

Antique Bottle Club of San Diego



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Prez Sez

by

Jim Walker

**2024
Our 59th
YEAR!**

Hello to all you "BOTTLENECKERS" for February 2024. I see another year of challenges, comradery, and more fun than the law allows! I am hoping the membership will want to participate throughout the year? We have some good programs in the works and some very collectible raffle bottles, so don't forget to bring some cash! Don't forget the earlier meeting time of around 6PM. Our new contract with the Rec Center was approved from 5:00 to 9:00 PM. This extra hour up front will give us a bit more time to socialize and get your show and tell/sales items all set up. The month of February is historically a bad weather month, and this one really takes the cake! Many of you may have had some bad experiences due to the rain and flooding, and if so our prayers are with you. Maybe the weather etc. will return to normal by meeting time? At least there are a couple of highlights this month that might allow you to promote a positive attitude and that's Super Bowl Sunday and Valentine's Day. Don't forget about the wife/husband or sweetheart on those two important days!

**My Job is Keeping Faces Clean, and Nobody Knows de Stubble I've Seen
Burma Shave**

2024 DUES

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DUE



www.sdbottleclub.org

2016 & 2013 FOHBC First Place Newsletter Award

MEETING MINUTES 1/18/24



President Jim Walker called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. Joni Cooley brought her daughter Samantha as a guest (and she joined!).

COMMITTEE REPORTS: **Treasurer** DIXIE BRYANT gave the treasurers report; our 2023 expenses were \$3,019 and income was \$2,500. Please renew your dues to her tonight. **Editor** MIKE BRYANT shared that Paul Dragos submitted an article for the next Bottleneck issue. **Librarian** TERRY MONTEITH no report (see Old Business). **Sunshine Chair** PAT WALKER reported that all went well with Larry Westfall's heart valve replacement. Lynn Stafford had foot surgery so has a cast. Mike Bragg had double hernia surgery this month. **Membership Chair** PAUL DRAGOS sent out renewal notices today. We still have 78 members (plus Samantha Cooley who joined tonight). **Historian** VACANT. Clair Cunningham took on this position three years ago, checked the files (photo albums, scrapbooks, etc.) stored in four boxes - but he can no longer hold this position and would like someone to come get the boxes from him.

OLD BUSINESS: Following up on the question asked at the last meeting by Doug Porter, Paul Dragos shared that members are not able to post on the Club's Face-

book page - in order to control spammers. They can only comment.

NEW BUSINESS: Paul Dragos shared that he is posting videos of our meetings on our website (<https://sdbottleclub.org/videos/>); no faces of members are shown. Larry Westfall brought up how if no one will take over the Historian position, we at least need someone to store the four boxes of our history memorabilia. Dave Vilett suggested the Club rent a storage unit, for these boxes, our display cases, etc. Doug Porter brought up how storage units can attract rats/mice that shred paper for nesting. As for the Club's library books, etc. Chuck Gildea suggested we hold an auction to sell them. Dave Vilett thinks we should sell the good books for \$1, \$3, or \$5. Larry Westfall said this could be done with the lower end books, then sell the better books for more. Jon Lawson suggested that Terry brings in 10 of the better books, like the western whiskeys book, to sell at our meetings. Jim Walker suggested Dave Vilett get with Terry and Vanessa to discuss the selling of our books.

Jim Walker informed us that our meeting room has been booked for the hours of 5 thru 9PM. Jim will be here around 5:15PM to let in "early birds" by 5:30PM for folks to mingle, sell or trade, etc. before the meeting starts at 6PM. Please make note of Earlier Time.

REFRESHMENT BREAK; Joni Cooley sold raffle tickets and Paul Dragos the 50/50 tickets while we refreshed ourselves on

goodies brought by Pat Walker. Mike Hinners won the 50/50 (half the \$72 taking in). The raffle brought in \$103 and Tami Harman was the lucky first winner, choosing the dark green umbrella ink from this year's total raffle bottles. The next raffle winners would choose from eight bottles Jim Walker had set aside. Chuck Gildea's ticket was the next drawn, followed by Jeff McGreevy, Priscilla Hinners, Tami Harman again, Tom Dunning, Matt Patterson, Chuck a second time, and Tami a third time!

