



# THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB GAZETTE

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JUNE 1995

Congratulations to Betty Wyly who won Grand Champion of the Autumn Show with her beautiful standard cattleya, Blc. Mt Sylvan 'Joy'. Betty also won Reserve Champion with Dendrobium Kuranda Classic x Self. Thank you to everyone who bought in plants to bench, it's **YOU** who make the Show.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday 13th June 1995, Calvery Lutheran Church Hall, Windsong Crt, Morphett Vale. Benching of plants to be completed by 7-45pm for judging. Meeting commences at 8-00pm.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Mr G. Eakins will speak on Pleiones. For those unfamiliar with Pleiones, according to the book 'The Genus Pleione' by Phillip Cribb and Ian Butterfield they are 'popularly called 'Nepalese crocuses' or 'Window-sill orchids', and are amongst the easiest orchids to grow'. (I'm not too sure about the last bit but Graham will be able to enlighten us).

**HALL SET-UP:** Those willing to help please be at the Hall by 7.00pm.

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

**DAYTIME CHAPTER:** 2pm. Thursday 15th June 1995 at South Brighton Community Hall, Dover Square Reserve, Broadway, South Brighton. Subject 'Australian Native Orchids : Sarcochilus'.

**PLANT COMPETITION**

The members who received a plant at the June 1994 meeting are reminded that it was for a plant growing competition and there will be a prize for the 'best grown' at this months (JUNE 1995) meeting.

**NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB INC.**

Notice is hereby given that an extraordinary meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club Inc. members will be held at the Lutheran Church Hall, Morphett Vale on Tuesday 11th July at 8pm, prior to the monthly cultural meeting.

Special Business.

To consider, and if thought fit, to pass the following resolution:-

**INDEMNITY**

The Committee of Management and all the individual members thereof and all persons acting for and on behalf of the Club as appointed by the members or Committee of Management (all such individual persons hereinafter called 'club representative') shall be indemnified and saved harmless by the club from and against all or any claims and charges for damages or otherwise made against the club or any club representative and any expenses and costs that may be incurred by any such club representative acting for or on behalf of the club negligently or otherwise in any matter or thing Provided that such club representative in any such matter or thing at all times acted honestly in good faith and in the interests of the club and within the scope of the express and/or implied ambit of such club representative's authority to act for and on behalf of the club.

**COMMENT**

This proposed addition has been prepared by OCSA's solicitor, who writes that although 'the law is becoming more stringent in its requirements of club corporate officers...one rarely sees claims being made against people of honesty and integrity who act

within their ability to pay their debts as they fall due'. The subject was raised by a Club affiliated with OCSA whose Committee members were concerned with the legal position should any claims be lodged against their Club at this time when litigation is on the increase.

VOTING.

Voting will be by ballot conducted at the special meeting on 11th July. Proxy votes will be accepted.

**DAYTIME CHAPTER by R & B Clark**

A delightful display of orchids greeted members for the May afternoon meeting. Keith Northcote welcomed all with a special reference to a new member, Laurie Webster, and the guest speaker, Reg Shooter. Keith then displayed a new style of orchid pot holder which has as additional ring to hold the foliage of some of the taller varieties and demonstrated with a cattleya to good advantage. Rosalie Moore donated one of these to be added to the raffle prizes - orchids from Adelaide Orchids and a beautifully crocheted pot surround made by Wiera Bicanin. Congratulations were extended to the committee for organizing the recent Autumn Show with interstate speaker, Kevin Hipkins, and the excellent meal - greatly appreciated by all those who attended. Re-introducing Reg, Keith attributed the good number present (30+) to the interest generated by the talk Reg gave last month.

Reg spoke to some spectacular slides of Dendrobium hybrids saying he felt these could all be categorised into three groups according to the shape-not necessarily parentage- of the flowers. These were:-

1. *kingianum* - wide sepals, wide petals, dorsal standing up and lip flat.

2. *tetragonum* - long skinny petals, sepals and dorsal with flat lip.

3. *fleckeri* - wide segments also but the lip differs.

