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# The South Coast Orchid Club Inc. Gazette

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### **AT A GLANCE**

**THE NEXT MEETING** of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2004 at St Bernadettes Hall St Marys. One membership fee covers all three groups of our Club.

Guest Speaker: Trevor Jacobs: -Subject- Cool growing mixed collections

**BEGINNERS CLASS** 7.00 before the main meeting

George Abel: -Subject - Sarcochilus

**DAYTIME** at South Brighton Community Hall, Dover Square, Broadway, South Brighton Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2004 at 2pm.

Guest speaker is Geoff Spear: – Subject - Disas.

**SPECIES GROUP** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2004 at 8pm South Brighton Community Hall, Dover Square, Broadway South Brighton.

**RAFFLE PLANTS** for November, G Brooks—Thank you to J. Nichols. For Octobers plants

**LUCKY NAME BADGE** make sure you wear your name badge you may win a prize!!

**BIRTHDAY DRAW.** Put your name in the Birthday box. You may win a prize

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### **MONTHLY ROSTERS**

Supper: Wendy Lodge and Gerald Voskamp Computer: B Gay

Hostess: Irene Parish and Hazel Alsop

Judges: Registrar 7pm Pat Harmer

Judges: 7.30 R Shooter, R Pankoke, D Harmer, I Attenborough, T Bourne, J Gay  
and B Bower

### **LOOK WHAT'S NEW ON THE INTERNET**

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[http://members.optusnet.com.au/~vcs\\_filming/](http://members.optusnet.com.au/~vcs_filming/)

Check it out to see all the updates gazettes & pictures.

**It will pay to visit regularly as I put up new material as it comes to hand (at the moment there are many pictures from the Royal Show and our Spring Show**

**Have an opinion or something to say**

contact the Editor Ron Parish

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**People who submit articles to the Club for inclusion in our Gazette express opinions which are not necessarily those of the Club. No Guarantee is provided to anyone using the ideas & opinions expressed in these articles.**

**Items must be delivered to the Editor by the Thursday following the Committee meeting.**

### **2004/5 Club meeting dates**

#### **December**

Species group Combines with Main Group  
14 Main Fun Night??  
16 Daytime Group

#### **2005**

#### **February**

7 Species group  
8 Main AGM  
10 Daytime Group

#### **March**

7 Species group  
8 Main Marjorie Chance on Paphs  
10 Daytime Group Maureen Haseldine

#### **April**

4 Species Group  
12 Main . G Zerbe on Display Judging  
14 Daytime G Spear on trip to France

#### **May**

2 Species Group  
10 Main S Lenkik on Cyms.

12 Daytime

#### **June**

6 Species Group  
14 Main T Bourne on Judging  
16 Daytime

#### **July**

4 Species Group  
12 Main, Group 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
14 Daytime Group

#### **August**

1 Species Group  
9 Main, M. Osborne min Cyms  
11 Daytime Group

#### **September**

5 Species Group  
13 Main, Smoults on products  
15 Daytime Group

#### **October**

3 Species Group  
11 Main  
13 Daytime Group

### **WHATS ON BEFORE THE MEETING?**

Trading Table: Don Biebrick. – You'll find Don here each month to give advice on all new lines available. He has been a loyal member over many years.

Plant Raffle Tickets: Peter Fenton another very loyal member always there to sell tickets.

Library: Henk another great guy you'll find books here donated by the late Keith Northcote.

Treasurer: Next year we will be able to socialize more with Robyn, as next year she will be too busy to continue on as our treasurer but has assured us she will be at the beginners class to learn more about her beloved orchids.

The Lucky Monthly Square Des Alsop. Another busy man and a great committee person and orchid grower....

Public Liability Under insurance guideline all members and Committee attending any function or meeting held by the Club must now sign an attendance book by name and signature.



