



# Midwest Miniature Bottle Collector's Newsletter



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Foreign bottles have always been interesting to collect. It is cool to get a bottle from a country far away, in many cases I have no idea what is in the bottle (as I can't read it). Perhaps one of the most interesting countries to make bottles is Germany. There is a wide variety of colorful labels and many odd shaped bottles. Not to mention that nothing seems to be off limits for them. You can find bottles (like the ones to the left) depicting boobs, butts, condoms, syringes or sperm (in addition to toilets, vibrators, gas tanks and more) and they are all done playfully and colorfully. The bottles pictured here are a small sample that I found on the minibottle library. If you haven't visited you should and why not contribute a picture or two of bottles that are not there. Thanks to David Smith for making (and maintaining) such a great sight for bottle collectors (and especially newsletter editors looking for bottle pictures to use). The Website is [www.minibottlelibrary.com](http://www.minibottlelibrary.com)



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



The Show is coming , the show is coming!!!! Well it is still 6 months off but it's never too early to plan and attend. If you make your room reservations you can be sure to get the club rates and if there is a change of plans you can always cancel. Want to go to the show but need some help getting there? Let me know, we generally have people coming from all directions, it may be that someone could pick you up and give you a ride, you'll never know unless you ask.

The show in Italy was a success based on what I have heard. The attendance was a little less than what the show promoters had hoped for, but I understand the hospitality was terrific and there were plenty of opportunities to get bottles. You can't attend that show in 2013, but it will return in 2014. Page 16 has all the info you will need to start your planning for a fabulous vacation to Italy (with a bottle show to boot). You can see some pictures from the show on page 15.

The Northwest Mini Bottle Club just had a successful summer meeting/show. This was probably the show you would have wanted to attend as the club served Steak and Lobster to all the guests. We did have visitors from Minnesota and Chicago and even though the show was small (about 20 attendees) by MMBC show standards there were still plenty of bottles and lots of fun. The club's Christmas meeting this year will be serving Prime Rib.....Not sure how we will be able to top this year's menu next year. You'll find some pictures on page 14.

The gloom and doom forecast for the Washington State Liquor stores appears to be (at least at this point) way off. More than one person told me that when the stores went private there would be NO MORE minis. I have ventured into stores and am happy to announce that is the furthest thing from the truth. At this point every store seems to have at least 1 or 2 bottles not found at other stores. It reminds me of bottle hunting in California. I have only checked out about a dozen stores but a few of them have very helpful owners willing to order in

Hope everyone had a good summer bottle hunting season. I picked up a couple new bottles (as well as a few nice traders) while on vacation in Hawaii. I also completed a trade with a collector in India and another in Poland. That along with the NWMBC show and revamped Washington State Liquor stores allowed me to add a few bottles to my collection as well as stock up on some nice trading bottles. Hopefully the fall season will bring in a nice assortment of new bottles.

Jim Crawford is starting his campaign to bring more people to our show (and maybe even get some more members). You can too. What can you do? Let other collectors you run into know about the show and the club. Encourage your trading partners (even the ones from around the globe) to attend the show. Maybe you know someone that hasn't been to the show for a little while, call them up and encourage them to come....If you're driving maybe you can even carpool. If everyone does just a little work, we can greatly affect the show (and club membership). The earlier you start, the better the chance you can get some extra people to the show. (and that is good for all of us).

If you have not been on facebook (either lately or at all) there is a fair amount of mini bottle activity going on. The groups devoted to mini bottle collecting give you a chance to buy, sell or trade with collectors all over the world. It's a great way to move some of those extra bottles you have and pick up some bottles you didn't even know you were looking for.

Anyone wanting to Rent a table at next year's show, and needing a table contract should contact Jim Worsley at [jrswwor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jrswwor@sbcglobal.net) . Do this early as last year there was a waiting list just prior to the show.

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# The President Speaks.....From Your MMBC President, Wayne Full NY

Hi to all my fellow mini bottle collectors,

Here we are at the end of a very hot, dry summer for many of you. We have experienced some great weather and mother nature has also hit areas of the country with some terrible things - tornadoes, forest fires, floods, extreme heat, drought, etc. Hopefully mother nature's fury wasn't too hard on you and yours, and we can look forward to a great fall with its abundance of fresh fruits and vegetables and trees in full color.

Lets hope that your summer trips were safe and brought you the opportunity to do some successful bottle hunting along with some great times for you and yours.

