



Midwest Miniature Bottle Collector's Newsletter



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WHAT A SHOW !!!!!

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Ron's Ramblings.....and Club news tidbits

First off I would like to thank everyone that contributed to the newsletter last year. You can see the list on page 13. These are the people that take the time to submit something for YOUR reading pleasure. Some of them do it once a year (or just every once in awhile) and others submit every single newsletter. I just want all of you to know I really appreciate it as it makes my life much easier (not having to figure out what to write about to fill newsletter space). In the first week since getting back from the show, I have received 4 articles (2 from 1st timers) and 2 people promised me they would be sending in Articles. Lucky for all of you since that means more of other peoples articles which means less of my ramblings . (and less of my Ramblings is a good thing, just ask my wife.)

We were missing a few regulars from this years show. Hope to see you guys next year. A few of you have missed a couple of years in a row so we really hoping to see you next year. We had some new people, which is always good to see and a nice variety of people from other countries. It was really great to see Jorge, Fernando, Mauricio , Seppo and David Smith. (okay and all you guys that come from Canada too). This year we had a collector from Slovakia, Jan Voscek who plans to write us some articles and will be putting me in the poor house with all the cool absinthe bottles he will be getting for me.

You will find the board meeting minutes in this issue as well as some things the board has been discussing (and voting on) via e-mail since the show. In other board news, Keith Cochran has been selected to be our President Elect. He will take over as President at the next show.

Next years show is number 39, by all means attend that show it will be fun and you will definitely enjoy yourself. But keep in mind in 2 years will be our big 40th show. YOU will not want to miss that one (even if you are in a coma, have your nurse drag you there). Got an ideas on what we can do for the 40th? The board is kicking around some ideas but more ideas are better, so if there is something your would like to see happen at the 40th let someone know, we are going to want to make that the biggest baddest show ever (until we top it with the 45th show). No guarantee we will be able to get you that dunking booth you want, but you won't know unless you ask.

Well the New Zealand Club did it. They voted to make their newsletter e-mail only and to not charge dues anymore (at least for the foreseeable future) so if you haven't contacted the club yet to join, what are you waiting for, a personal invitation? Well consider this your personal invitation. They have a great newsletter (and by you contributing to it you can make it even better) . Contact David smith at minizv@gmail.com or go to their website www.minisnz.com.

And Yes (for those of you wondering) the board did discuss the fact that the New Zealand club has no dues and we will still continue to. We are 2 different clubs and the only expense the New Zealand club had was their paper newsletter, they eliminated that having virtually no expenses now. We on the other hand have paper newsletter expenses and the Expense of that fantastic annual show.

This years club bottle was the second most successful bottle (at the show) We sold 97 bottles during the show (2nd only to the 2014 window bottle that sold 100 bottles during the show. This year there were 120 bottles (60 vodka and 60 bourbon) that were each numbered. They sell for \$10 each and there are a few left. (some have already sold since I got back from the show). If you want one (or one of each) contact me. There may or may not be any available by the next show. (see page 14 if you want to see a picture of the bottle)

I am also happy to announce that Stick person Co-President Sandy Wheeler has been replaced with an actual picture of our elusive Co-president. So now those of you still waiting to attend your first show will be able to find her when you attend next year. Thanks to Jim Crawford for providing me a picture I could use.

The club website has been updated and now requires only a single password to get to the members area. (I had just put a link to the old members area, but had some people having problems getting to it so I moved everything to a different page.) The password is: MMBC I have also added an article that Jim Crawford did about Dating bottles (no not taking your bottles to dinner, figuring out how old they are) to the members area. This article will be running in a future newsletter but if you can't wait to read it, then head to the members area of the website.

For those of you that have not paid your dues yet, Pete has sent out an e-mail (and will be mailing a reminder). We encourage everyone to take the newsletter electronically. It saves you a little money, it saves the club a little money and it saves the trees (or something like that). The color pictures in the electronic version look so much better too. We understand that the electronic version is not for everyone, but at least consider it when you pay your dues. As a side note anyone that would want to receive the pdf file I send to the printer (which would allow you to get the newsletter printed at your local favorite printer) just let me know, Then if you really want to go crazy you could have your local printer print the newsletter in color but I'll warn you, it's kind of expensive to do that. Another feature of the electronic, there is a bonus bottle picture every month and this month there is an extra page with show pictures.

