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Summer's here. Can't really complain about anything in the last issue unless you count little typos. Several people were amazed to find that Iowa was designated as "IQ" instead of "IA". That and the price falling off the Silver State Specialties ad isn't too bad.

The MMBC show in St. Louis is a major success...as More European and usual. South American collectors there this time than ever before. came back with more good new bottles than I have in some time. Some of them you'll see in the next issue. Lots of interest in the absinthe article from last time. Where it's legal in Europe now and where it isn't is interesting. Even though the French bottles may call themselves absinthe, it appears they really are only a new version of Pastis. However, there are some coming out of Switzerland which appear to be the real thing. Even a bit of wormwood in them. We'll keep you posted.

All the usual "suspects" have been rounded up for articles this time. We'll have some giveaway articles soon. For the time being though it appears the collecting hot spots are still vodka and tequila. Who knows how many more of those we'll see in the rest of 2001.

Watch for bottles in your vacation travel this summer. No matter where you go, you'll doubtless find something new. See you in Aug/Sept!

-DMS-

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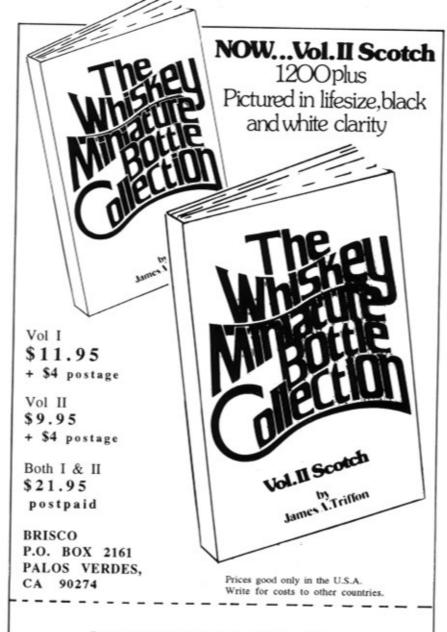
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### **Our Cover**

This is a first. Previously there have never been plastic bottles on the cover. This new set of four Whaler's Rums are here for two reasons. First, they are absolutely marvelously labeled...two sailing ships, a shark and a whale. Second reason is they could not be less expensive. They sell for 79¢ each locally and if that's isn't a reason to start little collections, nothing will!

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Dear Hamm's Collector,

This is the newest pair of salt & pepper shakers, Ted the Carver, to celebrate our favorite Hamm's character. Naturally though it will be known as the Totem Pole Bear. If you saw this at the February show in Minnesota you know how cute it is. If you're seeing it for the first time, we're giving you two views of the same set. This set is now available, earlier than we thought. Only 800 sets were produced thus making this the smallest quantity of our trio: canoe, teepee and totem pole.

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### WHAT'S NEW





We know you've been asking for it. We know you've been waiting and waiting for it. And, we know you're keen to add some more plastic bottles to your collection. So here it is...the "What's New" article that relies almost completely on PET bottles. Also with but one exception, you can easily find all of these bottles in the U.S.

Dooley's Toffee Liqueur begins the group for us. A product of Germany, it's being test marketed in the U.S. and only given away. Since it's only 20ml which is 30ml under our legal limit, it can't be sold here. This one was given to

me in an Ohio wine shop. Needless to say, it's the only one in the group which was given away.

Fireball is a Cinnamon flavored Whisky from McGillicuddy's of Canada. This was found on the east coast. Great label of its namesake. Canasta is a Cream Sherry from Spain but nowhere on the bottle does it say sherry. Hmmm. Canasta means "basket" in English so...wait a minute, I know. It's something to drink while you're playing cards or maybe a special card game.

Now we have AGWA Herbal Liqueur. The only liqueur guaranteed to keep you up late.



One shot of Agwa (we're told) gives you the equivalent of the caffeine found in five cups of coffee. The advertising states that this Dutch liqueur has taken Canada by storm and is now going to be a sales leader here. Ever seen it? This one came from So. California.

