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THE NEWSLETTER OF PORT NICHOLSON MINIATURE BOTTLE CLUB



COVER, EDITORIAL & NEW MEMBERS

On the cover we have the only new New Zealand bottles I have for you this issue. We found these 6 new 100ml Prenzel bottles when we visited the Kapiti branch of Prenzel during the AGM weekend.

Over the last few years PNMBC, like most miniature bottle clubs, and clubs of all kinds, has been shrinking. We got to the stage of having less members than we did at the 1985 AGM. The web site, www.minisnz.com, was part of our strategy to reverse this trend. We have followed that with a mail-out (email) to more than 400 active collectors around the world inviting them to join the club and providing a link for them to download a free back-copy of miNiZ. This initiative produced a lot of correspondence but only the few members shown below (although there appears to be a few more 'in the pipeline'). We believe that there are hundreds of collectors out there that would benefit from club membership, your suggestions as to how to attract these people would be welcome.

A warm welcome to the following new members:

Bob Jeer, 36 Sunnyside Road, Ealing, London, W5 5HU, United Kingdom Email: bobjeer@waitrose.com

Saul Zelmanowitz, 72-61 141 Street, Flushing, N.Y. 11367, U.S.A. Email: CSZMINIS@aol.com

Don Weichold, 3624 Citrus Heights Ave, North Las Vegas, NV,89081,USA Email: spfcs7@cox.net (Don is a former member)

Now, which of you bought the set of 11 Air New Zealand Bottles from the club in 1987? Expensive at \$250 for the set were they? I think not! Even allowing for inflation (\$250 then would be \$486 now) they were a very good investment. Individual bottles sold for the following prices on Trademe in March: Printer's Shop \$226, Ponsonby Fire Station \$200 & \$254, Puriri Cottage \$120, Brown & Kerr, Jeweller's Shop \$260, J. E. Hill, Manukau Cycle Works \$260, 56 Marine Parade \$254, Miners Hall \$356. Other individual bottles have sold in this range over the past year or so with the occasional one going even higher.

We now have eight members who have taken advantage of a 'Members Page' on the web site and I know of a number of others 'in the pipeline.' Have a look at the pages at http://www.minisnz.com/members.html then send me a few paragraphs about yourself and a couple of photos and I will do the rest. Are you looking for any particular bottle or bottles? Then why not put an advert on our 'Bottles Wanted' page. Just send me the text and I will do the rest, you do not even need a computer to participate. Adverts are for members only but anyone can answer them. Members who have email should have received an email about the members page a few weeks ago. If you have email and did not get the notification then we have not got your email address or have an incorrect one – send us your address!

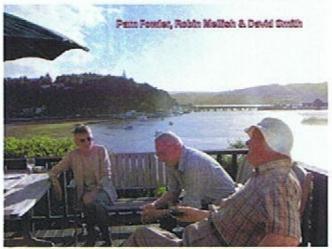
AGM WEEKEND



A couple of members flew in on Thursday evening so the weekend started Friday morning. Friday afternoon we had a short computer training session for some members who wished to learn how to do searches better on Ebay and Trademe. Most members arrived during Friday afternoon, the exception being David & Val Fretwell. They booked a ticket leaving Christchurch at 8.35 – but it turned out they had

How much is it worth for us not to send this to Jess, Rotin?

The weekend truly started with a bang. The bang of Colin Todd falling down my stairs! Thankfully, Colin fell on his head and so was not badly hurt. It was a bit scary though finding him in a pool of blood! First aider Peter Bonkovich came to the rescue as Ken Chin, Dr. Ken Chin, was late as usual. Ken checked Colin out half an hour later and declared him 'shaken but not stirred.' Colin was apparently black and blue the following day and the handrail is awaiting surgery.



mistakenly booked 8.35pm not 8.35am! So neither they nor Colin & Dianne Ryder (who were hosting them) made the Friday night barbecue.

