

# MINIIZ

THE NEWSLETTER OF  
PORT NICHOLSON MINIATURE BOTTLE CLUB.



The cover drawing was done by Anne Powel and I'm sure you will all agree it is excellently done. It is also an excellent choice for our first cover. 45 South is named after the 45th parrallel which runs across the South Island. The Whisky is made by Wilsons who also put out Wilson's New Zealand Whisky and their half brother Dunbar (blended with Scottish Malt). More about Wilsons Distillers in a later article.

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#### PORT NICHOLSON MINIATURE BOTTLE CLUB

The club was formed in January 1981 by a group of complete amateurs who had very little idea of what they were letting themselves in for and who probably knew even less about their own hobby.

Two years later we are still very much amateurs but because of contacts with both collectors and clubs overseas we now know far more about the hobby (or like to think we do).

Meetings are held the third Sunday afternoon of every month, usually at a members home. Membership is open to all who collect miniatures regardless of size of collection. We have had members join over the past year with as little as 12 bottles (very much the enthusiastic beginner) and as many as 2,500 (an old hand).

Wellington Region Membership	--	NZ.\$5.00 per year plus 50¢ each meeting attended. (Newsletter available every 2nd. meeting)
Country Membership	--	NZ.\$8.00 per year (Newsletter posted)
Overseas Membership	--	US.\$8.00 Aust.\$8.00 Stg.£6.00 or equivalent per year. (Newsletter airmailed)

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## THE NEW ZEALANDERS

This is the first article of what we hope will be a regular series on New Zealand Miniatures.

To the best of my knowledge only one company in New Zealand has issued 'Especially bottled for' minis and that is Quill Humphreys (overseas companies have issued minis for Air New Zealand, etc. but more of that in a later article).

Quill Humphries (formerly Quill - Morris) will not be a familiar name to most of our readers, but they are the Jim Beam agents. They have issued minis bottled both here and in the USA for New Zealand companies, persons and events.

I recently approached them in an attempt to get a list of those issued in New Zealand and surprisingly they don't know. I have given them my list as shown below and they are going to try to find out as many of the other names as possible. I will let you have a supplementary list in a later issue, but if you can add to this one I would be very interested to hear from you. There are 3 more I know have been issued namely, Antarctic Anniversary, 1st. and 2nd. Conventions. These are not yet included as I have not been able to find out the exact wording on the bottle.

We have arranged for minis to be issued with the club's name on and would like to hear from you if you want a large number so that we will know how many to order.

DAVID SMITH.

QUILL - MORRIS	TOM ROFF
T & W YOUNG	STUART COLLINGWOOD
RAILWAYS (including Symbol)	BOB WOOD
EASTOWN WORKSHOPS CENTENARY 1880/1980	TOM BARNES
3rd. N.Z. CONVENTION, CHRISTCHURCH FEB'82	BERT HEYBOURN
4th N.Z. CONVENTION, WELLINGTON 1983	ERIC BELL
BRIAN VIECELI	ALAN PALMER
BRIAN VIECELI (Black Label)	BERT LONDON
TOM SEXTON (Black Label)	WALTER NEWMAN
BRIAN HITCHON	RAY DAVIS (3 Versions)

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## AUCTION

Over 2,000 minis for sale. 10.30 a.m. Saturday 26th March 1983.  
Ceramco Building, 6 Cambridge Terrace, Wellington.

Detailed catalogue available from the Auctioneers,  
Rolle Associates Limited, P.O. Box 384, Wellington, or from any  
club member.

# Potpourri From Italy

In 1974, a ceramic company in Italy began producing a series of miniatures which have become very popular with collectors everywhere. Since that initial production of a handful of bottles, a minimum of thirty-three different have been offered under a variety of labels.

