

THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB GAZETTE

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held at the LUTHERAN CHURCH HALL Windsong Court CHRISTIES DOWNS ON TUESDAY February 13 at 8 p.m.

BUSINESS

1. To receive the Annual Report.
2. To receive the Statement of Receipts and Payments.
3. To receive and consider a recommendation that the following Members shall be made Life Members:--
Syd Monkhouse
Bernie Hansen

Memo:-- The Constitution of the Club provides:--

"On the recommendation to the Committee an ordinary member may be elected a life member at any Annual General Meeting of the Club, and shall, thereafter, be entitled to all privileges of membership without paying the Annual subscription or any special payments for such life membership. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting, which shall be by ballot shall be necessary at such election."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Nominations have been received for the following positions:--

President:-- K. H. Northcote
Vice-President:-- No nomination.
Hon Secretary:-- H.G.Viney
Hon Treasurer:-- B. Lynch
Committee:-- T. Burian

New Member:-- Mrs M. J. Crouch 12 Tucker Street, South Brighton 5048

Classification of Members:-- The following move from 2nd to 1st Division
K.H.Northcote, J.E.Leeder, A.G.Warman, O. & J. Rogers, H. & T. Torment

SUMMER GROWING

Efforts should be made to maintain adequate moisture levels around your pots during the hot Summer months. To maintain maximum growth the pots must be kept damp. Heavy watering to leach unwanted salts from the pots should be carried out, with fertilizer application to the pots and root system at weekly intervals through the warm months.

Occasional applications of foliar fertilizers to the leaves will be appreciated by the plants on hot, dry nights. Adequate damping down around the pots to maintain humidity is essential to help plants produce their best and largest growths. A thick layer of shavings on the orchid house floor can help in this regard.

Some enthusiastic growers have already reported flower spike formation on early-flowering varieties. There are still some months to come in which spike formation may be noticed, so don't be disappointed if your cymms are showing none at this stage. A check around growers will show that these early spikes are mostly on well advanced, large growths, which emphasises the need to encourage maximum growth throughout the year for best results.

It is not too early to prepare your potting mixture for use in the autumn months, but avoid repotting plants during summer if possible, dehydration and shrivelling of the bulbs will certainly occur in many cases.

Drainage of pots With frequent watering required during warm months, it is most important that good drainage of pots is maintained. If worms are active in your mix, chances are that the potting medium near the bottom of the pot is rather muddy. A strong jet of water into the drainage holes will help clear any fine compost clogging the drainage. A careful watch should be kept for red spider etc when the weather is hot. Kelthane has given me best red spider control in the past. The coming cym season should prove to be very interesting with many good new seedlings coming up to flowering size this year. Seedlings are always of interest when benched at monthly meetings--a better assessment of results from any particular cross can then be made for members' information, and gives us a lead for our own purchases. Increasing numbers of mericlones will be coming into bloom.

Acknowledgement:-- Trevor Jacobs.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that Annual Subscriptions are now due and payable. Benefits of Membership:--

1. Attendance at and participation in the activities of the Monthly Meetings including the right to enter any competition conducted by the Club.
2. Attendance at and participation in the activities of the Floral Art group.
3. The Club has a library and the facilities are available to all members.
4. Cultural advice is always given at monthly meetings.
5. Facilities are offered through the Trading Table to sell surplus plants and likewise to obtain desired plants

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1978

THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED.

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 1978.

In submitting the Report for 1978, your Committee believes that all the principal activities of the Club - the monthly cultural meetings, the floral art meetings, and the Winter and Spring Shows - proved highly satisfying to members. During the year, the Club Constitution and By-Laws were up-dated, a Club registrar and deputy registrar were appointed, and a President's Flower-of-the-Month competition was started in April. Glass drinking tumblers bearing the Club's badge were purchased and have proved popular prizes, not only for this competition but also for the Yearly Aggregate prizes. In April too, the first issue of "The South Coast Orchid Club Gazette" appeared to take the place of the original Club leaflet. A complete set of Sanders Guides, invaluable for all Orchid Clubs and Judges was obtained for the Club Library. Finally, it is not too much to say that all the speakers at the cultural meetings, the trading table and the suppers each month added their special touches to the spirit and social well-being of the Club. Yes, it was a busy year.

CULTURAL MEETINGS - The Club held 12 monthly meetings with varied and comprehensive programmes as recorded in the Gazette. A plant competition was conducted at all meetings except for the months of July (Winter Show) and December (Christmas Party and Presentation of Prizes.)