PROGRAM: The program was an extended Show N Tell. Jeff McGreevy shared that he collects Mission items like a pamphlet from the Mission Inn in Riverside. Chuck Gildea showed us a sample of some of his 50 Roman glass bottles. Larry shared a variety of western-made late 1800s bottles that he enjoys collecting. Matt Hampton brought some spice bottles from Nevada that he recently purchased. Doug Porter shared some of his Arrowhead Beverage Co. bottles that he collects. And Teri Houchin shared her grandmother's milk glass toothpick holder.

The meeting adjourned a little after 8:40pm.

*.Submitted by,
Carol Serr
Secretary*



MIKES ON THE RADIO

Recently Mike Bryant was asked to be a guest on the "Galaxy Moonbeam Night Site" radio station. This nostalgia program station co-produced by member Mike Bragg has featured Mike Bryant on several topics, most recently how we can lessen the burden on the family of dealing with your collections after you have passed. Tune in on the link below for this and other interesting programs or check out their Facebook page or Web Site!

<https://bit.ly/BabyBoomerCollectibles>

My Most Precious Find

by

Paul Dragos

When I was a teenager, my family spent many summers in Michigan. My father served on a Great-Lakes freighter during WWII and his stories got me interested in the history of shipping and the lakes in general, so much so that at age 14 (the youngest age possible) I became a certified Scuba Diver. My very first dive after my checkout was at a place called Port Austin, on the thumb of Michigan in Lake Huron. There is a lighthouse there to mark the point, stopped service in the 60s, but the water around the point is shallow and clear; ideal for a young-first diver. I was so excited to find ancient artifacts, maybe sunken treasure! Well, while there were no Spanish Pieces of Eight, the VERY FIRST object I ever found underwater was a Rosette door knob plate. Made of a bronze mixture of metals, it was in very good condition, I researched this item and the history of the Rosette door hardware is extremely interesting. According to "Antique Homes" Magazine, up until around 1840, the hardware that adorned American homes were English, which, unless you were wealthy, was plain and a function-only item. Door knobs, knockers, hinges, were not viewed as ornamental. After 1840 and especially after the civil war, Americans started to flex their creative minds and simple, routine hardware items became decorative. A big example is the Rosette doorknob and plate. Copying a Victorian style, the rose symbolized happiness and welcome, exactly the kind of decoration you wanted when you or your guests entered your home. Door knob plates, knockers and even hinges adopted this new style. These remained popular until around the turn of the century, when crystal doorknobs and painted hinge plates became the vogue decoration. On many old homes today with the original door hardware you will find these Rosettes. How old is mine? It is very hard to pinpoint, but from looking at catalogs I am pretty sure pre-1900, maybe as early as 1880. Value? Well... Not very much monetarily, BUT, the item is precious to me and I'll keep it forever. Next time you are in an old house, take a look at the door hardware, you might find the very attractive Rosette!



Ah, That's What They Are.
By Mike Bryant

At a recent monthly meeting, I won the two bottles pictured in our raffle. Nobody there seemed to know exactly what they were. They were embossed Royal Lyme, so we figured they were from England, and a look at the bottom confirmed that. It was embossed, Made In England. They were very colorful, and looked nice on the window sill, but were kind of forgotten about. The other day we received *The Vermont Country Store* catalog in the mail, and low and behold, on page 70, there they were. They are Colognes, and go for \$40 a bottle. I have two! Whatta know about that. Another great find by Cal.



Royall Colognes, with Tropical Tones, Cool and Refresh Your Skin

These Royall fragrances cool and refresh as either aftershave or colognes, leaving a subtle scent and a most pleasant effect on the skin. *Bay Rhum* is a traditional scent appreciated by men, much admired by women. *Lyme* delights the senses with a tangy, zestful essence made from the sweet oil of native limes. *Muske*, with its rich, earthy aroma, is a classic that imparts an aura of discreet elegance. *Spyce* blends aromatic clove, cinnamon, nutmeg, and pepper for a truly mysterious scent. *Mandarin* is an intoxicating blend of fine mandarin citrus and secret oils. 4 oz. bottle comes with optional spray top.

