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Next Meeting: SATURDAY February 1st

Where: Round Table Pizza
1938 Oak Park Blvd.
Pleasant Hill

Time: 12:00

Agenda:

- Previous Minutes
- Treasurers Report
- Old Business
- New Business
- Show and Tell
- Bottle Drawing

Upcoming Club Meetings: *Normally* 1st SATURDAY of every other month @ 12 noon at Round Table Pizza at 1938 Oak Park Blvd in Pleasant Hill

- February 1st 2025
- April 5th 2025
- April 11th/12th 2025 – Club Show
- June 7th 2025
- August – club BBQ at Antone's house-date TBD

Presidents Message:

Another year has come and gone! I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season with friends and family and picked up a treasure or two. With the new year, comes a new round of shows to attend (although the calendar is not as full as it once was). I am looking forward to catching up with many of you at Anderson this weekend, our club meeting in February, the Chico show in March and then...our show in April. Time flies!

GGHBS Club News:

We "voted" for Club Officers at our Christmas party at Beebs in December and...wait for it... we are keeping all of the same officers for 2025. I guess if aint broke don't fix it 😊. We of course welcome all members to provide input and ideas for improving the club, its communications and events, so be sure to make suggestions at the club meetings or contact me directly.

Our show advertising is in full swing, with much of the flyer distribution already completed. Contracts were sent out to previous participants,

and I have already 24 tables reserved, so we are off to a good start.

For Sale:

Antique Bottles and Glass

Free List Published Quarterly

Contact: John Ronald (707) 762-8515

Email: jlrautiques1@att.net

Wanted:

Vallejo and Mare Island items. Collectibles include: Bottles, Advertising, Postcards and Photographs. Especially interested in Vallejo Dairy Bottles and go-withs.

Contact: Rudy Peretto (707) 980-3417

111 Los Santos Ct. Vallejo, CA 94590

Email: jperetto@comcast.net

Owl Drug Co bottles, tins, boxes, paper, anything & everything from the Owl Drug Company. Also, old bottles from Montana including liquor bottles, flasks, sodas, beers, patent medicines, even common drug store bottles and milks. Also crocks, jugs, calendar plates, match safes, & related items.

Contact: Marc Lutsko (406) 291-0861

2300 Harris Street / Unit 6922 Helena, MT 59634

Email: letsqo@montanasky.net

Looking for historic items from Rio Vista, California – milk bottles, large Spivey bottles, advertising items, trade tokens, post cards & etc. **Contact:** Nick Oestreich (707) 205-5312

Email: norcalbottlehunter@gmail.com

Martinez items. Collectibles include: bottles, documents, advertising, tokens, postcards and photographs. Also interested in purchasing **elusive** Coca Cola bottle from Martinez.

\$50 finders fee for Martinez Coca Cola Bottle

Contact: Manuel & Linda Cunha (925) 228-0559

5830 Alhambra Valley Rd. Martinez, CA 94553

Email: mandlcunha@gmail.com

Livermore items. Vintage prior to 1970 Bottles (Sodas / Milks / Drug Store / Etc.) Photographs and Images, Postcards, Calendars and other advertising items. Especially (Good For) Tokens, Businesses Saloons and etc. All other advertising items.

Contact: Gary Antone (925) 373-6758

Email: packrat49er@netscape.net

SERVICES PROVIDED:

The Glass Doctor – Sick and injured glass restored to good health. Professional quality care since 1985..Also visit our **eBay store at leisalu** Nice inventory of antique bottles

Contact: Lou/Leisa Lambert (707) 823-8845

Email: lou@oldwestbottles.com

**** CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SHOWS ****

January 24/25 – Anderson, CA

Superior California Bottle Club's 48th Annual Antique Bottle & Collectible Show & Sale Shasta District Fairgrounds, Fusaro Hall Anderson, CA

Friday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM – early bird (\$10)

Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Free

Contact Info: Ralph Hollibaugh (530) 306-5872

Mike Rouse (530) 249-1708

February 21-22 – Phoenix, AZ

Phoenix Antiques, Bottles, & Collectibles Club 42nd Annual Show

North Phoenix Baptist Church

5757 N. Central Ave. Phoenix, AZ

Dealer set up Friday Noon - 2:00 PM

Friday 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM -early bird (\$10)

