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THE ONLY MINIATURE BOTTLE CLUB IN AUSTRALASIA
WITH A NATIONWIDE AND INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP



EDITORIAL

Yes I know, it's late again. When I stood as editor last year it was on the understanding that miNiZ would come out 6 times a year - but not necessarily at neat 2 monthly intervals. You have elected me again on the same basis. Life is generally very, very busy. My personal apologies to those to whom I owe letters or bottles - they will come eventually. MiNiZ very nearly got published in February, much of it was typed, but then for one reason and another it wasn't finished. March is an impossible month at work (and even more so this year for reasons I won't go into), April wasn't much better, hence the May publication of the Feb/March edition as a bumper issue combined with April/May.

The AGM was the most disappointing and poorly attended we have had. This is despite having doubled our membership in the last year to over 100, including a large increase in Wellington based members. We were also disappointed with the attendance at the April meeting near Palmerston North. Apart from Mrs. Mudford, whose house it was held at, and Marge Lynch, who is a regular attendee, nobody from that area attended!

The number of bottle stores in New Zealand stocking minis seems to have stabilised. For the first time for several years members are reporting seeing an increasing number of imported bottles - let's hope the trend continues.

We are expecting to hear any day now from Ceragraphics that the "Colonial Collection" bottles are due for delivery. Those members who have bought sets, but not yet fully paid should be getting an invoice sometime later this month.



A.G.M.

Only 10 Members, two of whom lived there, bothered to turn up for the A.G.M. There were apologies from Chris and Janne Matthews, who are regular attendees, but who were out of Wellington on 'Toastmasters' business.

The main points to emerge from the meeting were:-

Membership is at an all time high, we believe largely because of our promotion of club bottles and the "Colonial Collection".

The "Colonial Collection" draw with the trip for two

The "Colonial Collection" draw with the trip for two prize will not go ahead. However, we are hoping to hold a draw with a valuable prize for all those members who bought the "Colonial Collection". A final decision will be made when all costs for the project are known and all sets sold. (We have 5 sets left to sell.)

ALL WHO WERE PAID UP MEMBERS AS AT 31ST. DECEMBER 1986, OR WHO SUBSEQUENTLY BOUGHT A SET OF THE "COLONIAL COLLECTION" AND JOINED THE CLUB UP TO 31ST. MARCH 1987 HAVE BEEN GIVEN A ONE YEAR EXTENSION TO THEIR MEMBERSHIP FREE OF CHARGE. (e.g. IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS DUE TO EXPIRE SEPTEMBER 1987, CHANGE THE DATE TO 1988 YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A FURTHER INVOICE UNTIL THEN.)

Due to massive hikes in postage charges and fluctuating exchange rates membership fees will be reviewed annually, at the A.G.M., from now on. As of the 1st. April 1987 the fees are now:-

N.Z. Members	N.Z.\$12.00	(Family \$18.00)
Australian Members	A.\$15.00)
)
U.S. Members	U.S.\$12.00) or Equivalent.
)
U.K. and Europe	£10.00)

New Committee:-

President	- Russell Thomson
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Treasurer	- Steuart Goodman
Publicity	- Vacant
Editor	- David Smith
Assistant Editor	- Jackie Smith

David Smith

HISTORY IN MINIATURE

Pedro Domecq

As Domecq have released five new miniatures under their Double Century Label I thought it would be an oportune time to write a little about their history.

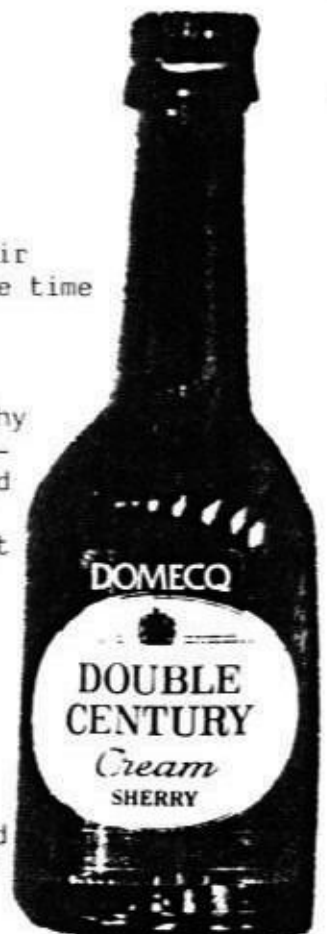
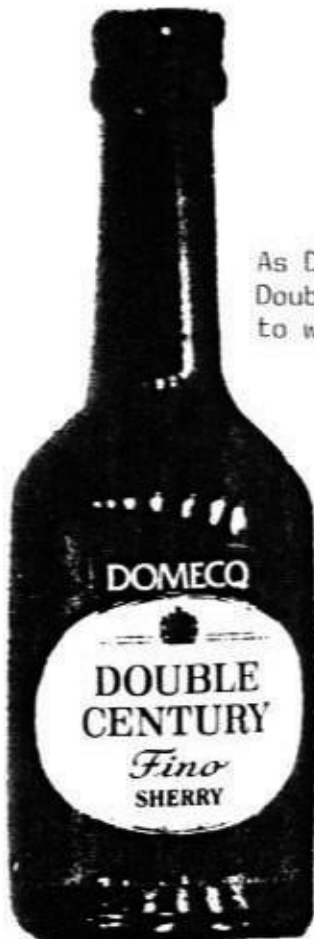
Despite its Spanish sounding name the House of Domecq was founded by an Irishman. Patrick Murphy (you certainly don't get more Irish than that!! - editor) arrived in Jerez around 1730 and started trading in sherry. The business was successful and Murphy soon had his own vineyards in the best areas. However, he suffered from poor health and as a result asked help from his friend Juan Haurie, who took over the management of the vineyards.