Next we come to Havana Club Anejo Reserva from Cuba. Seagram's is just waiting with its marketing campaign for when Cuban goods become legal here. And they should as Havana Club is a superior rum. Note that the plastic bottle is actually embossed with the date 1862. This or a variation of it can be picked up







just about anywhere in the world that has a decent selection of miniatures...just not here.

Revelstoke is another spiced whisky from Canada. Say, what is it up there, folks. Can't you drink new Chivas Regal. your whisky without putting a flavor in it? It's going to get as prevalent as schnapps in Minnesota!

Finally we have our two versions of the new Chivas Regal. The one on the left is plastic while the other is glass. Even though this one is from Japan, it's also available here. It was found in Florida. As with Havana Club, this one is also date embossed (1801).

Next time we don't take PET's.

### **SCOTSMEN**

PART I by Tony Natelli



Scotsmen, in various stages of dress, have been portrayed on miniature whisky bottles since at least the end of Prohibition (probably before that) to the present. Whether with kilt or tam or full battle regalia, they are some of the best miniatures ever produced and possibly more than one hundred exist.

Our opening two photos show in various sizes depending on the size of the label, essentially the same figure complete with tam and shield. What makes him fascinating is he can be seen on at least four different labels. In order they are Ballantyne Stewart (a 1950's

Italian import and a real gem), Old Argyll, Highland Rose, and Burn Stewart.

The Ballantyne Stewart Co. became the Burn, Stewart Co. over the years. Ballantyne, Stewart, The first Old Argyll and Highland Rose are among the real "goodies" here (1950's and 1960's) while the second Argyll and the Burn Stewart are very, very recent, perhaps current. Incredibly, there are at least three more rare versions of Old Argyll.

The two **Brae Bonnie** are Lionel items from the early 1930's. #1 is a Scotch type, the second Scotch and it are very rarely seen.



As with our two Brae Bonnies, the three Highland Laird show a full length Scotsman. Bottle number two is much more scarce while numbers one and three may still be found in Italy. An older, slightly different version of numbers one and three has also been reported.

McDonald's, Fraser McDonald's, and Sandy MacDonald all picture our fellow indifferent poses. Fraser is the updated version of McDonald's and along with Sandy is reasonable attainable. This is not so with McDonald's, a really good 1950's scotch.

—T. N.—







## Ski \*\* Country

Welcome an old friend. The name Ski Country is one which collectors have known now for approximately thirty years. That's well over a generation, so we can say that an entire generation of collectors have enjoyed the exacting detail and painstaking workmanship that his gone into these bottles.

In the mini department there were (again, an approximation) 175 bottles issued through Foss Drug in Colorado. Now the ownership lies with Frank and Jacque Willburn of Amarillo, Texas.

Not only are they interested in continuing to produce Ski Country decanters but they want to make contact with all the collectors who have cherished the bottles down through the last three decades. To that end they are also issuing a newsletter from the Ski Country Club and have gone on the internet. You can easily find them at www.skicountrydecanters.com

You'll find an ad elsewhere in this issue showing the first of their four decanters. Those who attended the MMBC show in St. Louis praised the mock up of Brown's Service Station and it's certain to be a hit.



On our adjacent page we have the Ski Country Guide which lists the bottles in the order in which they were issued. If you're wondering about that "approximately 175" it's because there were specials which weren't generally issued.

Again, welcome an old friend. Let's hope that Ski Country will once more present to us beautifully done, imaginative decanters.

