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**NEXT MEETING** of The South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8pm on November 10th at the Calvary Lutheran Church Hall, Windsong Crt, Morphett Vale.

**THE GUEST SPEAKER** will be Don Gallagher. His topic will be Phalaenopsis. Don is well known to many South Coast Members. He operates Parade Orchids. Don has held many positions in the Orchid Club of South Australia and is currently the Show Marshall.

**THE DAYTIME GROUP** will meet at 2pm Thursday November the 12th at the South Brighton Community Hall, Dover Square Reserve, Broadway, South Brighton. All welcome. Don Wells will be Guest Speaker.

**CONGRATULATIONS** and thank you to all who attended the Interclub Social Day. The South Coast Orchid Club managed to come in a close second (3points) in the plant competition that was won by Gawler Orchid Club.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the 1999 Annual General Meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia Inc. will be held on Tuesday February 9th, 1999 commencing at 8.00pm at the Calvary Lutheran Church Hall, Morphett Vale.

At the A.G.M. the election of Officers for 1999 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 M.Baulderstone on 82763771 or at the next meeting.

All nominations must be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary, M.Baulderstone, by no later than the close of the 1998 December meeting on 8th.

Members will also be asked to assist in the positions 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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## DAYTIME GROUP

Lesley welcomed 21 Members and Friends to the October Meeting, After some general business Reg Shooter addressed us, his topic was the gorgeous *Sarcochilus*.

Although these little gems are epiphytic and lithophytic they adapt quite well to pot or slab culture here in Adelaide. The majority of them prefer shady, cool conditions with plenty of air movement. (The exception is *Sarcochilus ceciliae* which, in nature can grow on bare rocks in the full sun.). Probably the ideal conditions can be created and maintained in a cold glasshouse with the plants growing in small pots in a free draining bark mix and, of course, good air movement.

About 20 plants were benched by Members including *Sarcochilus*, *Cymbidiums*, *Phalaenopsis*, and *Cattleyas*.

Members chose:-

1. Lc. Daniela grown by G. & M. Voskamp
2. Cym. Pee Wee grown by R. Whitehead
3. Phal. Be Tris x grown by C.& H. Edwards

An enlightening afternoon was had by all.

Reg chose:-

- Lc. Daniela grown by G. & M. Voskamp  
Sarco. First Light grown by R. & W. Clark  
Den. Snowflake x Merlo grown by R. Whitehead

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## GET WELL

Once again we seem to have quite a few Members on the sick list. Our thoughts are with you.

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## CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Date: 29th November  
Place: Charlie's (Brighton Hotel cnr Brighton & Sturt Roads))  
Time: 1.30pm  
Cost: \$11 payable at next Meeting.

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## DECEMBER MEETING

The Committee has again decided to have a Sausage Sizzle prior to the Meeting. If you are not going to attend the November Meeting and wish to participate in the B-B-Q in December please advise Murray Baulderstone on 82763771 so that we can 'throw a snag on the barby' for you.

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**THIS IS YOUR (ORCHID) LIFE**  
**ROSALIE MOORE** as told to Helen.

*How long have you been growing orchids.*

About 24 years. We bought the first plant, a *Cymbidium Arabella* 'Magnificent', from Clarks Supermarket in Loxton. Mr Clark used to grow Cym's and the excess he used to sell in the shop. I saw these beautiful white flowers that didn't give me hayfever and convinced Lewis to buy the plant. Actually we bought 2 plants that year.

*When did you move from Loxton?*

1978 we left, and that's the year we joined South Coast Orchid Club.

We joined the Native Orchid Society in 1979 when we started growing a few zygos and Australian Native *Dendrobiums*. We had a beautiful Den. Bardo Rose and we received an award for that from NOSSA.

*What genera did or do you grow?*

Whilst in Loxton we grew Cym's and 1

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Paphiopedilum but since coming to the City we expanded and I now have cymms, paphs, sarcos, zygo alliance, Cattleya alliance.

*What colour shade cloth have you got Rosalie?*

All my plants grow under black shade cloth. In spring and autumn they might get watered 2 - 3 times a week but in summer every day.

*Which plants do you have in a glasshouse house?*

The Paphiopedilums and an assortment of other genera.

*Which fertilizer do you use?*

Which ever is the cheapest. I use high nitrogen in the growing season but change to blossom booster about December, January.

*Do you pot them all in the same mix?*

Cattleyas are in bark, a mixture of grades, and the cymbidium mix has a few rice husks added.

*Have you any favourites?*

The Den. Bardo Rose that won the award for us, most of the Sarcochilus, C. Porcia 'Cannizaro', and some of the new stuff that we are just seeing.