As many of you know, in Italy a ceramic factory will sell its products to any liquor company unless a prior exclusivity has been established. Therefore, some of the bottles in this series have been issued under many labels such as Barsottini, Ca-

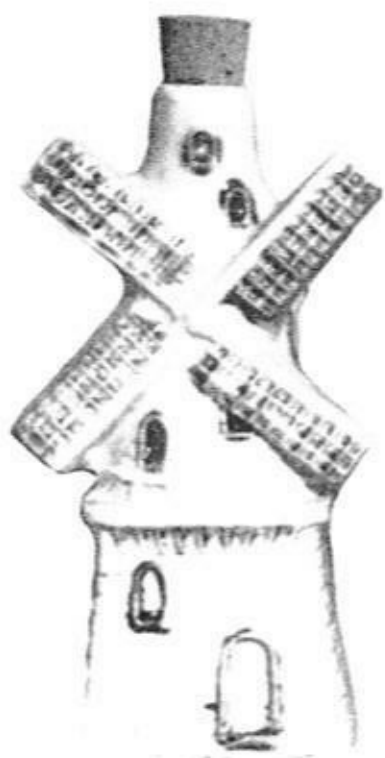


tullo, Drioli (in the Far East), etc.

The seven bottles shown here are simply a group from this series which have not been previously shown in any publication here in the U.S. The numbers and names of only three of these bottles is known to us at the present time; however, we hope to shortly be able to complete the entire set...no matter what label the bottles may sport.

The bottles and their numbers (as well as Italian names) are listed below. You'll recognize some favorites!

1. Cannoncino Imperiale	1974	16. Anforetta Rustica (Old Style Vase)	"
2. Antique Car - Renault 1910	"	17. Anforetta Vecchia Cina (Old Chinese Vase)	"
3. Antique Car - Itala 1912	"	18. Flaconcino Napoleonico (Napoleonic Cannon Flask)	"
4. Antique Car - Cadillac 1913	"	19. Pipetta Tirolese (Tyrolean Pipe)	1975
5. Antique Car - Lanchester 190	"	20. Venere di Milo (Venus di Milo)	1974
6. Creazione (Boot and Rope)	"	21. Sfinge (Sphinx)	"
7. Creazione Primavera (Bird on Branch)	"	22. Napoleone	1975
8. Bugia Antica (Cherub on Flask)	"	23. Galeone Inglese (English Galleon)	"
9. Drago - Vecchia Cina (Old Chinese Dragon)	1975	24. Puttino Baccante (Baby Bacchus - Cherub)	"
10. Cacciatore (Hunter with dog)	1974	25. Ussaro a Cavallo (Hussar and Horse)	"
11. Cantiniere (Winemaker)	"	26. Castello (Castle)	1976
12. Giocatore Calcio (Soccer Player)	1975	27. Arlecchino (Harlequin)	"
13. Baleniere (Helmsman)	1974	28. Pulcinella	"
14. Anforetta Egizia (Egyptian Vase)	"	29. Guantone (Boxing Glove)	"
15. Anforetta Olandese (Dutch Vase)	"		



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PUKERUA PUB

L O Y U S F L A H M O F L A H O N I H C S A R A M  
E R E D N A X E L A Y D N A R B D A I Q U I R I L  
E S K U R N R U O M A T I A F R A P L L E M M U K  
F O S N A T T A H N A M A B R A P R U N E L L E E  
I D I N O A N M Y N I G E O L S L I B A R N A U P  
W A H I A M A R E T T O A A S M R C F I N P E Q E  
S V W E O I Y G E R D A K S D O W O N E I O R I N  
O L F T T D N Q I E V P D T A N I T E M G E A T I  
B A N A N E U S M L B O O N E K A M P U S D T S H  
O C I A R I E A S U I Z V E T E E E G R O C R A M  
H A R E L C O K E A C I D E R Y L Z A B A J O N E  
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T R O P L E E N I W I S N R R P I C H E R R Y D O  
I B T N F N F S R E S S A W D L O G B O O L G O P  
N O N T E A K A S A P A U L H A K R H U E Z U Z I  
I N I A R Y G O C G E N E V A C C O G N A C C U Y C  
T C M A R I F E H A P T A T A E L A T H G I L O A  
R U G C O I P A P Q E H T N E M E D E M E R C N L  
A R V D C H A L B U N D H A L B H S O R S O B H F  
M A D V H D V R E I N R A M D N A R G T N T W D R  
Y C A D I Z R S R S I N U O Z U O S E U E D O A U  
R A O A N E M I L L E F I O R I V E T T E W A U I  
D O A U A E R T N I O C A R A M E L L A L S D F T

The lads arrived at the Pukerua Pub latish one night already somewhat the worse for wear. They decided that between them they would drink a glass from every bottle in the house. Unfortunately, the landlord was himself drunk and they had difficulty finding them all. There are a total of 75, but I'm sure they will only manage to sample 60 of the drinks before they all pass out.

