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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 11th FEBRUARY, 1986, at 8 pm.

BUSINESS:-

To receive the Annual Report

To receive the Statement of Receipts and Payments

To consider the recommendation of Committee that the following members be made LIFE MEMBERS in terms of Clause 5 of the Constitution of the Club:-

Harrison Viney

John Nicholls

To elect Office Bearers for the forthcoming year. The following nominations have been received.

PRESIDENT - M. Mangelsdorf

VICE-PRESIDENTS - B. Lynch, M. Weston

HON. SECRETARY - T. Howard

HON. TREASURER - L. Moore

COMMITTEE MEMBERS - A. De Ionno, W. Farquhar, I. O'Daniel (2 required)

As the number of nominations for Committee exceed the number required, a ballot will be necessary.

To consider any General Business.

Memo:- The following positions are filled by the Officers of the Club and Committee Members :- Editor of Gazette, Hon. Show Secretary, Registrar of Judges.

MONTHLY MEETING

At the conclusion of the above meeting, the normal Monthly Meeting will be held.

BUSINESS:- Monthly benching of plants :- Trading Table :- Slide programme by Stephen Monkhouse on "Some of his favorite Orchids".

VOTING AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING BY PROXY

Those members who are unable to attend the Annual General Meeting and who wish to record a vote, may do so by appointing a proxy in terms of the enclosed Form.

The Month of February

Much the same as previous month, could even be hotter - watch for disfiguring sun burn, if extra shade was not applied last month then do so this month. Sun burn will not permanently damage a plant but will damage leaves to the extent that they cannot do their job of photosynthesis with the resultant effect on flower production. However do not go overboard with the shade as these orchids require as bright a light as possible short of actual burning. Water regularly and give a weak feed of a fertilizer if you wish, be careful not to over fertilize the aim is to produce hard firm stems and leaves, too much fertilizer will produce soft lush growth at the expense of flowers

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CYMBIDIUM GROWING AND FEEDING for the Month of February

1. Heavy watering is required to keep up the humidity
2. Watch out that you have sufficient shading
3. Fertilizer, lower nitrogen and use one of a more even NPK ratio. Consider a weak foliar spray weekly of such a fertilizer.
4. Watch out for pest and use an insecticide and fungicide as per manufacture's direction. As necessary.
5. Those early cymms are showing spike (Peter Pan and hybrids, Minuet etc) so take care when you are watering, fertilizing and spraying for pest if you do not want damaged spikes.

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SEASONAL HINTS FOR YOUR CATTLEYAS (and cattleya alliance)

by K. Staples

These hints are for plants grown on the Adelaide plains

JANUARY & FEBRUARY:-

Many cattleyas flower during autumn and early winter and are now making strong growths and roots. Keep them moving with plenty of moisture both in the pots and around them, especially with high temperatures prevailing.

½ strength liquid fertilizer each 2-3 weeks will help the flower quality.

DON'T fertilize if the compost is dry, water first and then follow with the feeding programme next day.

Watch for sunburn - leaves of cattleyas burn badly if direct rays of the sun shine through unpainted glass. Unsightly black blotches soon appear. Keep a watch for tell tale signs of various types of caterpillars, they can ruin flowers quickly.

Always watch out for mealy bug and particularly scale. Maldison (Malithion) is an effective spray, should insecticides be needed. There are several systemic type sprays available which are also very effective. EVERY SPRAY SHOULD BE ONLY USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAKERS DIRECTION AND THE NECESSARY SAFETY PRECAUTION TAKE.

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Have just read "Overwatering is not too much water it is too little air"

LOTTERY ACCOUNT:-

Balance 1st January 1985
Supper Tickets
Committee Tickets
Bank Interest

111.38
338.30
51.60
6.73

\$508.01

Purchase of Seedlings 181.70
Transfer to Premium A/c 150.00
Licence Fee 5.00
Government Taxes 0.93
Balance as at 31:12:85 170.38

\$508.01

AS X.

PREMIUM ACCOUNT:-

Balance 1st December 1985
Transfer from Lottery A/c
Transfer from Special Purpose
Interest from Prize Stab. Fund
Winter Show
Spring Show
Bank Interest

2410.86
150.00
120.00
117.43
500.00
1180.00
182.76

\$4661.05

Transfer to General A/c 1400.00
Government Taxes 0.63
Balance 31:12:85 3260.42

\$4661.05

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SPECIAL PURPOSE ACCOUNT:-

Balance 1:1:85
Nursery Visit Collection
Dinner Collection
Bank Interest

30.17
674.00
487.50
1.48

\$1193.15

Bus Cost & Luncheon 569.00
Club Dinner 487.50
Government Taxes 1.67
Transfer to Premium A/c 120.00
Balance 31:12:85 14.98

\$1193.15

AS X.

R. A. HILL TROPHY ACCOUNT:-

Balance 1:1:85
Bank Interest
Balance 31:12:85

119.46
10.67
\$130.13

AS X.