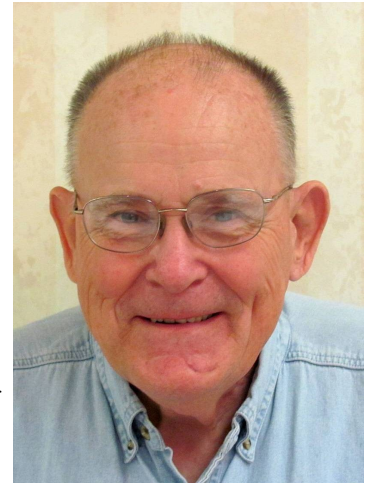
Remember this club and its newsletter does not run themselves; it takes you the members for them to continue to survive and to prosper. So talk up the club and the hobby. We all need to be out praising this great hobby of bottle collecting, and enticing people that we know to become involved in bottle collecting. We can tell them of the expectation of the search for new bottles, the thrill of finding that bottle that we have been trying to acquire and the country-wide (even world-wide) friendships that we have made. Better yet, get them interested and then talk them into joining MMBC. For someone to join they should contact:

Keith Cochran  
P.O. Box 16912  
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They should include their name, address, city, state (country), zip code, telephone no. and e-mail along with a check or money order (U.S. funds), payable to MMBC. The phone no. and e-mail are optional. They should also say if they want the newsletter mailed to them or sent to them via e-mail and if they want to be included in the e-mail Bottle Blast. The e-mail copy of the newsletter is great because all of the pictures are in color and the Bottle Blast shows you new bottles that other collectors have found. Effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 Club dues will be \$12.00 if you receive the newsletter electronically, \$20.00 if you choose to get a paper copy of the newsletter within the U.S.A., and \$25.00 if we mail the newsletter to a foreign country. Remember, if you get the newsletter electronically, you get all the bottle pictures in color. The Bottle Blast is an electronic publication where members submit pictures of bottles they have found recently and Ron Gabbard puts them together along with other bottle information into a monthly publication.

It is never too early to think about next year's St. Louis show which will be April 19<sup>th</sup>, 20th and 21st, 2013. Make your reservations now and lets make MMBC's 33th Show the best ever.

Until next time, have a great fall of mini bottle collecting and always THINK MINIES.



**A couple of random pictures from the 2012 MMBC show just because I have the room to put them here.**



## WAYNES WORLD BY WAYNE FULL

This article is about three bottles. The first is one that all blended whiskey collectors have in their collection, the second bottle is one that most if not all blended whiskey collectors have in their collection and the last is one that few whiskey collectors have in their collection.

The first bottle is Seagram's 5 Crown Blended Whiskey. The one that I have, produced by Joseph Seagram and Sons is quilted glass, 1/10 pint and contains 90 proof whiskey that is at least four years old. Based on the Florida tax stamp, this bottle is from about 1941. The bottle has a tan label with gold trim at the bottom, five crowns at the top and red and black lettering with a big number 5 in the middle of the label.

The less common bottle number two is also Seagram's 5 Crown Blended Whiskey. As with the first bottle, it was produced by Joseph Seagram and Sons and is quilted glass, but because of the Nevada tax stamp covering the back label, I can't give you the bottle size or whiskey proof. Based on the Nevada tax stamp this bottle is from about 1945. The bottle also has a tan label, the lettering is mostly black with a white 5 and Five Crown which is set in a bar of red. The 5 is on a crown.

Bottle number three is similar to bottle number one in all respects but one; it is not Blended Whiskey but contains Rectified Whiskey. Based on the Treasurer's name on the Wisconsin tax stamp on this bottle, it is from between 1933 and 1937. Some research tells me that "Rectified" means to adjust the proof of alcoholic beverages or to refine or purify especially by distillation. I also found that "Rectified" was used to define spirits that used corn based natural spirits.

These bottles would be a fine addition to any collection and certainly are to mine.



# It's My Pleasure

By Jim Crawford, Ohio

In June, my sister & her husband and Nancy & I went into Mexico for the first time in about 5 years. We went to Puerto Vallarta for a week & had a fantastic time. Even though we were in the State of Jalisco (the heart of Tequila country), there was not many mini tequilas available except for a set of 3 new *La Cofradia* Tequilas. The bottle design and cap are completely different from the old design, but the label design is essentially the same as the old style bottle.