A very interesting history of hybridizing *Dendrobiums* then unfolded. *Den. Ellen* was the first registered in 1928 - a cross between *Den. kingianum* and *Den. tetragonum*. This hybrid has stood the test of time and is still popular today. Only a few more hybrids appeared over the next 30 years but since the 60's each decade has seen an increase in their numbers until in the early 80's a group of hybridists including Australians Kevin McFarlane, Jones, Kirkwood's, Wally Upton, Coleman's began in earnest and now there are many hundreds registered. Second generation hybrids came on the scene in 1979 and *Den. Ring of Fire* in 1986 was 5th generation.

From the benched orchids *Stenoglottis longifolia* (R. Moore) was chosen by Reg and the members. Congratulations. *Blc. Toshie Aoki 'Pizazz'* (P. & G. Flavel) was second and *Oda (Morette x Cathay Pacific)* - (B. Fisher) third.

For the 'Special segment' Keith showed and discussed one of the plants growing in Danish Rockwool purchased from the speaker at the last cultural meeting.

The afternoon concluded with a friendly chat and cuppa.

### NEW MEMBERS

It is with pleasure that we welcome to the South Coast Orchid Club:- Alan McKay, Regina Herrman-McKay, Helmut Herrmann of Morphett Vale, Garry Snell of Birkenhead and Silvester Ng of Reynella.

Good luck with your Orchid Growing.

### DINNER

Thank you to all that helped at the Dinner prior to the Autumn Show. I've already been asked if we are going to do the same thing next year, however, you'll have to wait and see.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our 'lucky seat' winners and also to our 'stirrer' who asked the curliest question of our guest speaker.

### EXHIBITION NUMBERS

The number that you put on your plant label for shows (along with the plants name) is shown on the front of your Gazette.

### SOCIAL EVENTS

On September 3rd a trip to Bruce Mules at Pt Pirie to see his collection of Australian Native Orchids is proposed. More details later.

### STANDARD CYMBIDIUMS

by ALVIN BRYANT

Alvin Bryant is one of Australia's foremost *Cymbidium* hybridisers and is world renowned for his work with early tetraploid and albino type *cymbidiums*. As well as continuing with the above types, he has expanded to include mid and late season flowers. His son has taken over the Nursery in NSW and Alvin is currently developing a Nursery in Queensland.

In those tales of long ago, did you ever wonder why Helen on Troy was regarded as the most beautiful woman in the world? It puzzled me until I realized that no-one ever described her. As a result, each person supplied from their mind's eye a picture of the

perfect woman. It's the same with orchids- the perfect orchid is but one of an infinite range, because each person will have a different idea of what it should be. Even more, these perceptions will change with time, according to fashion, as well as cultural and practical changes. Changing the plant's physical and aesthetic qualities to meet or hopefully to anticipate these requirements is what constitutes a development program.

Our Cymbidium development program over the last 43 years has always had a guiding philosophy. Its key is the utilitarian concept, namely, that clones had to meet both mechanical and aesthetic requirements. Spot resistance, bruise resistance and raceme sturdiness are examples of mechanical properties. There is an underlying universality in certain aspects of aesthetic appreciation, of which the golden section is one example. The conscious or unconscious expression of it, in the shape and colour requirements of orchid award standards is another.

If you have been following cymbidium development over the years, its progress could be measured by testing each month of the flowering season against the available colour range. For instance, name the outstanding white, pink, red, yellow, green, and brown cymbidiums for May, June, July, August, September, October, and November. Once this has been done, then they can be sorted into clones showing outstanding production, show-bench quality and suitability for pot-plants, with the ideal clone meeting all of these requirements. In the last 2 years there has been a marked change from expectations to realisation, as the following up-date will show.

**White Cymbidiums for May, June and July.** The genes responsible for this development were present in the early-flowering, non-staining white tetraploid *Cymbidium* Early Bird 'Pacific' - a chance tetraploid flowering in April and May. Its flowers are produced freely, have good shape and are bruise and spot resistant. Its faults are forward-thrust petals, a small lip and low floriferousness (only 6 flowers per spike). Cym. Early Bird 'Pacific' was crossed with September flowering tetraploids to give Cym. Stanley Fouraker, Cym. Sylvania and Cym. Fred Stewart. Mrs Menninger in USA identified other early tetraploids and introduced more early genes using the white Cym. Palomar 'Snow White' and 'Denali. In the next generation the following parents were used:- Palaker 'Grande', which had superior flower production and a desirable large labellum, Palaker 'Exquisite', which had a beautiful spike habit and that aesthetically pleasing Balkis-type lip; various clones of Cym. Winter Fair, which had excellent flower production with up to 25 to the spike and non-staining, crystalline-white flowers; Valley Paradise (Douglas' variety) which had a beautiful rounded show-bench form; Poetic (var. 'Andre' was awarded) and various clones of White Christmas, which carried a combination of the 'early' genes and had outstanding shape. Later came the colchicine-created tetraploid Cym. Fanfare 'St Francis', which was coarse-growing, had large foliage and carried up to 18 well filled-in green blooms on a strong spike. Other parents used included Trigo Royale, which flowered in May and had smaller foliage, although its flowers tended to bruise, Solana Beach 'St Francis' 4N, which had