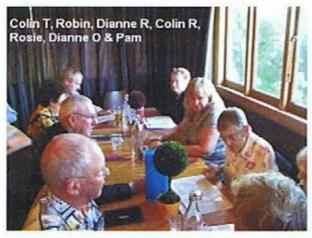
Saturday morning saw most of the attendees tripping around the Kapiti coast. We visited Ian Butcher's and then Gary Carvey's houses and viewed their collections. Nobody fell down the stairs as they don't have any. This was followed by a visit to Prenzel where we tasted liqueurs and bought some new minis. Most also snook off to The Chocolate Factory next door! Lunch followed at Lindale where

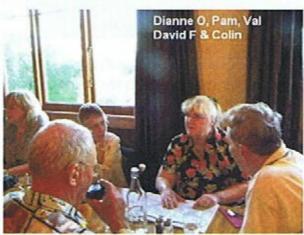
there was also some liqueur tasting and where we also found some new NZ whiskey bottles for sale on the small market.

Saturday afternoon we had afternoon tea at Ken & Malee Chins and viewed Ken's collection. Ken had had new cabinets built and installed only a week earlier and so had spent all the previous week putting his collection into them. There were too few stairs for Colin to bother falling down.









Saturday night saw all of us together at Mungavin Blues restaurant where we had good food and a very convivial evening.

On Sunday we had a really good turn-out at Colin & Dianne Ryder's, supposedly for a swapmeet, barbecue and the AGM. Colin & Di have concrete steps leading up to their front door which Colin Todd successfully managed not to fall down. It was not much of a swapmeet as hundreds of bottles had changed hands over the previous two days as we went from house to house but Colins's swaps were plundered. The barbecue made up for it with everyone in a very good mood after a very successful two



days. The same committee as last year (see web site for details) was elected at the AGM.

All in all our most successful AGM since the Patea weekends. It was marred only by somebody (who was that?) falling down some stairs and, more seriously, Erica Mulder failing to get there as her companion, and our long time club member, Nell Leenman, is extremely ill. We wish Nell a speedy recovery.

NEVADA BROTHELS #2

I hope you liked the article in the last issue on the Nevada Brothel Bottles. As Paul Harvey, a famous Radio commentator in the US, always says... "Now here is the rest of the story."

Back in the 1960's, 70's, and into the 1980's a man by the name of Dug Picking owned a restaurant in Carson City called *Dug's West Indies*. He first got into the miniature decanter business in 1974 when he designed a sailing ship mini bottle decanter for his restaurant. This was an immediate success, and in 1975 he had raft decanter made which was also a huge success. The story goes that the Owner of the Moonlight Ranch was a frequent customer of the restaurant, and he liked those first two mini porcelain ship decanters so much, that he wanted Dug to make a mini decanter of his Moonlight Ranch Brothel. I guess you would say the rest is history. Dug Picking started the *Captain Dug's Brothel Series* in 1976. The first decanter was the Moonlight Ranch. I am not sure how much of this story is fact, and how much is fiction, but it sure sounds good! What I do know is Captain Dug produced 46½ decanters in the series. I know you are asking yourself how there can be a "Half a Decanter", but you will have to wait until the last article to find out the answer!



The 1st decanter was the Moonlight Ranch introduced in 1976. The Moonlight Ranch was located in the town of Moundhouse, Nevada (close to Carson City). Only 1400 were produced, each containing 2oz of Grenadier Cream Sherry. As a matter of fact the first 11 decanters in the series all contained 2 oz of sherry. Moonlight Ranch had the Ranch's address printed in the porcelain on the back. As you might imagine, this is a very hard one to find, and is one of the more expensive Brothel Series Decanters.



In 1977 the Shamrock Ranch became the 2nd of the series. Only 1200 were produced, each containing Grenadier California Cream Sherry. The Shamrock was located in Lathrop Wells, Nevada. Rather than just indicate







the Brothel's address, this decanter had an actual map embossed in the porcelain on the back of the decanter. All future decanters had a similar map.