A few days after going back to Coronado, David Spaid & I went down into the Baja in search of minis in Puerto Nuevo & Rosarito. We started with a famous Puerto Nuevo Lobster lunch & a few Margaritas. After Lunch I found the mini *Corralejo 99,000 Horas Añejo Tequila*. Next, it was up to Rosarito where I found lots of minis at *Marcedo Del Mar Liquor Store*. Some of the minis I bought included a new set of *Siete Leguas Tequila* (7 Leagues Tequila). The bottle is the same but the labels are a new design. Finally, is a *Reserva Del Señor Reposado Tequila* with a new label & bottle design (no handle). I actually got 17 different mini Tequilas on this trip, but space limited what pictures I could show.

We felt completely safe during the day, but we made sure we were back across the Boarder before dark. Also I noticed that prices were much higher for minis that they used to be. Inflation has definitely hit the mini liquor bottles in Mexico!



## The Club Directory

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

**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. Web-site at [www.skicountrydecanters.com](http://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:** 982 "E" Street, Washogal WA 98671, Attn Donna. [www.minibottleclub.com](http://www.minibottleclub.com)  
**Annual bottle show August , 2012 Graham, Washington**

**Associazione Collezionisti Bottiglie E Mignon Club Delle Mignonnettes:** Via Gaibola 25, 40068 San Lazzaro De Savena (Bo) Italy

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**Osaka Miniature Bottle Club:** c/o Mr Taizo Shiratsuchi, 11-2 Hakucho 1-Chrome, Habikinoshi, Osaka 583, Japan

**New Zealand Miniature Bottle Club** (formerly Port Nicholson Miniature Bottle Club): c/o Mr. David Smith, 11 Trevor Terrace, Paremata, Wellington ,New Zealand  
Email [minibottles@xtra.co.nz](mailto:minibottles@xtra.co.nz). [www.minisnz.com](http://www.minisnz.com)

**The Mini Bottle Club UK:** c/o Jacky Drake, 22 Falcon Road, Calne Wiltshire, SN11 8PL, U.K. The club website is at <http://www.minibottleclub.co.uk/> (UPDATED WEB ADDRESS)

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**<http://miniaturebottles.com>.**

# WANT ADS



**FOR SALE:** I have a 3 page list of old and new bottles most of which are vodkas such as Saaga from Estonia, Marani from Armenia, Snow Leopard from Poland, Valt from Scotland and many more which are not sold in the U.S. Write me at [dmspaid2161@me.com](mailto:dmspaid2161@me.com) and I'll email you my list. If you'd like a hard copy and snail mail, write me at David M. Spaid, P. O. Box 2161, Palos Verdes, CA 90274 PS Also have Tito's, X-Rated, Sputnik, Sputnik House of Lords, etc.

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

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95 Canadians, Gins, Japanese, Greek and Chinese Liqueurs  
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240 Scotch and Wine  
107 Rum and Vodka  
548 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](mailto:jlkaderlik@msn.com) to advise your category(s) of interest.

I have been ordered to move my scotch single malt whiskey collection. Approx 800 Single Malt Whiskeys/ plus 60 duplicates and 50 Misc. Nearly all collected in Scotland in the early 1980s Includes some nice old ones and a 1919 Campbeltown #16. I think there were only 20 bottled. Most all still full. Best offer. For questions, pictures or more information contact me at [tim\\_brennan@att.net](mailto:tim_brennan@att.net). I am located in Cleveland Ohio.

**FOR SALE:** A huge figural collection with many rare items, many rare items seldom seen. If you are looking for something, now is the time to send me your want list, as this is the first it has been advertised. Collection also has a good number of German and Japanese give-a-ways. I can put you in touch with these great minis. I personally have thousands of scotch minis and others for sale. Contact Butch Jones for information at (405) 722-3237 (nights) or email him at [fmjimini@aol.com](mailto:fmjimini@aol.com). (1-09/1-10)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:madarbak@gmail.com)

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# MELOS MINIS

By Mike Olson



In this article we look at one solution to the California tax stamp problem, plus we'll look at some Old Mr Boston variations which are rarely seen and we will close with two recently acquired pre pros. State tax stamps can be removed by several methods, but it can result in damage to the label. I would caution extreme care be taken. Anyway, bottle number one is Cedar Arms Kentucky Bourbon Straight Whiskey. This is one of the great California whiskeys from the Sontag Drug Stores. The California stamp has been mostly removed from the label, which is printed with a wood grain. I thought these were dirt marks until I saw the bottle in person! The next two bottles are Old Mr Boston Bourbons. I had never seen either of these variations until I acquired them. The first one is from the 1950's and the other is from the 1960's. I have the second variation in a Thin Man. I have pictured a sample case which holds 9 of the 21 OMB Thin Man whiskeys in my collection.