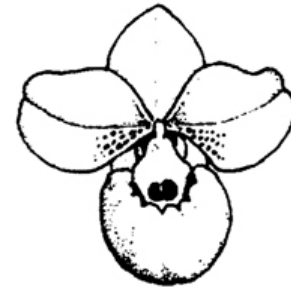
*How long have you been on the South Coast committee or doing the Gazette?*

Lewis was on the committee for some time and we helped with the Gazettes. When he passed away in 1989 I went on the committee as Treasurer and still helped with the Gazettes. I've also been vice-president and committee person and still helped with the Gazette. Since you've been Editor I've still posted the Gazette although I don't have to hand write every label, and staple all the pages together like we used to.

Thank you Rosalie.

*Rosalie is also a Member of O.C.S.A., NOSSA, Murray Bridge, and the Cymbidium Club and is a well respected A.O.C. Judge.*

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## **PHRAGMIPEDIUM CULTURE**

*by Rita Cusack of Port Lonsdale, Victoria.  
Article courtesy of Burnie Orchid Society  
Newsletter August 1998.*

**Phragmipediums are one of the easiest orchids to grow and flower as long as a few basic rules are followed.** If you can keep conditions at the optimum levels it is amazing how quickly they grow, also a mature plant will often be in flower for 6 months.

In the wild Phragmipediums live in mountainous rain forests in Central to South America, at a height range of 400 - 1600 metres. Taking this range into consideration the following temperature range can be expected, with the minimum between 5 and 15 degrees, maximum between 25 to 28 degrees Celsius. The optimum temperature range to grow Phrags is the low of 12 degrees to a high of 26 degrees. At these temperatures Phrags will grow all the year round. If the temperature gets above 30 degrees you risk the growths starting to rot (this looks the same as crown rot in the paphs but is caused by the heat, not water as in paphs.) Don't be afraid to try growing Phrags.

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outside with the Masdevallias, Draculas and Odontoglossums, if you don't have a glasshouse, because many of the Phrag species grow in the same areas as these orchids. The only drawback to growing Phrags cool is that they will be much slower growing.

The main part of successful Phrag. growing is water. In the wild most species have a constant supply of water at the roots, some even grow submerged in water for a part of the year. Your water quality must be good with little salt content (Phrags are salt intolerant) and a PH of around 5.5. Rain water is the best choice. You should water your plants heavily keeping the mix constantly moist. NEVER LET Phragmipediums DRY OUT. We water every day in winter and sometimes twice a day in summer. We also grow our plants on trays of sand which is always saturated with water and it is amazing how many roots come out the bottom of the pots to get to the water in the sand.

Fertilising is about the same as for Paphs, a little often. Use only good quality fertiliser with a low salt content. A good fertilising regime is to water 3 times with fertiliser (weak) and one plain water. We use a locally made soluble fertiliser called Cultisol. A top dressing of blood and bone is also beneficial as it supplies a constant source of nutrients to the plants. If you notice leaf tip die back in your plants it can be traced back to salt build up from fertiliser (or poor water quality).

Light should be about the same as for Cattleyas. (if you place your hand about a foot above your plants, you should see a fuzzy but clear shadow). If your light is a little low try placing your plants around the wall of your glasshouse.

Your potting mix should be anything that will retain water. Bark is alright as long as you have the time to water every day. The good thing about bark is that it is easy to wash out any salts, excess fertiliser etc. Sphagnum, peat and Rockwool are all good growing mediums, but they can retain salts, so must be heavily watered at least once a month to wash out any salt build up. Sphagnum also has the tendency to break down owing to the fertilisers so is probably not a good idea.

IF YOUR PLANT WON'T FLOWER IT IS ONE OF THREE THINGS -

- 1 IT IS NOT BIG ENOUGH.
- 2 NOT ENOUGH LIGHT
- 3 IT NEEDS A COLD SPELL TO INITIATE FLOWERS.

Ed. Hope this helps Members who have 1 or 2 of these beauties in their collection.

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## NON-VITAL INFORMATION

Whilst on holidays we visited 'just a few' Orchid Nurseries and associated businesses.

Came across one piece of literature that caught my eye.

*'Osmocote Plus Mini Controlled Release Fertilizer.*

*Improved growth right from the start in small rooting volumes with all essential major and micro nutrients'.*

Sounded good but the note that 'grabbed me' was some really excellent advice that was the last line.

**'Trial first on a small scale before rate, application or other changes in your cultural practices are implemented'.**

During our travels we visited Stuart and Val Heyden. Stuart is well known for his fabulous Phalaenopsis and is often seen in Orchids Australia as having won Grand Champion somewhere-other.