The Lucky Strike Ranch, located in the small town of Mina, Nevada, was the 3rd of the Brothel Series, and was introduced in 1978. 1500 of these decanters were produced. Grenadier California filled with Cream Sherry. Next is Billie's Day-N-Night. Billie's was located south of Mina. Nevada. It was the 4th of the series and was introduced in

1979, 1500 of these decanters were produced, and this was the last to contain Grenadier California Cream Sherry. It is one of the more difficult of Dug's decanters to obtain.





The 5th decanter of the series was one of the Chicken Ranch Decanters I showed in the last article. The next picture shows Fran's Ranch or Fran's Star Ranch as it was sometimes known. This was the 6th decanter in the series, and was introduced in 1979. Fran's Ranch was located just north of Beatty. Nevada, 1500 of these

decanters were produced, and contained Seven Seas Cream Sherry, as did all decanters 5 through 11. The plane on the bottle represents the twin

engine Beachcraft that crashed on the airstrip outside and remains there to this day. Apparently one eager guest forgot to put down the landing gear - try explaining that to your wife!



La'Belle, in Lovelock, Nevada was the 7th in the Brothel Series and 1500 decanters were produced in early 1980.

Finally we have the 8th decanter, which is Patcia's Hacienda. This is located in Wells, Nevada. 1500 decanters were made in 1980.

Many more still to cum come......

Jim Crawford

STRAIGHT TO THE POINT



I generally get praise for miNiZ but the little criticism I do get is that miNiZ is too heavily biased towards ceramics and liqueurs. Whereas I do not totally agree with this (many ceramics contain spirits) it is certainly true that articles on spirit 'straights' are not common. I am happy to publish <u>ANY</u> article sent to me but the straight collectors among you do not seem very good at writing articles – now there's a challenge!

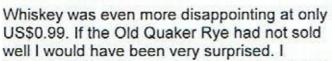
So, to give a bit of balance to this edition, herewith a couple of pages of sales of different spirit minis from Ebay.

We start with a few whiskies. Vintage Paddy Old Irish Whiskey has a cork top. This sold for a disappointing US\$3.20. The Guckenheimer Reserve American

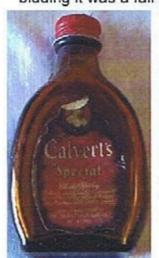








thought US\$13.03 was a bit light but as four collectors were bidding it was a fair test of the market. It only needed one bid



to secure the Old Forester Bourbon 'The Flying Forester' bottle. This was bottled in 1959 especially for use on the airlines. A low US\$9.99 secured it. Old Velvet whiskey dates from the 1930's and was well sort after. It need US\$32.99 to buy it. Bridge Club is another 1930's Bourbon and is in great condition other than maybe being a little bit faded. It sold for US\$41. I

was very surprised to see how high the G&G Nikka Japanese Whiskey sold for, US\$27 after an incredible 24 bids. The Calverts is an example as to how NOT to sell a bottle. It was





listed with a minimum bid of 1¢ and is very poorly presented. A quick wipe and that bit of label turned back before it was photographed would have worked wonders. It sold for US1¢ - serves the seller right!









We don't often feature Gins but we have four interesting ones for you now. Bengal Gin features the famous Bengal Tiger, other than that I can tell you nothing about it except that it sold for US\$16.60. Seagram's

London Dry gin was made in 1935 and sold for US\$24.50. Four Roses is best known as a Bourbon brand but, as is obvious, they made gin as well. This bottle dates from 1957 and sold for US\$10.57. Finally we have Old Colony, another American gin,

which sold for US\$4.75







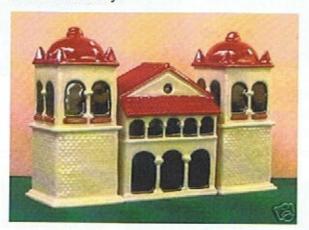
There are some wonderful Vodkas around at the moment and the four on the right are up there with the best. These four sold for US\$41. The flavours are hard to read and are, in order, plain old boring vodka, Le Citron, L'Orange and Le Vanille. The Mash 4077th Vodka is older by about 20 years and certainly was not an uncommon bottle 20 years ago. That did not stop it selling well though, US\$31.01. You would expect Pravda Vodka to come from Russia but it is actually from Poland. This 50ml set is a US import and beautifully packaged. I suspect it may have sold ex-store for more than the US\$9.99 minimum bid that it sold for on Ebay.