Murphy, a batchelor, died in 1762 and left the entire business to Haurie. Haurie was also a batchelor and invited his brothers and nephews to join him in the business. By the time he died in 1794 Haurie had further extended the business and it was handed over to his nephews.

One of the nephews, Juan Carlos Haurie, was in charge of the business when Napoleon invaded Spain in 1808. Because of his family history, haurie sided with Napoleon and supplied the French army with wine and provisions plus gather taxes. He became one of the most hated men in Jerez and when the French left he was a ruined man as he received no payment for the goods he supplied. Haurie barely escaped with his life.

It was a young relation, by marriage, that saved the business. French born, Pedro de Domecq, was working in the wine trade in London and Haurie asked him to find new agencies to sell his sherries. Within two years Domecq built up the sales from 20 butts a year to 3,000 butts a year.

The business prospered but the machinations of the Haurie family brought a parting of the ways. Domecq while still living in London and Paris set up his own vineyards and sold sherry on his own. He died in 1839 at the age of 57. He was having treatment for Rheumatism and was suspended over a cauldron of boiling water taking steam treatment. The scaffold collapsed and Domecq was badly scalded, resulting in his death a few days later. He had amassed a fortune and started the sherry dynasty that bears his name today.

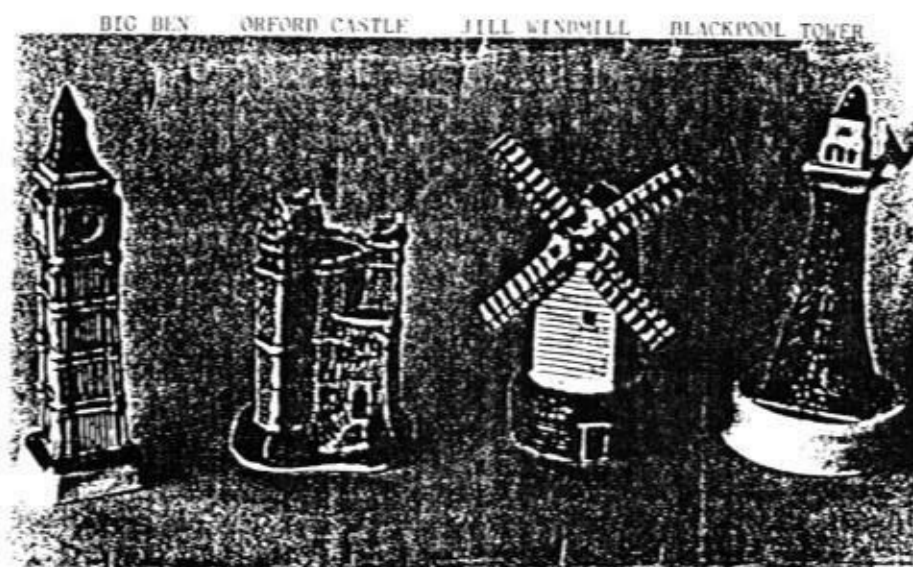


Today the Domecqs are one of the great sherry families with a splendid palace in the centre of Jerez. They own 2,600 acres of vineyards.

Jerez owes the other side of its prosperity to a Domecq. In 1874 Pedro Domecq Lustau released a brandy onto the local market called Fundador. Nowadays brandy is just as important to Jerez as sherry.

FRANK WYNN

The Mini Bottle Club



(1987 In Vitrifield Porcelain)
"THE LANDMARK CERAMICS" COLLECTION (1987)

Mini Bottles (U.K.) Limited have the exclusive rights on the above four Ceramics, for the fourth years "House Collection", authorised and filled with Wm. Teacher and Sons Limited Scotch Whisky.

The Ceramics contain 7.5cl (75ml) of Teachers Blended Scotch Whisky and the photograph above is of the latest four now being issued.

- 1984 Issues Were:
- (1) Lamberhurst, Oast, Kent.
 - (2) Old Shop, The Shambles, York.
 - (3) The Vintry, (1716) Pantiles.
 - (4) Tithe Barn Cottage, Stanion.
- 1985 Issues Were:
- (1) William Shakespeare's Birthplace, Stratford-upon-Avon.
 - (2) Anne Hathaways Cottage, Nr. Stratford-upon-Avon.
 - (3) Batemans Mill, Sussex (Rudyard Kipling).
 - (4) Thomas Hardy's Cottage, Bockhampton.
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- (1) Triangular Lodge, Rushton.
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Statement of Receipts and Payments
For 12 Months ended 31st. January 1987

P.O.S.B. Balance 31.1.86		868.92
Plus		
Subscriptions	1,096.41	
Sale of Bottles	1,296.30	
Miscellaneous other Receipts	9.85	
Interest	25.35	
Colonial Collection	30.00	
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		2,477.91
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		3,346.83
Less		
Bottles Purchased	1,330.40	
Magazine Printing/Postage	550.89	
Colonial Collection Printing	303.60	
Miscellaneous Expenses Including:-		
Other postage, printing, telephone,		
prizes, Christmas function, etc.	499.23	
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		2,684.12
Balance P.O.S.B. (Since Closed)	19.93	
Westpac Banking Corp.	642.78	
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TOTAL 31.1.1987		662.71
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Stocks on Hand:- At minimum selling price

166 at \$2.00	332.00
73 at \$2.50	182.50
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\$ 16.40 Money still to be paid out by Club.

