

# The South Coast Orchid Club Inc. Gazette

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NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 12th November 1996, Calvary Lutheran Church Hall, Windsong Crt, Morphett Vale. Benching of plants to be completed by 7-45 pm for judging. Meeting commences at 8pm.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Mr Don Gallagher will speak on the 15th World Orchid Conference that was held in Rio de Janeiro during September. Don was involved in the Judging at the Show, also in organizing a post-conference tour through areas of South America.

HALL SET-UP:

Would all willing to assist please be at the Hall by 7 o'clock.

SUPPER:

Tea, Coffee, Cordial and Biscuits will be provided.

DAYTIME CHAPTER:

2pm Thursday 14th November 1996 at South Brighton Community Hall, Dover Square Reserve, Broadway, South Brighton. A slide program presented by Helen Edwards will show Pre-conference touring and Flowers of the 15th World Orchid Conference in Rio de Janeiro, South America.

#### DAYTIME CHAPTER

On a pleasant Spring afternoon Keith welcomed 20+ members to the 101st meeting of the Daytime Group. Members were advised of the upcoming social events and then it was over to Bruce Mules to speak on Growing Australian Native Dendrobiums in Arid Environments.

As most of us know Bruce lives in Port Pirie where the Summers are hot, dry and low in humidity, but he does have mains water supply. Although this water is often poor quality, it is water.

Bruce has been growing Australian Native Dendrobiums, (dendrocoryne section) in Pirie for about 20 years and many of us have been to see his absolutely superb collection.

The problems that he experiences are much different to those in the Eastern states. Many collections in

that area suffer from Dendrobium Beetle and although Bruce suspects that he has bought that little critter into his collection at some stage it hasn't survived, probably due to the climate.

Another problem faced by the Eastern states dendrobium growers is fungal diseases. Bruce finds many of these are also eliminated in his area. Bruce believes this may be due to the high concentration of salt in the water or to the control he has over the climatic conditions.

"It is much easier to control watering, humidity and light intensity than what it would be in say Newcastle, New South Wales". The watering system in Bruce's shadehouses is automatically controlled and as the rainfall in the area is quite low he has almost complete control over the amount of water the plants receive.

Bruce also believes that humidity is easier to create than to reduce.

Light is controlled by the addition or subtraction of shadecloth and as Bruce lives in a rather windy area air movement is not a problem either. The only element left that needs attention is the heat and Bruce showed us many ideas to help keep the temperature a few degrees lower than outside the shadehouse. Most effective seems more use of water, misting for long periods of time when the temperature is very high is effective, as is the use of a soaker hose above the side walls and allowing the water to drizzle down the shadecloth creating like a water-bag effect.

Even with cooling some plants have a rest during the hot weather. It is important to recognise these plants and not to fertilize them.

Bruce's favorite Dendrobium must be the magnificent *speciosum* and his accompanying slides showed us why.

Bruce's Best on Bench went to Lc. Gold Digger grown by Peter & Geraldine Flavel, 2nd Den. Dainty Gem grown by Keith Northcote and 3rd place to Cym. Excalibur x canaliculatum. Members chose Cym. Tethy's Black Magic grown by Marian Davies, 2nd Paph. acmodontum grown by Peter & Geraldine Flavel and 3rd Den. ruppianum x speciosum grown by Harry & Berna Viney.

The afternoon concluded with a cuppa and delicious goodies.



Bruce's Watch-dog'

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Medallions won at Shows in 1996 will be presented at the December Meeting.

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#### STOCKTAKE

Any Members who are holding Club Property please advise the Treasurer, Graham Shevlin, in writing, by the December Meeting. Please note, this includes documents, books or articles.

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#### VIDEO

A video of the 3rd Australasian Native Orchid Show featuring all the displays and 70 close ups of individual flowers is available from Ron Parish of Video Camera Service, P.O. Box 82, Oaklands Park, SA 5046 or see him at the next S.C.O.C. meeting. The cost is \$25 plus \$4 postage. Also available is a set of 3 PC disks containing 48 good resolution images, for more information see or ring Ron.