YET MORE CERAMICS FROM PERU

In miNiZ 72 & 73 I brought you some lovely ceramic bottles from Peru. Some more new ones have recently been sold on Ebay and a Peruvian collector, Fernando Saettone, has sent me additional pictures.



Above are houses 15-20 which complete the set. They each contain 50ml of 42% Pisco Vieja Ciudad. 15-17 sold for US\$34 and 18-20 for US\$29.99. Fernando is a retired architect and designed these houses, and the next two bottles (or is that 4?), for the distillery.

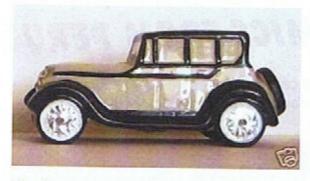




Sticking with buildings we have two beauties, the Peruvian Church is three bottles. I am not sure if the two towers are identical or not. It represents a typical church of the Peruvian Andes and again contains Pisco Vieja Ciudad. The next bottle is Palace #1, which suggests that there will be more.



The four bottles, above, left, show a panoramic view of the Inca ruins of Machupicchu. The three bottles above, right, have metallic motifs on the front in Gold, Silver and Bronze. Again both sets contain Pisco Vieja Ciudad.





Finally we have some bottles that do not contain Pisco. The two car bottles contain 40ml of "The Knight" Scotch at 40%. Each sold for US\$13.49. They were also sold as a pair and went for US\$23.72



The set of six bottles above is undoubtedly the most boring of those I have to show you. I cannot tell you anymore about them except that they contain Pisco Vieja Ciudad. The three bottle on the right, that look like they should contain Chival Regal Scotch, contain Ron Cartavio 12 year old Rum. They sold for US\$29.99





Sticking with Rum we have the ceramic rum barrels each on a wooden stand. They

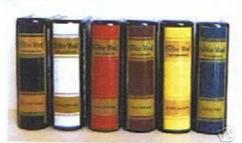
are Ron Cabo Blanco and come in four flavours, Lemon, Merlin Negro, Light and Dark. These sold for US\$19.99 a pair. All four were also sold together at US\$35.99



The set of seven Pirate Busts also contain Rum Cabo Blanco but I know nothing more about them until they arrive.

I am also looking forward to receiving the four Kings of the Inca Empire heads. These contain Pisco "Gran Pajatén"

One of my favorite things to collect are ceramic book minis. These two new sets are a very welcome addition to my collection.









Both sets depict paintings by well known Peruvian artists. The set of six contains Pisco Fundo Real and the set of eight



Pisco Vieja Ciudad, both at 50ml, 42%. Surprisingly, but happily, both sets sold for under US\$10 per bottle.



On the left we have a new bottle as of April. She is Queen Mamaocllo, wife of the first Inca emperor.

Last, but certainly not least, are the three Musicians from the



Peruvian Andes. A plain cream coloured set of these was put out about a year and a half ago. These brightly coloured ones are a hand painted limited edition of only 50 sets. They sold for US\$39

If and when any more Peruvian Ceramics are produced I will show them to you.



AS SEEN ON EBAY #16

The Delft Aeroplane above was sold by a South American collector who did not say who made it. A second one of these was listed just before we went to press and more detail was shown. This Dutch Dakota Association DC2 was especially made by A. van Wees distillery "De Ooievaar" (the stork). It is 175mm long x 200mm wide x 65mm high. The first sold for US\$81.01, the second for US\$68.05 – good buying.



