

# MINI Z

THE NEWSLETTER OF PORT NICHOLSON MINIATURE BOTTLE CLUB

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## COVER BOTTLE

Our cover this month shows one of a dying breed - Airline Bottles. There are dozens of versions of Mandarin Napoleon (and rightly so - its a nice liqueur), but only one bottled for our national airline.

Air New Zealand features on two Marie Brizard liqueurs also - Cherry and Menthe. There are two versions of the cherry as one batch had a spelling mistake on it, NEY instead of NEW.

Air New Zealand had produced at least two cognacs with their name on, both by Remy Martin. They are Fine Champagne and Fine Champagne VSOP. The forerunner to Air New Zealand, TEAL (Tasman Empire Air Lines - the name always conjours up visions of flying boats for me), also had two special Remy martin labels - both for their Fine Champagne VSOP.

The only other New Zealand airline bottle which we know of is a Penfolds Mantillado Flor Sherry, again bottled for Air New Zealand. I know nothing about this bottle except that it is round. Perhaps someone with the bottle would like to drop the editor a line. I would like to know the colour of the glass and whether it was bottled by Penfolds Wines New Zealand or Australia. If anyone has any other New Zealand Airline bottles I would appreciate details of them also.

NB. Apologies for the poor quality of the illustrations - some bottles just don't photocopy well.



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## HIGHLIGHTS II

Flying KLM to Holland we just had to pick up a house. Not being able to afford to fly first class (I spent too much on minis!), I had a quiet word with the chief steward when everyone else was asleep — I now have number 28 and a leaflet showing the 45 different ones which they produce.

We thoroughly enjoyed our first visit to Holland and, of course, bought some minis. The first place to look is NOORD'S WINE & LIQUOR STORE, Singel 516, Amsterdam; they are far cheaper than ROBERT De VRENG, Nieuwendijk 75, Amsterdam, but De Vreng still got some of our money as they have an excellent selection. They also have a collection in the shop that is well worth seeing.

Whilst in Noord's we met an English collector who didn't know that there was a club in Britain. We sold him a bottle (a swap picked up in the US) and persuaded him to join the 'Mini Bottle Club', which hopefully he has done by now.

Our trip to Britain was to see friend's and relatives NOT to buy bottles. We couldn't however go to the UK without seeing at least a couple of collectors.

Member David Maund has the most chaotic house that I have ever seen, bottles in the hall, bottles in the dining room, bottles, bottles, bottles, even bottles in the Loo! David has 1 wife, 2 children, 2 cats, and 26,000 miniature bottles — obviously a man with his priorities right!

We saw the production line for Mini Bottles UK Ltd. (Hi Lynn!) and bought a set each of their Pickwick Jugs and Landmark Buildings, as well as a few miscellaneous bottles. David hopes to issue four ceramic buildings each year in the Landmark series. These are filled with either Teachers or Dewers Scotch and are good buying even at the present exchange rate. Teachers are even interested in having a mini made of their distillery.

The main outlet for Mini Bottles UK (apart from mail order sales) has now become HARRODS the top London department store. A few days later we met Roy Nixon in Harrods liquor dept. The selection there was good, if not spectacular, but Harrods were busy quadrupling the size of their specialist miniature section. We bought a number of items including a dozen or so miniature Guinness. Would you believe that one of the Guinness was bottled in New Zealand? Roy took us to a few other outlets but there were not many interesting minis to be found. We carried on to his home, viewed his collection and spent an enjoyable evening with Roy and his wife.

From Roy's we went to Devon to see my brother. Devon has a lot of shops selling minis for the tourist trade and we picked up a few of interest. It was in an antique shop in Devon that I bought the give-away (see June/July edition).

After leaving Devon I don't think we bought any more miniatures until we spotted some in a junk shop near Newcastle. I got chatting to the proprietor who told me that they were the remains of a collection of 400 ceramics bought two years previously. They had had difficulty selling them at £2-£3 each! Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs had been sold for £20 having been in the shop for six months!! Such is life!

Neither Jackie or myself had been to Blackpool since we were kids. The average New Zealander can have no conception of what a place like Blackpool (there are very few places like Blackpool) is like on a summers day. (For those of you who think England always has rotten summers, it might be worth mentioning that the only rain we saw was the day before we left. The rest of the time it was sun, sun, and more sun) We decided to go for the novelty and took two friends with us. Naturally we had to look for minis and had been advised to go to DON SHAW, 118/120 Bolton Street. Our friends couldn't believe their eyes when they saw the window display - hundreds of minis in all shapes and sizes. We bought a couple, or was it one or two more?

