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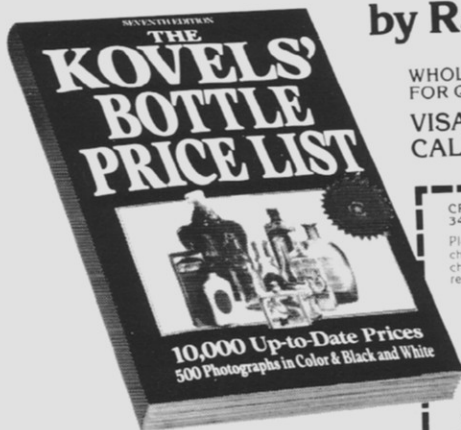
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Here we are in the midst of fall. As you'll notice, there's a good deal of news in this issue, so enjoy!

Last time I mentioned about plastic bottles. A couple of days ago I received the following in the mail: "United, like other domestic and international carriers, is beginning to convert from glass to plastic liquor bottles for inflight use. Plastic bottles will appear to be smaller than glass bottles but do hold the same amount of liquid. The lighter weight plastic bottles will provide easier handling and translate into a fuel savings for the airlines as they weigh approximately half as much as similar glass bottles."

On the club front, there are two new groups to tell you about. Both of these will be added to our regular listing next time. On the international scene we have the new Verein der Mini-flaschensammler e. V. in Hannover, Germany. A little closer to home is the new Western New York Miniature Liquor Club. You can find out about this one by writing to Mr. Mario Kydis, 288 Parker Street, Cheektowaga, NY 14206.

I've heard the rumor that our little favorites are now legal in the State of Missouri. Will someone please confirm.

Sorry to say for you figural collectors that there aren't as many new bottles available; however, straight glass collectors have really been fortunate lately as we've got quite a few new bottles. Actually, with what was said above, we should now say: "straight glass and plastic collectors". While traveling in Arizona recently, I found one more bottle to add to the cream liqueur selections. This one is St. Bertrand's Irish Cream and it's definitely a winner in both the bottle and tasting department. See you next time. DMS

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## Our Cover

The Wild Turkey in flight is the last of the 1984 miniatures from Austin-Nichols Wild Turkey. This should have made its appearance in your area prior to Thanksgiving. The 750 ml size of this bottle was issued in early 1983 so Wild Turkey has been playing catch up with these minis of the 1983 larger bottles. In 1985 the second of the '83 pieces will be released with three more new spectacular bottles.

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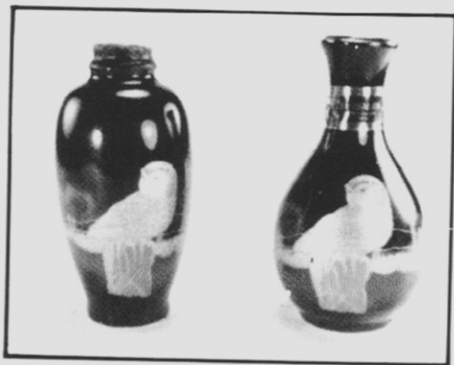
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# MINIATURE BEERS

by Bob Kay

## MORE SLEEPERS

Here is another group of "sleepers". Of the three Country Club beers, the one on the left, with the trade mark circle on the large main label, is the most common. The white label is relatively scarce while the reddish-orange label with the trade mark on the neck label is the "sleeper". In case you already haven't caught it, the first two photos of Country Club beers, on pages 40 and 41 of my book were reversed. Sorry about that!!

The four inch John Wieland's mini from California is next to impossible to find. If you've got one you've got a sleeper. A real find!

Next let's consider the tall Wagner and Spearman and the stubby Old Milwaukee: which is the sleeper? So, all right, it's a trick question... all three are sleepers.