Well Stuart told us he 'didn't have much out' but he was taking just a few plants up to Townsville for the 6th Asia Pacific Orchid Conference.

Story has it that Val had to sit in the back of the car from Brisbane to Townsville wasn't room in the front (just a few plants).

**Stuart won Grand Champion of the Show, this time with *Paphiopedilum rothschildianum* 'Q'lander'. Ed.**

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# SPRING SHOW AT WESTFIELD MARION

Thank you to all who helped in any way at the Show. I'm sure some Members didn't realize what skills they possessed, not only for growing, flowering and selling plants but also for rescuing ladies from falling into displays. We won't mention the name of the Member who rescued the lady but he did say it gave him a thrill, and I don't think it was from saving the display. By the way he has a nice collection of Paphiopedilums.

Shows like that are hard work, but enjoyable, and build up camaraderie within the Club.

Thank you again to all the workers on put-in day, helpers during the week and all who stayed and helped clear up the area so quickly and effectively on Saturday.

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## OCTOBER MONTHLY FLORAL

### COMPETITION RESULTS

#### SECOND DIVISION

Aust.Nat.Epi:Species	<i>Sarco. hartmannii</i>	G. & M. Voskamp	3
	<i>Sarco. hartmannii</i>	D. & K. Cammack	2
	<i>Sarco. hartmannii</i>	D. & K. Cammack	1
Aust.Nat.Epi:Hybrid	Sarco. First Light	W. & R. Clark	3
	Sarco. Otways Sunset	N. Woodend	2
	Den. Ella V. Leaney	M. Baulderstone	1
Std. Cymbidium	Longview 'Fire & Glowing'	W. R. Clark	3
	Breakaway 'Harry'	N. Woodend	2
	Ballathie	R. J. Smith	1
Inter. Cymbidium	Ivy Fung 'Radiance'	S. Ng	3
	Gladys Whitesell 'The Charmer'	J. Dudley	2
	One Pound Sterling 'Greenback'	S. Ng	1
Mini. Cymbidium	Pee Wee	W. & R. Clark	3
	Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade'	N. Woodend	2
	Fifi	J. Dudley	1
Std. Cattleya	Blc. Queen Betts	G. & M. Voskamp	3
Nov. Cattleya	<b>*Note Name Lc. Daniela</b>	G. & M. Voskamp	3
Nov. Cluster Cattleya	Lc. Chocolate Treats	S. Willcox	3
Cocktail Cattleya	Lc Frenchy's Cheek-la x L. pumila	D. & L. Williams	3
Other Laeliinae	Epi. Boundii	M. Smith	3
Phalaenopsis	Dtps. (Pocos Clipper x Milano)	P. & L. Fenton	3
Std Paphiopedilum	Chief Eagle	M. Baulderstone	3
	Paeony x Golden Chalice	J. Kelly	2
Zygopetalum Alliance	Z. Pinnaroo	M. Baulderstone	3
	Z. Pinnaroo	M. Baulderstone	2
	Z. Titanic 'Mark'	M. Baulderstone	1
Species	<i>Pleurothallis longissima</i>	G. & M. Voskamp	3

#### FLOWER OF THE DIVISION:

*Sarcochilus hartmannii* grown by Gerald & Mina Voskamp

# FIRST DIVISION

Aust.Nat.Epi:Species	<i>Sarco. falcatus</i>	R. Pankoke	3
	<i>Sarco. fitzgeraldii</i>	H. & U. Herrmann	2
	<i>Sarco. hartmannii</i>	H. & U. Herrmann	1
Aust.Nat.Epi:Hybrid	<i>Sarco. Weinhart 'Delight'</i>	B. Fisher	3
	Den. Red Squire 'Allen'	B. Fisher	2
	<i>Sarco. hartmannii</i> x Heidi	B. Fisher	1
Std Cattleya	Lc. Drumbeat 'Heritage'	D.& I. Attenborough	3
Cocktail Cattleya	Blc. Love Sound 'Dogashima'	L. Gunn	3
Std. Paphiopedilum	<b>*Note Name.</b> Paph. Mylor (Pop Monkhouse x Myth)	H. & U. Herrmann	3
	<b>*Note Name.</b> Rodney Wilcox Jones ( <i>haynaldianum</i> x <i>glaucophyllum</i> )	H. & U. Herrmann	2
	<b>*Note Name.</b> Makuli ( <i>Maudiae</i> x <i>sukhakulii</i> )	H. & U. Herrmann	1
Species Paphiopedilum	<i>barbatum</i>	H. & U. Herrmann	3
	<i>tonsum</i>	H. & U. Herrmann	2
Zygopetalum	<b>*Note Name</b> Z. Pinnaroo	L. Gunn	3
Species	<i>C. aurantiaca</i>	H. & U. Herrmann	3

## ***FLOWER OF THE DIVISION:***

***PAPHIOPEDILUM MYLOR* grown by Helmut & Ursula Herrmann**

## ***PLEUROTHALLIS longissima***

What a mouthful for the little epiphytic herb that Gerald and Mina Voskamp bought to the October Meeting. It took research through 4 species books to find any information on it and even then it was very little.

