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## EDITORIAL & NEW NEW ZEALAND

The big news, for those of you without email, is that after almost 27 years the club has changed its name. The recent AGM in Christchurch decided on a change to **New Zealand Miniature Bottle Club**. This change was first suggested in the late 1980's as the other long established mini bottle club, the Northern Alcophilist Club, had gone out of existence and a break-away from PNMBC, the New Zealand Miniature Bottle Club, had amalgamated with us. (read the full club history on the web site). However, the time was clearly not right then. Discussion at the AGM, on publicity and attaining new local members, clearly showed that the name was a problem outside Wellington. On an impulse I put a motion forward and it was carried unanimously. The new name clearly reflects who we are, the national club for mini bottle collectors.

We have been both gaining and losing members lately, with some long standing members no longer renewing. Why? You, the members, need to let us know what is good and what not so good about the club. We really need some fresh members in NZ, both to keep the hobby going and to sell ours swaps to!!!! A publicity initiative arising from the AGM is to have some business cards printed for the club and put small piles of them in selected bottle stores that have a good range of minis. We have a cheap source of cards and so far have had some printed for Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland. If this proves successful we will extend it elsewhere. If you are willing to have your name and contact details on a club card for your area please let me know.

The AGM weekend was well attended and the AGM itself was the liveliest and longest for years. Everyone came away with a positive attitude. The AGM next year is back in Wellington (possibly Auckland in 2010) and we have timed it for the weekend of Martinborough Fair, which is the first Saturday in March.

I have lots of new New Zealand bottles to show you this time and a few that are a bit older that I found in a Christchurch collection. The cover is a set of 7 bottles from Verve. These were found in Auckland by Peter Bonkovich just after the AGM so you should be able to find them. If Peter finds something new he shares the information (see also Ken Chin's article), which many collectors do not do. PLEASE let me know if you find new bottles, NZ or otherwise, and I can let everyone else know about them so they don't miss out.

The set of 4 new NZ whiskies was found by Erica Mulder. Milford will be a familiar name but note the re-designed one piece label. These are 15, 18 & 20 year old and the price reflects that. The Preston's is





a special bottling for the company. There is also a new 10 year old 100ml flask of Milford with a similar label to the above.

The 4 Bright Sparks liqueurs were also found by Erica in February. I can't tell you any more about them.



The Prenzel New Zealand Honey Liqueur joins the six 100ml liqueurs I showed you in issue 78 (which are still available in the Prenzel shops throughout NZ). The Bay Premium Gin is a new departure for the company. They also have a Vodka in full size bottles so expect that in miniature at some point. I got the Citron Ice from the distillery in

Blenheim. This is brand new but should get into their shops.



The next bottle is truly special but you won't get one. It was made in NZ but especially for the North West Miniature Bottle Club of the USA. They let us buy a few but these were snapped up at the AGM (another reason to have attended!).



Grouse Scotch and the Jack Daniels. All three have an NZ import label, the first two on the back and the Jack Daniels on the Wrap around side. The Jim Beam (yet another

Yet more bottles found by Erica were the two Famous



Erica find, in this case she found and bought a box of a dozen) is one made for a New Zealand sales rep who used to use these as business cards. This is an older bottle.

Next we have one of those, when is a mini not a mini debates. I am happy to have 'shot glass' minis in my collection and these five are all



new. The photo is of the tops to show the labels. These were all found in 'The Mill' bottlestore chain.



Poltin (poteen? It has the four leaf clover so I presume that it is pretending to be illegal Irish whisky) is supposedly illegal whiskey. Being clear it is certainly not barrel aged and probably tastes like firewater! It is in the same attractive bottle as The MacKenzie and The Coaster and should be available in bottles stores throughout NZ.

Now for a few slightly older NZ minis that I found in Eric Sutton's collection. The 3 Barrelshot!

bottles were made and on sale in Christchurch about two years ago. The Plastic Old Hokonui was made especially for the Round Table a few years ago. The Old is a variation on the



Hokonui jug one shown in an earlier miNiZ. This one is glazed whereas the



other had a bisque finish. It was made by the Old Hokonui museum in Gore. Note that the jugs were never filled.

If you do find any new New Zealand bottles, send me a photo so that I can share it with all the other members.

*David Smith*



# Miniature Plymouth Gin Gurgling Jugs

Now I must have the smallest (no pun intended) miniature collection in this club, 38 in total! But as I only collect Plymouth Gin Miniatures it can be rather limiting. Concentrating on only one distillery can have its charms as this allows me to concentrate on the many varieties of each bottle / label and also, as they don't appear that often, half the fun is in the chase.



*First Full Size Jug*

*"For a Plymouth Man"*

drink of the Royal Navy made by adding Angostura Bitters to Navy Strength Plymouth Gin. These bitters were discovered to be a cure for sea sickness in 1824 by Dr. Johann Gottlieb Benjamin Siegert and by adding the Bitters to the the gin made them more palatable.



*Miniature Gurgling Jug Base*

Now back to the point, not only have Plymouth Gin issued traditional glass miniatures but also Ceramic

Miniature Gurgling Jugs. In the late 1950's Dartmouth Pottery started production of the famous Gurgle Jug and in 1959 Plymouth Gin commissioned its first full size, jug 24 cms.(9 1/2") High, made with white clay and slip glazed in blue. Production of this and two further types continued until around 1967 when 4 new colours were introduced.