\$277.95 Still outstanding for bottles supplied.

Colonial Collection

Money Received from Members	9,078.05
Interest to 31.12.86	45.52
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	\$9,123.57
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Investo Line	\$8,958.55
Everyday Cash A/c	165.02

LEGEND OF "PISSE VIEILLE"
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Once upon a time, in the old days, many of our brave peasants were devout church goers. The old pastor who presided over the parish destiny for so many years was not only a priest, but also a friend, a confident, for he spoke the local dialect....and now, he was gone, recalled by his maker. Unfortunately, the young priest who replaced him could not speak the local dialect.

Poor Josette could not speak the French of the day, she knew only dialect. She was also somewhat deaf, a condition which the new priest was unaware. Josette had gone to confession and the priest told her, "go home and sin no more," in French ne peche plus. Josette had heard "Ne piche plus" which in dialect would mean "piss no more". Josette would have preferred another type of penance, but alas, one must obey the pastor.

Josette soon suffered discomfort and found it imperative to tell her plight to Claudius, her husband. Claudius immediately took off for the village Church to have a private talk with the new pastor. The misunderstanding was soon settled and Claudius hastened to return home. Being solicitous for his wife's welfare, he ran all the way back, and while still some distance away, he yelled with all the power his lungs could muster: "PISS, OLD LADY; PISS, OLD LADY".

Unfortunately, Josette was not the only one to hear Claudius. In a small village such as this, the story spread rapidly, and soon, as the neighbors would pass by the house, they would good-humoredly mock Claudius and yell "PISS, OLD LADY....PISS, OLD LADY".

This very real and very human story soon became a legend and even to this day, the local population always refer to this property as "La Pisse Vieille".

We hope that this Legend will amuse you, and especially that you will cherish your miniature bottle from a most unique producer in the Beaujolais District of France.





Week nights are usually very quiet in the little town of Boozeville. But this is lodge night and most of the bankers and businessmen are hurrying to their lodges not wanting to miss the happy hour.

Shown here are some German made lodge giveaways. They are all about four inches tall.



The Elks Tooth flask has BPOE embossed on the front. This stands for Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. Another one has BPOE and Portland 1912 on the front. This was the year that the National Elks Convention was held here in Portland, Oregon. These bottles were probably given to the members of high office during this convention.

On the back of this one is embossed: The Lotus 127 Sixth Street M. Nelson Prop. H.

Weinhard's Rheingold Beer On Draught.

Another one of these with the same front as pictured here has impressed the following words in a circular pattern on the back: Compliments of C. J. Stubling. He was a liquor dealer at The Dalles, Oregon. These were probably made for the same convention as those dated 1912.

Other Elk Tooth flasks were made of clear glass, milk glass, and one of amber colored glass. At least two ceramic types were made in Japan. These are very crude compared to the German flasks.

The next type is the moose flask. It is found in multicolor with shiny glaze, multicolor no glaze (like bisque), and in all brown. These are marked P.A.P. Loyal Order of Moose, P.A.P. stands for Purity, Aid, and Progress.

Next there is the Eagles flask. This type is a plain bottle with no lettering, all brown with white eagle and flag. The one with the letters F.O.E. (Fraternal Order of Eagles) in the upper left corner is all in brown. Near the bottom are the letters L.T.J.E. which stands for Liberty, Truth, Justice, and Equality. I haven't seen this one in multicolor but hopefully there are some around.

The three owls on the blue-grey flask is a mystery. It is made in the same style and size as the moose and eagles. It has three owls on the front and each owl has the letter O on its chest. There must have been a lodge for this one at some time. If there was its name surely had to be the Order of Owls.

Say, we'd better hurry and be on our way or we'll miss the happy hour! --LM--

A Visit To Boozeville by Lloyd McLeod



I Collect...

Miniature Whisky Bottles

Arthur Pudney
began collecting
whisky miniatures and
found himself
Newsletter Editor
for the Mini Bottle Club

SOME ten years ago a friend gave me a reminder of his holiday in Scotland which took the form of a miniature "Something Special", a particularly impressive bottle. From that "special" beginning I asked colleagues and friends who were journeying to interesting parts of the world to try to bring back little bottles. In those early days I did not take the hobby seriously and it was not until some four years ago that I started in earnest. Unfortunately this delay meant that I missed many editions which are no longer available.

Perhaps the funniest story related to my collecting activities is the one about the Irish bottles. I had been absent from work for some three months as a result of an operation and during my convalescence a parcel was left by the postman on my doorstep. On examination the parcel bore an Irish stamp and a Belfast postmark. This was at that period of our recent history when we had been warned not to open packages of a particular size, which were not expected and which emanated from that troubled country. The size was right and my wife called for the long arm of the law. The

duly removed "it" and delivered "it" to the Royal Engineers.

Later on that evening the Police phoned me to ask whether in regard of my parcel I wanted the good news or the bad news. Being an eternal optimist I opted for the "good", to be told the that package was not an explosive device. The "bad" was really bad as the contents were whisky! The next day I received a letter from a friend, telling me that she was sending three miniatures for my whisky collection. It was months before I was able to tell her the story and even then she refused to tell me which miniatures they were. Perhaps some Old Tullamore Dew, a Dunphy's or a John Jameson VSO. Ah well!

