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Our next Club meeting will be at the Morphett Vale RSL Hall on Tuesday, 10th March, at 8.00 p.m.

Our Speaker will be Mr R. Thompson, President of the Orchid Club of South Australia, and the subject will be:
'RAISING OF CYMBIDIUMS – FROM SEED TO FLOWERING SIZE'.

Mr Thompson will demonstrate 'the real thing', sowing cymbidium seed onto agar in flasks, and then showing the whole process and care for cymbidiums from the seed pod to the flowering size plant. Charming Mr Thompson is not only a very successful cymbidium grower, but also an excellent demonstrator, and we are very grateful for his acceptance of our invitation to give this demonstration.

Also on the agenda for the next meeting are our usual **Plant Stagings** of orchids and indoor plants – and another **Monthly Plant Competition**, with again a quality seedling as first prize.

An '**Opportunity Table**' will be established from now on at our meetings: Members will have the opportunity to sell their plants at this table; the prices to be established by a professional grower at the meeting. 20% of the profits will go towards the Club funds. If you are bringing plants, please see Mr Bernard Hansen not later than 7.30 at the Hall. Members are asked to use their own discretion on the quantity and sizes of plants brought. (Plants must be established in their containers.)

For financial Club Members only it is intended to set up an **Itinerary for a Guided Tour** through various glasshouses and shadehouses of well established growers. If you wish to be considered for such a tour please contact Mrs Shaw or Mrs Hofner at the official close of the Meeting.

Only one plant, *Dendrobium Teretifolium* x *Canaliculatum*, was exhibited in the Novice Section (by Mrs Tregenza) and gained 3 points.

In the Open Section a *Cattleya*, name unknown, gained 3 points (exhibited by Mr & Mrs Hofner), *Cattleya Margaret Hort* (exhibited by Mr G. Harvey) gained 2 points and *Phalaenopsis Grace Palm* x *Doris Mounaloe* (exhibited by Mr M. Dunn) gained 1 point.

The Popular Vote for Orchids went to *Oncidium Dr Shragen* (Syn. *Luzon*), exhibited by Mr W. Harris, and for Indoor Plants the votes tied between *Caladium* (exhibited by Mr W. Harris) and a German Maidenhair Fern (exhibited by Mrs Shaw).

I am sure you all agree with me that we had a very interesting and beautiful showing of orchids and indoor plants again at the last meeting, and also that the lectures on Economic Glasshouse and Shadehouse Construction by Messrs G. Harvey and B. Hansen can only be called 'well presented' and very interesting. Many thanks for all your efforts.

Your Editor.

CULTURAL NOTES

– MARCH

by Wesley Harris

Summer is still 'officially' with us and, with continuing warm days, keep up your watering and damping down. Watering means washing out your fertilizer from compost – I know this, for in my brush house I had a bumper crop of fertilized sour sobs, 2 ft high – so, replenish food supplies weekly.

We know that with approaching autumn the sun's rays are not quite as fierce, so, if necessary, plan to give slightly less shade as April draws near.

Cymbidium plants requiring a larger pot may be 'potted on' into a 1" bigger pot without disturbing your compost.

Dendrobium nobile and its hybrids will probably have fully grown pseudobulbs so, as soon as possible, reduce watering to a dessertspoonful per week for this 'individual'. *Odontoglossum grande* will have grown to produce its lovely 6" flowers of chocolate and gold colours shortly. *Oncidiums* similarly.

Let us know what you are growing. Please ask your questions at meetings – a question time can always be arranged for your assistance and most members with larger collections and of many genera of orchids will welcome visitors.

There is never a dull moment once you become interested in growing orchids.

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