During the early 1960's, Plymouth Gin also commissioned a Miniature Gurgle Jug, 10 cms. (4") high, it had small spout in the mouth sealed with a small cork and with a dark red transfer on the base with the words "PINK PLYMOUTH" which held 50 ml, of Pink Gin, a traditional

Until very recently this was believed to be the only miniature "Plymouth Gin"

Gurgling Jug, even though there have been rumours of a pink version. Then, out of the blue, a different version appeared. This was the same size, colour and was complete with the "Pink Plymouth" transfer but resembling a salt cellar with only one small hole on the mouth.



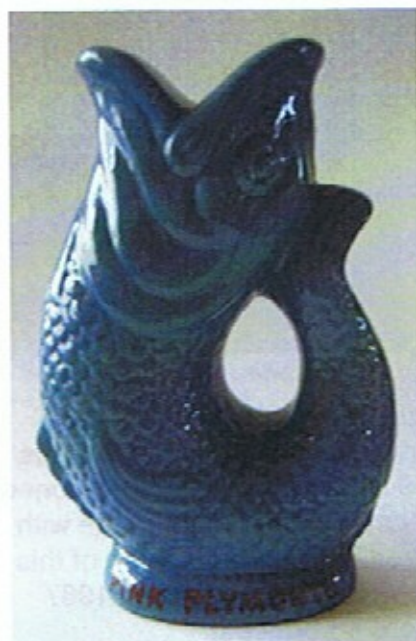
*Miniature Gurgling jug*



*Miniature Gurgling Jug Spout*



This type of miniature Gurgling Jug is known by the collectors of Dartmouth Pottery as a salt cellar, but not with the "Pink Plymouth" transfer connecting it with Plymouth Gin and to confuse matters even more, there can be no reason for Plymouth Gin to commission a Salt Cellar, can you imagine Gin with salt in it!



*Miniature Bitters Jug*

Following lots of discussion and another visit to Plymouth Gin (That's always a chore! *Hic*) the consensus of opinion was it was a Bitters dispenser, the small hole to control the flow as only 2 or 3 dashes are required in any gin cocktail.

The other difference is that it has a hole in the base to refill the bitters with a small cork to seal it with no makers marks.

This is the only one I have seen, the good folks at Plymouth Gin

and the Dartmouth Pottery collectors have not seen this jug either, but I am sure there must be others or even some other different varieties out there. Please let me know if you have any further information via email: [mike@plymouthgincollectables.co.uk](mailto:mike@plymouthgincollectables.co.uk)



*Miniature Bitters Jug*



*Miniature Bitters Jug Base*

It just goes to show that the unexpected is always out there so keep your eyes peeled, you never know.

Details of all the Plymouth Gin Gurgling Jugs, my Miniature Collection and lots of other Plymouth Gin Collectables can be found on my website, Plymouth Gin Collectables , [www.plymouthgincollectables.co.uk](http://www.plymouthgincollectables.co.uk) please pay us a visit.



*Mike Couzens*



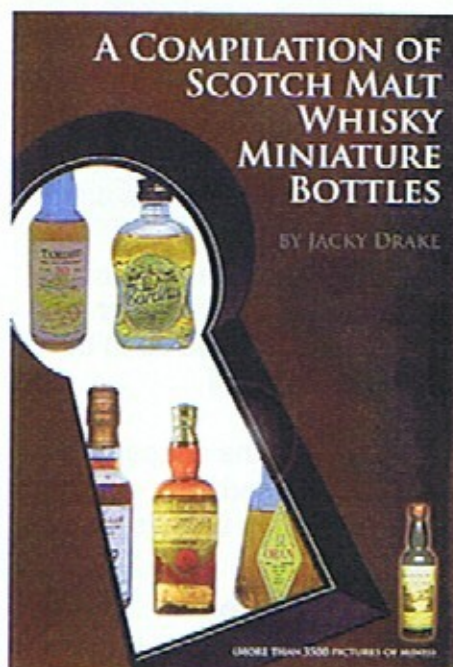
# **MINIATURE SCOTCH MALT WHISKY:**

## **FINALLY A TRUE REFERENCE GUIDE**

I have collecting miniature Scotch whisky for nearly 17 years now but I haven't come across any comprehensive reference guides for collecting scotch whisky. The reason for that is simple. There hasn't been any.

Sure, there are malt whisky companion books such as those written by Michael Jackson, but these books focus on the distillery, what types of malt whisky is produced and tasting notes for them.

For all those scotch whisky collectors out there, I am pleased to let you know that finally, there is a true reference for collecting miniature malt whisky. It is called "A COMPILATION OF MALT WHISKY MINIATURE BOTTLES" by Jacky Drake.



Jacky Drake, a scotch collector from the UK, has compiled this book containing mini label variations from all the malt whisky distilleries. She has accomplished this by sourcing the bottles in her and her fellow Collectors' collections; and by going to the individual distilleries to obtain information on hand.

The book is A4 size and nearly 400 pages. All labels have been photographed in colour. The book readily acknowledges that it can never be up to date or complete. To get around this, the book is also in "scrapbook" format to allow the collector to add photos of their own labels into it and to add notes

Retail price is about £26.95 plus p&p which makes it about NZ\$100. Jacky has been selling it direct on Ebay. I got my copy through Auckland member Peter Bonkovich and would like to thank him for getting it for me.

