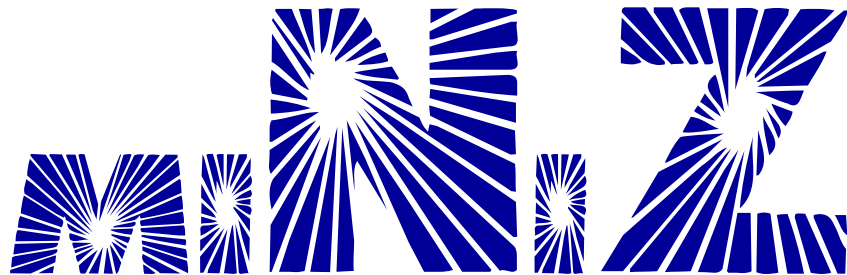
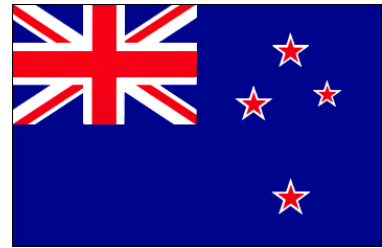


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# THIS & THAT & COVER BOTTLE

Firstly some minor corrections from miNiz101 Special Edition.

1. Barfede also used the 4 Marchi ceramic cars. Both Barfede and Drioli used the cannon. 2. As I suspected, there is a bottle from a Chinese Province starting with X - this is shown on the right. This ceramic bottle was made by Coca Cola for the 2000 Olympics and is one of 34 Chinese Provinces, in this case Xin Jiang. 3. David Spaid tells me that the French Policeman, page 52, is a large bottle that was never made in mini.

We have so many articles that did not make it into 101 that I am not going to do an 'As Seen on Ebay' article in this edition. However I do have a few sales that I want to share with you.

Firstly three of the Air New Zealand building bottles have been sold on Ebay. The three are all the club variation with 'Port Nicholson Scotch' on the bottom. Adamson & Son Outfitters sold for US\$56.00, 56 Marine Parade sold for US\$27.60 and Brown & Kerr sold for US\$27.90.

I like 'novelty bottles' and have a number of these wooden bottles with dice in. I have an article on 'novelty bottles' that was originally written for issue101 that will appear in a future miNiZ, but these three were found recently by Peter Bonkovich.



The two Whyte & McKay bottles did not sell for as much as this type of bottle usually does, the first fetching £8.49 and the second a minimum bid of £14.99. The Barclay's Beer (a London brewery) sold for what I would consider a more typical price for these bottles, £42.01.

Also found by Peter is the Scottish Dagger, correctly called a Skean Dhu - not a bayonet as it was sold as! This probably affected the price as US\$19 is rather low for one of these.



Erica Mulder found the super valuable (yeh, right!) Otago Rugby Jug on Trademe - with a minimum bid of \$1000. Needless to say it did not sell. It has been re-listed so go-for-it! Incidentally, in this condition, I would expect a price of about \$25.

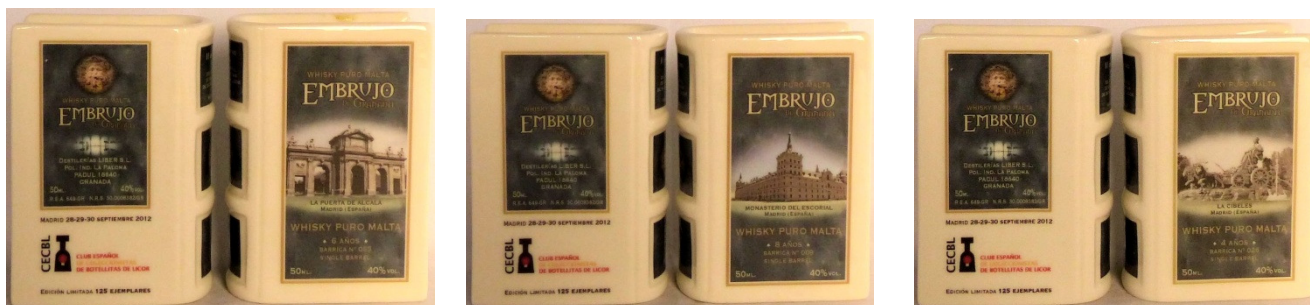
In miNiZ99 I showed you three super-rare caricature animals from Famous Firsts. Most of this set has now appeared on Ebay and can be seen on MBL at: <http://www.minibottlelibrary.com/mb/alpha/famous-firsts/index.html>





