

Antique Bottle Club of San Diego



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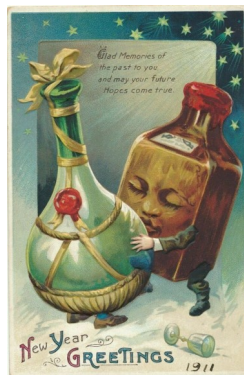
by

Jim Walker

2023
Our 58th
YEAR!

Hello to all you "BOTTLENECKERS" for January 2023. I hope this message finds you in good health and aggressively pursuing your New Year's resolutions?? Seems as if the holidays came & went faster than usual, bringing us into 2023 with gusto! The club's board members met at Clair/Pat Cunningham's house to discuss this year's programs and activities. They were the perfect hosts and we all marveled at the glistening glass and colorful insulators that adorn their nice home. A perfect way to conduct business! We did manage to set up our programs for the rest of the year, as well as assigning refreshments for each meeting. We all know how welcome the nibbles and drinks are? The next newsletter by our infamous editor, Mike Bryant, will spell out those assignments. We decided on trimming down our huge library, which has become quite a burden for our librarian Terry Monteith. The recorded usage of the Library doesn't support hauling the books, etc! to every meeting. At this meeting, you'll see more books & periodicals as raffle items and/or silent auction items. It'll take some time to shrink the large inventory but the sales will benefit the treasury in the long run. You'll soon see a request/survey for pursuing a bottle show to show the board what the interest level, within the club, really is? Finding a suitable venue is still proving difficult! See the newsletter for a couple bottle, insulator and collectible events coming up in February. Maybe some of you will attend and show your support. This meeting will offer most of our remaining inventory of raffle bottles for our infamous expanded show & tell, pick & choose event. Some very nice bottles to pick from! Bring some cash.

BE A MODERN PAUL REVERE, SPREAD THE NEWS, FROM EAR TO EAR- Burma-Shave!



Time to Renew Dues!

www.sdbottleclub.org

2016 & 2013 FOHBC First Place Newsletter Award

BOARD MEETING MINUTES 1/10/2023



Meeting was graciously hosted by Clair & Pat Cunningham. Other members in attendance were: Jim Walker, Mike Bryant, Terry & Vanessa Monteith, Rick Hall, Lar-

ry Westfall, Mike Kaszuba & Michelle Braun, Paul Dragos, and Carol Serr.

BOTTLE SHOW 2023: Things started off with discussion as to if we will have a Bottle Show this year, and where. The Marriott has doubled their price since our last show there, so they are out of the question. Mike Bryant shared that the L.A. club wants us to join up with them, up there, to hold a show. How many of our club members would go to L.A. though? Especially if held in East L.A. While Larry doesn't think we should hold a show this year, since several big sellers have passed on, Rick suggested we take an anonymous poll of the members at our January meeting, to see if they want a show and if they will be selling or volunteering to help with one. Paul volunteered to send out the poll via email. Mike Kaszuba thinks Jim should send an email to all past sellers to see if they would come this year. Mike Bryan thinks we need to raise the price of the tables. Mike Bryant checked out the Lakeside rodeo grounds and thinks it is too small for our event. Carol once again suggested Portuguese Hall in Point Loma (Roseville), for someone to check out. Pat Cunningham suggested Silver Gate Masonic Lodge in North Park (3795 Utah St.; parking appears limited to street parking though based on Google view). Do we reduce the number of seller tables to fit in a smaller location? Larry asked about the display cases. Matt Lawson has been storing them, but would like to get them out of his garage. Who will take them? And how many need repairs?

2023 PROGRAMS: Our programs for 2023 were next on the agenda. Clair created and shared a list, by month, for speakers to sign up and members to volunteer to bring refreshments. After minutes of discussion, the slate was nearly filled in. Mike Bryant will contact Doug Porter to ask if he will do a talk

on his extensive milk bottle collection, or his ACL sodas. Carol will present dating techniques of machine-made bottles in May. Larry will bring in his miniature bottles at the June meeting. Members should be invited in the newsletter to bring theirs to share also.

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2022: Jim asked how everyone felt about our Christmas party. There were no complaints. We got good food for around \$670 for 35 people.

