

MiniZ

THE NEWSLETTER OF PORT NICHOLSON MINIATURE BOTTLE CLUB



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EDITORIAL

Your Committee is pleased to report that membership is at a record level. Although attendance at the monthly meetings is usually only small, the enthusiasm of those that do attend make the meetings well worthwhile. Enclosed with this newsletter is an updated address list.

At the request of Marjorie Lynch, and as an experiment only, our next meeting will be out of Wellington entirely for the first time for two years. Wellington members can help this meeting to be a success by making a day out of it - Wanganui isn't really all that far. If you want to share transport please give the Secretary a phone. Members within reasonable travelling distance of Wanganui (Palmerston North, Patea, Taumaranui) are asked to attend if at all possible. Marjorie is hoping to have some prospective members at the meeting so the more of us that turn up the better. Please note that the meeting is a swap/meet - bring your duplicates.

If this meeting is a success we would hope to hold meetings around that area a couple of times a year.

I've been asked to mention that we still have a small supply of Jim Beam club bottles and 3 only Jim Beam 5th N.Z. Convention bottles available. These bottles are \$2 each (about US.\$1) to members, plus postage at cost.

There will be an auction of at least 1200 bottles in Wellington in late Nov./early Dec. The club is giving the auctioneers some assistance so if you have any duplicates you wish to dispose of (after letting the rest of us have a go at Wanganui) get them to any one of the committee and we will see they are included. Also on the subject of auctions, there is a collection of 2500 that will be auctioned in Palmerston North early in the new year.

There have been no new commercial N.Z. minis for several months now but the good news is that MacGregors is back in business and will be bottling minis again in the new year.

We have updated the list of N.Z. miniatures. Anyone wanting a copy should let the club know and one will be posted out with the next newsletter - hopefully late October.

COVER BOTTLE

This months cover features a bottle, the name of which will be familiar to most of our N.Z. members. However, few of you will have seen this label. To the best of my knowledge there are only two of these in collections here.

This version has been made and bottled in N.Z. but for sale solely in the U.S. A back label gives the U.S. importers name and the bottle comes in a little box (shown at either side).

This mini may be unique in being the only New Zealand mini never sold in New Zealand.



BUY SELL & SWAP

Ruth Stopper, IM Bruch 29, 4791, Hovelhof, West Germany -
Ruth has a collection of 8,000 plus 300 swaps.
She wishes to swap with a collector from N.Z.

Karl-Heinz Kessemeier, Schutzenstr. 17, 3201, Diekhofen, West Germany, -
Karl-Heinz has 708 minis and swaps. He also
wishes to swap with a N.Z. collector.

Murray Waxenfield, 1455 East 85th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11236, U.S.A. -
Murray specialises in whisky/whiskey from all
over the world. If you would like to do some
swapping why not drop him a line.

Nicks Wine Merchants, 13 Swanson Street, Melbourne - According to Colin
Kilpatrick, "They have a dam good selection".



THE SPIRIT OF FREE ENTERPRISE

You will recall last month's cover bottle. I wrote to Pacifica Shipping to see if they had any left - they didn't. However, they did send me two bottles they have had done especially for their first birthday. Shown either side are the back and front (take your pick as to which is which). I presume they contain gin again, although nowhere does the label say. 500 of these were produced so a few should turn up in collections. The company has promised to let us know if they produce any more minis.



THE MINIATURE BOTTLE COLLECTOR

We highly recommend this, the only publication of it's type, to all our members. For those of you who wish to subscribe the address of the Miniature Bottle Collector Magazine is:

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P.N.M.B.C. OF N.Z. PUZZLE

On the facing page is this months puzzle. Some of the answers you will find easy, some difficult. Overseas members will, perhaps, have some difficulties with some answers that New Zealand members find very easy and visa versa.

There will be a prize of a club bottle for the first 100% correct entry. Answers will not be published until the December/January edition so you have plenty of time.