## Ski Country \*

1. MAJESTIC EAGLE	62. BROWN PELICAN	123. RUFFED GROUSE
	63. IVORY-BILLED WOODPECKER	124. MALLARD 1981
2 SNOWY OWL 3. PEACOCK	61 DUE ASANT	125. BOBCAT
S.PEACOCK	65. CARDINAL 66. HAWK EAGLE	126. BADGER
4. GILA WOODPECKER     5. RED-SHOULDERED HAWK	66 HAWK FACLE	127. BARRED OWL PLAQUE
	67 TROUT #2	128. PRAIRIE FALCON
— 6. RAM 7. LEADVILLE LADIES	68. END OF THE TRAIL	129. MERGANSER
9. CALIFORNIA CONDOR	69. NORTH AMERICAN INDIANS (6)	130. BALD EAGLE
10. GOLDEN EAGLE	75. LAND-LOCKED SALMON	(aka EAGLE ON WATER)
(ala MOUNTAIN EAGLE)	76. DRUM EAGLE	131, WOLF DANCER
11. MALLARD DUCK	77. MALLARD DUCK FAMILY	132. PHOENIX BIRD
12. CANADA GOOSE	78. KING EIDER DUCK	133. CANVASBACK DUCK
13 DEACE DOVE	79. MUSKIE	134. CHICADEES
14. COLORADO BURRO 15. ELEPHANT ON A DRUM	80. SCREECH OWL FAMILY	135. MT. SHEEP
15 FLEPHANT ON A DRUM	81. RED-TAILED HAWK	136, STONE SHEEP
16. FOX ON A LOG	82. WHITE FALCON	137. WHITE-TAIL DEER
17. HARPY FAGLE	83. BARN SWALLOW	138. FIGHTING GAMECOCKS
18. AMERICAN OSPREY	84. BOB CRATCHIT/TINY TIM	139. RACCOON PLAQUE
19. MOUNTAIN LION	85. FIGHTING PHEASANTS	140. DEER DANCER
20. GREAT GREY KANGAROO	86. SAW WHET OWL	141. BARREL RACER
21. OREGON CAVEMAN	87. BALTIMORE ORIOLE	142. BUFFALO STAMPEDE
22. THE RINGMASTER	88. BLUE JAY	143. RINGNECKED PHEASANT
23. CLYDE	89. RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD	144. MOOSE
24. AUSTRALIAN BLACK SWAN	90. BASSETT HOUND	145. DUCKS UNLIMITED
25. RED-HEADED DUCK	91. PENGUIN FAMILY	WOOD DUCK
26. CLOWN BUST	90. BASSETT HOUND 91. PENGUIN FAMILY 92. COYOTE FAMILY	146. ANTELOPE DANCER
27. SAGE GROUSE	93 COVOTE FAMILY	147. PASSENGER PIGEON
26 CREAT HORNED OWT	94. SKUNK FAMILY 95. MRS. CRATCHIT 96. PIN TAIL DUCK 97. LOOKOUT INDIAN 98. BLACK LABRADOR 99. SNOW LEOPARD	148. JAGUAR
29. BONNIE 30. TOM THUMB 31. INDIAN DANCERS (6)	95. MRS. CRATCHIT	149. GYRFALCON
30 TOM THUMB	96, PIN TAIL DUCK	150. SQUIRREL PLAQUE
31. INDIAN DANCERS (6)	97. LOOKOUT INDIAN	151. WHOOPING CRANE
37. RACCOON	98. BLACK LABRADOR	152. MALE MERGANSER
31. RACCOON  38. WOOD DUCK  39. SKIER (red)  40. SKIER (blue)  41. TIGER ON A BALL	99. SNOW LEOPARD	153. GREEN-WINGED TEAL.
39, SKIER (red)	100. CHUKKAK PAKTKILKIE	154. FALCON DANCER
40. SKIER (blue)	101. INDIAN CHIEF #1 102. INDIAN CHIEF #2 103. SCROOGE	155. FOX & BUTTERFLY
41. TIGER ON A BALL	102. INDIAN CHIEF #2	156. THE SURVIVOR
42 LION ON A DRUM	103. SCROOGÉ	157. BLUEBIRD PLAQUE
43. JENNY LIND (blue)	104. SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER	158. MOUNTAIN GOAT FAMILY
44. JENNY LIND (vellow)	105. POX FAMILY 106. GREAT SPIRIT 107. WYOMING BRONCO	159. POLAR BEAR
45. CIGAR STORE INDIAN	106. GREAT SPIRIT	160. GOLDEN PHEASANT
46. WILD TURKEY	107. WYOMING BRONCO	161. RAINBOW DANCER
47. CONNECTICUT ROBIN	108. PEREGRINE FALCON	162. SEAGULL PLAQUE
48. MOUNTAIN GOAT		163. OSPREY FAMILY (2)
49. LIPIZZAN	109. WIDGEON 110. NEAR MISS 111. RIVER OTTER	165. MALE BUFFLEHEAD DUCK
50. PALOMINO	111. RIVER OTTER	166. BLUE-WINGED TEAL
50. PALOMINO 51. BABY SNOWY OWL	112. EAGLE DANCER 113. U. S. SKI TEAM	167. CEDAR WAXWINGS
52. BLACK-POOTED FERRET	113. U. S. SKI TEAM	168. ALASKAN WALRUS
53. BLUE-WINGED TEAL	114. CANADA GOOSE FAMILY	169. KESTRAL PLAQUE
54. BROWN TROUT	115. ELK	170. BASKET DANCER
55. SPECTACLED OWL	116. BUFFALO DANCER	171. BURROWING OWLS
56, P. T. BARNUM	116. BUFFALO DANCER 117. MEADOWLARK	172. SAFARI LIONS
57. DONKEY POLITICAL		173. MOUNTAIN CATS
58. ELEPHANT POLITICAL	119. WOOD DUCK PLAQUE 120. EASTER SEAL EAGLE	174. OLLA DANCER
59. BIRTH OF FREEDOM	120. EASTER SEAL EAGLE	175. OLDSQUAW DUCK
40 DRAIDIE CURCIEN	121 DALL SHEEP	

