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MONTHLY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next Monthly Meeting will be held at the Lutheran Church Hall Windsong Court CHRISTIE DOWNS on TUESDAY 13th, DECEMBER, at 8 p.m

This meeting will of course be our last for 1983 and is planned as usual as our Christmas Meeting. As indicated in last month's Gazette there will be special features. Our speaker will be our own Show Marshall, Mr. John Leeder & his subject, The 8th Australian Orchid Conference, Townsville. John will also be showing his slides which will include those of S.C.O.C. display. It was hoped to have had this talk & slides at our last meeting but time ran out. As this will be our last meeting for 1983 we would like to see a big attendance particularly as there is no cultural meeting in January. A big programme has been planned, which includes a Monster Christmas Raffle, prize giving for the good growers who won these at the recent Spring Show, also prizes to the winners of the aggregate monthly plant competition, the benching of whatever fortunate members can produce in the flowering plant competition and a bigger & better than usual supper.

Assistance is sought from members who are willing to help our supper Convenor, Mrs. Dorothy Howard in preparing & serving at cultural meetings each month. This help will be badly needed at our December meeting because of the extra that will be provided. Support is sought too from every member to bring their contribution to add to the committee provision of food for this special break-up night.

A reminder also for gift wrapped B/b's divisions or plants for the raffle and our request that members contribute \$1 each in the collection which will be passed to the Day Care Centre which is run by the church who let the hall to our club year after year.

As a gesture of thanks to all the support of our members through 1983 the committee have had some native orchid plants sent down from Queensland & these will be passed out at the December meeting on the basis of one (1) plant per family at only \$1 each. Members will realise that this is far below their cost and it is repeated that this is being done as a gesture of thanks to the great way in which the whole club has supported every demand throughout 1983, including shows, meetings and displays.

As the interest is increasing in native plants we would like to be part of helping to foster this side of orchid growing in S.C.O.C. The first meeting for 1984 will be on Tuesday February 14th, & this will be for the brief Annual General Meeting with its necessary business of election of new President & Committee members etc. & will be followed by a new innovation which we trust will be popular.

The committee are asking any member who has some favourite colour slides of their plants, plant or flower to bring along 5 or six that can be shown to the meeting. Our Treasurer Mr. Lewis Moore will provide empty slide magazines into which your slides can be loaded and the showing of these will be the main item of the evening. So members search out your best slides & bring them along, enter into the spirit of the night and be prepared for a real feast of entertainment. Perhaps for the covering of those members who do not have slides of their orchids those who do could, bring 10 nice slides and then we can make up a good evening of pleasure for everyone. As it will be the duty of the incoming Committee to arrange the programs after that meeting we cannot as yet foretell further into the year at this time.

We would again remind members that there will be no Club Gazette for January but your editor would like to show his appreciation & thanks for the very good support that he has had both from our retiring President Mr. Harry Viney, our long suffering Show Marshall Mr. John Leeder, the Secretary Mrs. Shirley Stirling, the Treasurer Mr. Lewis Moore, the Committee for their great assistance which has made my task so much easier & finally every member who have borne with the reception of the articles printed throughout this last year without complaint. We all look forward to a New Year in 1984 where this mutual arrangement can go on. I would be most unappreciative also if my thanks were not extended to both Mrs. Lyn Mangelsdorf for her typing each month & to my Wife for her great help in getting the Gazette folded, enveloped labelled, sorted & mailed each month particularly when I was hospitalised & limited in moving around. Sincere thanks to you all.

NEW MEMBERS

A hearty welcome to the following new members may you all find a real place in the S.C.O.C. where your orchid pleasure can find full release.
 J & J.Y. Stamentiovic, 42 Riverview Drive Pt. Noarlunga 5167
 R. Millington, 12 Parsons Road, Reynella 5161
 Mrs. G. Guest, 33 Shelley Avenue, Netley 5037.

Correction - from November Gazette

To possibly make some amends for the mistaken item regarding by-laws covering the upward movement of a member from one Division to another a portion of the said constitutional by-laws are printed here.

Interpretation: Clause 3.