N.Z. NAMES PUZZLE - ANSWERS

BOARDS, BURNETTS, CALVERT, WHITE SATIN, SEAGERS, DR. HEARALLS, OLD PENSIONER, GIN, LAGER, TANQUERAY, TUI PALE ALE, SPEIGHTS, LION, BROWN TOP, BEER, TIMARU OATMALT STOUT, JIM BEAM, J AND B, WILSONS, WHITE HORSE WHISKY, MACLEAY DUFF, CATTO, RUM, LEMON HART, RICARDO, McWILLIAMS, BAILEY, DRASKY, SCREWDRIIVER, GILBEYS, GIMLET, VODKATINI, SAMOVAR, MacGREGOR, BRANDY ALEXANDER, MULLINGAR, COSSACK, SMIRNOFF, TOTARA, KAMARILO, DEER VELVET, RED STAG, BRUI, KIWI, MERITO, SHERRY, PORT, SPENCE, KOHA, WINE.

ANOTHER GIVE - AWAY

It's amazing where these turn up. Erica Mulder picked up this one in an antique shop in Auckland a couple of weeks ago.

The basic flask is the same as the one shown last month, however, the little girl is in colour. Hat and socks are blue, skirt and hat bobble are green, sweater and glass are red and the dog is grey. The words 'old whisky' are clearly visible on the bottle the girl is holding.



P.N.M.B.C. OF N.Z. PUZZLE

UNDOUBTEDLY IRISH	P _ _ _ _
ALMOST AN EXCLAMATION	_ O _ _
GONDOLA MANUFACTURER	_ _ _ R _ _
VERY OLD BOURBON	_ _ _ T _ _ _ _
CASTAGNON's FINEST	_ _ _ N _ _ _ _
FRUITY LOCAL LIQUEUR	_ I _ _
FOSS'S BRAND	_ _ _ C _ _ _ _ _
RAILWAY ENTHUSIAST's COMPANY	_ _ _ H _ _
VICKERS' VODKA	_ O _ _ _ _
COGNAC SHIPPER	_ L _ _ _ _
RUM JUG MAKER	_ _ _ S _ _
WHISKY WITH LATITUDE	_ _ _ O _ _ _
JAPANESE LIQUOR COMPANY	_ N _ _ _ _
NEW ZEALAND LIQUER	_ _ M _ _ _ _
CLUB's BOTTLER	_ I _ _ _ _
CHWISGI	_ _ N _ _ _
THE GREAT SCOTCH	_ I _ _ _ _ _ _
HARDY's AUSSIE BRANDY	_ _ A _ _ _ _ _ _
MONKEY BUSINESS	_ _ _ T _ _ _ _
NEW ZEALAND's NEWEST WHISKY	_ U _ _ _ _
NEW ZEALAND BOTTLED BOURBON	_ _ _ R _ _
HER FORTIFIED SCOTCH	_ _ _ E _ _ _ _ _ _
GIN COMPANY	_ _ _ B _ _ _
DOLL COMPANY	_ _ _ _ O _ _ _ _ _
LIQUEUR AND FILM	_ T _
MAKER OF 1 AND THE 7	_ _ _ _ T _ _ _ _
THE NAME IS THE SHAPE	_ _ L _ _
PLASTIC BOTTLER	_ _ _ _ E _ _ _
MADE MY EGYPTIAN MUMMY	_ _ C _ _ _ _ _
TALL YELLOW LIQUEUR	_ _ _ L _ _ _ _
NAUGHTY BOTTLER	_ U _ _
MONKEY BUSINESS II	_ _ B _ _ _
CANADIAN LIQUEUR	_ _ _ O _ _ _ _
LUCKY MANUFACTURER	_ _ _ F _ _ _
DUTCH BUILDER	_ _ N _ _ _ _
UNICUM's MAKER	_ Z _ _ _ _

HIGHLIGHTS

Having just been overseas, including visiting the L.A. Mini Bottle Show and a number of collectors, I have been instructed to put pen to paper and tell you about it.

The first mini places we visited were two L.A. shops, Flask Liquor, 12194 Ventura Blvd., Studio City (Near Universal Studios) and Fords Liquor Store, 318E, Old Lincoln Avenue, Anaheim (near Disneyland and Knotts Berry Farm).

