

# Antique Bottle Club of San Diego



# SAN DIEGO ANTIQUE BOTTLE AND COLLECTIBLES CLUB

One of The World's Oldest Active Bottle & Collectibles Club  
Established 1965

## THE BOTTLENECK

### March 2024

Volume 59 Issue 3

#### MEMBERSHIP

\$20 Family or Single

#### PRESIDENT

Jim Walker  
(858) 490-9019

#### VICE-PRESIDENT

Paul Dragos  
(858) 245-4136

#### SECRETARY

Carol Serr  
(619) 698-1242

#### TREASURER

Dixie Bryant  
(858) 581-2787

#### LIBRARIAN

Terry Monteith  
(619) 403-6760

#### SUNSHINE

Pat Walker  
(858) 490-9019

#### Videographer

Mike Kaszuba  
(619) 561--8730

#### EDITOR

Mike Bryant  
(858) 581-2787

#### HISTORIAN

Open

#### PROGRAMS

Jim Livingston  
Jon Lawson  
Larry Westfall

#### BOARD

Terry Monteith  
Larry Westfall  
Jon Lawson



16th Charter Member  
FOHBC



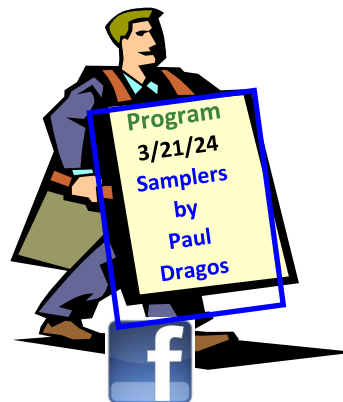
**Prez Sez**  
by  
Jim Walker



**Hello to all you "BOTTLENECKERS" for March 2024.** Hopefully everyone got through the 29th. day of February which celebrated the leap year( comes every 4 years). What would you do if your birthday fell on 29 February?? I'm sorry If you missed the last meeting's professional program on our Presidio Park history and excavation results by Steve Van Wormer, an experienced archaeologist, who is an asset to our club. Our next program is on "Samplers", by Paul Dragos, which should be of great interest. Bring one in if you have also collected them? There must be some St. Patties day revelers among you but be safe and enjoy the day! Beware the Ides of March! Congratulations to the Phoenix Bottle club for pulling off another sold out show. Maybe someone who attended can provide feedback at the next meeting? We had a good crowd at our last meeting and are keeping our membership at around 78. We have some good programs for the rest of the year and hopefully these will serve to bring in more members. Our club website/facebook pages have some good info and great photos of club activities, in case you're wondering what the "Bottleneckers" are all about. A reminder that dues are due this month and some good raffle bottles will be up for grabs! Please read your newsletter and note the new meeting times of 5-9 pm. I'd like to kick off the meeting around 5:30 pm, which gives us plenty of time for socializing and maybe some horse trading, as well! I thank those who can get to the meeting on time and especially those who help in setting up our tables and chairs. Be well and I hope to see many of you in March!

**USE OUR CREAM, AND WE BETCHA, GIRLS WON'T WAIT, THEY'LL COME AND GETCHA--Burma Shave!**

# 2024 DUES ARE DUE



[www.sdbottleclub.org](http://www.sdbottleclub.org)

**2016 & 2013 FOHBC First Place Newsletter Award**

## MEETING MINUTES 2/15/24



President Jim Walker called the meeting to order at 6:20PM. There were no guests

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** **Treasurer** DIXIE BRYANT shared that we took in \$480 since January; \$340 in dues. Our expenses were \$520 for the year to webmaster Jeff Gardner for running our webpage and Facebook page. **Editor** MIKE BRYANT said "same ol', same ol'." Keep sending him articles for the *Bottleneck*. **Librarian** TERRY MONTEITH had no report. Still need someone to take over this position. **Sunshine Chair** PAT WALKER reported that Janice Westfall is recovering from two brain surgeries. **Membership Chair** PAUL DRAGOS shared that we have 79 members. **Historian** VACANT.

Need someone to store our four boxes of archives.

