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## MONTHLY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next Monthly Meeting will be held at the Lutheran Church Hall, Windsong Court, CHRISTIE DOWNS on Tuesday 14th February at 8 p.m.

As this is our first cultural meeting for 1984 it will commence with the necessary Annual Business Meeting with the election of the committee etc. Our usual practice is to keep this portion of the meeting as brief as possible and to this end the President's report is included in this copy of the Gazette. Having completed his 3 year term, Mr. Harry Viney, will be standing down at this meeting in favour of the new President who will be elected on that night. The club members will agree that Harry has led the club through a very successful 3 years during his term as President and our thanks for a job well done is certainly in order. Thank you very much Harry from all of us and not the least of us would but agree in the strong support that you have had in all areas of your Presidential duties from your helpmate Berna. A wife willing to involve herself in the many calls on a husbands voluntary service is a wonderful asset and this has been very evident during your term in office. The club should be very thanful to you both.

As printed in the December Gazette the remainder of the meeting in February will be viewing of slides we trust, that our members will be bringing. Slide magazines will be made available by Mr. Lewis Moore so bring along your favourite slides of your orchids and share them with all of us.

NOTE: Because of the availability of 21 slides from Mt. BEENAK Nursery at our slide viewing program the committee have requested members to limit their own slides to be shown to five(5) a family. The trading table will be in operation as will the Monthly plant competition. A good chance for those members fortunate or good enough to have plants in bloom at this time of the year.

The meeting will close as usual with supper & a time of get together round a 'cuppa' and the opportunity to mix with folk who can talk orchids. Members are requested to assist with a plate of supper while workers to assist in serving supper and its preparation are again urged to contact Mrs. Dorothy Howard if you can help in this area through the coming year.

The South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia inc.

Report of the Management Committee 1983

It is my pleasure on behalf of the Management Committee to report on the activities of the Club over the past 12 months.

Your committee believes that the club has had a very successful year in almost all aspects of its activities. Both the Winter and Spring Shows were very well supported and the quality of plants benched appears to be improving each year. The attendance at the monthly cultural meetings has shown an increase due no doubt to the quality of the speakers and programmes arranged through the year.

Cultural Meetings: Benching was very good throughout the year and it is particularly gratifying to see the interest taken by the Second Division growers. Some very good specimens of cymbidiums - Minature, Intermediate and Standard were benched, however a greater variety of miscellaneous genera of orchids is appearing all the time - congratulations to those members who are showing interest at diversifying their collection and coming up with very good results. Thank you to those members who contributed to the success of the Potting and Deflasking demonstrations at the September meeting.

Competitions : A greater variety of genera benched at monthly meetings and commentaries by the various judges have provided a valuable means for members appreciation and education throughout the year. In the yearly aggregate the most successful exhibitors were as follows:-

Open Division - John Nicholls, 171 points

First Division - Lewis & Rosalie Moore 98 points

Second Division - Clarry Burfield 33 points.

In addition to the above a number of members received prizes for the highest number of points in the various classes. Congratulations to the following growers who have graduated to a higher division.

From First to Open - L & R Moore and D & J Pollitt.

From Second to First - T & D Howard, T DeIonno  
& F Bell

Our Winter Show proved very successful and included on the initiative of John Leeder and Lister Arrowsmith a lovely display of tropical flowers forwarded from Townsville Orchid Society to mark the City's first visiting display.

The Champion bloom of our Winter Show was an Intermediate Cym. Bingo 'Pink Beauty' HCC/OCSA exhibited by Mr. & Mrs Glenn Forrest. The theme of our Spring Show was 'Orchids in Melody' and provided plenty of scope for our members to exhibit some very fine displays. The Show was very successful both from a quality and financial point of view. Some very fine blooms were exhibited and the judging panel under the leadership of our Registrar of Judges, Mr Harry Lambert were confronted with some very difficult decisions.

The Grand Champion Bloom of the Show was also Champion Cymbidium (Bob Waabel x Jean Slattery) 'Sylvia's Surprise' exhibited by Tom Burian Orchids. The most Outstanding Bloom other than a cymbidium was Wilsonara Salgrin 'Laurel' grown by John Leeder.

The prise for the overall Best Display was won by Deane & Trish Mills as was also the Elsie Chisholm Memorial Trophy whilst the Savings Bank of S.A. Perpetual Trophy was won by Mr. & Mrs Des Pollitt.