BADGES Clair asked about the Club name badges; he doesn't know many of the members attending our meetings these days. We've been getting them at *Recognition Direct* in Spring Valley (8680 Troy St.). Mike Kaszuba says. Dixie Bryant contacted the owner and we have about 25 blanks remaining to be made up for our Club members. She has been submitting orders when she receives dues with extra for the badge. We had one order of six badges in 2022 and have distributed the badges except for two members who have not attended a meeting to pick them up from the treasurer. The request for a badge is on the new membership application for \$5 for a pin back and \$7.25 for a magnet back. Paul said he will update the line for people to order a badge; we probably should charge \$10 now. Vanessa suggested members who don't wear a name badge at our meetings have to pay 50¢. But it was brought up that members get a Free ticket when they buy raffle tickets IF they are wearing their badge, so that should be incentive. No final decision was made

CLUB LIBRARY Terry would like to be rid of the many boxes of the Club library reference publications. Many people do their research online now, rather than in books. But our member Jeff Hooper in WA has checked out more books than other members (Terry ships them up to him). Paul shared that the clock club he belongs to sold all their library books. Mike Bryant suggested we do a silent auction with some of the better books. Michelle asked if we will have a min. bid amount, and suggested we look on BookFinder.com for their value to sell. Jim told Terry to bring in bundles of magazines to be added to our meeting raffle. We should display a list of our reference materials on our newly refurbished website

(SDBottleClub.org). If we know what books will be brought to a Club meeting to be sold (auctioned?), Mike should put their titles or photo in the newsletter so members can plan ahead to buy some. Selling online (like eBay) will take a long time, and who will do it? Ask Mary Nokes if she would sell some books for the Club (and get a percentage). Rick suggested the insulator magazines be offered to those on the "Insulator Friends" Facebook page *Submitted by, Carol Serr, Secretary*

MEETING MINUTES 11/18/2022

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 by pres Jim Walker, giving people time to arrive in the rain. **Treasurer** Dixie Bryant reported we received dues for four memberships. Mary Nokes completed audits for 2020 and 2021 and will catch up with 2019. All accounts are in good order. **Librarian** Terry Monteith asked if anyone would like to take over the club library, but there were no volunteers. **Editor** Mike Bryant will send members a follow-up flyer to the upcoming Christmas Party. **Vice-Pres** Paul Dragos said we had a couple of members renew for two years. **Historian** Clair Cunningham will host our board meeting at his home, January 10th at 6:00 PM, all members are welcome to attend. **NEW BUSINESS** The Christmas Party will be December 3rd at 4:00 pm at the Hamburger Factory in Poway. Need to sign up or RSVP to Larry Westfall or Jim Walker as there is a limit of 35 members the room can hold. Jim announced that our website will be kept by Jeff Gardner for \$30 per month. Paul Dragos is providing him info to post. Jim Walker conducted the election for 2023 officers, no new nominees, all current officers agreed to continue in their positions. The 2022 slate was moved to remain in 2023, seconded, and the membership voted and passed the motion. **Raffle** Paul Dragos sold \$85 more in tickets for the satellite emergency beacon to be drawn at the Christmas Party. **White Elephant Sale** Auctioneers Jim and Paul were assisted by Runner Matt Hampton and Cashier Matt Lawson. Members had a great time bidding and the club made \$299.25 from the generous donations and purchases made. Thanks to all! *Submitted by Teri Houchin*

**Ask Aunt Blabby
By Blabbygail Butinski
Will be Back in 2023**



2022 Club Holiday Party—The Hamburger Factory Poway, CA



Carol Serr



Jon Lawson



Tom & Dixie Dunning



A Very Nice Turn Out



Newlyweds Kevin & Janice Westfall



Joni Cooley with Terry & Vanessa Monteith

2922 Club Holiday Party Continued



Larry & Eileen Westfall



Emergency Beacon Grand Prize Winner
Pat Walker



Gift Exchange Gifts



Mike Bryant

SUBMITTED BY CLAIR CUNNINGHAM

Poway man saves time in a bottle

Story by TODD HENNEMAN

Photography by DAN RIOS

POWAY — People across the country are crawling under buildings, sifting through old outhouse pits and diving to the sea floor looking for one thing: old bottles.