**Videographer** MIKE KASZUBA was present. We still need a program for April.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Jim thanked Tim & Laura Schweighart for hosting our December party. Jim asked if any members have a storage unit they have some room in to store Club stuff? Or if they live near a storage facility where we can rent a unit and they can be in charge of accessing it? Please help with our storage needs, if you can.

Tim Schweighart asked about our Show.

Tom Dunning

mentioned the Liberty Station location where a coin club held their show. Jim Walker will check into that.

**NEW BUSINESS:** President Jim asked each attendee if the new 6PM start time works for their schedule. The majority have no problem with the time. Mike Bragg gave a shout out to Mike Bryant who was featured on Bragg's Baby Boomer radio show for the episode of "Where will it all go when we go?"

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-baby-boomer-radio-tv-movies-magazines-music/id671853175>

Or check out: <http://www.galaxymoonbeamnightsite.com/>

**REFRESHMENT BREAK:** Mary Nokes sold raffle tickets and Joni Cooley the 50/50 tickets while we enjoyed pizzas and cookies brought by Jeff McGreevy. Tami Harman brought a new roll of orange tickets so the tickets weren't both shades of red. Paul Dragos donated yet another Telechron clock for our raffle of six bottles.

Teri Houchin won the 50/50 (half of the \$65). The raffle brought in \$76 and Pat Walker's ticket was drawn first; she chose the alarm clock. The next raffle winners were Mary Nokes, Jeff McGreevy, Terry Monteith, Joni Cooley, Tami Harman, and Doug Porter,

**PROGRAM:** The program was by local archaeologist Stephen Van Wormer on "Presidio Glass and Other Artifacts." He gave an extensive history of the presidio (military settlement) grounds and

educated us about the presidio inhabitants not being Spaniards, but rather desert-accustomed people of New Spain. The artifacts from the dump next to the presidio chapel were the focus of Stephen's recent study. Glass bottles were not very common during the 18<sup>th</sup> century occupation of the presidio. Fragments of only 21 bottles were recovered by archaeological excavations in this dump in the 1970s (stored at SDSU). The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.



"You're fired, Jack. The lab results just came back, and you tested positive for Coke."

Submitted by,  
*Carol Serr*  
Secretary

# Meeting Pictures February 2024



Jeff McGreevy with Pizza!



Antique Clock Raffle Winner Pat Walker



Raffle Items for Tonight



A GREAT Program by Steve Van Wormer



50/50 Winner Teri Houchin

## **Them Amish Stole My “Y”**

By Mike Bryant

Our travels this summer brought us to the town of Shipshewana, Indiana. Here is located one of the largest Amish & Mennonite communities in the United States. It is also home to one of the largest outdoor antique flea markets in the U.S. Over 1000 vendors set up to sell on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from May to October. Included in the 100 acre flea market site are huge barns where antique auctions run all day long. The Amish in their horse drawn buggies add a charm to the area, and it is not uncommon to be caught in traffic back-ups from their travels on the roadways.

The day we visited, the temperature was near 100 degrees with humidity to match. It was HOT with a capital H! As I walked the row after row of seller stalls, stopping occasionally to wipe the sweat from my brow, I kept my eagle eyes open for the glint of bottles. Finally spotting a shelf lined with bottles, I moved in for a closer look. Imagine my amazement as I spotted an early medicine embossed with “BRYANT” staring at me as plain as day. I couldn’t believe my luck. I found a bottle with my last name on it. I handed it to my wife and my mom, and while examining it, they thought it was neat, and both said how cool it was to find a bottle with our family name on it. The seller wrapped it carefully, and I stowed it away for our flight home.

Upon my return home, I decided to unpack the several bottles I acquired while on vacation. After unwrapping the “BRYANT” bottle, I headed towards the display case that is dedicated to all things BRYANT. Before setting my new bottle in its place of honor, I held it up to the light for one last look. Imagine my amazement when I noticed “BRANT” staring me in the face, not “BRYANT.” I couldn’t believe it, my “Y” was missing. I saw the “Y,” my wife saw the “Y” and my mom saw it too! How could this be? I swear I could hear the laughter drifting from one buggy to the other.