A "Second Division Exhibitor" shall mean an exhibitor who has nominated for this Division. A member may not exhibit in this Division after he has won five major prizes. A "Second Division Exhibitor" shall remain so until the end of the show year during which he gains his fifth major prize or first placing.

(4) A "First Division Exhibitor" shall mean an exhibitor who has nominated for this Division or who has graduated from the Second Division and is not an "Open Division Exhibitor". A member may not exhibit in this Division after he has won 15 major prizes in the Division in the preceeding 3 years subject to clause 2(a) hereof.

Clause 2(a) An Open Exhibitor who has for two consecutive years failed to win a total of 3 major prizes for those two years may seek Committee's approval to exhibit as a First Division Exhibitor.

(5) An "Open Exhibitor" is an exhibitor who has nominated for this Division or graduated from First Division.

CYMBIDIUM NEWS

Can one but impress upon growers to pay very much attention to the care of all orchid plants now we have the summer upon us. Water so as to keep the compost damp at all times. Stress from heat is just as hard on orchids as it is on humans. Unlike us they do enjoy humidity so try to achieve this by keeping the growing areas damp. It has been well said that an orchid grower can tell by the smell, if the shadehouse is being kept at a good humid level & just try this for yourself this summer. If you have a sprinkler system operating, after it has been turned off at the close of the day and when the dripping has stopped, take a walk through the house & notice the beautiful moist smell that comes up from the foliage & surrounds. This is what I'm sure is meant by growers who say they know when conditions are right, 'by the smell'. Naturally the same thing will be achieved if sprinkling is done by the hose. Be on the lookout for Red Spider infection, they revel in dry conditions. Don't think that it can't happen to you, it can & does if spray precautions are not taken. It should be said that the correct humid conditions will assist the precautions, but a dry atmosphere will encourage Red Spider attack. A systematic spray seems most effective & must be sprayed with care both to make certain that the grower is protected & the underside of the foliage is wet with the insecticide, this is where the infiltration commences & the alarming growth that you can witness, if uncontrolled, is disastrous. Some growers cease fertilising with Nitrogen at the Beginning of the New Year & turn to a more Potassium, Phosphate based fertilizer said to increase a cymbidium orchid's potential to flower more readily & the plants ability to throw more spikes per plant. Whatever view you take, do fertilise regularly but not using full strength amounts too often, if at all.

Before our next Gasette is printed I guess the keen growers who have early blooming varieties will be out counting spikes again. This must be a reminder to all of us that there is not much time between old flowers & new spikes, so all we can do in this time is to try & induce very good growth in preparation for next season's blooms. The very hot months of the year is not a good time to be dividing plants, far better, if not done before then, to wait until autumn comes. Keep in mind our display for Garden Week next April. S.C.O.C. are looking for your support.

Extract from English Orchid Review July 1968 by H. Bawden.
Dendrobium 'kingianum' var 'compactum.'

This orchid is a short bulb grower and much tider than the ordinary Den. 'kingianum'. Recently I cut up a plant which had 240 bulbs in a 6 inch pot. These I placed in jars of water until the new shoots began to grow and now I have 140 propogations all in a flat basket, 12 in diameter, 2 in. deep, lined with Sarlon cloth. Next year when the second bulbs grow and flower it will make a magnificent specimen. The bulbs are 3 -5 inches in length. You can imagine how long the plant must have been growing in the six in. pot to have so many bulbs. I had to hack into it and destroy a number of bulbs to start seperating them. They were all over & around the sides of the pot. The original owner must have got tired of no flowers and gave it to our local society to auction. I sent the bidding from 10s. to 20s. and frightened of all the bidders. Dendrobium kingianum plants are best divided each two years, they do not do well when potted on from pot to a larger pot. The bulbs may be started in water in a short glass jar but must be in good light. Like Cattleya back cuts they grow in water for three months, before being removed with roots 2 in. long. Change the water occasionally. I finally pot into the 2 in. deep baskets using sand, fine bark which has been passed through a $\frac{1}{4}$ in. meshed sieve, rice hulls and a little peat moss.

