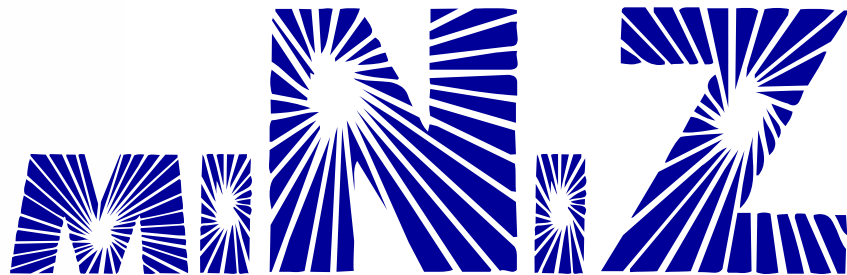
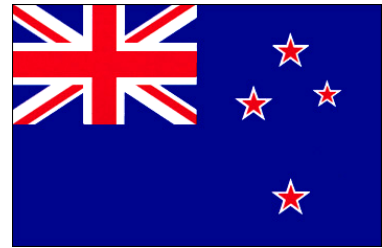


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THIS & THAT & COVER BOTTLES

Despite our having three new NZ Whisky Straights on the cover, this issue is very heavily slanted towards ceramic bottles. I can only work with what I have been sent and this time that is mainly ceramics. GREAT ceamics both old and new. Read on and enjoy old John DeKuyper, Carioca and other 1930's/40's bottles from David Spaid, many never pictured before in any publication, new Glenfiddich jugs from Dave Allen, new ceramics from Global Whisky & Spirits of Germany and a largely ceramics article from new member, Thad Vadims.



The three cover bottles were found by Peter Bonkovich. Peter only managed to get one set but is attempting to get more. Not cheap at \$45 for the three but not expensive either for such old malts.

As you can see, these are some of the last stock of single malt from the Dunedin Distillery, better known as Wilson's. These were bottled by the New Zealand Whisky Company. The three bottles are: South Island Single Malt, 21yo, 40%, 50ml
1990 Single Malt Cask Strength, 23yo, 62.1%, 50ml
Doublewood Master Blended Whisky, 15yo, 50ml, 40%

Peter continues to find a few bottles of interest on Ebay. Unfortunately, yet again, I have had to defer an 'As Seen on Ebay' article to a later edition. If you do find anything (on Ebay, Trademe or any other auction site) please do send a photo and the price the bottle sold for. I am happy to attribute such contributions to you even when I write the actual article.

David Spaid sent us the picture on the right. This is a give-away and so does not fit in with his article (pages 15-20). There is a cork in the back of the lady's head. GREAT bottle David.

Erica has updated the club stock list. See <http://www.minisnz.com/pnmbcforsale.html>
There are hundreds of bottles for sale and they are cheaper if you are a club member.

The AGM went well, although it was sparsely attended. There are not a lot of changes:

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The club's finances are reasonably healthy now. For the first year for quite a long time income is now exceeding expenditure (by about \$300 in the last year). This is all due to the switch to delivering miNiZ electronically to more and more members. Remember, we lose money on all paper copies. If you don't need the paper switch to electronic and save yourself some money. The quality is also better.

David Smith

MINI BOTTLE COLLECTING

- A FAMILY AFFAIR

I am a new member of the club and this is my first article for miNiZ so I thought I would introduce you to my family.



Grandma is getting old now but as you can see in the second picture, she used to be a fine looking woman. (Campeny & Alpa). Granddad is gone now but he was really special person so I will save him for the end.

Ours was a large family but for years this is how I believed babies arrived....



Mother was a good woman but she did not know how to say no to dad. On the far left is mother, one of my sisters and a baby,

one of my many siblings (Lewis & Clark). In the next two photos she is holding two more of my siblings but I don't know which ones





(Global Whisky & Spirits). The baby in blue is me and, of course, the pink baby is my twin sister (Niccolo). The other two baby photos must be of older siblings, when we lived out west (Artesenal).