The cover bottle was made in Mexico for the US market but, as you can see, was imported into New Zealand. It is available from The Mill for \$9.99 - cheaper than in the US. I bought one of these at the St. Louis show (for US\$10) and then saw them on sale in Las Vegas for between US\$12 and US\$17. The Mill also imported the three glass skulls, also containing Tequila, so maybe things are looking up a bit here.

On the subject of the St. Louis show, this was, as usual, successful but maybe not as good as the organisers had hoped. There was so much demand for tables that they had a larger room this year. However, a number of people who had booked tables failed to turn up, so the number of tables actually filled was about the same as other years. Needless to say I picked up quite a lot of bottles, most of them at very good prices (from a buyer's point of view). I'll share a few with you.



I bought the set of three ceramic books at the Friday night auction - and paid too much! I paid \$120 on the Friday but another set was on sale on Saturday at the show proper for US\$60 - you can't win 'em all (see another instance of this below). These books were made for a meeting of the Spanish mini bottle club and I would rate them by far the best club bottles ever made.

Fernando Saetonne from Peru had plenty of new bottles to show/sell. The 2003 Hummer H-2 is one of 20 new car bottles filled with Royal Highness Scotch. The building is one of a set of three building bottles from Barcelona, via Peru. The buildings were all designed by Antoni Gaudi. The bottles contain Vieja Ciudad Pisco. Fernando sells most of his bottles on line:



<http://miniaturasdelperu.com/main.html> Postage is not cheap but, hey, where else can you currently buy such great bottles.



The hawk is one I have not seen before. It is from Cumbrae Supply and contains 50ml of Scotch. Another seller came up to me at the show with a 50ml eagle from Rutherford, wanting to know what it was worth. This looked rather like the Beneagles eagle but was clearly different. I gave some advice but was tied up with something else. By the time I found the lady again she had sold the bottle and couldn't remember who to. Hence no picture. If you bought this bottle PLEASE send me a picture for MBL. The leprechaun with his pot of gold is from Ireland and is clearly a mini but does anyone know who made it? I bought the bottle with the horse in it at the show, and then won one. It is beautifully made by Casino of Mexico, better known by the name La Magdalena. If anyone wants this duplicate please make me an offer.



We picked up 9 new members at the show, thanks largely to the efforts of Ron & Pete Gabbard. I took some membership forms, three bound copies of the miNiZ100 Special Edition (to view) and some back-copies of miNiZ as give-aways. Ron & Pete had two tables for the Northwest Club and gave us some space on one end. They were active in selling memberships for both clubs, with the NW Club discounting their membership from US\$15 to US\$10 if collectors joined up or renewed with us as well. Great job guys. New members as follows:

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We currently have more members than any time in the last 10 years.

I nearly forgot this cabin from Wood, Pollard & Co. of Boston. Again, it was sold on Ebay, this time for a minimum bid of US\$100 - I'm surprised that it did not sell for more. It is filled with A.A.A. Lexington Whiskey and was said to be pre-pro. A search on-line seems to confirm this and, in fact, it is pre-WW1 and possibly late 1800's.

