



# THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB GAZETTE

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## NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, 10th OCTOBER 1989.  
BENCHING TO BE COMPLETED 7.45pm  
MEETING COMMENCES AT 8pm.

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## GUEST SPEAKER

MR. JOHN MCGRATH WILL GIVE A TALK  
ON FLOWERING SOFT CANE DENDROBIUMS. JOHN HAS  
MANY INTERESTS, BESIDES SOFT CANES, HE ALSO HAS  
A VERY GOOD COLLECTION OF AUSTRALIAN NATIVE PLANTS.

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## GENTLE REMINDERS.

### SUPPER ROSTER

MRS. BERNA VINEY

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### HALL ROSTER.

ANYONE WHO CAN HELP PLEASE TURN UP  
AT 7. pm.

## NEW MEMBERS

MRS. C. HEYNE, MR. & MRS. J. WILLIAMS, MR. & MRS. AGATE, MR. & MRS. WOOD

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## VALE

The late Lewis Moore who passed away August 29th 1989 became interested in orchids while at Loxton.

During the 12 years spent in the Country Branches as manager of the Saving's Bank of S.A., his spare time was spent in becoming involved with local Communities.

While at Burra, Lewis was President of the National Trust.

Spare time was spent helping with restoration of old buildings and with the building of the Chimney Stack at the entrance to the Mine Area.

The time at Loxton was also with the Historical Village and National Trust, after the purchase of 3 orchids from the local shop the "bug set in". Syd and Shirley Monkhouse came and spoke at a weekend Seminar and interested people attended, and formed the Riverland Orchid Club, of which Lewis was first President, 12 years ago.

After moving to town the interest in orchids began in earnest, different types of orchids found there way into the Shadehouse.

This led to joining the South Coast Orchid Club. Success came with 1st Winter Show with Paph 'Connie! The joining of O.C.S.A gave Lewis the opportunity to study to become a Judge.

Lewis participated in South Coast Club as treasurer for 8 years, only giving that up to become President. He was editor and produced the gazette for 4 years.

Two awards were gained with plants. A.D for Janice Mathews 'Ceylon' and H.C.C for Macellanara Pagan Love Song 'Ruby Charles'. He was always an enthusiastic participant at Monthly Meetings and Shows, and in 1988 took out the Yearly Aggregate the 1st given by Orchid Council of Australia.

Photography was one of his past times and many hours were spent in photographing his collection of orchids.

Lewis will be sadly missed at South Coast Orchid Club and at other organizations to which he belonged.

The Club offers it's deepest sympathy to Rosalie, Heather, Leslie and Roger.

## SPRING SHOW OPENING

Due to poor attendance at the opening of our spring show, over the last couple of years. The present Committee will suggest to the incoming Committee for 1990. That the Club will not hold a Spring Show Opening, in future.

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## BUS TRIP TO PORT PIRIE

The trip is now fully booked, and will be departing from the following locations. Reynella Shopping Centre at 8.00am, Marion Shopping Centre at 8.30am, K.Mart Anzac Highway 8.45am and Gepps Cross Hotel at 9.15am, on October 15th. Dont forget to bring your lunch, the bus will supply tea and coffee. Please pay remainder of fares to Brenda Lynch.

## XMAS DINNER

The Club will be holding it's annual Xmas Dinner at the Hallett Cove Tavern, on Sunday November 19th at 12 noon. The menu will be Soup, a choice of 5 main courses, choice of sweets, a smorgasbord salads, and cheese board, tea and coffee. The cost is approx \$11.50, why not bring a friend, all are welcome. A deposit must be paid to Rosalie Moore at the October Meeting, or you may pay in full.

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Three of our members : - Iris Lawrence, Mary Vaughan, and Cynthia Hames, have joined the newly formed Southern Districts Floral Art Club, in view of learning how to present their orchids.

This club which is affiliated with the Floral Art Council of S.A. meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm at the old Bowling Clubrooms corner of Wheatsheaf Road, Main South Road, Morphett Vale.

Anyone interested may contact the Secretary Maureen Ellard .

Phone. 382 9839 (evenings). Or any of the ladies named above.