If you are looking for ceramics the former is the place to go, if straight glass definitely the latter. Brian McClelland of Fords Liquor has joined the club (Hi Brian!) as he is himself a collector, although only in a small way. Brian collects bottles with camels and skull and crossbones on - (if you can help him I'm sure he will be generous in return).

Following our trip to the two liquor stores we met for dinner David Spaid and his fiancée (now wife) Marcia and Harry and Caraleen Ford. David had just moved houses the previous day so the treat of seeing his collection will have to wait for our next visit. We did, however, end up at Harry and Caraleen's where we saw their very nice, and not insubstantial, collection. Harry and Caraleen have quite a number of the give-aways and it was the first time we had seen any of these.

On Friday night we got to meet collectors, too numerous to mention here, in the Liliputian Club's hospitality room. The drink was provided by the club and the suite by the hotel (provided club members occupied so many rooms), a very nice touch we thought.

Saturday was show day. Show is not really the right word as no one was actually displaying anything - all bottles were for sale! Having spent \$200 (N.Z.) in the first 5 minutes, at one table, we decided we had better slow down somewhat. However, the pull of minis, minis, and more minis, was irresistible and we eventually ended up with three wine cartons full. Prices at the show were cheap compared with both those here and US Dealers prices. There would have been about 30 tables loaded, and I mean loaded, with minis. One of the highlights was undoubtedly the stand of Harry Goetz. Harry, who is a dealer not a collector, had recently bought a collection of 15,000 from Argentina. Many of the bottles were just unobtainable (in the US as well as here) and his prices were very reasonable. It took Harry three trips to Argentina to tie up the deal - good on yer Harry.

Two ladies who travelled from afar to be at the show last year were remembered - or were they? A comment I can't resist passing on was "The two OLD AUSTRALIAN ladies who came last year went mad, you could have given them a wheelbarrow and they still wouldn't have been able to carry the bottles away fast enough". Wonder what they will say about us next year?



On the Sunday the show continued - we bought a few more! We persuaded Barry Kaplan and Dave Brody to take our three cartons over to Las Vegas where we were to collect and post them a week later. It was lucky we met Barry and Dave as we were dubious as to whether we would get them safely up to San Francisco by air, and we were unable to post them being Sunday.

We flew to San Francisco with Fred Jinkens and were taken to his place to view his excellent collection of cognacs.

To cut a long story short from San Francisco we drove to Albany, Oregon to see an old college friend of Jackie's. By coincidence Wayne and Dee Andrus, whom I have been swapping with for some time and met at the show, only lived 40 miles away. We, therefore, took the opportunity to visit them and, of course, view Wayne's excellent collection. It was from Wayne that I obtained the Totara Cafe (see cover bottle).

From Wayne's we drove back to San Francisco and flew to Las Vegas. We loved Vegas! (I've never met anyone who didn't). We had a day visiting casinos and picked up the odd mini here and there. The following day we met up with Barry Kaplan who looked after us tremendously. Naturally, we bought a lot more minis at the Collectors Liquor Shop. All that we had at that time were then packed and posted.

**382-6645
STORE**

**387-6515
LOUNGE**

We reluctantly left Vegas and flew to Washington. If you're thinking of going - forget it - in the height of summer. Almost all the attractions have very long queues (like 1½/2hrs!). Also, we only bought 1 mini but we have to admit to not looking very hard.

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We flew from Washington to New York where we spent a most enjoyable evening with Alkei Manuel. As well as seeing part of Alkei's collection we met another collector Randy, and also went to see Richie's collection. The following day we drove to Massachusetts where we met up with member Dick Cotton. Dick has a marvellous collection. (My descriptions of collections seem to be getting repetitive but I can honestly say I never say one I didn't find desirable.) Dick and his wife really looked after us. As well as liberally feeding us they took us to see both John Di Angelo (where we gatecrashed a christening party) and Henry Pascas who I have previously done some swapping with. Henry's is probably the smallest collection we saw the whole time, but ah, the quality! Henry specialises in American whisky.