Why? Cecil Munsey of Poway knows.

"I'm collecting history," explains Munsey, who has written three books and numerous articles on collecting. "Eventually I write about everything I collect."

Embossings, labels and shape of bottle are among the characteristics that tell a lot about the bottles and the eras in which they were made. For example, companies used embossings, raised lettering and designs, so that other companies could not use their bottles. Labels come off, embossings do not.

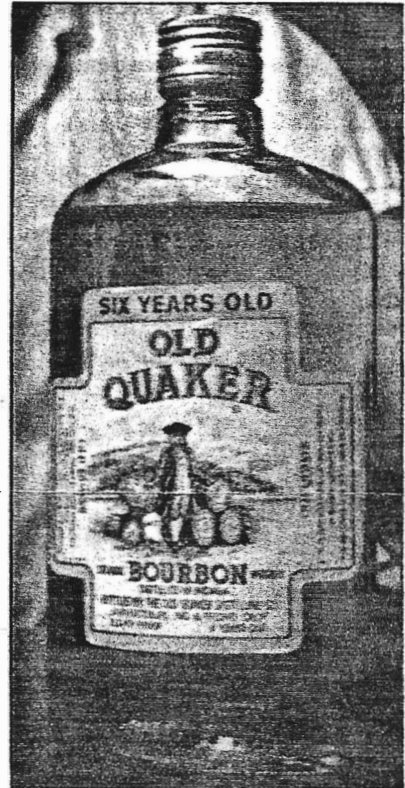
Munsey's extensive bottle collection has everything from a re-

production of an original, never-marketed Coca-Cola bottle to a bourbon bottle shaped like a pig. There's even an old bourbon bottle made by Old Quaker, a company that would one day be better known for its cereal-making under a different name — the Quaker Oats Co.

Munsey started collecting bottles while teaching at Florence Elementary School in San Diego. Some of his students found and brought to class a few old glass bottles made in San Diego.

"The bottles were fascinating," Munsey recalled.

Munsey's bottles have a lot of stories behind them. One of his 7-Up bottles describes the soft drink as a "lithiated lemon soda," a polite way of telling customers it was good for hangovers. In the same cabinet, Munsey has a limited-edition



The maker of this bourbon is better known for its cereal.

Canada Dry bottle made in 1962 for Lyndon B. Johnson. The bottle has Johnson's name and the vice presidential symbol on it.

What began as a bottle collection has led to other collections, such as a variety of 1880s-era memorabilia used to sell Lydia Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which supposedly cured "all female weaknesses," and trading cards for soda and other