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Deadline for the Next Issue is Sept. 1, 2017

The President Speaks.....From Your MMBC Presidents, Father Joe Molloy and Sandy Wheeler



Dear Miniature Bottle Club Members and Collectors:

Happy summer to you! I hope this finds you well, happy, and always in the mood to get more miniature liquor bottles. That is a “must” for anyone reading this, wouldn’t you agree? :)

Was the recent Show a wonderful weekend, or what? The 38th Annual Midwest Miniature Bottle Club Show was April 21-23 in St. Louis. And the bottles were there waiting for collectors to do their thing and purchase, trade, and sell. PLEASE, if you missed this Show, don’t miss the next one slated for **APRIL 20-22, 2018**, at the Westport Sheraton Plaza Hotel in St. Louis. Mark your calendars NOW!!!

Sandy Wheeler & I are so grateful to so many for the success of the Show. It takes a group of committed people working together to ensure that the many details involved are taken care of properly. Special thanks to **Bill Baker**, the Show chair, who does a lot for each of us. His “detail work” is much appreciated; to **Butch Jones**, Table chair, who coordinates where the dealers are placed & the coordination of the room itself; to **Pete Gabbard**, Membership Chair, who keeps tabs on all of us to be updated with our membership dues, & who welcomes new members into the Club, & who is our photographer at the Show; to his brother **Ron Gabbard**, Newsletter chair, who is the editor of our quarterly Newsletter, which is very well done & takes lots of preparation & time; to **Sandy Wheeler**, our Co-President & Raffle chair, for her coordinating the Special & Regular Raffles; to **Paul Denner**, our Social Media Chair, for keeping us current on Facebook & other media; to **Sandy Jones, Nancy Crawford, Jim & Linda Vories & our Auctioneer & Crew** who do a GREAT job with the Friday night Auction; to **Jacquie Fowler**, for being the hostess in the Hospitality Room each year & doing a superb job; to those who volunteer at the Registration table during the Show; & to ALL THOSE who help & assist in any way with anything. Your efforts are very much appreciated!!

I have written on this before, but I think it bears repeating. The Bottle Club is made up of such wonderful, giving, personable, friendly, loving people. Each year the Show provides the time to get “reconnected” with one another. It is a way to experience fellowship that our Club provides. The bottles are important, no doubt. But the people behind those bottles are just as important. And even more!

I hope you enjoy the pictures from the Show that are in this Newsletter. They show what the Show is all about! Who would have ever thought bottle-collecting could be so much fun?

Sandy & I are here to help in any way we can with the Club. We are here for YOU! And we have been busy in the last weeks since the Show. The Board has discussed & voted on the following:

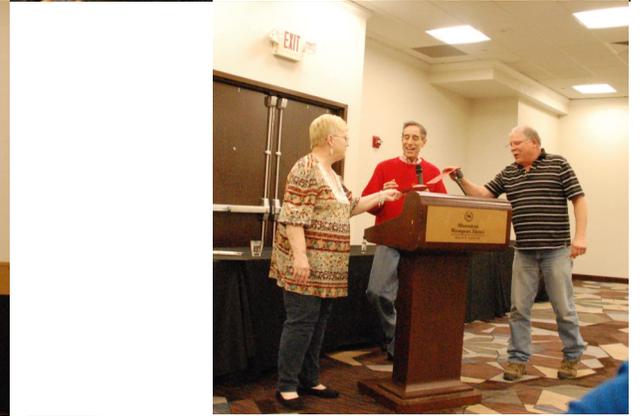
- 1) Jacquie Fowler is now a Board member. She does a lot for the Club.
- 2) The dues for the Club will remain the same. No increase.
- 3) The Raffles will include gift cards that any member may purchase & donate to the Club. No Club money will be used to purchase such cards. This may be a way to “liven up” the Raffles. Suggestions for gift cards: Amazon, Starbucks, or St. Louis Bread Company---cards that are universal for anyone to use or ones that could be used for a meal nearby the hotel. The 50/50 Raffle will continue. Also, if a dealer would like to donate a gift card for their table, say a \$10 or \$20 certificate to be used at their table, that would be fine.
- 4) The number of lots for the Friday night Auction will remain at 3.
- 5) The new time for the Show on Sunday will be from 9 a.m. to Noon.