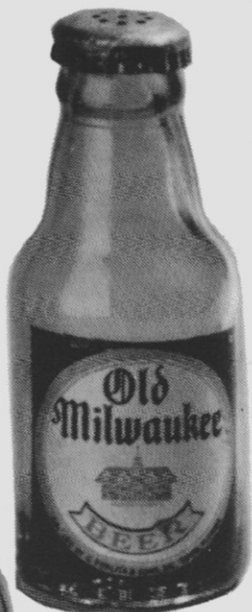
Of the three Fehr's beers from Kentucky, all are fairly scarce, but the Darby Ale would have to be considered the sleeper in the group. I've heard rumors that a "Mello" Ale also exists in miniature, but I've yet to see one. If it does exist, it's really a sleeper.

Till next time... --Bob Kay--









# Ski Country



We don't have much news for you this time, but we do have two pictures of a beautiful pair of magnificent new bottles. The recent releases to me have not had nearly as much of the flair we came to expect from Ski Country bottles. With these two new ones, that exacting detail and craftsmanship have returned.

Naturally, the subjects are birds. I must confess that I can't give you the actual names of these new pieces as only the pictures were sent to me. The Eagle motif has been a consistent winner and this Eagle (or Hawk) family should be the fastest selling bottle in many a month. Right now, all aspects of our hobby could use a shot in the arm and Ski Country has certainly taken a big step in the right direction. The MBC hat is off to you!

# Scotch For The Connoisseur

by Roy Holden

Well, once more the year ends, but where these seven bottles finish 1984, there will be more throughout 1985 for you Scotch collectors to enjoy. I know you appreciate rare bottles for I am sure many of you keep records and some featured will be additions to your lists. Let's get going now with the first of our seven bottles for this issue.

I have featured brewery bottles many times before...so any collector who has Glenafton in his collection has a real beauty from a brewery. The bottle was put out some forty years ago by Bentleys of Leeds in Yorkshire. Melbourne, another hard to find Scotch miniature, also originated in Leeds by the same name as the miniature Melbourne Brewery. That was also in the 1940's.

Bottle number two also comes from Yorkshire and was done for Wilsons of Hull also in the 1940's. It is Lion Blend and is an eight year old blended Scotch...a really desirable miniature for any collection. For bottle number three, we now go to the home of whisky. This is Clanvana Scotch Liqueur which was prepared by Macdonald of Clarvarald off the Argyllshire coast. According to the back label on the bottle, it's from the early 20th century.

It was later put on the market by the company of the bottle heading from their offices in central Glasgow in the late '40's. The Scotch Liqueur is 60 proof.

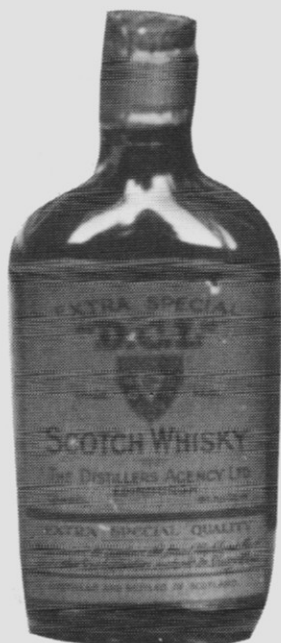
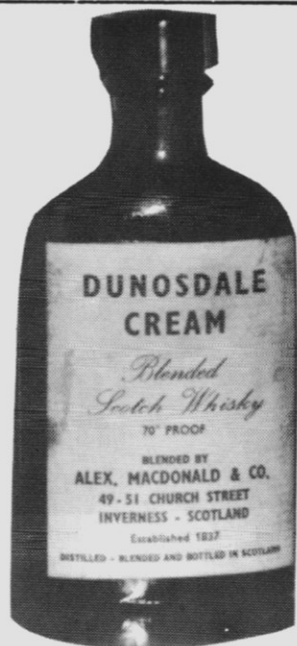
Charles Mackinlay & Co. have produced Scotch for many years and our hobby is very indebted to them. Their M. L. Liqueur Scotch from the '40's is a real beauty and is rarely seen today.

The Distillers Agency still plays a very important part in the whisky industry today, but miniatures do not. Hence, our fifth bottle (as in #5) is very much sought after by collectors.