That was our last purchase in the UK. We had already posted two parcels back and we posted a third before leaving. However the Blackpool purchases were not to be our last on the holiday.

At Honalulu airport duty free we picked up the three Sempe Armagnac Crowns. They also had for sale the Camus Cognac Books and a plain glass Larsen Cognac Ship. I had the plain glass ship in my collection prior to the trip and had bought the frosted glass and Limoge China versions at the L.A. show. When we got home I kicked myself. The one in Hawaii was plain glass and picked out in gold, mine completely plain. Can't win em all!

All in all it was a marvelous holiday, not just for the bottle collecting aspects which I have highlighted, but in every other way as well. Highlight of the trip was undoubtedly the L.A. Show where we met so many people who had previously only been names. The major disappointment was not meeting member George Kimpton. After having had the invitation to visit him for quite a while, at the time we were in California George was away attending his daughter's graduation. We did however stop at his house and drop off a parcel in the letter box - much to his surprise. See you next time George.

David Smith

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#### NOVELTY

Those of you who collect other than true minis may be interested in the 'bottle' shown on the right. The photo is actual size (as are all our photos unless we say differently) and it is a small torch. There are several labels available including "Lion Brown" and "Double Brown". I picked this one up in a shop in Takapuna that specialises in things for the bar.

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#### AMENDMENT TO ADDRESS LIST

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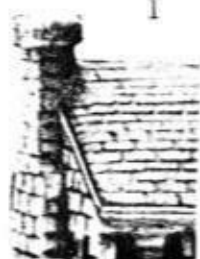
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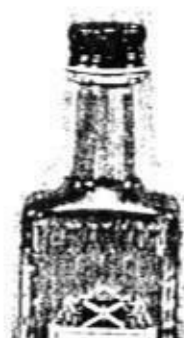
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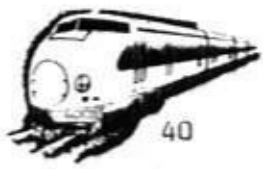
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## SPOT THE BOTTLE COMPETITION

Shown on the left are parts of 40 different bottles - can you guess what they are?

The bottle on the right is our prize this month. This was kindly donated to us as a competition prize by the Lillipution Miniature Bottle Club which is based in Los Angeles.

This competition is more difficult than most we have run, so don't expect to get them all. If you exceed 20 it could well be worth your while to send your answers in. All answers please to P.O. Box 384, Wellington, New Zealand.

If there is sufficient response to this competition we will throw in a years free membership for the winner - so get your thinking cap on!

N.B. Any member who is also a member of the Lillipution Club and already has this bottle should let us know and we will find a suitable alternative if you win.