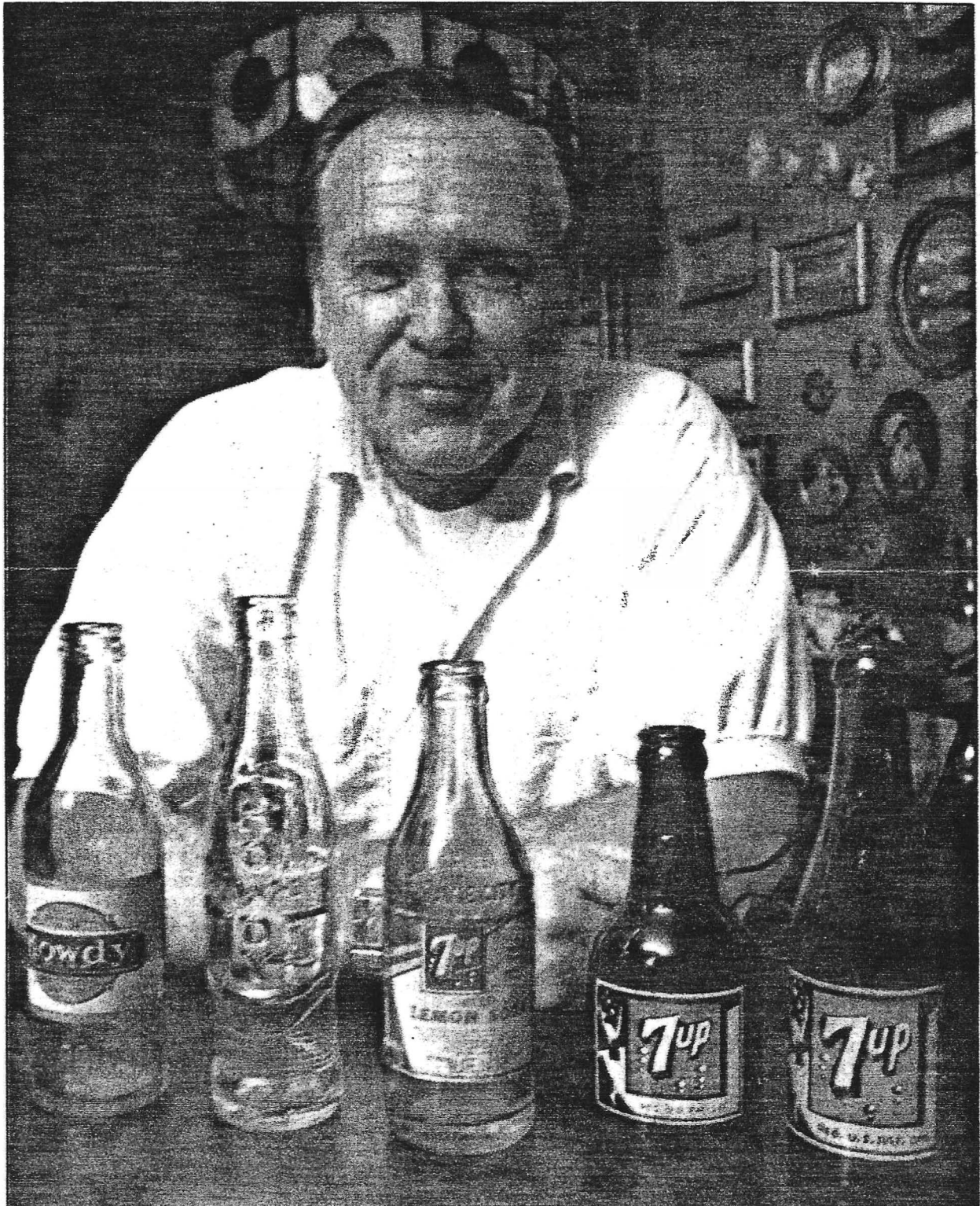
The last remaining copy of the first-known ad for Hire's Root Beer.

Please see **BOTTLES**, ►

TIMES ADVOCATE

CURIO COLLECTOR

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1992



Poway resident Cecil Munsey sits with part of his collection, some early 7-Up bottles.

BOTTLES: Poway man collects curios

such products. Companies used the trading cards as companies today use baseball cards are to advertise.

When Munsey isn't working as coordinator of child welfare for the San Diego County Office of Education or adding to his collections, he researches and writes about them. Munsey has written for *The Antiques Journal*, *Old Bottle Magazine* and

The Antique Trader. He also is the author of three books: "Disneymania - Walt Disney Collectibles," "The Illustrated Guide to the Collectibles of Coca-Cola" and "The Illustrated Guide to Collecting Bottles," a textbook on the hobby.

Almost 30 years after he began his collection, Munsey continues to look under buildings, in barns, at antique shows — everywhere,

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for new additions to his collections. His most recent addition is a Caribe bottle that looks more like it was produced in 1892 than 1992.

Could your soda bottle tell a lot about your era? To you it's a boring. To your great-grandchildren looking for some piece of the past, it may be what the Pepsi ads says: the right one, babe.

THE SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE Saturday, May 16, 1992

Time traveler tries to bring past to life



Union-Tribune / SEAN M. HAFEEY

Container cache: Rurik Kallis, who glimpses yesteryear through antiques, stands beside his bottle collection.

By **BOB ROWLAND**
Staff Writer

LEMON GROVE — Rurik Kallis follows the trail of lost bloodlines and antique castoffs — searching from time to time.

This endless quest for the loose ends of history has drawn Kallis into darkened crawl spaces under abandoned, derelict houses, luring him on a paper chase that begins and ends in the dusty stacks of public libraries.