So to those who missed the Show or who are interested in some lovely photography of our own Australasian Native Orchids here's your opportunity.

#### CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Christmas Luncheon will be held at 12.00 noon at the Warradale Hotel on Sunday the 15th December. Cost is \$14 per head. Please make your payment at the November meeting.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 1997 Annual General Meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia Inc. will be held on Tuesday February 11th, 1997 commencing at 8.00pm at the Calvary Lutheran Church Hall, Morphett Vale. At the A.G.M. the election of Officers for 1997 will be held.

The following positions require nominations: President, Vice Presidents (2), Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, and Committee members (2). Nominations forms are available from Phil O'Brien on 82983773 or at the next meeting. All nominations must be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary, Phil O'Brien, by no later than the close of the 1996 December meeting on 10th. Members will also be asked to assist in the posi-

tions of-

Show Marshall, Tea Lady, Librarian, Editor of Gazette, Trading Table Convenor, Daytime Chapter Chairperson, Registrar of Judges, Publicity Officer, Social/Liaison Officer, Hosts or Hostess.

Please give your consideration to any of the above positions.

You must be a financial member to vote.

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# 3rd AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE ORCHID CONFERENCE. by Kevin Gurney President of S.A. Orchidaceous Society Inc.

Last weekend I had the pleasure of attending the Third Australasian Native Orchid show at Flinders University, and for those who did not attend, well you missed out on a floral treat of our own home grown orchids from around Australia. As one walked into the Auditorium the perfume was very heady but the displays of the various genera were well worth the drive in the rain. I was particularly intrigued with a couple of displays from interstate and the different colours and forms of Sarcochilus Orchids that were presented. Usually Sarcochilus flower in our State after the major shows so we don't really get to see them massed as was the case at this Show. Helen and myself have, in the last 18 months, started to grow Sarcs, so the opportunity to purchase some-more for the collection presented itself, hopefully with some beautiful flowers when they reach maturity in a couple of years.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

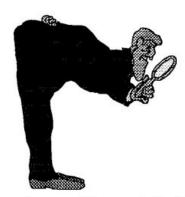
Welcome to new members: Gerald and Mina Voskamp of Blair Athol and Marie Smith of Christies Downs.

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Good Orchid Growing.

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#### MODERN JAPANESE MINIATURE CATTLEYA HYBRIDS



Notes from a talk presented by Ejiri Munekazu of Japan at the 15th World Orchid Conference.

Lately the hybridizing of Cattleyas in the world seems to have slowed compared with some of the other genera. Control of the large lavender cattleya hybrids, for cut flowers, is now almost complete, except for the flowering season. We can get well shaped, very large flowers. Orchids have become popular in Japan, many of the public even ask 'What's new in Cattleya hybrids'. To keep them interested we need to show them something different. There are several ways to do this -

- 1. create new colours,
- increase the number of flowers.
- 3. increase the flower size,
- or create new types.

What are new types of Cattleya hybrids? Of course there are many answers. One of them that we are trying is the miniature hybrid.

As many people know, Japan is one of the leading countries for miniature Cattleya hybrids. Many of those hybrids are based on Brazilian Cattleya alliance species.

There are four major 'lines' of miniature cattleya hybrids in Japan now.

The most successful 'line' is Sc. Beaufort. Sc. Beaufort is S. coccinea x L. luteola. Both Brazilian miniature species. If Sc. Beaufort is used as pod or pollen parent, in the main the hybrids have well

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shaped miniature flowers. Both the plant and flowers are small even when crossed with large flowers.

The Lc. Mini Purple line is unique. Lc. Mini Purple is a cross between L. pumila & C. walkeriana, another two Brazilian species. Lc. Mini Purple hybrids are very strongly inflenced by the other parent. If you cross it with a large lavender, you can get medium size plants with medium size flowers, but the shape of the flowers is a smaller version of the other parent.

