

# MINIIZ

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## N.Z. BOTTLED RUM



The cover shows Black Heart and Lemon Hart Rums which together with the 5 rums shown on this page is all the N.Z. bottled rums we know of. (Although there are two versions of each of Ricardo Gold Label, White Mink and Bacardi, probably also Ricardo Black Label, although no one has reported a second one).

Lemon Hart is probably the oldest N.Z. bottled rum and interestingly the label has not been especially printed for a miniature but is off the  $\frac{1}{4}$  bottle flask. It states 6 $\frac{3}{4}$  fl.oz. although clearly the bottle is only about 50ml.

Black Heart is the latest N.Z. miniature and appears to be on sale through the country.

Ricardo Black and Gold Labels were bottled by C.S. Passmore, Auckland around the mid-1970's and the Bacardi is about the same age having been bottled in Christchurch by the International Bottling Company Limited, perhaps better known for their bottling of Jim Beam miniatures.

The final two, Caribbean Black Oak and White Mink are late 1970's offerings from our good friends Basil A. Fitzpatrick of Rangiora.

Why do I describe Basil A. Fitzpatrick as our good friends? - More of that in a later article.

David Smith



The Sedgewick Rye Man is in Boozeville today. The distillery sends him around the country giving out samples to everyone who is willing. In Boozeville there are very many who are willing. He hands out small crockery 1/4 pint jugs filled with rye. He'll also pour a shot right from the bottle if you wish. Competition is very keen in the whiskey business. With all the private home-made stills operating in great numbers this forces the bigger distilleries to get out and sell their products.

The Distillery giveaway is probably one of the most sought after bottles in the giveaway class. Not only do the giveaway collectors want it, but so do the whiskey, distillery, and figural bottle collectors.

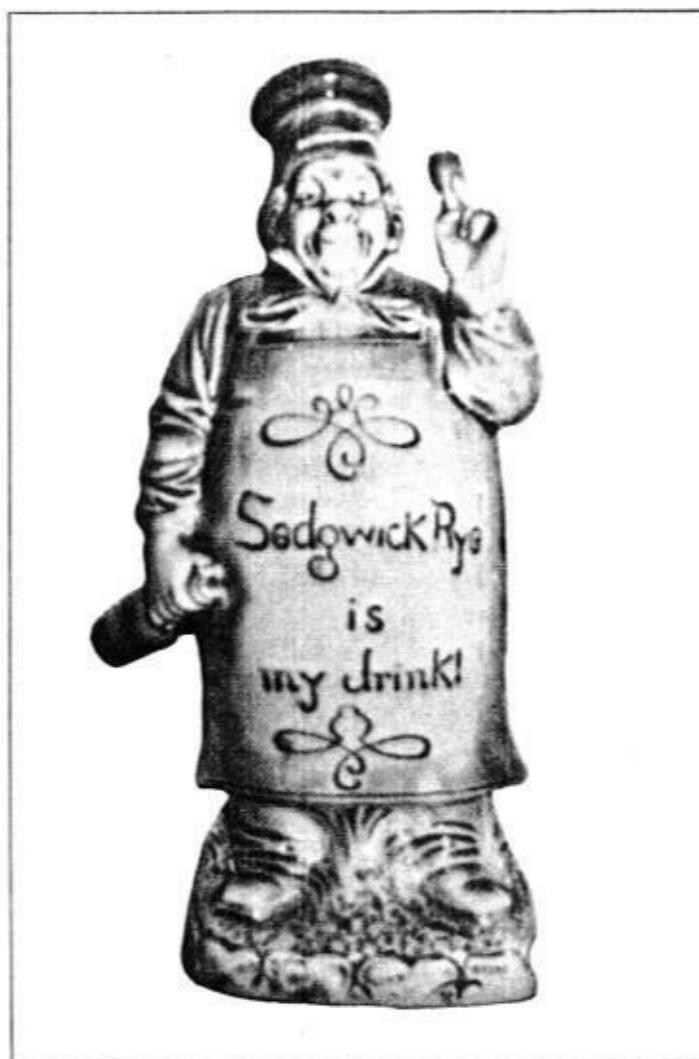
The one shown here is finished in an overall light blue glaze. It is very thin shelled and I doubt if very many of these have survived since they were made around 1900. He is wearing a large apron with a typical old Dutch cap. The top of his cap is also the cap of the bottle.