Our club also entered an exhibit in the Native Orchid Society of S.A. Spring Show at which Lewis & Rosalie Moore took out the Grand Champion Prize for their plant Dendrobium Bardo Rose 'Kenna'. To our Show Secretary John Leeder we express our very sincere appreciation for his untiring efforts and devotion in making our Shows the success they were and also the co-operation and very good support he gained for the Club from the Management of Colonnades and the Merchants Association. The committee wishes to record its thanks and appreciation to our friends at Colonnades and we look forward to another year of the same mutual association in 1984.

8th Australian Orchid Conference - Townsville Our Club exhibited a display for the first time at an Australian Orchid Conference which was held at Townsville during August. Our congratulations and thanks go to John Leeder who did a mighty job arranging for blooms to be supplied, packed and forwarded to Townsville, to be unpacked by Laurel his good wife & himself and arranged in a fine display which gained Third Prize in the section "Best Display by an Interstate Society". Congratuatiions also to individual members who gained prizes in various sections, namely: Harry Lambert, John Leeder, Glenn forrest and John Nicholls. Three commercial nurseries who are members of our Club also gained prizes, namely Adelaide Orchids, Lambert Orchids and Valley Orchids.

#### Garden Week 1983

Another success for our Club was a display arranged by various members at Garden Week held at Wayville during March in the Walter Duncan Hall. Thank you to our Show Marshall John Leeder and all other members who helped in arranging the exhibit and also offering themselves for duty at the exhibit during the week of the Show.

#### Judging Panel

The Judging Panel under the leadership of the Club Registrar and the Assistant Registrar John Leeder made a very important contribution to the success of the Monthly Plant Competitions. The committee of management also wish to express its appreciation and thanks to all Judges, Associates and Student Judges who gave their time and did a very fine job at our Winter & Spring shows and also Monthly Meetings.

Library: To those members who donated books for the Library we sincerely thank you. After 5 years of looking after Members needs at the Library Table both Berna Viney and Margaret Crouch are stepping down. We thank them both most sincerely for their time and effort.



Membership: Twenty six new members were admitted during the year, however as is usual a number did not renew their membership in 1983. The total now stands at 210 compared with 220 in the previous report. We do however have a larger attendance at Monthly Meetings.

Meeting Hall: The facilities at the Lutheran Church Hall are much appreciated and all members should treat these facilities with the care for which the Club is noted.

Supper and Trading Table : Many thanks to Dorothy Howard and Mary Vaughan and other ladies who have helped make the supper side of our Meetings a pleasant get together and chat. Our thanks go to Terry Howard & his helpers for their efforts on the trading table at the Cultural Meetings and also to Sandy McKirdy and the other helpers for their very fine efforts at the Trading Table during the Winter and Spring Shows.

FINANCE: The Financial Statement is presented separately. The statement reveals an increase in funds held at the bank of \$1126.00, however a decrease in stocks on hand (glasses, medallions, seedlings etc) of \$230.00 gives a net increase in our balance of approximately \$900.00 compared with last year.

Monthly Gazette: Our thanks and appreciation go to Frank Bell for the very fine effort he has again put into the job of Editor of the Club Gazette.

Presidents Comments: In closing I wish to record my appreciation and thank you to members of the Management Committee and to all members of the Club who have so generously supported and helped me during my term of three years as President of the Club. It has been a wonderful and most gratifying experience especially when one looks back on the very successful winter and Spring Shows that the Club has had in the last three years at Colonnades. A special thank you to John Leeder without whose fine effort and co-operation my job would have been made much more difficult, also to members of the Executive namely Shirley Stirling, Secretary and Lewis Moore, Treasurer, I say thank you for your co-operation and work for the Club. Thank you Rosalie Moore for your help in various activities & also Heather Bell and Beth Dunstone for their fine job in making the Prize Rosettes for the Spring Show. I wish the incoming President, other Executive Officers and Committee Members a very successful year in 1984 and trust all members will give their utmost support as in the past.

For and on behalf of the Management Committee.



H. G. Viney.  
President.

#### CYMBIDIUM NEWS

What a relief it was to see and feel this latest spell of rain which although a problem to some people busy with various harvests, would be welcome when our shade houses were beginning to show a bit of the effects of the very hot days that came recently. It does worry a lot of orchid enthusiasts to see the drying & dead leaves that the hot weather produces.

## CYMBIDIUM NEWS CONT:

This is of course a seasonal thing & has to be accepted. Keeping the water up to the pots and not allowing them to dry out completely plus the cooling down of the plants of an evening after a hot day is so very important.

