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Our next meeting will be held at the RSL Hall, Morphett Vale, 8 p.m. on 10th August and will, apart from our regular plant displays, will feature a talk by Mr Neil Christoph on 'Slippers' and 'Items of Interest' by our own Keith Shaw. Neil Christoph is an Adelaide grower of Slippers since many years, and he is also a judge of the Orchid Club of Australia Inc. I'm positive we all will enjoy his talk as well as his company.

For the benefit of those few who could not attend our Winter Show: We can only call it very, very successful. We had over 100 orchid plants tabled, well complimented by ferns and mosses, on a scaffolding which was kindly made by Keith Shaw for this purpose. The whole display was really a credit to Keith, our Show Marshal, his Assistant Ellie (his wife), and all our exhibitors. Special thanks are due to our Dulcie Graves, who, although she did unfortunately not have an orchid in flower at the time, stepped in and helped her fellow exhibitors with her beautifully grown masses of maidenhair ferns. Thanks, Dulcie!

The Grand Champion of the Show (and medal winner) was Brassolaeliacattleya Normans Bay x Crispin Rosales, grown by Mr Mick Chenoweth. Of the following awards list all the plants awarded 3 points will be issued a special Winter Show Certificate. Congratulations to all the place-getters!

NOVICE SECTION: Cymbidium (name of plant unknown), grown by Peter Speer, 3 points. Paphiopedilums—P. *insigne* (Ellie Shaw), 3 points; P. Ansum (Ellie Shaw), 2 points; P. *insigne* (Peter Speers), 1 point. Miniature Cymbidiums—C. Esmeralda x *pumilum album* (Ellie Shaw), 3 points; C. *pumilum album* x Brentwood (Peter Summers), 2 points; C. *pumilum* x Musita (Ellie Shaw), 1 point. **MISCELLANEOUS Genera—** Laelia *anceps* (Peter Summers), 3 points; Liparis *reflexa* (Don Deal), 2 points. **OPEN SECTION:** Cymbidiums—C. Nam Khan Vieux Rose v. Early Bird (Geoff Adams), 3 points; C. Sam Miguel Limelight (Bernie Hansen), 2 points; C. Rampur x Alnwick Castle 'Brentwood' (Bernie Hansen), 1 point. Cattleyas—BLC Normans Bay x Crispin Rosales (Mick Chenoweth), 3 points; Cattleya-name unknown (Graham Harvey), 2 points; SLC Moza (Mick Chenoweth), 1 point. Paphiopedilums—P. Maudiae Magnificum (Merv Dunn), 3 points; P. John Henry (Bernie Hansen), 2 points; P. Grace Darling (Graham Harvey) 1 point. Dendrobiums—D. Norman Heinemann (Jack & Anna Hofner), 3 points; D. Phal. Sensation (Wesley Harris), 2 points; Dend. Phal. Maui Beauti (Wesley Harris), 1 point. Species—Pleurothallis *longissima* (Bernie Hansen), 3 points; Paphiopedilum *sukhakulii* (Nicky & Stephanie Zurcher), 2 points; Paphiopedilum *venustum* (Wesley Harris). 1 point. Miscellaneous Genera—Phalaenopsis Kathleen Etris (Merv Dunn), 3 points; Odont. *bictoniense* x Onc. *onustum* (Jack & Anna Hofner), 2 points; Phalaenopsis Dos Pueblos x Ann Cavaco (Merv Dunn), 1 point.

ANNUAL CLUB DINNER: Date—9th October. Place—Warradale Hotel. Cost—\$3.50 (5 course Meal, floor show, dance band, and our pleasant company!). Will members please advise the Treasurer (Mr Don Deal) of the numbers in their party attending.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: We acknowledge with thanks Merv Dunn's donation to the Club of seedlings to the value of \$17.50. This will enable us to draw two seedlings in our plant competitions (until we run out again).

CULTURAL NOTES by Bernie Hansen — for month of August.

For the Cymbidium growers, the weather has been really kind; not too much blustery cold wet to slow the plants down. But on the other hand, the plants seem to be at their normal stage for a good September showing, so look after them. Noticed in the neighbourhood 'caterpillars' always looking for a good feed? If you want to feel an exhilarating spasm watch carefully just how many of your best buds one can chew in five minutes, then exterminate the little !*?†♂ by strategically placing him between the ground and your shoe, twist, then twist again. Growers who only have outdoor growing orchids need only water when the pots feel dry. If you are being troubled by caterpillars spray with Arsenate of Lead. This makes the plants look messy but they can be cleaned for shows by washing with a damp cloth. Remember earlier I suggested that you buy seedlings? Well, to give you some idea of what to expect—I purchased three seedlings of one cross, the crossing? Cym Grandly 'White Monarch' x Emmeline 'Evangel', a white with spots crossed with a clear pale green, both early flowerers. This year two of the seedlings flowered for the first time. The first a 4½" flower, pale green, lightly spotted at the base of each tepal. The second a 5½" flower, pale pink, spotted all over. The third, a blue? Well, maybe not, but anything could happen. For people with heated glasshouses, first job every morning is to make sure that the heaters were working over-night. This is easily checked these cold mornings, in fact it is quite easy to spend 30 minutes or so just browsing at 7 a.m. Water carefully as the dull days we are experiencing occasionally do not help in the drying out of plants. Remember when watering in the glasshouse do not spray the water all over the plants, use a small watering can with a long spout and only water into the pots, if available use tank water. Feed lightly but regularly. Damp down the floor to stop the glasshouse from drying out. Miniature Cymbidiums which have been scarce this year compared to last year are now starting to rear their beautiful heads, better late than not at all. But this could be a good omen for September. Perhaps members are going to go all out at the Spring Show.

Repeating my remarks at the July Winter Show: Thanks to all members who brought in plants to show and to all those who helped. It was a terrific effort. — Bernie Hansen.