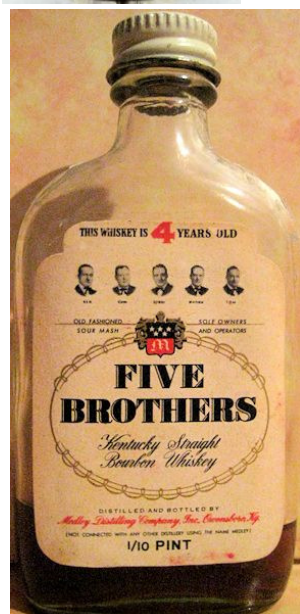
The first picture on this page is dad and myself (Lewis & Clark). Father was one of those people who never seemed to age. The next photo shows two of my younger siblings (and Fang the dog) giving father a birthday present (Grenadier).

We are a very devout catholic family but we have not really kept in touch very well over the



years. These are the only photos I have of two of my sisters after they grew up. I have five brothers, all of whom went into the wine and spirits trade. They tried to get me to join them but I was dead set on becoming an astronaut. They became very annoyed with me, really cross brothers.

Initially the five of them were all in partnership but that did not last long as they fell out. The two eldest brothers left to devote their lives to the church (Giradot & Cazanove). The remaining three carried on.

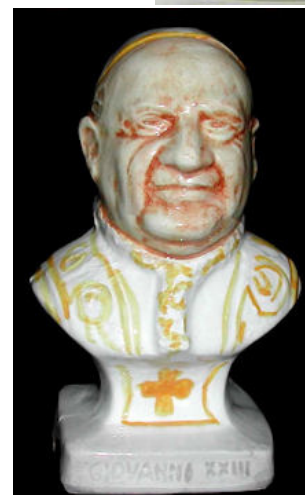




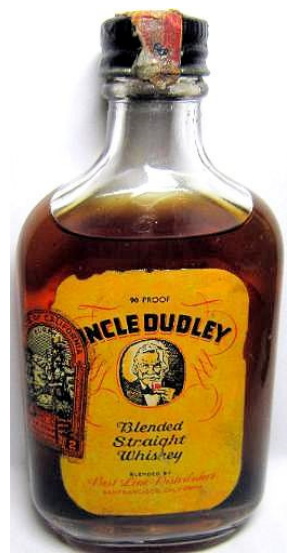
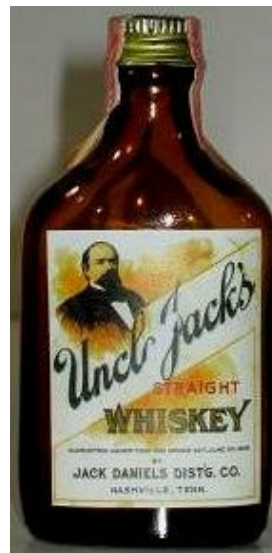
The Scotch venture was a complete failure and another brother left to take holy orders (Old Store). The remaining two brothers turned their hand to making rum but that coincided with a big drop in the number of people drinking rum. They even tried opening their own bar to promote it but the venture was a failure and they too eventually gave up and joined the church (Niccolo & Certosini).



The monastery put my brother's expertise to good use – making wine of course (Desconosido & Todisco). Unfortunately they got to like the produce too much. The last photo is of the five of them (Abolengo). The church is like the civil service: Can't do the job? Then let's promote them. Three became bishops, one a cardinal and one..... (Old Store).



I have a number of uncles, one of who did very well for himself. No I don't mean Uncle Sam (Bols and Cyrus Noble), he did OK but the uncle who really made it big, and in the traditional business of our family, the liquor trade, was Uncle Jack. We don't talk about Uncle Dudley, or Uncle Tappy, our 'funny' uncle.



I've just realised that I'm on page four and I haven't introduced you to my wife yet. Actually it is wives as I have been married twice. My first wife was a somewhat colourless woman (Double Springs) – this picture was taken when we were farming and she had been gathering-in the wheat. My second wife just won't stop doing housework! (Old Style Colony). Although we do have some fun times (Campeny).



My second wife also came from a family involved in the liquor trade, her maiden name being Goldstein. Her mother was widowed early and ran the company by herself. She was a very entrepreneurial woman and had subsidiaries in both South Africa and Scotland (see next page).

Grandfather hates to be called that. He has dozens of grandchildren (we are Catholic remember) and he makes us all call him Grand-dad.