We spent several more weeks in the US after the show but did not see very many minis and

bought even less (about 10). However, Rosie did well finding new pieces for her frog collection. Rosie picked the couple up in a very large antique/junk shop (don't ask where). They were marked \$10 and sold as a pair of decanters. They were filthy and the lady has had her head broken off and badly repaired but the man was perfect and, hey, \$10 (plus bloody state tax of course - you never know what you are spending in the US) was a bargain for such old pieces. When I cleaned them up I discovered that the man is half of a salt and pepper set so not a decanter at all. It just shows that even the best of us can be fooled! Anyone know who made the lady?



Shortly before we went on holiday Peter Bonkovich was driving down to Wellington on business so Erica caded a lift and the pair stayed for three nights. Erica brought her laptop so I took the opportunity to copy all her bottle photos for MBL. When I sorted them, to my surprise, two older unlisted NZ bottles were among them (both sides of Ti-toki shown).

I had lots of articles for this issue but do need your contributions for 102 - HINT!

*David Smith*



# MICRO MINIATURE BOTTLES

When I started collecting miniatures over 20 years ago I came across these unusually small and intriguing bottles called Micro Miniatures. My first thoughts where "How could one possibly make such small bottles" and then "how could one fill it as not much liquid would be required". So the fascination grew from only collecting, Single Malt Distillery Bottling Miniatures to now having over 800 little dinky micro's. The good thing about micro's over miniatures is that they take up next to no room at all so that means one can purchase more and more. This doesn't mean that they are any cheaper than a regular miniature bottle, especially a single malt whisky as some ask a price much higher than your regular miniature. Here are only a few samples from my collection

**Below are what you may class as your standard soft drink (fizzy) range. Most were made in Argentina in the 1970's & 80's.**



**Some of the more fancy bottles. Most of these are Gold Seal from the UK in the 1950's.**







## BEER, BEER, BEER



Beer pic1 shows 3 crown top Gold Seal. Pic2 & 5 shows 7 Guinness. Pics 3,4, 7 & 8 show 15 Lilliput bottles (from Ireland, still available). Pic 6 has 4 beers made in Argentina and one made in Italy. Pic 9 is three NZ beers. The last bottle (Guinness) on pic7 and the Vat69 at the bottom of the last page are lighters.

*Peter Bonkovich*



# TASTING KITS

I have a number of 'Tasting Kits' in my collection and thought that it would be a good idea to share them with you.

We will start with two Johnny Walker kits. The one on the left features a Black Label mini and two glasses. Note the Dutch writing. Strangely, although Dutch myself, I did not get this in The Netherlands, I bought this off Trademe from a New Zealand collector. Next up is an old style Blue Label bottle kit. This features an individually numbered limited edition mini, a tasting glass, a wax sealed certificate and a booklet. The mini is stamped 'not for retail.' On the box it says 'This authentic nosing glass is hand blown to the

specifications of the Johnnie Walker master blender, allowing its unique tulip shape to capture and concentrate the essence and bouquet of this historic blend.'



Our third tasting kit is a very nicely packaged Pravda Vodka mini and two glasses. You would expect that with a name like Pravda (Russian for Truth and the name of a well known Russian newspaper) that this vodka would be from Russia. Not so, it is from Poland. This kit was bought in the USA.





The Glenlivet was bought in The Netherlands about two years ago. It features 1x12 year old and 1x15 year old 5cl bottles and a rather large tasting glass. The back of the box tells you all about the malts - in Dutch.

The Spirits of Mackinlay set features one mini of The Original Mackinlay and two each of the 12 & 21 year old, together with a tasting glass. It is packaged to look like a book.

## THE GLENLIVET



The Glenlivet heeft een bijzondere historie en kreeg in 1824 als eerste distilleerderij een licentie om legaal whisky te stoken. Gelegen in de prachtige Livet Valley, is het de enige whisky die zich The Glenlivet mag noemen. De unieke ligging van deze distilleerderij zorgt voor een delicate en zachte malt whisky die perfect in balans is. Niet voor niets is The Glenlivet 'The original' en 'The Single Malt that started it all'.