Reading forwards, backwards, horizontally, vertically, and diagonally, can you find enough to stop the lads going thirsty? Remember that they only want to drink one of each drink, also that by this time of night no one cares who made it, only the type of drink in the bottle.

The first person to list 60 correctly will receive a bottle of whiskey.

Entries to the Editor, c/o P.O. Box 384, Wellington.

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How many minis would you need to buy in a wholesale outlet to stay within the law?

NATIONAL GRENADIER Bottle Club (U.S.A.)

Jon-Sol advises that the status of this Club has been unclear for some time. Grenadier has not produced any new bottles for almost two years, and no one seems to know if they have any definite plans for resuming production in the near future. Several bottles are in the design stages, but they seem not to have decided yet, whether or not they will be produced. With this uncertainty, they are not accepting any new club members.

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CYRUS NOBLE Ceramics (U.S.A.)

Haas Brothers (Cyrus Noble) have advised us that they have phased out ceramics. It may be that in the future they will resume the design and production of this line and if they do so they will advise us.

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FULL BOTTLES VERSUS EMPTY BOTTLES  
(Porcelain bottles only)

- No. 1. Whiskey is like Wine, if you do not store the bottle on its side, the cork will dry out and shrink letting air into the bottle. There goes your whiskey. It has been experienced that when a bottle is 5 or 6 years old the Whiskey will have gone bad or evaporated out in 30% to 40% of those bottles. 7 to 8 years old - 40% to 50% will have gone bad and so on.
- No. 2. The weight of all those full bottles on your shelves can also cause a lot of havoc. A full bottle weighs so much more than an empty one.
- No. 3. Now for the reason why you are taking the risk of ruining the bottle by leaving it full.

Porcelain bottles are not designed to store whiskey, porcelain is a porous material, the only thing that keeps the contents in the bottle is the fact that they have been glazed on the inside with a thin coat of glass.

Porcelain, because it is a porous material, will expand and contract with temperature changes causing the glaze on the inside to crack. This is called crazing. You have seen old plates and vases with fine hair line cracks all over them, that is crazing. The weight of the contents will compound the problem and can cause the bottle to become a leaker or crack the bottle.

There are thousands of bottles that do not have a good glaze job and hundreds have been ruined because they were left full. They can become a leaker or crack anytime from the day they are filled to 15 or more years later.

(Extract from article written by H.F. Montague)

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ARE YOU AN ENTHUSIASTIC COLLECTOR ?

Does your blood race when you spot a miniature?

Are you peering into magazines hoping to spot "that special" one?

Are you scanning the adds in your local paper under "M" for minis?

Do you stop and gaze into bottle store windows looking for the rows of "little" ones?

If you answer "YES" to any of these questions -

- YOU ARE AN ENTHUSIASTIC COLLECTOR -

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If you are ever fortunate enough to be in Sydney here is a list of places worth making a visit to :

KENSINGTON LIQUOR SUPPLIES, 235 Anzac Parade, Kensington.

PITT STREET CELLARS, 374 Pitt Street, City.

LIQUORLAND, 97 Oxford Street, City.

SYDNEY LIQUOR SUPPLY, 59 William Street, City.

TEMPLAR HOTEL, 432 George Street, City.

GLENCASTLE WINES, 281 Liverpool Road, Ashfield.

SAN REMO, Burwood Road, Belfield.

MICHAEL SALSBA, 10 Marzon Street, Bankstown. - Also the Pub  
across the road from this one.

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I COLLECT BOTTLES:::::

Did you ever try to explain to someone what your hobby is?

When you answer "I collect bottles", immediately they think you've lost your marbles.

Right away they think of old Aunties pill bottles, old vinegar bottles, sauce bottles etc.

After lengthy explanations they then proceed to tell you, "If I'de known, I could have got you some when I was overseas", - or - "those old dust collectors, had some and tossed them out".

- Frustrating to say the least -

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