We do have a President-Elect waiting in the wings to take over when my & Sandy’s term is over. It is Keith Cochran, a Board member & former Membership coordinator. We thank him for his willingness to assume the reins.

Enjoy this latest edition of the Newsletter. We are so fortunate to have the Midwest Miniature Bottle Club. We are only one of two such Bottle Clubs in the U.S., the other being the Northwest Club. Thanks to ALL who make our Club so viable.

Always keep your eyes open for more miniature treasures!!

Dinner, Meeting and Auction



It's My Pleasure

By Jim Crawford, Ohio

Here some Great "WINDOW" bottles I have recently added to my collection. Starting off is a rare set of 3 different **FURIO** minis. One is Gin, one is Tequila, and the other is Cognac. They were produced in France in 2013. This set is very hard to find and somewhat expensive. I had to buy them 1 at a time since I have never seen all 3 available at the same time. I was finally able to buy the **FURIO Tequila** a few weeks ago.

Next is an older "WINDOW" mini from Italy that was made in 1980. I actually now have 6 different minis shaped like this bottle. These are among some of the oldest "Window" bottles in my collection.

Finally the last picture shows 3 minis that I got at the MMBC show this year. The **NAYAA Mezcal** bottles came out in 2016, and shows pictures of 3 different types of Cactus in the window. You may recognize the bottle is similar to the **PISCO PORTON** minis issued several years ago. There are supposed to be a few more bottles coming out with several more different cactus pictures in the window. You can see these, and all of my "WINDOW" bottles on my Website at www.jimbottles.com



The Club Directory

Kiski Beam & Spec. Club: c/o Mr John D Ferchak Jr, 8916 Cranberry Dr, Monroeville PA 15146

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Ski Country Decanters Club, Lavon Daugherty E-Mail: skicountrydecanters@yahoo.com or write to: Ski Country Decanters Club, PO Box 473, Sugarcreek OH 44681-0473. Website at www.skicountrydecanters.com

Midwest Miniature Bottle Collectors' (MMBC): c/o Jim Crawford, 6934 Brittany Ridge Lane, Cincinnati OH 45233. Site at <http://miniaturebottles.com>

Northwest Miniature Bottle Club: 5412 South K Street Tacoma, Wa 98408 , Attn Ron. www.minibottleclub.com
Annual bottle show 3rd Saturday in August , 2016 Graham, Washington

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website: www.theminibottleclub.uk

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MMBC MEMBERSHIP

Dues are \$20.00/year for U.S and Canadian Members and \$22.00 for international members or \$15.00 for "online members" (members getting electronic version of the newsletter). You will receive quarterly newsletters. Mail a check, payable to "MMBC" to our membership chairman:

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We Would like to extend a big

Welcome

to all our new members

Thanks for joining the club.

Remember to do your part for the club and help Recruit new members.

Visit the MMBC club site at:
<http://miniaturebottles.com>.

WANT ADS



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For Sale (and in some cases trade)

For Sale: A few Vintage whiskies. Old Thompson, Walker's Deluxe, Southern Comfort, Black and White Scotch. Contact me for photos and pricing . Barry Rubin brubinichicago@hotmail.com

The Boss has Spoken !!!We are Downsizing. For Sale Over 12,000 Minis for sale –Straights-Figurals-Jugs– Wines-Beer–Liqueurs– More. All Old –Glass - full many with tax stamps.

Some new examples;

100's of Scotches \$4 each, Also have Brandy's, Cognacs, Rums, Tequilas and Gins \$4 each. Figurals starting at \$7

We will be unable to attend the show this year but always welcome collectors that would want to come our way.

