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**NEXT MEETING:-** TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER 1987.  
LUTHERAN CHURCH HALL, WINDSONG COURT, CHRISTIE DOWNS  
8.00PM.  
BENCHING TO BE COMPLETED BY 7.45PM

## GUEST SPEAKER

NICKY ZURCHER WILL GIVE THE TALK ON 'SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM'.

NICKY IS WELL KNOWN TO MOST OF US, HE IS AN ACCREDITED WITH THE ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA, A PROFESSIONAL NURSERYMAN SPECIALIZING IN SPECIES AND NOVELTY PAPHS.

HE COMES TO US AFTER GIVING A SIMILAR ADDRESS AT THE TASMANIAN CONFERENCE DURING THE LONG WEEKEND. HE IS KNOWN WORLD WIDE FOR HIS EXPERTISE IN PAPH. HYBRIDISING AND ALSO THROUGH HIS LABORATORY WORK..

## SUPPER ROSTER:-

DOROTHY LENGNICK (THANKS DOROTHY FOR YOUR SUPPORT)

## HALL ROSTER:-

R. BARRETT, V. ROGERS & J. DUDLEY.

## VALE

*It is with regret and sorrow that we note the deaths of two of our members.*

*Rod Chisholm, although he may be unknown to many of our newer members Rod and his late wife have been staunch supporters of our Club. The Elsie Chisholm Trophy was given to the Club in memory of his wife, and in recent years Rod has spent his time in the War Veterans' Homes Inc. at Myrtle Bank.*

*Bryce Clark, a relatively new member but a person who at all times did not shirk from offering his services where he could be usefull. Bryce was a person who was respected by all those who had come in contact with him*

The following article expresses the views of one of our members, these views are not the views of your Committee, we wish to hear in writing your views.

### Judging as I see it.

In the world of orchids, the next most difficult task to flowering your favourite clone to perfection is to apply judging standards in an endeavour to rank one orchid as being superior to another.

Having pursued the development of Cymbidium breeding over the past 7 years, I naturally have viewed with considerable interest the activities of the judging panel of the Orchid Club of S.A.. A more devoted, and hard working group of orchid enthusiasts could not be found anywhere in the world. Religiously they meet once a month to update their knowledge, especially in the area of orchid development via breeding, and also to consider advances that should be made to current judging standards. Further, they are rostered to judge at the monthly meetings of the OCSA, and officiate at the 3 major shows conducted by the club. This is the minimum involvement. Many are also involved in local suburban clubs. This picture I am informed is similar throughout Australia.

A major area of development over the past 5 years has been the adoption of the "appreciation" method of judging, a system where a pre-determined points allocation is not applied. This has occurred principally in those instances where species orchids have been utilized in breeding, with the resulting progeny being far from the round, filled-in, slightly cupped shape of the more complex hybrids. Nevertheless whether it be colour, spots, or a range of other factors, some have what is described as "character", a certain charm that puts that clone in a class of it's own. Thankfully judges are able to recognise such 'class' and award via their appreciation. The world of Paphiopedilums have benefited considerably by such recognition and hybridizers of this genus are thus encouraged to continue with their breeding programmes.

Unfortunately this is where I believe the judging process, unconsciously, is biased towards certain genera. In particular I believe cymbidiums have suffered. The basis for such an assertion is that:

1. Cymbidiums have a longer history of growing and development in Australia compared to other genera, with standards formed over many decades. Shape has been an over-riding factor for awards, and hence recognition of clones which do not exhibit classical saucer outline has been scarce.
2. Interstate rivalry has precluded a sensible review of our judging system. Without a majority of states agreeing to proposals for change, motions have been defeated. [One question whether a total view of the judging system is being analysed. If not, only incremental improvements are achieved.]

The net effect is that considerable attention has been given to issues such as how big a mini or intermediate should be, what the foliage is like, or whether the parentage has a miniature species in the background and so on.

Are we focussing on the wrong issues?

By way of illustration consider the Peter Pan and erythrostylum hybrids; these have changed the total complexion of early Cymbidiums, yet have gone unrecognized in Australia, What a pity! To be consistent with the appreciation approach adopted with other genera, a number of awards should have been granted in recent years. Similarly, where other species are utilized, be they madidum, suave, devonianum and so on, offspring with character should also be recognised. Awards could be based upon improvements of yesterdays standards, not a predetermined level of excellence adopted in the judges' minds.