*Ken Chin*



## NEVADA BROTHELS #5



Following on from my previous articles, the 31<sup>st</sup> decanter in the Dug's Brothel Series is **PJ' Lucky Strike Bar**, which is located in Elko, Nevada. 1400 decanters were made, and sold, in 1987.

The next picture shows the **Donna's Bar**, the 32<sup>nd</sup> decanter in the series. Located in Wells, Nevada, 1400



decanter were produced in 1987. These decanters quickly sold out at all the Liquor Stores and at the Donna's Bar Ranch.



The 33<sup>rd</sup> decanter in the Series is **Inez's D&D**, which was located in Elko, Nevada. 1500 decanters were made and sold in 1987. I really like the appearance of this decanter, and this is one of the harder ones to find. I have seen this mini sell for between US\$50 and US\$250!

The next picture, the 34<sup>th</sup> decanter in the series, shows **Simone's Brothel**. Simone's was located in Winnemucca, Nevada. 1500 decanters were issued in 1988.

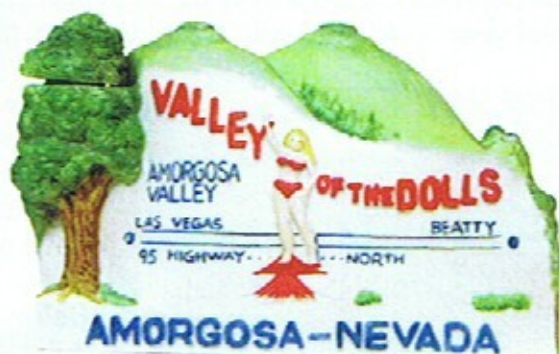
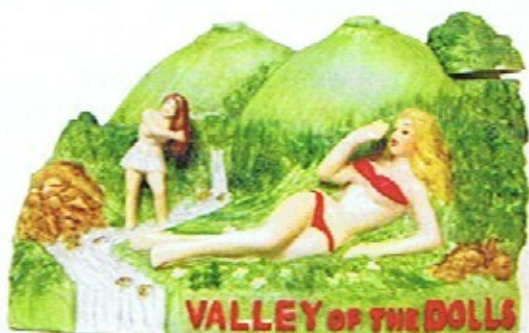


The 35<sup>th</sup> decanter in the series is Joe Comforte's **Triangle River Ranch**, which is located at the Mustang exit in Sparks, Nevada. 1500 decanters were made and sold in 1988. The Triangle River Ranch is a great looking decanter. I have not seen this one turn up for sale very often. The Triangle River Ranch was originally called the Mustang 2 Ranch. One reason this decanter is harder to find and costs more, is that it was seized by the US Internal Revenue (IRS) in 1991, along with the Mustang Ranch,

and many of the decanters were lost. This is another of my favorites.



Number 36 in the series is Sherri's Ranch which I talked about in my first article. The 37<sup>th</sup> is the **Valley of the Dolls**, which was located in Amorgossa, Nevada. 1500 decanters were made and sold in 1990. The Valley of the Dolls was originally the Shamrock Ranch (number 2 in the series) and changed it's name after it had been sold. The town also changed names around this time from Lathrop to Amorgossa. The back of this decanter is almost as nice as the front. This is a fantastic decanter! (I especially love the hills! – editor)



The next picture shows the **Cherry Patch Ranch**, the 38<sup>th</sup> decanter in the series. This Brothel was located near the Crystal, Nevada. 1500 decanters were issued in 1991.



The last picture is **Sharon's Ranch**, a brothel located in Carlin, Nevada. It is the 39<sup>th</sup> decanter in the series, and was issued in 1991. This is normally one of the most expensive decanters (if you can find it – one sold recently on Ebay for US\$390.55 and another for US\$355.50) but mine is one of a kind. It is actually signed by Dug Picking himself! About the time that I had got hold of almost all the decanters in the series, I met a woman who ran a small boutique in Searchlight, Nevada. She had several Dugs Brothel decanters, but not the Sharon's decanter I needed. As we talked, she picked up the telephone and made a call and asked someone on the other end of the phone if he had an extra Sharon's decanter. Fortunately he did have one, and said he would get it to her in a few days. As it turned out, that "Someone" was Dig Picking! Upon further discussion, I found out she knew Dug very well, and he frequently visited her at her store. I then asked her to see if Dug would sign the decanter when he delivered it to her. A few weeks later I received the bottle in the mail, and sure enough, it was signed by Dug Picking.



I will have more Brothel decanters to show you in miNiZ 82.

*Jim Crawford*



## AS SEEN ON EBAY #18

We ran out of space for As Seen on Ebay in issue 80, so I have brought you a bumper edition this time. I have started saving information and pictures of interesting bottles as I look through for myself so the bottles shown here could have been sold anytime over the past year. I will start with a few 'straight' glass bottles for a change.



The two bottles to the left were put up for sale together. This was not a good idea as Stewarts is a Scotch and Old Cobb an Australian whisky. They sold for US\$17.50 but would undoubtedly have sold for more separately.