Of course Scotland is the main stamping ground of the collector, with 119 distilleries, 96 of these bottle their single malts and it is rumoured some 3,000 or more blends which have been produced over the years. However, with the increase in far flung package tours more and more American and Japanese miniatures are appearing. In fact there are more than thirty countries that produce or bottle whisky under licence. At present



My office among the bottles. My main interest is the true whisky, Scotch!

I am the proud owner of miniatures from twelve of these, although my main interest is in the true whisky, Scotch!

Since my premature retirement and subsequently joining the three million, I have joined a group of friends worldwide in membership of the Mini Bottle Club of the UK. In an endeavour to keep my mind active I volunteered at my first meeting to help in the administrative side of the Club's activities. I should have remembered what happened to me when I last volunteered in 1942! Here I am, one year later, Secretary for all meetings of the Club, doing on a voluntary basis what I had been paid to do during the last ten years of my working life.

The Club has some two hundred members the majority of whom are UK based and alternate months I produce a twenty page Newsletter. This activity take me back even further into my working past.

Hobbies, in my view, are an essential facet of life without employment and miniature collecting is one of the more rewarding hobbies. I have always been a collector; fag cards and marbles in the "thirties", stamps in the "forties", coins and medallions in the "fifties and sixties". These have become too expensive, so the coins and medallions have gone to the dealer to finance my present hobby. Fortunately collecting bottles is not expensive and they are cheap

presents to exchange at Christmas or birthday times. What more appropriate gift is there for Father's Day? Even if you get fed up with collecting, all is not lost as you can always consume the collection.

Unfortunately, at present there are only a couple of members in the whole of Kent and it is for me a rather lonely hobby. Much of my finance for the purchase of new miniatures is squandered on buying petrol to attend meetings in Leeds, Plaistow, Aberdeen and the latest Harlow. Kent also seems to be a desert as far as dealers offering miniatures for sale. A couple of off licences and wine & spirit shops in Maidstone, a couple in Ashford, one in Hadlow (the best) and one in Paddock Wood.

If the usual trend is repeated, this is a hobby which will take off in this country as it has in the US. In the States and in Italy miniature collecting is big business and I understand one miniature recently sold for £300.

If you really take on the hobby as a personal challenge you can even get your collection in the Guinness Book of Records. The Chairman of the Mini Bottle Club at present holds the distinction, at 26,000 bottles in his collection.

If you are interested in The Mini Bottle Club write for details to The Secretary Alex Barclay, 36 Norman Avenue, Harborne, Birmingham (Tel: 021-429 1276).



My Specialist Collection of bottles from Macallan Glenlivet Distillery.

SWAPPING OVERSEAS

- A BEGINNERS GUIDE

To my way of thinking there is no finer way of increasing your collection than to swap bottles with another collector overseas. Whether you live in New Zealand or elsewhere the advantages are the same. You obtain bottles which you would not otherwise be able to, and in return you send bottles that are either your swaps or that you can obtain locally at a reasonable price. As a spin off you also cannot help making new friends.

Generally swapping is on a 1 for 1 basis, like for like. However, some bottles obviously are more valuable than others. Nobody is going to swap you 1 figural for 1 straight glass bottle unless you have some exceptional swaps. With a bit of haggling and lots of goodwill it is possible to still swap for what you want. Not 1 for 1 but maybe 4, 6 or even 8 for 1 if what you want is exceptional. If you pick up a pile of bottles at auction for say, \$1 a bottle, then you can afford to be more generous than if you have to go out and purchase new bottles at full retail price.

People who know that I swap overseas, but don't do so themselves, always say "but doesn't it cost a fortune in postage?" No it doesn't! Unless you wish to send 40 or 50 the most economical number is 6. You can send 6 minis, small packet surface rate, anywhere in the world, for \$4.55 - that's only 76¢ per bottle. This rate applies up to 1kg. and there is also a rate up to ½kg. for if you only want to send 2 or 3 bottles. A tip I got from Erica Mulder is to use old wine cask boxes. These are strong, easily hold 6 minis and when packed weigh under 1kg.

So, how do you pack them? Firstly, check that they don't leak - there is nothing worse than receiving a soggy mess, I should know having had 2 or 3. Next step is to wrap them. This can be in bubble wrap paper (available from Whitcouls) or simply tissue paper. I use toilet paper (about 4 sheets - unused - per bottle). Then I cellotape 3 bottles together. All my bottles are "tight packed" - if they can't move they can't break. Next thing to do is to make sure the minis, however wrapped, stay in the centre of the box. Boxes do sometimes get knocked about. If you can keep the bottles in the centre they should arrive OK. On larger parcels I use a box within a box, but where this isn't practical I tape all the bottles together. Now, what do you pack between the bottles and the sides of the box? Polystyrene chips are excellent, but only if used properly. Do not just lightly pour them in, pack them down and pack them tight when you close the top, otherwise they will move about and the bottles will end up at the bottom. You can also use bubble plastic or shredded paper, but NOT wood wool as the import of this is banned in some countries - including New Zealand. I have sent several hundred bottles by post using nothing other than crumpled paper - you can't get cheaper than that!

Customs men are very "Nice" people. We have to help them wherever possible. The small packets only need a small green customs declaration, larger parcels need either a white declaration (English speaking countries and a few others) or a much more complicated dual declaration. If this latter one is required the parcel must have string around it in two directions. Whichever declaration you need the description should be say, "6 collectors miniatures - no commercial value". If the package to you is stopped by customs be polite, say it is your hobby and that you have sent an equal number of duty paid ones overseas. You are unlikely to be asked to pay anything.