Bottles six and seven are from the area most people have heard of, Loch Ness. Alex MacDonald & Co. of Inverness put out several bottles and variations many years ago and these two brands are indeed something special. Dunosdale Cream and Fine Old Highland are two connoisseur Scotches from a period long since gone.

I hope you have enjoyed these seven bottles from the past. Any collector boasting of all of them certainly fits our heading with his collecting. Hope to be back in '85 with more rare bottles for you to enjoy. --R. H. --





# WHAT'S NEW

## Old, Odd, or Unusual

by James Triffon



Just a short article this time due to space limitations. Here's a nice little set of four which was recently brought into Southern California. All four are from the firm of J. A. Baczewski of Austria.

First is the vodka Monopolowa, next the Krupnik, third the Malinowa, and last the Blackberry. The bottles are all the standard round shape...and they are glass, not plastic.

Next time I should have a variety of new items for you, including some real beauties! --J. T.--

# THE ALSATIAN STORK

The title "Kirsch Cigo" does not give any indication of the producer, because Cigo is short for "Cigogne" which is French for stork. At the bottom, on one side is printed "La Cigogne de Strasbourg", the capital of Alsace. On the other side, "Luxeuil-les-Bains" which is a town in southern Alsace where the bottle is produced. The label shows a stork standing on a chimney and I can't really figure out what it is doing. It looks like it is sipping wine from a vintner's "bombe", an oversize wine bottle.

The neck label shows a stork doing what looks like a goose step (no wonder, after drinking all that wine, or was it Kirsch?) and both labels are done in light red which makes it very attractive.

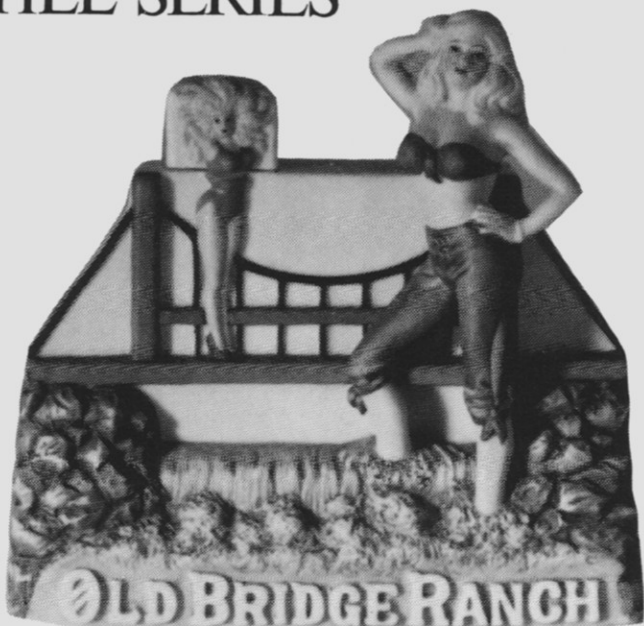
The red pressed cap is embossed with the number "45" which means it is 90 proof. The bottle is clear glass and 5 centiliters capacity.

--Joseph Levesque--





## DUG PICKING'S BROTHEL SERIES



Pictured here for you are surely a couple of surprises! As you no doubt did guess though, these are the next two bottles in the Dug Picking Brothel Series.

The Old Bridge Ranch continues the saga of the Mustang Ranch in northern Nevada. This will be the third bottle which "celebrates" the Mustang history. This bottle will be available before the end of the year (Lord willing and the longshoremen don't strike) and will no doubt disappear as quickly as the two which have preceded it.

The Sagebrush Ranch is on the outskirts of Carson City... seven miles east on highway 50 to be exact. This very colorful bottle will be issued in February 1985 if all goes according to plans. Naturally this will also be only a limited issue of 1200 pieces.

This series of bottles seems to become more and more popular as the years roll by. Can you remember back to the Moonlight Ranch? If you can and you don't have that bottle, I'll bet you wish you did!



SAGEBRUSH RANCH

# melo's minis

by Mike Olson

In this article, I would like to feature a "mixed bag" of pre-war miniatures. First we have three pre-pro's, followed by six variations of Wilson and finally two Wisconsin "house" bottles.