Jerry Maushard-215 W McClure Ave Peoria IL 61604 1-309-682-0499 e-mail centf@att.net Fax 1-309-688-4137

For sale: gin collection, rum collection, whisky jug collection(over 400 jugs) . Serious concerns, contact me for the details. Send me your want lists for scotches, blend or malts." Butch Jones,fmjmini@aol.com or at 405 -722-3237.

FOR SALE: over 700 minis offered for sale from the 1960's to early 2003 in the following separate groups;
249 Figurals and Ceramics—112 Liqueurs—46 scotches—112 Bourbons and Whiskies, including 15 Jim Beam Nevada Bordellos—34 Tequilas—17 Gins—56 wines—57 Vodkas—9 pre-mixed—29 rums—10 vermouths—31 Brandies and Cognacs—10 Misc. Approx. 99% glass, seals intact, some in original boxes, will sell as a collection in above groups. Pictures available of figurals and ceramics but not of straights. E-mail rachelbeard41@gmail.com for more info, bottles are located in Northeast Texas

FOR SALE: Approximately 1200 minis offered for sale from 40+ year collection in the following separate groups:

72 Blends, Bourbons and Whiskeys— 109 Brandy, Cognacs, Tequilas—88 Canadians, Gins, Japanese, Greek and Chinese Liqueurs—66 Miscellaneous, Mixed Cocktails, Vermouths—241 Scotch and Wine—94 Rum and Vodka— 537 Miscellaneous Liqueurs

Approx. 99% glass, sealed, excellent condition. Many purchased from old collections. Selling as entire lot, or in above listed groups. E-mail: jlkaderlik@msn.com to advise your category(s) of interest

Looking for Bottles

Wanted: If you have any Railroad bottles or Thin Man bottles for sale please contact David Brody at minibot@cox.net or call 702-869-8814

Figurals, what have you got? Send me all of them! Come to think of it I probably don't have the room. Just send me the photos for Miniature Bottle Library and I will love you forever (in a purely platonic way guys!) Send to minizv@gmail.com

WANTED: I am looking for any type of minis from USSR, Russian, Ukrainian, Armenian, Uzbekistan and any other Post Soviet Union countries. Also any minis with Cyrillic letters on labels. Will offer good trades or will buy. Mikhail Madar e-mail: madarbak@gmail.com

WANTED: Still looking for good Irish whiskey ,preferably older ones... I would be happy to buy any, but, I also have several (for trade only), many of them good to very rare.. Plus, I wouldn't be above trading out of any other category for some good ones.. If interested, email me,or call me I'm located in Northeast Ohio. Bill Orr at bill4444445@roadrunner.com phone: 330-425-2365

LOOKING FOR: Bottles From Lithuania., Bottles from the airlines and bottles with the old state liquor stamps 815-254-5791 or e-mail ctpocius@att.net

WANTED;Frangos bottles and Bundaberg Rum bottles. Contact Graham Ramsay reandgraz@optusnet.com.au

Where's My Ad??????

It's easy enough to get an ad in .just contact me at gabspa@msn.com , call me at 253-241-8213 or drop me a line at 5412 S. K St. Tacoma, WA 98408

Butch's Bottles

Butch Jones Oklahoma City



These 8 mini scotches were produced by Whisky Connoisseur to commemorate 8 war posters from WWII. These were popular pinup girls from WWII (editor's note: If you were at this years annual meeting and auction you could have added this set to your collection)



Everyone has seen (and/or has in their collection) the Blue Washington Bust by Charles Jacquin . These are available in a few different Liquors, but were you aware that these bottles also came in Silver and Gold? Though the Silver and Gold Versions pop up every once in awhile they are considerably less common than the Blue one. If you ever run across one, you might just want to pick it up for your collection.

Faces at the Show



Wayne's World

Wayne Full Cheektowaga N.Y.

The three bottles that I have chosen to write about for this copy of the MMBC Newsletter have an unusual content, Diluted Gin, Diluted Blended Whiskey and Diluted Bourbon.