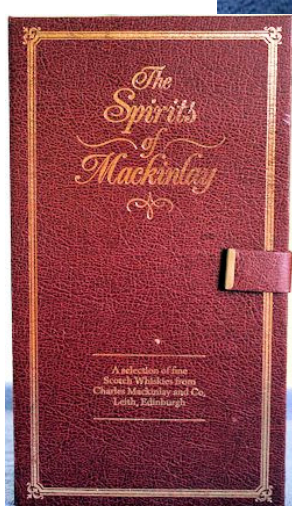
### THE GLENLIVET 12 YEAR OLD

Een klassieke whisky uit de Speyside, die niet voor niets wordt omschreven als 'The Single Malt That Started It All'. The Glenlivet 12 year old combineert op elegante wijze de geuren van tropisch fruit met frisse zomerbloemen. De afdrank is rijk en zacht met een duidelijke aanwezigheid van vanille. Een single malt die door velen hoog gewaardeerd wordt.



### THE GLENLIVET 15 YEAR OLD FRENCH OAK RESERVE

The Glenlivet 15 year old French Oak Reserve wordt gerijpt op Frans eiken, dat een hoog gehalte aan tannine en vanille heeft. In combinatie met het elegante en fruitige karakter van The Glenlivet zorgt deze selectieve rijping voor een kruidige, gebalanceerde whisky met een geur van cederhout.



We start the next page with two tasting sets from New Zealand. Both were made by

Southern Grain Distillers. Both sets comprise a mini whisky, Gin and Brandy and two glasses. The first set was made in 2004 for the 150th anniversary of the House of Representatives (Parliament). The bottles have on them the Bellamy's logo and say that they were made exclusively for them. Bellamy's is the restaurant in the parliamentary complex reserved exclusively for MP's and parliamentary staff. These sets were only sold in the gift shop in parliament.

The second set was made about the same time for Shanty Town, a tourist attraction on the West Coast of the South Island. The inside of the lid is identical to the parliamentary set. It is a pity that these, otherwise very nice sets, are in cheap cardboard boxes.





Nikka of Japan made our next kit, and of course the whisky in it. The bottles both contain Pure Malt, one black, the other red. They are packaged in a straw lined wooden box with a sliding lid and a traditional shot glass. Unusually for modern bottles these have a cork closure.



The Auchentoshan 10 year old single malt is blister-packed for the Japanese market, together with a matching tasting glass. If you read Japanese I'm sure that the back of the card tells you all about it.





The Hooghoudt tasting kit is another from The Netherlands, this time with Dutch liquor. It contains an attractive tall tasting glass and two bottles. The first contains Dubbele Graan Genever and the second Kalmoes Beerenburg.

I was unfamiliar with Kalmoes and so with the help of Google translate I found it is known as Calamus in English. Wikipedia describes Calamus: *Acorus calamus*, commonly known as Sweet Flag or Calamus, and erroneously as "rush" or "sedges", is a tall perennial wetland monocot of the Acoraceae family, in the genus *Acorus*. Other names include beewort, bitter pepper root, calamus root,

flag root, gladdon, myrtle flag, myrtle grass, myrtle root, myrtle sedge, pine root, sea sedge, sweet cane, sweet case, sweet cinnamon, sweet grass, sweet myrtle, sweet root, sweet rush, and sweet sedge. The scented leaves and more



strongly scented rhizomes have traditionally been used medicinally and to make fragrances, and the dried and powdered rhizome has been used as a substitute for ginger, cinnamon and nutmeg. WebMD had more information about it's medicinal properties: Despite safety concerns, the root (rhizome) is used to make

medicine. It is used for gastrointestinal problems including ulcers, inflammation of the stomach lining, intestinal gas, upset stomach and loss of appetite. Calamus is also used as a calming medicine, to induce sweating, and to treat rheumatoid arthritis and stroke. Some people chew calamus to remove the smell of tobacco, as a stimulant, to increase their sense of well-being, and as a hallucinogen. It sounds as though you should not drink too much of it!



