is naturally in Osaka. This new group is ably led by Mr. Taizo Shiratsuchi, whose name is now quite well known in bottle collecting circles around the world. Under his direction, the club has issued both its membership list and part one of a list showing all the miniatures currently available in Japan. Part I covers whiskies from all over the world.

While we're in this part of the world, let's travel on and also drop below the equator to New Zealand. Here we find two clubs which previously have been unknown to us in the U.S. The oldest

club will celebrate its third birthday this year and this is The Northern Alcophialist Club. The address is on the club list but in case you can pop in to NZ, the phone number is (09) 817 7499. There are currently about 32 members.

Going further south in NZ, we have the Port Nicholson Miniature Bottle Club of Wellington. This club is still in its infancy as it was formed in February 1981. It was originally called the Hutt Valley Miniature Bottle Club but that was quickly changed to a name which encompassed the whole Wellington region. Right now they have about 15 yery avid members!

Moving on, we'll continue our around the world bottle club trip. In Norway we now have The Miniature Bottle Collectors Association of Norway. This club was formed on the 25th September 1980 and as of a few months ago had 20 members; however, I'm quite sure it's larger by now. The bulletin is in both Norwegian and English and is quite interesting. The photo which shows the

small pewter stein and Linie Aquavit are from this new club. The small stein is actually corked and this is the 1981 club bottle. It contains the Aquavit. You'll find this a most fascinating club with a truly European flavor.

Moving a lot closer to home, we now have a new club in Canada. This is the Greater Edmonton Miniature Liquor Bottle Collectors Association. I was given information some time ago by Canadian collector Lew Kamann of British Columbia and would have included this group sooner except that there doesn't seem to be any answer to letters sent to what was the club's official address. As soon as this is clarified, you'll get the word here.

As we're now back in the States, you will be interested to know that a group is now in the process of forming in New Orleans under the direction of Mr. John Lewis. Next time there should be more information on this club.

In Maryland the Mid-Atlantic Miniature Bottle Club is certainly going strong. The new officers are Pres. Don Prosise, VP Bill Schaffer, Treas. Bruno Rudaitis, and Sec. Barbara Heller. As of this writing, they've issued two newsletters which went from good to great to? We're looking for 'fantastic' on the next one, Don.

As I might as well toot my own horn, yours truly was elected President of the local Orange County Miniature Club at the December Christmas meeting. We only issue a bulletin to local members, so if you're in the So Cal area and don't belong, you're missing out on a good thing.

The same, of course, is true of the Lilliputian MBC which is getting ready for its first ever show...first on the west coast ever, too. Under the direction of Steve Bailey, this should be one great show! (See details elsewhere in the magazine.)

Now we come to the pictures from the show in New York last September. That smiling guy in all the pictures is Marv Jospey, the President of the Northeast Mini Bottle Club. At the show, Marv was here, there, and everywhere...all at the same time. In short, he wanted to make certain that everything was A-O-K! And, it was! At the banquet on Saturday night, Marv announced the winners of the 1980 and



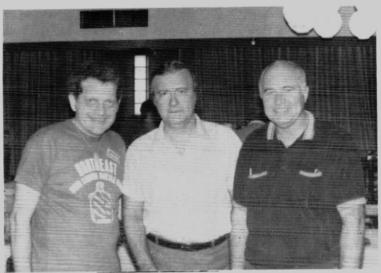


Herman Hoffman and Marv Jospey

1981 Collector of the Year Aware. For 1980 Jim Triffon took the prize as well he might. For 1981 the winner was Al Manuel which was another excellent choice. The awards were given for the "furthering of the hobby" and were chosen by the heads of all the different U.S. clubs.

U.S. clubs.
Guess that wraps things up for this time. Remember, if you don't belong to a club in your area, you're causing a double deprivation. First, you're missing out on bottles, friendship, and information. And secondly, you're not sharing the valuable knowledge and information that you yourself have.

Come on, get involved! -- DMS --



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This is the second time we've featured a miniature bottle from the Old Commonwealth Company of Louisville, Kentucky. The reason it's just the second time is quite simple...this is only the second miniature that Old Commonwealth has produced.

This is a miniature replica of the #3 Coal Miner bottle which the company issued some years back. It was sold only in West Virginia and 4, 800 pieces were produced. This is exactly the same as the case with the first mini which was issued in October of 1980 in West Virginia. There were an identical number made, but try to find one. A few may be in the hands of dealers but certainly not many. Probably well over four thousand are in West Virginia, so if you're offered one of these new ones remember that number one is now selling for over \$40!!



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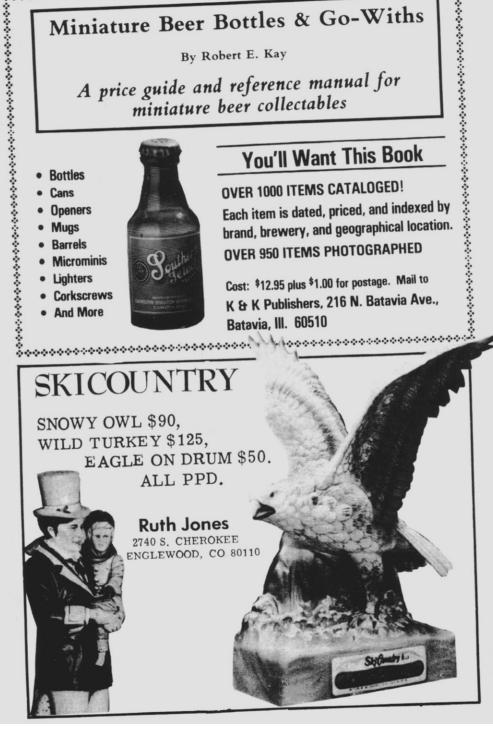
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