Below we have a truly special Scotch, Golden Jubilee by Macallan. Only 50 of this crystal decanter style bottle were made and, as you can see, they were beautifully packaged. Glencairn Crystal Studio made the bottle and The Whisky Exchange organised the bottling. It sold for US\$611. Note that this bottle is only 15ml so that is the equivalent of US\$30,550 for a full bottle!



On the far right we have a truly stunning vodka, Snow Queen from Kazakhstan. This went for US\$17.53 after some spirited bidding. Next to that is Grand Khaan. On it is a picture of Mongol leader, emperor, and conqueror, Genghis Khan. It was made in Mongolia for the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great Mongolian Empire which was founded by Genghis Khan. The Empire had the largest contiguous land ever and The Genghis Khan was named by Time magazine as "A MAN OF THE MILLENIUM". It sold for US\$15.01 and later one went for



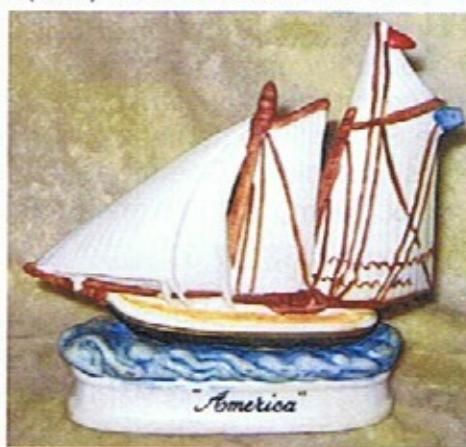


Even less at US\$9.90. Finally on the last page we have a liqueur from Cuba, Torrente. This is a pineapple liqueur from the 1950's and has a cork top. Surprisingly it only fetched US\$4.95. Old (pre-Castro) Cuban bottles generally sell better than this.



Sticking with warriors we have the Viking from Old Store. These were made in Italy for McGown & Cameron and contain Scotch. Both this and the next bottle are 140mm (5½") high. It sold for US\$8.88. Carrying on the military theme we have another Old Store bottle, this time the soldier. He sold for less

than half the price at €3.50. You could say that the Robot is the soldier of the future but I know that that is pushing it as he is holding a guitar (maybe you surrender to stop him singing!). Sassano & Pagani of Italy made this version of their robot to commemorate the first moon landing in 1969. I have the same robot with a prismatic picture of a comet on the front. He stands 120mm (4¾") tall and sold for €11.59



Next we have two very different sailing boats. The first one is by Corfinio of Italy. This sold for US\$45 after a hard fight. The yacht "America" was made by Famous Firsts of the USA. It measures about 152mm (6") tall and 165mm (6½") long. It sold for US\$10.49



Boats do, of course, have to have sailors. The first two shown here are from Niccolo of Italy. The first sold for US\$21.59 and the second, the Sailor Girl, for only US\$5.56. The old tar that rounds off this page is





obviously an old give-away. It is of unknown origin but probably German. On the bottom it has "HO HO AND A BOTTLE OF RUM." Unsurprisingly this sold well at US\$103.51. Whilst on the subject of give-aways on the left we have a foot with a face on it from the best known give-away company of all, Schafer Vater of Germany. It sold for US\$29.90 but I would have expected more.



Talking of faces we have some familiar ones next. Above is the figure of Henry VIII but this is not the familiar Drioli version but a copy by Alpa. He sold for US\$17.05. Next to him is someone that was born during his reign, William Shakespear. This was made by English firm. McLech and sold for US\$10.50. On the left we have St. Nicholas (father Christmas) from Bols. On the bottom it reads "Koninklwk, Goedewaagen, Gouda, Holland". It Measures approx. 190mm (7½") high. As expected bidding was fierce, finishing at US\$167.50



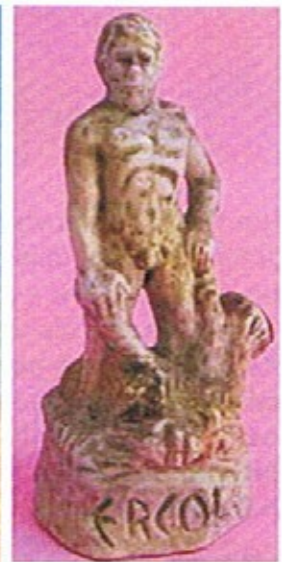
Sticking with Holland we have the Dutch Farmer and his Wife pair to your left. These are about 100mm (4") high and were made by Elst & Bueno, Haalem – Holland. They contain Royal Jenever. The pair sold for US\$45.88 The Dutch girl is from Oud Amsterdam. She is 108mm (4¼") high and contains Jenever. She sold for US\$30.99



It is a short distance from Holland to Italy where our next four bottles come from. Neither



of the first two have labels. Both are about 178mm (7") high. The girl sold for US\$17.90 and the boy for US\$16.09. The Venetian 'man about town' is from Niccolo. He is approximately 150mm (6") tall and contains China Pierini (whatever that is!). He sold for £9.99. Next to him is another, rather more ancient, Italian – the one with the hideous pink background. He is about 125mm (5") high and was made in the 1970's. A mere €3.90 bought him.