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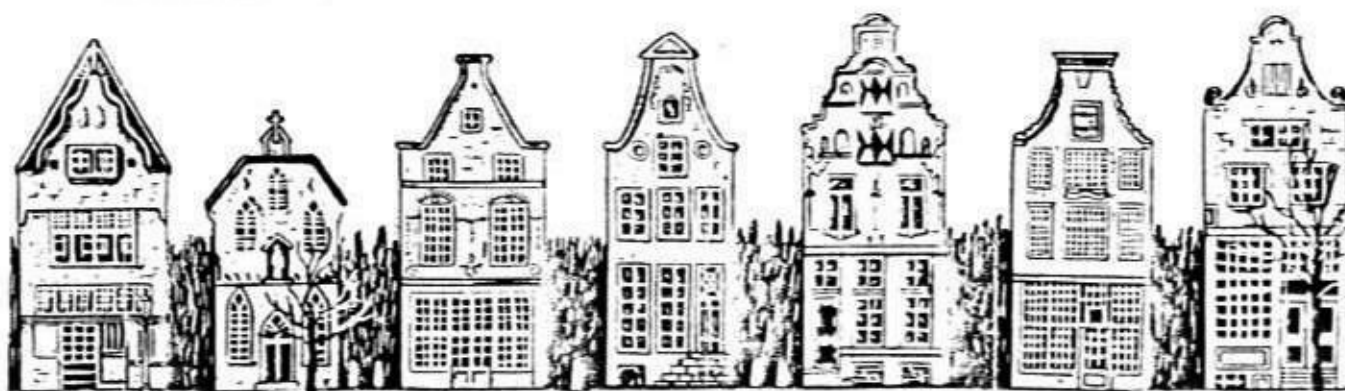
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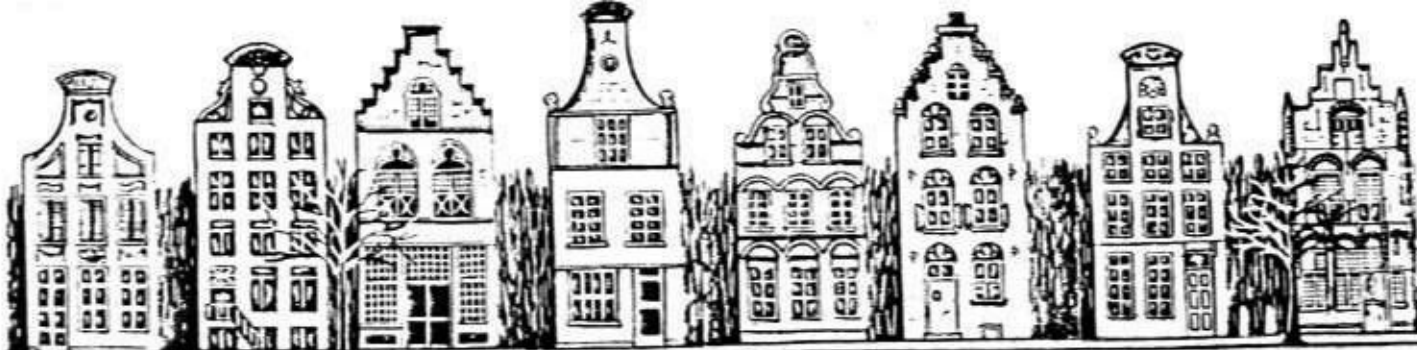
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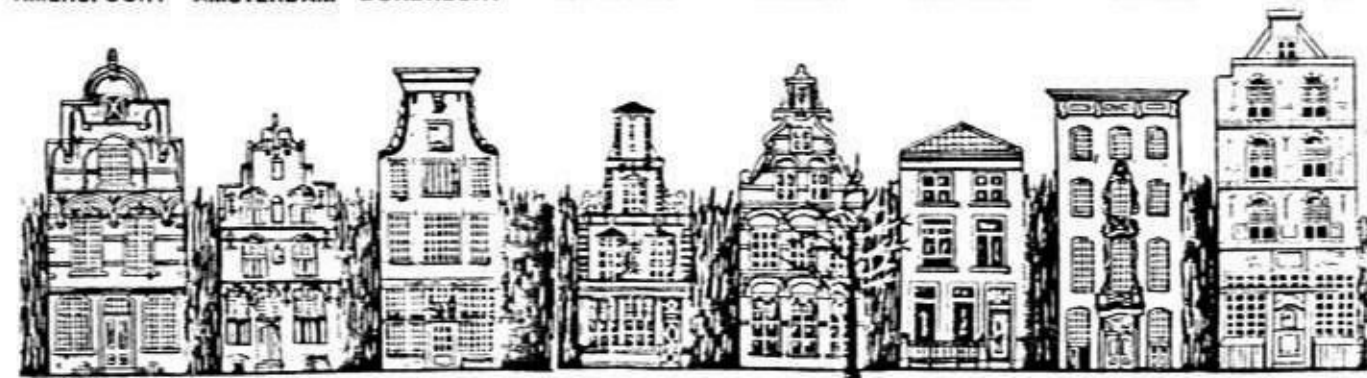
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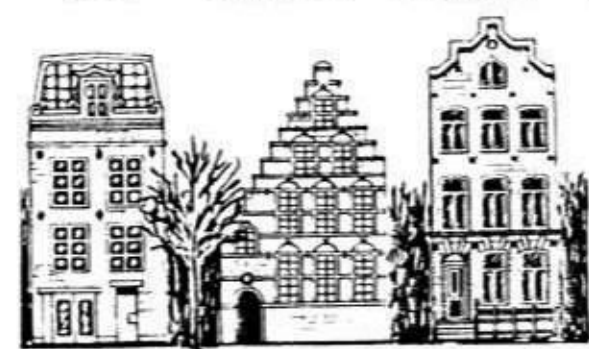
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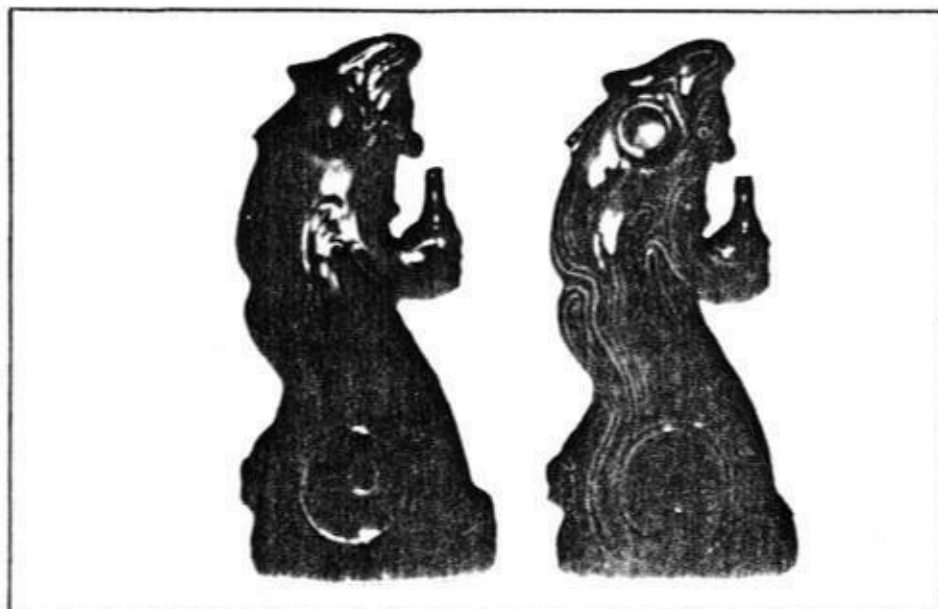
The Distilleries of Simon Rynbende & Sons, Schiedam present the famous Dutch young jenever in these special containers, which represent - in miniature - some of the characteristic Old Dutch Houses and Buildings that you will find along the Canals in Amsterdam and in other age-old towns, such as Amersfoort, Delft, Gouda, Leiden, Utrecht etc.