## MELOS MINIS cont.



The last two bottles are pre pros and new to my collection. I have always liked the Harvard Rye and had one without the label when I first started collecting. (The back is embossed). The last of these is a Clarke Bros Sour Mash Whiskey in a colorful labeled flask.

Finally, I am very goal orientated and have set some for my collection. The only one I have not met is 100 California whiskeys from the 1930's. This is a pretty tall order for someone in the midwest, but I'm now up to about 96. Can somebody please help me!!  
Until next time . . . . MELO . . . .

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**Get yours today!!!!**

# News From Across The Pond

## Dave Allen

I'll start this article with the Rutherford jugs I've been talking about in the last two newsletters, but I'm afraid I'm still waiting for the ones from Pointer's. I was, however, able to obtain several other royal decanters from Rutherford's that I would appear to have missed out on when they were originally issued. I'm sure you will enjoy seeing them.

Starting with the new issues first, photo 1 depicts the jug that Rutherford's issued in celebration of the queen's diamond jubilee. Photo 2 illustrates the ceramic book that was also produced to commemorate the same occasion. There is text on the reverse of both of these ceramics that gives you the relevant information about this event.

Photo 3 shows us the jug that depicts the royal yacht Britannia. The yacht found a new lease of life as a five star tourist attraction after she was decommissioned in 1997 following 44 years at sea. She is now berthed at the Ocean Terminal in Leith, Edinburgh. There is text on the reverse of this jug that gives some of the technical information relating to the Britannia.

Photo 4 is the front image of a jug that was produced in commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the deaths of Robert Falcon Scott and his team on their ill-fated Terra Nova Expedition to the South Pole in 1912. There is text on the reverse of this jug that gives some detail about this event.

Photo 5 is a jug that was produced in celebration of the Olympic and Paralympics Games that were hosted by London in the United Kingdom during 2012.

Photo 6 is another jug that was produced in 2012 and depicts another image of the iconic Concorde, which was decommissioned in 2003 following 27 years of service in both Britain and France.



And now for the jugs which are new to me but have in fact been around for a while. I'll start with photo's 7 and 8 which are a pair of ceramic books that were issued to commemorate the engagement of prince Charles to Diana Spencer in 1980.

Photo 9 is an entirely different one from the wedding of Charles and Diana.

Photo 10 is a commemorative jug from the wedding of Charles and Camilla.

Photo 11 is one from Charles and Camilla's wedding reception. Photo's 12 and 13 are two different images of Diana holding prince Harry.

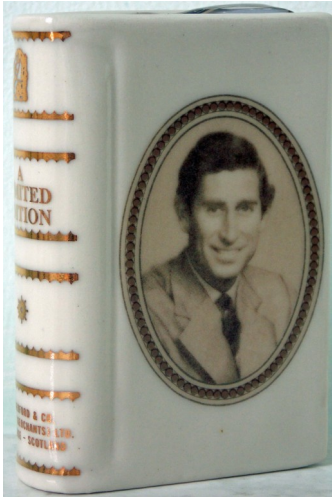
Photo 14 is an image of Charles and Diana with William and Harry.

Photo 15 is an image taken at the christening of prince Harry and depicts the queen mother holding the infant.

Photo 16 is another image from the same christening, and includes the queen, queen mother, of

All of these jugs/books are 5cl in size and contain Rutherford's Scotch whisky bottled at 40%vol.

