

THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB

OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

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Our next meeting will be at the R.S.L. Hall, Morphett Vale, on Tuesday April 10th. at 8 p.m.

We will have Mr. Rex Thomson to give a talk on '20 years of Orchid Growing'. Many of you will remember the very informative talk Rex gave us last year on Clonal Multiplication & flasking of seeds, & I am sure you will find this a very interesting evening.

Also, Mr. Bernie Hansen will give a practical demonstration with Cymbidiums.

Mr. Nicky Zurcher will come along to judge our plants. Members problems will also be discussed, so do not be afraid to ask for help on any cultural troubles you may be having. These can be placed in the appropriate box on the library table if you wish to remain anonymous.

Our MAY meeting will be an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING. This is on May 8th. at the R.S.L. Hall at 7.30.p.m. The Subject to be discussed is the amended Constitution. Accordingly, a ballot form is enclosed with this Bulletin & all financial members are asked to return your postal vote by May 1st. 1973 to Mr. Peter Summers, 26, Truscott Ave., Seacombe Heights. 5047.

At our last meeting held on Tuesday March 13th., we had an apology from our Secretary, Mr. Peter Summers, who was in Melbourne. Peter has had to miss several meetings through business, & did intend to resign, but he has reconsidered this, & will continue to act as Secretary. Mr. John Maddern was acting secretary for the evening, but we were pleased to see that Peter arrived home in time to be at the end of the meeting.

We welcomed Mr. & Mrs Keith Yates to the meeting, & Keith gave us an interesting talk on the life of the Adelaide Club.

Also, Mr. Tom Gammo & Mr. David Brown, brought along a large selection of goods which are obtainable from Hodges. Club members are allowed 10% discount on purchases made at their store. Mr. Gammo donated a soil moisture meter to the Club, & this will be raffled at a later date.

One problem plant was discussed & a decision was reached. It is interesting to hear of other peoples troubles, who knows when we might have the same thing.

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We had the pleasure of Mick Chenoweth as our able judge for the night. Results were as follows:

OPEN SECTION

Cattleya	BIG Fortune Grandview Cat. Unknown Pot. Dane "Redbreast"	John Maddern M.R. Chenoweth Wes. Harris	3 pts. 2 pts. 1 pt.
Paphiopedilum	Gigas	M.R. Chenoweth	2 pts.
Aus. Natives	D. biggibum Sp.	P. Speer	3 pts.
Phalaenopsis	Dorit. Mem. Clarence Schubert	Valley Orchids	2 pts.
Species	Paph. Callosum Sp. Oncid. Conceanum Sp.	Wes Harris Wes Harris	3 pts. 2 pts.
Misc. Genera	Vanda Rothschildiana Miltassia Estrelita Miltonia Candida x Spectabilis	G. Adams M.R. Chenoweth	3 pts. 2 pts. 1 pt.

NOVICE SECTION

Cattleya	C. Maureen Orcutt x Bicolor "Beta"	Mrs. E. Tregenza	3 pts.
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INDOOR PLANTS

Alocasia Amazonica	Wes. Harris
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Your committee have managed to extract more money from our tight fisted Treasurer for prizes for this year's WINTER SHOW to be held in JULY. The prize list is enclosed with this bulletin & members are requested to read the by-laws on SHOWS, especially noting item 2(j)

We hope you will all bring along as many plants as you can, & make this a bumper show.

SPRING SHOW AT MARION SHOPPING CENTRE

Plans are going ahead for this show & we hope it will be even bigger & better than last year. I hope you are nursing along your Orchids, & also any foliage plants which you have, as Graham Harvey is unable to supply them this year.

Our prize list & Show regulations will be available in a week or two, & will be sent out with the May Bulletin.

LADIES

Our next meeting is Saturday April 14th. at Mrs. Dulcie Grave's home, States Road, Reynella.

You are all reminded to bring your homework i.e. a modern arrangement. I hope you will all keep practicing your arrangements & spraymaking.

We will need all the help possible for our Marion show, those of you who were there last year, will remember how rushed we were at times, trying to keep up with the demand.

CULTURAL NOTES by Bernie Hansen

"IT'S TIME"

Back bulbs that have struck & have a good strong lead approx. 10" long can now be potted into separate pots, that is, if you planted your back bulbs in a tray.

An average size back bulb with one or two leads can be potted into a 6" pot & kept in a darker spot in the shade house, the plants should grow on to a large plant. NOTE. Do not remove a lead from a Back bulb until it is at least a bulb with a lead, as a small lead from a back bulb has no storehouse of food & is very slow growing until such time as it builds up a bulb.

Flower spikes should be showing on most plants that are going to flower, an odd late spike may still show. With the odd shower in the air, now is a good time to sprinkle a good slug & snail bait to clean up the "little fellows" before they enjoy a spike luncheon. For those of you who are growing Odont. 'grande', hang it up, as a snail really enjoys both the foliage & spikes. Zygo 'mackayii' spikes are beginning to show, so look after your spikes as we have to make a good showing at Marion.

NEWSY TITBITS

I understand that Bernie Hansen is now very much tied up with his dogs club. I hope he is not getting his leads mixed up.

Several members are apparently saving quite a lot on their electricity bills, since the installation of fluorescent street lights.

Who is keeping warm by our electric radiator? THIS IS SERIOUS. If anyone knows where this is located will they please let us know before the winter weather arrives. We haven't all got our love to keep us warm.

ODE TO A SNAIL (with apologies to Wm. Shakespeare).

O say, blithe Puck, was it not you
Who chewed that little bud right through,
In guise of fat and ugly snail
That left its long and slimy trail
Throughout my houses; and causing ravage
Unlike a fairy, but more a savage.
And breathless makes this grower toil
to overcome, or somehow foil
Such bad, unwelcome pests as you
Who care not for the damage they do.
Are you, indeed, that loathsome sinner
Who took my cymbidium as his dinner?

(A timely entry in
our competition)

This months selection

A personnel manager of a big firm kept a bowl of goldfish on his desk. "No, I don't like goldfish a bit", he explained. "I just like to have something around here that opens it's mouth without asking for a raise."

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PRIZE LIST WINTER SHOW - JULY 1973.

	<u>Name of plant</u>	<u>Owner</u>
GRAND CHAMPION	Medallion	
OPEN CHAMPION	\$10 trophy	
NOVICE CHAMPION	\$10 "	
<u>OPEN SECTION</u>		
CYMBIDIUM	\$2 trophy	
CATTLEYA	\$2 "	
PAPHIOPEDILUM	\$2 "	
AUST. NATIVES	\$2 "	
PHALAENOPSIS	\$2 "	
SPECIES	\$2 "	
MISC. GENERA	\$2 "	
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