121. DALL SHEEP

122. DESERT SHEEP

60. PRAIRIE CHICKEN

61. SUBMARINE

### **DOWN UNDER**



It's been some time since bottles from Australia were featured. A few years ago there was an active club and more Australian bottles were seen because there was a great deal of interest there. Today we are fortunate to have a look at these older ones. Hopefully one of our Australian readers can shed a bit of light on these pieces.

We begin with two variations of BOND 7. The first is a fine liqueur whisky from Gilbey's in Melbourne while the other is a fine selected whisky from Milne and Company. The first is undoubtedly older because it contains 1 2/3 fluid ounces and the second is 50ml.

Gilt Edge Old Whisky is also an

older one but it's from Milne and Company and you can note the little windmill logo at the top of the label on it and also the second of the two Bond 7's. It contains 1 2.3 fluid ounces.

The next one is the Black King CHESSBOARD Whisky. It's another of the 1/23 fl. oz. and comes from Van Cooth & Co. of Victoria. Berkeley Old Blended Whisky completes our group this time. Again a 1 2/3 fluid ozs. But this time from The Distillers Corporation of Melbourne. It is a blend of malt and grain whiskies which have been aged for five years.

Now who out there can give us some dates for these bottles?



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### **VODKA**

### by JOHN SULLIVAN





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Continuing on. Last time I ended by mentioning my trip into San Francisco and finding the new bottles. So, here they are...the new Belvedere and Chopin, both from the state owned Polmos of Poland.

I was delighted with the Chopin but since I already had the Belvedere, I only got one to have as a trader. Now you know the rest of the story. Upon returning home, I looked at the Belvedere in my collection and realized something was different. Upon comparison, you can see that there are a great many differences. Incidentally, if you're wondering, the U.S. version is the one with the hanging tag. This is one time where I think they've improved upon the original.

I realize many of you are savvy enough to know that some companies put the same product in different bottles, but that surely isn't the case with these two. The



Belvedere is made from rye while the Chopin is made from potatoes.