W. Spoon Treasurer
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SHOW PRIZE STABILIZATION:-

\$1000.00 Aus Bonds - Interest to Premium Account 14

The first people to discover the genus 'Miltonia' were those collectors of orchids and botanists who traversed South America and in particular Colombia and Brazil. It is not a genus where one sees flowering plants in abundance either at monthly meetings of the Clubs or for that matter at any of the Shows - only the odd plant is exhibited. It is not surprising therefore that the writers first contact with a plant was shall we say fortuitous. On unpacking a parcel received from an interstate nursery, it was found to contain a small plant of a Miltonia - a 'discovery' which at the time did not create any excitement or indeed enthusiasm. The opinion held was that these plants required special conditions and were difficult to grow.

The small plant was placed amongst the odontoglossums and just had to take its chance. Surprisingly, it prospered and now after three years it is well developed and of flowering size. Miltonias come from two distinct areas namely Brazil and Colombia. The Brazilian genus is regarded as a 'warm' grower and when flowered the dorsal sepal is rounded and generally in relation to the petals presents a well filled in concept. The Colombian form is not so well filled in. The Beall Orchid Company catalogue has this to say of the Colombian variety.

'This group of Miltonias has now been recognized as a separate genus. These are what have been traditionally known as Colombian or 'cool' Miltonias. Daytime temperatures should not exceed 80F and nighttime temperatures should be 50-60F. Keep low to moderate bright light and the moisture constant to ensure success. If grown correctly, Miltonias will flower in the autumn as well as the spring.'

In another catalogue issued by the same firm the following additional comments relating to Colombian Miltonias are made:-

'Daytime temperatures higher than 78F should be coupled with abundant cooling fresh air from an outside source. Air turbulators and fans providing rapid air movement will also keep your plants happy and healthy. Light levels slightly lower than cattleyas gives us sturdy growths and high flower count. Miltonias should be constantly moist and a humidity level of 55 - 65% should be maintained.'

In 1983 I was persuaded to purchase some Colombian Miltonias and these were placed alongside the 'orphan'. Some of these have now flowered - one with two spikes each bearing three flowers and another one spike with two flowers. The plants flowered give encouragement to better things to come. For example the 1984 RHS awards included an AM for a plant Milt. Robert Strauss 'Ardingly'. It carried three spikes and 13 flowers in all. The natural spread of this flower was 10.7 cm. With 13 flowers on 3 spikes it can be assumed that one of the inflorescences carried 5 flowers and the number of flowers and the spread of the flower would have given it full points if judged for an award.

If growers can achieve a similar flowering result, surely a goal well worth aiming for. Mericlones and seedlings are available in limited supply from a local nursery.

The heading 'Discovering the genus Miltonia' now becomes apparent in that I have 'discovered' quite by accident that the genus is not as difficult to cultivate as first imagined and whilst you will not become 'rich' from the sale of the flowers, Certainly your collection will be the 'richer' by their inclusion.

MONTHLY COMPETITION

DECEMBER 1985

OPEN DIVISION

Aust, Native Epi.	Den. Gloucester Sands	John Nicholls Orchids	3
Cymbidiums	Cricket	G & L Spear	3
Cattleyas	C. Bow Bells x B. digbyaha	Glen Forrest	
Dendrobiums	Halawa Beauty	John Nicholls Orchids	3
	Infundidulum	"	2
Miscellaneous	Onc. sphacelatum x Onc Sydney	"	3
	Epi. unknown	"	2
Phaleonopsis	(William Shaffer x Charles Shaffer) x		
	Hermosa	K H Northcote	3
	Freeds Angel x Freeds Dazzler	"	2
	Puerto Princesca	"	1
Novelty Paph.	Victoria x Moquettianum	L & R Moore	3
	Alma Gavaert	Adelaide Orchids	2
	Goultenianum	"	1
Species Paphs.	lawrenceanum	"	3
	urbanianum	John Nicholls Orchids	2
	fowliei	Glenn Forrest	1
Species	Phal. equestris	John Nicholls Orchids	3
	Malaxis latifolia	"	2
	Brassia verrucosa	I & A O'Daniel	1.
Division Flower of Month:-	Phal. lawrenceanum	Adelaide Orchids.	

FIRST DIVISION

Aust, Native Epi.	Cym. canaliculatum	Mr & Mrs T Howard	3
Miscellaneous.	Epi. Butterball	W & M Vaughan	3
	Epi. Boundii	Vic Rodgers	2
	Epi. Boundii	Don Biebrick	1
Novelty Paph.	Charles Sladden	C C Burfield	3
Species Paph	argus	Ron Parish	3
	urbanianum	C C Burfield	2
	prinulatum purpurascens	Ron Parish	1
Species	Bifrenaria tyrathina	Ray Goodall	3
	Malaxis latifolia	Ron Goodall	2
Division Flower of Month:-	Paph. argus	Ron Parish.	

