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EDITORIAL

Elections come but once a year and the month of February draws near. The election meeting last year produced one of our best turnouts ever - lets repeat it. Those members who, being practical in terms of distance, could stand for the committee, are urged to consider it.

This year has seen us grow to a membership of about 48. However, there are still hundreds of collectors in New Zealand alone who are not members. Most of these do not even know we exist. A lively, interested committee ensures our growth - no committee would be our downfall! It's your club, think about supporting it in a practical way.

The elections are on the 17th February. If you wish to volunteer, or nominate someone, you can do so right up until and including the meeting. Postal or proxy votes will be accepted from out of town (or country) members if you feel strongly about voting.

The cover bottle article that is usually on this page is located this month on the inside back page. This is the first newsletter where we have used some colour - it will not be the last.

A big thank you to those members who contributed towards this edition of the newsletter. For once we had TOO MUCH and so had to run to 12 instead of our usual 10 pages. I apologise for leaving Colin Ryder's name off the Scotch in Miniature article.

The recent auction of 1,500 miniatures in Wellington was very poorly attended, probably because it was so close to Christmas. Bargains were certainly there to be had. I bought one lot of scotches for an overseas member for only 10% of what he was prepared to pay.

How often do you see someone staring in the window of a bottle store and obviously casting a critical eye over the miniatures. Ah! you think a fellow collector. But then you have a problem in how to start a conversation. The card shown below is available from any committee member. The idea is to keep a couple in your wallet or purse and if what looks like a fellow enthusiast shows up, hand one to them. Even if this doesn't start a conversation it will at least let the collector know we exist.

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SPOT THE BOTTLE COMPETITION - ANSWERS

Whereas this competition has produced the greatest number of entries ever, six is still a very poor response. It really makes me wonder whether the effort is worthwhile, however, those that have answered have been enthusiastic so, if only for their sakes, it will not be our last. The winner was Erica Mulder of Auckland with a score of 35½. I awarded ½ and ¼ marks where it was obvious the entrant knew what the bottle was but didn't give a complete answer. The other entrants scored as follows: Dianne Opie 30, Dick Cotton 27½, Catherine De George 21, Garth Snell 19½, Gunther Lippert 19.

Special mention must be made of the efforts of Garth Snell who is a new member and Gunther Lippert who, as well as being new, also lives in Germany and obviously does not yet know any of the N.Z. bottles featured.

I was surprised that only 2 members got number 7 as I thought that this was one of the easier ones. Dianne Opie was the only one not to fall into the trap I set and put Southern Comfort for No.10.

ANSWERS:

1. Riemerschmid Jug; 2. Jameson Irish Whiskey; 3. Four Roses Bourbon;
4. Corio Australian Whisky; 5. Graceland; 6. Henry VIII Scotch;
7. Larsen Ship; 8. Old Commonwealth Firefighter No. 2;
9. Ushers Green Stripe Scotch; 10. Sudden Discomfort;
11. McCormick Elvis (1955); 12. Beneagles Chess Men; 13. Luxardo Gondola;
14. Riemerschmid Rugby Jug; 15. Beams Black Label; 16. White Mink Rum;
17. Galliano; 18. Regnier Creme-de-Menthe; 19. Nikka Whiskey;
20. Beefeater Gin; 21. Paddy Irish Whiskey; 22. Lord Calvert Canadian;
23. Galliano Italian Policeman; 24. Old Granddad Bourbon; 25. Merry Mac;
26. Jack Daniels Bourbon; 27. House of Kosher Doll;
28. Seagrams 7 Crown; 29. Teachers Highland Cream Scotch;
30. Vat 69 Scotch; 31. O'Keefe Beer; 32. Wild Turkey;
33. Luxardo Polar Bear; 34. Suntory Vodka; 35. Garnier Playing Card;
36. Beneagles Seal; 37. McCallums Scotch; 38. Jon Sol Blue Jay;
39. Black Oak Rum; 40. G & G Nikka Whiskey.

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HISTORY IN MINIATURE

ORANGE LIQUEURS

When the first oranges reached Europe from the Orient they created a sensation. They were the 'Golden apples of the garden of the Hesperides' given to Jupiter by Juno on their wedding day. They symbolised wisdom, happiness and fertility.