**SPECIES GROUP *Epidendrum stamfordianum*:** This species is found from Mexico to Panama, Columbia and Venezuela and was described by James Bateman in 'Orchidaceae of Mexico & Guatemala' in 1838 and was named by him in honour of the Earl of Stamford whom at that time had a fine collection of tropical orchids. The plant is relatively easy to grow and is treated much the same as a *Cattleya*. It almost 'passed on' when a few years ago it was divided and decided to 'go backwards and sulk'. This seems to be a general trend with some species where when divided the plant can be lost, so care needs to be taken when potting on species

orchids. This plant is grown in the 'Hot House' about half way between the floor and ceiling where the minimum temperature is about 14C and the maximum is maintained at around 32C. The humidity is controlled by a humidifier to 70%. It is watered and fertilized regularly when in active growth. It produces an arching branched raceme 900mm long of many showy flowers of lime green spotted and barred with brown and has a white and yellow labellum spotted with red dots. A fine species to have in any collection

***Chysis aurea*:** This genus consists of around 6-7 species and comes from Mexico through Central America and the Andes of South America to Venezuela and Peru. It is a deciduous species and loses its leaves when the growth matures and less water is needed when this happens. When active growth returns the inflorescence appears at the same time as the new growth shoot and both are produced together and a raceme of 4 to 8 attractive flowers of appealing lemon and brown flushing to the edges of the segments are produced. During active growth plenty of water and fertilizer is administered at regular intervals until the leaves are lost. This plant is also grown in the 'hot house' but closer to the floor where it is slightly darker & cooler than the *Epidendrum* as described above. Pat Harmer.



## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**President:** Geoff Spear **Vice President** Murray Baulderston (other position is Vacant at present) **Treasurer:** Paul Schmerl

**Secretary:** Lucy Spear **Committee Dorothy** Carassai, Hank Van Leuveran, Hazel and Des Alsop **Editor: Ron Parish** If you are seeking help ask a **Committee member**.

## QUOTES TAKEN FROM "ORCHID WISE"

Written by Roger Rankin

1. Some may travel the world to find beauty: orchid growers fill their lives with it without leaving home.
2. An Orchid expert is a person who has made all the mistakes
3. Affording a new Orchid is like love .....you always find a way.
4. The greatest gift an Orchid Grower can have is the gift of growing An Orchid to its true worth.

**CORRECTION ON LYCASTE** The Lycaste information publisher in August Gazette was from an early 90 publication more up to date information on these delightful plants will be published in the February 2005 Gazette.

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Reminiscing over the past nine months I'm sure, you would all agree we have had five great shows, (S.A.R.O.C, O.C.S.A, and our own three seasonal shows) Trading Tables to be proud of, (especially autumn and winter when plants were not inclined to bloom) no shortage of plants and great profits for our club.

We have gained many members, some brand new to the orchid world. Show dates have been confirmed for next year just to make sure our venues are secured. Our Library is once again looking brilliant, thanks to the late Rosalie Moore and Keith Northcote who bequeathed books to us.

Plant visits were fun; the committee next year may hire a bus and visit Eve and Jim Cummins at Freeling, have a BBQ and make our way home visiting Northern growers. As for the registrar of Judges, from where I stand there were a few hiccups but now everything is going very smoothly. Richard Fishlock has remarked a few times how well we are all presenting our plants now!

As for the Trading table, maybe you haven't looked lately but this is a credit to Don Biebrick, lots of new lines have been added.

Please book with the secretary for the post Christmas luncheon. January is a time when I get withdrawal symptoms, "not a soul to talk orchids with!" My family and neighbors don't grow orchids so by mid January I need orchid friends. This will be our third year at the Marion Hotel. We have booked a private room, the food is delicious and the companies great so please come along and see the fun we have, plus see your friends receive their trophies.

Maybe you know a guest speaker you would like to hear; we still have two spots vacant for next year. Phone soon as possible we need to get this organized.

The December meeting will be our usual end of year BBQ, more next month about this.

Flowering season is over for your cymbidiums. Now all the hard work starts; potting up, potting on, getting the shade house in order for next year! Happy potting and dreaming of the champion. It could be yours!

Good Growing!

Regards,  
Geoff

### **MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2005**

*Owing to increasing costs over the past few years your Committee finds it necessary to slightly increase subscription rates.*

*Family membership \$30.00*

*Single membership \$21.00*

*Junior membership \$13.00*

*Rural /Interstate Memberships*

*Family membership \$26.00*

*Single membership \$19.00*

## END OF YEAR BUSINESS

**Trophies:** Please return all Trophies to the Secretary at November meeting, or as soon as possible, no later than 7<sup>th</sup> December.

**Library:** December meeting please return all books to Henk, so he can do an accurate stock take.

### Public Liability

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## CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON IN JANUARY

Come and join in the fun.

Christmas time is such a busy time, so your committee has decided to have Christmas Dinner (Luncheon) in January, it will also be the Presentation Luncheon.