*Pleurothallis longissima* is a native to Mexico. The plant grows to a maximum of 7 to 9 inches and the erect scapes, that are longer than the leaves, carry many yellow/cream flowers.

The genus *Pleurothallis* is actually quite large, with about 1,000 species. It is considered one of the largest genus and is found throughout the American tropics usually at a high altitude. As expected in such a large genus many of the species need different growing conditions from warm, intermediate, to cool, from dry to wet. Size varies too, from minute to huge.

*Pleurothallis* are allied to the *Masdevallia*.

For more information on this genus What Orchid is That by Alec Pridgeon seemed to be the best I could find. Ed.

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# OPEN DIVISION

Aust.Nat.Epi:Species	<i>Sarco hartmanni</i>	P. & G. Flavel	3
	<i>Den. linguiforme</i>	D. Biebrick	2
	<i>Den. teretifolium</i>	P. & G. Flavel	1
Aust.Nat.Epi:Hybrid	Sarco. Heidi	K.H. Northcote	3
	Den. Ellen	M. Tiggeman	2
Aust.Nat. Terr:Species	<i>Diuris laxiflora</i>	M. Tiggeman	3
	<i>Diuris sulphurea</i>	M. Tiggeman	2
Aust.Nat. Terr:Hybrid	Ptst. Talhood	R.& B. Anderson	3
Std. Cymbidium	Narella 'Jennifer Gail'	M. Tiggeman	3
Inter. Cymbidium	Queen of Hearts 'Aurora'	H. Gerber	3
	Chenara 'Guare'	H. Gerber	2
	Queen of Hearts 'Dodi'	H. Gerber	1
Mini. Cymbidium	Mad Magic 'Amber'	H. Gerber	3
	Miss Muffett x <i>canaliculatum</i>	P. & G. Flavel	2
	Sunshine Falls 'Green Fantasy'	H. Gerber	1
Std. Cattleya	Blc. Adelaide Queen	R. & B. Wilson	3
Nov. Cattleya	Lc. Golden Girl 'Orchid glade'	T. DeJonno	3
Nov. Cluster Cattleya	Lc. Trick or Treat 'Orange Beauty'	T. DeJonno	3
	<b>*Note Name. C. Chocolate Treats</b>	D. Biebrick	2
	Lc. Adelaide Ablaze	R.& B. Anderson	1
Cocktail Cattleya	Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Sunset'	P. & G. Flavel	3
	Lc. Mini Purple 'Tanami'	D. Biebrick	2
	Slc. Harvey Yamashita	R.& B. Anderson	1
Other Laeliinae Hybrid	Epi. Scarlet Lady	D. Biebrick	3
Dendrobium	Sunset Flush x <i>canaliculatum</i>	C. & H. Edwards	3
Phalaenopsis	Super Stupid x Princess Violet	C. & H. Edwards	3
	Michael Croker	C. & H. Edwards	2
	Be Tris x Dtpa. City Girl	C. & H. Edwards	1
Std. Paphiopedilum	Dona x Golden Girl	H. Gerber	3
Nov. Paphiopedilum	Pop Monkhouse	R. & I. Parish	3
	Rosy Dawn	D. Biebrick	2
Species Paphiopedilum	<i>venustum</i>	R. & I. Parish	3
	<i>fowleii</i>	R. & I. Parish	2
	<i>tonsum</i>	R. & I. Parish	
Odont/Onc. Alliance	Onc. Sarcon	R. & I. Parish	3
Vandaceous	Ascofinetia Cherry Blossum	C. & H. Edwards	3
	Vanda TMA	R.& B. Anderson	2
	V. Josephine Van Brero x Charles	R.& B. Anderson	1
	Goodfellow		
Zygopetalum	Titanic 'Monarch'	T. DeJonno	3
	Kiwi Choice x Zgna. Dynamo	P. & G. Flavel	2
Species	<i>Onc. sarcodes</i>	R. & I. Parish	3
	<i>Z. intermedium</i>	P. & G. Flavel	2
	<i>C. skinneri</i>	R. & B. Wilson	1

## FLOWER OF THE DIVISION AND OF THE NIGHT: CYMBIDIUM MAD MAGIC 'Amber' grown by Helmuth Gerber