I have never seen or heard of the smiling Eskimo to the left until he came up for sale. Unfortunately I still cannot tell you any more about it as I forgot to get any details! I do remember that it sold for US\$40+

The next four bottles are all from Bal Tabarin of Japan. All were made in the immediate post WWII period, 1945-52. The Satyr, or Faun, sold well at US\$45.40. Later another fetched a mere US\$17.00. The Centaur has been on sale for months with a 'Buy it Now' of

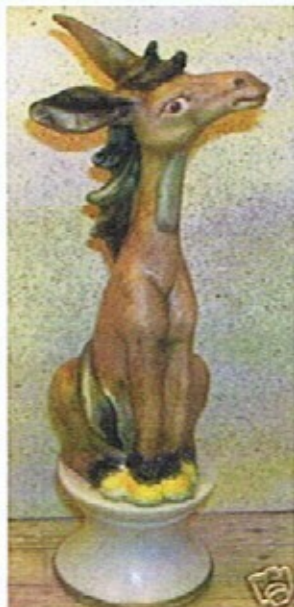
US\$50 as I write this but there are no takers. The two dog & pup minis on the next page are yet more dogs that I missed from my dog articles last year. I thought that I had never seen these two before but as they are from the collection of Bob Snyder I looked them up. Sure enough they are there as is one other, a Cocker Spaniel and pup. I wonder if there are more in the series. Neither the St. Bernards or the Scotties sold for the minimum asking price of US\$40.







The final dog above is the Hoffman Georgia Bulldog. Unfortunately it failed to get a minimum bid of US\$49.95. To the right we have a mock up bottle of Hector the bulldog from Warner Bros. This was made for Alpa but never made it into the series. There have been a few of these mock up bottles on sale over the last year or two and results have varied from really cheap sales to very expensive asking prices with no bids. I thought that this looked reasonable at US\$36.99 but there were no bids.

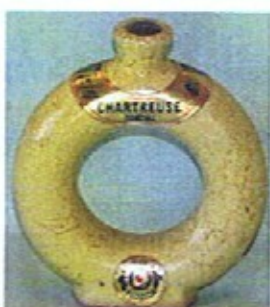


I can't tell you much about the tall Lion, Donkey and Elephant as they were sold unlabelled. I believe that they are Italian and know that they each sold for a little over US\$26 and that each is about 165mm (6½") high, but that's it. Any further information gratefully received.

We might as well stick to Elephants as I have two more to show you, the same but different colours, and the red one is unlabelled. They are each 75mm (3") high and were made in the 1930's. The cream one sold for US\$18.59 whereas the red one got up to US\$15 but failed to meet the reserve.







Whilst on the subject of old minis we have the two rings on the left, each approx 93mm (3<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>") high. The label states "Contains 1-10 of 1% Benzoate of Soda, Contents 1 Oz. Certified Food Color, CHARTREUSE CORDIAL, Bottled by Manhattan Distr. Inc. Miami, FLA." - Wouldn't want to drink it would you? The red sold for US\$62.51 and the cream for US\$72.50 for the first one and US\$42.50 for another one.

The Camel is another bottle that I can tell you very little about. It may be a 'give-away' but then again, it may just be missing it's label. The bottom is stamped 'Sylvac 8853' and it stands just 57mm (2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>") tall. It sold for £11.37.



Sticking to older bottles we have another Manhattan bottle, the Pelican. This stands 95mm (3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>") high and is a bottle that I have just acquired myself, although not from Ebay. This one sold for US\$8.99



We will finish off with a few birds.

The two Turkey's to the right do not come from Wild Turkey, home of most of the Turkey minis. The first one is from Hoffman, the second from Ski Country and both contain bourbon. The Hoffman one is 140mm (5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>") high and was made in 1987. It only got it's



minimum bid of US\$9.99. The Ski Country is a little shorter at 127mm (5") high and is one of 1200 made in 1975. The 'official' Ski Country guide lists this as worth US\$144 but it only bidded to US\$20.50. The Swan is from the Cistercian Monastery of Florence and stands (swims) 89mm (3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>") tall. It sold for £6.51. Finally we have Seagrams Sam The Olympic Eagle from 1980. Sam is 133mm (5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>") tall and was an



officially licensed piece for the Olympics. He sold for US\$36.55 but I would have expected more as I have never seen this mini sold before.

*David Smith*

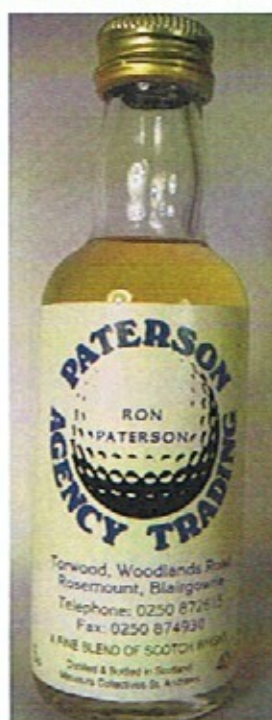




# A FEW SPECIAL SCOTCHES

Commemoratives, personalised bottles, own bottlings are just a few of the names for minis that not only advertise the product. These come in all shapes and sizes and are filled with everything imaginable (and some not – remember the club Wellie Water promotion!). Here are a few Scotch specials.