Just to complete this article I have another package to show you. This is not a kit. It is a mini of Johnny Walker Blue Label (the modern label) packaged with a lapel pin of Johnny himself. The pin can be seen on the neck, just below the cap. This was packaged for the Japanese market.

There are many more kits to be found, especially Scotch kits, but none can be said to be common. I have always liked these but they do take up a lot of display space. All but the Mackinlay's set are part of my collection. A collector trying to sell about 550 mainly common bottles has this kit for sale so I may yet own it.

*Erica Mulder*



# VOK LIQUEURS

Do you remember the classic looking VOK mini bottles? They used to be commonly found in all mini bottle collections. Now, many newer collectors never heard of them. I thought I would write about these minis from "Down Under". Australia at one time offered many unusual & attractive minis. One of the most unusual was put out by Jan Vok Liqueurs. These minis were manufactured & Distributed by the John Cawsey Co. Pty, Ltd. since the early 1930's.

In 1989 I wrote a letter (Email was not yet invented) to the distillery asking a number of questions about these bottles. Their responses lead me to write this article. One of my first questions was why did they choose the design for the unusual shaped bottle?

The original Vok bottle was designed to depict a "beautiful nude study hand-carved in glass". Looking at the design now, it's hard to realize the first shape evolved into the unique Vok bottles. The Vok minis shown are just a few of 26 very colorful flavors produced. Advokaat liqueur is one flavor which consists of a yellowish colored mixture of egg yolks & brandy. All Vok bottles have the phrase "Goede Kwaliteit" printed on the cap, which is Dutch for "Good Quality". Since Advokaat is a traditional Dutch liqueur, and was the first flavor made by Jan Vok, these words now appear on all their bottles.

The most unusual point about Vok liqueurs is the statement embossed in the bottle's back saying the "Bottle always remains the Property of JAN VOK Liqueur Co.". This stems back to the early days of Australia when glass was very expensive and labor was cheap. The result was manufacturers would mark their bottles so they could be returned, washed, and reused,

I am not sure when they stopped making Vok Liqueurs in the unique shaped bottles. The company, however, is still producing full size liqueurs today, but all their bottles are now shaped normally!



*Jim Crawford*

# OLDER RARER WHISKIES #4

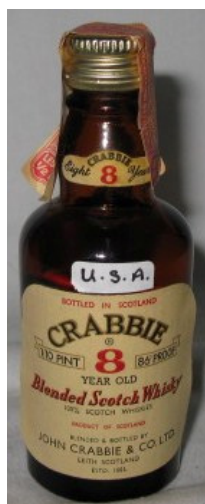
The bottle on the left is Clanroy De Luxe T.A.McClelland of Glasgow. It is an Australian bottled scotch that came in barrels and as the foil on the top states---Penfold Wines Ltd Estd 1844 around the rim. In the centre of the top it states --- --Advance Australia Ltd. The bottle has a cork top, and a seam running down the sides it also has bubbles in the glass.



On the right is A.A.Crawford's Special Reserve. The details at the bottom of label state---Awarded Sole Diploma Empire Exhibition South Africa 1936. Imported by Maclaine Watson & Co Ltd Sole Distributors Singapore, The Federation of Malaya, British Borneo, Brunei and Sarawak.



Crabbie eight year old is a bottle imported by Richard Distributing Company Albuquerque New Mexico as stated on the back label. Crabbie also put out a green ginger wine and the two combined made a cocktail called Whisky Mac Donald more commonly known as Whisky Mac.



On the right is a Stone's Green Ginger Wine which would have been a good alternative to add to the Crabbie Whisky. Again making a great Whisky Mac.