**News From Across The Pond cont.  
Dave Allen**



I've decided to deviate slightly from ceramics with my whisky company profile this time, and instead give you the lowdown on a firm that started out as grocers early in the 19<sup>th</sup> century before moving into the whisky trade, and ultimately producing a plethora of miniature stoneware decanters containing their Sterlini Scotch whisky. They also produced bulk-size stoneware jugs as well as glass bottles, but for this article we will concentrate only on the wee jugs. The firm in question is D. & J. MacEwen & Co. Ltd., who started out in 1804 when brothers David and James MacEwen opened their first outlet as grocers and wine and spirit merchants in Broad Street, Stirling. Up till then the family background had been in farming, with many generations of MacEwens working on the Drummond Castle Estates. Over the lifetime of the business they opened branches in Aberfoyle, Bridge of Allan, Callander, Comrie, Crieff, Doune, Dunblane, Fort William, Killin and Inverness. Today, this side of the family business is no more, but it has been replaced by a successful property and investment company still bearing the MacEwen name, and based in Callander. The current directors are Mrs Sheila MacEwen and Mrs I.J.R. MacEwen.

**News From Across The Pond cont.  
Dave Allen**

From its inception the business did rather well, attracting all the wealthier customers from in and around the Stirling area. Ultimately they needed to expand, so in 1826 they bought land in the area which is now Port Street in Stirling, and built larger premises to accommodate all the diverse operations of their business. Around this time a third brother, John MacEwen, joined the firm. He was by profession a lawyer, but was persuaded to give this up to enable him to manage the Port Street operation.

In 1838 a new branch was opened in King Street in Stirling, and over the next decade or so three more family members, Daniel, John and Robert MacEwen, joined the firm. Over the following forty years three more branches were opened, Callander in 1857, Killin in 1895 and Aberfoyle in 1898.

Around 1900 a huge fire all but destroyed the Port Street premises, but they were rebuilt, bigger and better than before. The new cellars covered some 3,000 square feet, and the stocks held there included casks of Cambus, Glen Grant, Lagavulin, Talisker and Ben Nevis.

By 1904, they had opened all their outlets with the exception of Comrie, Doune and Inverness, and in this same year the Lord Provost of Glasgow, Sir John Ure Primrose, hosted a centenary celebration dinner for the firm in the Albert Hall, Stirling, which was attended by 180 guests. The following evening a second function was held for all of the staff.

The next major landmark was 1928, when the firm of MacDonald and MacKintosh of Inverness was acquired by MacEwen's. This business was allowed to continue trading under its own name, along with its whisky brand of Clan Chattan.

The last outlet to be opened was in Doune in Perthshire in 1960.

After having said all that, what we as collectors are really interested in is what was produced in miniature, what we already have in our collections, and ultimately what we are still looking for to complete the set.

The following pictorial checklist gives you what is hopefully a comprehensive set of what has been produced over the years. The first group (photo's 17 – 23) were the earliest produced and did not display the strength of 70°proof. You will also note that all of the outlets did not have their own jug at this time. The second group (photo's 24 – 32) shows the later version, depicting the strength of the contents on each jug, and of course more outlets were represented by this time. You should note that I have been unable to uncover jugs for the outlets at Doune and Inverness, but perhaps someone can confirm whether or not any were produced. Then of course we have the products of Clan Chattan, which must be included if we wish to complete the set. There were three variations of these, (photo's 33 – 35) two with the MacDonald & MacKintosh name, and the third one which carried the name of D. & J. MacEwen. Finally, we have the elusive green-topped variations, (photo's 36 & 37) which were produced carrying both the Sterlini and Clan Chattan names. We are left to speculate why they were produced in this format as, apart from the colour change there was also a shape change too, with these ones being flat-sided. Note too that they do not carry the owner's name, nor do they have a strength statement. Were they for export? Were they perhaps a customer special? Were they prototypes? Who knows, but they are the rarest of them all.

For the record, I am on the lookout for the Aberfoyle and Crieff jugs without the strength statement, and the Bridge of Allan jug with the strength statement. I also need the Clan Chattan green-topped version. If anyone has spares of any of this foursome then I'm sure I can come up with a suitable exchange.

That's your lot till next time, so till then.....



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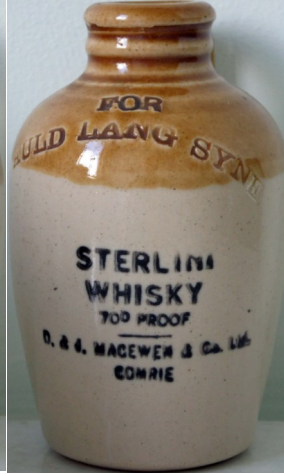
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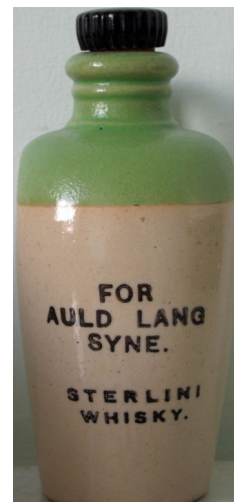
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# NWMBC SHOW