One final tip on packaging - do not put "FRAGILE" on the box. Jackie and myself lived for two months next door to the main parcel sorting depot in Brisbane. If it said fragile on it the parcel was sure to get thrown about.

Before you can do all of the above you need to agree on what bottles you are sending with the recipient. There is a certain amount of convention in this. A typical description would be:-

Johnny Walker Black Label Scotch 50ml 40% CLR/SQ Australian Import.

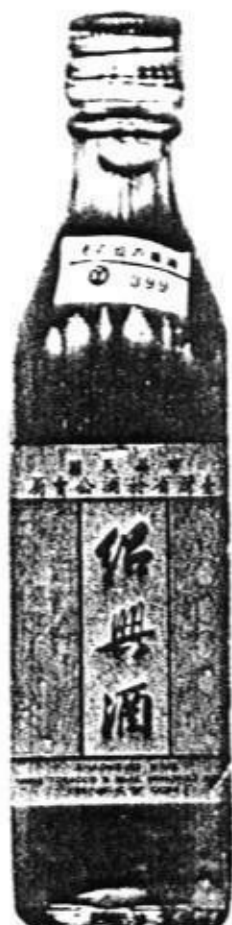
CHINESE BOTTLES

I have recently done some swapping with Annie Ngan of Hong Kong. She has sent Chris Matthews and myself some bottles from Mainland China which I thought you would like to share.

MOUTAI is the best known of Chinese spirits. It is served at National Banquets. The other five are all wines of one sort or another. The first, TSAI DONG TUCK contains a mixture of Tiger Bone, Papaya and wine, the second, WAN NEN CHUN JIN means Blooming for a thousand years.

I received no details from Annie on the other three, however, from the labels LUOHANGOUJIU would appear to be a Kiwifruit wine and SPECIAL GRADE SHAM YUNG DAI PAO CHIEW is obviously a wine with Deer Velvet added. I know even less about the last one, although TONIC SNAKE CHIEW sounds real powerfull stuff.





My former Solicitor is Chinese. About two years ago I had him look at some Taiwanese bottles in my collection and give me a translation. All these bottles came from a shop in San Francisco's Chinatown.

The first two unfortunately do not copy very well because of the label colours. The first one, SHAOHSING WINE is black writing on a red background, the second OLD SHAOHSING WINE is black on a gold background. Number three is a liquor containing Gin Seng and Deer Velvet whilst number four is flavoured with Green Bamboo Leaves and number five with the unlikely choice of Chrysanthemum. The last bottle is a liqueur made from black plums (prunes).

Although none of these bottles really fit in with my main thrust of collecting these days, I keep them for their novelty value.

David Smith



NEW OUT

On sale in a few bottle stores around the country are two well known scotches, but with completely new bottles and labels. They are J & B Rare and Knockando. The ones that I have seen have been very expensive (\$6.50 & \$8.50). Frank Wynn has sent us this bit about Knockando.

Knockando is unusual in that the label states the year of distillation and the year the whisky was bottled. I suppose you could call it a vintage whisky. The latest miniature is 1974 vintage. This whisky was distilled in 1974 and bottled 1986.

The distillery is situated on the River Spey in Morayshire. It was built in 1898 and is now owned by Justerini and Brooks. The name comes from the Gaelic "Cnoc-an-Dhu" meaning "Little Black Hillock".

It is a very attractive miniature, coming in a box and Justerini and Brooks embossed on the reverse of the bottle. Well priced at around \$4.00.



NEW MINIATURES from N.Z.

1. Tanqueray Special Dry Distilled Gin, green round bottle, 50ml 42.9%.
2. Bounty Premium Rum South Seas Islands Dark Rum, clear round bottle, 50ml 37.5%. A nice colourful label, it has the "International Wine & Spirit Competition London Gold Award 1983" stamped on it.
3. Smirnoff Vodka, clear round bottle, 50ml 37.2%.
4. Dewar's Fine Scotch Whisky "White Label", clear oval plastic bottle, 50ml 40%.

This bottle will, without a doubt, create the greatest interest, especially to our overseas collectors.

ERICA MULDER

INTERNATIONAL LIQUOR COMPANIES

Our Competition this month contains the names of 50 liquor companies, spelt either across, down or diagonally.

6 are New Zealand Companies, 6 French, 6 Italian, 6 German, 6 British, 6 Dutch and 6 American. Plus there are a further 8 companies each from a different country.

We have some bottles from Canada as a prize for the winner - answers in the next miNiZ provided we get a reasonable response.

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BUY SELL & SWAP

MARIO KYRIAKIDIS, 288 Parker Street, Cheektowaga, NY 14206, USA

wishes to swap Canadian & US minis for NZ minis. (May I suggest that this is an ideal contact for any of our New Zealand members who have never swapped before as Mario will take anything with NZ on the label.) Incidentally, the Canadian minis that are offered as competition prizes came from Mario.

Miss ANNIE NGAN, c/o Du Pont Asia Pacific Limited, TST GPO Box 98851, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon, Hong, Kong. - Wishes to swap for French Brandies of all types.

DAVID SMITH, 86 Rawhiti Road, Pukerua Bay, Wellington, New Zealand

is looking for KLM Houses Nos: 14, 15, 18, 20, 29, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44. David currently has lots to swap for the above or will buy.

JANNE & CHRIS MATTHEWS, 4a Kinloch Place, Papakowhai, Wellington, New Zealand, wishes to buy or swap for wines, ports or sherries.