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> January 2005

Seating: 11.30 to 12pm

Venue: Private room – Marion Hotel Marion Road Mitchell Park

Costing: \$28.00 per person (Possibly include free soft drink)

Menu: Soup, Main meal choice of two courses, sweets.

Reserve your seat by phoning Lucy on 8381 4420 deposits or full payment will be accepted at November and December meeting.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2005

Please use nomination forms to appoint new committee members for 2005 forms to be handed to secretary before closing of December 2004 meeting.

URGENTLY NEEDED Vice President, Treasurer and 2 committee members and Editor



## NEW MEMBERS

Dene Light  
George Anderson  
Daniel Spear

## FOR SALE

### Encyclopedia of Cultivated Orchids

Sanders complete list of Orchid Hybrids

Sanders list of Orchids Hybrids 1961-70

1971-75

1976-80

1981-85

1986-90

Awards register 1964-1986

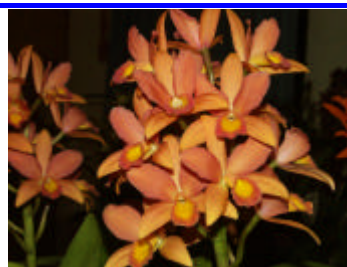
Awards register 1986-1991

Price \$400.00 ONO

# OCTOBER MONTHLY FLORAL COMPETITION RESULTS

## FLOWER OF THE DIVISION

Lc. Scarlet Imp 'Paradise' grown by Richard & Heather Fishlock



## Open Division

### Australian native epiphyte hybrid

542	Sarco. Rachael	Peter & Geraldine Flavel	3
543	Den. Ella Victoria Leaney	Bev & John Gay	2
544	Den. Ella Victoria Leaney	Hank & Erna Van Leuveren	1

### Australian native epiphyte species

539	Dock. linguiformis	Don S Biebrick	3
540	Sarco. hartmannii	Tony De Ionno	2
541	Dock. linguiformis	Hank & Erna Van Leuveren	1

### Cymbidium < 60mm (all colours)

558	Cym. Mad Magic 'Amber'	Helmuth Gerber	3
559	Cym. (Midnight Muffe x canaliculatum)	Richard & Beryl Wilson	2
560	Cym. (Valya Craig x canaliculatum)	Helmuth Gerber	1

### Cymbidium > 90mm (all colours)

564	Cym. Narela 'Jennifer Gail'	Malcolm Tiggeman	2
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### Cymbidium 60 - 90 mm (all colours)

561	Cym. Gladys Whitesell 'Lips of Cream'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel	3
562	Cym. Queen of Hearts 'Cozy Glow'	Helmuth Gerber	2
563	Cym. Mabel Ladd 'Janet'	Geoff & Lucy Spear	1

### Cymbidium species (any size)

556	Cym. lowianum var. Personata	Ron & Irene Parish	3
557	Cym. lowianum var. Personata	Don S Biebrick	2

### Dendrobium (not Aust native) hybrid

575	Den. Yukidaruma 'King'	Hank & Erna Van Leuveren	3
576	Den. Malones 'Emperor'	Bev & John Gay	2
577	Den. C.K. Ai 'Oka'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel	1

### Dendrobium (not Aust native) species

574	Den. nobile	Gerald Voskamp	3
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### Laeliinae Non Standard Cluster

595	Lc. Scarlet Imp 'Paradise'	Richard & Heather Fishlock	3
596	Lc. Chocolate Treats	Don S Biebrick	2
597	Dial. Snowflake 'Frosty'	Richard & Beryl Wilson	1

### Laeliinae Non Standard Other

598	Iwan. Apple Blossom 'Nora'	Richard & Beryl Wilson	3
599	C. (amethystoglossa x Painter's Brush)	Ron & Irene Parish	2

### Laeliinae species

588	Leptotes bicolor	Gerald Voskamp	3
591	C. guatemalensis var. alba	Richard & Beryl Wilson	2
589	Enc. cochleata	Don S Biebrick	1

### Laeliinae Standard > 100mm

590	C. [Princess Bells x (Tia x Tiffen Bells)]	Richard & Beryl Wilson	3
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### Laeliinae Standard < 100mm

592	Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Elizabeth'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel	3
593	Ctna. Jamaica Red 'O.C.'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel	2
594	Blc. Sylvia Fry x Lc. Blue Boy	Don S Biebrick	1

### Oncidiinae hybrid

601	Lagerara Roman Emperor 'Jem'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel	3
602	Bllra. Tahama Glacier 'Ithan'	Bev & John Gay	2

### Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - hybrid

579	Lyc. Koolena 'Raspberry Ice'	Richard & Beryl Wilson	3
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### Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - species

578	Mormolyca ringens	Gerald Voskamp	3
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### Orchid Seedling any genera

603	Den. (Wadonga x kingianum)	Don S Biebrick	3
604	Cym. Queen of Hearts 'Cozy Glow'	Helmuth Gerber	2

### Paphiopedilum Novelty

585	Paph. Encounter Bay	Helmut & Ursula Herrmann	3
586	Paph. (chamberlainum x victoria mariae)	Ron & Irene Parish	2
587	Paph. Chouvetii 'Alix Ann'	Bev & John Gay	1

**Paphiopedilum species**

580	Paph. hirsutissimum	Richard & Heather Fishlock	3
581	Paph. hainanense 'Rene'	Ron & Irene Parish	2

**Paphiopedilum Standard**

582	Paph. Palisander	Bev & John Gay	3
583	Paph. Amanda 'Ynes' x Zalamonda 'Bombora'	Helmut & Ursula Herrmann	2
584	Paph. (boxalli x Attrata 'Radiant Tiger')	Gerald Voskamp	1

**Phalaenopsis Novelty**

565	Phal. H - Sin Sun Flower	Richard & Heather Fishlock	3
566	Phal. [Brother Super Sonic x (Golden Pooker x	Bev & John Gay	2
567	Phal. Brother Fancy x Brother Purple x	Richard & Heather Fishlock	1

**Vandaceous Hybrid**

600	Ascda. (Bangkhluiten Gold x Yellow Pacific)	Peter & Geraldine Flavel	3
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**Zygopetalum hybrid (inc. intergenerics)**

570	Zga. Dynamite	Helmut & Ursula Herrmann	3
571	Z. Titanic 'Ku Hong'	Don S Biebrick	2
573	Zpst. Kiwi 'Rippa'	Ron & Irene Parish	1

**Zygopetalum species**

568	Z. intermedium	Richard & Beryl Wilson	3
569	Z. intermedium	Don S Biebrick	2

**FLOWER OF FIRST DIVISION & FLOWER OF THE NIGHT**

Den. linguiforme var. Nugenta grown by Michael Cunningham

**First Division****Australian native epiphyte hybrid**

525	Den. Eureka 'Star of Gold'	Michael Cunningham	3
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**Australian native epiphyte species**

523	Den. linguiforme var. Nugenta	Michael Cunningham	3
524	Den. linguiforme	Michael Cunningham	2

**Cymbidium < 60mm (all colours)**

520	Cym. Little Mary	Terri Rees	3
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**Cymbidium > 90mm (all colours)**

522	Cym. Ruby Anniversary	John Robinson	3
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**Cymbidium 60 - 90 mm (all colours)**

521	Cym. Panalatinga	Terri Rees	3
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**Dendrobium (not Aust native) hybrid**

526	Den. (name unknown)	Terri Rees	3
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**Laeliinae Non Standard Cluster**

530	Lc. Adelaide Ablaze	Murray Baulderstone	3
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**Laeliinae Non Standard Other**

531	Cattleya (name unknown)	Dorothy Carassai	3
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**Laeliinae Standard > 100mm**

529	Cattleya (name unknown)	Dorothy Carassai	3
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**Oncidiinae hybrid**

537	Colm. Wildcat 'Hildos #1'	Merv & Shirley Steele	3
538	Wils. Jean Dupont 'Fiery'	Merv & Shirley Steele	2

**Orchid Seedling any genera**

536	Paph. (Somersisle x Holdenii)	Ian & Denise Attenborough	3
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**Paphiopedilum Novelty**

532	Paph. (Somersisle x Holdenii)	Ian & Denise Attenborough	3
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**Zygopetalum hybrid (inc. intergenerics)**

534	Z. Titanic 'Regal'	Murray Baulderstone	3
535	Z. Pinnaroo	Murray Baulderstone	2

**Zygopetalum species**

533	Z. crinitum	Murray Baulderstone	3
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**FLOWER OF SECOND DIVISION**

Cym. Gurrana 'Mignon' GROWN BY Malcolm Young



## Second Division

### Australian native epiphyte hybrid

517	Den. Cockleshell	Malcolm Young	3
518	Den. (name unknown)	Rod & Judy McRedmond	2
519	Den. Delicatum var. Apple Blossom	Wendy Lodge	1