spectacularly shaped flowers (before they collapsed) but poor spike habit; the chance tetraploid Cym. Baltic 'Faye': Cym. Angelica 'Advent' and Cym. Lunagrad 'Elanora'4N, parent of Cym. Winter Wonder, Winter Paradise, Gardalvin, Cym. Alvin Bryant, Lone Star 'Mr Scott', Valley Angel and Regal Solana.

Although spectacular results had been obtained to this point, it was on an individual basis. In the next generation of hybrids results changed from a trickle in 1992 to a rush by 1994. Faults were minimised and finer points concentrated to give high-yielding quality whites with a spread of flowering times in cross after cross.

A key result was the May flowering Cym. Paradise Wonder 'White Dawn', which had fine spike habit, clear white blooms of excellent shape and heavy production. Even earlier flowering, but yet to be proven, were a sprinkling of whites for Mother's Day- it still puzzles me why more very early-flowering clones have not appeared.

Cym. Winter Alvin (Winter Wonder X Gardalvin) showed that no other cross was needed for white standard Cymbidiums in June or July. Varieties 'Nada', 'Tulip', 'Lotte', and 'Starbright' are good examples. The Lovely Angel

cross (Winter Paradise x Gardalvin) also produced stunning results with 'Zeus', 'Ballerina', 'Bubbles', 'Sunblush', and 'McAngel'. Other excellent results were obtained with Cym. Stargard 'Sunset' and with Paradise Wonder (Winter Paradise x Winter Wonder) cultivars 'Kong' and 'Ella' and with Poetic Fair x Winter Paradise (cultivars 'Tara' and 'Pegasus'). For a number of seasons, spectacular whites such as Alvin's Angel (Alvin Bryant x Valley Angel) were on hold because of the change from limited genetic material to a gourmet array.

The up-dating of August and September flowering white cymbidiums had been left until superior early varieties became available.

Then Winter Wonder 'Josephine' and Cronulla 'Charisma' were crossed with Joan of Arc 'Olivine May' and Masao Toya 'Dolores'. These crosses resulted in the magnificent Cym. Wonder Arc 'Blanche', 'Joan', and 'Snowsong' (Cronulla x Joan of Arc) 'Vanity' and some fine clones of Cym. Blush of Spring, especially the October flowering white clone 'Della'. **TO BE CONTINUED**

## AUTUMN SHOW 1995

### SECOND DIVISION RESULTS

Judges: R. Moore  
B. Wyly

**Champion of Second Division: Oda (Morette x Cathay Pacific)  
grown by Bill Fisher**

Intermediate Cymbidium	Summer Pearl	G. Shevlin
Standard Cattleya	Bc. Languedoc	J. Dudley
	Lc. Gila Wilderness	J. Dudley

Nov. Cluster Cattleya	C. Chocolate Drop 'Kodama'	J. Dudley
	C. <i>intermedia</i> x <i>skinneri</i>	B. Fisher
	Bc. Pastoral x (C. Margaret Stewart x Edythe Wood)	J. Dudley

Odont/Oncidium Alliance	Oda (Morette x Cathay Pacific)	B. Fisher
	Miltassia Estrelita	J. Beasley

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**FIRST DIVISION RESULTS**

**Judges: K.H. Northcote  
J. Shaughnessy**

**Champion of First Division :- C. Chocolate Drop 'Kodama' grown by Frank Bell**

Aust.nat.terr:species	<i>Ptst. truncata</i>	M. Tiggeman
	<i>Ptst. reflexa</i>	M. Tiggeman