For centuries, the orange was a rarity in Europe. As they gradually became more plentiful they still retained their exotic image and attracted the attention of Distillers. In Amsterdam the oranges from the island of Curacao were used to create a water white liqueur. The name has now become generic and the oranges need not come from the original island.

"Triple Sec" is a popular variant of Curacao. The name implies Triple distillation, but this is not necessarily so. It is normally sweeter than Curacao and a lower alcohol strength.

Cointreau

The liqueur was first created in 1849 by Adolphe Cointreau and the company is still run by that family. The company really took off in the late 1800's. At that time liqueurs were sold in clear bottles and were brightly coloured. Edouard Cointreau reversed this trend by selling the clear liqueur in a dark bottle. The company never looked back. Cointreau is made from dried bitter orange peel from the West Indies plus sweeter peel from Spain. They are macerated in alcohol, double distilled and then blended with sugar and water.

Van der Hum

This is the only indigenous South African liqueur. It was first introduced in the early 17th century by Dutch settlers who missed their Curacao. It is made from the Naartjie, a relative of the orange. The name is said to come from the liqueur's earliest days when for want of a better name, it was called "Whatsitsname" or "thingummygig" which is roughly translated to Van der Hum.

Grand Marnier

This liqueur is made by the Lapostolle family who have been distillers since 1827. Grand Marnier is the culmination of many experiments over a great number of years. First of all in 1879 Eugene Lapostolle bought a supply of aged Cognacs which added an extra touch of class to their liqueurs. Then experiments with various types of oranges were carried out. Finally wild oranges from the Caribbean were judged by the family to have the best flavour. In addition to the oranges and Cognac, herbs plus sugar are included. The mixture is then aged in oak casks. King Edward VII is said to be responsible for introducing the liqueur to Britain. Because of the King's feelings for a certain lady the Chef Escoffier created crepes suzettes. This requires liberal sprinklings of Grand marnier.



FRANK WYNN

NEW LIQUEUR

Cassis — blackcurrant liqueur — is now made in New Zealand.

The new product was launched in Christchurch on December 5 and will shortly be available nationwide through specialist wine shops.

The liqueur Creme de Cassis originated in the Burgundy region of France (creme meaning liqueur and Cassis means blackcurrants) and three brands are imported. The New Zealand Cassis meets all the criteria of the traditional makers and, because of the quality of Canterbury blackcurrants, it is notable for the purity of its colour and richness of its taste.

Anthony Barker, already known for his berryfruit wines and aperitifs, and Tru-Fruit, the world's first pure blackcurrant juice,

predicts that Cassis will be particularly popular because of its dual role. Creme de Cassis is both an after-dinner liqueur and also the key ingredient in "Kir", an aperitif popular in Europe and served one part Cassis and four parts dry white wine.

"It is an exciting and interesting liqueur at a reasonable price, of international quality and style," he said. Mr Barker said Cassis would be established first on the New Zealand market although he saw export possibilities following on the good overseas sales now being achieved by his blackcurrant juice.

Sorry not available in miniature.

- Editor

Thought that you might like to know about a new collectors magazine starting in February.

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SCOTCH WHISKY MINIATURES - PART 2

There are four different types of Scotch Whiskies.

MALT WHISKY

Malt Whisky is what differentiates Scotch Whisky from other types of whisky. It is what gives Scotch its characteristic and unique flavour.

Malt Whisky is produced in pot stills using malted barley as its base material. Peat smoke, another unique flavour, is introduced during the malting process.

In 1982 there were 117 malt whisky distilleries in Scotland. There were 53 single malt whisky miniatures on sale in the United Kingdom.

Each distillery produces a whisky of uniquely different character. When bottled on its own, the product of a distillery is a SINGLE MALT.

The name of the distillery is nearly always the name on the bottle although there may be small additions like "The" (Glenlivet) and "Old" (Pulteney).

VATTED MALTS are mixtures of malt whiskies from two or more distilleries. Purists condemn this kind of blending because they consider that the constituent blends conflict with each other. Other more easy going souls, say that, to the contrary, by merging the best qualities of a number of malts you get a more acceptable taste.

The constituent malts in vatted malts are not revealed. Examples of vatted malts are shown on the right.