(Ed. Perhaps food for thought. How many of us modern growers have tried this method of starting Cattelya back cuts let alone Dendrobium Kingianum psuedo bulbs?)

Another extract from our early plant collectors diary. Under the title of 'The Kirk Papers' found in the Zambesi Journal & Letters of Dr. John Kirk, Volumes 1 & 2, edited by Reginald Foskett. These two volumes are available for reference only at this section of The State Library of S.A. & hold some very interesting material. "The departure of S.S. Pearl from Liverpool in 1858 until Kirk's return to London in 1958" are the content of 'The Kirk Papers', we extract just a small portion to make you eager for more?? On reaching the creek leading to Wellington, the tide had receded so far that it was impossible to get near the landing place & when the crew jumped into the mud they sank up to the middle & extricated themselves with difficulty. the smell was very offensive from the great extent of mud exposed to the powerful. sun. We landed by hauling down all the canvas & walking along it to a part where the mud was somewhat firmer. We then were carried by two natives. I certainly expected to be planted with my head in the mud for every step the natives staggered and sank up to the knee in the filthy tenacious mire".

Congratulations are extended to the following members, winners of each Division & Genera from December 1982 - November 1983.

OPEN DIVISION

Aust. Native Epiphyte	W. J. Nicholls	9	points
Aust. Native Terrestrial	W. J. Nicholls	6	"
Cymbidiums : Standard	D. & T. Mills	19	"
" Intermediate	W. J. Nicholls	8	"
" Minature	K. Northcote	11	"
Cattleyas	W.J. Nicholls & T. Burian	6	" (each)
Dendrobiums	W.J. Nicholls	31	"
Miscellaneous	W. J. Nicholls	17	"
Phalaenopsis	W. J. Nicholls	23	"
Paphiopedilum	Adel Orchids & W.J. Nicholls	8	" (each)
Paphiopedilum Novelty	Adelaide Orchids	9	"
Paphiopedilum Species	W. J. Nicholls	13	"
Species	W. J. Nicholls	45	"

OVERALL WINNER : W.J. NICHOLLS 171 total aggregate points.

FIRST DIVISION

Aust. Native Epiphyte	L. & R. Moore	35	points
Aust. Native Terrestrial	L. & R. Moore	18	"
Cymbidium : Standard	G. & L. Spear	9	"
" Intermediate	L. & R. Moore	6	"
" Minature	D. & J. Pollitt	12	"
Cattleyas	J. Leeder	14	"
Dendrobiums	P.T. Barnes	6	"
Miscellaneous	P.T. Barnes	12	"
Phalaenopsis	D. & J. Pollitt	12	"
Paphiopedilum	H. & B Vney	8	"
Paphiopedilum Novelty	P. T. Barnes	11	"
Paphiopedilum Species	R Parish	26	"
Species	L. & R. Moore	13	"

OVERALLWINNERS : L. & R. MOORE 98 total aggregate points.

SECOND DIVISION

Aust. Native Epiphyte	D. Biebrick	6	points
Aust. Native Terrestrial	I. O'Daniel	5	"
Cymbidium Standard	J. & P. Lewis	9	"
" Internediate	S & I Nicholls	5	"
" Minature	V & J. Rogers	13	"
Cattleyas	C.C. Burfield	24	"
Dendrobiums	T & D Howard	3	"
Miscellaneous	A & M. Moffatt	3	"
Phalaenopsis	C.C. Burfield	3	"
Paphiopedilum	N. Washington	8	"
Papiopedilum Novelty	C.C. Burfield	3	"
Species	T & D Howard	6	"

OVERALL WINNER : C.C. BURFIELD 33 total aggregate points.

The following successful members who have achieved their required number of major prizes, excluding the monthly cultural meeting results, are commencing from the 1984 February Meeting to exhibit their plants in a higher division.

From FIRST DIVISION to OPEN DIVISION : L. & R. MOORE & D. & J. POLLITT.

From SECOND DIVISION to FIRST DIVISION : T & D Howard, T. DeInno, and F. Bell.