Third line is Blc. Love Sound hybrids. Blc. Love Sound is the Brazilian L. briegeri x Blc. Bouton D'or. Blc. Love Sound has bright clear colours.

The last line is Lc. Tropic Glow. Lc. Tropic Glow is not such a well known name. It is a cross between *L. milleri* and Lc. Hawaiian Glow. *L. milleri* is also a Brazilian species and very important in the making of pure reds.

These new types of miniature Cattleya flowers will create a lot of interest from the general public.

Some of the slides that accompanied this talk really got our attention, as has the catalogue that we've just received from this gentleman. Editor.

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### THANKS

Thanks again to all that helped at the Show.

Although customers were few and far between,on some occasions, the Trading Table again did well and should keep our heads above water for a bit longer.

# **DENDROBIUM YODOGIMI - Best of 2nd Division**

Den. Yodogimi is Hatuharu x Oborozuki and was registered by J. Yamamoto of Okayama City, Japan in 1979. When flowered well the Yamamoto Dendrobes or Soft Cane dens, as they are often called, are a sight to behold. There are several theories on the growing on these little beauties but most seem to be of the opinion that they need high light to produce flowers, they need to be watered copiously in their growing period and very little water at other times. If you are going to try these in your collection a bit of reading first is worthwhile.

## MONTHLY FLORAL COMPETITION

SECOND DIVISION RESULTS		Judges: J. Gay H. Edwards	
Aust.Nat.Epi:Species	Den. kingianum	W. & R. Clark	3
	Den. kingianum	M. Smith	2
	Den. gracilicaule	M. Smith	1
Aust.Nat.Epi:Hybrid	Den. xdelicatum	P. & L. Fenton	3
	Den. Bardo Rose	A. & V. Thompson	2
	Den. xdelicatum	M. Smith	1
Std. Cymbidium	Valley Ann	A. & V. Thompson	3
Mini. Cymbidium	Tommy Amy	S. Ng	3
	Gladys Whitesell	W. & R. Clark	2
	Showgirl	D. & J. Higgs	1
Novelty Cattleya	L. purpurata x Blue Boy	J. Dudley	3
Nov. Cluster Cattleya	Lc. Chit Chat	J. Beasley	3
	C. Chocolate Treats	A. & V. Thompson	2
	C. Adelaide Ablaze	A. & V. Thompson	1
Dendrobium	Yodogimi	D. & J. Higgs	3
Miscellaneous	Epidendrum	N. Gitsham	3
Phalaenopsis	Dtps (Poco's Clipper x Milano)	P. & L. Fenton	3
Species	Cym. lowianum	A. & V. Thompson	3

