



# THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB GAZETTE

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**NEXT MEETING:** 8pm. Tuesday 9th March 1993  
Lutheran Church Hall, Windsong Crt, Morphett Vale  
Benching of plants to be completed by 7.45pm  
for judging.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Mr Don Gallagher, President of the Orchid Club of South Australia, will address the meeting. His subject will be the Australian Orchid Council just what it is and what it has to do with us.

**SUPPER:** Tea, Coffee and **Biscuits** will be provided.

**HALL SET-UP:** Would all willing to assist please arrive by 7pm.

**DAY-TIME CHAPTER:** 2pm. Thursday 11th March 1993, South Brighton Community Hall, Dover Square Reserve, Broadway, South Brighton. Mr John Gay will give members information and ideas on growing African Violets and Phalaenopsis in the home.

**TRADING TABLE:** Mr. Dennis Daykin will be in charge.

**COMMITTEE MEETING:** Tuesday 16th March 1993, 7.30pm at the South Brighton Community Hall.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1992

Dear Members and Friends of the S.C.O.C., 1992 turned out to be just as exciting and challenging as I thought it was going to be, club outings included a trip to Murray Bridge with the inclusion of the Orchidaceous Society, a weekend trip to Melbourne as well as a Dinner at the Victoria Hotel and our Christmas Luncheon at the Marion Hotel.

At our Cultural meetings we saw the start of the very successful Beginners Forum, along with a wide varied and entertaining number of guest speakers. Also I have noted at our meetings not only has the number of plants on our benches increased but the quality and presentation of plants is going ahead in leaps and bounds, much to your credit and hard work.

Now to all the thankyou's, the problem with this is were to start so the best possible thing to do is to sincerely thank each and everyone of you, irrespective of the parts you all played in the continuity of the running and growth of this club, and its promotion of Orchid growing. So to each and everyone of you my heartfelt thanks for your support throughout the past year.

1993 has the promise of new ambitions and goals for the S.C.O.C. and all it's members. Although now with much regret I will not be able to be as active in the running of our club due to work commitments, but I will endeavour to do as much as possible and attend as many meetings and outings as I can.

In conclusion the committee and club will be steered by new blood this year, I refer to our new

President, Mr Peter Flavel, so I hope you will continue to support them in their quest for on-going success. I wish you and the Club all the very best for the future and above all good health and a prosperous growing year.

Your sincerely,  
Neil G. Wolfendale

### SECRETARY

The club desperately needs the services of a secretary. Can you help? Please see Peter Flavel or Helen Edwards.

### DAYTIME CHAPTER

R. & B. Clark

28 Members were welcomed to the meeting by Keith Northcote with special greetings to Dale Cook and Lesley Gunn (committee members), Mr and Mrs Jue, and the afternoon's special speaker, Thoral Tormet and her husband Harry. Apologies were received from Peg and Glenn Gilchrist.

The position of Daytime Convenor is still vacant. Keith has offered to help his successor if only one can be found.

Thoral gave a very interesting and informative talk on miscellaneous, cool-growing orchids.

With over 25,000 different varieties from 750 genera orchids can be found growing in almost all climatic conditions. There are terrestrial (growing in the ground), epiphytes (on trees), and lithophytes (on rocks).

Beside the natural hybrids, man has made at least 100,000 named hybrids with 1,000 or more being added each year.

'How do you choose which orchid to grow?' Thoral asked. Check the conditions necessary for their

healthy culture and if you can supply these then go ahead with your personal choice.

It is well known that cymbidiums grow well in our climate but here are others that have brought much pleasure to growers :-

**Bletilla striata** (Chinese ground orchid):- a hardy terrestrial, with mauve flowers about lynch high like miniature cattleyas. (the white variety are not quite as hardy).

**Epidendrums**, specially the orange Boundii and the red O'Brienianum will grow outside in the ground.

**Encyclia** family, flower about Christmastime. Includes Enc. cochleata (the cockleshell orchid), Enc. radiata, and Enc. fragrans. (All creamy with various markings). Enc. alata and Enc. tampense have long lasting flowers.

**Laelia anceps**, L. gouldiana and L. autumnalis can be grown out in the garden in pots, baskets or mounted on slabs of tree-fern. These laelias originated in Mexico and do well in cool conditions but those from Brazil need more heat to do well.

**Ansellia africana** (the leopard orchid) is transformed when in bloom with its masses of perfumed yellow flowers, barred with brown.

The genus **Brassia** (spider orchid) is easy to grow. In summer it has long racemes of creamy, white-green, spidery, long lasting, perfumed flowers.

**Oncidiums** (dancing ladies). Onc. flexuosum and varicosum are similar. They flower in winter with semi-pendulous spikes and many flowers.

Onc. ornithorhynchum has soft mauve flowers in autumn.

**Bifrenaria harrisoniae** with its creamy, fleshy, waxy flowers is

sweetly perfumed and long-lasting.

