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The South
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Orchid
Club
Inc.
Gazette

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AT A GLANCE

THE NEXT MEETING of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held 9 December 2003 at St. Bernadette's Hall St. Marys Sausage Sizzle at 6.30 for an 8.00pm meeting. Please bring a plate of supper and a small present to share. Gold Coin Donation—Please ring Lucy or Murray to confirm.

DAYTIME At the South Brighton Community Hall Dover Square Broadway South Brighton 11 December 2003 2.00 pm Please bring a plate of afternoon tea and a small present to share.

SPECIES GROUP combining with main group

THANK YOU to Robyn Pope and Bob Cross for last month's raffle plants

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

The motion as proposed was carried. Copy of the amendment will be forwarded to you later.

CHANGES TO THE MONTHLY FLORAL COMPETITION

Your committee has decided for administrative purposes to make the competition year for 2004 to commence with the December 2003 meeting and finish on the November 2004 meeting. As a result the 2003 competition was completed at the close of the November meeting and aggregate results to that date have been compiled.

COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS see page 9

Have an opinion or something to say

contact the Editor Ron Parish

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Items must be delivered to the Editor 10 days prior to the first Monday in the next month.

2004 Club meeting dates

February

8 Species group Sunday B-Bq.
10 Main Group A.G.M.
12 Daytime Group

March

1 Species group
9 Main Group
Guest Speaker Russell Job on Water
11 Daytime Group

April

5 Species group
13 Main Group
Guest Speaker Graham Zerbe –on display judging
15 Daytime Group

May

3 Species group
11 Main Group
13 Daytime Group

June

7 Species group
8 Main Group
110 Daytime Group

July

5 Species group
13 Main Group
15 Daytime Group

August

2 Species group
10 Main Group
12 Daytime Group

September

6 Species group
14 Main Group
16 Daytime Group



New Members : Congratulations to
Marie & Daniel Lutz

Change to the constitution to rule 10

(a) The Officers of the Club shall be a President, two Vice Presidents (one of whom shall be elected Senior Vice President by the Committee, Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer, all of whom shall hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting, when they shall retire. **All retiring officers shall be eligible for re-election from year to year.**

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

This report is my penultimate Report for year 2002 - 2003 and I report as follows:

From the last meeting

A colourful display of Orchids of quality plants were benched at the November meeting, almost at the end of Cymbidiums for this year as well as many other genera.

Colourful Cattleya are still making a show, Sarcophilus were the dominant plant of the Australian Natives. It is interesting to see the colours that are emerging in this group each year. Well done to our hybridizers.

Species Group

This group met for the last time for year 2002-2003 at Brighton. From November until February 2004 they become part of the main group for meetings.

Many interesting plants were tabled and discussed for sharing and learning.

This group has a small number of plants for sale of *Biffinera Harisonii* from Life members G & L Harvey at a modest cost of \$5 per plant (see D. Biebrick if you would like one).

Daytime group

14 members met and were entertained by a video from AOC dealing with the cycle of orchid growing. This video was prepared in the US and gave us an insight into American Orchid Culture. Bill Clarke, winner of the popular vote competition spoke on his plant which was a soft cane *Demobrium* a plant he had won as a raffle prize some years back (a regular quality flowerer). He also spoke on his cymbidium *lowianun* displayed arching with a sign of Merry Christmas suspended under the arch (thanks Bill and Ruth). Ron Parish spoke on plants he had benched (*Paph Julius* and a pendulous *Dendrobium superbum* displayed) thank you Ron.

Daytime group is to receive a new Co-ordinator from February, watch this space in February Gazette for the announcement.

In conclusion

Members are directed to your Club needs for 2004 and that is committee nominations. The positions open for election are President and Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and 3 Committee Positions Show Marshall, Registrar of Judges & Gazette Editor. Nominations close at the end of December Cultural Meeting so please consider the challenge:

Congratulations to all our successful exhibitors this year

On behalf of the Committee I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

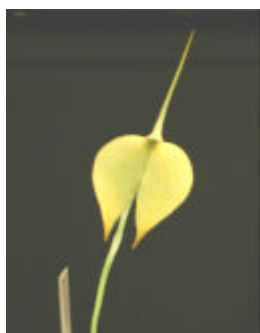
Murray Baulderstone,
President.



