CHRISTCHURCH NATIONAL ANTIQUE BOTTLE SHOW 1995

Christchurch!!!! it was cold on Queen's Birthday Weekend. Snow on the hills and closing Highways. This unpleasant weather delayed some collectors, but the determined arrived to the warm welcoming atmosphere of the National Antique Bottle Show well organised by the Christchurch Antique Bottle & Collectables Club Inc. I drove to Auckland and got on a flight to Christchurch. I thought we had overshot the South Island and landed in Antarctica, it was so cold. I was met at the Airport by Warren Roberts, who was still trying to adjust to driving a two wheel drive vehicle, explaining to me the story of the four wheeled driving incident at the Wanganui Show and how his beloved 4WD was still in the panel shop. We arrived at Hotel de Tancred and staying with him were Ron Judson & Carmen from Auckland. Ron (as usual) had arrived earlier and had already done the rounds of the Antique Shops and scored all the bargains in advance. We all poured over the lists of bottles that were up for sale from various collections, over a few drinks & some KFC.

The venue was at the Pioneer Stadium and it was well suited for the purposes of a show. The Hall was set up on the Friday afternoon with a large number of volunteer club members. By morning it was the usual bustle and rustle of setting up displays. This time I wasn't the last one there and for a change I was not the last one ready. I put in a small selection of George Dixon bottles in Specialised Collection of one Maker or User. Just before judging was to start it was pointed out to me an unusual George Dixon, Sydney Street, Codd Patent 6 was for sale on a table. The deal was done and the bottle was promptly placed on my display. The hall was filled with good number of exhibits and the sales areas were as interesting as they were expansive. There were two auctions over two days. The highlight of the Show is always the Saturday night social. Whoever thought that Christchurch Club couldn't organise a pissup in a brewery? Well, they did!!!! The sponsors of the Show were Canterbury Draught (known as CD to the drinkers). The Brewery had offered the use of its premises and a great time was had by everyone (with the possible exception of Graeme Galey - who had to be admitted to hospital because an injury that happened the week before. At least he was given a room with a view of the Brewery).

A Supper was put on and afterwards, against my better judgment, I was introduced the Casino. I lost my pot of gold on the $2.00 roulette wheel in about half an hour and left not long afterwards. On the last night that I was there, a meal was organised at TGI (Thank God It's Friday) with about 15 collectors attending. For the purposes of the evening, it was my birthday (official observance). The entire staff of TGI was rounded up and I had to stand on my chair and everyone sang Happy Birthday. Afterwards, I had helium balloons tied to my braces and I had such a great time that I left my jacket behind. It was a wonderful show, really well organised and fun.

Jonathan Taylor

SHOW RESULTS

Champions of Champions
Neil Macdonald
Rex Eagle (two)
Bob Johnston
Francis Wilson
Lindsay Jukes
Beverley Gravatt

Special Awards
Best Junior Collection - Kim Gardener
Most Entries from an away Club - Otago Old Bottle Club
Exhibitors Vote - Graeme & Jill Galey
Best Collection in Any Category - Francis Wilson
Bottle of the Show - Premier Award - Warren Roberts & Helen Cater
Best Display - Mike Whittall
Public Vote - Quentin Welland

(1) Black Glass Plain

1	A.	Kevin Grant
2.	A	Dave Shanks
1.	B	Dave & Janine Wilson

(3) Gins

1.	A	Ralph Whiting

(4) Bitters and/or Sarsaparillas

1	B	Allan Truman

(5) Schnapps

1.	A	Quentin Welland
2.	A	Grace Hicks

(6) Spirits, Wines & Liqueurs

1	B	Ralph Whiting

(7) Ceramic Whisky Containers

1	B	Wayne Humphries

(11) Syphons

1	A	Gary & Julie Speer
2	A	Bob Patten
1	B	Alan Polaschek

(12) NZ Marble Stoppered Bottles

1	A	Neil Macdonald

(13) NZ Marble Stoppered Bottles - Pictorial
1 A Francis Wilson
1 B Darren Te Koeti

