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Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 11th May, 1971, at the Morphett Vale R.S.L. Hall, at 8 p.m. Our Guest Speaker will be **Mr Gordon Beal from the Electricity Trust of South Australia**. He will answer questions put to him on costs of running electrical equipment in plant houses, etc. Bernie Hansen will then demonstrate **Cymbidium spike training and permissible (?) bud manipulation**.

South Coast Orchid Club **Spring Show**: Our show dates will be 29th and 30th September and 1st and 2nd October.

Our **Winter Show** will be held at the July Meeting (R.S.L. Hall), Besides the Prizes to be awarded for the 'Best' in every Section in which three or more plants are tabled, a Grand Champion will be chosen. Further details will be announced.

The plants tabled at last meeting were judged by a guest, Mr John Lewis (with the kind assistance of Mr Mick Chenoweth) and the results are as follows: CATTLEYAS: Brasso-Laelia-Cattleya Welldenette x Brasso-Laelia-Cattleya Daffora Ishi (Mr M. Chenoweth), 3 points; Brasso-Cattleya Mme Hye (Mr W. Harris), 2 points; Brasso-Cattleya Evelyn Zuck (Mr W. Harris), 1 point. PAPHIOPEDILUMS: Glaucophyllum (Mr N. Zurcher), 3 points; Paph. Niveum Ang Thong (Mr W. Harris), 2 points; Paph. Kitty (Mr B. Hansen), 1 point. MISCELLANEOUS GENERA: Dendrobium *phalaenopsis* (Mr C. Hammond), 3 points; Miltassia Estrelita (Mr W. Harris), 2 points; Dendrobium *fitzgeraldii* (Mr W. Harris), 1 point. All plants were tabled in the Open Class, no Novice Class exhibits were tabled.

**POPULAR VOTES: Orchid** — Cattleya Joyce Hannington x Snowden Temperland: Bernie Hansen.

**Indoor Plant** — Companula (white variety): Jack & Anna Hofner.

**From the Librarian:** Please return your library books after one month. In future a fine of 10c will be imposed for library books kept longer than one month. These fines will be used for the purchase of new books.

**The Opportunity Table** will be in operation again at the next meeting and the first Cymbidium plants in spike are expected there.

The Club Committee is considering plans for a **CLUB BADGE** (showing the Club Emblem which appears on the top of this News Sheet). In order to have a 'die' made for the badge, an order for a minimum quantity of badges will have to be assured! The badges will have various applications, and below is a list of badge-uses and the costs involved. Please indicate the approximate quantity of each item in which you are interested, and hand the tear-off section to the Secretary at the next meeting. Samples will be on display.

## CULTURAL NOTES FOR MAY — by Bernie Hansen

**Cymbidiums:** With the advent of wet weather outside waterings can drop off, but don't let the plants get really dry. Autumn and winter can be tricky by being cold and dry, and often plants can dry out. So each weekend check thoroughly. Fertilising can be kept up with your favourite fertilizer. Our winters are reasonably mild and Cymbidiums keep growing all the year round; so there is no need to stop feeding them. Any grower who has early spikes and is contemplating moving them into a flowering house should first clean up the plant, i.e., weed and clean away old husks, trim leaves (remember to sterilise tools between each plant). Each plant should be thoroughly sprayed for Red Spider, slugs and snails and fungi. I would suggest Kelthane or Rogor 40 for Red Spider, Arsenate of Lead for slugs and snails. For fungi — Benlate, Panodrench, or any recognised brand on the market. When spraying with an insecticide make sure you do not get any spray on the buds, as this will distort the flowers. After installation sprinkle plenty of snail baits around and on the plants. Stake and tie each spike in a natural upright position. Do not tie the twisty too tightly, as the spike is growing rapidly and must not be choked. Use a figure 8 when tying to stake.

**Cattleyas** should be just about in full bloom, as autumn is the main flowering season for Cattleyas. Because of the multi-generic breeding varying flowering times of Cattleyas, most Cattleyas do not stick to specific flowering times, and when grown well can flower three or more times in two years. Should any of your Cattleyas be in a potting material that is breaking down, it would be advisable to re-pot immediately as later you could most probably loose the roots due to cold weather. If you cannot re-pot make sure you keep your plants on the dry side. If your glasshouse is heated you can re-pot practically anytime.

**Paphiopedilums:** Buds of winter flowering varieties should be showing. Be careful not to water overhead as occasionally water will lodge around the bud, which will help to induce bud rot. This would be most disappointing when you have been waiting for 12 months to see a flower. Feeding of Paphiopedilums can practically stop. Being light feeders and slow growers they just about stop growing through the winter months unless you have them in a house which has a minimum temperature of say 60°. Water: down to a minimum, just keeping the plants damp. With all this rain there should be enough rainwater to use a little on the plants.

Qty.	Item	Price each	Qty.	Item	Price each
.....	Badge Pins	\$0.85	.....	Cake forks	\$1.10
.....	Teaspoons	1.10	.....	Key-rings	1.00
.....	Jamspoons	1.10	.....	Ashtrays	1.30
.....	Coffeespoons	1.10	.....	Cuff-links	2.50
.....	Teacaddy spoons	1.00	.....	Tiebars	1.50
.....	Butter knives	1.10			