Michael Heine of Germany finds some really unusual bottles to sell. The next 3 are some of them. The Mobile Phone, for VIPs only, contains Weinbrand (German brandy) at 36%vol 100ml. It sold on for US\$18.81. The Money Bag or Mein Goldschatz in German is 38%vol 100ml. It was made by Brennerei Adolf, Weisenbach, Kappelrodeck, Germany. It

sold on Ebay for a minimum bid of US\$3.99. Finally we have the Spirit level. This is a wooden stand with a thin glass

bottle inside. It sold for US\$8.48 after 8 bids.





Now we have a mini that was put on Ebay with a minimum bid of US\$0.99. This proved to be an unrealistically low expectation as, after 14 bids, it sold for US\$249.99. The Spirit of Robin Hoode Hunting Horn is porcelain and rests on a wooden base. Apparently there are also white and black versions as well as the green shown here. It contains 50ml of Scotch at 40%.

I thought that we had finished with dogs a couple of issues back but I had to bring you this bulldog's head mini from Sri Lanka. It failed to sell

the first time around then sold for a minimum bid of US\$6 when listed again. It is 100ml (4") across and 125mm (5") high.

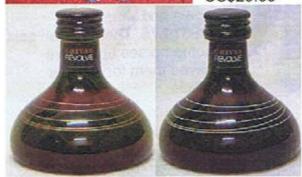
We start the next page with two very different Dutch



milkmaids. The first is from Rynbende and is 130mm (5.1") tall. The seller warned that the buckets may not be

original (he was right) and this obviously affected the price. It sold for £7.00. The next piece is a real rarity that was made by Manhattan and is from the 1930's. The two 'buckets' are Microminis. One contains Crème de Menthe and the other Crème de Violets. It sold for US\$29.00





The two Revolve bottles by Chivas were well sort after. On the left is Revolve Gold and on the right Revolve Silver. Both contain 5cl of Scotch. The gold sold for £36 and the Silver for £26

The three 5oml El Senorio Mezcal bottles were sold together. They fetched £10.49

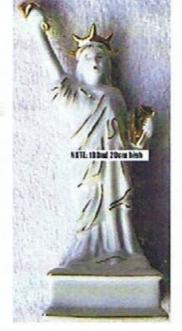






The Ron Virgin Rum miniature figural decanter was made in occupied Japan sometime between 1947and1952. It is sealed although empty. It went

rather cheaply at US\$13.39 – a good buy for Butch Jones. Next to it is a Yellow Head Amazon parrot from Lionstone. This is from a series of 6 Tropical Birds. This is a series I was unfamiliar with and, unlike most Lionstone bottles that were filled with Bourbon, this was filled with Chocolate Mint Liqueur. US\$10 secured it.



The Statue of Liberty is the first of 7 bottles that were sold by

Thomas Hu a collector from Taiwan with one of the best mini bottle sites on the web, http://1991.cc/. All contain Royal Louis XO Brandy and, as you will see, all were well sort after. Liberty is 100ml, she sold for US\$42.00 on Christmas Day (NZ time) – a nice Christmas present for someone. There is also an all gold version of this bottle.



Two of the three 100ml stags were sold separately. The purple for US\$77.00 and the white for US\$78.56. The gold was not for sale. The blue stag below is only 50ml. For an unknown reason this was withdrawn from sale although later was put up again and went for US\$70.75. Thomas also sold some horses but I have saved them for another article.



The Eagle is again made in three colours, purple, white and gold, all are 50ml. Only the purple one was for sale and it fetched US\$76.75

The face on the right is wooden. It has a glass bottle in the middle which contains Schroffen Gebirgs Enzian from Austria. Unfortunately it failed to sell even though the minimum bid was a low US\$5.





Thelma Lu and Ozark Ike are from McCormick. They are approx 150mm (6 inches) tall and were made in 1986. The pair sold for US\$20.50. These are minis that I have not

seen before and I would have bided myself if the seller had not restricted bidders to the US. A lot of the best prices are now paid by

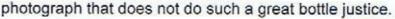
non-US buyers. Another two pairs sold later. Thelma Lu for US\$15.59 & \$33.50 and Ozark lke for US\$21.50 & \$37.50. I love the little boy picking his nose!