The passion has netted a colorful cache of 19th century photographs, milk bottles, ink bottles, soda bottles, tip trays — even a small, white porcelain cup to hold change for the ice man.

Sit down with Rurik Kallis in the quiet of his Victorian house — near the player piano where the cat sleeps — and ask him to weave a tale or two.

He smiles and begins with his own version of *Tales from the Crypt*.

The master sleuth stares into the dark amber shadows of a century-old wine bottle and recounts the strange story of baron John Long, dead these 60 years now and still waiting for a grave to call his own.

"Long was a legendary San Diego builder who lived a roller-coaster life and died a pauper," Kallis said, pacing across the polished wood floor in his airy living room.

When Long died in the early 1930s, his son, Ralph, purchased a crypt for him at the Los Angeles Abbey Mausoleum for \$200, but he never paid the bill.

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"The cemetery put the old man in a holding vault and kept billing the son, who was generally regarded as a no-account, but he just ignored them."

When Ralph committed suicide by swallowing cyanide in a busy Robinson's department store in Los Angeles, there was no one left to pay for John Long's storage or to sign the proper forms for his removal. And so today, the once-powerful prince of commerce waits in a small receiving vault near Compton, while the bill for his storage rises steadily beyond his grasp.

Kallis pieced together Long's life story from newspaper clippings, property records, old photographs and the reminiscences of aging acquaintances who remembered the so-called baron, a builder and citrus grower who always appeared in public wearing a white shirt and tie.

The Long investigation was commissioned by John Parker when he bought one of the classic Victorians built by Long in San Diego's Old Town area.

But Kallis, 55, does most of his digging on his own time, often accompanied by his wife, Marjorie, and their 22-year-old son, Erik.

They sift the remains of aban-

doned and demolished buildings and comb through the ravines and canyons that served as city dumps over a century ago.

And they come home laden with treasures that were tossed out as trash.

"You find something as simple as a perfume bottle, and when you take a close look, you see a story in there," Kallis said.

He picks up a small ink bottle — a palm-sized bit of pale blue glass dating to the 1890s — and lifts it up to the light.

"I remember we dug this up near Riverside, in a ravine that was used as a trash dump for a few large ranches.

"They're gone now," he said. "It's all gone, except for this little gem." And quick glints of blue light flash across his face.

He reaches for a large, opaque milk bottle made in 1912 and runs his fingers over the rippled symbol of the former Bonnie Brea Ranch in Bonita Valley.

"This is worthless as an antique, but it has historic value," Kallis said. "There was this wealthy ranch owner from Scotland who had a little dairy that bottled milk just for his employees and neighbors. He even had his own bottles made."

While Kallis goes about his life's work largely unnoticed, he found himself in the spotlight re-

cently, when he set out to dig into the storied past of El Cajon.

The demolition by the city of a doughnut shop and restaurant at the historic corner of Main and Magnolia afforded a rare glimpse into the collective looking glass, or so Kallis thought.

Local archaeologists were afraid that in his zeal to salvage the delicate remains of the past, Kallis would mangle the site and destroy some valuable clues.

Kallis and his son had completed one test dig when city officials ordered him to stop the project. He can continue his work only when accompanied by a certified archaeologist.

The corner lot at Main and Magnolia is the former site of the historic Corona Hotel, the 1886 landmark stop for tourists traveling west on U.S. Highway 80.

Six feet below the ruptured asphalt surface, Kallis unearthed a patent medicine bottle produced in the 1890s in New Brunswick, Canada. Using a post-hole digger, he found brass spoons from the Hotel Corona and shards of china dinner plates from England.

"It's like having a few pieces of a puzzle and trying to imagine the rest of the picture," Kallis said, peering down at a small brass spoon in his right palm.

"So, did I tell you the story about the time we . . ."