Curries NO 10 fine old Scotch Whisky is 70% proof. The bottle has concaved back. Established in 1824The photo on the right has two Curtis Scotsman's Head bottles. The left bottle Special Old Liqueur with a cork top and a perforated label showing 5391 across the sketch. It has a seam down the side and shows bubbles in the glass.



On the right is the De Luxe and a later label, below the crest reads By Appointment Purveyor to H.M. the King of Sweden.



*Gary Carvey*



# CYPRUS - MORE THAN SHERRY (PART 1)

Growing up in Britain in the 50's and 60's the only liquor I was aware of from Cyprus was Cyprus Sherry. This was much cheaper than the genuine article from Spain and was even cheaper than Sherry from Australia. Unfortunately the quality was, I believe, not good but, it was cheap. In this article I am going to show you that there is more to Cyprus liquor than Sherry, although that is still on sale, together with cheap wine of dubious quality.

First though a note about the major producers. The Cyprus Wineries Association is a Limited Liability Company which was founded in 2002 by the four largest wine companies, Etko, Keo, Loel and Sodap. In 2009 the Association membership was expanded to include the large number of regional wineries and it became the sole representative of the wine industry of Cyprus. The name sometimes appears on bottles made by Etko (Haggipavlu) and sometimes with no other name on the front label, making it look like The Cyprus Wineries Association is the producer.

Etko was originally the trade name of Crist. Haggipavlu & Sons, founded in 1844. This company also used the name House of Haggipavlu. Similarly, Keo was once the trade name of Cyprus Wine & Spirits (founded 1927). When I refer to a bottle in this article as from Etko or Keo, it may have on one of the former names.

We will start with Sherries then go onto Vermouths and wine.



Olympus medium Sherry and Eva Cream are both from Etko. The first of these has three names on, Etko, Cyprus Wineries Association and House of Haggipavlu. The two Loel bottles are much more straightforward. Golden and Pale Dry are shown but I suspect that these are part of a larger series. The same applies to Kolossi from Sodap. Lysander Cream (next page) is another Sodap bottle.

The three Cornado Vermouth bottles are from Etko. The first Keo Vermouth is on the cusp of the change-over from rip-cap to clinched screw cap bottles as I have a photo of the same label on the more modern bottle. I suspect that the final Keo Vermoth is the most up-to-date.



The best known wine from Cyprus is undoubtedly Commandaria. This is made, with naming variations, by a number of companies and is the local rival to Port. This wine supposedly dates from the time when the Knights Templar controlled the island. The final bottle states: *As originally made for the commanders of the Knights Templar in Cyprus during The Crusades, 1095 - 1291.*



The best known of them all is undoubtedly Commandaria St. John from Keo and three of a number of variations are shown above. Unfortunately I do not know which company made the Commandaria in the basket. We start the next page with four more Commandaria wines. The three Commandaria Alasia, the Saint Barnabas and the un-named bottle are from Loel and the final one from Etko.

Now for the table wines. Etko also made the set of "Lady" minis. They are Blonde Lady, Dark Lady, Fair Lady, Pink Lady, Rose Lady and White Lady. I suspect that each can be found in both clear and green bottles and possibly brown also.









The last six photos on the last page and the five to the left are all of bottles from Loel. In order they are, Export, Anthea, Amathus, Amorza Rose, Hermes, Hock, two different Muscat, Negro and Alasia de Lucignjan. Again, there are bound to be variations of both labels and bottles.



The Six minis above and the three to the left are from Loel. We have two each of Muscat, Rea and Pan showing the bottle variations. The two Afames bottles show both bottle and label variations. Finally we have Santa Maria.





At the top of the page we have Kykkos Monastery Holy Wine then three wines from Keo, Othello, Coeur de Lion and Aphrodite. Finally we have two wines from Fikardos.

From Wine it is a small step to Brandy. Etke / Haggipavlu are the makers of the four Anglias Brandies. I am assuming that the third bottle is an Anglo Brandy but it's all Greek to me. The fifth bottle is from Sodap and the last bottle above is from Pantelides.