### Australian native epiphyte species

515	Den. monophyllum	Rod & Judy McRedmond	3
516	Den. kingianum	Rod & Judy McRedmond	2

### Cymbidium < 60mm (all colours)

545	Cym. Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade'	Ruth & Gunter Eckhard	3
546	Cym. Peewee	Norm Gitsham	2
547	Cym. Pat Brown	Norm Gitsham	1

### Cymbidium > 90mm (all colours)

551	Cym. Gurrana 'Mignon'	Malcolm Young	3
552	Cym. Gurrana 'Allison'	Malcolm Young	2
553	Cym. Dos Peublos	Kay Johnke	1

### Cymbidium 60 - 90 mm (all colours)

548	Cym. Uncle Everett '105'	Malcolm Young	3
549	Cym. (name unknown)	Ruth & Gunter Eckhard	2
550	Cym. (name known)	Rod & Judy McRedmond	1

### Dendrobium (not Aust native) species

527	Den. pirardi	Wendy Lodge	3
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### Laeliinae Standard < 100mm

555	Slc. California Apricot	Wendy Lodge	3
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### Paphiopedilum Novelty

554	Paph. (spicerianum x Holdenii)	Ruth & Gunter Eckhard	3
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## ORCHID NAMES.

I was asked by Ron Parish to check the details for the points winners at the October monthly meeting. While looking through the results – it reminded me of a 'game' I played once (some readers may remember it!)

One person was told a joke or story – it was whispered to the second person, who then whispered it to the next person – then the last person in the chain, would speak out loudly what the story was, in their interpretation as it was handed on from one to the next. The final version was often nothing like what was started. – **what has this got to the story?**

Well in working through the results I realized that:

1. The grower has to get the correct name written on the plant label.
2. The recorder has to interpret the wording on the label
3. The computer operator has to be able to read the recorder's hand writing
4. The checker, or editor has to see any 'errors' from the computer details.

Along with these problems, come the change of name for orchids – by some smart, well meaning person, (I hope?) – i.e. an orchid known for many years as a Dendrobium, (Den.) has now been renamed Dockrillia, (Dock.) – and a crossing of a Zygopetalum, (Z) with a colax, (Clx.) was called a Zygocolax, (Zclx.) – now the colax has been renamed Pabstia, (Pab.) and renamed Zygopabstia, (Zba.).

Another problem is the loss of name of the orchid, several orchids benched last meeting was listed as 'orchid unknown'. - once the name is lost from the plant it is almost impossible to re identify it, so please be careful in putting the correct name on the label and looking after it. A further problem I have noticed recently, is stores like K-Mart, selling orchids with no name on them, which is disappointing and I would not buy any orchid, personally, without a name!

We have four capable recorders in our Club. I am sure our Committee would like to see more members have a go at this task, **if we had about another four people** we could share the load. One big advantage of taking this on is that you learn a lot by listening to what the judges are saying as they decide which orchid deserves the point.

If you would like to try it, or find out what it is all about, **please see me** and we can talk through the details. Richard Fishlock



**Daytime Group**, South Brighton Community Hall, Dover Square, Broadway, South Brighton, on the 11<sup>th</sup> November, at 2pm  
Guest Speaker is Mr. Geoff Spear, the subject being the Disa Orchid.

Another great afternoon at the Daytime Group Meeting, it was the Group's 17<sup>th</sup> year of being at the South Brighton Community Hall, actually the original date was the October 15<sup>th</sup>, 1987, so we didn't miss the date by much did we? Our meeting being October 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Keith Northcote was the President, Mr. T. D. Howard being the Secretary; the first Guest Speaker was Mr. Syd. Monkhouse, our now Patron of the Club, speaking about " The appreciation of Orchids and growing them in the home environment", so if it wasn't for the foresight of these people we wouldn't have the Daytime Chapter (as it was then called earlier on) Mr. Norm Gitsam gave a short talk on the earlier days of the Daytime Group on who was involved, this will be recorded and written up for later use, Thank you Norm for doing the research.

Our Guest Speaker this afternoon was Mr. George Abell, an excellent grower of beautiful Sarcophilus, he gave us all an insight into the care and things that are necessary to do to grow them successfully, as he certainly does to perfection, I think we all came away with a better understanding of his beloved Sarcophilus, and hopefully we will all take his advice and put it into action.