My Old Grand-dad has made lots of miniatures but there is only room to show a few of them here. My favourite picture of him is this one in drag!

I've just realised that I still haven't shown you a more recent photo of myself, so here it is on the right (Ochakovskaya).

Thad Vidims



MALT JUGS

Hello everyone, and my apologies for my lengthy absence from the pages of the newsletter. Life sometimes deals you a bum hand and you have to deal with it, more often than not at the expense of the things that you want to do, in this instance talking about bottles and jugs! Anyway, hopefully the bulk of my problems are behind me and I can get back to writing my articles.

This issue will only be a short one, as I haven't been out and about much at all, but with a bit of luck I'll have lots more to talk about next time.

In the nine months since I last wrote an article I have added the princely sum of three jugs to my collection, and you will already know about two of them!

Pictures one and two show us the front and reverse of a jug that was produced for Jorge Ormaeche of Peru and given out as a gift to his friends. I was very lucky to come into that category, so this one holds a very special place in my collection.

The front of the jug depicts the Ormaeche coat-of-arms, as well as showing that the contents are Glenlivet single malt Scotch whisky. The reverse tells us that the whisky is 12 years old and bottled at 40% volume. It also carries the famous phrase "The single malt that started it all", a reference to the fact that Glenlivet was the first distillery to take out a licence following the introduction of the new Excise Act of 1823. This gem of a jug, which was produced by Rutherford's, is one of a limited edition of just 25.



Photos three and four depict the front and reverse of the jug that was produced to commemorate the 8th anniversary of the Mini Bottle Club of Peru 2005 – 2013. The one contains 5cl of Glenfiddich 12 years old single malt Scotch whisky, bottled at 40% volume. It is one of a numbered limited edition of just 75.

Photos five and six depict the front and reverse of the sister jug to the last one. It was produced to commemorate the 6th mini bottles collectors' meeting in June 2013 in Lima, Peru. It also contains 5cl of

Glenfiddich 12 years old single malt Scotch whisky, bottled at 40% volume. Both of these jugs were produced by Rutherford's.

The good news is that another duo of jugs is in the pipeline for the 2014 Peru meeting. I will hopefully have information and photos of them for you next time, so till then.....

Dave Allen



GLOBAL WHISKY & SPIRITS

I have used green for the heading as I am sure you are all going to be green with envy as you look at what I have to show you. The ceramics with bases are, in my opinion, the best quality miniatures ever made. The detail on the knights and kings is especially fine. There are two other types of ceramics filled by this company, Russian figurines and German made books, both of which are also very desirable.

So, who are Global Whisky & Spirits (GWS)? Corresponding with this company has been difficult but from both them and other information obtained previously, this is what I believe to be the situation. Cast your mind back to miNiZ92. We showed you a large number of vodka filled Russian made ceramics from Ochakovskaya, also from Russia. In miNiZ99 we showed some more of the same Russian ceramics but this time filled with Scotch. We believed at the time that these were filled in Cyprus by Aneri Investments and sold in Germany by GWS. I now believe Aneri Investments to be the Cyprus based parent company of GWS. GWS have confirmed to me that both the books and miniature figurines with bases were made and are being filled in Germany. I believe it is reasonable to assume that the Russian bottles are also filled there. For that reason I have altered the entry in Miniature Bottle Library from Aneri Investments to Global Whisky & Spirits: <http://www.minibottlelibrary.com/mbl/alpha/global-whisky-and-spirits/index.html>

I did not propose to show the Russian ceramics again but when I checked the GWS web site whilst writing this article there were three new ones that are not yet listed on MBL.



The Rabbit, Owl and Car (and several more older figures) are available at the time of writing at €28 each plus postage. All contain Scotch.

I am not sure whether the Pot Still is ceramic or pewter but it was the only bottle on the site that is not a 'straight' or does not fit into one of the three ceramic series. It is a limited edition of 70 but unfortunately it is no longer shown so all must have been sold.



The next ceramics to appear on the site were the books. The first 22 all contain single malt Scotch. The photos should be good enough for you to see the distillery names and ages. At the time of writing the first 8 are still available at €95 each (NZ\$154 at time of writing) plus postage.