The committee has been asked if we would bring to the notice of our club members the above orchid conference and we quote from their letter. "New Zealand's first international conference was held in Auckland in 1980 and was a huge success - not least because of the considerable interest from Australia. The 1985 conference will be bigger, brighter and in the Capital City, and we invite your members to consider coming to the major event in the Sth Pacific that year. Please bring the Conference to the attention of your members. This will be the only occasion we approach every Australian society direct; all further information will be sent only to those who have returned the reply slip on the enclosed brochure, and to the Australian Orchid Review. Further information and more copies of the brochure can be obtained from the address below"

Sec. Mr. J.S. Addison PO Box 5133 Wellington New Zealand.

A copy of the letter & brochure will be on display with the Treasurer Mr. Lewis Moore at the December Meeting for any of S.C.O.C. members who are contemplating a trip to N.Z. during Oct. 1985.

Just a reminder to all cymbidium lovers that we here in Aust. are still keeping abreast with orchid hobbyists in USA as shown by a list of ten favorite cymbidiums compiled by an avid orchid grower and former President of the Cymbidium Society of America, William G. Lawson.

Amy Stuart 'Zita' AM/AOS Lovely form, almost concolor white.

Levis Duke 'Bella Vista' S/CSA, AM/AOS Huge spikes both early & late sides of midseason. Very good color. If I forget its shading, it's a good yellow.

Via Real 'Gail' G/CSA, FCC/AOS. Massive spikes of white flowers. The awards speak for the quality.

Highland Glen 'Cooksbridge' AM/RHS Large round rose-pink on long arching spikes up to 20. flowers.

Sabre Dance 'Kensington' AM/AOS. Large dark rust-red, long spikes, hold color very well.

San Francisco 'Triumph' S/CSA, HCC/AOS Tall spikes, large yellow flower with organe banded lip

Algeria 'St Lita' S/CSA, HCC/AOS Very shapely blush-pink with a beautiful strongly marked lip.

Peetie 'Steadfast' B/CSA, FCC/RHS A naturally early green with leather-like substance and unbelievably tall spikes.

Lillian Stewart 'Royal Rose' S/CSA, AM/AOS Vivid pink, well carried on tall spikes. Exceptionally reliable bloomer.

Burgundian 'Chateau' S/CSA FCC/RHS, AOS. Copper color with a very distinctive charm.

WHITEWASH FOR GLASSHOUSES

It has been brought to my attention by our member, Clarrie Burfield that some growers who use a glasshouse may be interested in an article that recently appeared in the Advertiser re the making of a whitewash. When applied to outside glass it gives excellent shading in about the cheapest method available & it washes off fairly effectively during winter rains to allow maximum sun to show through glass during winter.

Dis. 2.25 kgs of salt in 27 litres clean water. Add 12.5 kgs hydrated lime stirring constantly till mixture is cream like consistency.

MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION

NOVEMBER MEETING

OPEN DIVISION

Cymbidiums	Rumours 'Are Rife'	Mick Ryan Orchids	3
	Burgundian 'Sydney'	D & T Mills	2
Dendrobiums	Den. Tangerine x Den (Tangerine x Talasea)	W J Nicholls	3
Miscellaneous	Epic (Lc Olie Johnson "Fli ka' X Enc Cordigera 'Nightshade'	K Northcote	3
Phalaenopsis	Phal. Zada	W J Nicholls	3
	Phal Hymew X Phal. Barbara Moler	W J Nicholls	2
Species Paph.	Paph. Chamberlainanum Var. 'Flavum'	G. Forrest	3
	Paph. Haynaldianum	W J Nicholls	2
Species	Unknown	N. Packard	3
	Eria. Cylindrostachya	W J Nicholls	2
	B. Fabellifornis	W J Nicholls	1
Aust. Native Epiphyte	Den. Ceciliae x Den Hartmanii	G Forrest	3
	Den. Tetragonium	Mick Ryan Orchids	2
Div. Flower of Month-Cym.	Rumours "Are Rife"	Mick Ryan Orchids	