Specify Scent: Bay Rhum (BAY), Lyme (LYM), Muske (MUS), Spyce (SPY), Mandarin (MAN)

No.22823 Royall Cologne \$40.00



A Blast From the
Past
2008

Star Beverage Co
2030 El Cajon Blvd
San Diego, CA



Three 1936 Studebaker delivery trucks are shown in this late 1930's Star Beverages photo taken in San Diego. The trucks are loaded with cases of 7 UP, Kings Court Ginger Ale and Coors Beer

The Altes Brewing Company of San Diego, California

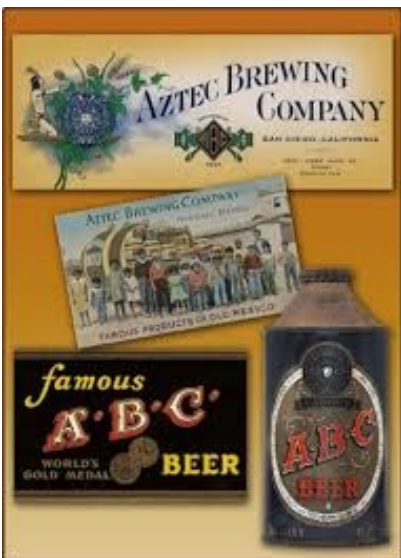
by Mike Bryant

The Altes Brewing Company of San Diego was founded in 1948, but its history of brewing goes back much further than that. The brewery got its start in Detroit, Michigan as the Tivoli Brewing Company in 1898. Like most breweries



it stopped operations during prohibition, but resumed brewing beer in 1933.

Located 2000 miles to the west, another brewery also opened for business in 1933. The Azteca Brewing Company moved from Mexicali, Mexico to San Diego and was renamed The Aztec Brewing Company. It would become one of the largest breweries in the West. In fact, an order of 14,400,000 (that's 14 Million) bottles was



given to Owens-Illinois Glass. The order was the second largest for glass bottles that year by a brewery, with only Anheuser-Busch ordering more. The many different beers produced by Aztec were very popular and

had a large loyal following.

In early 1948, one of the two owners of the brewery wanted to sell the company and go into another venture.

In June of 1948, Aztec Brewing was sold to the Altes Brewing Co. of Detroit. Howard Colby, President of Altes, stated that the acquisition was the first step in a program to sell nationally, beer brewed in chain breweries, at local prices. Altes launched a \$500,000 remodeling job, which increased capacity to 300,000 barrels a year.

After a two-day open house attended by 15,000 people, Altes opened for business on March 1, 1949. Sales started to sag almost immediately. Instead of using the popular Aztec beer formula, Altes used it's East Coast brew. The company tried to stem the sales loss with an advertising campaign, billing Altes Lager as "the only Eastern beer brewed in the West." They also sponsored the radio broadcasts of the old San Diego Padres games in the Pacific Coast League. In 1950 they introduced a new beer called



7-11. The beer was packaged without the Altes name being prominently displayed. Eventually, even the introduction of 7-11, could not slow the decline in sales, and on March 19, 1953 Altes closed its San Diego branch for good.

In 1954, the Altes name was sold to The National Brewing Company of Michigan.



Submitted by Rick Hall

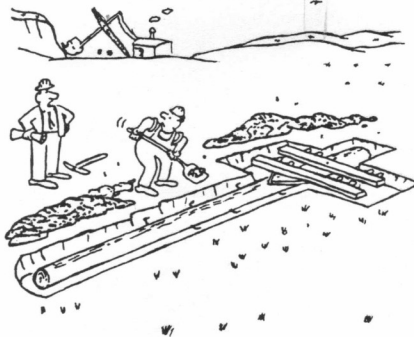


"The Boomer"