We will start with three W's. All are 50ml and all about 115mm (4½") high. The Wheatsheaf Inn and Weem Hotel were both made by A C Walker Ltd. Of Kilmarnoch. The Wheatsheaf sold on Ebay for £5.50 and the Weem Hotel for £8.00. Westerwood Hotel Golf & Country Club sold for £9.00



Princess Eugenie is, this time, our one Royal commemorative. It was made by Mini Bottles (UK) Ltd (owned by member David Maund). Alas it was not well sort after, fetching only £4.40 on Ebay. Talking of David Maund we also have Maund's Bowmore which was especially bottled to

commemorate the entry of David's Scotch collection in the Guinness Book of Records in 1992. I know that David more than doubled this total before somewhat slimming down his collection. Being one of only 200 I am surprised that it did not fetch more than £17.60. David loves his golf and I feel sure would have the Patterson Agency Trading bottle. This sold for £6.00

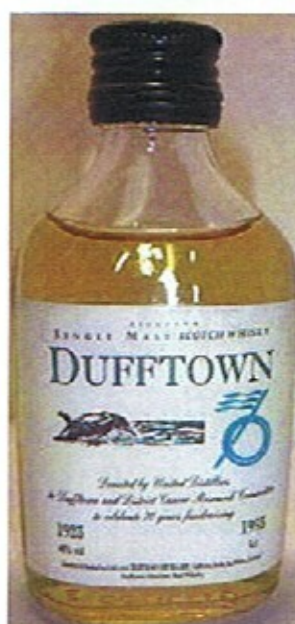






The first three bottles above were made for hotels. The first two contain an unknown (or blend of unknown) malt Scotch and the last an unknown single malt. Athol Arms Hotel sold for £8.51, Loch Rannoch Hotel for £8.38 and Burts Hotel for only £4.49. Purely Medicinal was made especially for The Cheese and Wine Shop, Oban. It sold for £2.99. Ballindalloch Castle Scotch was bottled for sale at the castle. It sold for £9.50

The Diners Club Old Scotch Whisky has a rather poor label but it still sold for €5.51. The Worshipful Company of Engineers is the only bottle I have to show you that was bottled outside Scotland. It sold for £4.99



The Dufftown single malt Scotch was made especially for Cancer Research. This rarity sold for US\$28.29



There are hundreds if not thousands more of these 'special' Scotches out there. If you have a few in your collection why not share them with the rest of the members.

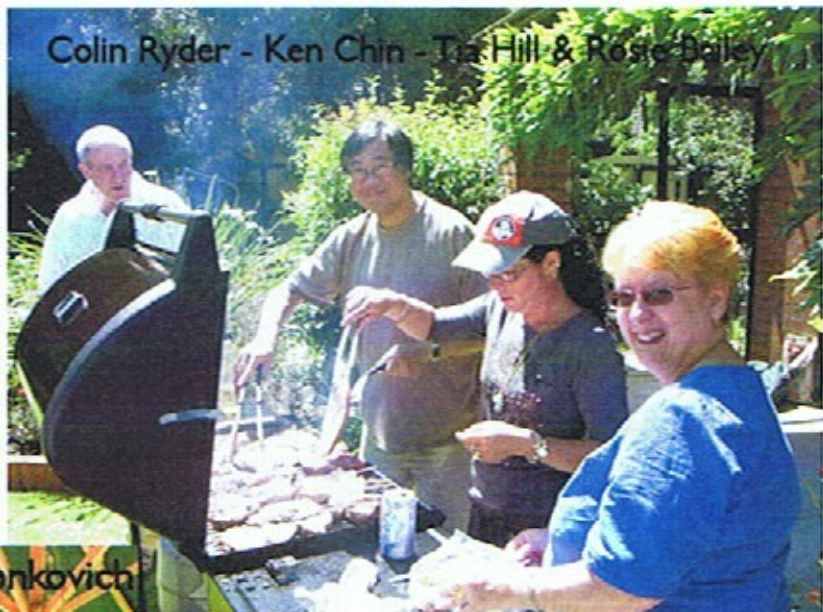
*David Smith*



# AGM WEEKEND IN CHRISTCHURCH

I have told you a bit about the happenings at the AGM it's self in the editorial. The one thing that I did not mention is that the committee is unchanged, apart from our having a new Vice President for the South Island, Eric Sutton. Eric's full contact details, together with those for all the other committee members, is on the accompanying club address list, which is being sent out at the request of the members at the AGM. I should also mention that we have two new members, Mike Couzens (see his article elsewhere in miNiZ) and Brian Osment - Welcome. Their contact details are on the address list. Please check your details on the list. If anything is incorrect, or if we do not have your email address, please let one of the committee know.