# FLOWER OF THE DIVISION: Dendrobium Yodogimi

Congratulations to Don & Jane Higgs

OPEN DIVISION	Judge:	J. Gay R. Pankoke	ts.
Aust.Nat.Epi:Species	Sarso. hartmanii	A. DeIonno	3
2010 (1900 )	Den. speciosum	D. Biebrick	2
	Den. ruppianum	P. & G. Flavel	1
Aust.Nat.Epi:Hybrid	Den. xdelicatum	D. Biebrick	3
10	Den. Bardo Rose	D. Biebrick	2
	Den. Dainty Gem 'Eucla'	K. Northcote	1
Aust.Nat.Terr:Species	Diuris punctata	R. & B. Anderson	3
	Diuris punctata	D. Biebrick	2
Aust.Nat.Terr:Hybrid	Ptst. Jack Warcup	P. & G. Flavel	3
	Ptst. Cutie 'Harold's Pride'	P. & G. Flavel	2
	Ptst. Hoodwood	P. & G. Flavel	1
Std. Cymbidium	Dutchman's Delight	A. DeIonno	3
Inter. Cymbidium	(Mimi X Pearly Queen ) 'Aurora'	H. Gerber	3
	Trio Guare 'Alice Kesster'	H. Gerber	2
	Chenara 'Christina'	H. Gerber	1
Mini. Cymbidium	Mad Magic 'Amber'	H. Gerber	3
Std. Cattleya	Blc. Dundas 'Tom's Pride'	R. & B. Wilson	3
	Blc. Wendy Tanaka	R.& B. Anderson	2
Nov. Cattleya	Lc. Golden Girl 'Orchidglade'	A. DeIonno	3
	Slc. Rosemary Clooney	K. Northcote	2
	Blc. Fiesta Girl	R. & B. Wilson	1
Nov. Cluster Cattleya	Lc. Trick or Trick	B. Wyly	3
	Lc. Scarlet Imp	K. Northcote	2
Other Laeliinae	Dial. Fair Jewel	B. Wyly	3
	Otr. Varut Serenity	B. Wyly	2
Std. Paphiopedlum	Loganne Carlin x Dazzler Ruby	D. Biebrick	3
Nov. Paphiopedilum	boxalli x Radiant Tiger	D. Biebrick	3
	acmodontum x wolterianum	P. & G. Flavel	2
	Copperware x callosum	D. Biebrick	1
Species Paphiopedilum	vemistrum	D. Biebrick	3
	villosum	D. Biebrick	2
Odontoglossum	McLna. Pagan LoveSong x Oda. Hybrid	B. Wyly	3
Species	Z. intermedium	B. Wyly	3
Vandaceous	Noriko Sumida	R. & B. Anderson	3
Zygopetalum Alliance	Z. Titanic	P. & G. Flavel	3

## FLOWER OF THE DIVISION:

Lc. Trick or Treat Congratulations to Betty Wyly

FIRST DIVISION	Judges:	K. Northcote B. Wyly	
Aust.Nat.Epi:Species	Den. lingueforme	M. Cunningham	3
	Den. kingianum	H. & B. Viney	2
	Den. suffusum	M. Cunningham	1
Aust.Nat.Epi:Hybrid	Den. xdelicatum	M. Cunningham	3
	Den. xdelicatum	M. Cunningham	2
	Den. Eureka x gracilicaule	M. Cunningham	1
Aust.Nat.Terr:Species	Ptst. biseta	M. Tiggeman	3
Std. Cymbidium	Burgundian Sydney	H. & B. Viney	3
	Kiri Te Kanama	M. Tiggeman	2
Std. Cattleya	Blc. Sylvia Fry 'Supreme'	C. Amee	3
	Blc. Mem. Crispin Rosales x Lc. Irene Finney	C. Amee	2
	C. Earl Imperialis	C. Amee	1
Novelty Cattleya	Pot. Kumquat Glow	R. & I. Parish	3
	Lc. Chine x Slc. Kauai Starbright	M. Tiggeman	2
Nov. Cluster Cattleya	Lc. Adelaide Ablaze	H. & B. Viney	3
	Lc. Golden Sparkle	R. & I. Parish	2
Cocktail Cattleya	Slc. Pixie Pearls	C. Amee	3
	Slc. Hazel Boyd	C. Amee	2
Other Laeliinae	Epicat. Siam Jade	R. & I. Parish	3
Dendrobium	Lady Charm x (Mae Klong River x Manachole)	C. Amee	3
Miscellaneous	Serapias lingua	M. Tiggeman	3
Nov. Paphiopedilum	Harrisianum 'Balls'	R. & I. Parish	3
	(Callo Day - sukhakulii) x sukhakulii	R. & I. Parish	2
	venustrum x Impression	R. & I. Parish	1
Species Paphiopedilum	hainanensis	R. & I. Parish	3
	hirsutissimum	R. & I. Parish	2
	appletonianum	R. & I. Parish	1
Odont/Oncidium Alliance	Odcm. Cambalache	R. & I. Parish	3
Species	Z. mackayi	M. Tiggeman	3
Vandaceous	V. Ohu-ohu x Asc. Meda Arnold	C. Amee	3
	V. Pranerm x Asc. Thai Ruby	C. Amee	2

FLOWER OF THE DIVISION: Paphiopedilum hainanensis

Congratulations to Ron & Irene Parish