Such a situation is also reflected in our ambiguous awards classifications.

Currently we have 4 major categories:

1. AD - the award of Distinction is given to an outstanding characteristic. A review of AD's given to Cymbidiums however suggests that it is given predominantly for red colour. A more liberal use would see this award granted for a huge range of characteristics, if only we used our imagination guided by the variety Nature supplies.  
Why not an AD for -  
The tallest spike  
The smallest foliage  
The largest labellum

Aberrations as in Cleo's Melody "Freakout"

The largest flower

The length of pedicels

Spots, stripes, splashes

Outstanding coloured labellums

The most number of flowers on a single raceme

and so on.,

Judges may say that a specific quality is not desirable but it is not their role nor prerogative to cast such judgements. The tallest spike is the tallest until another flowered which is longer. These characteristics should be actively promoted by our judges.

2. HCC - Highly Commended Certificate. This award seems as difficult to achieve as an FCC. This has occurred because of differing interpretations for which the award is granted. Clarification of what circumstances this award is to be utilized is necessary. Normally it is given for plants that score between 75 and 80 points. With this description and guideline it is understandable that a degree of exclusivity has been adopted. However the award does not indicate precisely those qualities for which it is granted. It would be preferred if the award stipulated that it was for a VERY GOOD CLONE, though there are a number of factors which preclude a higher award these should be identified by the judges to the grower!
3. AM - Award of Merit, given for plants scoring between 80 and 85. Once again a somewhat meaningless description. A preferred explanation in an OUTSTANDING clone, one that identifies this plant as being special, a significant advancement. Having this year witnessed the flowering of some SUE hybrids, I would without hesitation label these as being particularly outstanding in light of the parentage and time of flowering. Such an assessment is based on my APPRECIATION rather than granting points.
4. FCC - First Class Certificate, for plants over 80 points. Most people agree that this awarded to SUPERIOR orchids. How ridiculous however that it took 1985 for our judges to once again grant such an award to a cymbidium. On reflection clones such as Wallara "Gold Nuggett", Mary Ann "Simplicity". Highland Mist "Dillabirra" should most certainly have achieved such status. That they did not reflects a serious flaw in our system of judging, or considerable conservatism on the part of our judges or both.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGE

1. That the appreciation system be adopted forthwith.
2. That explanation understood by all be given for award categories.
3. The training of Judges be altered, with accreditation given for specific genera. In many cases it is unrealistic for all the judges to be experts in all of the range of genera. Of course we have the Syd Monkhouse's of the world that take such knowledge into their stride, however in some instances it is probably a few guide dogs leading the blind mass. By introducing a system where an orchid grower can become accredited in one genera, a more systematic approach can be achieved. Over time the judge may wish to seek accreditation in other genera.  
Such a process may open the door for a Bob Nicolle to offer his vast experience on Cymbidiums to the world of judging. Bob unashamedly states that his one and only love is cymbidiums - why not try and entice a person of that calibre to judging that specific genera.?
4. That the Australian Orchid of the Year, be automatically granted the award of FCC. To attain such an award, the plant is clearly SUPERIOR, and should be recognised as such.

Adoption of these recommendations would provide considerable impetus to the orchid fraternity. It would of course result in more awards being granted, is that a

problem? My view is that it would provide considerable encouragement, and enhance orchid growing in Australia.

Often organizations become ultra conservative not by want or design, but due to circumstance. Interstate rivalry can be given as one reason why more progressive change has not been adopted in the past. Hopefully this article airs some of the issues concerned, and opens the debate on judging to all orchid growers rather than merely our accredited judges. The system of judging must reflect that needs of our club membership, and take into account that important body of opinion.

I look forward to responses to this article in future editions of this review.

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### ANY COMMENT ?

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THIS MONTHS PROFILE IS ON RAY GOODALL.

Ray's interest in Orchids started by reading the Orchid adverts, in the Sunday Mail. He and his wife Irene bought a couple of Cymbidiums one of which was Swallow Hebe. From then on he was hooked.

He then went on to buy, a small collection of Orchids which consisted of, not only standards, but miniatures and intermediates. Ray has been a member of the South Coast Orchid Club, for a good few many years now. And since his retirement he has been a very, successful grower of, Cattleyas, Paphs, and Phalaenopsis. Ray started growing his other genera, five years ago. He owns two glass houses, one is heated.