FIRST DIVISION

Cymbidiums	Anita 'Pymble'	G Spear	3
Intermediate Cym	Pat Ann	L & R Moore	3
Minature Cym	Lady Bug Sentinel	G Spear	3
Dendrobiums	(Montrose x Fiona) x Winifred Fortescue	Mr & Mrs R Kiely	3
	Nolan 'Mt Lofty'	K & B Lynch	2
Cattleyas	Lc Chit Chat	K & B Lynch	3
	C. Ave Maria 'Angelica'	Mr & Mrs R Kiely	2
	C. Laesianana	L & R Moore	1
Miscellaneous	Wils. Salgrin	K & B Lynch	3
Phalaenopsis	Ravel (William Shaffer x Charles Shaffer) x Hermosa	Mr & Mrs Pollitt	2
	Malibu Girl x Hermosa	Mr & Mrs Pollitt	1
Novelty Paph.	Barbatum x Arcus	Mr & Mrs Pollitt	3
Species Paph.	Hennisianum	R Parish	3
	Appletonianum	Mr & Mrs D May	2
	Hirsutissimum	Mr & Mrs D. May	1
Species	Bifrenaria Harrisoniae	H & B Viney	3
Aust. Native Epiphyte	Sarcochillus "Fitzgeraldi"	L & R Moore	3
	" "	L & R Moore	2
	Den. Canaliculatum	L & R Moore	1
Aust Native Terrestrial	Psts. Biseta	L & R Moore	3
Div. Flower of Month	C. Chit Chat	K & B Lynch	

SECOND DIVISION

Cymbidiums	Wallara 'Gold Nugget'	L Shaw	3
Minature Cym	Cricket	Anne Peterson	3
Cattleyas	Lc. Trick of Heat x Slc Sugar Plum	A & G Pet ers	3
	L Purpurata x C. Olivia	I O'Daniel	2

MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (Cont)SECOND DIVISION

Cattleyas	C. Claesiana Alba	A & G Peters	1
Paphiopedilum	Belinda X Small World 'Pastel'	Colin Cox	3
Species	Ansellia 'Chatah'	T & D Howard	3
	Cym. Lowianum	T DeIonno	2
Aust. Native			
Epiphyte	Cym. Caniculatum	T & D Howard	3
Div. Flower of the night, President's Flower of the Month & also Popular vote of the night - Wilsonara Salgrim - M.J. & A.R. Moffatt			

DENDROBIUM LINGUIFORME

This charming little Australian native orchid was seen in some beautiful displays in our recent Spring Show at Colannades especially the large specimen plant shown by B & L Hansen. Den. Linguiforme although a small flowered type can reward the grower with a sea of spikes covered with cream to white delicate flowers up to and above 1" in width, with in excess of 30 blooms per spike. Like almost all the small flowered type of Australian Native orchids they do much better when left to establish themselves into large specimen sized plants. Even when shown as a mounted small plant with just one spike they make an excellent little exhibit with their delicate little blooms displayed in a proud manner out from the psuedo bulbs.

It is a cool grower but if grown as a mounted plant in SOUTH AUSTRALIA a great deal of attention must be paid to the keeping of them damp and in a humid state during our hot summers. Where so many orchid enthusiasts fail with mounted plants here is being trapped by allowing the plants to attempt to grow in a too dry state during summer.

The smaller the plant and mount of course, the more need there is for extra care. Watering two or three times during a hot dry day is most beneficial and really necessary. We do well to remember that their natural environment is found to be the eastern coastal areas extending from north eastern Victoria right up to Queensland and much of the summer weather is given to humid conditions which don't allow the natural flora to remain completely dry for extended periods. We know that it is impossible to overwater orchids that are mounted in the manner of attachment to either tree or cork or tree fibres etc. because the water runs down and off the plants with very little retention. Called the 'Tongue Orchid' by some because of its interesting and unusual leaves which are tongue shaped.

(WHITEWASH CONT.)

Stand mixture overnight then thin down with water until it is a milk-like consistency. Note the amount of water you add to thin down, then total amount of water you have used by adding to the 27 litres. You must then add 6 grams of alum to each litre of water used. Make sure the surfaces to be covered are clean before covering with whitewash using brush or spray.