Friday 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM – (\$3)

Saturday 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM – (\$3)

Contact Info: Betty Hartnett (602) 317-4438

March 7/8 – Chico, CA

57th Annual Antique Bottle, Jar, Insulator & Collectibles Show & Sale

Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, Chico, CA

Friday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM – early bird (\$10)

Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Free

Contact Info: Randy Taylor (530) 518-7369

rtjarguy@aol.com

April 11/12 – Antioch, CA

Golden Gate Historical Bottle Society's 57th Annual Antiques & Collectibles Show & Sale Contra Costa Event Center (Fairgrounds) Sunset Hall, Antioch, CA

Friday 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM – early bird (\$10)

Saturday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Free

Contact Info: Gary Antone (925) 373-6758

**2025 Club Membership Dues are due -
reminder if you have not already paid**

Yearly dues are \$20 and due in January each year. You may pay your dues at our Christmas party on the 7th, or send your check, made payable to Golden Gate Historical Bottle Society or GGHBS, to:

Jackie Lindgren
801 Vista Del Diablo
Martinez, CA 94553

Please complete the info below to ensure we have most up-to-date info

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

**REQUEST FROM EDITOR -
reminder if you have not already submitted**

I think it would be fun to have each of the Club Members submit a short “bio” on how long you have been a club member, how you got started, what you collect, your greatest “find” and anything else you want to share with other club members about you, the hobby, or your treasures.

Please send via email to packrat49er@netscape.net and I will gather them up and publish in an upcoming Corker

FUNNIES FOR THE DAY

- 1) I was recently banned from the Antiques Roadshow.
...I tried to have my family jewels appraised.
- 2) My son looked at me with a silly grin and asked, "What do you and an antique door have in common?" I shrugged and replied, "I haven't a clue, what?" He explained.
..."You're both worth more than you used to be, even though you're unhinged and your knobs don't work!"
- 3) I accidentally sat on a medieval stained glass window at the antique store.
....That was a royal pane in the ass.
- 4) I think my wife is putting glue on my antique weapons collection.
.... Of course she denies it, but I'm sticking to my guns.
- 5) I have an antique globe that belonged to my great-great-grandfather.
.... It meant the world to him.
- 6) Driving past an antique store with my dad and he drops this gem...
.... "Why do aunts get all the glory? what about uncle-tiques?"

Rowler's (Roller's) Infallible Rheumatism Medicine and Klink's Counterfeit

It seems like every successful bitters or medicine product that I research has some sort of skeleton in its closet. Take for instance the Rowler's Rheumatism Medicine. Prepared by Dr. J.R. Boyce of Sacramento City. J.R. Boyce, located at the corner of K and Second Street, claimed to have bought the recipe for the rheumatism medicine from Charles Roller sometime in the late 1850's. Charles Roller claims that "the recipe was given to me by a friend in this country"



Charles F. Klink, a druggist also from Sacramento, approached Charles Roller with a proposition to manufacture Roller's rheumatism medicine and split the profits from the sale of the product with Roller. Roller declined the proposition and Klink began informing the public that he (Klink) had the original recipe that Roller had bought or brought from New Orleans.

At about the same time as the Klink allegations (during the summer of 1861) Boyce comes out with the embossed Rowler's bottle and states in a Sacramento Daily Union advertisement "to guard against spurious and counterfeit medicine, you will please observe that the written signature of Jas. R. Boyce, M.D, appears on each label, and that the name of the medicine is blown in the bottle".

Dr. Boyce was a larger than life character, well respected and besides pushing the Rowler's product practiced medicine in Sacramento. While walking on the corner of Sixth & K Street one day with John Cassidy a man named William Tierney discharged a revolver at Cassidy. The ball struck Boyce in the back and passed entirely through his body. Cassidy immediately ran down K Street and Tierney followed behind still firing at him. In all, three shots were fired and after the second shot Cassidy cried out, I'm shot! I'm shot!. The ball passed through his clothing, grazing his skin. but did no injury. Boyce, on the other hand, was considered in critical condition by his attending physicians. As it turns out Cassidy was accused of improper intimacy with Tierney's wife and Tierney had been "gunning" for Cassidy.