GRAIN WHISKY

Grain whisky is basically used to "dilute" and "cheapen" the malt whisky. The grain whiskies from the various distilleries have little individuality because they are produced at higher efficiencies than malts. The only miniature single grain whiskies are from the North of Scotland distillery and a constituent part of a do-it-yourself blending kit sold to tourists.



Pictures smaller than actual size and all from Jim Triffon's "The Whiskey Miniature Bottle Collector Vol. 2." Details of how to purchase this and Vol. 1 are available on request.

BLENDED WHISKY

Blended whisky contains malt and grain whisky. The proportion of each determines the cost and quality of the blend. Standard blends usually contain about 30% malt whiskies. The cost of a blend will be higher if 'crack' malts (such as Glen Grant, Glenlivet & Macallan) are used rather than the cheaper, less premium malts. There are a whole host of blends sold in miniature, especially when one takes the label variations into account. For example, there have been not less than 63 label variations for Dewar's White Label miniatures.



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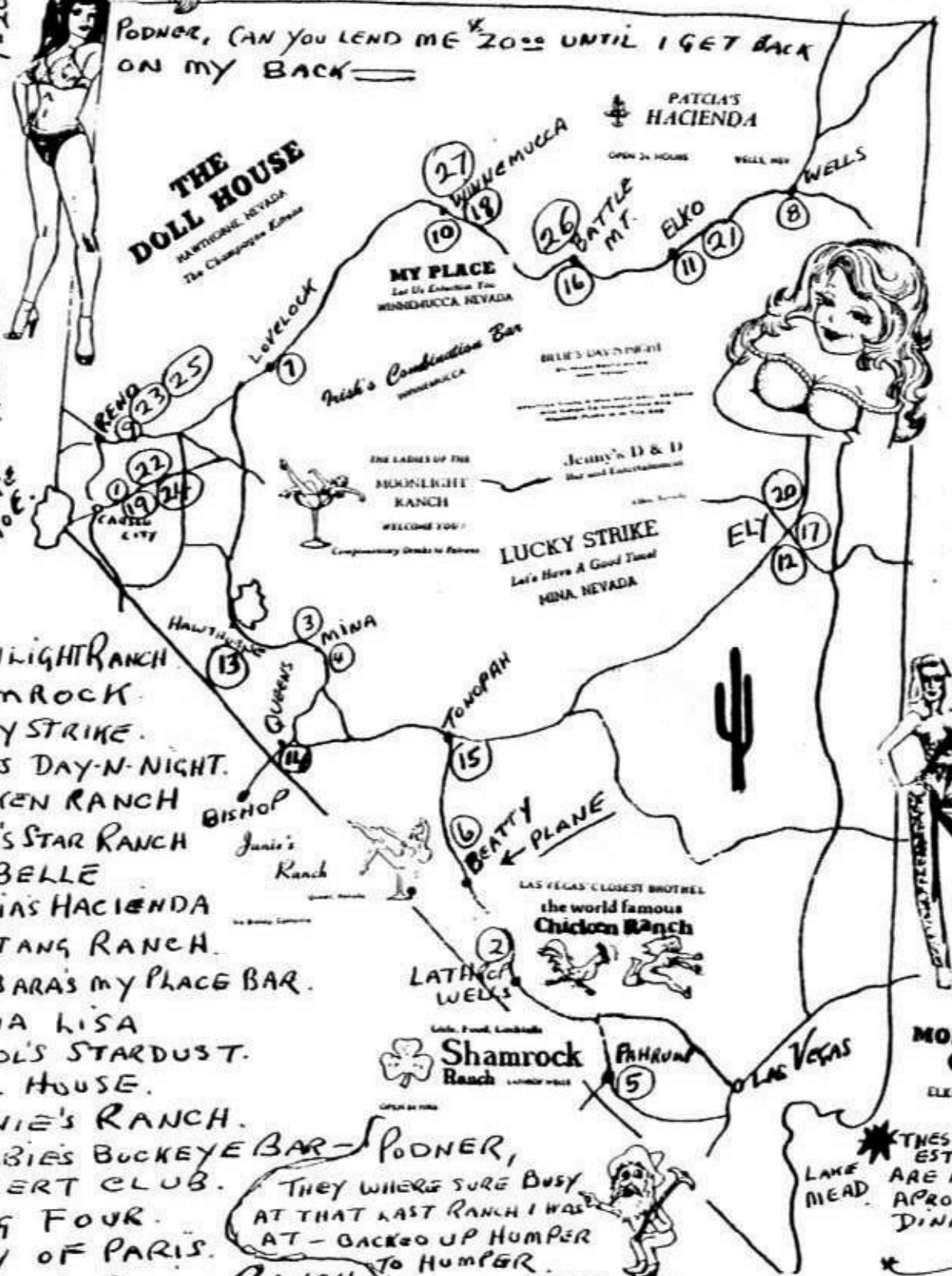
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- 2 SHAMROCK
- 3 LUCKY STRIKE
- 4 BILLIES DAY-N-NIGHT
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- 6 FRAN'S STAR RANCH
- 7 LA BELLE
- 8 PATCIA'S HACIENDA
- 9 MUSTANG RANCH
- 10 BARBARA'S MY PLACE BAR
- 11 MONA LISA
- 12 CAROL'S STARDUST
- 13 DOLL HOUSE
- 14 JANIE'S RANCH
- 15 BOBBIE'S BUCKEYE BAR
- 16 DESERT CLUB
- 17 BIG FOUR
- 18 JOY OF PARIS
- 19 KITTY'S GUEST RANCH
- 20 GREEN LANTERN
- 21 JENNY'S D & D
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ARE NOT APPROVED FOR
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O.K.

