



## Object of the Newsletter

*To promote the appreciation of fine Whisky (and the drinking of it) amongst my friends and to spread the word on the joys of single malt. By the way, I do not profess to be an expert, I am merely expressing an opinion on the whiskies I am tasting. "Slange"*

This issue I stray from Single malt whisky to Bourbon, I met up with a friend again in the "Whisky Attic" of the Freakin Frog. Donald is a serious Bourbon drinker and tried his best to corrupt me with a taste of **Booker's True Barrel Bourbon**. I have to say I was very impressed and will not be averse to drinking it again in the future. But, sorry Donald, my preference is still for Scotch. We had the very good fortune to be in the "Whisky Attic" when the owner Adam Carmer was present, you'll travel the world over and be hard pressed to find a more knowledgeable man than Adam when it comes to whisky. More on the whisky tasting on page two.

### Tasting Notes;

**Color** - Deep, rich, smoky amber

**Nose** - Big oak, vanilla, smoky charcoal

**Palate** - Intense, fruit, tobacco

**Finish** - Clean, long, intense

Want to know more about the "Whiskey Attic" go to;

<http://www.freakinfrog.com>

*If you have a personal favorite and you would like it to feature in future "Slange" newsletters, please let me know.*

*I can be contacted at my website [www.scot-talks.com](http://www.scot-talks.com).*

*"Slainte Mhath"*

*Paul Bissett*





## Whisky (& Whiskey) tasting with Adam Carmer

*In tasting order, we sampled;*

**Auchentoshan 3 Wood—Scotch**

**Rocky Mountain Rye 16 years old**

**Dalmore 15 years old—Scotch**

**Macallan Cask Strength—Scotch**

**Van Winkle Family Reserve 13 years old—Rye**

**Mithchers Straight Rye**

**Lagavulin 1991 Distillers Edition —Scotch**

Adam has developed a new tasting method that helps you get more pronounced flavor notes when you taste your whisky, and I can highly recommend doing a tasting with him. He not only informs, but is also highly entertaining and had us laughing constantly, not easy to do when you have a mouthful of whisky.

For me the **Lagavulin 1991 Distillers Edition** was the outstanding whisky of the tasting. It's a little out of my price range for day to day drinking, but well worth the money as a special occasion whisky. An ideal Birthday or Christmas gift (hint, hint).

If you wish to know more about whisky tastings with Adam, you can contact him on his website <http://www.freakinfrog.com>



## A wee bit of History

In 1988, Booker Noe introduced his own signature bourbon, Booker's True Barrel Bourbon. Inspired by a 200-year-old tradition, Booker's is the only bourbon bottled straight-from-the-barrel, uncut and unfiltered. First created as a holiday gift for his special friends, Booker's whiskey was so well-received that he decided to make it available to bourbon lovers worldwide; much to the joy of spirit connoisseurs everywhere. Booker's is the rarest, absolute best bourbon available.

### Distinctions

Booker's Bourbon is the only uncut, unfiltered, straight-from-the-barrel, connoisseur's sipping bourbon available today. It's bottled at its natural proof of between 121 and 127, and aged between six and eight years. Booker Noe, Jim Beam's grandson and master distiller emeritus, hand selects each barrel that will become Booker's Bourbon. Each barrel that will become Booker's bourbon is aged in the very center of the rackhouse where the temperature and humidity combines in the perfect proportion for the finest bourbon. This is truly the absolute best bourbon available.

### Booker Noe

Booker Noe, sixth-generation Beam and grandson of Jim Beam, joined the family business after graduating from the University of Kentucky in 1950. Booker proved to be a quick study, and in 1960, became the master distiller of Jim Beam Brands Co. This world-class distiller became a true American legend in 1988 when he introduced his special bourbon, appropriately named **Booker's**. This landmark bourbon was the first to carry the Small Batch designation. As Booker says, **Booker's Bourbon** is the way bourbon used to be, the way it was meant to be.

For more information on **Booker's True Barrel Bourbon** go to <http://www.jimbeam.com>

**What is the difference between a battery and a whisky ?  
A battery has a negative side.**



## Whiskyfest 2011

WhiskyFest offers you the opportunity to taste from a selection of more than 250 whiskies from around the world; many of them rare and exclusive. Want to learn more about a whisky? Attend free seminars conducted by distillery managers and master blenders. Take some time to enjoy the never-ending gourmet buffet.

### Over 250 Whiskies in One Place, on One Night

WhiskyFest will feature more than 250 of the world's finest, rarest, and most expensive, single malt and blended Scotch, Irish, bourbon, Tennessee, Japanese, Canadian and other whiskies from around the world to sample in one location. High-end rums, vodkas, beer and other spirits will be represented as well.

For the week prior to each whiskyfest, there are a number of events going on, for example;

### Scotch Tasting / Master class

By: MacKillop's Choice. Special guest, Lorne Mackillop, will take you through a tasting of the following whiskies:

- 12 Year Old - *Oloroso Sherry Cask Finish*
- Scapa 1989 – *MacKillop's Choice*
- Dalmore 1986 – *MacKillop's Choice*
- Glenlivet 1977 – *MacKillop's Choice*
- Highland Park 1980 – *MacKillop's Choice*
- Longmorn 1985 – *MacKillop's Choice*
- Caol Ila 1979 – *MacKillop's Choice*
- Tomintoul – *Limited Edition Peaty Tang*

For more info on whiskyfest go to <http://www.maltadvocate.com/whiskyfest.asp>