The Northwest Miniature Bottle Club had their 6th annual bottle show in conjunction with their summer meeting. This year the club had Steak and Lobster (along with side dishes brought by club members). There were about 20 members in attendance with a few hundred bottles available on the show tables. The fun included a wheel of fortune raffle as well as two other raffles. In addition to the meeting and show the club celebrated Pete Gabbard's 50th birthday. In honor of his birthday, Pete got skunked in the wheel of Fortune raffle being the only person that purchased tickets and not win a single bottle. The MMBC had a nice presence at this meeting with 6 MMBC members in attendance (Kriss and Evelyn Peters, Pete and Ron Gabbard, Jacque Fowler, and Dan McFarland flying in from Chicago and Minnesota respectively)



# MiniBottle Magazine Show In Italy



I found the top 2 pictures on facebook and “borrowed” the bottom 2 from David Smith. The show will run again in 2014. (so start planning), A few MMBC members made this show, John Sullivan, David Smith, and Giuseppe Savoca.



The show included a couple of planned sight seeing tours, Organized meals, an auction as well as Guiseppe opening up part of his collection for sale. Foreign attendees were given a nice (and well made) plaque.

It was a small show ( attendance wise) but was a big show with all the planned activities and amenities. (which included a free hotel room for foreign visitors) The 2014 show should have larger attendance and still have all the great amenities.

# 2014 Italian Show Scheduled!!!

In July of 2014 a group of Sicilian Miniature Bottle Collectors will be sponsoring a huge 3 day Miniature Bottle Show in Francavilla, Sicily.

**Non Italian residents that are subscribers to the *Minibottles Magazine* in 2013 and 2014 can take advantage of the following special offers when they attend the show. If you are not a current *Minibottles Magazine* subscriber, now is the best time to subscribe so you can take advantage of these offers.**

- Free table for the show
  - 2 nights in Giuseppe's hotel d'Orange d'Alcantara (On a Bed and Breakfast basis)
  - Extra nights in hotel at only € 39 for single rooms (twin room for € 59) whether you are an exhibitor or just attending the show.
  - A fantastic and well organized Mini Bottle Show
  - The opportunity to shop for minis in Francavilla. (The shops have thousands of minis at great prices)
  - The Chance to meet lots of Italian collectors. You will also discover many interesting minis not available in the U.S.
- Free sightseeing trip on a chartered "*Minibottles Magazine* bus". (Location to be determined)

**To be eligible for free nights and special pricing you must make reservations before January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014.**

**Location:** Hotel d'Orange d'Alcantara di Francavilla

The price for meals and accommodations are less than you will find at the other Mini Bottle shows and conventions in other Countries.

## Schedule of Events

### **18<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 – Friday**

10 a.m. Free sightseeing trip on a chartered *Minibottles Magazine* bus. (Location to be determined)

1 p.m. Lunch (Sicilian menu for € 25,00 drinks and taxes included)

8 p.m. Pizza and beer evening (taste different types of pizza cooked in wood oven for € 10 per person) **19<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 – Saturday**

9 a.m. Collect consignment minis for auction

9.30 – 2 p. m. Mini Bottle Auction

2 p.m. Break for lunch (light lunch at € 20 – pasta, main dish, vegetables and dessert, drinks)

After lunch group photos in the square in front the hotel.

4 p. m. Pay for Consignment minis bought from the auction, collect money from consignments.

7 p.m. Cocktail party hosted by the sponsor, free souvenirs and miniatures

8 p.m. Fresh fish meal (€ 25 drinks and taxes included – starter, pasta, main dish, vegetables, lemon sorbet, water, wine, coffee, digestive) with Live music entertainment.

### **20<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 – Sunday**

8 a.m. Sellers can start setting up their table

9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Bottle Show (Free admission)

**Additional tours available to anyone staying a couple extra days in Sicily**

### **21<sup>st</sup> July, 2014 – Monday**

Excursion to Ortigia and Siracusa with tour guide (euro 49 per person)

### **22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2014 – Tuesday**

Excursion by jeep to Etna Nord. Departing time at 9 o'clock from Francavilla and return about 2 p. m. (euro 65 per person, lunch not included)

### **23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2014 – Wednesday**

Follow the town movie set "The Godfather". Casalvecchio Siculo and Savoca and its famous 'Bar Vitelli', the Capuchins museum and crypt mummy. In the afternoon meet with some collectors at their houses and see their collections.