I was the high bidder on eBay for a bottle of Red Raven Diluted Bourbon which was produced by The Parnell Company of Cincinnati, Ohio. This made me check my collection to see what else I had by The Parnell Company and I found that I had Red Raven Diluted Blended Whiskey, Duffy's Tavern Diluted Bourbon Whiskey and Duffy's Tavern Diluted Gin.

The whiskey and bourbon bottles contained 2 year old product and are 42 proof. The gin is also 42 proof.

I had a discussion with David Smith about these bottles at the recent MMBC Bottle Show and he had never heard of diluted whiskeys or bourbons and also wondered why the company diluted them.

In writing this article I believe that I found the reason for the word diluted. On the bottle labels in very small print it states "U.S. Government Standards Requires Not Less Than 80 Proof". Therefore if the distiller added the word diluted to the product's name they can produce a 42 proof product without breaking the law.

If anyone has any additional information as to why the distillery would want to produce these products at 42 proof, please let me know and I will forward the information to David.



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Buy Czech Ceramic Mini Bottles directly from the producer
MMBC show jugs, Zodiac series jugs, many more
(some quantities limited)



Midwest Miniature Bottle Club Board Meeting
 Sheraton West Plaza, St. Louis, MO
 April 21, 2017

The annual board meeting of the MMBC was called to order at 3:30 by Co-Presidents, Fr. Joe Molloy and Sandy Wheeler. Those in attendance were: Bill Baker, Jim Baiers, Rotem Ben, Keith Cochran, Jim Crawford, Nancy Crawford, Paul Denner, Wayne Full, Pete Gabbard, Ron Gabbard, Butch Jones, Sandy Jones, Cody Pearce, Linda Voris, Ralph Voris, and Jim Worsley.

Fr. Molloy reported that Gary Evans, Dr. Raymond Zastrow and David Brody passed away this past year.

Treasurer, Bill Baker, gave a report of the club's finances. The club has approximately \$5500.00. This is a slight decrease from last year's balance.

2017 Show – Details of the 2017 show include: the Friday night dinner cost will be \$5.00 per member and \$10.00 per nonmember. The buffet begins at 5:00 pm, the club meeting follows at 6:00 pm and the auction begins at 7:00 pm. The hospitality suite is room 1210 and will be open from 4:00 to 10:00 pm on Saturday evening. Three cash raffle prizes will be given out at the Friday night meeting and must be used at the show either Saturday or Sunday. An early dues raffle will be held on Saturday at the show. Also a drawing for a free room night at the hotel and a dealer's drawing for a free 2018 show table will be held. Volunteers will be needed for both Saturday and Sunday at the front desk. The Saturday afternoon church services will be held in the Skylight Room and will begin at 4:30 pm.

Raffles – Discussion was held relative to raffle ticket sales. The quality of the donations of bottles has been declining thereby causing low ticket sales. Suggestions to help improve the raffles include raffling gift cards in addition to bottles and/or do a 50/50 raffle. It was decided that we would do a 50/50 raffle on Saturday this year. Improving the raffles will be an ongoing discussion.

Bill Baker, Show Chair, reported that the 2018 show will be held on April 20, 21 and 22 at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel, St. Louis, MO. Bill made a motion that he sign a contract with the Sheraton Plaza Hotel, St. Louis, MO for the 2019 show to be held April 26, 27 and 28, 2019. The room rates for the 2019 show will be \$112.00. Ralph Voris seconded. Motion carried. Bill reminded us that if anyone has any issue with the hotel, please contact him. Discussion was held relative to items to make our 40th show special. Paul Denner will look into tote bags. Some sort of special windowed bottle was discussed.

Pete Gabbard, Membership Chair, reported that we have 148 current members. There are several new members because of face book. Butch Jones, Table Chair, reported that we have sold all 46 seller tables. There are a couple new sellers.

Ron Gabbard, Newsletter Chair, reported that he will give out mini "writer" bottles to those who contributed articles to the newsletter. He encouraged everyone to send him articles.