Dr. Boyce, although seriously injured, steadily improved and finally overcame his injury's.

The Rowler's comes with a pontil and also a smooth base variant. These bottles were manufactured at the second glass works to begin operation in San Francisco. The glass works was built in May of 1860 and manufactured several different medicine bottles, to include the Dr. Bowen's Blood Purifier and the Adolphus Anti Rheumatic Cordial bottles as well. All examples, that I know of, were dug in the west. These bottles are pretty scarce and I know of one intact example that was unearthed in the Nevada City area in the early 1990's. The late Mike Dolcini dug two Rowler's in Sacramento, one pontiled and one smooth base.

Although scarce, the "Rowler's" are not exactly rare. Several were unearthed in Old Sac back in the late '60s and early '70s. One pit we dug under what is now Fanny Anne's Saloon produced 2 mint and several damaged OP Rowler's. At the time, they brought relatively high prices, \$125 to \$150 in the considerably higher dollar value of those years. I recall one darker green example bringing the princely sum of \$225 at an early Sacramento Bottle Show. In the years since, only a couple have been dug in Sac'to. One on D St, between 13th and 14th, in Alkali Flat, and another on 12th and Q after the old Pepsi Cola bottling plant was removed to make way for another state office building. Specimens may have been dug by others that I am not aware of, including the rumor of one dug in Marysville. Mike Dolcini

**Bowler's
INFALLIBLE RHEUMATIC
MEDICINE,**

**FOR CURING
Rheumatism,
Mercurial and Secondary Syphilitic
Diseases,
Stubborn Ulcers,
Cutaneous Eruptions,
Swelling of the Glands,**

And all Diseases arising from an injudicious use of Mercury, also for PURIFYING the BLOOD, and reinvigorating the general system.

N. B.—None genuine unless the written signature of JAMES R. BOYCE, M. D., appears on each label. Prepared only by

J. R. BOYCE, M. D.,
Importer, Wholesale and Retail Druggist,
Cor. K and Second sts., Sacramento.

For sale by Druggists throughout the State. n12

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I much as I hate counterfeiters, bogus products and imitations you have to thank the perpetrators of these frauds..... without them we probably wouldn't have any embossed bottles - rs -

Thanks to Warren Friedrich, Dale Mlasko and the late Mike Dolcini

CUTTING & CO. - WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE

It can often be challenging to determine the initial date and longevity of a bottled product used by a company that was in business for a long time. Such is the case with the Cutting & Co. Worcestershire Sauce bottle.

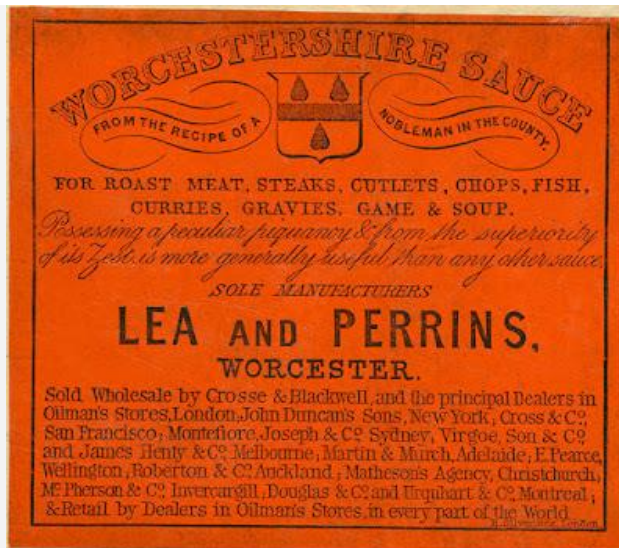
The partners Lea and Perrins of Worcestershire, England, were so successful with their world famous sauce that they were forced to employ a team of lawyers to defend their product from unscrupulous imitators. Wikipedia notes that John Wheeley Lea and William Henry Perrins first marketed their Worcestershire Sauce about 1838. Its popularity was indisputable as born out by the literally hundreds of imitators around the globe. Protecting their trade name was a constant battle.