It is not a good time of the year to divide cymbidiums but if it has to be done keep the divisions in as cool a place as possible until they show signs of new growth and nice firm foliage. Now is the time to change from a high Nitrogen fertiliser to one that is based mainly on potash & phosphate. Fertilizers are available as 'blossom boosters' and do this job very effectively. Don't be misled into over fertilising and personal experience has proved that early morning rather than the hot afternoon is the best time to carry out this job. It is better for both the plants and the worker. Keep the dried foliage collected it does improve the appearance of your shade house and plants. Go through your pots and check that the compost is topped up and that it has not washed out to allow the roots to be exposed to the heat. It is fatal to leave exposed roots for long in this state without harm to the growth of cymbidiums. Active, industrious root systems are the most important aspect of orchid culture so be most industrious in your care for them. Young plants are improved with the addition of the preparation 'Formula 20' watered in during their struggles to get their root growth strong. Any help that can be given to these younger plants is always a bonus to a grower especially during the summer heat and the coldest days of winter. Just a snippet from the publication "Your First Orchids & How to Grow Them". "The species from which our modern cymbidiums are derived came originally from a cool semi-tropical mountainous areas of Northern India, Burma and Vietnam. As a consequence our modern hybrids grow and flower best with warm sun shiny days AND COOL NIGHTS (emphasis mine). This is especially important in SUMMER for flower spike initiation. Cymbidiums can be grown at sea level in Hawaii, but they won't flower. If they are taken to an elevation of 1200 feet or more, where the nights are cooler, they will develop flower spikes". It has been stated and written so many times whenever the question of cymbidiums not flowering has come up, that light, fresh air and cool nights especially during the spike initiation period are the most important cultural factors of successful cymbidium flowering. Remember young or experienced growers that, THAT TIME IS NOW. It won't be a good enough excuse during Spring to say that "I didn't cool my plants as I should have this last summer & my plants are putting up a poor show of spikes". We here in South Australia should never have to complain that we ever had insufficient light to flower our plants unless of course the position that you are growing them is too shaded by buildings, trees etc. Temperature too is ideal and we are favoured with about the best of conditions for optimum cymbidium growing worldwide. Just imagine if we had to provide heat and cooling as is the case on many areas where cymbidiums are grown on a huge scale commercially for the thriving flower trade. The necessity of a glass house similar to what is required in Europe or Britain for instance would put many of us out of the home grown orchid pleasures.

## CYMBIDIUM NEWS CONT:

Our major problems of affording the correct amount of light, air and proper cooling during summer are easily surmountable & quite within the ability of most of us. Don't lose interest now that your plants are not in flower, it is a sign of a keen orchid lover to find plenty of jobs among your plants at this time of the year.

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### SHOW DATES FOR SOUTH COAST ORCHID INC. FOR 1984

WINTER SHOW : Colonnades Shopping Centre, July 16th - 21st, 1984

SPRING SHOW : Colonnades Shopping Centre, October 1st - 6th, 1984

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Spreading your wings to other cold genera. For the benefit of those orchid lovers who wish to increase their collection to include other than cymbidiums, the following few notes are given.

#### CATTLEYAS:

Generally, the type of cold growing cattleyas (for those without a heated growing area), are what are known as bifoliate cattleyas or those with more than one leaf per bulb. From this family of orchids come many plants that can be successfully grown and flowered by the beginner in this field.

Names which include C. Portia, C. Bowringiana, C. Intermedia, C. Forbesi, come to mind as those which, with care, can be tried. It is admitted that most of the Cattleya Genera are improved when some form of heat is given during our coldest weather, but so too has much success come from those who are willing to provide good conditions without any heating at all. The difference being in the care taken to ensure that you do give your plants regular daily attention particularly during the summer heat. Mistakes have been, and still are being made by growers who do not understand what conditions their orchid plants enjoy.

It is commonly thought that because orchids are found in the Tropics that hot, steamy weather is always essential. Humidity is a must, but so too is our understanding that elevation is the important point. Elevation means in plain terms the amount of cool fresh air that is available in certain situations, ie; Mountain or tree tops be it Tropical or temperate areas. To incorporate the correct conditions in our climate can be managed by hanging the cattleyas in pots above the cymbidiums in your shade house. From personal experience I have found that 70% shade cloth is required during the summer weather, 50% allowing too much sunshine.