Thank you George, for a very helpful learning session.

We had 11 plants benched to day, quite a few Sarcophilus or course, Cattleya, Species and Cyms, Geoff Spear's plant a Disa was voted top plant by popular choice, a very pretty pinky red, all the others running a very close second and third, thank you to all who benched their plants, they were all well grown and looked great.

Apologies were put in for Ron Parish, Eva Soar, Bill Clark, Joy Roberts and Arnold Ransley, it was lovely to see Mrs. Wiera Bicanin back again, and we all hope you are feeling a lot better soon. Thank you also to John Nichols, Don Biebrick and Robyn Pope for to days Raffle Plants.

The meeting was closed, and we all then had a few special treats for afternoon tea.

Bye,  
Dorothy

### **The South Coast Orchid Club Inc.**

#### **Committee nomination Form**

**Nominee's Name** .....

**Proposed by** .....

**Seconded by** .....

**Position Nominated for** .....

**Nominee Accepted** .....

**Please complete and hand to Secretary "Lucy Spear."**

**Nominations must be received by the close of the December Cultural Meeting**

## GROWING SARCOCHILUS – GEORGE ABEL

*Sarc. fitzgeraldii* 'Kuitpo' x Cherie  
'Bullseye' Red Rose



Welcome to the wonderful world of Sarcochilus (pronounced SAR-KOK-I-LUS) as per Hawkes "Encycbpedia of Cultivated Orchids". If you can't remember that just call them Sarcs. These wonderful Australian Native Orchids have come a long way sine the first hybrid was registered in 1963 by Ira Butler. It was of course, the crossing of Hartmannii and Fitzgeraldii registered as Fitzhart there have been many crossings done since – gradually becoming more complex. I say gradually because as they become more complex they also become less viable either as pod or pollen parents. To date there have only been 201 Hybrids registered which is a very small number compared to the multi thousands of hybrid registrations of some of the other cultivated species.

However progress has been made and we now have a variety of colours and markings ranging from various shades of yellow, green, pink, orange, and purple through to solid red. The solid reds are still extremely rare. The markings also vary greatly with different sizes of spots, blotches, stripes, plus the shadings of the centers and edges. The centers are also of various colours from the small to covering 80% of the flower. The size of the flowers have also progressed from the normal 10 cent size to some being considerably larger than a 50 cent piece.

One of the more remarkable things about Sarcochilus is that each growth continues to extend and flower year after year with the result that you can have many spikes in a relatively small pot. I rarely grow beyond a 125mm (5") squat pot with my best result ever in that size pot being 42 spikes – in a full 125mm squat pot 20 spikes is quite common. I said that a growth keeps on growing and flowering but myself I only allow them to flower 3 years or at most 4 years. For me they become too leggy and unattractive so I break them up. Incidentally when I break up, it is always into single growths- experience has taught me that this is certainly the best way to go. Most of them flower the next year.

Although growing Sarcochilus it is in its infancy in South Australia it is very popular in the eastern states. Warren Thomas and I go to the native orchid shows in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria in October/November every second year and just to Victoria in the alternate years. To illustrate their popularity just imagine if you can the Sydney Native Orchid Society Show in early November where they judge Sarcochilus in it different categories. The Maribyrnong Orchid society have their show during the second weekend in November and can have up to 900 Sarcochilus on display. A truly magnificent sight. What amazed us more is that they have thirty or forty people lined up a half an hour before the show starts. Warren and I got there at that time thinking we would be first in line. Fat chance! They are there early so they can have first pick of the Sarcochilus on the Trading Table, and we now know that is the same every year. This gives you some idea of the popularity in the eastern states.

*Sarco. hillii*



Perhaps before going into my method of growing I should mention that I grow them quite differently from the accepted method and certainly differently to all the interstate growers I have visited, and probably differently to the South Australian growers as well.

There are there main differences in my culture and I will cover them one at a time.

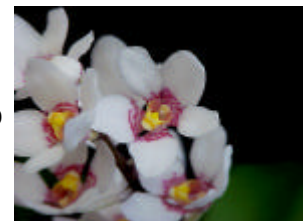
1. **Sunlight** – in the eastern states they grow them in dark conditions to emulate they say their conditions in nature. They are hybrids we grow today and I personally am trying to grow them in a lot better than they grow in their natural habitat. I have been to shade houses in the eastern states where conditions are so dark that you have to stop just inside the door for your eyes to adjust. The plants in these condi-

tions have one thing in common – the growths lay down and the leaves turn upwards. I think this is an indication that they need more light. I grow mine in strong light using sandstone (cream) shade cloth with the shade house positioned so that it gets full sun from sunrise to sunset, they love it!