Paul Denner, Social Media Chair, is keeping the MMBC active on facebook. There have been 455 likes on MMBC page. Paul keeps updated pictures on the site and has posted a schedule for show.

New Business – Sandy moved that starting with the 2018 auction, the club will collect 10% of the amount of the sale for any auction items. Jim Crawford seconded. Motion carried.

This year's show bottles will be both bourbon and vodka and the bottles are numbered 1 thru 60. Set #1 will be in this year's Friday night auction.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Voris Secretary

Bottles at the Show



This Years Writers award winners got a limited quantity special bottle for contributing to the newsletter. They look a lot like this one (each were individually numbered. Receiving the award were: (those not at the show will get them mailed to you)

Father Joe
Sandy Wheeler
Wayne Full
Jim Crawford
Mike Olson
Linda Voris
Butch Jones
Bill Gentry
David Smith
David Spaid
Jeff Alello
Graham Ramsay
John Sullivan



(There are a few of these bottles left, I had 20 made, so by contributing an article you can still get one (until I run out) plus you'll be in line for next years award, whatever it is I decide to do)

Thanks to all of you for making our newsletter what it is . (and making my job easier).

Award/Drawing Winners

Early Dues Drawing:
Jaquie Fowler
Free Table Drawing:
Bill Gentry
Free Night Drawing:
Lavon Daughtery

Awards were also given out to Linda Voris and Nancy Crawford for all the work that they do as the club secretary and manning the table out front (greeting show attendees , collecting dues and selling club bottles. Each received a certificate for a dinner on the club.

Raffle Winners Special Raffle

Drawing 1:
Mitri Manch

Drawing 2:
Kriss Peters

Drawing 3:
Bill Gentry

Hourly Raffles

Saturday

1st Raffle

Dave Gentry
Matthew Breese
Dave Gentry
Matthew Breese

2:30 Raffle

Kenny Bohlken
Irin Seville
Kriss Peters
Irin Seville

3:30 50/50 Raffle

John Sullivan

Sunday

11 am Raffle

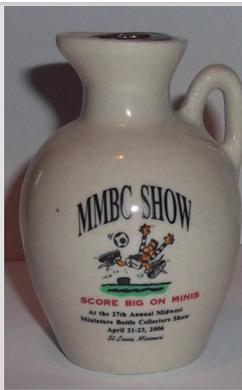
Pete Gabbard
Rob Colvin
Dave Gentry
Bill Gentry

Show Thoughts

Each year you find different bottles at the show and you never know what is going to be hot. That is the dilemma sellers have. One year Figurals are all the rage, the next year maybe it's tequila. Since you can't predict who is going to be at the show (besides the regulars and even then sometimes they will miss a show or two) And you don't know how many New attendees there will be (and what they may be interested in), It's hard to know what to bring . This years show had a nice selection of new bottles many that had not seen the show before. In addition there was a nice older whiskey collection for sale and John Sullivan continued bringing some of his nice older bottles. Of course Mauricio had some fantastic Tequilas and Seva had a wide range of Vodkas, Gins and Whiskies (and just about any other newer bottle you could want). With about 50 tables there was something for everyone and I found myself bringing home more new bottles than I had the last couple of years. (but by no means did I come close to bringing home the number of bottles Rotem picked up). The show is more than the 10 to 4 in the convention room, it's going out with friends to hunt for bottles in the local liquor stores (and finding some deals as well as somehow not getting shot when you find yourself in a not so great part of town). It's catching up at dinner Saturday night or in the Hospitality suite or Hotel Bar. It's helping another collector find a bottle for their collection. As I have heard from many attendees , it is as much about connecting and reconnecting with collector friends as it is about the bottles. But the bottles you find are Sweet too.