NORMAND PROVENCAL, 84 Rowe Street, Warwick, R.I. 02889, USA, wishing to swap for or purchase New Zealand minis.

ROBERT BARANDV, 16000 Ventura Blvd, Suite 702, Encino, CA 91436 - 2730, USA, wishes to trade a variety of duplicates plus minis available in Southern California for N.Z. bottles.

NIGEL ROSE, 47 Regent Street, Devonport, Auckland, New Zealand, has lots of bottles to swap of all sorts. Nigel prefers Tequila, Rum and Beer.

HAMILTON STANFORD, 32859 Seagate Drive, Rancho, Palos Verdes, CA. 90274, USA, is a specialty collector of house/building bottles. Hamilton would very much like to hear from anyone who has any to swap.

One of the largest private collections of miniature bottles in New Zealand will be offered for sale shortly.

More than 4,000 miniatures owned by the late Mr. Les Wilton are being sold by his estate. Many of the miniatures were bought from older collections around the country, while others were bought by Mr. Wilton during his travels or at auction.

As well, the collection includes a number of bottles bought by Mrs. Wilton during a recent trip to Britain.

Mr. Wilton's family would like to see the collection sold and kept as a whole, rather than being split up.

It has been suggested that a commercial venture such as a hotel may be interested in buying the collection. If any members are interested, keep an eye out for further information, or phone Bryan Wilton at 059-22820 (Masterton).

(Editors Note: This is a very fine collection with many old and rare bottles. Please do not enquire unless you are interested in buying them all - they are not for sale singly.)

Billy Hunter, 16 Moir Street, Alloa, Clackmannanshire, Scotland FK10 2NH wishes to acquire 2 Australian Bottles - BLACKOPAL and FOUR SEASONS Square flask bottle. Billy will swap for 2 whisky miniatures or 1 whisky jug or 1 whisky figural or 3 liqueur bottles which are available in Scotland or a Bronte Yorkshire Cream Liqueur jug for one of them or a 1940's old Rum by the name of Hollywoods Donnelly. (A real good bottle this one.)

Currently available in Sydney at David Jones (City) are 4 different SPRINGBANK CERAMIC BOOKS, SUNTORY Golf Ball, ADVANTAGE Tennis ball, McGIBBON's Golf Club, and a number of jugs. There is also a wide selection of straight glass bottles.

Joyce McGowan, 980 Hazel Avenue, Campbell, CA 95008, USA. Wishes to acquire a New Zealand bottled Riccardo Black Label rum, and the Jim Beam Antarctica Bottle. (Good Luck on the last one - I am the only collector I know who has one! - Editor.)

Please remember that the Club still has for sale Port Nicholson Gin, Port Nicholson Vodka and Coachman Gin @ \$2.50 plus postage. Graceys Gin, Rebroff Vodka, Jim Beam 7th New Zealand Convention @ \$3.00 plus postage. We only have 2 or 3 of the King Alfred and Glen Royal Scotches left, \$3.00 each. First come, first served.

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This is of interest to the serious collector who is looking for rare bottles and doesn't have to buy a large number to acquire the one or two he really wants.

All the main dealers of whisky miniatures are listed in Keegan's book of whisky miniatures, but The Miniature Specialists are not yet listed under the names of the present owners Blackpool businessman Geoffrey Smith and his wife Kay.

The shop's previous owners set down the foundations, and the selection has now been expanded considerably attracting collectors from all over the world and sending out lists of miniatures to assist collectors. Some collectors are interested solely in malt whisky, some in fancy shaped bottled or coloured liquors, some in mini coca-cola, beer bottles, etc.

Miniature bottle collecting is an on-going hobby Kay Smith points out. As bottles cease to be produced, their label or bottle shape changes, and in the UK the change five years ago from proof to volume now makes the proof bottles more collectable. The old corked and wired spirit, sherry and port miniatures were beautifully made, real collectors' items. The miniatures range in price from 49p for the smallest bottle of whisky in the world to £3.80 for a Dunhill whisky bottle which is the most expensive miniature.

Most miniature enthusiasts also collect figurines which have liquor in them. Those stocked range from a beautiful Royal Doulton Grouse Decanter costing £50 to small sherry-filled models of St Paul's Cathedral for 99p. The limited edition Bell's Decanters commemorating Royal events also have a strong following as they steadily increase in value.

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Your editor finally nagged me into doing this short article for the magazine so I thought you would like to see some figures very seldom seen.

All but two of these bottles I acquired in late 1976 when I purchased a large collection in England. Some I had seen or heard of previously but had never had the opportunity to add them

to my collection.

The three animals are all from the Henry Stratton Co. of Bolton, England. Some of the little yellow chicks were found a few years ago and brought back to the U.S. And, a very few of the Penguins were also found in England. However, to my knowledge this is the first Panda bear... at least with all the collectors

I know.

The Panda I feel is definitely the cutest, but the Penguin is the most interesting. This Penguin is but one of three sizes which were issued. This is the smallest of the group while the next in size is about 3/4 of an inch larger and the largest only another 3/4 of an inch above that.