The following 13 Scotch and 8 Cognac books were found on the GWS site and listed on MBL a few months ago. It is probable that there are more that I have not seen.





If you have any photos of these books, or any other GWS ceramics, not shown here or on MBL, please send them to me. (Better still, send me the bottles!) I'm sure that we all agree that these are great minis but at €95 each they are far more expensive than any other mini books ever made. However, you ain't seen nothin yet – read on.

I have saved the best for last. I am going to show you almost all of the ceramics on a base that I know about (I have missed out most of the horses – see these on MBL). Again, if there are more you know of, pictures please. Some of these are still available on the GWS web site: <http://www.globalwhiskyandspirits.com/>. Note that sometimes the same ceramic is used with different contents but I am only showing one here and if there is a known variation it is on MBL. These are a snip at €180 (NZ\$291) each! Plus postage. Will all of you who think I am doing a great job with miNiZ, and want to buy me some, please liaise between yourselves so that you do not duplicate the ones you buy for me.







David Smith

Coca-Cola BOTTLES

The 20th Football World Cup takes place in Brazil, starting on 12th June. For at least a couple of months now sets, rather expensive sets, of mini (76mm tall) coke bottles made for the World Cup, have been appearing on Ebay. They look like they may represent the countries involved but what puzzles me is that there are 32 teams but only 20 bottles. You would be upset if you were a supporter from one of the countries not represented by the bottles. Coke has done this before. When the World Cup was held in the USA in 1994, mini Cokes were made for all of the 9 cities holding games but only 8 of the countries were represented. The 1994 sets are VERY difficult to obtain and I am still looking for four of the bottles.



Hopefully the price of these will drop considerably later this year and I can then justify buying a set. I'd hate to miss these as mini Cokes are one of my specialist areas – I have 945, all different of course, at time of writing.

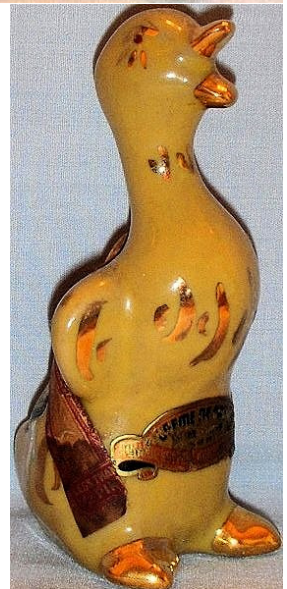
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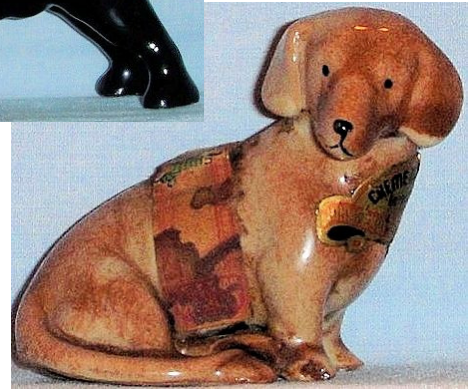
DAVID'S BOTTLES

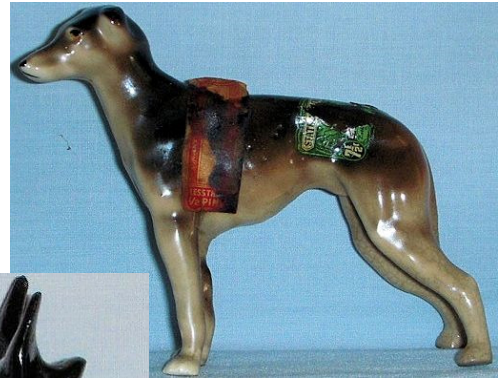
I started David's Bottles in miNiZ103 by saying "the pictured bottles are mainly new and mainly available now" This is very far from the case this time.

The bottles shown, from John DeKuyper, Carioca, Delatour and others are recent acquisitions of 1930's bottles from the collection of long time member, Adrian Carr. Adrian is currently slimming down his collection of about 7000, which consists mainly of larger decanters but also contains a lot of give-aways and, of course, older mini ceramics. I bought all 201 John DeKuyper ceramics and there are very few that are the same as ones I already had – see miNiZ93. There must be at least 250 different ones in all. I also bought the Carioca bottles shown here. Another club member, Luis Freytes from Puerto Rico, bought a ton of minis and at least 100 give-aways.