Talking of bottles that I haven't seen before, have a look at the three on the right. These are original sample bottles of Daniel Boone, Kit Carson and Davy Crockett. As samples they are empty and unlabeled and I think that I am right in saying that they were never made commercially. They failed to sell for minimum US\$499.99. (surprise, surprise!)



Sticking with unusual bottles that did not sell we have the McCormick Brass Fire Nozzle miniature decanter. This failed to get a minimum asking bid of US\$69.99

The pool playing dogs are from Hoffman. This was very highly sort after and sold for US\$142.51. It was advertised as a mini but is not really one as it is 8 fl. oz (half pint). I think that I would have 'bent the rules' for this one. Unfortunately it was a very small









I feel sure that none of you will fail to recognise King Tut, or more correctly, his death mask. We usually see the Michter's version (which is not selling at all well at the moment) but this one is from Isiah of Japan. He sold for US\$18.50 – a low price for an Isiah piece which are selling well at the moment.

Paz Soldan Pisco Puro from Peru is in the shape of a Tumi or ceremonial gold knife and comes in a wooden box. The knife is 136mm (5.4") long. Unfortunately it failed to sell for a reasonable minimum bid of US\$7.99. It even

re-listed and still failed to sell, I suspect because of the stated (expensive) postage cost.



To the left is a set of five hand painted miniature Manhattan cordial bottles. They are all sealed and date from the 1930's to the 1950's. Manhattan used to take empty bottles used by other brands, clean them, hand paint them and then fill them with non alcoholic cordials. The paint easily wears off making bottles in this condition very

difficult to obtain. The bottles are (left to right) Chicago Illinois, Never Drink Water, Reno, A Stinger and Miss Hollywood. The set sold for US\$22.67

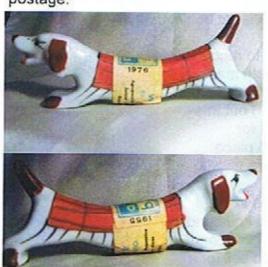


What Manhattan did sort of reminds me of piracy, talking of which, I have a Cornish Mead Pirate to show you. He is 140mm (5.5") tall and made of glass with a plastic hat for the stopper. This mini is not very common as usually he is seen as a brown glazed ceramic rather than in glass. He sold for a mere US\$6

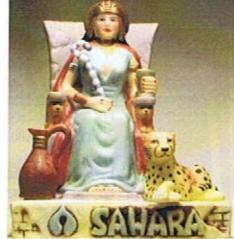
I again thought that I had finished with Dog bottles but it is obviously a very popular subject as they keep appearing. The first is a glass dog from Suntory of Japan. He contains 50ml of reserve whisky and sold for US\$24.50. Secondly we have

a real gem. The Dachsund below was specially made for the 21st anniversary of the "Asociación la Botellita Argentina" 1955-1976.

This is the former mini bottle club of Argentina. He is approximately 100mm (4") from head to tail. The price of US\$22.05 was cheap but it partly reflected the cost of postage.



The Sahara bottle represents the hotel & casino of the same name in Las Vegas. It was made in a limited edition of 1200 by Raintree in 1985 and contains mint



cordial. Robin Mellish has one that I have always admired. It sold, to me, for US\$29,95



The Sahara bottle has a Leopard on it so it was appropriate to continue with another Leopard. We do not know the maker of this as the tag (label) is missing. The tax stamp on the bottom identifies it as Italian. After spirited bidding it sold for US\$75.26

On the left is an Alpa Bra Lady filled with marachino. It sold for US\$37. I mentioned to David Spaid that this is an Alpa bottle I had not seen before. Apparently the owner of Alpa, Elvio



Alessandria, had his own pottery kiln in Bra and made many short run bottles. Alpa is, of course, best known for their micros and the Warner Bros. characters. They also made bottles under the Old Store Scotch label.