As I stated in previous articles, pre-pro bottles with paper labels are very desirable to most collectors. When one takes into account that these bottles are all over 65 years old, it becomes easy to understand why so few are available. I am always ready to "retire" one of these into my collection.

The first of the bottles is Winchester Club Private Stock Whiskey, A Blend by Sol, Block & Griff, Kansas City, USA. It has a tan label with brown printing and I would guess this was a private brand which dates from about 1910.

Bottle number two is Kellerstrass Rye by Kellerstrass Distilling Co., Kansas City, MO, USA. It is twelve years old, has a white label with blue printing, ribbed embossing and was made about 1900. This bottle was made in a fifteen year old version (Snyder name embossed on the back of the bottle. This brand is fairly common without labels.

The third of the pre-pro's is Steinwender Yellow Label Bottling of Old Crow Bourbon, bottled and guaranteed by The Steinwender Co., St. Louis, MO. It has a yellow label with black printing and was made about 1910.

The Wilson Distilling Co. has produced many fine blended whiskey miniatures over the years. The six I have chosen to show are all from the 1930's. The first of these is "That's All" and is embossed with a man holding the world on his back. It has a yellow label printed in orange and black, is 90

proof, one year and six months old and was distilled in Relay, Maryland. Bottle number five is "That's All" in an old label and has the same embossing. It is a white label printed in gray and black, is 90 proof, two years or more old and was distilled in Relay, MD.

Bottle number six is "That's All". It is 90 proof, has the familiar "gray" label, is two years or more old, and was distilled in Bristol, Pennsylvania.

The next one is Wilson Reserve in a curved, flat bottle. It has a black label printed in red, gold and white, is 90 proof, four or more years old and was distilled in Bristol, also.

The last two Wilsons are "That's All" flats. They have the same "gray" labels and the only differences are the color of the shrink wrap over the cap (one is white, one is gray) and the percentages of straight whiskey and neutral spirits in the blend. Both are 90 proof and five years old.

Finally we come to our 1930's "House Bottles" from the Barbola Liquor Co. of Berlin, Wisconsin. They are Old Faithful Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey, 90 proof, four years old, distilled by Bernheim Distilling Co. of Louisville, KY, bottled by Midwest Distilling Co. of Milwaukee, WI. The first of the two is a clear glass flat while the other is a clear glass, round corker.

I really hate to keep making the same point, but bottles like numbers eight and nine must drive "listers" to drink. Me, I do not need an excuse!

As always, if anyone would like any further information on any bottle pictured, please feel free to contact me.

Until next time... MELO





# A Visit To Boozeville

by Lloyd McLeod



Another Boozeville citizen comes to light. This fellow has a very fancy night cap on. He must be getting ready for bed. If the smile on his face is any indication, this isn't his first drink of the evening. He is holding a drink in one hand and has one finger elevated on the other hand. It's hard to say if he means that he is going to have one or is going to have one more! Whichever it is, he appears to be far removed from any pain.

Many types of night cap bottles were made. This one is all blue and is six inches tall (another smaller version also exists) including the cap. "Prosit" is printed across the front of the cap. This means "Toast" in German. The bottle has the crown mark and #6270 on the bottom. Of course, the bottle is empty; someone finished it off about eighty years ago!

I'll bet the person who drank this bottle would be quite surprised to learn the current sales price is \$130 to \$150 empty!!!