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### CYMBIDIUM NOTES

by COLIN HAMES

With the shows over for this year it is time to start preparing plants for the next flowering season, if plants have spent a week under the stressfull conditions of a show, cut flowers and get them back in the shadehouse as soon as possible.

(Under normal conditions remove spikes after 4 to 6 weeks).

Examine plants and decide whether to pot on, divide, or place back in shadehouse as they are. If potting on, simply remove plants from existing pot providing the roots are healthy, place in a larger pot and fill around edges with new potting mix.

If centre of plant is full of backbulbs (bulbs without leaves), it is time to divide. Remove from pot, divide plant leaving 3 to 4 green bulbs on each division. Remove backbulbs cut dead roots from divisions and from backbulbs. Repot all divisions of plants, place backbulbs in a separate pot. Give all plants a light dressing of slow release fertilizer, such as Osmocote, Nitrophoska etc. Always **sterilize** all equipment used, and cover any cuts or breaks with sulphur or pruning paint.

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### EDITOR FOR THE CLUB'S GAZETTE FOR 1990

The Club will definitely need an Editor for next year, we asked for volunteers for this position, in last month's Gazette. But no one came forward. It is important that this position be filled, so please give it some more thought. And learn by helping to produce the gazette, for the rest of this year.

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### ON THE BENCH

by Brenda Lynch

*Dendrobium aemulum* variously known as the Ironbark Orchid, the White Feather Orchid, and the Box Orchid, is an epiphyte, sometimes lithophyte, and grows in small clumps. It is found from North - eastern Queensland to South - Eastern N.S.W, growing on trees in open forests, along stream banks and in rainforests, Colour of flowers is variable, according to location and form, mostly flowers are crystalline white, but occasionally pinkish, and highly scented.

The Ironbark form which grows on ironbarked species of Eucalyptus from South - Eastern Queensland to South - Eastern N.S.W, has cream or white flowers. The Callitrus form, growing on Stringybark Cypress Pines on the Southern side of the Atherton Tableland in North - East Queensland, bears short racemes of small, greenish-cream flowers.

*Den. aemulum* pseudobulbs are usually slender, with 2 to 4 leaves at the apex, from which emanate the racemes of 2 to 12 flowers.

There were several plants of *Den aemulum* benched at the September Cultural Meeting, one a fine specimen grown by John Gay was judged best flower in 1st Division.

Australian Native epiphyteic orchids are very rewarding plants to have in one's collection, as they grow quite rapidly to specimen size, and present a beautiful sight when in bloom.

MONTHLY COMPETITION

Sept. 1989

SECOND DIVISION

Aus Native Epi	Den. teretifolium	Tony Brady	3
	Den. aemulum	Tony Brady	2
Aus Native Epi Hybrid	Den. Suffusum	Tony Brady	1
Aus Native Terr.	Diuris longifolia	M. Tiggeman	3
Cymbidium	Valerie Brown 'Eureka'	G. McMartin	3
	Zumma Boyd 'Tetra High'	C. Ameer	2
Mini Cym.	Sarah Jean 'Peach'	M. Norton	3
Inter Cym.	Unknown	B. Spencer	3
Novelty Cattleya	Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Apricot Glow'	C. Ameer	3
	Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Sunset'	C. Ameer	2
	Slc. Wendy's Valentine 'June'	C. Ameer	1
Odont Alliance	Oda Morette 'Wine x		
	Oda Cathay Pacific 'Ruby'	M. & E. Gale	3
Paphiopedilum	Amanda 'Madge'	R. Wilson	3
Novelty Paphiopedilum	barbatum x sukhakulii	B. & R. Nurse	3
Species Paphiopedilum	tonsum	G. Richardson	3
Species	Osmoglossum pulchellum	M. Tiggeman	3

DIVISION FLOWER of MONTH

Sarah Jean 'Peach' grown by Max Norton

Judged by John Gay, assisted Rick Pankoke.