2005



2006



2007



2008



2010



2011

SHOW JUGS (and Bottles)
 We have the 05 Archer, 06 soccer, 07 Tennis, 08 Hockey, 10 Race Car, 11 Golf, the 2012 Bottle with the Monkey and the 2013 bottle with leprechaun.
Limited time offer
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 Quantities are limited and they will be sold on a first come first serve basis, when they are gone, they are gone. Shipping (to the US) is \$6.30 for the first one and \$1.00 for each additional one. They make great additions to you collection or even great stocking stuffers. Contact me by mail (Ron Gabbard 5412 South K street Tacoma, WA 98408), e-mail (gabspa@msn.com) or phone (253-241-8213). Get yours today!!!!



2013



2012



2015



2016

We Currently have a few of the 2015, 2016 and 2017 bottles. These bottles are selling for \$10 each. (2017 available in Vodka and Bourbon)

(Sorry the 2014 sold out at the show and is not available)



2017

Support the club and order yours today!!

MELOS MINIS

In this article I would like to go back to some nice Pre pros. The good thing about these is that most are empty so they can be sold on evilbay. The other side of the coin is that a lot of these have damaged labels. I have eased up a little on keeping bottles with a small amount of label damage, but I still will not add a bottle to my collection that is a "dog". I would like to lead off with a bottle which I think is the best pre pro in my collection and possibly (arguably) the best one in existence. It is T W Samuels Bourbon Whiskey in absolute mint condition. It has a killer label, the bonded stamp is still intact and it is still about half full. Next pair are also super examples. They are Quaker Maid Whiskey and both are heavily embossed and in great condition considering their age. The next two are recent additions and are Keuka Chief Whiskey and McGinnis Pure Rye Whiskey. The McGinnis fit nicely on a shelf which I have trouble finding the right bottle, last but not least is BWOE (Best Whiskey On Earth) Rye Whiskey which I just picked up.

Finally, I was trying to get a count on my pre pros. I gave up as being impossible, too many bottles in the gray area and should I count Canadians. Screw it I don't really care, I just know I have a bunch.



Until Next Time
.... MELO



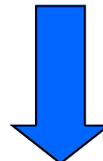
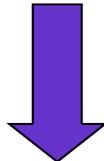
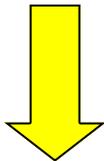
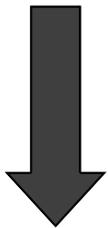
Sad News



Mike Myers passed away on May 12, in Tulsa Oklahoma. Mike was a “semi regular” at the show (he has missed a couple of shows), and an Avid collector. I met Mike at my first show in 2008, he was part of the “Dinner Gang” on Saturday Night at Dierdorf and Harts. He was a generous collector that was also a member of the Northwest club. He had a good sense of Humor and it was always enjoyable talking with him at the show. He will be missed.



Here is a place to find some nice bottles



Register at www.kccmb.com. Free to register, free to list and no valuation fees. You can buy and sell your bottles for free. Register today!!!!

Know Your Fellow Collector

Paul Denner Social media Chairman and Show Logo Designer



My first article in the MMBC newsletter better be a good one I was told. If I want people to keep reading it all the way to the end I better put in some suspense and intrigue. To which I replied, “I just happen to have a suspenseful story about how I started collecting”. It is my honor and privilege to tell you all starting now. My collecting started on a clear and warm spring day in Wisconsin. I was outside doing some gardening when I looked up to see some dark clouds rolling in from the west. Since I had just done some planting I was hoping for rain. I picked up my phone to look at the radar to see a thunderstorm fast approaching. The clouds kept getting darker and closer so I went into the house. I turned on the TV to look for the weather when I saw that there was a tornado warning for my area. I quickly rushed to the window to see just exactly what it looked like outside. Right when I got to the window a massive bolt of lightning hit a tree right outside. It scared me so bad that I ran directly to the basement to hide. Upstairs I heard rumbling, cracking and smashing and I knew this might be the end. This