24TH ANNUAL YUMA TAILGATER

BUY ~ SELL ~ TRADE

Insulators, Go-Withs, Bottles, and Collectables

WHEN : Saturday, February 4, 2023

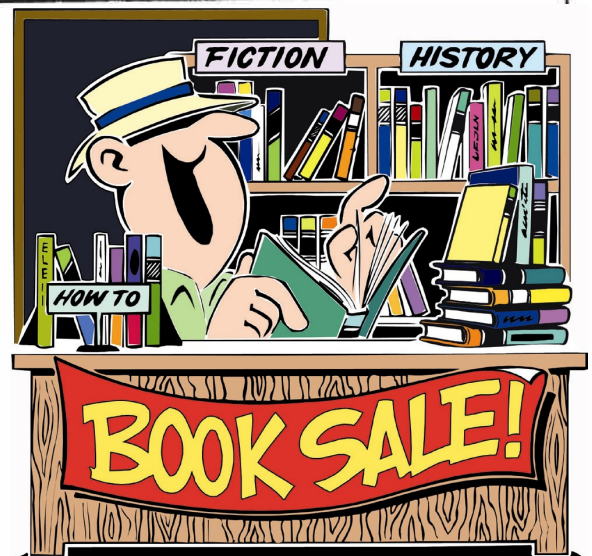
WHERE : Riverside Park - Next to Territorial Prison - Yuma, AZ

TIME : 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

(Unofficial set-up time is typically at sun-up)



- Bring your own tables and chairs
- Food truck will be available
- Please send questions and/or RSVP to:
Daryl Stahler at dwestahler@gmail.com or
Jim Harlow at harlowmcl1@gmail.com



The club has decided to sell off our under-used library. Each month at the meeting we will have a silent auction to sell four books. The more valuable books will have a minimum bid. Take this opportunity to add some useful books to your home library at a great price!

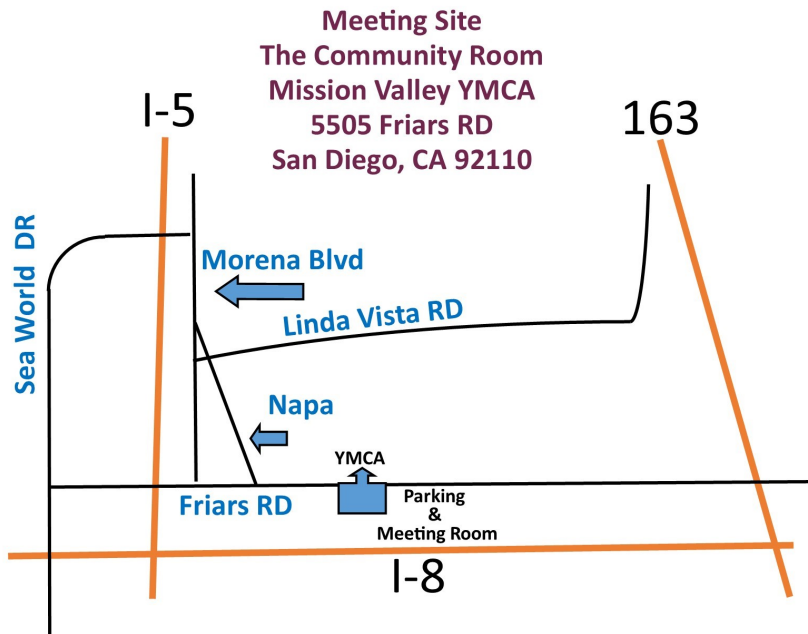
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P.O. Box 191333
San Diego, CA 92159-1333

This Meetings Raffle Items

Pick Of The Litter



First ticket drawn, and only the first ticket drawn gets to pick any raffle bottle on the table. We will then put out four bottles from the thirty or so left and have our regular raffle



PROGRAMS

Subject To Change

- JAN. 20** Extended Show & Tell
- FEB. 17** Rare San Diego Milks by **Doug Porter**
- MAR.17** Antique Clocks by **Paul Dragos**
- APR. 21** Bake Sale
- MAY 19** Dating Machine Made Bottles by **Carol Seer**
- JUN. 16** Miniature Sample Bottles by **Larry Westfall**
NO MEETING JULY & AUGUST – PICNIC INFO WILL BE PROVIDED
- SEPT. 15** Bottle BINGO & **Ice Cream Social**
- OCT. 20** Bodie, NV Bottles by **Jim Livingston**
- NOV. 17** WHITE ELEPHANT SALE!!!