COMPETITIONS - The monthly plant competitions have been well supported and provide a valuable means for member appreciation and education. An added feature that has proved most popular, is the President's Flower-of-the-Month that started in April, and has been awarded each month by the presentation of glass tumblers bearing the Club badge. In the yearly aggregate a total of 28 prizes were awarded - 9 in the Open Division, 9 in the First Division, 7 in the Second Division, 2 in the Popular Vote and 1 for Indoor Plants. During 1977 and 1978, five Second Division members won five or more major prizes each and thus have graduated to exhibit in either the First or Open Divisions as they may choose at the beginning of the year.

The grand champion of the Winter Show was Mr. G.C.White's *Paphiopedilum fairieanum* 'Red' H.C.C. which was later awarded an AM by the judging panel of the Orchid Club of South Australia.

The grand champion of the Spring Show was Mr. and Mrs L. and N. Poole's Mary Ann 'Simplicity' and the prize-winning exhibits were those of Mr. and Mrs. G.Weller, Mr. and Mrs. K.Shew and Mr. and Mrs. W.Gray (over 100 square feet), and Mr. and Mrs. H.Tormet and Mr. T.Burien (under 100

square feet.) An outstanding feature of this years Spring Show at Marion was the exhibit of native orchids by the Native Orchid Society. Strong support was given by all our members led by our Show Marshall, Mr. Les Poole who worked solidly to make the 1978 Spring Show the success we have come to expect it to be. Again, the high standard of plants and exhibits prompted the Management Committee to make an award to all members who arranged exhibits.

JUDGING PANEL - The judging panel under the leadership of the Club Registrar, Mr. G.C.White and the Deputy Registrar, Mr. M.J.Donhardt, both appointed early in 1978, made a very important contribution to the success of the plant competitions. Consequently, it is with deep regret that the retirement of Mr. G.C.White from September; and the resignation of Mr. M.J.Donhardt from December due to the distance between his home and Christies Downs and his other 1979 commitments, is recorded. Appreciation is due to both these gentlemen and to all other Judges for their fine work at our Winter and Spring Shows as well as at the Cultural meeting each month.

FLORAL ART - The Judges comments at both the Winter and Spring Shows indicate the great advances made in Floral Art during the year, and underline the debt owed to Lois Hansen (liaison to the Management Committee) and to the instructors, Mavis Heinjus and Iris Hutchins. While many kinds of flowers and plant materials are required during the study periods each month, only orchids are used in the Shows. Leora Harvey won the grand champion at the Winter Show and Jean Carson was overall champion of the Spring Show.

LIBRARY - The Provision of a cupboard for library books in our Meeting Hall has helped our Library situation generally. The biggest single addition was the set of Sanders guides at a cost of about \$106. Total library expenses were about \$175. Our appreciation is recorded to Mrs. Thorel Tormet for looking after our library requirements each month.

MEMBERSHIP - 38 new members joined in 1978, and the total membership now stands at 225.

FIELD DAY - Those who managed to brave a cold, windy June day learnt many new pointers to apply to their own orchid growing. Our appreciation is recorded to all the growers who showed members over their shade and hot houses.

MOSS PICNIC - A fine day added to the success of this annual event which has become a 'warm-up' for our Spring Show.

CLUB DINNER - The annual club dinner proved a lively and jolly time for those able to attend.

RAFFLES - These continue to be a most popular event during our monthly meeting. Prizes have included many interesting varietals and divisions as well as seedlings.

SUPPER AND TRADING TABLE - Supper time is always a happy social time and the Trading Table has added an extra interest.

FINANCE - The financial statement is presented separately. The general position may be summed up as one in which actual funds in hand are less than the opening balance due partly to some extra expenditure during the year, but particularly to a lower profit margin at the Spring Show, Marion. However, your Committee considers that the funds held at 31st. December, 1978 are reasonable for the membership.

COMBINED SOCIETIES - South Coast delegates were able to attend the only two affiliated societies meetings held during the year. An important decision is that members of the affiliated clubs will be expected to exhibit in the same Division of each and every club to which they may belong.

MEETING HALL - The facilities of the Lutheran Church Hall for our meetings are greatly appreciated.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENT - I wish to record my appreciation to all Members of the Club and to the Management Committee who supported me during my first year as President. It is vital for the smooth running of any Club for all to understand that a team approach is the only way for every Member to enjoy the advantages and pleasures to be had from belonging to a hobby Club of the caliber of the South Coast Orchid Club. I look forward to your continued support and active participation in all of the Clubs meetings and events during 1979.

For and on behalf of the Management Committee.

(signed) K.H.NORTHCOTE.
PRESIDENT.