I know that the Dvorak and Tchaikovski have been shown previously, but I thought you might enjoy seeing the three collector bottles together. The first is from the Czech Republic while the second is from Russia.

My other little delight this time is the special bottling of Absolut for St. Valentine's Day this year. This was sent to me by fellow collector Nicos Zevlaris of Cyprus. I'd say it's a great variation. Now we've had the "specials", we'll end with the ordinary. The last bottle is the Citrus flavored Luksusowa from Poland and another potato yodka.



# AT NASS

TAIZO SHIRATSUCHI



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This time I would like to present to you some changes in miniatures of the SUNTORY YAMAZAKI PURE MALT Whisky. Sentry Co. launched the Yamazaki Pure Malt in March of 1984.

At that time, the first miniature was made only as a sample (A). In June of 1985 it appeared on the market in a slightly different bottle shape (B).

In November 1986, a new bottle was issued with '12yo' on the label

(C). It doesn't mean to be on the up grade of contents, only to clear the age of maturity.

As the classification system of Japanese Liquor Tax was repealed in April 1989, Sentry Co. changed the label of Yamazaki 12yo. The new label had a dull green line frame and from the bottom of the label erased a Japanese word which means a special-class , leaving only a Japanese word of Whisky (D). In 1990 Sentry Co.















## FRRAR



changed its logo or symbol mark (E) (cf. MBC #103). There then became available (F) in May 1996 which has a brown line frame with shadings, not dull green, and it is a current one.

(G) has a different label on which is painted the Yamazaki Distillery. It was issued in 1994 as a souvenir for visitors to the distillery.

In 1996 Sentry Co. launched the Yamazaki Pure Malt 10yo with a deep green label and golden letters



(H).

Yamazaki Pure Malt 18yo first appeared in 1992 and the miniature was available only as a sample(J). It has a black label with golden line frame and letters. The Suntory Whisky Museum opened at the Yamazaki Distillery on March 17, 2000 and there is available the Yamazaki Pure Malt 18yo miniature for visitors only (K).

Until next time ..... -T.S .-



Four more very hard to find whiskies are shown in this article. The first is from the 1940's and the rest are from the 1930's. Every time I see more whiskies from the 1930's, I wish I could have been around at that time to put away a case or two of each. Wouldn't you?

The first mini is Old Hawk. The label is very colorful with a hawk in the upper left corner. This clear round bottle is filled with 4yo KSBW. The whiskey was blended and bottled by the Kentucky River Distillery, Nicholasville, Kentucky.

The next two are great examples of the clusive California whiskies. The first is Old Miner Straight Whiskey. The tax stamp unfortunately covers a good portion of the miner. This "mild & mellow" whiskey is contained in a

clear flask and was distilled by the Old Quaker Co., Lawrenceburg, Ind. It was bottled for the Thrifty Drug Stores, Los Angeles, Calif.

The "Old 79" has a very colorful label also. The cream colored label has red and black letters with a picture of a "southern gentleman"? in the center. This clear flask is filled with 2 yr. 90 proof Straight Bourbon Whiskey and bottled for S. E. Rykoff & Co., Los Angeles.

The last mini is Old ArmItage. The clear flask is filled with 1 year old 90 proof straight bourbon whiskey. This was bottled for Dohmen & Allinger Inc, Indianapolis, Ind.

Hope you have enjoyed these super whiskies from Pat McMullen's collection.

### **MELO'S MINIS**

by MIKE OLSON



In this article we'll look at half a dozen pre-pros. Miniatures produced before prohibition is another area which is not well documented. Ihave no idea how many brands were produced, but I am sure it was well into the hundreds, perhaps thousands. I do know the number which have survived is in the hundreds and brands continually appearing that I have never seen before. I only collect bottles with full paper labels and have found some really nice examples considering they are all well over 80 years old.

Anyway, bottle number one has a well known name. It is Waterfill and Frazier Kentucky Sour Mash Whiskey. It was bottled by Grommes & Ullrich of Chicago and has a red and black label which states "Must be opened in presence of passenger". This must have been a turn of the century railroad bottle!