He is holding a bottle in one hand and a small glass in the other. And as you can see on the apron is impressed Sedgewick Rye Is My Drink. From the back he seems to be sitting on a tree stump indicating an early style. On the bottom is the crown mark and number 5328. This bottle is 7 1/2 inches tall including the cap. It is a generous giveaway as it holds 3/4 of a pint.

"Ummm that isn't too bad. How about just one more small sample?" --LM--

## A Visit To Boozeville

by Lloyd McLeod



PUZZLE ANSWERS

Due to numerous requests (threats?) here are the answers to the puzzles in Newsletters 1 & 2.

The puzzle in the last newsletter is obviously getting some of you thinking furiously. Due to our publishing this newsletter early we are extending the time you have for getting your answers to Naming Names in until 17th September. The winners name will be published in the Oct/Nov issue.

Pukerua Pub

Half om Half	Anise	Amaretto	Beer
Tropical Fruit	Whiskey	Marc	Stout
Coke	Gin	Gold Wasser	Cafe
Cider	Rum	Ouzo	Triple Sec
Zabajone	Anis	Creme de Menthe	Mai Tai
Caramella	Ferro China	Grand Marnier	Brandy Alexander
Brandy	Calvados	Countreau	Tri Secco
Maraschino	Daiquiri	Oyzo	Whisky
Sloe Gin	Parfait Amour	Monastique	Cassis
Cognac	Light Ale	Apry	Pisco
Geneva	Pimpeltjens	Apricot	Port
Prunelle	Oyzounis	Mezcal	Kahlua
Manhattan	Black Russian	Pepsi	Lime
Cherry	Banane	Fanta	Kummel
Halb und Halb	Bras Monkey	Bourbon	Tequila
Millefiori	Sake	Curacao	Utu
Advo Mint	Libarna	Hobos Wife	Okolehao
Vodka	Advocaat	Dry Martini	Kirsch
Boonekamp	Wine	Mead	Coconut

Port Nicholson Miniature Bottle Club Puzzle

Dutch Liquor Co	DEKUYPER	Cookie Cognac	BISQUIT
Australian Whisky	CORIO	Lovers Drink	PARFAIT AMOUR
Melon Liq. From Japan	MIDORI	Old Scotch	THE ANTIQUARY
Free Bourbon Bird	WILD TURKEY	Liffey Water	GUINNESS
Peter Thompson's	BENEAGLES	Canadian Peer	LORD CALVERT
Whisky you can take anywhere	WHITE HORSE	French Liquor Company	REGNIER
The White Rum	BACARDI	No more than 50%	HALB UND HALB
Illicit Whisky	OLD HOKANUI	Fortified Wine	PORT
Black Fellas	PISCO	Japanese Whiskey	SUNTORY
White Lightnin	POLISH SPIRIT	Cactus Distillate	TEQUILA
Bouncy Green Drink	GRASS HOPPER	Local Distiller	WILSONS
Australian Liqueur Co	VOK	Hawaiian Rum	LEILANI
Windmill Manufacturer	RYNBENDE	Instructors Whisky	TEACHERS
Philipine Brewer	SANMIGUEL	Dutch Liqueur	PIMPILTJENS
Orange Liqueur	COINTREAU	Maraschino Maker	LUXARDO
Emily Anne & Charlotte	BRONTE	Tramps Relative	HOBOS WIFE

You have all tried scrambled egg, now for the delight of  
your taste buds, we give you

SCRAMBLED SCOTCH

SPEACH LIMITS GONE

MOO ISN'T SCREECH

QUASH A CUBE

A BEES GLEN

TALLER IRISH WAGER

AH! CRUD

B. PINKS RANG

PESTE RINGER

QUERY THAT INA

AM NO LORD

THE FRAU MOUS GOES

START MULL COMA

SLING TEA CO.

HOT MOON

NORTH TERNS CO.

RUD SALE

TOE RINK

CON A REST

LAIRD E BUTLIN

MORS SANK GIN

RIGHT HAND OWLE

THE WORSE HI

BROAD AS SAM

DEKEL ARCH

LOCK BALL CONE

HELL, WAT BE I?

