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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR CLUB MEMBERS

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Our next Meeting at the Morphett Vale R.S.L. Hall, on 10th December, will be our **Christmas Party**. **Presentation of Prizes will then take place. Also a Monster Christmas Raffle** at the same price (prizes donated by Club Members) will be held. The Club will, as usual provide tea, but members are invited to bring their own 'liquid' refreshments and basket supper for the Christmas Party.

The following office bearers have been elected at last month's Annual General Meeting:

President Mr Bernard Hansen  
Past President Mr Graham Harvey  
Vice President Mr Keith Shaw  
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Mr Jack Hofner  
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Mr Bernard Hansen  
Mr Ted Work

Positions still to be filled: Auditor, Show Marshal, Host, 2nd Plant Steward  
\*If any advice on virus is needed please contact any of the above gentlemen.

As from December **FOUR SECTIONS**, Cymbidiums, Cattleyas, Paphiopedilums and Miscellaneous, will be judged at the monthly meetings. If more than 3 plants are tabled of any one genus in the Miscellaneous Section these may be judged as a separate section at the judges discretion.

At the last Meeting a Judging Panel (Wes Harris, Merv Donhardt, Les Poole) awarded— **OPEN SECTION**: 3 points, Phragmipedium *grande* (Nicky Zurcher); 2 points: Cattleya Pavlova x Futima (Wes Harris); 1 point: Dendrobium Phal. Madame De Pompadour x Violaeflavens (Wes Harris). **NOVICE SECTION**: 3 points: Phalaenopsis Doris (Les Poole); 2 points: Cymbidium Balkis 'Luath' (Peter Summers). **The POPULAR VOTES** went to Phragmipedium *grande* (Nicky Zurcher) and to the Hippiastrum (Les Poole).

<b>AGGREGATE WINNERS 1970:</b>	Mr Wesley Harris	OPEN Section	Mr & Mrs Pool Trophy
	Mr Les Poole	NOVICE Section	Mrs Hunt Trophy
	Mrs Ellie Shaw	Popular Votes, Indoor Plants	\$2.50
	Mr Wesley Harris	Popular Votes, Orchids	\$2.50

The last **Spraymaking Gathering** at Mrs Ellie Shaw's residence (Christmas decorations) was so successful that by general request there will be another one on 5th December at the same address: Mrs O. Shaw, The Parade, Seaford. Telephone 83 3056.  
Club Members who joined before August 1970: Your subscriptions will now be due.

## CULTURAL NOTES by Wesley Harris

Complete the potting of **Cymbidiums**, for they require a long season of growth to flower freely next year. Initiation of spikes is happening now and some usually show in this period. Finish all necessary potting of **Paphiopedilums**, taking care of the brittle roots; then provide more than usual shade for a week or two. **Dendrobiums** showing new root tips and needing new compost, or more room, may now be tackled; making sure to raise the crown at least ½" above the potting medium. If they are healthy and have room, they are better left alone—in small containers. **Cattleyas** too may be similarly treated. Many of mine, potted some weeks ago, are sending down bunches of new roots. My pots (terra-cotta) are crocked and two thirds full of coarse charcoal, then topped with ¼" screenings of charcoal, todea, isolite and bark and then are given a dusting of German peat-moss. **Calanthes** (deciduous types) may, towards the end of this period, be fertilised weekly.

Slugs and snails love new root tips, so exterminate them and ants and other pests. Damp floors and walls continuously. I'm not suggesting this to new members whose few plants are in the kitchen or sun-room; trays of sand or gravel, kept wet, will supply humidity, placing plants on grids over these trays. Ventilate glasshouses at all times.

WHEN ADVICE IS NEEDED, present your questions at meetings of our Club.

*Compliments of the season and 'good cultivation' to all — Wesley Harris.*