Sticking with ladies, the next mini is a Manhattan "Enticing Senorita" that was made in 1940. This all gold mini sold for US\$22.50. Senoritas take us naturally to Spain where the Penguins come from. This is actually 4 penguin minis, all the same, on a stand. They sold for US\$36.00. Another Spanish mini is

the soccer boot with the Leeds United AFC logo. I expected this to sell for more than US\$11.50.



They speak Spanish in Argentina so I guess that leads us into our next bottle, the drunk man. He was made by Brugiapaglia. The bottle is about 115mm (4.5") tall and contains 60cc of vino (wine). US\$33.59 bought this bottle. It is interesting to see a few of these old bottles from Argentina filtering onto the market. Mostly they sell well.



Talking of drunks – no that's too much of a stretch! J R Ewing, of Dallas fame, sold for US\$44.50. A second bottle went up for sale a few weeks later and I was the highest bidder at about US\$16 but this failed to meet the vendor's reserve. I emailed them

to see how much they wanted. "Offers over US\$200" was the reply! Needless to say, I don't have a JR in my collection!







Review. This was a sister magazine to Miniature Bottle Collector. David Spaid bought both publications but closed this one down soon afterwards. The PBR bottles were

issued prior to David's purchase. Elmer sold for US\$53.79, considerably more than I would have expected.



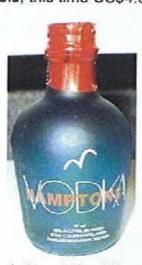
There are always vodkas for sale on Ebay but most do not sell. Those that do more often than not sell on a minimum bid, which is often a mere 99 cents. Most of these shown here did sell but mainly not for the sort of money you might expect.

Rain Vodka is 50ml and is made from organic grain in the US. It is, of course, in the shape of a raindrop. Sale price was US\$8.78. Trump Vodka is another 50ml bottle and is yet another ego trip for, you've guessed it, Donald Trump. I doubt that this sale, at US\$6, did much to improve his wealth. Kalashnikov is an infamous name known to all of us. It is a nice if not spectacular 100ml bottle but with a very nice label. This one was well sort after and sold eventually for US\$16. Lujo Vodka, the lovely bottle with the dome, was also well sort after. It sold for US\$17.50. Imperia struck me as a nice bottle but there was not much interest in it. One failed to sell at a minimum US\$6.99 and another sold at a minimum bid of 99 cents. Reyka Vodka is a 50ml bottle from Iceland. It too sold for a minimum bid, this time US\$4.99.



Sticking with vodka, on the right we have Vodka Hamptons. This is a 50ml US bottle. Again, a minimum bid, this time US\$6, secured it. Mako is a plastic vodka. Surprisingly there were three bids but it still only sold for US\$1.75. Finally we have the ceramic Cossack. This is an English bottle from WLS of

Torquay, Devon. The pottery is Royal Norfolk but he still failed to sell for a minimum asking price of US\$19.99





