



# THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB

Affiliated with the Orchid Club of South Australia, Inc.  
and with The American Orchid Society, Inc.

Patron: Sir Francis Matters

## MONTHLY NEWS SHEET

Issue No. 5 – May, 1970

**President:**  
G. Harvey, Esq.  
Blaby Street, Morphett Vale  
Tel: 81 1573

**Hon. Secretary:**  
L. Harvey, Mrs  
P.O. Box 45, Morphett Vale Central  
Tel: 81 1573

**Hon. Treasurer:**  
C. Hammond, Esq.  
Myponga  
Hindmarsh Tiers 208

---

The next meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be on Tuesday, 12th May, at 8.00 p.m. at the Morphett Vale R.S.L. Hall, and this time I will be your speaker on the subject:

### 'ORCHID GROWING ON THE WINDOWSILL'

I will tell and show you how Jack and I successfully grew and flowered glasshouse orchids on our windowsill, inside the house, for a number of years.

Would any member with a growers' problem please write his or her problem on a piece of paper and hand it to our President before the start of the meeting. He will then try to help by publicly discussing it after the official programme of the evening. (This will apply also for all future meetings.)

Our last **plant exhibition** was judged by Mr Mick Chenoweth (Member of our Club, Senior Vice-President of the Orchid Club of S.A., and also a qualified Orchid Judge), and the following plants were awarded points:

**Novice Section:** Cattleya Elegans 'Brazilian Queen' x Cattleya Cathy Cavoco 'Red Rock Canyon', grown by H. Goldsack, 1 point; Sophro-Laelia-Cattleya Mozac, grown by H. Goldsack, 2 points; and Laelia-Cattleya Illustrious, grown by L. Poole, 3 points.

**Open Section:** Potinara Dane 'Redbreast', grown by W. Harris, 1 point; Paphiopedilum *callosum*, grown by W. Harris, 2 points; and Brassia *longissima* x Brassia *verrucosa*, grown by C. Hammond, 3 points.

**The Popular Votes** went to a multi-flowered, pink Cattleya grown by Ted Work, and to a Fern grown by Mr and Mrs Shaw.

**WINTER SHOW:** Members can stage their own individual displays for the Winter Show (July meeting), and the following prizes can be gained:

\$3.00 for the champion plant, irrespective of genus. \$1.00 each to the best plant exhibited in any 'Genus Section' (a Genus Section must comprise 3 or more plants of the same genus) and the Miscellaneous Section (which will comprise single plants of various genera exhibited). The best exhibited Indoor Plant will also be awarded with a \$1.00 prize. Further details will be published at a later date.

And now a word about our last speaker, Mr Nicky Zurcher. I am proud to say that our Club again was able to obtain a first-class speaker, on a most interesting subject. Since it was Nicky's first public talk in Australia we can book it another 'plus' for our still small, but rapidly growing Club, and even though Nicky didn't promise us another talk, I sincerely hope we will hear him again next year.

Anna Hofner, Editor.

## CULTURAL NOTES

MAY –

by Wesley Harris

**Cymbidiums:** As flower spikes develop, wrap cotton wool around them to check slugs. Good watering twice weekly. No more shade for winter. Damp down on bright warm days only. Even monthly dry or liquid NPK feeding. Dust plants in spike, spray others against fungus and insects. **Paphiopedilums:** As for Cymbidiums. Stake flower stems and give them heat at night. **Cattleyas:** Water only once weekly. Damp down on bright warm days. Heat day and night. Desirable minimum temperature 55°F. **Dendrobium nobile types:** Dry right off, spray only once weekly. Move to cooler part of house for winter to mature new bulbs. **Other Dendrobiums:** Treat in the same way as your Cattleyas. **Oncidiums:** Watch all flower spikes. Stake them as they grow and check slugs with cotton wool. Slowly reduce water and shade. Keep warm at night.