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FIRST DIVISION

Aus Native Epi.	Den. aemulum	J. M. Gay	3
Aus Native Hybrid	Den Aussie Bonanza	W. & M. Vaughan	3
Aus Native Terr.	Ptst. curta	B. Wyly	3
	Ptst. ingens	B. Wyly	2
	Ptst. pedunculata	B. Wyly	1
Cymbidium	Kybybolite Winter Pink'	J. & J. Jacobsen	3
	Winter Wonder 'Frosty Morn'	H. Gerber	2
	Winter Wonder x Lois Kelly	H. H. Pankoke	1
Mini Cym.	Showgirl x Sarah Jean	H. Gerber	3
	Sarah Jean 'Goldilocks	J. & J. Jacobsen	2
Inter Cym.	Starbright 'Capella'	H. Gerber	3
Cattleya	Slc. Lani Bird 'Cherokee'	B. Wyly	3
Novelty Cattleya	Slc. Hazel Boyd	B. Wyly	3
	Lc. Mini Purple 'Tamami'	B. Wyly	2
	Lc. Elegans x Cathy Cayaco	J. & J. Jacobsen	1
Cluster Cattleya	Lc. Fire Island x Lc. Pixie	W. R. Barrett	3
Odont Alliance	Wils. Shirley Monkhouse		
	'Jubulation'	H. H. Pankoke	3
Miscellaneous	Onc. Gower Ramsey	B. Wyly	3
Phalaenopsis	Paifang's Queen x		
	Hsinying Stripe	R. & I. Goodall	3
	Hisa Nasu	R. & I. Goodall	2
	Rudi Fisher x Queen Rose	R. & I. Goodall	1
Paphiopedilum	Gitana x Barbourne	H. Gerber	3
	County Fairx Gay Caroletta	D. Biebrick	2
	Amandahill	D. Biebrick	1
Novelty Paphiopedilum	charlesworthii x purpuratum	T. & D. Howard	3
	Green Tan	D. Biebrick	2
Species Paphiopedilum	villosum	D. Biebrick	3
Species	Osmoglossum pulchellum	B. Wyly	3

DIVISION FLOWER of MONTH

Den. aemulum grown by J. M. Gay

Judged by Stephen Monkouse assisted by Helen Edwards

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MONTHLY COMPETITION

Sept 1989

OPEN DIVISION

Aus Native Epi.	Den. aemulum	McGrath Orchids	3
	Sarco. falcatus	McGrath Orchids	2
	Sarco. falcatus	R. Moore	1
Aus Native Epi Hybrid	Den. Zip	McGrath Orchids	3
	Den. Suffusum	McGrath Orchids	2
	Den. Penny Ann	McGrath Orchids	1
Aus Native Terr Hybrid	Ptst. Joseph Arthur	R. Moore	3
Cymbidium	Kiata 'Nightshade'	J. Nicholls	3
	Sylvation 'Crimson Glory'	Denlea Orchids	2
	John Fagaragan 'Elegance'	Denlea Orchids	1
Mini Cym.	Moriah 'Robyn's Gem'	Denlea Orchids	3
	Rinneroon	McGrath Orchids	2
	Rinneroon	McGrath Orchids	1
Inter Cym.	Bulbarrow 'Tepues'	J. Nicholls	3
Novelty Cattleya	Slc. Brillig	J. Nicholls	2
Dendrobium	Den. Hoshimusume 'Haming'	McGrath Orchids	3
	Den. Tomoflake	McGrath Orchids	2
	Den. New Horizon	J. Nicholls	1
Odont Alliance.	Wils. Shirley Monkhouse 'RUBY'	Adelaide Orchids	3
	Wils Salgrin 'Lavender Delight'	Adelaide Orchids	2
	(Oda Brocade x Oda Olympic Flame)		
	'Redfire'	Adelaide Orchids	1
Phalaenopsis	Matou Freed x (Chiali Stripe		
	x Freed's Danseuse)	J. Nicholls	3
	Paifangs Queen 'Brother'		
	x Pella Danseuse 'Lia'	J. Nicholls	2
Species Paph.	haynaldianum	J. Nicholls	3
Species.	Cym. parishii v. sanderae	J. Nicholls	3

DIVISION FLOWER of MONTH

Wils. Shirley Monkhouse 'Ruby' grown by Adelaide Orchids  
Judged by Brenda Lynch assisted by Wayne Farquhar.