C. intermedia



Cym. floribunds



Masd. coccinea



Cym. floribunds var



Phais tankervilliae

SPECIES GROUP

Once again as happens every month the Species Group gathered at the Brighton venue with President Murray meeting all at the door and 18 **expert** species members attended bringing in an exciting range of Genera and species. When we mention words such as **expert** this is not spoken with "tongue in cheek". All growers of orchids have their own ways and methods of 'beating the elements' and grow species in some cases way outside the guidelines and recommended criteria as proposed by worldwide botanists and this scenario applies in some ways to this group of growers. Some specialise in a Genus, others tackle a few different ones and the remainder grow a wide range because they have the facilities and conditions to do so. They are all **experts** in their own growing environment.

Every meeting one learns something new from this friendly group because we have being displayed different Genera and species flowering all the year round although odd Genera can continue to flower for most of the year. One that comes to mind is *Dendrobium cuthbertsonii* whose flowers stay in pristine condition for up to eight – nine months.

"Task Master" Noel usually under duress from this rowdy gathering keeps the group in order (everyone talking at the same time) with a very large brass bell (very noisy) that fortunately is heard over the racket and all plants brought in are then passed around the table for closer inspection. The owner and grower relates his expert opinion on how he grows and flowers that particular species and information is researched and gleaned from the species books on the table to find out where it comes from and any other relevant information that may be of interest. Other members present also relate their success at growing the same Genus and species although you do occasionally hear words such as "How did you grow that? Mine passed on to you know where shortly after I purchased it". Ron kindly supplies a large illuminated magnifying glass for all to view those very small flowers often seen at these meetings.

Last but not least digital image evidence of exciting flowers are taken and stored amid the hundred already compiled by the astute Ron Parish. To cap off a successful and exciting period for this new group the members completed a successful year by placing a species display of various Genera at the recent 16th AOC Conference & Show. The feature of this display being the huge *Dendrobium speciosum* every one was talking about.

The images here this month are only a few of the 34 plus plants displayed and depict some of the various and very interesting types of species orchids this group grows and share with their fellow growers.

David Harmer

FLOWER OF OPEN DIVISION

Cym. Sweet Devon grown by Geoff & Lucy Spear.

A primary hybrid *Cym. suave* x *Cym. devonianum*. It displayed 30 pendulous spikes with many flowers of dark olive green with burgundy stripe along the sepals and petals. The lip was a deep burgundy following the trend of *Cym. devonianum*. The plant was clean and well presented. Well grown Geoff & Lucy.



Open Division

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

Australian native epiphyte hybrid

583	Sarco Cherie (Fitzhart x fitzgeraldii)	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	1
542	Dend Virginia Jupp x racemosum	Don S Biebrick (103)	2
541	Sarco Heidi	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3

Australian native epiphyte species

540	Sarco hartmannii	Tony Bourne (1415)	2
539	Sarco fitzgeraldii	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3

Cymbidium < 60mm (all colours)

545	Cym Mad Magic	Helmuth Gerber (42)	1
544	Cym Cricket	Tony Bourne (1415)	2
543	Cym Sweet Devon "1103"	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	3

Dendrobium (not Aust native) hybrid

535	Dend Ceylon Glory" Marion"	Don S Biebrick (103)	2
534	Dend Grace	Gerald Voskamp (1650)	3

Laeliinae Non Standard Cluster

525	LC Chocolate Treats	Don S Biebrick (103)	3
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Laeliinae Non Standard Other

528	C Netrasiri Beauty	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	2
527	Epi Lavendar Lady	Don S Biebrick (103)	3

Laeliinae Standard < 100mm

530	Slc Hazel Boyd 'Royal Scarlet'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	2
529	LC Mini Purplr Tamami	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3

Paphiopedilum Novelty

580	Paph Crossianum	Tony Bourne (1415)	3
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Oncidiinae hybrid

520	Onc Sharry Baby "Sweet Fragrance"	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	2
519	Odont. Margarete Holm " Larkspur"	Gerald Voskamp (1650)	3

Orchid hybrid not listed elsewhere

533	Disa Uniflora x Wilpena	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	1
532	Phrag St Ouen	Don & Jane Higgs (1302)	2
531	Phrag Calurum	Don & Jane Higgs (1302)	3

Orchid species not listed elsewhere

582	Disa uniflora	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	2
581	Vanda tricolour	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3

Paphiopedilum species

538	Paph armeniacum	Tony Bourne (1415)	1
537	Paph primulinum	Don & Jane Higgs (1302)	2
536	Paph hirtusimum	Tony Bourne (1415)	3

Zygopetalum hybrid (inc. intergenerics)

524	Z Titanic 'Monarch'	Don & Jane Higgs (1302)	1
523	Zga Adelaide Meadows	Richard & Heather Fishlock (134)	2
522	Zcx Kiwi	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3

Best Flower of First Division and Flower of the Night

Cym. Cricket "Rosetta"
 Grower: Rito Silvestri



A very well grown large plant with clean foliage which had some 50 spikes arranged evenly around the whole plant. There were between 33 and 40 flowers per spike. These flowers were 32mm wide and 31mm long. The sepals were green with pale brown overlay and petals were similar but the brown overlay was a little darker. The labellum was solid red, the column was a contrasting green and the pollen cap was yellow. A worthy winner, well done Rito.