Intermediate Cymbidium	..... Valentines Love 'Leanne'	M. Tiggeman
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Standard Cattleya	Blc. Alma Kee	C. Ameer
	Blc. Francis Miles	C. Ameer
	Slc. Norman's Bay	C. Ameer

Nov. Cattleya	C. Fitz Eugene	P. O'Brien
	Blc. Makaha Gold x Chocolate Drop	F. Bell

Nov. Cluster Cattleya	C. Chocolate Drop 'Kodama'	F. Bell
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Cocktail Cattleya	Slc. Hoku Gem	C. Ameer
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Nov. Paphiopedilum	Brian Bevis	P. O'Brien
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Odont/Oncidium Alliance	<i>Psychopsis papilio</i> 'Latours'	R. Parish
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Species	<i>C. bowringiana</i>	C. Ameer
	<i>Gongora gallata</i>	R. Parish

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**OPEN DIVISION RESULTS**

**Judges: R. Rankin  
P. Rankin**

**Champion of First Division:- Blc. Mt. Sylvan 'Joy' grown by Betty Wylly**

Aust. Nat. Epi: Species	<i>Oberonia muelleriana</i>	D. Biebrick
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Aust. Nat. Epi: Hybrid	Den. Kim Heinze	R. & B. Anderson
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Aust. Nat. Terr: Species	<i>Ptst. truncata</i>	R. & B. Anderson
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	<i>Ptst. obtusa</i>	R. & B. Anderson
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Aust. Nat. Terr: Hybrid	<i>Ptst. Longipetala</i>	R. & B. Anderson
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Standard Cymbidium	Luana 'Pink Showers'	Sims Orchids
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Intermediate Cymbidium	Summer Pearl	Sims Orchids
	Trigo Royal x Peter Pan	Sims Orchids
	Summer Pearl	Sims orchids
Miniature Cymbidium	Mini Splendour 'Hove'	H. Gerber
	Jessie Blackiston x Peter Pan	J. Nicholls.
Standard Cattleya	Blc. Mt Sylvan	B. Wyly
	Blc. Toshie Aoki 'Pizazz'	P. & G. Flavel
Nov. Cattleya	Blc. Makaha Gold x C. Chocolate Drop	B. Wyly
	Lc. Angel Heart	C. & H. Edwards
	Lc. Puppy Love x <i>C. loddigessi</i>	C. & H. Edwards
Nov. Cluster Cattleya	Lc. Little Susie x Blc. Sylvia Fry	B. Wyly
	Blc. Makaha Gold x C. Chocolate Drop	B. Wyly
	C. Rose Drop	D. Biebrick
Other Laeliinae	<i>C. intermedia</i> x <i>Dial. bicornutum</i>	C. & H. Edwards
	Ctna. Hunabu Fairly Flare	B. Wyly
	<i>C. intermedia</i> x Ctna. Keith Roth	R. Moore
Dendrobium	Kuranda Classic x Self	B. Wyly
	American x Lowana Red	B. Wyly
	Kuranda Classic x Self	B. Wyly
Miscellaneous	<i>Epi (prismatocarpum x radiatum)</i>	D. Biebrick
Std. Paphiopedilum	Rosy Dawn	R. Moore
Nov. Paphiopedilum	Redstart x St. Swithins	D. Biebrick
	<i>venustum</i> x <i>insigne</i>	D. Biebrick
	Prelude	D. Biebrick
Species Paphiopedilum	<i>spicerianum</i>	C. & H. Edwards
	<i>sublaeve</i>	D. Biebrick
odont/Oncidium Alliance	Onc. Palmyre x Arila	T. DeIonno
	Odont. Marie Elle	R. Moore
	Milt. Estrelita	P. & G. Flavel
Species	<i>Stenoglottis longifolia</i>	R. Moore
	<i>Neobenthamii gracilis</i>	J. Nicholls
	<i>Coelogyne ruchossinii</i>	J. Nicholls
Vandeous	Vanda T.M.A.	J. Nicholls
	V. Woodlawn Glory x Ascda Peggy Foo	R. & B. Anderson
Zygopetalum	Z. Titanic 'Pinafore'	R. Moore
	Z. Titanic 'Pinafore'	Unknown
	Z. B.G. White 'Purple Lips'	T. DeIonno