Ray Goodall is one of our assistant Show Marshalls, and he is also the Club's photographer. And he is a Committee Member.

Ray is all ways willing to assist, any member with a problem with growing, Cattleyas or any other hot house genera.

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SOUTH COAST CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Will be held on Sunday 13th December from 11.00am.

Venue - HACKHAM PARK, Gates Road, Hackham.

The Club will be supplying the meat, salad, tea and coffee.

If you wish anything else to drink it is . B.Y.O.

We will endeavour, to hold a raffle and a small auction.

Please bring your own chairs.

We will give you further information, in the next gazette.

Lets try and make this a good Club's family day for all.

The park has full facilities, a large grassed area, with shady trees, and a playground for children.

The cost is still to be decided.

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Enclosed is a letter from the Gawler & District Orchid Club, we ask that you read this carefully and at the next meeting hand in your answer to the questionnaire.

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PLEASE COLLECT YOUR MONEY AS IT WILL NOT BE POSTED OUT.

MONTHLY COMPETITION

September 1987

OPEN DIVISION

Aus Native Terr.	Ptst. Cutie 'Harolds Pride'	L & R Moore 3
Aus Native Epi.	<i>Den. aemilum</i>	L & R Moore 3
	<i>Den. speciosum</i>	W Farquhar 2
Mini Cym.	Mini Mary 'Queen Adelaide'	K Northcote 3
	Pipeta 'Red Gem'	K Northcote 2
Inter Cym.	Showgirl 'Rossi Greer'	M Klavenieke 3
	Sylvia Miller 'Golden Rod'	A DeIonno 2
	Scott's Sunrise 'Aurora'	A DeIonno 1
Cattleya	Bc. Sylvia Fry X Lc. Blue Boy	K Nortcote 3
Phalaenopsis	Lizza Henderson X Schone von Unna	W Farquhar 3
Paphiopedilum	Blendia X Small World 'Pastel'	L & R Moore 3
Novelty Paph.	<i>glaucophyllum</i> X <i>charlesworthii</i>	W Farquhar 3
	<i>glaucophyllum</i> X <i>acomodontum</i>	W Farquhar 2
	Turpe 'Kenna'	L & R Moore 1
Species Paph.	<i>villosum</i>	L & R Moore 3
	<i>haynaldianum</i>	W Farquhar 2

DIVISION FLOWER OF MONTH :- *Paph. glaucophyllum* x *charlesworthii*

W. Farquhar.

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FIRST DIVISION

Aus Native Epi.	<i>Den falconostrum</i>	J & P Lewis 3
Cymbidiums	Tapestry 'Zita'	H H Pankoke 3
	Robin 'Freckles'	J Jacobsen 2
	Valley Zenith	J & P Lewis 1
Mini Cym.	Mystic 'Robyn'	V Rogers 3
	Ruby Eyes 'Red Baron'	V Rogers 2
	Jubilee Ruby	V Rogers 1
Inter Cym.	Ivy Fung 'Cossack'	P & J Lewis 3
Cattleya	Blc. Mem. Crispin Rosales 'Shining Moment'	C C Burfield 3
	C. Esbetts	C C Burfield 2
	Slc. Conzac 'Florida Sunset'	C C Burfield 1
Nov. Cattleya	Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Redstone'	C C Burfield 3
	Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Apricot Glow'	C C Burfield 2
	Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Splash'	C C Burfield 1
Miscellaneous	Epc. Pixy Pokai 'Yoshimura'	C C Burfield 3
Novelty Paph.	Leeanum	P & J Lewis 3
	<i>curtisii</i> x <i>hennisianum</i>	C C Burfield 2
	Maudiae 'Magnificum'	C C Burfield 1
Species Paph.	<i>chamberlainianum</i> subsp. <i>liemiana</i>	R Parish 3
	<i>chamberlainianum</i> forma <i>primulinum</i>	R Parish 2
	<i>tonsum</i> var <i>curtisifolium</i>	C C Burfield 1

DIVISION FLOWER OF MONTH :- *Paph chamberlainianum* subsp. *liemiana*

R Parish.

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HOW MUCH DO YOU GET FROM YOUR CLUB?

YOU CAN ONLY GET AS MUCH AS YOU PUT IN.

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS FOR NEXT YEAR?

IF SO LET YOUR COMMITTEE KNOW ABOUT THEM.