SECOND DIVISION

Aust. Native Epi.	Bulbophyllum Newportii	John McGrath	3
	Den. linguiforme	"	2
Mini Cym.	Cricket	S Steele	3
Novelty Paph.	chamberlainianum x delenatii	Wayne Farquahar	3
Species Paph.	urbanianum	Neale Washington	3
	argus	"	2
	fowliei	"	1
Division Flower of Month:-	Cym. Cricket	S Steele.	

REGISTRAR'S CHOICE December 1985:-

Cym Cricket Mr & Mrs M.J. Steele

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1985 PRESIDENTS REPORT:

It is my pleasure on behalf of the Management Committee to present the report on the Club's activities over the past 12 months.

The main activities were the Winter and Spring shows and our monthly Cultural Meetings with the Social side also to the fore.

Two Life Members were elected at the Annual General Meeting, Mrs B. Gready (Bubs) and Mrs Brenda Lynch, both very worthy recipients of this prestigious award.

CULTURAL MEETINGS:

Eleven meetings were held during the year most of which were very well attended. The variety of topics and the wealth of information imparted from our guest speakers contributed to a better understanding of the Genera on which they lectured. Included in our visiting guest list were, Mr. Mick Chenoweth (cool growing genera), Mr Kel Staples (cattleya's), Mr. Trevor Jacobs Mr. Graham Guest and Mr. K Weston, all of whom had to travel vast distances to attend our meetings. Many thanks are extended to these persons for helping to make our year so interesting and entertaining.

Plant benching at monthly meetings was very good with a number of our members gaining 'Plants of the Division' at not only the S.C.O.C. but also at Orchidaceous and O.C.S.A.

Seven members were promoted from Second to First division and two members from First Division to Open Division.

WINTER AND SPRING SHOWS:

Mr Stephen Monkhouse our Show Marshall for his first year is to be complimented on his efforts in organaising two highly successful shows, the Spring show with the most relevant theme at the time was called "Orchids in the Grand Prix". The official opening of our Spring Show was kindly performed by our new Patron the Mayor of Noarlunga, Mr. Ray Gilbert who was accompanied by his wife also in attendance were a representative of the State Bank and the new Colonnades Centre Manager.

A sprightly lady of 92 years, Lady Matters and family also attended along with a large number of Club members.

The judging panel under the leadership of our Registrar of Judges, Mr. Harry Lambert and assistant Registrar, Mr. John Leeder contributed greatly to the success and smooth running of our Winter and Spring shows and monthly competitions. The Committee of Management wishes to express its appreciation and thanks to all judges, associate and student judges who assisted throughout the year.

SISTER CLUB:

Through the efforts of our Senior Vice President and Assistant Registrar of Judges, Mr. John Leeder and his personal association with Mick and Stella Keith of the "Townsville Orchid Society" an invitation was extended to the Townsville Orchid Society that we associate ourselves into "Sister" clubs. The offer was accepted and already vbenefits are forthcoming with both clubs reciprocating in the sending of blooms to each others shows. We do welcome the affinity of the Townsville Orchid Society and its members and look forward to a happy and helpful relationship.

SOCIAL NEWS:

Two events were significant for the year, the first being a minibus tour to six southern orchid nurseries. The event was very well patronised by members. The nurseries visited did a marvellous job in making the Tour a most memorable one. Lunch was held at John Nicholls nursery, a Barbecue and salad meal. The second event was a Xmas Dinner Dance at the Top of Taps Hotel once again very well attended and a good time was had by all.

LIBRARY:

A number of new publications were purchased and added to our 'growing' Library. Many thanks to Mary Vaughn and Rosemary Van Der Wilk for their time and effort throughout the year.

TRADING TABLE:

Held at our Winter and Spring Shows proved to be very successful thanks to all who participated either in putting plants up for sale and the volunteers who assisted Mary Vaughn.

The cultural meetings trading table was looked after by Mr. Doug Messenger with Raffle ticket sales handled by Tony DeInno and helpers.

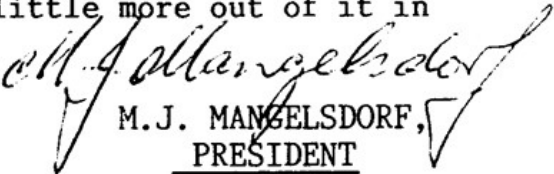
SUPPER TABLE:

This was organised by Berna Viney and Trixie Anderson and other willing helpers thanks ladies we all look forward to the cuppa after a meeting or show.

FINANCE:

The financial statement printed herein shows that the Club is in a reasonably healthy position through the continued hard work of your committee and your support of our functions. Remember Orchids 86 is almost upon us YOUR solid support will be required throughout the year.

In closing I wish to thank you all for your support and assistance throughout 1985. Remember this is your Club, may we all get a little more out of it in 1986.


M. J. MANGELSDORF,
PRESIDENT