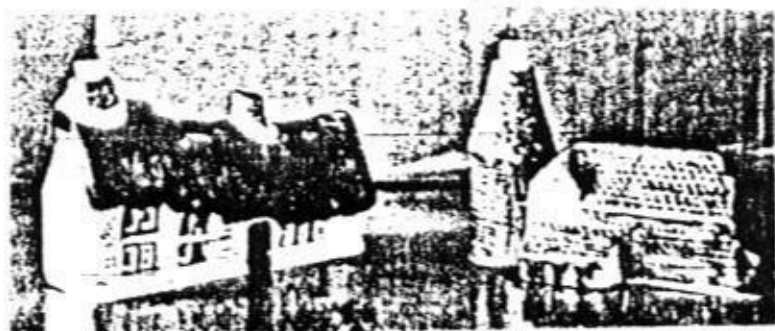
Sadly all good things must come to an end and we flew from the US to Amsterdam by KLM. KLM?, didn't they put out minis?

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David Smith

Mini Bottles (U.K.) Ltd.

A full price list from this company is available on request. However, we have been offered a special deal on their new 'Landmark' ceramic houses.



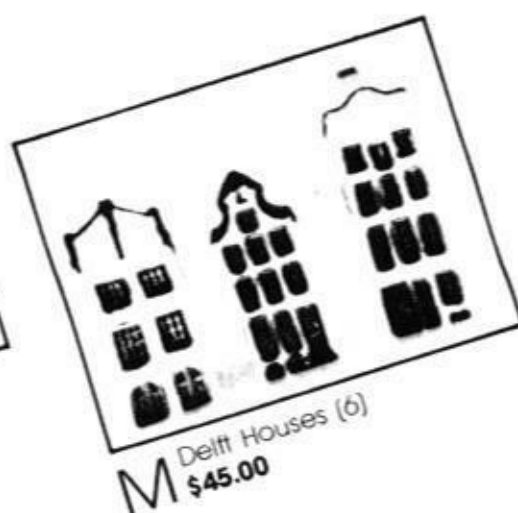
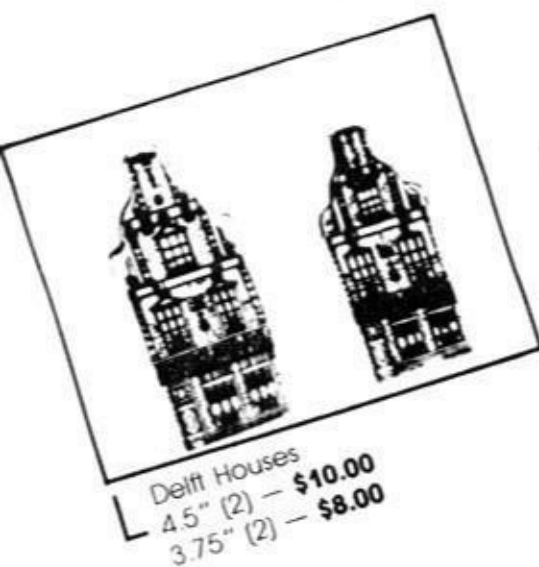
The price is reduced to Stg.4.25 each plus postage Stg.1.35 each to give an all up price of approx. N.Z.\$15 per mini. Mini Bottles (UK) Ltd now takes Access cards, which is the same as Bankcard here, but you will have to have a Mastercard for use overseas to take advantage of this method of payment. (Your Bankcard is only valid in N.Z. & Australia.)

There are currently four houses (more to follow) of which two are shown in our (poorly reproduced) photograph.



Importers of Miniature Specialties

The price list below and to the right is in US dollars (approximately double to N.Z. dollars) and is plus postage at cost. Note that these can be paid for in N.Z. dollars - contact one of the committee for details.



Perhaps you're wondering why the name CHIISAI BIN? Initially all our imports were from Japan and in Japanese the words "chisai bin" mean "small bottle". Then more purchasing contacts were made in other countries. The items shown in this brochure come from Canada, China, France, Holland, Italy and Japan. We now import directly for collectors and stores which serve the needs of collectors. Quality speaks for itself and with CHIISAI BIN, quality is what you'll receive.