STAIN ALL BEN

DEEP HIPS

HAND MAC HEN GRITS

A TRAIN BIN

FLUM FACE DAY

BAD LOON

CHIDING D ELF

24 = Good, 27 = V. Good, 30 = Excellent  
33 - You must specialise in Scotch

## LUXARDO

Girolamo Luxardo of Torreglia, Italy, began issuing their miniatures in 1953 and continued until 1961. Four were reissued in 1968.

There are 3 gondolas, each issued a different year and each with a slight difference in design. They were issued in 1959, 1960 & 1968.

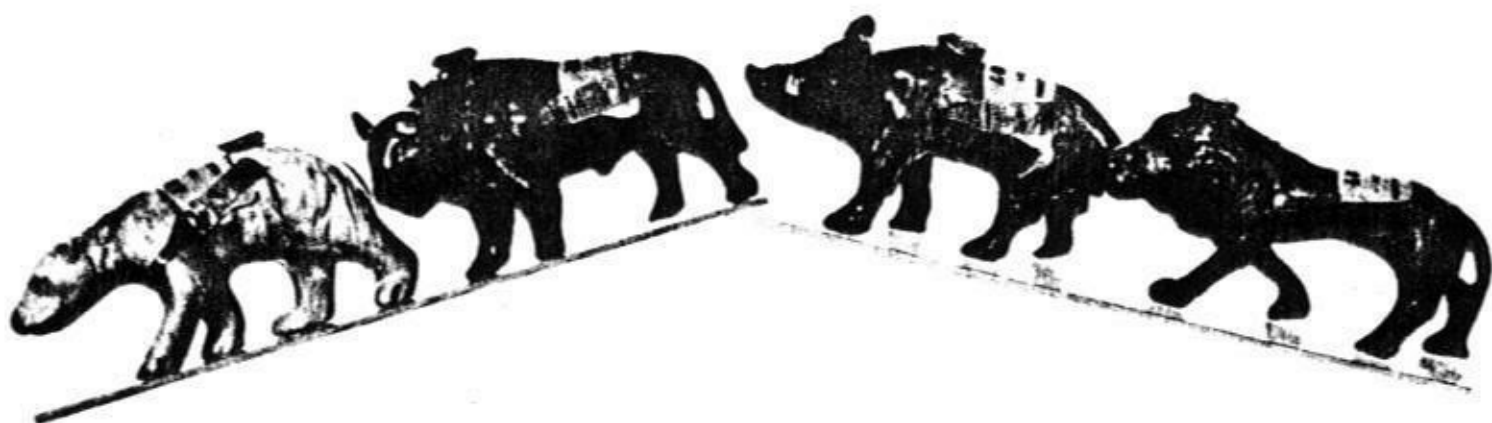


Rated highest of all the Luxardo miniatures is the regal Chess Set consisting of 6 pieces, the King, Queen, Bishop, Castle, Knight and Pawn. A very limited number were sent to U.S. in 1959, mainly in the San Francisco Bay area. Only one sample shipment was sent. It was originally planned to sell two sets in contrasting colours. However, there was difficulty in glazing the figures, they were expensive to make and were soon given up because of the cost involved.

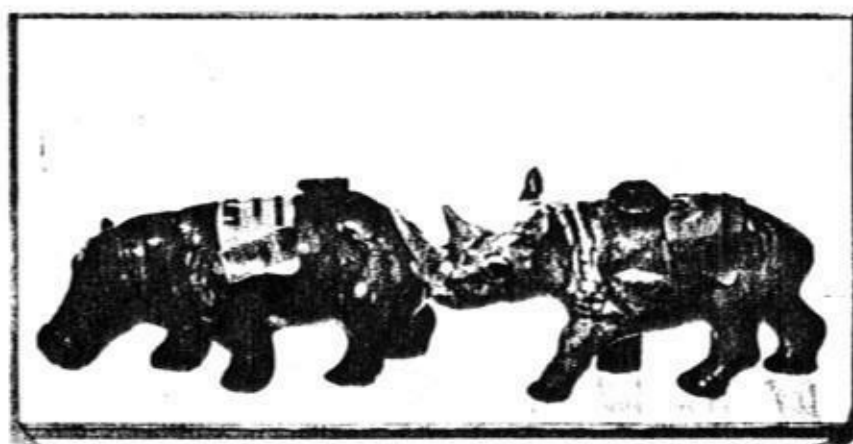
This charming Turkey  
was imported in 1961



(Extract from "A Guide to Miniature Bottles")



**LUXARDO**



FROM



ITALY





# LUXARDO

## - TEARS OF GOLD -

A true story as related by the Luxardos about the origin of the liqueur LACRIME D'ORO. ....