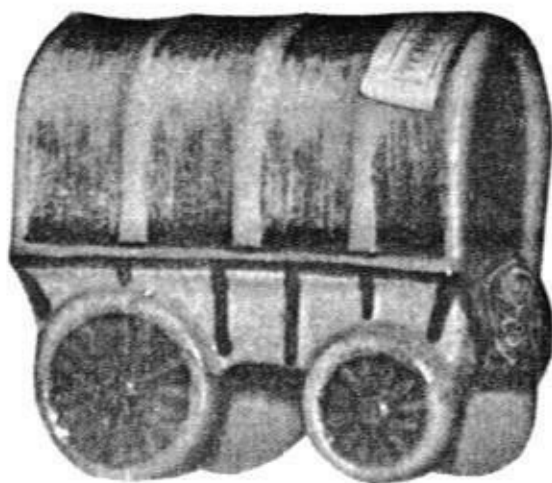
FIGURAL RARITIES

by Harry Goetz

STRATTON



RYNBENDE



WLS



DELATOUR



The fellow who looks like a farmer with his pitchfork is actually called The Country Yokel. This one was made by WLS (the Western License Supply) of Torquay, England. Many of you are already familiar with WLS because of the Drunk Russian bottle which was available some years back.

Since many of you I know collect Rynbende bottles, I've in-

cluded two of the rynbende Delft pieces. The lamp has been seen previously by some collectors, but the covered wagon is a very unusual piece. To the best of my knowledge, neither piece was ever imported to the U.S.

The final set is from the Delatour Company but before they located in the Virgin Islands on St. Croix. These came from Bordeaux, France, and I ac-

quired them at a bottle show about five years ago.

In talking to Mr. Victor Nelson of Delatour about this pair, I found out that there was even a lawsuit involved, hence the rarity of the bottles. Certainly almost all of you have seen them as salt and pepper shakers.

I hope you've enjoyed a short look at some of my bottles.

--HG--

The Small Wines of New Zealand

Collecting miniatures in some areas can be a long tedious job if there seems to be so many to choose from. The one advantageous thing about specialising in wines is the relatively small target to achieve to have a full collection. Winemakers in New Zealand have not been over enthusiastic about producing the smaller collectors items but have a definite place amongst the world leaders for achieving a demand for their Red and White wines here and overseas.

This has not stopped some foolhardy companies from "giving it a go" as there are some very unusual and interesting miniatures around.

It can not be automatically assumed that these are only to be found in the main large wineries, as those of you who read this magazine in depth will discover there are pictures of a rare breed of wines from "Glen Urquhart Wines", Blended and bottled in Palmerston by T.G.Ross. It would seem that David Smith or "hawkeye" to his friends spotted them in Dunsandle a delightful little town off the beaten track in the South Island. There were five bottles to the collection two whites and two reds with a fruit wine labeled as Cherry which have made an unusual addition to our collections.

Other small wineries involved in this are Koha Kiwifruit wine which was made especially for a farmer in the Bay of Plenty. The larger wineries have concentrated on the sherry market with a large range of sherries and vermouths available from McWilliams and Waiharere although neither have produced much in past years. The Spence Brothers in Henderson Auckland must have merits in the idea as their collection included two sherries apart and a somewhat delicious sauterne (tried from a large bottle I promise). This family have now spread their wings into Matua Valley wines so may be we will see more available in the future. How about a quiet word in their ear Aucklanders.

There are in fact Ten Companies who have produced miniatures at one time or another, not bad for a small country of predominately beer drinkers!!

If there is anyone else out there with some interesting wines or some not on our N.Z. list please let me know, it could make interesting reading for the magazine.

Chris Matthews.

Note:

One small error by Chris. Koha Kiwifruit Wine was made for Bay of Plenty Farmer Magazine.

PERSONALISED BOTTLES

Recent correspondence with Rod Nykolyshyn got me thinking about this article.

Personalised bottles are one of the more 'off-beat' categories; collectors tend to either love them or hate them. Me, I love them. I have over 300 personalised Jim Beam bottles alone. Thought I would show you a few.

The first three are especially bottled for either Rod Nykolyshyn himself or his companies. NYKOLYSHYN VODKA was produced in 1977 and bottled in 1978. NYKOLYSHYN SEVEN STAR WHISKEY was produced and bottled in 1979. Both these bottles are for Rod's company, General Rod Nykolyshyn Co. Rod tells me that the company was named after a Russian first world war General. Both these bottles have been used as his calling card (he is a real estate agent). The final bottle from Rod is RUBY'S RUM. This was produced in 1981 as a 'Give Away' for Ruby Realty Limited.

Please do not contact Rod and ask for any of these. The law in Alberta, Canada forbids the selling, buying or trading of miniature bottles and Rod could be in serious trouble if he was tempted to send any of these to you in exchange. (Stupid Law!)

The next three bottles come from just south of the Canadian Border (I forget the name of the country but it can't be important as they didn't put it on the bottle!) They all date from the early 70's and about the only other thing I know about them is that the first bottle was one of a line organised by Jon Sol Company.

I'll stick with the US for the next two which are, I am sure, familiar to all of us. Jim Beam have been producing personalised minis for about 20 years.





My own bottle is typical and the "Fremont St. Market" one is an example of the new plastic bottles. These are both the standard Jim Beam. Personalised bottles have also been produced in the Black and Green label versions.

We move to the British Isles for our final 4 bottles.

BILLS BEST BLEND is a gold label with black writing and is bottled especially for prominent UK collector Bill Third. CONIFERS is undoubtedly my favourite of those shown here and probably, in looks, of all my personalised bottles. The label is so tastefully done with the green pine trees on a white background. It was bottled especially for Paul Conniff.



KEN PIPER Scotch is the first of the two flasks. It is one of many produced by David Maund's Mini Bottles (UK) Limited as company promotional material. MAUND MCLEONARDS is named after a finance company formerly owned by David and this one was produced especially for the British Coach Rally.