(14) NZ Codds
1 A Francis Wilson
1 B Bob & Daphne Johnson

(15) NZ Internals
1 B Bob & Daphne Johnson

(16) NZ General Aerated Waters
1 A Rex Eagle
1 B Francis Wilson

(17) NZ Crown Top Aerated Waters
1 A Dave Shanks
2 A Gary & Julie Speer
1 B Nicky Welland

(18) NZ Lamonts
1 A Bob & Daphne Johnson

(19) NZ Hamiltons
1 A Francis Wilson
2 A Gordon Storer
Merit Hilda Jeffrey

(20) NZ Ginger Beers
1 A Maurice Loach

(22) NZ Casual Cool Drinks
1 A Bruce Baldwin
2 A Neil Macdonald

(23) NZ Crown Seal Beers - Non Pictorial
1 A Gary & Julie Speer
2 A Lindsay Jukes
1 B Bruce Graham

(24) NZ Crown Seal Beers - Pictorial
1 A Lindsay Jukes
2 A Gary & Julie Speer
1 B Bruce Graham

(25) NZ Beers
1 A Gary & Julie Speer

(27) Coloured Glass
1 A Beverley Gravatt
1 B Kim Gardener

(29) NZ Chemist Bottles
1 A Bernard Orsman
2 A Hilda Jeffrey
Merit Lindsay Jukes
1 B Russell Knowles
2 B Larry Te Koeti

(30) Patent Medicines, Cures, Proprietary
1 A Lindsay Jukes
2 A Bernard Orsman

(32) Pot Lids and/or Pots - General
1 A Francis Wilson
2 A Beverley Gravatt
1 B Allan Truman
2 B Stephen Tarasiewicz

(34) Perfumes, Scents and/or Toilet Waters
1 A Doug & Joy Redmond

(35) Miniatures and/or Samples
1 A Ron Judson
1 B Dave & Janice Wilson
2 B Kevin Gardener

(36) Inks and/or Glues
1 A Bob & Dorothy O'Connor
1 B Mike Rogers

(38) Labelled Bottles and/or Lids
1 A Richard Spark

(39) One Bottle with Original Contents
1 Rita Roberts

(40) General Collection of Household Bottles and Containers
1 A Rex Eagle

(41) NZ Household Bottles and Containers
1 A Gary & Julie Speer
2 A Neil Davis
1 B Janice Graham
2 B O R Dennis

(42) Fruit Jars, Preserving Type
1 A Kevin Gardener

(43) Salad Oils, Pickles Condiments
1 B Mike Whittall

(44) General Collection of Old Bottles
1 A Murray Thomas
2 A Warren Roberts & Helen Cater
1 B Beverley Gravatt

(45) General Collection of NZ Branded Bottles
1 B Bob & Daphne Johnson
2 B Athol Sanson
Merit Phil Robson

(46) Favourite Five
1 Wayne Humphries
2 Chris & Ren Waring
Merit Jessie Tarasiewicz

(47) General Collection of Bottles and/or Containers from one NZ Town or City
1 A George Grant
2 A Phil Looms
Merit Richard Spark
Merit James Peter
1 B James Daggar
2 B Dawn Spark

(48) Collection of Bottles from One Maker or User
1 A Gordon & Jan Thomson
2 A Lindsay Jukes
1 B Mike Whittall
2 B Jonathan Taylor

(49) One Bottle with its Written History
1 Lindsay Jukes

(50) Detailed Research on NZ Makers/Users Special Award
1 Tim Shoebridge

(51) Chinese
1 A R O'Connor

(54) NZ Crocks
1 B Bob Gilbert

(55) NZ Pottery
1 A Joy & Doug Redmond
2 A Helen & Basil Slater
1 B James Daggar
2 B Bruce Graham
Merit Petra Niewennuiz

(56) Miscellaneous Bottles
1 A Steve Costello
2 A Dawn Spark
1 B Russell Knowles
2 B Petra Niewennuiz

(57) Most Outstanding NZ Item on Display
1 Maurice Loach

(58) Most Outstanding Non NZ Item on Display
1 Wayne Humphries

(59) General Collectables
1 Mike & Lynda Walters
2 Alan Polaschek
Merit Basil Thompson

(60) Numismatics
1 Laurie & Patricia Osborne
2 Alan Polaschek
Merit Gary Hall
Merit Barry Hancox