**Zygopetalum mackayi** and Z. intermedium are both perfumed and will grow quite happily with the cymbidiums.

**Paphiopedilum insigne** and Paph. villosum are also worth a try.

Many thanks to Thoral for this informative talk were expressed by those present.

Of the benched orchids Thoral agreed with the members' choice in selecting C. & H. Edwards' Lc. Amber Glow 'Olaa'. Second place was shared by Berna & Harry Viney's C. Kew and Keith Northcote's Phalaenopsis.

After the raffle a chat and a cuppa rounded off the afternoon.

#### RAFFLE PLANTS

Plants for last months raffle were supplies by Adelaide Orchids and Mr Ralph Barrett. Thank you.

#### NEW MEMBERS

It is with pleasure we welcome to the Club :-

Miss Lynette Nurse of Darlington

Ms Jane Higgs of Myponga

Mrs Gwenda Sullivan of Willunga

Mr Alan Sullivan of Willunga.

We hope that you will find your association with the Club a happy one. Good Orchid

Growing.

#### NEW NUMBERS

Please note the number alongside your name on the label on the front of your Gazette. This is your Show number and should be used at Shows whenever or wherever within this State you show plants. Some of you will notice that the number has

changed from the one that you had last year, this is a correction made by the Orchid Club of South Australia to avoid duplicity of numbers and hence avoid confusion at Shows, we hope. **Please note your number.**

New members will get a number in due course.

### **CLUB BARBEQUE**

The Club will be holding a Barbeque

Date :- Sunday the 4th of April

Time :- Cooking to commence at 12 noon.

Place :- Oaklands Estate Reserve

Address :- Oaklands Road, Oaklands Park.

( Next to East entrance of the Road Safety Centre. The Reserve is behind the Road Safety Centre.)

Cost :- \$5 per head **to be paid at the March Meetings.**

Children under 5 free,

Children 5 to 12 :- \$3

The cost will cover plates, cutlery, barbeque meats, salad, desert, plus Easter Eggs for the big and little kids.

Members are requested to please bring their own **drinks, chairs and table.**

### **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

A trip to nurseries in the northern suburbs is proposed for the 25th of July would all those interested please indicate in The Book or advise Dale Cook, the treasurer. Further information will be available at a later date.

A trip to Melbourne in August is proposed if enough members are interested. Please indicate in The Book or advise Dale.

### **AUTUMN SHOW**

Our Autumn Show will be held in conjunction with the May Cultural Meeting. The Show Schedule will be the **same as usual** for a meeting night with the **inclusion** of Grand Champion and Reserve Champion.

The dates for the Winter Show will be 16th-17th-18th July.

The place will be the Marion Recreation Centre, as previous years.

### **QUESTION TIME**

**H.J. Edwards**

A member recently asked me what to do as she had lost a couple of new growths on her Cattleya plants due to rot.

I told her that we have had the same experience and it is due, in our opinions, to water being left in the axil of the plant. We go around our collection after watering and endeavour to blow excess water out, with the aid of a drinking straw, but time does not always permit this. An occasional dose of Fongarid may also help.

Has anyone any other ideas on the subject please ?

### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few members, not only for the past year but for years passed. Trix Anderson, who has been our 'tea lady' not only at Cultural meetings but at the majority of our shows since I don't know when, is not continuing in that capacity this year. To you Trix I say thanks a million and also to your many helpers, including Berna Viney, who, when possible, has also manned the fort at the Daytime Chapter, and Peg

Gilchrist who has eyes for a few Doctors again. Get well soon, Peg. . Thanks to Keith Northcote, Ruth and Bill Clark whom make life as Editor a little easier with notes from the Daytime Chapter. Mary Vaughan and her band of helpers for their untiring work at our Shows and Cultural Meetings and to Norm Gitsham our Sound man. My thanks also to the members who have helped with the cards at the Shows. To all members who have helped in any capacity many thanks to you too, without your support there would not be a Club.

**PAPHIOPEDILUM rothschildianum**  
by B. Wylie

Quite often paphiopedilum species are seen on our benches and it is interesting to learn a little about them.

*Paphiopedilum rothschildianum* is one of the beautiful multi floral species found in nature, growing on mountain sides at an elevation of 2,000-4,000 feet at Sabah, North Borneo. It grows into a large plant with long, green, lustrous leaves. The flower stem is robust and up to 60cms tall bearing 2 - 5 flowers. The dorsal sepal is long, pinched, pointed at the apex, pale yellowish white with white margin, has purplish black vertical stripes. Petals are long, narrow, and twisted with lines of dark brown spots. The labellum is large, of heavy texture, cinnamon brown with dark brown veining and a prominent median line. The ventral sepal although shorter than the dorsal is similar in shape and colour.