I'll bring you some more personalised bottles in a later issue.



David Smith

NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to the following new members:

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A sincere welcome back to former member, Jean Gardner - Jean has obviously decided that she can't live without us! Her new address is -
56 Weston Avenue, Palmerston North.

D. T. P. NEXT MEETINGS

17th May Colin Kilpatrick's, 6 St. Edmund Crescent, Tawa

21st. June Russell Thomson's, 47 Collier Avenue, Karori

19th July David & Jackie Smith's, 86 Rawhiti Road, Pukerua Bay

16th Aug. Marge Lynch, 51 Maxwell Avenue, Wanganui

All Meetings are Sunday at 2.00pm



By DONA WHITE

Luscious Liqueur Cocktails

We have God and the plague to thank for liqueurs. Thirteenth century monks invented them in their search for new medicines to combat the disease.

Combining their knowledge of traditional herbal remedies and the later science of distilling, they came up with the collection of concoctions that become the first liqueurs.

At first these potions were pretty rough and strongly flavoured. Plenty of sugar was needed to make them drinkable and they were regarded more as medicines than marvellous drinks. In time though, techniques were perfected and by the sixteenth century liqueurs were also appreciated purely for the sensual pleasure of drinking them.

Basically a liqueur is a spirit mixed with flavouring and containing at least 2.5 per cent sugar by volume. Liqueurs possessing between 2.5 and 10 per cent sugar are considered dry; most contain 35 to 40 per cent sweetener! Liqueurs that contain a large percentage of sugar are often called cremes.

While liqueurs can be appreciated on their own, it is not surprising that they are also used as key ingredients in many cocktail recipes. The addition of a complementary liqueur enhances a drink and adds body, flavour and sweetness in most cases.

Every well stocked bar should have an ample supply of assorted liqueurs. The basic 'starter kit' should include Kahlua; Amaretto; Galliano; Drambuie; Chartreuse; Grand Marnier; Benedictine; Cointreau; Curaco; Frangelico; and of course Baileys.

In the early 1970's new technology enabled manufacturers to produce liqueurs that used genuine dairy cream and still remain fresh. The leading cream liqueur is Baileys Irish Cream.

Baileys is a combination of fine Irish whiskey, fresh cream, chocolate and other assorted flavours that remain secret. It is an excellent ingredient for cocktails, and is particularly good with dessert or as an after dinner drink.

The B-52 is a stunning concoction that can be used to impress a customer who does not know exactly what he'd



BAILEYS COFFEE

SCREAMING 'O'

18 ml Baileys
18 ml Amaretto
18 ml Kahlua
18 ml Vodka
Serve in short glass with plenty of ice

IRISH MONK

18 ml Kahlua
18 ml Frangelico
18 ml Baileys
Serve in short glass with plenty of ice

B-52

18 ml Kahlua
18 ml Baileys
18 ml Grand Marnier
Pour liqueurs in order they are listed (over spoon to create layered effect) inflame Grand Marnier and serve immediately in liqueur glass

BAILEYS COFFEE

36 ml Baileys
Top with coffee and float cream on top

ROOT BEER FLOAT

*This makes a great dessert cocktail
36 ml Kahlua
36 ml Galliano
2 scoops vanilla ice-cream
1/2 scoop crushed ice
Blend above ingredients
Fill bottom of tall elegant glass with Cola approximately 1 1/2 inches
Pour drink in centre

like as an after dinner liqueur. The B-52 gives him a combination of three!

In a straight-sided liqueur glass, pour in a measure of Kahlua. Using the back of an ordinary teaspoon, pour the Baileys slowly over the hump of the spoon — notice how it sits on top of the Kahlua in a completely separate layer.

Do the same with the Grand Marnier and you will now have three separate layers and three different colours.

Just before serving, put a match to the Grand Marnier and feast your eyes on a spectacular sight! The customer should blow out the flame before drinking unless he chooses to place a straw in the glass and work from the bottom up. This can be dangerous and should be avoided if possible, although I have had many a B-52 this way!

The Screaming 'O' and the Irish Monk combine several liqueurs producing truly scrumptious tastes.

The Irish Monk contains the liqueur Frangelico whose primary flavour is hazelnut. It has a distinct, popular taste that goes especially well with Baileys. Pour the liqueurs over plenty of clear fresh ice cubes and stir with a swizzle stick. Superb as an after dinner drink!

Another good combination is Baileys, Frangelico and fresh coffee presented in a large, clear glass mug with fresh cream floated on top. Or simply add a drop of Baileys to coffee and serve alone.

The Screaming 'O' speaks for itself. The combination of Baileys, Amaretto, Kahlua and Vodka is nothing short of ecstasy and I guarantee you delighted customers if you serve it. This cocktail was a big money earner for my bar in Switzerland and a bit of a house specialty as well.

Occasionally a bartender is called upon to produce an exciting dessert cocktail. The Root Beer Float combines Kahlua, Galliano, ice-cream and coca-cola to produce the taste of root beer.

This drink is definitely in a class of its own. Use a tall, elegant glass and start by putting an inch and a half of coca-cola in the bottom. Mix the Kahlua, Galliano, ice-cream and ice together in a blender, then pour it right in the centre of the coke. Pop in a straw and serve immediately.

Finally, use your imagination with liqueurs. There are so many combinations available and by adding 'a bit of this to a bit of that' you can create some amazing home-grown cocktails which you can call your own. Name them after you, or the establishment you work in and just watch them sell! □