Pictorial advertisements began showing up all over the world as noted in this 1858 example.

Perhaps one of the most contentious battles to preserve their proprietary stake in a product, they were challenged throughout the world, mostly in English speaking countries. The resolve of different legal entities made the issue even more confusing with regard to the prevailing rights of the trade mark. Other subtle differences of the brand were also tread upon, with one of the most obvious being the shape of the bottle. Not being necessarily unique, most imitators used the same style and the same configuration of lettering placement on the bottles, all in an attempt to bend the mind of the consumer into thinking their product was at least the same as the original. English made imitations were being advertised in San Francisco as early as 1859. This was certainly a very flattering situation for Lea & Perrins but also costly at the same time.

Apparently there was a judicial decision some time in 1874. Cross & Co. of San Francisco, established in October of 1850, had been the authorized agent for Lea & Perrins' Worcestershire Sauce in California since 1860. Lea & Perrins trademarked its label for Worcestershire sauce in California on April 21, 1874, but it was not specific to the use of the word 'Worcestershire'. This issue was followed upon with a federal trademark that focused on the words "Worcestershire Sauce", on July 28, 1874.



The famous label for Lea & Perrins' Worcestershire Sauce was given full trade mark protection in the United States with registration of the words 'WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE' on July 28, 1874, with the U.S. Patent and Trade Mark Office.

Pursuant to a legal finding Cross & Co. pressured three of the San Francisco imitators to desist in using the name Worcestershire or, Worcester, in the sale of their own recipe of the sauce. This action is memorialized in an advertisement that appeared in the Daily Alta California of November 16, 1874.

Lea & Perrins'
WORCESTERSHIRE
SAUCE.

IT HAVING BEEN JUDICIALLY DE-
termined that Messrs. LEA & PERRINS, of
WORCESTER, ENGLAND, have the exclusive
right to the use of the words "Worcestershire
Sauce" and "Worcester Sauce" we, the under-
signed Manufacturers of Sauces and Hermetically
Sealed Goods in San Francisco, will hereafter omit
the said words "Worcestershire" and "Worcester"
from the labels used by us, respectively.

San Francisco, November 10, 1874.

(Signed) CUTTING & CO.
(Signed) CODE, ELFELT & CO.
(Signed) C. JAMES KING OF WM. & CO.
(Signed) SOL. WANGENHEIM & CO.

Referring to the above, we beg to caution all
Dealers, as well as Restaurant and Saloon Keepers,
against having or selling any Imitations of Lea &
Perrins' Worcestershire Sauce, or using their Bottles,
having the names of Lea & Perrins impressed upon
same, for the disposal of any other Sauce, as we are
empowered by Messrs. Lea & Perrins to institute
legal proceedings against any parties thus infringing
upon their rights.

CROSSE & CO.,
Agents and Attorneys for Messrs. Lea & Perrins
112 2plw Worcester, England.

Cutting & Co. is the only firm of the three that used bottles blown with the word 'Worcestershire' impressed in the glass. It must be assumed that this particular bottle was no longer made after 1874.



Embossed vertically, CUTTING & CO., and embossed horizontally around the shoulder, WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE, in the same style as the Lea & Perrins bottle, it was determined to be an infringement of trade mark rights and had to be discontinued.

Of course, imitators continued to cash in on the famous sauce. Fisher Packing Co., of San Francisco tried bending the word 'Worcestershire' to 'Wargestershire' and trade marked the same in 1884. It took a few years for Lea & Perrins to catch up with the ruse but in 1890 the U.S. Circuit Court finally decided in favor of Lea & Perrins when their lawsuit enjoined Fisher from using the word Wargestershire.



Another obvious deception was the sauce sold by the Fisher Packing Co. of San Francisco that slightly tweaked the word WORCESTERSHIRE, but it failed the legal test and was ordered removed from the market place.

While we can pin down the final date for the Cutting & Co. Worcestershire Sauce bottle, that still leaves its beginning date to be determined. No advertisements were uncovered that could establish Cutting actually selling Worcestershire Sauce except one in May 1872.