A simple method is to have three lengths of wire pushed down through the compost & then bent to a hook which will fit close to the bottom side of the wall of the pot at even spacing through the water drainage holes already in the pot. Make the top ends of the three wires into hooks as well, then hang the plant to an ordinary S hook suspended to the roof frames of your shadehouse. Strong wire of the thickness of fencing wire is more adaptable & necessary to enable it to be forced down through the compost.

CATTLEYAS CONT:

The extra amount of air circulation that is made to the cattleyas is enormous and far exceeds that found on benches without artificially induced air support. Because we have increased the air circulation of course the amount of drying out is also increased so then, here is where that daily attention during the dry weather is necessary. Daily watering, at times twice a day is not too much if the compost is an open one ( as it should be with Cattleyas). Half strength fertiliser every 8 - 10 days during their growing period is not too much as quick strong growth is the aim.

Similar rules apply during flowering time to cymbidiums. Protect your flower sheaths from the rain or water once the buds have emerged or flowers will be damaged. Try your hand at these orchids, they are worth the effort.

BIFOLIATE CATTLEYA INTERMEDIA growing on the rocks, trees & shrubs bordering the Atlantic seashore and on the banks of streams flowing into the sea in the States of Rio de Janeiro. It is of medium sized growth and slender pseudo-bulbs. In natural situations it flowers in August, September & October. The sepals and petals are pink, white or sprinkled smoothly with purple with a triobed lip with a purple frontal lobe. The white lateral lobes are smoothly crispate and at the opening of the crispate lip, turn outward. Cattleya Intermedia has more than 100 registered color varieties or forms.

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S.C.O.C. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the above meeting will:

- Receive the annual report of the committee of management
- Receive the statement of receipts & Payment presented by the Treasurer,
- Elect office bearers for the forthcoming year.

The following nominations have been received.....

- President : M. MANGELSDORF
- Vice Presidents : J. LEEDER, B. LYNCH
- Hon. Secretary : S. STIRLING
- Hon. Treasurer : W.L. MOORE
- Committee Members: J. NICHOLS, T. DIONNO, R. GOODALL

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To consider any general business.

MEMO: The following positions of office will be filled by the Committee appointing same - Registrar of Judges : Hon. Show Secretary, Editor of Gazette.

The committee members still holding office for the forthcoming twelve months are : Past President: H.G. VINEY  
Committee members : G. SPEAR, T. HOWARD.

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CLUB MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE PAYABLE IN

FEBRUARY

MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITIONDECEMBER MEETINGOPEN DIVISION

Aust. Native	Den. Gloucester Sands	J. Nicholls	3
Epiphyte	Sarc. Celciliae	R & G Schultz	2
	Den. Hilda Poxon	L & R Moore	1
Aust. Native			
Terrestrial	Calanthe Triplicata	J Nicholls	3
	Malaxis Latifolia	J Nicholls	2
Epicattleyas	Epc. Lollipop	K Northcote	3
	Epc. Harrisoniae X Epc. Raiatea	J. Nicholls	2
Cattleyas	Bls. Holiday Gem X B. Digbyana	J Nicholls	3
Dendrobiums	Halawa Beauty	J Nicholls	3
	Tangerine x Talasea	J Nicholls	2
Miscellaneous	Odontcid. Golden Jester	Adelaide Orchids	3
	Milt. California Plum	Adelaide Orchids	2
	Wils. Shirley Monkhouse	Adelaide Orchids	1
Phalaenopsis	Penang x Mariae Dobkin	K Northcote	3
Novelty	Sandy McLan x Amb Yellow	SthJ Nicholls	2
	White Magic X Equestris Princess	J Northcote	1
Novelty Paph.	Vanda M Pearman	G. Forrest	3
Species Paph.	Lawrencianum Var. "Shirley"	Adelaide Orchids	3
	Chamberlainianum Var, flavum	G. Forrest	2
	Barbatum Var. "Black Beauty"	Adelaide Orchids	1
Species	Stauroopsis luzunensis	J Nicholls	3
	Den. Parishii	J Nicholls	2
	Asco. Curui folium	J Nicholls	1
Division Flower of the Month.	Den. Halaway Beauty	J. Nicholls	

FIRST DIVISION

Cattleyas	Lc. Purpurata x C. Schrodera "Pinkie"	Mr & Mrs T Howard	3
	C. Louise Georgiana	Mr & Mrs R W Kelly	2
Miscellaneous	L. Cinnabarina x Soph. Grandiflora	Mr & Mrs T Howard	3
Species Paph.	Paph. barbatum	R Parish	3
	Paph. hennisianum	R Parish	2
Division Flower of the Month	L. Purpurata x C Schrodera 'Pinkie'	Mr & Mrs T Howard	