was the scariest moment of my life. The tornado was right over my house. After about 2 minutes it was over. I walked over to the steps to go upstairs when I realized there was no house above them. Slowly walking up the steps, I could hardly breathe. When I got to what was left of the first floor there was nothing left but a box. A box that was not there when I went downstairs. It must have landed there from someone else’s house after the twister. The box was in one piece and hardly damaged. My curiosity piqued so I opened the box. It was filled to the rim with mini vodka bottles all full, and glass. Not even one was broken. It was a sign, a sign that I should start collecting them. And this was a sign that I am a bad liar, because not a word of that was true. The real story is not that thrilling but that was right? The real true story of my collecting started with my late father. You see my dad was a Marine. He taught me respect, discipline, and manners before he passed in 2010. My dad was the strongest man I had and have ever known. I looked up to him in every way and he taught me so much. I honor him by doing things he would be proud of me for. When I was growing up my father was extremely homophobic and many times made gay jokes and comments. When I was 18 I got the courage to tell my father and mother I was gay. My father immediately rejected me and did not speak to me. This made me want to get away from them so I moved out. After I moved out I had a rough 2 years bouncing from job to job and house to apartment to my car. To which I lived in my car for 6 months without a place to live when I was 19. After about 2 years he invited me back and started talking to me. This was a massive step forward for the man’s man that was my father. We went back to golfing together, and talking, going out to dinner and spending time like a normal family. He finally respected me for who I was and that it was not a choice. I could not have been prouder of him. This was I could not be prouder until he came to my wedding and accepted my husband Cody. My dad got me into collecting without him even being alive. He always liked doing shots, and not just lightweight shots, manly shots of 18 to 30- year-old whiskey. I could never keep up because I was not a whiskey connoisseur and couldn’t handle hard liquor. Several times I would end up outside in the snow bank puking after a drinking battle with my dear ole dad. After his sudden, unexpected passing in 2009 I bought some 50ml miniature whiskey bottle shots to drink in his honor. The best store for such bottles was Tenuta’s in Kenosha. I picked up 8 mini whiskey bottles from the store, the most expensive ones they had. When I had them in my hand I remember how cool they looked. I took the 8 bottles to my mom’s house to do a toast to my dad. After we drank them we put them on a shelf in the dining room and I remember thinking what a great idea. What a fun hobby to start, collecting mini bottles. A week after the whiskey shot tribute to my father I started shopping. Back to Tenuta’s I went and I bought one of every single type of mini, including plastic. My collection officially got started. I shopped on eBay for mini bottles and every local liquor store I could. My collection shot up to 50 within a week. It was amazing to me, every bottle had its own intricacies. Some of my first bottles were Midora and Patron. Being such a new collector I had no clue to focus on only one spirit. My collecting was all over the map. After about 2 months I had 100 bottles. I talked to a member of the MMBC somewhere, maybe eBay. He told me about the club and that it was \$15 a year. I thought about it but didn’t see the need for a club at that point in early 2010. Later that same year after I had well over 150 bottles. I realized that collecting every type of spirit was impossible. So, I made a drastic switch and ditched all the plastic and all the non-vodka bottles. There is no real reason for me to collect vodka but that’s what I landed on. My collection dropped from 150 to like 50 after I sold or drank the non-vodkas. I started to expand my shopping to stores a couple cities away. After another 6 months, I was back to 150 bottles. Let’s speed up to 2017 with my collection standing at 584 after gaining 75 new bottles from the Annual Show this year. More about my early show experiences next time.

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Show in Bilbao.

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yourself in Next
years picture?

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at the end of Sep-
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Looking for something to do this September? Why not attend the 7th Annual meeting of the Spanish Miniature bottles Collectors Club? You want to visit Spain and you love collecting bottles, sounds like a perfect combination. And then you can tell us all about your trip in the following newsletter....everybody wins.





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The 39th Annual Midwest
Miniature Bottle Collectors Show
APRIL 20 - 22, 2018
St. Louis, Missouri

Golf Tournament is back on this year contact Bill Baker ASAP to reserve your spot.

Friday April 20, 2017

5:00 PM Member's Sandwich Buffet
6:00 PM Meeting
7:00 PM Member's Consignment Auction

Location: To Be Announced

Saturday April 21, 2017

Show Hours 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Hospitality Suite Open After The Show

Admission Free

Sunday April 22, 2017

Show Hours 9:00 AM - Noon

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