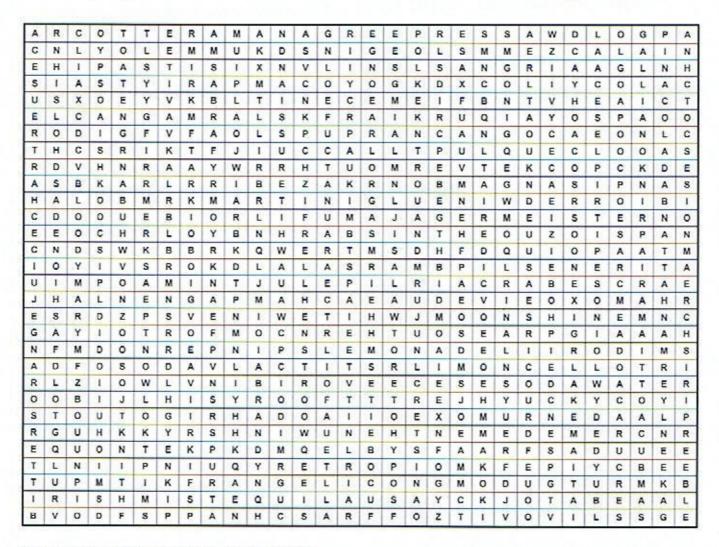
David Smith

PAREMATA PUB

Late on the Saturday night of the AGM weekend Colin, Ken, Ian, Gary & David arrived at the Paremata Pub. Four of them were already somewhat the worse for wear. They decided that they would have 'one of everything.' Unfortunately the landlord was himself rather drunk and they had difficulty finding all 100.

Reading forwards, backwards, horizontally, vertically and diagonally, can you find enough drinks to stop the Wellington male members going thirsty? Remember that they only want one of each type of drink and couldn't care less about what the brand name is (unless the brand name is also the drink name).

Oh, nearly forgot. Some of the drinks are non-alcoholic; so who was the designated driver?



The winner will receive a bottle of whisky.

Have a go. If you get 70 or more it will probably be worth your while sending your answers in as some of the drinks will be very hard to find. All answers to be in an alphabetical list.

Mail to: David Smith, 11 Trevor Terrace, Paremata, Wellington 5024, New Zealand, or Email to: minizv@gmail.com

DATE, TIME & PLACE

Sunday 22nd April 2007 12.30pm Pot Luck Lunch at Ian Butcher's, 5 Sunburst Court, Paraparaumu Telephone: 04 904 3157 E-mail: poppa.chopper@clear.net.nz

Sunday 29th April 2007 2.00pm Robin Mellish's, 66 Rudds Road, Christchurch Telephone: 03 389 9706 E-Mail: jessmell@clear.net.nz

Sunday 27th May 2007 2.00pm Trevor Harvey's, 44 Basingstoke Street, Wainoni, Christchurch Telephone: 03 388 7713

Sunday 17th June 2007 12.30pm Pot Luck Lunch at Ken & Malee Chin's, 29 Norton Park Avenue, Fairfield, Lower Hutt Telephone: 04 938 1488 E-Mail: Kenchin@ihug.co.nz

Sunday 29th July 2007 2.00pm Eric Sutton's, 14C Michigan Place, Westhaven, Christchurch Telephone: 03 383 9686

Sunday 19th August 2007 12.30pm Pot Luck Lunch at David & Rosie's, 11 Trevor Terrace, Paremata Telephone: 04 233 2997 E-Mail: david.smith@dtz.co.nz

Sunday 23rd September 2.00pm David & Val Fretwell's, 61 Port Hills Road, Heathcote, Christchurch Telephone: 03 384 9757 E-Mail: keenah@xtra.co.nz

Sunday 21st October 2007 12.30pm Pot Luck Lunch at Colin & Dianne Ryder's, 20 Prospect Terrace, Johnsonville Telephone: 04 478 4391 E-Mail: rydercj@xtra.co.nz

Sunday 25th November 2007 2.00pm Peter Alty's, Blencathra Pl., Westmoreland, Christchurch Telephone: 03 338 4220

Sunday 20th January 2008 12.30pm Barbecue Lunch at David & Rosie's, 11 Trevor Terrace, Paremata Telephone: 04 233 2997 E-Mail: david.smith@dtz.co.nz

Weekend of 15th - 17th February 2008 AGM in Christchurch. Details to be advised later in year.

Dates are subject to change. Please check if coming from outside the area. The exception is the AGM. The date of this is fixed as one of our US members is arranging a trip that will coincide with the dates shown.

David Spaid wrote to say that the "Raintree" cat shown on the last page of 'As Seen On Ebay #15' was not made by Raintree. David imported the cats from France and Raintree had nothing to do with them. Someone obviously had a spare label!

David has also sent us photos of a number of Dutch minis in the same set as the mystery lady on page 2 of As Seen On Ebay #15. I will show them to you in miNiZ79.