SECOND DIVISION

Aus Native Terr.	<i>Diuris longifolia</i>	M Tiggerman 3
	<i>Ptst. curta</i>	M Tiggerman 2
	<i>Ptst. pedunculata</i>	D Messenger 1
Aus Native Epi.	<i>Sarc. falcatus</i>	T Brady 3
Cymbidiums	Joyce Duncan 'Kersbrook'	G McMartin 3
	Kiata 'Nightshade'	G McMartin 2
	Stanley F Florintine X Durham Castle	D Messenger 1
Mini Cym.	Negrito X <i>devonianum</i>	B Clark 3
	Mary Pinchess 'Shamrock'	G McMartin 2
	<i>pumilum</i> x Prince Charles	D Lengnick 1
Inter Cym.	Peppermint	R Barrett 3
Cattleya	Lc. Fire Island X Lc. Pixie	R Barrett 3
	Slc. Hazel Boyd X Blc. Living Gift	C Amee 2
Phalaenopsis	Dtps. Happy Day X Phal. Terry Ballard	S Gambell 3
	Phal. Malibu Girl X Phal. Hermosa	R Barrett 2
Paphiopedilum	Laganna X Rollight	R Barrett 3

DIVISION FLOWER OF MONTH :- Cym. Negrito 'Cherry Ripe' X *devonianum* B. Clark.

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REGISTRAR'S CHOICE SEPTEMBER 1987 :-

*Paph. chamberlainianum* subsp. *liemiana*

R. Parish.

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ON THE BENCH

by Brenda Lynch.

*Paphiopedilum chamberlainianum* subspecies *liemiana* was the Registrar's Choice for flower of the month at the September Cultural Meeting. It was exhibited by Ron Parish one of the Club's leading growers of *Paphiopedilum* species.

*Paph. chamberlainianum* in its natural state grows as an epiphyte on tree roots, on limestone cliffs, at elevations of 700-2,000 metres in bright light, and plentiful moisture. It also grows as a lithophyte (on rocks). The species comes from Northern Sumatra.

The leaves are variable, heavily or slightly mottled or almost uniformly plain green. The subspecies *liemiana* bears leaf margins bristled with stiff black hairs, the green-leaved specimens have dense-purple spotting underneath, and when the leaves are mottled they lack the spotting on the underside. Those plants that do have the purple spotting tend to have more richly coloured blooms than the mottled-leaved types.

The flower peduncle is dark brown and hairy, and may reach up to 60cms or more, bearing a succession of blooms over a period of up to 2 years or more. As many as 20 flowers may be borne, each flower from a short hairy bract.

The plant benched had a dark green dorsal with a white margin and with brown veins, the whitish petals were horizontal and spiralled with purple barring across and purple colour at the tips with hairy margins. The pouch was rose purple and rather slender with the ventral sepal similar in colour to the dorsal.

*Paph. chamberlainianum* subspecies *liemiana* prefers 'intermediate growing temperatures (15° - 17°) the normal bark compost is advised and for the best results keep on the dry side. Regular weak applications of fertilizer are beneficial.

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From the Words of Roger Rankin

"When an orchid defies comment, say nothing."

AT LAST THE SHOWS ARE OVER, NOW FOR NEXT YEAR.



## PROPOSED PROGRAMME

- FRIDAY 27th**            5.00 - 9.00 pm Plant Benching
- SATURDAY 28th**        8.00 - 10.30 pm Plant Judging
- 11.00 am Official Opening
- 12.30 pm Luncheon (provided)
- 1.30 - 2.30 pm Keynote Lecture
- 3.00 - 4.00 pm Workshops
- 7.30 - late Conference Dinner & Presentation
- SUNDAY 29th**        10.00 - 11.00 am Keynote Lecture
- 11.30 - 12.30 pm Workshops
- 1.00 - 2.00 pm Luncheon (provided)
- 3.30 pm Show Dismantled & Conference Ends

### COSTING

This is very difficult at the moment but it is anticipated that full registration will be under \$25 and will cover conference notes and the 2 luncheons. The Conference Dinner will be approx. \$15 per head and accommodation of various types will be available in Gawler. Both of these will be at Registrant's expense. At this early stage we are keen to hear of any suggestions for the Workshops in which your members would be interested. Please bring this conference to the attention of your members and encourage them to support it - it is the first time it has been attempted!