Bottle number two is Carlisle
Pure Old Rye Whiskey from
Rochesles Distillery Co.It has a very
pretty multi-colored label with
bright (real?) gold accents and
states 1892 on the label. The glass
bottle is a fairly crude Bimal, so



the date is probably accurate.

Next is Honey Drop Whiskey from John Spengler of Kansas City, Mo. It has a white label printed in black and gold which features a beehive. It dates from the early 1900's.

Old is Bottle number four Old Bourbon Fine Dominick Whiskey from D Canale & Co. Memphis, Tenn. It is BIB 1909-1913 and has a black label printed in gold which did not photograph well. Next is another turn of the century bottle with a black label. It is called Black Cat Rare & Old from Ullman, Einstein& Whiskey

Co. of Cleveland.

The last of these is The Famous Queen of Nelson by Hilmar Ehrmann & Co. Distillers, Louisville, Ky. The label does not state "Whiskey" which was permissible before the Pure Food Act of 1906.

Finally, did you like the two Reds from California? The Red Robin is one of my personal favorites and should be on anyone's all time list of best looking bottles.

Until next time. . . . M E L O. . . .

## B E R



### By SCOTT SPAID

Collectors often ask me "What's New?" What they really mean is, what have you recently found that's old...or good...or good and old. However, occasionally I can actually answer that something is new.

Back in issue number 152, I showed several beers which were found in Venezuela. Among them was a Polar and a Zulia. At that time I asked for any information which would tell us more about these beers. Well, I don't have any more information to impart to you, but I do have some more pictures of more of the same series of beers.

There are now a pair of Zulia Cervezas. One is in brown glass while the other is in green glass andboth labels are decals. And there is also a pair of Polar Cervezas, but these are Negra and Light. Polar is bottle in both Spain and Venezuela.

Our last two which also have



decal labels are Corona and Regional. Now while we all know that Corona hails from Mexico, just where does Regional come from? Incidentally, note the nice little decal neck label on the Regional.

These bottles are capped obviously by a professional capping machine and they contain water. That's all I can currently tell you. Now what can you tell me? -- S.P.S.—



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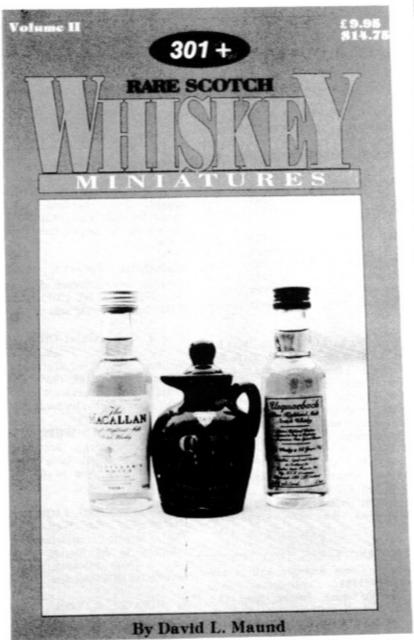


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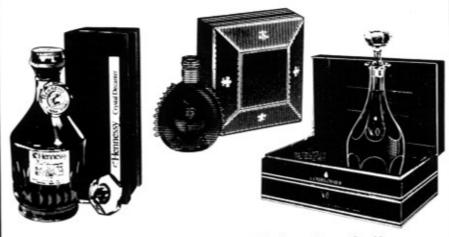
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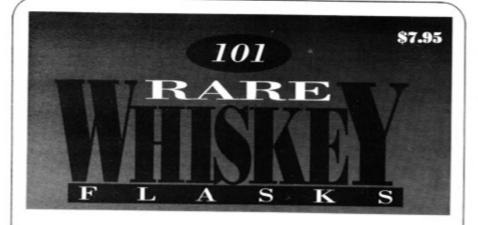
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