2. **Potting mix** – the general mix used is 15mm to 20mm bark, which I think is too dry for plants with an epiphytic type root system. I therefore set out to produce a mix that would retain moisture without getting wet. I made up several mixes using varying proportions of coco peat, 6mm pine bark, marble chips and madenwell and then settled on the one that produced the best results. I will continue to use this ad infinitum, as you would expect of me I measure each ingredient exactly.
3. **Fertiliser** - other growers use either very little fertilizer or none at all. This is to be expected with plants being grown in dark conditions. I am a very heavy feeder – my axiom is if you want to grow plants well you need to have plenty of light and give them plenty of fertilizer. My main fertilizing is by a slow release fertilizer I call magic beads. They are designed to make plants grow and flower and will not burn the roots no matter how much you put on I also foliar feed daily. You can certainly grow them successfully without this but I think I grow them better with it. I use a hills pump spray with blossom booster at full strength from April to September and Peters Orchid Special again at full strength from October to March. I also add 1 eyedropper drop of ezirrot (a root stimulant) per Litre it takes about ten minutes to spray 2000 Sarcs.

I have no difficulty breaking up *Sarcophilus* without them going backwards because the root systems are so good and with my method of growing the leaves are very thick and retain a lot of moisture which is very important because they do not have a pseudo bulb. As mentioned before I like to break up into single growths and pot into 80mm (approx 3") pots. The potting mix I use is on the dry side and I only foliar feed for the first six to eight weeks with an extra foliar spray or six if the weather is warm. This spray takes about 30 seconds for the whole shade house. From this you will realize that nearly all of my watering is by overhead misting. I do however flush the pots monthly or fortnightly when it becomes hot.

I have been growing orchids of several genera for about 35 years and have never been interested in showing them. However I am genuinely interested in helping people grow their orchids better. So if you need help particularly with your Sarcs I will be only too happy to give you that help.



To demonstrate that my method of breaking up works I brought a few plants that were broken up into single growths in November 2003, all are in spike and have multiple growths coming away. One of them has already had 11 spikes over the last four years and has another three spikes this year. The perfect example showing how each growth keeps flowering year after year.

This article is also being published in the Orchid Club of SA and Murray Bridge Orchid club bulletins.

#### **VALE**

We sorry to inform Members of the death of Noel Lothian, Noel was a long time member of the Club and will be missed by those who remember him. Noel was a keen gardener and horticulturist and could make almost anything grow



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Pot Hangers  
Club Badges

Thank you to Lesley and Peter Fenton for the video they have donated, its well worth looking at, it is in the Library.

**Ira Butler and Bill Murdock Trophies Awards**, recently added to your judging agenda 2004, your Club paid the expenses incurred. To receive this nomination. 2005 costing for this nomination will be passed on to the members \$15.00 per each plant nomination plus cost of slides.

## **PLAN VISIT**

Dave and Pat Harmer have invited all members to their home for a viewing of their plants. I have not been to the Harmers, but from what I have heard this is a visit not to be missed.

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm

Address: 9 Rosemont place, Salisbury Heights

Please phone Lucy on 8381 4420 as Pat and Dave need confirmation on numbers.

## **PLANT VISIT SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

O.C.S.A have invited our members to join them in a plant visit to D and J Higgs at Myponga and Moss Brays (Sims orchids) at Noarlunga. The bus will pick members up at St Bernadette's Church, Walsh St, St Mary's at 10.45 costing \$20.00 per person includes BBQ Lunch.

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November there will be a special group visit to Jane Higgs, west from Main Sth Rd twixt Willunga Hill and Meadows along Pages Flat Road several Kms, towards Myponga. Then on the way back we will be calling in to see Moss Bray, (Sims Orchids)

## **NEW ORCHID DAY MEETING Orchid club of South Australia**

Enfield Community Centre  
540 Regency Rd, Enfield

12<sup>th</sup> November Australian Native Orchids Culture

Speaker Don Well

Time- 2pm to 4pm

## **New Members Introduction and Awareness talks**

Mr John Robinson will conduct short segments for new members on introduction to showing orchids at Monthly Meetings and Shows with the aim of getting these people involved and active in our Club

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