On the right we have two attractive Brandy bottles from Keo. The black label is an 'old reserve.'

Starting the next page we have the final five brandies I have to show you. The first three are all VSOP 12 year old from Keo, then another VSOP from Loel (there is also a VO 3 year old - not shown) and finally 81 from S. S. Company.







I don't know about you, but I have never associated Greece or Cyprus with Vodka. However I have six to show you.

Simply titled Vodka (in Russian) is the first bottle from Kykkos Monastery whilst Nikifskaya is yet another Etko / Haggipavlu bottle. Another bottle simply called Vodka, this time in English, is from Kkoullas. The two Samichoff bottles are from Pantelides, the red at 36°GL and the blue at 40°GL. Finally, Gorlovka Vodka is from Selim & Sons.

In part two of this article I will bring you minis of the classic Greek spirit, Ouzo together with gins, rums and a lesser known spirit, Zivania. I also have a few liqueurs to show you.

One last thing. I have noticed that all the minis I have seen from Cyprus are effectively from Greek Cyprus. Does anyone know of any minis from the Turkish part of the island, before or after the unofficial split? If so send me the pics at: [minizv@gmail.com](mailto:minizv@gmail.com)

*David Smith*





# GIN !!!!



In the world of Mini Bottle collecting you have the big guys. Your Scotches, Whiskies, Tequilas , Vodka's and Cognacs. Lots of people collect them , they make great trading/selling stock and it's easy to find a collector specializing in them. On the other end of the spectrum you have the Liqueurs. Sometimes you can't even give them away . Somewhere in between those two extremes you will find the Gins. There are a few Gin specialists (I have yet to find a liqueur specialist , other than collectors that collect "everything"). There are some very interesting Gin bottles available though. That's probably why when limited display space made me box up part of my collection, the liqueurs started filling the boxes and the Gins are still holding on to a couple of my display shelves. I don't actively look for gins but I can't help but notice a nice new one every once in a while that makes it to one of those shelves.

*Ron Gabbard*





## DATE, TIME & PLACE

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2013, 6.00pm** Pot Luck Dinner, Ken & Malee Chin's, 29 Norton Park Avenue, Fairfield, Lower Hutt. Telephone: 04 938 1488 E-Mail: [Kenchin@ihug.co.nz](mailto:Kenchin@ihug.co.nz)

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2013, 12.30pm** Pot Luck Lunch, Colin & Dianne Ryder's, 20 Prospect Terrace, Johnsonville. Telephone: 04 478 4391 E-Mail: [rydercj@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rydercj@xtra.co.nz)

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2014, 6.00pm** Barbecue, David & Rosie's, 11 Trevor Terrace, Paremata. Telephone: 04 233 2997 E-Mail: [minizv@gmail.com](mailto:minizv@gmail.com)

**Friday 21st - Sunday 23rd February 2014 AGM Weekend in Auckland - Details to be advised**

**If you want to hold a meeting please let one of the committee know.**

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## BENEAGLES – "THE RARE PIKE"

(Editor's note: Peter submitted a larger article than this for issue 100 but much of it was the same as another article from Dave Allen [Ceramics Report, page79], so apologies Peter for the heavy editing)

Most of us know and have in our collection many of Peter Thomson's Beswick ceramics but how many of you have the pike flask? I have been fortunate and lucky enough in my 20+ years of collecting to have come across and bought the very rare and wonderful The Sportsmans Flask "PIKE". Most of us have the "TROUT," which has its mouth facing up, in our collection, whereas the "PIKE" is facing downwards. I can count on both hands the times that I have seen it but am fortunate enough to have it in my collection. Not only that, as you can see, I have 4 variants of it.

An empty flask, similar to the one on the right, but with the top missing, recently sold for US\$39 on Ebay.

*Peter Bonkouich*