Is it possible all three of us were in the early stages of heat stroke, or had we seen a mirage? I don’t know what to say except, “anyone wanna buy a BRANT bottle?”



**Did You Know  
(do you care)  
By Mike Bryant**



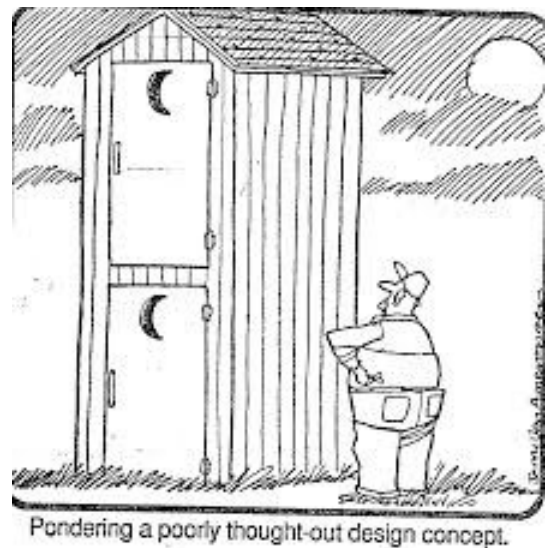
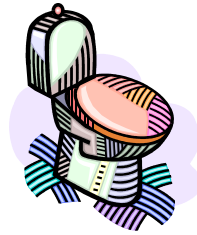
This article was inspired by a display at the San Diego County Fair.

Did you know that over six hundred years ago the outhouse as we know it originated in Europe during the fifteenth century? Sleeping establishments such as fine inns, began offering “His” and “Her’s” outhouses. Most people then were illiterate so symbols were used on the outhouse to show which was his and which was hers. Pictures of the sun were used on the doors for men because the sun was a symbol for masculinity, and the moon for women because it meant femininity. As time went by, innkeepers reasoned that maintaining a men’s outhouse was unnecessary because men could always go outside into the woods. Those who couldn’t or wouldn’t could use the women’s outhouse. Gradually, men’s outhouses disappeared, leaving only women’s outhouses, marked with the crescent moon.

In Canada, the outhouse is called a “backhouse,” in Australia, a “dunny” or “thunderbox.”

In 1591 Sir John Harrington made the first flushing lavatory for his Godmother, Queen Elizabeth I. He would go on to write a joke book of questionable taste about his invention, and in America, in his honor, his contraption would be forever known as the “John.”

In 1872 Englishmen Thomas Crapper a plumber, refined the flush toilet and held five patents on it. During World War I, American doughboys passing through England would see the name “T. Crapper” on the toilet tanks, so it was only a matter of time before the saying “I am going into the Crapper to take a c#@p” was first uttered. Now you know...



## Another One Bites The Dust By Mike Bryant

There has been some debate in the club whether the olive green bottle with “CARLSBAD LS” embossed on the bottom is from Carlsbad, California or not. After extensive research, two trips to the Carlsbad Historical Society's museum and a visit to Balboa Park to the House Of Germany and House of Czechoslovakia, I can now say, it is not from our Carlsbad. Instead, it was imported from Czechoslovakia, and distributed to American companies who put their own labels on the bottles. The story behind the water is very interesting though. The area of Czechoslovakia where the famous spas are located and mineral water bottled is named Karlovy Vary. This area has been the home to a large group of ethnic Germans for centuries who call the area Karlsbad. In English, the K is changed to a C, thus Karlsbad becomes Carlsbad, and you will see both used interchangeably. What does the “LS” embossed on the bottom stand for? It is the initials of the German exporter, “LÖBEL SCHOTTLÄNDER.”

What about our Carlsbad? Well, they indeed bottled water and the large picnic sized clear bottle is clearly labeled as being from Carlsbad, California. There is a nice example of the bottle in the historical society museum in Carlsbad located at 258 Beech Ave.