"Once upon a time ..... in 1943 when Zara was tragically destroyed by bombs, the Italian population quit the town. Members of the Luxardo family retrieved their archives from the rubble and after weeks of perilous navigation in a row boat, deposited them in a cellar at Venice.

Years later the papers, yellow, mouldy and half eaten by brine, were examined.

A true story which reads like a legend came to light:

Centuries ago, the Ligurian family of Luxardo traded with the near East. In 1685 one of their ships saved a Turkish vessel from shipwreck on the Dalmation coast. It carried a Princess on her way to wed a Turkish Ambassador in Venice.

In gratitude she gave her rescuer a recipe for a wondrous liqueur which - recalling the tears she shed when death seemed imminent - she christened - - "TEARS OF GOLD" - -.

The recipe was consigned to the Luxardos and handed down from Father to Son.

And now after centuries, the recipe has been tried, with wonderful results.

The liqueur is an infusion of over 40 herbs.

(Extract from  
"Luxardo Bottles" )





## THE LARGEST

We all know who has the worlds largest collection of Gins, Vodkas, Cognac, Scotch, Beers or miniatures overall - or do we?

Events have set me thinking. A recent auction in Bath, England was reportedly of 17,000 bottles and was advertised as 'The Worlds Largest Reported Collection of Unduplicated Miniature Bottles'. Our latest member is Pat McMullen of Michigan who, although not claiming the worlds largest collection, was reported in magazine articles in both 1970 and 1980 to have 20,000. David Maund, also a member, claimed a collection of 22,000 in a letter to the writer a few months ago. When I was in Chicago two years ago I met someone who claimed to know of a collection of 25,000 in Japan.

So who does have the largest collection and who the largest of numerous specialist collections? Serious collectors worldwide probably think Al manuel has the worlds largest collection of both gin and vodka, but does he? (Sorry Al, personally I don't doubt it for a moment.) Or is it just that he is a very visible collector in these fields? When it comes to Scotch/Bourbon/Whiskey/Whisky or Cognac or Beer there are some obvious prominent choices for worlds largest collection - but would that choice be a correct one?

Does it matter? Probably not, but most collectors would find it interesting to know. Perhaps the other clubs worldwide would like to 'take stock' so to speak and report on what they believe may be the biggest collection either overall or in particular categories. The results could make an interesting article for the MBC.

Just for the record no NZ collection would appear to come even near to being in world class, with the exception of collections of NZ bottles. Erica Mulder has the largest - or does she?

David Smith

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## GLOBETROTTERS?

For those who are fortunate enough to be planning a trip to Hawaii or Amsterdam here are a few addresses of places to buy miniatures. From the "Midwest Miniature Bottle Collector".

### HAWAII

Gourmet Bazaar,  
International Market Place,  
Honolulu, Hawaii.

Waikiki A-1 Liquors & Superette,  
2228 Kalakau ,  
Honolulu, Hawaii.

The Liquor Locker,  
Inside the Waikiki Outrigger Hotel,  
Honolulu, Hawaii

A B C Drugs,  
AIA Moana Shopping Centre,  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Sears,  
AIA Moana Shopping Centre,  
Lower Level, Honolulu,

Longs Drugs,  
AIA Moana Shopping Centre,  
Honolulu, Hawaii

### AMSTERDAM

Slijterij,  
Wijnhandel "De Eekhoorn",  
Kinkerstraat 270-272,  
Amsterdam

Wijnhandel Bosch,  
Van Baerlestraat 114,  
Amsterdam

Wijnhandel,  
Ton Overmars,  
Hoofddorpplein 11  
Amsterdam

# CLUB NEWS

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### HOFFMAN NATIONAL COLLECTORS CLUB

Our last magazine quoted a Lifetime Membership to the above Club as \$17.95.