Colin Ryder - Ken Chin - Tim Hill & Rosie Bailey

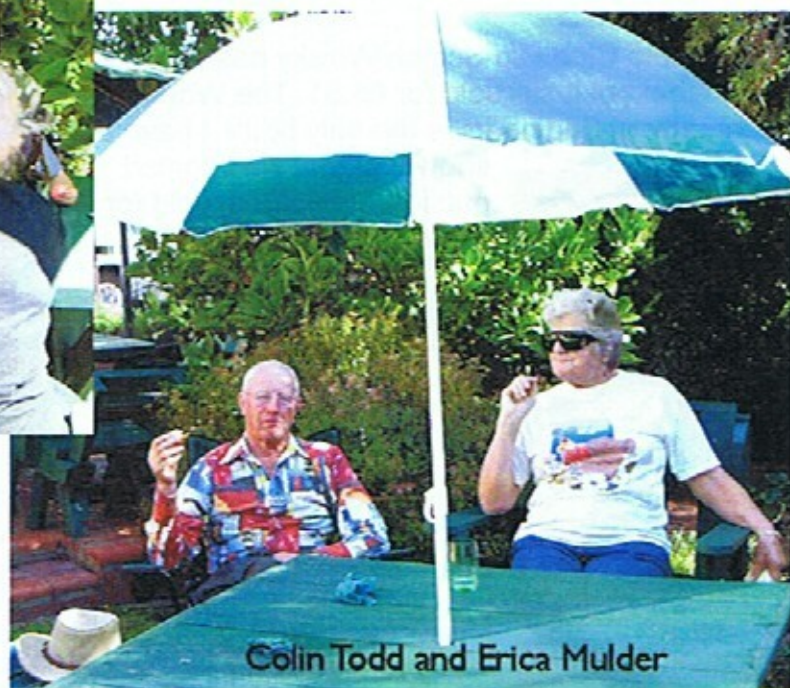


David Fretwell - Peter Bonkovich



Over the AGM weekend we also resolved the problem some members are having accessing the web site. It appears to only be only some of those of you with dial-up connections who have a problem and then not all of you all of the time. If you cannot connect to [www.minisnz.com](http://www.minisnz.com) then try

to connect to our simplified page [www.minisnz.com/index.htm](http://www.minisnz.com/index.htm) This alternate opening page should load quickly. Once connected to this it takes about 5 – 10 minutes to connect to the first 'real' club page but after that things go quite quickly.



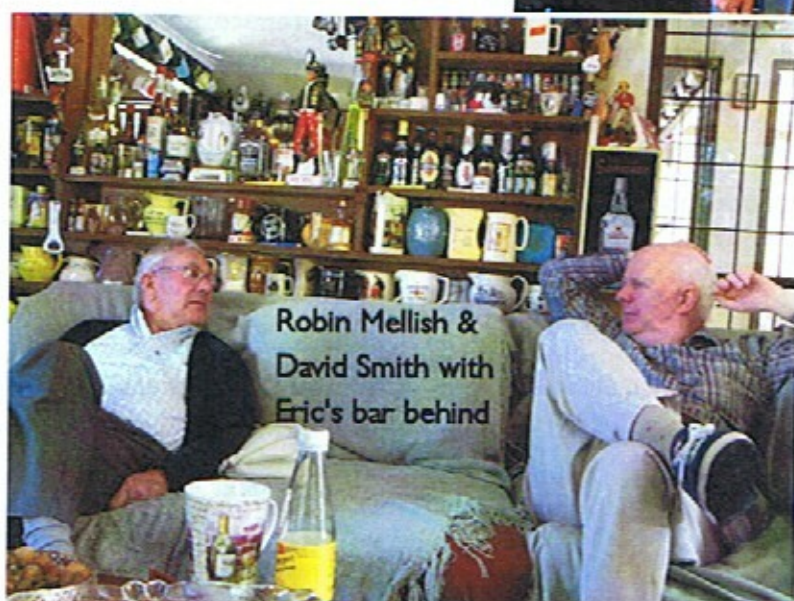
Colin Todd and Erica Mulder



Friday evening saw us gather at Robin & Jess Mellish's house to view Robin's 15,000+ collection, and to eat and drink. Jess left us heaps of the former, members brought more, together with plenty of the latter. We hardly saw Jess all weekend as she was part of a synod of the Anglican Church which was deciding on a new Bishop for Christchurch.



Our hosts, Eric & Cheryl Sutton

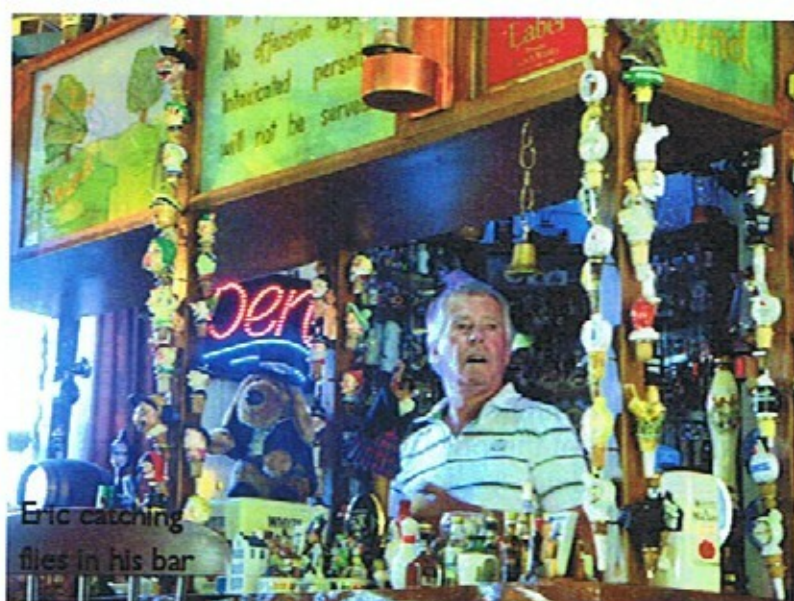


Robin Mellish & David Smith with Eric's bar behind

The weather on Saturday was appalling – it bucketed it down. The out-of-town members visited David & Val Fretwell's for morning tea, which lasted about two hours by the time we had viewed the collection and done lots of swapping/buying/selling. We then visited Whisky Galore to purchase more minis before going on to hunt around a few second hand shops – where we did in fact find some desirable minis for sale. Saturday evening saw us meeting for a meal at the Richmond Club.