**Do you really want to miss this show?**



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# How many variations of the same set is there?

## Classic Malts of Scotland



This was one of the 1st Scotch sets I got (before I was even specializing in scotch) (2nd row on the left is the actual 1st set I got). Since then I have found a few variations. Same bottles but different packaging. The one exception to that is the lower left picture. Same set of bottles only this is the Distillers edition with all of the bottles "double matured"

The difference between the 2 sets on the second row is one shows the map of Scotland in brown while the second shows it in color. The set on the above shows the map in color but the box is about 2/3 the size of the two above. The difference is the bottles in this set is 5cl whereas in the other sets they are 50 ml.



And now it is available in the new tube style bottles that are appearing everywhere.

**Recently I received some informational papers from David Spaid. Included was an advertisement (or at least a copy of the advertisement) from Marco Liquor Company which was located in Chicago Illinois. It included a price list that I thought some of you might find interesting. So here is the list and price of what you could buy. Keep in mind this list is from 1939. It was typed with no pictures.**

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Hand-blown crystal glass miniatures of the finest workmanship and quality obtainable. These animals are lifelike in every detail and color. All miniatures listed below are in stock and available now. C1 to C12 inclusive, of the blown glass are listed for the first time in this country.

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- |      |                           |      |  |
|------|---------------------------|------|--|
| A-1  | Giraffe                   | B-5  | Kingfisher-Gold Beak and Wings           |
| A-2  | Swan                      | B-6  | Rooster on Glass Stand                   |
| A-3  | Camel                     |      | (Black Curled Tail Feathers)             |
| A-4  | Elk-Gold Horns            | B-7  | Reindeer on Glass Stand                  |
| A-5  | Reindeer-Brown Horns      |      | <u>FIRST IMPORTATION OF THIS NEW SET</u> |
| A-6  | Goose                     | C-1  | "Ferdie" The Bull                        |
| A-7  | Kangaroo                  | C-2  | Game Cock—Red Comb                       |
| A-8  | Boar                      | C-3  | "Nanny Goat" Female (with Udder)         |
| A-9  | Green-Waterbird           | C-4  | Blue Dove                                |
| A-10 | Red-Peacock               | C-5  | Flatbill Duck                            |
| A-11 | Dachshund-Green-ears      | C-6  | Cockatoo                                 |
| A-12 | Elephant                  | C-7  | Pig-Pink Ears & Curled Tail              |
| A-13 | Pelican (Orange Beak)     | C-8  | Horse                                    |
| B-1  | Owl-Gold Wings and Beak   | C-9  | Grizzly Bear                             |
| B-2  | Crow-Gold Wings and Beak  | C-10 | Parrot                                   |
| B-3  | Penguin- Black Wings      | C-11 | Large Blue Stork                         |
| B-4  | Heron Gold Beak and Wings | C-12 | Large Red IBES with yellow crest         |

(there is a second page that includes Sandeman, Sanchez Romate, and Meiers Ohio Wine that I will try and include in a later newsletter, also before you get too excited about that price \$1.75 would be about \$27.13 today (adjusted for inflation)



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

**Friday, April 19, 2013**

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

Location: To Be Announced

**Saturday, April 20, 2013**

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

**Admission Free**

**Sunday, April 21, 2013**

Show Hours 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Check out the MMBC Website at: <http://miniaturebottles.com>

**For Additional Information, Contact:**

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### Bonus Online Picture

**My lunch at the NWMBC Summer Show  
I'm telling you if you are not making it to any  
shows you are missing out on more than cool  
bottles.**



**With College football season upon us why not show a college mascot bottle. Why the USC Trojan? Well they are off probation (at least for the time being), they figure to have a shot at the National championship this year, but the most important reason? It's the only college Mascot bottle I have seen. Strange I know cause what goes together more than College and Alcohol? Seems like a natural combination to make minis. There might be more that I don't know about, I just won this one at the NWMBC show and had never seen it before. My search for others has so far turned up blank. But I'm sure if they are out there someone will point me in the right direction to find them (or at least send me some pictures to share)**