Reproductions of the available miniatures, amongst which is the famous house of the „Hendrick de Keyser“ Foundation in Amsterdam, are shown in this leaflet.



# A Visit To Boozeville

by Lloyd McLeod



The sight of two sailors on the streets of Boozeville is a little unusual. These fellows are on leave from their ship and are looking for a small town with logs of excitement. Boozeville meets all the requirements. The swabs aren't able to spend any of their own money at the bars as plenty of free drinks are offered to them in exchange for sea stories and news of far away places.

Two styles of the sailor holding a bottle are shown from the back. One has a cut out space between his legs and the other one is solid. (The solid one belongs to my grandson, Scott.) It's hard to say which one was made first but I would guess the solid one. It is one of the largest of the wood grain back type. It probably held too much of the house's free whiskey and had to be redesigned. It is 6 1/2" tall, has a blue hat with black ribbon, blue blouse with two small white stripes around the collar.

The one with solid legs has only one small stripe around the

collar. Both bottles have white pants and black shoes. The bottle he is holding is light green. He stands on a bright orange base. If this type has a small size, I haven't seen it as yet.

The sailor with the life preserver is called "Life Preserver". It is 5 1/4" tall and this style does have a large size (6 1/4"). Colors are similar to the other bottle and the base is the usual orange color. The number 2311 is pressed into the bottom. This bottle was probably given to someone with a very bad hang-over...to help save his life, of course.

Before World War II, the bands on the sailor's hats would have the name of their ship printed in gold. These fellows could be off an old battle wagon. If you look real close at the hat band and use lots of imagination, you can almost make it out. Yes, yes, there it is. I can almost see U.S.S. Oregon...one of the fine old ships of the line in her day.

--L.M.--



## Cocktail of the Month

### WHITE CLOUD

This is another recipe which we picked up in Fiji (from the Travelodge, Suva). Like the Banana Diquiri in the Aug/Sept. edition it is also excellent for a lazy summers afternoon.

Put 1 Measure Vodka in a measuring jug, add a handfull of crushed ice then top up to 7fl.oz with cream. Put into a shaker and shake vigorously. Pour into a glass then carefully pour 1 Measure of Creme de Menthe over the top.

P.S. Milk (Leche) was the closest I could get to cream for the illustration!



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## NEW MEMBERS

Jean D. Gardner, c/o Commercial Hotel Bottle Store, The Square, Palmerston North

Pam Fowler, R.D.2, Patea

John De Angelo, 279 Newport Avenue, Quincy, MA.02170, U.S.A.

## D. T. P. NEXT MEETINGS

Sunday 18th Nov. Ian Butcher's, 60 Discovery Drive, Whitby  
Sunday 16th Dec. Russel Thomson'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.

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MINIATURE AUCTION Friday evening, 14th December - Harnett & Wedde Limited, Wakefield Street, Wellington.