REFRESHMENTS

- Matt Lawson**
- The Cunninghams**
- The Hinners**
- Joni Cooley**
- The Walkers**
- Mike & Dixie**
- Nancy Fowler & Lynn Stafford**

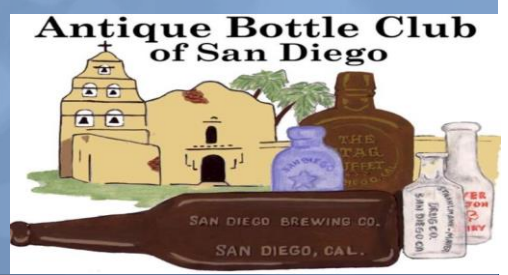
NO MEETING IN DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS INFO WILL BE PROVIDED

MEETINGS START AT AROUND 6:00 PM



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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Member Information:
January is Annual Renewal Time
***Dues are \$20 per Household or Single Member for the calendar year or any part**
***Name Tags are Available for \$10**
Mail Check made to SDABCC to 7770 Regents Rd, Suite 113-326 San Diego, CA 92122

- Meetings: Mission Valley YMCA Community Room 5505 Friars Road, San Diego CA 92110
- Time & Dates: 6:00-9:00 PM 3rd Friday of Month except July, August, and December (Holiday Party)
- Purpose: To foster the preservation and study of antique bottles and all other collectibles through research, education and the sharing of knowledge.
- What: We are collectors representing San Diego County; we collect everything from antique bottles and jugs to historical artifacts, railroad items, paper advertising etc. Bottle hobbyists collect other items and are interested in all collections.

Each year this waiver form must be signed by each member to participate in club activities and to update the club directory. Please return it with your annual membership dues written to “SDABCC”.

Effective Dates: January 1, (year) through December 31, (year)

I, the undersigned, hereby waive my rights to any claim against, and release from any liability, the SAN DIEGO ANTIQUE BOTTLE & COLLECTIVLES CLUB, its officers, directors, committee chairpersons, and other club members for personal injuries, death or property damage in connection with my participation in the San Diego Antique Bottle & Collectibles Club, including, but not limited to, all transportation, club meetings, special and social events, such as shows and parties, and defects to equipment provided or sold. I acknowledge that there are risks and dangers involved in my participation in the San Diego Antique Bottle & Collectibles Club and its events. However, I personally assume all of the risks, known and unknown to me, of participation, not otherwise covered by insurance.

A waiver is “The voluntary relinquishment of a right, privilege, claim or advantage”. To release is “to set free from worry, pain, obligation, penalty, etc., or free from something that holds, binds, etc.”

I have read, and do fully understand, the above statement. I am signing this document, granting this waiver and release, and participating in the San Diego Antique Bottle & Collectibles Club and its events voluntarily, with full knowledge and assumption of any risks involved, not otherwise covered by insurance.

Members 18 years of age and older:

Print Name	Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Members under 18 years of age, this waiver and release must be signed by parent or legal guardian.

As parent or legal guardian of:

_____ I hereby execute this form on said person’s behalf and further agree to indemnify the San Diego Antique Bottle & Collectibles Club, its officers, directors, and members for any damage it/they may suffer due to injuries incurred by participating in the club.

Print Parent/Guardian Name	Signature	Date
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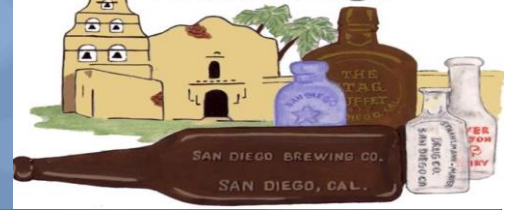




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Date

Print Name above to Order Badge-add \$10 for magnet back to dues

Primary Member Name Listing in Directory

Other Household Member Name

Directory Information

Home Phone

Primary Cell Phone

Primary Email Address

Address

City

State

ZIP Code

Collects

Other Household Member Cell Phone

Other Household Member Email Address

Other Household Member Collects

Club activity interests (meetings, shows, digs

social events, programs, research etc.)

Previous Officer in Club?

Interested in Volunteering?