--L. M.--

# Wild Turkey



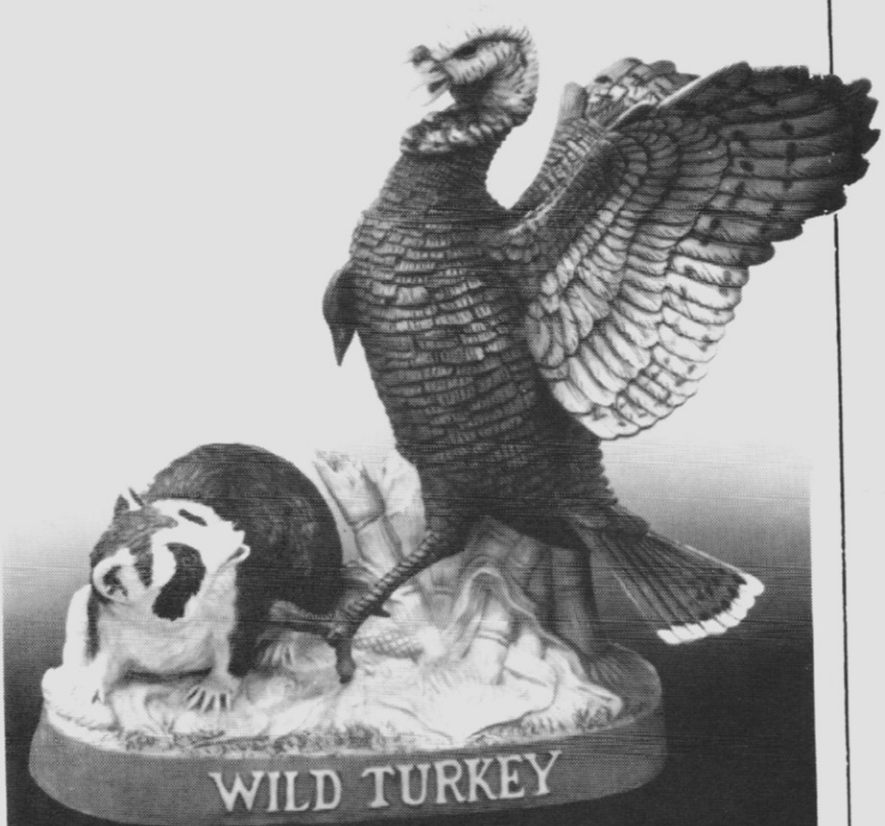
Last time we showed you Wild Turkey with Poults which was issued in October. The last of the four minis for this year is the Wild Turkey in Flight which is on the cover this time. To bring you up to date picture wise on the other two bottles which came out in February and June, here are the Turkey and Raccoon and Turkey and Eagle.

The Turkey and Eagle was made in a very, very limited number. Consequently it is almost impossible to find now. The production run was increased

slightly for the Turkey and Raccoon, but it too is on the bottle "endangered species" list.

There are now twelve Wild Turkey miniatures available. Each bottle has been better than the last and the entire series is really striking. On another note, if you happen to save the larger bottles, for this Christmas season the 750 ml Turkey with Poults is available along with a new Wedgwood Crystal decanter which is truly spectacular!!





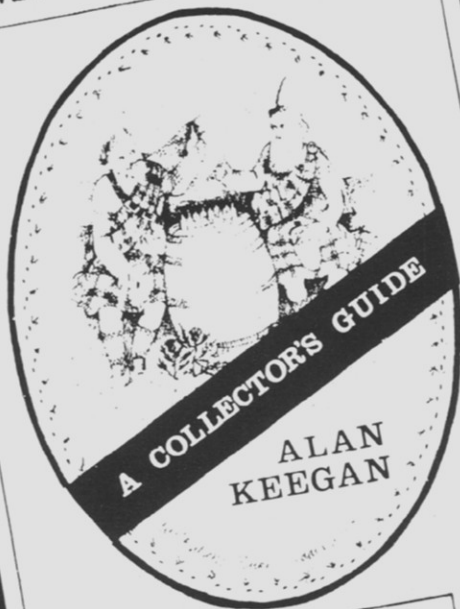
# PICKWICK



Shown here are three oddities from England. These were made by Royal Doulton for Pick-Kwik Wines and Spirits in Derby. Pick-Kwik made the Mr. Pickwick with the Dewars and Pickwick labels in 1983 while this year has produced the Uncle Sam (more on that one in a future issue).

The interesting thing about these three pieces is that they are not bottles but simply advertising pieces made up to resemble bottles. Since they were made by Royal Doulton they will be avidly sought...and they are quite a talking point in anyone's collection. Don't you agree?

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