I will largely let the photos speak for themselves, starting with the John DeKuyper bottles, many of which have not been shown anywhere before.

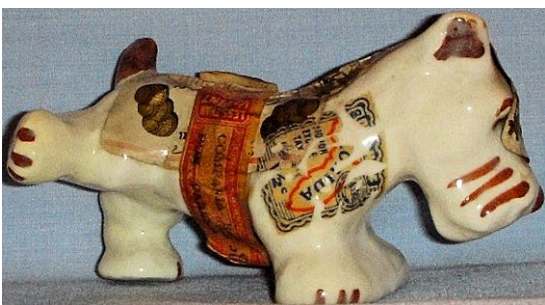


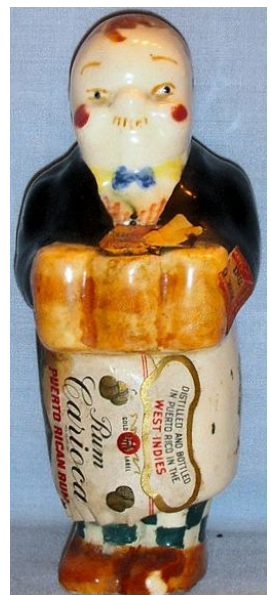
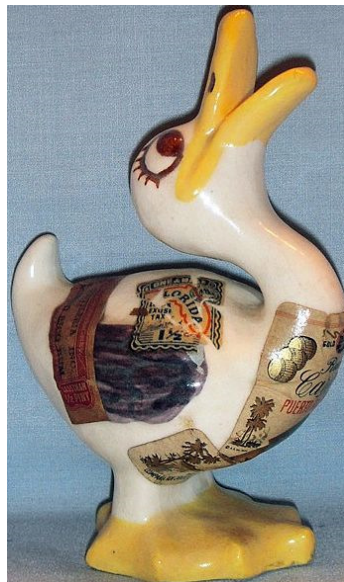
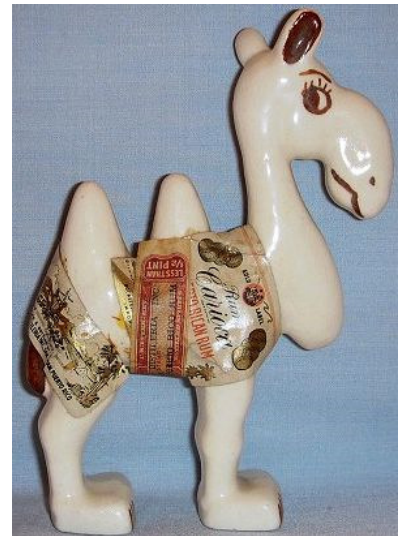




Some of the Carioca bottles have been shown in miNiZ before, some not, but all are worth a look. Some of the Carioca bottles are the same as

bottles used by John DeKuyper (see the dog with cocked leg) suggesting the same pottery was used.







The next four bottles are from Delatour. This company started in France and later moved to the Virgin Islands. The final two are the waiter from Giradot of France and the Musketeer from Lassauvajeu, also from France.





I will show you some more John DeKuyper bottles in a future miNiZ and hopefully some more Carioca and other older bottles.

David Spaid

DATE, TIME & PLACE

Sunday 13th April 2014, 12.30pm Pot Luck Lunch, Errol & Karen's, 14 Tawa Terrace, Tawa.
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Saturday 5th July 2014, 6.00pm Pot Luck Dinner, Ken & Malee's, 29 Norton Park Avenue, Fairfield, Lower Hutt. Telephone: 04 938 1488 E-Mail: Kenchin@ihug.co.nz

Sunday 17th August 2014, 12.30pm Pot Luck Lunch, Ian Butcher's, 5 Sunburst Court, Paraparaumu.
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Sunday 5th October 2014, 12.30pm Pot Luck Lunch, Colin & Dianne's, 20 Prospect Terrace, Johnsonville.
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Saturday 6th December 2014, Christmas Dinner – Venue to be arranged

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