First Division**Points Awarded**

Ref. No.

Australian native epiphyte hybrid

565	Sarco Heidi	Lesley Gunn (424)	1
564	Sarco Lotus	Norman Woodend (1525)	2
563	Sarco Melba	Norman Woodend (1525)	3

Australian native epiphyte species

562	Sarco hartmannii	Russell & Edda Job & Visek (70)	1
561	Sarco hartmannii	Lesley Gunn (424)	2
560	Sarco hartmannii	Rito Silvestri (302)	3

Cymbidium < 60mm (all colours)

566	Cym Cricket Rosetta	Rito Silvestri (302)	3
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Dendrobium (not Aust native) hybrid

568	Den. Yukidaruma X Beautiful Egg	Rick Pankoke (136)	3
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Laeliinae Non Standard Cluster

571	Lc Adelaide Ablaze	Murray Baulderstone (296)	1
570	Lc Chocolate Treat	Murray Baulderstone (296)	2
569	Lc Trick or Treat Orange Beauty	Rick Pankoke (136)	3

Paphiopedilum Novelty

567	Paph Crossianum	Murray Baulderstone (296)	3
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Orchid hybrid not listed elsewhere

575	Lyc . Alwine Miller X Sunset	Rick Pankoke (136)	3
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Orchid species not listed elsewhere

574	Cym floribundum " Harkuum"	Norman Woodend (1525)	3
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Vandaceous Hybrid

526	Ascda Chameleon	Russell & Edda Job & Visek (70)	3
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Zygopetalum hybrid (inc. intergenerics)

573	Z Pinaroo	Murray Baulderstone (296)	2
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Best Flower of Second Division, Cym. Cricket Grower: Terri Rees

A well grown plant with clean foliage and 12 spikes around the pot. There were between approximately 26 and 33 flowers per spike. These flowers were 33mm wide and 32mm long with green petals and sepals with a reddish brown overlay and a more prominent red vein along the midline of the petals. They had a solid red labellum, green column with some brown markings and a yellow pollen cap. A worthy plant, congratulations Terri.



Second Division

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

Australian native epiphyte hybrid

559	Sarco Fitzhart	Ruth & Gunter Eckhard (436)	1
558	Sarco Fitzhart	Terri Rees (50)	2
557	Sarco Rachael	Terri Rees (50)	3

Cymbidium < 60mm (all colours)

556	Cym Cricket	Terri Rees (50)	3
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Laeliinae Non Standard Other

555	L purpurata X C Olivia	Bob Cross (227)	2
554	Blc Yellow Ballx Lc Gold Digger	Norm Gitsham (414)	3

Orchid species not listed elsewhere

548	Cym lowianum	Norm Gitsham (414)	1
547	Dendrochilum curranii	Wendy Lodge (406)	2
546	Cym lowianum	Ruth & Gunter Eckhard (436)	3

Seedling any genera

550	Sarco Mem Leney Smith X Fitzhart	Malcolm Young (754)	2
549	Sarco Fitzhart x Starstruck	Malcolm Young (754)	3

Zygopetalum hybrid (inc. intergenerics)

553	Zga Dynamite	Malcolm Young (754)	1
552	Z Kiwi Choice	Ruth & Gunter Eckhard (436)	2
551	Z Kiwi Choice	Terri Rees (50)	3

Registrations / Problems

534	Den. Grace	Can't find anything like this registered
575	Lyc (Henty X Macama) X Sunset	= Lyc. Alwine Miller

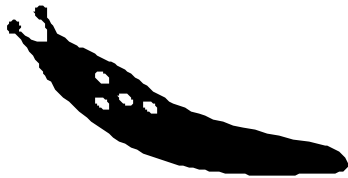
SLUGS AND SNAILS

There have been plenty of these pests around this year with the regular wet weather over several months with rain day and night so if you look around you will notice their tell tale silvery trail around the garden and particularly around your growing area this is a certain sign that they were out and about last night.