NEWS—Upcoming Shows

SHOWS SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION



April 19-20 The Golden Gate Historical Bottle Society's 56th Annual Show and Sale. **Antiock, CA**

May 24-25 Las Vegas Antique Bottle Club's 58th Annual Show & Sale **Boulder City, NV**

July 19-21 Tonopah 2nd Annual Rock & Bottle Show **Tonopah, NV**

Aug 1-4 FOHBC National Antique Bottle & Glass Exposition. **Houston, TX**



\$99.99



\$22.28



\$58.30



\$22.17



\$26.99



\$36.99

San Diego Items  
Recently Sold on Ebay



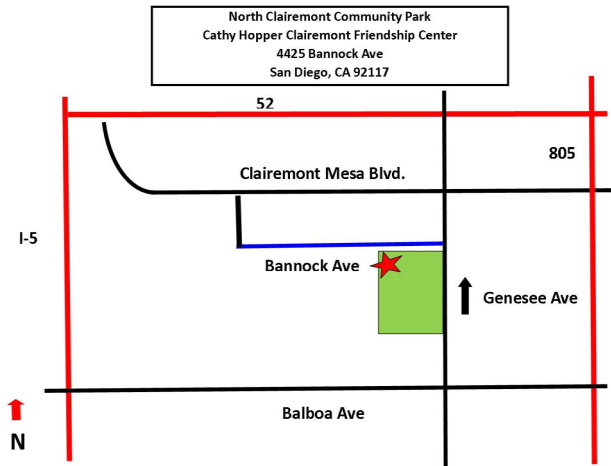
\$44.00

**E**  
**B**  
*SAN DIEGO*  
**Y**

Bishop Cracker Tin.....	\$99.99
1948 Convair B36 Decal.....	\$58.30
Excelsior Hutch...(Damaged).....	\$44.00
Clingman Dairy Qt.....	\$36.99
1935 Expo Perfume.....	\$26.99
Polar Orange Cap.....	\$22.28
IT Beer Label.....	\$22.17

San Diego Antique Bottles & Collectibles Club  
P.O. Box 191333  
San Diego, CA 92159-1333

## This Meetings Raffle Items



Green Ladies Leg, Applied Ring  
Simmons NABOB Beer, applied top  
Split Beer, Pottsville, Pa. Yellow/Green  
E.L. Billings Gravitator soda, Sacramento  
Los Melzer & Co Shot Glass, L.A.  
Sanford's Ink, SCA

### PROGRAMS

Subject To Change

**JAN. 18** Extended Show & Tell

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

**MAR.21** Samplers by **Paul Dragos**

**APR. 18** **NEED PROGRAM**

**MAY 16** Metal Detecting by **Jim Walker**

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

**NO MEETING JULY & AUGUST – PICNIC INFO WILL BE PROVIDED**

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

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

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

**NO MEETING IN DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS INFO WILL BE PROVIDED**

**MEETINGS START AT AROUND 5:30 PM**

### REFRESHMENTS

**The Walkers**

**Jeff McGreevy**

**Mary Nokes**

**Paul Dragos**

**The Hinners**

**The Westfalls**

**Mike & Dixie**

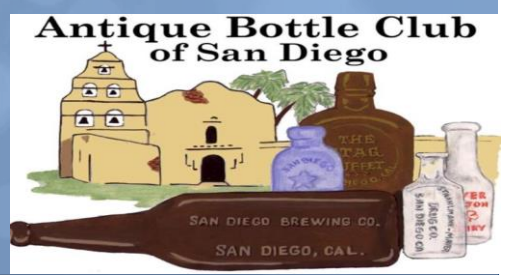
**Nancy Fowler & Lynn Stafford**





### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

_____	_____	_____
-------	-------	-------

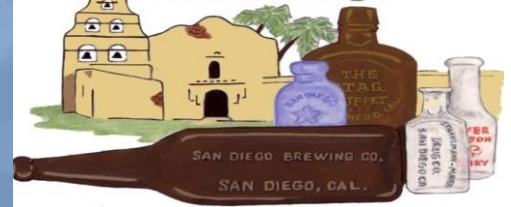




**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

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

**Antique Bottle Club  
of San Diego**



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?