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REGISTRAR'S CHOICE

Wils. Shirley Monkhouse 'Ruby' grown by Adelaide Orchids.

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DAY-TIME CHAPTER OCTOBER

Syd Monkhouse has advised that Milton Carpentier will not be able to address the Chapter as originally expected on 12th October. Instead Keith Northcote will talk about 'Orchid pests and diseases'.

DAY-TIME CHAPTER NOVEMBER

November Meeting, that is Thursday 16th November, Syd. Monkhouse will give a talk about 'The export of Cymbidium Blooms for the cut - flower market'.

DAY-TIME CHAPTER DECEMBER

Dont forget the visit to the Botanical Gardens new Glasshouse more details later

WINTER AND SPRING SHOW

The Club's Registrar of Judges Brenda Lynch and the Show Marshall Ray Goodall, wish to thank members who helped them during the Winter and Spring Show. A special thank you to the South Coast Club judges, and the judges from O.C.S.A. A good Club and team effort by all.

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# Adelaide Orchids

NURSERY ADDRESS  
LT. 16 RINE RD. (OFF PIMPALA)  
(OR REYNELL)  
WOODCROFT

ORCHIDS ARE EASY  
BY SYD. MONKHOUSE.

INSTRUCTION SHEET NO. 3.



## PAPHIOPEDILUM ORCHIDS (SLIPPERS)

The paphiopedilum orchid is one of the longest lasting flowers in existence. It is a very easy plant to grow if given its correct growing conditions and it is one of the few orchids that grows as an "indoor plant".

The paphiopedilum genus is widely spread being found in nature from India to New Guinea and thus some species vary a little in their preference of climate.

Most hybrid "paphs" will grow in an unheated glasshouse in South Australia. They require a heavy shade during the Summer months and must have cool moist conditions - not unlike the requirements of the ferns. Of-course a well ventilated shady glasshouse is ideal, however, most paphs can grow successfully in the same conditions as African Violets.

To grow these orchids on a window ledge or similar the following preparations should be made:- Select a large flat shallow tray of plastic or fibreglass preferable. Fill this tray with some decorative stones, pebbles or crushed marble and half fill the tray with water. If the tray is placed in a light but not direct sunlight window or similar then the paphiopedilum pots can be placed on this tray, making sure that the bottoms of the pots are above the water level. This should have now created the necessary humid condition that slipper orchids require. Make sure that the water level is kept constant in the tray and that the orchid pots are watered regularly, the slipper orchids do not like very wet potting medium but also they do not like to go completely dry - a constant damp condition is the ideal. The best potting medium that we have used is plain fir bark to which is added one quarter by volume of polystyrene foam granules to each 10 litres of mix. We prefer a fairly fine grade bark and, although we have not yet used it, we believe that well weathered local pine bark (fine grade) is also satisfactory in place of the hard to get and expensive American Fir Bark.

This mixture should be damped down thoroughly and then placed in a clean plastic bag ready for use.

The paphiopedilum orchid requires fresh bark as a potting medium therefore, repotting every one to two years is necessary.

Propagation of slippers can only be by seedling or division. The division is done at repotting time when old flowered growths are removed from the plant, as long as they have some green leaves left attached, these will strike and produce one or two new plants.

The secret of success with Paphiopedilums is in growing good healthy roots and this can only be done with clean fresh bark medium and correct watering.

A careful selection of varieties will give flowers throughout the year. Feeding for paphiopedilums in bark is an application of GROLUSH HI-NITROGEN ORCHID SPECIAL fertiliser. Mix one teaspoonful with 4 litres of water and apply over the foliage and into the pot.

Members have often asked where they can obtain certain plants. Each month we will endeavor to highlight, nurseries that are members, of the South Coast.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS VERY WELCOME, at

JOHN AND SANDRA NICHOLLS' ORCHID NURSERY. 72 Penny's Hill Road, Hackham;  
'Phone' 382.9381 (Prior to Visiting)

They are Specialists in an interesting variety of Cymbidiums, Mericlones, and Seedlings.

\* CURRENT SPECIALS \*

ROBIN FRECKLES, SUE, KING and IVY FUNG RADIANCE.

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