There are several types of slugs the first being the grey garden one, then there is the tawny bloke and finally the green house slug a skinnier smaller version and the common old brown garden snail that comes in all sizes. Slugs and snails are members of the mollusc phylum, who cares, and are both similar in structure except the snail has his spiral shell home to live in. That's him next door. Both glide along using a suction type base that secretes a type of mucus

that dries to a silvery trail. Both these pests are hermaphrodites so all of them can lay eggs. The adult garden snail lays about 80 round white eggs in a hole in the garden bed or top soil and does this around six times per year. It takes a snail two years to mature whereas those rotten slugs only take about 3-6 months before they are up and chewing every juicy orchid in sight.



That's her below.

Slugs lay clear oval eggs in batches of 3 to 40 under leaves including the dead leaves and sheaths you have left under your benches, also in soil cracks and other protected areas such as in 'Orchid Pots'. Slugs and snails are most active at night and on wet damp days. As the weather warms up and becomes sunny they go into hiding. Snails hide and attach them-

selves on tree trunks, fence rails and walls and seal off their opening with a dry clear cover and can 'go to sleep' for several months.

They all feed on a variety of living plants and decaying matter and particularly your Champion Orchid just ready for the Show. They usually chew irregular holes in leaves and flowers particularly the nice new succulent growths and buds. New young orchid seedlings are very inviting and succulent to these 'critters'.

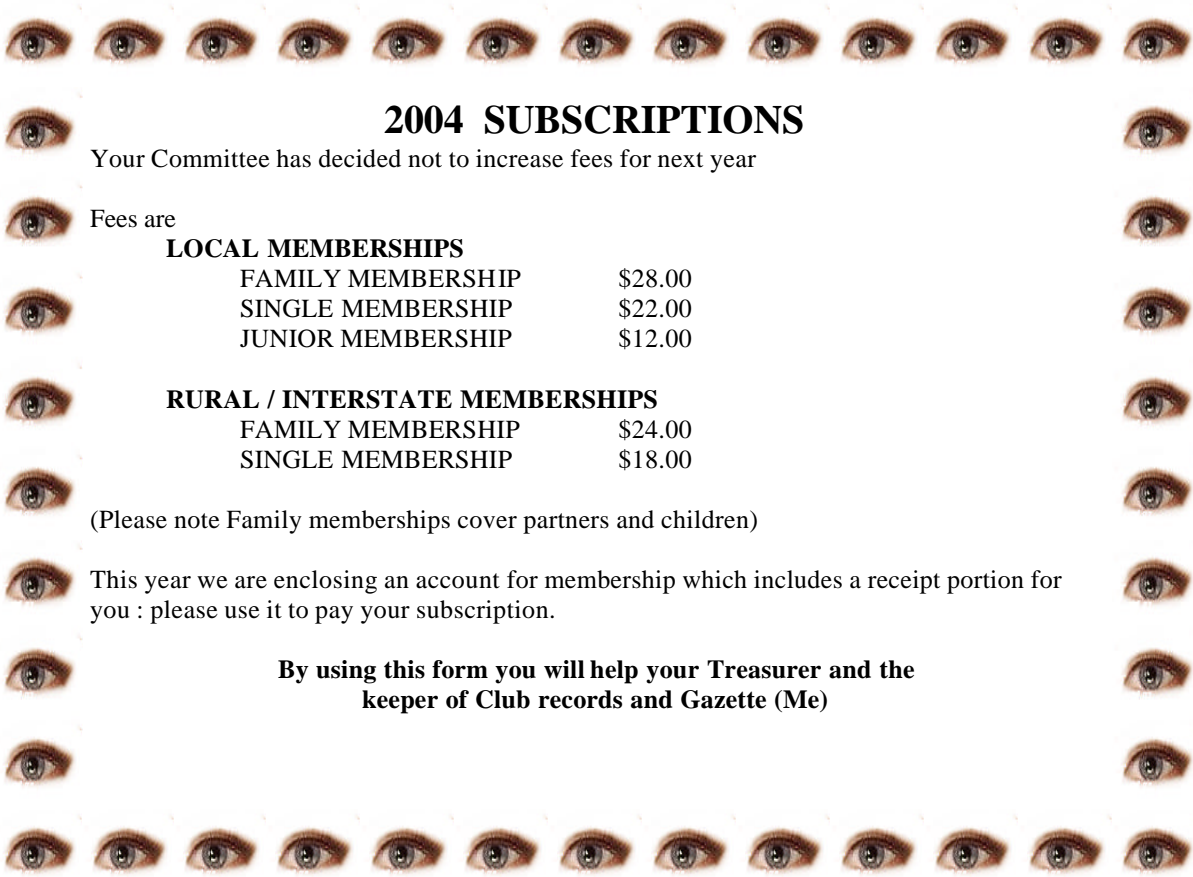
What to do: The first thing to do is to reduce the places they can hide during the daytime. Remove any old timber, rocks, bricks and debris clean up any weedy areas. Rake up all old tree twigs and leaves from around any trees growing near your orchid house. Clean up all the debris from under the orchid benches A simple thing like your garden sprinkler will keep these blokes going all year round so make sure the sprinkler stays on the lawn and not onto those leafy untidy areas around trees and bushes or shrubs. You can get snail proof plants for your general garden so use these instead of those types of plants that will attract them and thus encourage them to multiply. Slug and snail bait placed out regularly will reduce their numbers.