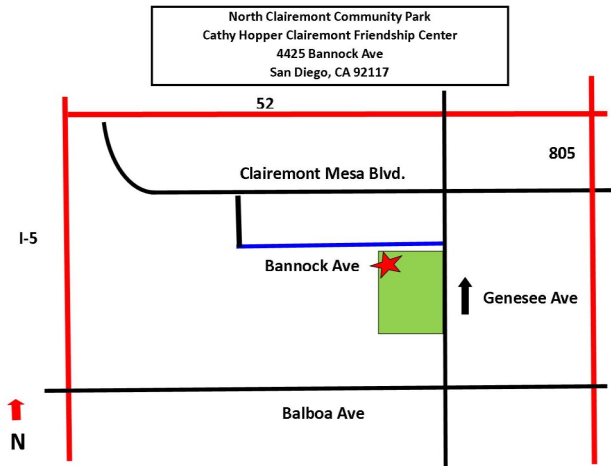
Early telephone linemen who floated from job to job, one company to another, were referred to by their fellow employees as "boomers". There were top hands and were always in demand. They went where they could get the most work. They were tough, rough, and hard workers. How would you like to have your choice of the insulators this man handled? His gear appears to be from the century's second decade.

The Telephone Pioneer's newsletter that featured this photo of "The Boomer" paints him more picturesquely: "Often referred to as a "Floater", he was a character with the bark still on. He followed the flight of the ducks. At the first sign of winter he was on his way south to return in the spring to the old "gang". He was worth his weight in gold during an emergency such as a sleet, a construction problem or building an exchange complex. He was a doughty warrior, capable of holding his own in any brawl, whether it was for the love of a good fight or in defense of a friend. Tough as whiteleather, when necessary, he could be as gentle as a lamb in dealing with those less fortunate than himself. He seldom married but a pretty lassy caused him to look twice. He drank his liquor raw and recognized no man or devil as his superior!"

Courtesy- Vince Mollenhoff



"Are you quite sure you've installed underground utilities before?"



Picture not available

There will be six nice bottles to pick from

PROGRAMS

Subject To Change

REFRESHMENTS

JAN. 18 Extended Show & Tell

The Walkers

FEB. 15 Presidio Glass and Other Artifacts by **Steve Van Wormer**

Jeff McGreevy

MAR.21 Samplers by **Paul Dragos**

Mary Nokes

APR. 18 **NEED PROGRAM**

Paul Dragos

MAY 16 Metal Detecting by **Jim Walker**

The Hanners

JUN. 20 ACL Sodas by **Mike Bryant**

The Westfalls

NO MEETING JULY & AUGUST – PICNIC INFO WILL BE PROVIDED

SEPT. 19 Bottle BINGO & **Ice Cream Social**

Mike & Dixie

OCT. 17 Craigue Whiskeys by **Jon Lawson**

Nancy Fowler & Lynn Stafford

NOV. 21 **WHITE ELEPHANT SALE!!!**

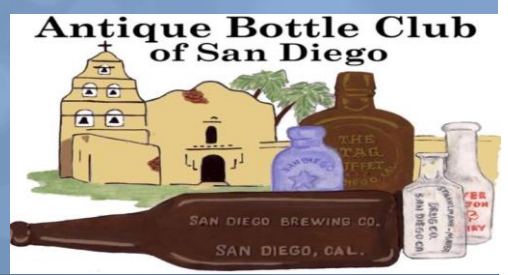
NO MEETING IN DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS INFO WILL BE PROVIDED

MEETINGS START AT AROUND 6:00 PM



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

“One of The World’s Oldest Active Bottles and Collectibles Club”



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: Cathy Hopper Clairemont Friendship Center, 4425 Bannock AVE, San Diego CA 92117
- Time & Dates: 6:00-9:00 PM 3rd Thursday 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
_____	_____	_____

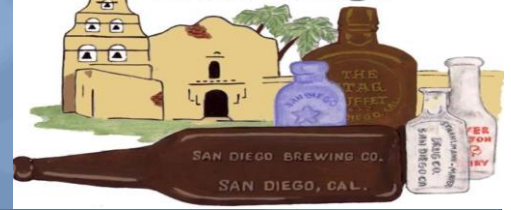




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Date

Print Name above to Order Badge with magnet-add \$10 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?