Market on Sunday morning but it was very disappointing as almost no bottles were found. It was also slow to open after the previous day's rain but the ground was surprisingly dry. Sunday turned out beautifully. It was bright and sunny but not too hot until late afternoon.

Most members went to Riccarton



Eric catching flies in his bar

The AGM and barbecue lunch was hosted by Eric & Cheryl Sutton. Again there was too much food as Eric & Cheryl had bought enough for everyone and we had all brought our own (as we are meant to). Cheryl was urging us all to stay into the evening to eat it all!

Countless minis changed hands. No member went home empty handed and many were loaded up.

See you next year in Wellington.

*David Smith*



# **DATE, TIME & PLACE**

**All meetings are subject to change. Please check before travelling**

**Sunday 15th March 2008, 2.00pm** Trevor Harvey's, 44 Basingstoke Street, Wainoni, Christchurch  
Telephone: 03 388 7713 E-Mail: none

**Sunday 19th April 2008, 12.30pm** Pot Luck Lunch at Kan & Malee Chin's, 29 Norton Park Avenue, Fairfield, Lower Hutt  
Telephone: 04 938 1488 E-Mail: [Kenchin@ihug.co.nz](mailto:Kenchin@ihug.co.nz)

**Sunday 17th May 2008, 2.00pm** David & Val Fretwell's, 61 Port Hills Road, Heathcote, Christchurch  
Telephone: 03 384 9757 E-Mail: [keenah@xtra.co.nz](mailto:keenah@xtra.co.nz)

**Sunday 21st June 2008, 12.30pm** Pot Luck Lunch at David & Rosie's, 11 Trevor Terrace, Paremata  
Telephone: 04 233 2997 E-Mail: [minidavid@xtra.co.nz](mailto:minidavid@xtra.co.nz)

**Sunday 19th July 2008, 2.00pm** Peter Alty's, 12 Blencathra Place, Westmoreland, Christchurch  
Telephone: 03 338 4220 E-Mail: none

**Sunday 16th August 2008, 12.30pm** Pot Luck Lunch at Colin & Dianne Ryder's, 20 Prospect Terrace, Johnsonville  
Telephone: 04 478 4391 E-Mail: [rydercj@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rydercj@xtra.co.nz)

**Sunday 20th September 2008, 2.00pm** Robin & Jess Mellish's, 66 Rudds Road, Christchurch  
Telephone: 03 384 9757 E-Mail: [jessmell@clear.net.nz](mailto:jessmell@clear.net.nz)

**Sunday 18th October 2008, 12.30pm** Pot Luck Lunch at Ian Butcher's, 5 Sunburst Court, Paraparaumu Beach  
Telephone: 04 904 3157 E-Mail: [poppa.chopper@clear.net.nz](mailto:poppa.chopper@clear.net.nz)

**Sunday 15th November 2008, 2.00pm** Gary Pasfield's, 48 Hakatere Drive, Hakatere Huts, RD7, Ashburton  
Telephone: 03 302 3767 E-Mail: none

**Sunday 25th January 2009, 12.30pm** Barbecue Lunch at David & Rosie's, 11 Trevor Terrace, Paremata  
Telephone: 04 233 2997 E-Mail: [minidavid@xtra.co.nz](mailto:minidavid@xtra.co.nz)

**Sunday 25th January 2009, 2.00pm** Eric & Cheryl Sutton's, 14C Michigan Place, Westhaven, Christchurch  
Telephone: 03 383 9686 E-Mail: [cjsutton@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:cjsutton@slingshot.co.nz)

## **AGM 2009 in Wellington - Weekend of 6th - 8th March 2009**

**Evening of 6th** - Meet, eat and view the extensive collection of micros, ceramics and NZ bottles at David & Rosie's, 11 Trevor Terrace, Paremata. Telephone: 04 233 2997 E-Mail: [minidavid@xtra.co.nz](mailto:minidavid@xtra.co.nz)

**Morning/Afternoon 7th** - Visit to Martinborough Fair (the largest country fair in NZ)

**Evening 7th** - Dinner (venue to be confirmed)

**Morning 8th** - Tour of some local collections

**12.30 8th** - Barbecue at Colin & Dianne Ryder's, 20 Prospect Terrace, Johnsonville.

Telephone: 04 478 4391 E-Mail: [rydercj@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rydercj@xtra.co.nz)

**3.00pm 8th** - AGM, Election of Officers and planning of the year's meetings

The AGM weekends have been very successful. All are BYO food and drink. A number of Wellington members are happy to provide accommodation for those coming from out of town. Remember to book your flights early to get the best deals. Please E-Mail: [minisnz@gmail.com](mailto:minisnz@gmail.com) to let us know you are attending.

Other meetings for 2009 will be advised after the AGM

**If you want to hold a meeting please let one of the committee know.**