You can look along your fence rails and under bushes and around the place and hand pick them from their hiding places. Get the hose out and hand water an area about 10 Feet Square just on dark. Go out with a torch around 9-10 pm and pick up dozens of the 'B's' that are heading off for a feed or wear your no 10's and 'squish' them. Ammonia diluted by 5-10% will when sprayed on slugs and snails will kill them real fast.

Placing small pieces of lettuce on the floor and on top of your pots in your growing area around dark will attract them out of hiding, just go out around 10.00 pm with your torch and 'harvest' them. The old beer trap is a good one this attracts them and they drown happy. Waste of beer thou. Bordeaux mixture, Copper Sulphate and Mesurool are all good chemicals to spray around the floor and on the pots and bench frames to repel them. They hate anything that is 'copper' Their natural enemies are beetles, snakes, toads, turtles and birds such as ducks, geese or chickens so here you have a choice to run one or two or all of these 'naturals' in your growing area. Whatever method you decide to use provided you do it diligently and regularly will eventually totally eliminate these pests. It is too late after you have spent 12 month nurturing you Grand Champion to have it eaten the night before the Show.

Good hunting, David & Pat Harmer

Thank you Dave



2004 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Your Committee has decided not to increase fees for next year

Fees are

LOCAL MEMBERSHIPS

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	\$28.00
SINGLE MEMBERSHIP	\$22.00
JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP	\$12.00

RURAL / INTERSTATE MEMBERSHIPS

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	\$24.00
SINGLE MEMBERSHIP	\$18.00

(Please note Family memberships cover partners and children)

This year we are enclosing an account for membership which includes a receipt portion for you : please use it to pay your subscription.

By using this form you will help your Treasurer and the keeper of Club records and Gazette (Me)

PLEASE USE THIS NOMINATION FORM TO APPOINT NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

ITEMS FROM THE EDITORS DESK

Cd Roms of gazettes to date since the inception of electronic Gazettes are available again this year for a cost of \$11.00 incl. GST. Contact Ron should you like to purchase one. It is a permanent record on a very convenient storage mechanism. And saves holding large quantities of paper!

The species group have produced a CD Rom of some 80 pictures of the most unusual orchids displayed at meetings & shows in this their first year. Likewise the cost is \$11.00 incl. GST each. The pictures are very high quality and are generally 2550 pixels x 2000. If you would like one please contact Ron. The profits of both these items go to the Club



Presentation Luncheon Sunday 11 Jan 2004

Our Presentation Dinner will take place Sunday 11 th Jan 2004, at the Marion Hotel, please put this date in your diary now: cost is a reasonable \$19.00 a head for a two course meal in a private room. (\$23.00 For 3 courses)

Presentations will be made AND IT will be a great day to meet and fraternize with your fellow orchid growers.

Tickets should be available at the next meeting

PHOTOGRAPHS

If you have a particularly beautiful or unusual orchid flower and you are unable to get it to a show or meeting, contact Ron to arrange for it to be photographed for inclusion in the Gazette. No flower is too small (down to less than 1mm). You won't be disappointed the picture is very high quality and will you be able to take it away on a diskette which you can have printed later either by Ron or at a normal 'Rabbit Photo shop' **The taking of the picture is free and is offered** on the basis that we can all share in the beauty of your orchid. Printing costs can be discussed at the time and depend upon what is wanted.

Sponsors for our Club

We wish to thank the following persons who have supported us and our shows with donations etc.

Members are requested to keep these people in mind when purchasing orchids and supplies

Anna Proepster
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Harry Lambert
Jim Shaughnessy
John Nicholls
Keith Northcote
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Victorian Pride,
Kingianum Big Foot N.R.F.

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Seasons Greetings to all members May you
have a peaceful & happy Festive Season
And prosperous new year

From your Committee



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