Second Division

Cymbidiums	Appleby 'Carolina'	J & B Gay	3
Cattleyas	Slc. Jewel Box "Schrearazade" Dowiana x Digbyana x Mossiae	J & B Gay	3
		C S Burfield	2
Miscellaneous	Epi. 'red'	Mr & Mrs S Morcom	3
Phalaenopsis	Name Unknown	C S Burfield	3
Species Paph.	Paph. hirsutissimum	J & B Gay	3
Division flower of the Month	Cym. Appleby "Carolina"	J & B Gay	



The SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB of SOUTH AUSTRALIA Inc.  
Financial Statements for year ended 31st December 1983.

PREMIUM ACCOUNT

Balance 1:1:83	1640.00	Transfer to General A/c	450.00
Transfer from General A/c	1000.00	Balance 31:12:83	2561.51
Lottery A/c	180.00		
Bank Interest	191.51		
	<u>\$3011.51</u>		<u>\$3011.51</u>

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Balance 1:1:83	36.80	Seedling purchases	144.00
Supper Tickets	380.96	Transfer to Premium A/c	180.00
Committee Tickets	35.40	Licence	5.00
Bank Interest	1.37	Federal Government Debit Tax	.65
		Balance 31:12:83	124.88
	<u>\$454.53</u>		<u>\$454.53</u>

R.A.HILL TROPHY ACCOUNT

Balance 1:1:83	100.00	Balance 31:12:83	109.13
Bank Interest	9.13		
	<u>\$109.13</u>		<u>\$109.13</u>

SPECIAL URPOSE ACCOUNT

Balance 1:1:83	12.58	Reynella Hotel	605.00
Dinner Payments by Members	820.00	Band	200.00
Bank Interest	1.28	Balance 31:12:83	28.86
	<u>\$833.86</u>		<u>\$833.86</u>

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 PRESIDENT

Audited from Books Produced

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Financial Statement for year ended 31st December 1983.

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Balance 1:1:83		100.57		Gazette- Postage	228.96	
Subscriptions	1006.00			Printing	<u>390.67</u>	619.63
in advance	<u>89.00</u>	1095.00		Supper		138.48
Trading Table		169.65		Affiliation Fees - A.O.C.		10.00
Donations		60.70		Library		140.69
Seedling Competition - paphiopedilum		92.00		Petty Cash - Imprest	80.00	
Transfer from Premium A/c		450.00		Phone & Postage	57.51	
Xmas Collection- Members	81.43			Stationery	<u>48.94</u>	186.45
Club Plants	<u>18.57</u>	100.00		Insurance		45.00
8th Aus Orchid Conference Prize		25.00		Hall Hire		230.00
Aus. Native Seedlings		76.43		Meeting Expenses		368.82
Sales of Club Badges etc.		8.25		Honorariums		600.00
Garden Week- Total Receipts	336.45			Transfer to Premium A/c		1000.00
Less Expenses	<u>76.56</u>	259.89		Donations- Anti Cancer Appeal	40.00	
Winter Show-Donations	83.60			Aus Orchid Foundation	<u>50.00</u>	90.00
T/table	2812.40			Aus. Native Seedlings		326.00
Colonnades	<u>385.00</u>			8th Aus: Conference Display Exp		37.50
LESS	3281.00			Medalion Cases		42.44
Prizes	325.50			Sundries		27.50
Plants	1887.00			Federal Gov Debit Tax		8.25
Expenses	<u>110.79</u>	2323.29	957.71	Balance 31:12:83		192.23
Spring Show-Donations	80.00					
T/table	3349.50					
Colonnades	<u>880.00</u>					
Less	4309.50					
Prizes	767.50					
Plants	2301.00					
Expenses	<u>579.49</u>	3647.99	661.51			
Bank Interest			<u>6.28</u>			<u>\$4062.99</u>
			<u>\$ 4062.99</u>			

NOTES:- Prize Money does not include donated Trophies  
 Winter Show- Colonnades \$60.00 & Valley Orchids \$20.00  
 Spring Show- Colonnades \$410.00  
               T.Burian Orchids \$80.00  
               Valley Orchids \$40.00

STOCK ON HAND:-  
 Medallions \$360.00; Glasses \$320.00; Club Badges \$84.00  
 Seedlings Aus Native \$140.00 & Paph. \$60.00

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 PRESIDENT.  
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 Treasurer