The bad news is that we have received a letter dated 2.6.83 from the President Mr Edw. Wertheimer, who has advised that owing to the expenses incurred involving approx. 11,000 members they have had to alter their dues structure which are as follows:

Domestic \$7.00 per member: \$10 per family : and \$15 U.S. annually for foreign members.

The good news is that they are working on a new miniature club bottle and this will be MR FIREMAN RETIRED IN A PORCELAIN CHAIR.

They may also be embarking on a venture with several Eagle Clubs around the world and may re-introduce their miniature Eagles - both the closed wing and open wing.

New Club forms are being made up now and these will be available to Club members in the near future.

Hoffman also advises that they are low on most minis and here is a list of what they have in stock together with U.S. prices - these bottles are all offered postage paid.

Ruddy Duck mini pair	\$5.95	
Hooded Merganser mini pair	"	
Golden Eye mini pair	"	
Blue Bill mini pair	"	
Green-wing teal	"	
Pintail Duck	"	
Mr Lucky Farmer	\$9.95	
" Railroad Engineer	"	
" Photographer	"	
" Tourist	"	
" Barber	"	
" Dentist	"	
Christmas Organist	\$12.95	} or 2 for \$22.50
" Caroler	"	
Miniature Horses	N.S.	

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### NEW ZEALAND MINIS

We thank David Smith (and his Secretary) for a marathon effort in compiling a list of "Known N.Z. minis", this of course doesn't mean they are readily available, so we do appreciate the effort involved in producing a list of this size.

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CLUB NEWS.....

VENUE FOR FOLLOWING MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 18th : Les. & Pat Wiltons for lunch at "Hikawai"  
Masterton.

All those interested in attending to contact Ross Page,  
Telephone 661-367 Wtn. by the 10th September as he will  
be co-ordinating travel arrangements.

OCTOBER 16th : Ross & Lynanne's, Flat 4, 195 Waterloo Road,  
Lower Hutt.

NOVEMBER 20th : 2pm at Marg's, 2/18 Bowers Street, Stokes  
Valley.

DECEMBER 11th : At David & Jackie's, 86 Rawhiti Road, Pukerua  
Bay.  
This will be the end of year barbeque including  
Buy, sell and swop.

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A warm welcome is extended to the following new members:

P.H. Beattie, Scotland.

Humphrey Ball, London.

Janet Frey, U.S.A.

Pat McMullen, U.S.A.

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And now a STRONG word from your editor -- Your contributions  
are noted by their absence -- there is a limit to how many  
spaces I can put between words -- for the following magazine  
we have exactly - NIL - NOTHING- So from me that is what you  
will be reading -----

Put it off no longer - get cracking.

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BUMPER STICKERS; LAPEL BADGES

A small supply of these are still available at \$1.00 each.

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**BUY**  
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**SELL**



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**SWOP**  
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We take no responsibility for items advertised in this column, if any bottles are of interest to you, it is up to you to contact the advertiser to negotiate.

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P.H. BEATTIE, 95 Archerhill Road, Knightswood, Glasgow G13 3NJ, Scotland.

WANTS To swop - he collects whiskeys only.

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TILLIE PUCKETT, 4639 N. Beacon, Chicago, Illinois 60640 U.S.A.

WANTS To buy miniatures (No details given in letter)

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JAMES DUPRE, 92 Kourt Dr., Eugene, Oregon 97404, U.S.A.

TO SWOP (no details given in letter)

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HUMPHREY BALL, 23 Heredon Close, Forest Hill, London, S.E. 23 3 TG.

TO SWOP miniatures - He collects Whiskies, Gins, Brandies, Rums, Vodka, Ports and Sherries and will be interested to hear of any New Zealand miniatures in these catagories.  
or  
BUY

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VAL BERGMAN, 4 Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu, Wellington, N.Z.

TO SWOP Swizzle Sticks.

or  
BUY Whiskeys : Vodkas :

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B U Y : S E L L : S W O P : MEETING FOR CLUB MEMBERS TO BE  
HELD AT DAVID' AND JACKIES - 86 RAWHITI ROAD, PUKERUA BAY on  
SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER, 1983.

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ROGER D. EHRLICH, 4 High Ash Drive, Alwoodley, Leeds LS17 8QY, England

WANTS to Sell 2,500 bottles including 700 whiskies.