COVER BOTTLES

The cover this month depicts three new vodkas, one of which is the first offering from a new bottler. SAMOVAR is a familiar name having been bottled in miniature in New Zealand for many years. This version comes from Bondpak (N.Z.) Limited, Auckland.

SMIRNOFF is also a very familiar name. The label says 'Distilled and Bottled for Gilbey's N.Z. Ltd, Auckland'. This one also has obviously been bottled by Bondpak, although the label does not say so.

REBROFF is a new name from a new distiller, Southern Grain Distillers Limited, Kaiapoi. The bottle and capping are identical to those previously used by Basil A. Fitzpatrick at nearby Rangiora and we very much suspect that Fitzpatrick has transferred the bottling line to Southern Grain Distillers.

The pictures on this page show new SEAGERS and COACHMAN Gins. The Seagers is another Bondpak one that has been around for some months now but that we have not shown previously. The Coachman comes from Southern Grain Distillers. The two Southern Grain Distillers bottles may not be easy to come by. I have seen the gin in the Zetland Tavern in Christchurch and some of each were on sale in Hawera. Nobody has yet reported seeing them elsewhere.

Southern Grain Distillers are soon to bring out another gin, GRACIES. We have approached them about doing our next club bottle and are very hopeful that agreement can be reached for them to do a special bottling of Gin - Vodka, or both.



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Cocktail of the Month



BLUE MAI-TAI



Our cocktail this month is the second sent to us by a non-member. Dug Picking runs Dug's West Indies Restaurant in Carson City, Nevada (see Brothel Bottles Article) and this recipe was originated by him.

2 Shots Rum

3 Shots Orange Juice

Dash Orgeat Syrup

1 Shot Blue Curacao

1 Shot Sweet & Sour

1 Shot Pineapple Juice

Put all ingredients in a blender, blend and serve.

It might be sensible if you drink this one sitting down.

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NEW MEMBERS

Gunther Lippert, Wilhelm-Liebhaber-Strasse 8, D-8150 Holzkirchen, West Germany.

Change of Address - Phyl Walsh, 12a Chesney Street, Lower Hutt.

D. T. P. NEXT MEETINGS

- Jan. 27th Annual Bar - B - Q.
Bring your wife/husband and the kids, bring your own steak etc.
to Chris & Janne's place, 4a Kinloch Place, Papakowhai.
Starting time about 11.30 am.
- Feb. 17th A.G.M. starting 2.00pm prompt.
at Steuart Goodman's, 22 Anne Street, Wadestown.
- March 17th and
April 21st Ordinary Meetings - venues to be advised in next issue.
- May 19th Does any member outside Wellington (Pamerston North, etc.) feel
like volunteering to have a meeting?