(61) Advertising
1 Barry Stephen
2 Tom Hartill
3 Louis Gellatly

(62) Household and Kitchenalia
1 Warren Roberts & Helen Cate
2 Doug & Joy Redmond
Merit Gary & Linda Moore
Merit Dawn Spark
Merit Richard Spark

(63) A Collection relating to a NZ Town or District
1 Graeme & Jill Galey
2 Beverley Dean
Merit Barry Hancox
Merit Nigel Harrison

(64) Childhood Days
1 Doug & Joy Redmond
2 Rita Roberts
Merit Helen & Basil Slater

(65) Specialised Collection of Glass or China

1	Gordon & Jan Thomson
2	Laurie & Patricia Osborne
Merit	Hettie Wells
Merit	Doug & Joy Redmond
Merit	Laurie Thin

(66) Miscellaneous Collectables

1	Joseph Young
2	Laurie Thin
Merit	Michael Moffatt
Merit	Dennis & Sofia Gooch
Merit	Graham Caldwell
Merit	Robyn Gosset
Merit	Bernard Mason
Merit	Petra Niewennuiz

Strikes

The reopening of the Berhampore dump - originally found by Brendan MacFarlane and Bruce Kemp in 1976 in January by Bernard Orsman after exhaustive discussions with the Wellington City Council, was an interesting exercise even if it did not uncover a lot in the way of bottles. After two days digging with a small group of collectors who had dug Berhampore in 1976, just two Codds - G Cooper and J L Bacon turned up, as well as a Queens Head and a black & white potlid. The most interesting find was a rare Henry Brittain, Manor St (should have been Manners St) Chemist bottle. A subsequent club dig on February 11, 1995 was even more sparse, just going to show how well this dump had been dug. About this time Geoff Pratt unearthed the fourth C W Brodie sarsaparilla in Kilbirnie. In May this year, Bernard Orsman brought along a rare quart Newland's Milk bottle and a Tiki Brewery and Carbonated Waters clear crown cap with a large tiki embossed on the shoulder. This bottle remains a mystery. Maria Pratt had also added to her New Zealand pottery collection with a blue glaze Temuka electric jug and matching teapot. Gary Hall acquired at the Christchurch National Show two examples of a Chemist (different sizes) "The Pharmacy, Greytown" that he had not seen before. Jonathan Taylor was please acquire (another) 10oz George Dixon Reliance Patent in mint condition from a dealer at the recent Antique Fair in Lower Hutt.

Dig....(at Home)

One Saturday afternoon while battling to remove a stump from the back garden in new (old) house in Northland, a small fragment of china popped out of the clay. That seemed a little odd. I continued on with the wretched stump. Not long afterwards the clay gave way to a darker looking soil and then my shovel sunk into the unmistakable crunching sound of rubbish. I was on the edge of a bottle dump in my own back garden! It was about 4pm and I had little time to dig. Almost immediately, however, I found a large George Whybrow dimple vinegar with the rope design round the dimples. I thought that I was onto a gold mine. But after another hour's digging all I had to show for it was a couple of plain stone bottles. The next morning I was back in the hole and dug for another few hours, unearthing lots of broken bottles and only the odd common piece. What's more the age of the tip was 1880's - broken torpedos, plain ginger beers, blacks and some lovely transfer china. My only consolation was an impressed George Dixon ginger beer with the anchor trade mark. The house, however, was built in 1903, which means either there was a house here beforehand or the dump was part of another larger property. This seems more likely as in the 1880's Northland was largely a rural area.

Bernard Orsman

Show Calendar

1995 Labour Weekend 21-22 October
Otago Club at Dunedin
Also Hamilton Club at Hamilton

New Year 1996 6-7 January
Nelson Club at Nelson

Easter 1996 Central Otago Club at Arrowtown

June 1996 National Antique Bottle Show
Queens Birthday. Wellington Club at the Lower Hutt Town Hall

September 7, 1996 West Coast Club at Wesport

1996 Labour Weekend
Christchurch Antique Bottle & Collectables Club Inc at Christchurch
Also Auckland Historical Bottle Club at Auckland
Also Taranaki Club at New Plymouth