*Paph. rothschildianum* was named after Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild in England and was bought into collections there

around 1880 - 1890. Its origins were somewhat clouded due to the early collectors and growers concealing its whereabouts in the wild. Some said it originated in New Guinea others in Bornea. *Paph. rothschildianum* is said to be difficult to get to flower. This is possibly partially due to the fact that the plant needs to have several growths before flowering but also because some clones may be naturally shy bloomers or others once they do flower may do so on a regular basis from then on. It needs warm - hot, humid conditions to bloom successfully. Early records suggest a slight drying out and cool nights in Spring to encourage its summer flowering. There are several excellent named clones of the species under cultivation e.g. *Paph. rothschildianum* 'Borneo', 'Charles E', 'Cowan', 'Nuana', 'Tacoma', 'Tenys' and 'Tip Top'.

**SPEAKERS FOR 1993**

April	George Nieuwenhoven European Species
May	Chas Ameer Cattleyas
June	Roger & Pauline Rankin Cymbidiums
July	Reg Shooter Glasgow Conference
August	Darcy Bloomfield Pests & diseases
September	Geoff Edwards Aust. Nat. Orchids
October	Potting Demos and Crafts associated with Orchids
November	Peter Bennett Organic Gardening
December	Christmas Meeting

FLOWER OF THE MONTH DENDROBIUM - (ROSANN X *discolor*) X DARK DAME -  
grown by J.NICHOLLS

OPEN DIVISION	Judges	A. Sullivan J. Gay	
Cluster Cattleya	C. Valentine Day 'Leanne'	T. DeIonno	3
Novelty Cattleya	C. Penny Kuroda 'Spots' Blc. Buttercup X Bl. Richard Mueller	R. Moore R. & B. Anderson	2 1
Dendrobium	Den. (Rosann X <i>discolor</i> ) X Dark Dame Halawa Beauty *Myeelahi	J. Nicholls J. Nicholls J. Nicholls	3 2 1
Miscellaneous	Phrag. <i>calurum</i> Z. Helen-Ku 'Velvet Lady'	Adel. Orchids R. Moore	3 2
Phalaenopsis	Zauberrose Sidmonk 'Eucla' Lippstadt X Doris Wells	J. Nicholls K. Northcote J. Nicholls	3 2 1
Nov. Paphiopedilum	Emerald Charles Sladden	H. & T. Tormet R. Moore	3 2
Species Paphiopedilum	<i>stoneii</i> <i>haynaldianum</i> <i>primulinum</i>	Adel. Orchids D. Biebrick Adel. Orchids	3 2 1
Species	Epi. <i>tampense</i> Bro. <i>sanguinea</i> Huntleya <i>meleagris</i>	R. & B. Anderson R. Moore J. Nicholls	3 2 1
Vandaceous	Ascda. Peggy Foo 'Nuda' (V. <i>sanderana</i> 'Alba' X Shimoto) X Asc. Lani Bird Asda. Little Pasha 'Ono'	J. Nicholls J. Nicholls R. & B. Anderson	3 2 1

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FLOWER OF THE DIVISION :DENDROBIUM (ROSANN X *discolor*) X DARK DAME  
grown by J. NICHOLLS  
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FIRST DIVISION	Judges	R. Pankoke Stephen Monkhouse T. Tormet	
Aust. Nat. Epi: Species	Sarc. <i>ceciliae</i>	M. J. Cunningham	3
Standard Cattleya	Lc. Amber Glow Lc. Malibu	C. & H. Edwards C. Ameer	3 2

Cluster Cattleya	Blc. Cadium Light	B. & R. Nurse	3
Nov. Cattleya	Blc. Golden Tang	C. & H. Edwards	3
	Lc. Mini Purple X	B. & R. Nurse	2
	Lc. Eva Voelkers		
	*Pot. Hoku Gem	F. Bell	1
Nov. Cluster Cattleya	C. Valentine Day	C. Amee	3
Dendrobium	Queen Cobra	C. & H. Edwards	3
Phalaenopsis	Unknown	B. & R. Nurse	3
Odont/Onc. Alliance	Onc. Unknown	B. & R. Nurse	3
Species	<i>Disa uniflora</i>	C. & H. Edwards	3
	<i>Enc. radiata</i>	B. & R. Nurse	2
	<i>L. xanthina</i>	C. & H. Edwards	1

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**FLOWER OF THE DIVISION: DENDROBIUM QUEEN COBRA** grown by C. & H. EDWARDS  
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**SECOND DIVISION**

**Judges** K.H. Northcote  
 R. Moore

Standard Cattleya	Lc. Angel Love 'Pinky'	L. Gunn	3
Nov. Cattleya	C. Interglossa X Batalinii	D. Daykin	3
	Blc. Hawaiian Treat	D. Daykin	2
Miscellaneous	Epi. O'Brienianum	N. Gitsham	3
Phalaenopsis	(Lipperose X Ella Freed) X Holland Pink	L.D. Cook	3
Species	<i>Onc. flexuosum</i>	P. & G. Flavel	3
	<i>Bro. sanguinea</i> 'Alba'	L. Gunn	2
Cattleya & Mis. Genera	Lctna. Flying Colours	L. Gunn	3

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**FLOWER OF THE DIVISION: PHAL. (LIPPEROSE X ELLA FREED) X HOLLAND PINK**  
 grown by L.D. COOK  
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\* Denotes name change. Please alter your label accordingly.