A Limoges Cobalt Vase
\$17.50



C Hummingbird Set (2)
\$8.00



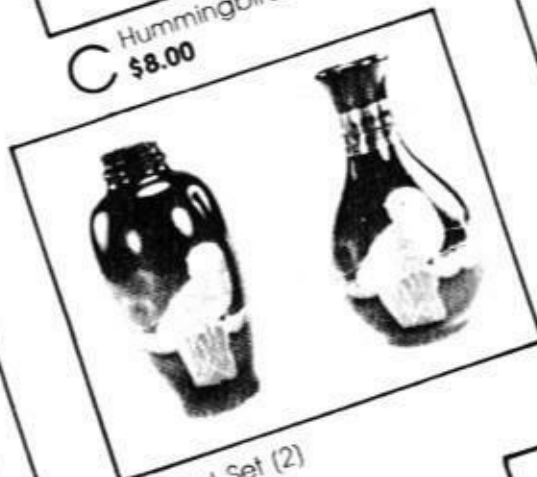
D Duck Set (2)
\$8.00



B Limoges Cobalt Pitcher
\$17.50



G Peacock Set (5)
\$20.00



F Owl Set (2)
\$8.00



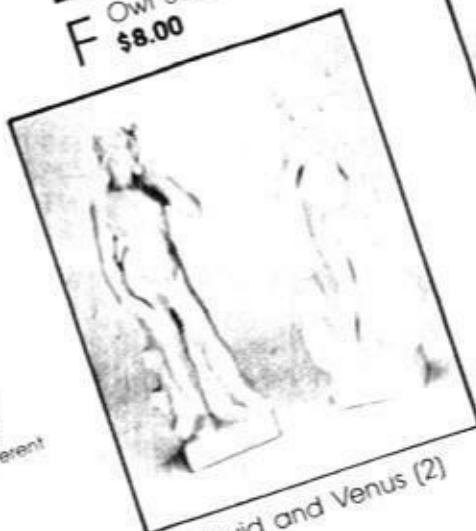
E Unicorn Set (2)
\$8.00



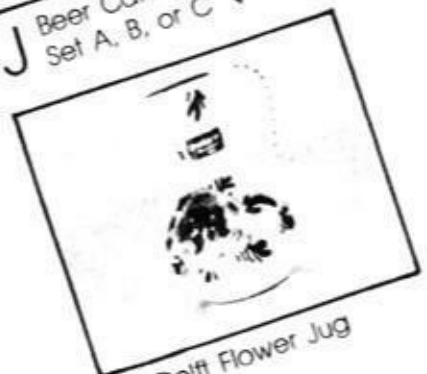
J Beer Cans (6 per set)
Set A, B, or C \$6.00 each set



H Pickwick Scotch Jugs — 8 different
\$8.00 each



I David and Venus (2)
\$4.00



K Delft Flower Jug
\$6.50

Importers of Miniature Specialties

Cocktail of the Month

BANANA DIQUIRI

With summer coming up we give you this month a cocktail ideal for a hot summers day (Northern hemisphere members will just have to save this one until next year).

This recipe was obtained from the 'Regent of Fiji' resort, Fiji.

3 measures Lemon Squash
2 measures Vodka
1 measure Creme de Banane
1 large or 2 small bananas
Lots of ice.

Crush a good pile of ice in a blender, add all the other ingredients and blend for a minute or so. Serve in two long glasses.

Note that Island or Australian bananas are preferable to the Central American ones as they lack that dry bite.



NEW MEMBERS

Robert Williams, 5251 S.W. Second St., Miami, Florida 33134, U.S.A.
Catherine De George, Nob Hill Apts., K-20, Blackwood, N.J., 08012, U.S.A.

D. T. P. NEXT MEETINGS

Sunday 14th Oct. Marjorie Lynch's, 51 Maxwell Avenue, Wanganui
Sunday 18th Nov. Ian Butcher's, 60 Discovery Drive, Whitby
Sunday 16th Dec. Russel Thompson's, 47 Collier Avenue, Karori
Sunday 27th Jan. Chris & Janne Matthews, 4a Kinloch Place, Papakowhai
Sunday 17th Feb. A.G.M. - to be advised.

All meetings 2.00 pm except January which is our annual B.B.Q. - time to be advised.