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# The South Coast Orchid Club Inc. Gazette

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## **AT A GLANCE**

**THE NEXT MEETING** of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2004 at St Bernadettes Hall St Marys. One membership fee covers all three groups of our club.

Guest Speaker: Dave and Pat Harmer – Subject; Cattleya Alliance

**BEGINNERS CLASS** 7.15 before the main meeting  
G & P Flavel: 'CATTLEYA' Ask all the questions and receive all the answers.

**DAYTIME** at South Brighton community hall, Dover Square, Broadway, South Brighton Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2004 at 2pm. Guest speaker is George Abell – Subject Sarcocochilus.

**SPECIES GROUP** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2004 at 8pm South Brighton Community Hall, Dover Square, Broadway South Brighton.

**RAFFLE PLANTS** for October, G Spear.

**LUCKY NAME BADGE** make sure you wear your name badge you may win a prize!!

**BIRTHDAY DRAW.** Put your name in the Birthday box. You may win a prize

### **MONTHLY ROSTERS**

Supper: H & D Alsop Computer: B Gay Hostess: I Parish and H Alsop

Judges: Registrar of the month 7pm H Fishlock

Judges: 7.30 R Fishlock, R Pankoke, G Zerbe, I Attenborough, J Gay and B Bower

### **LOOK WHAT'S NEW ON THE INTERNET**



[http://members.optusnet.com.au/~vcs\\_filming/](http://members.optusnet.com.au/~vcs_filming/)

Check it out to see all the updates gazettes & pictures.

**It will pay to visit regularly as I put up new material as it comes to hand (at the moment there are many pictures from the Royal Show and our Spring Show**

**Have an opinion or something to say**  
contact the Editor Ron Parish  
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**Items must be delivered to the Editor by the Thursday following the Committee meeting.**

### **2004/5 Club meeting dates**

#### **November**

1 Species group  
9 Main Trevor Jacob  
11 Daytime Group

#### **December**

6 Species group  
14 Main Fun Night??  
16 Daytime Group

#### **2005**

#### **February**

7 Species group  
8 Main AGM  
10 Daytime Group

#### **March**

7 Species group  
8 Main Marjorie Chance on Paphs  
10 Daytime Group

#### **April**

4 Species Group  
12 Main . Zerbe on Display Judging  
14 Daytime

#### **May**

2 Species Group  
10 Main  
12 Daytime

#### **June**

6 Species Group  
14 Main  
16 Daytime

#### **July**

4 Species Group  
12 Main, Group 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
14 Daytime Group

#### **August**

1 Species Group  
9 Main, M. Osborne min Cyms  
11 Daytime Group

### **WHATS ON BEFORE THE MEETING?**

Trading Table: Don Biebrick. – You'll find don here each month to give advice on all new lines available. He has been a loyal member over many years.

Plant Raffle Tickets: Peter Fenton another very loyal member always there to sell tickets.

Library: Henk another great guy you'll find books here donated by the late Keith Northcote.

Treasurer: Next year we will be able to socialize more with Robyn, as next year she will be too busy to continue on as our treasurer but has assured us she will be at the beginners class to learn more about her beloved orchids.

The Lucky Monthly Square Des Alsop. Another busy man and a great committee person and orchid grower....

Public Liability Under insurance guideline all members and Committee attending any function or meeting held by the Club must now sign an attendance book by name and signature.

## SPECIES GROUP



At our September Meeting 15 members enjoyed a good array of plants, these consisted of *Cymbidium* species a number of *Dockrillia*, *Schomburgkia*, *Dendrobium*, *Paphiopedilum*, *Osmoglossum*, & *Trichopilia* etc.

We welcomed one of our country members Rob Worden, it was a pleasure to have his company. All plants were discussed in detail with cultural information supplied by the grower. Following the plant commentaries a viewing of a series of species slides of rare and unseen orchids was appreciated by the members. The most unusual orchid of the night was:

### *Trichopilia tortilis*:

This species comes from Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras. This is a relatively small plant with leaves up to 25cm long. The inflorescence carries 1-2 fragrant flowers which are about 15cm across. Its main features are the twisted sepals and petals and a trumpet shaped labellum. It requires intermediate temperature conditions to grow well and

even watering throughout the year but this must be carried out carefully when the new flower spikes appear or they will rot off.

Pat Harmer

## **SITUATION VACANT**

**Vice President 2005**; Upon the resignation of John Robinson earlier this year a person is needed for this position to assist in the roll as President when the time comes and to assist the present president in duties.

**One Committee member** needed maybe someone who understands secretary's duties as a backup if secretary is unable to attend meetings.

These positions have a lot to offer, as you will be doing a great service to the Club.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**President:** Geoff Spear **Vice President** is Vacant at present **Treasurer: Robyn Pope**  
**Secretary:** Lucy Spear **Committee Dorothy** Carassai, Hank Van Leuveran, Hazel and Des  
Alsop **Editor: Ron Parish**

If you are seeking help ask a Committee member.

## **VALE Ruth Clark**

It is with deep regret we wish to advise the passing of Ruth Clark on August the 6<sup>th</sup> 2004, a very loyal member of the afternoon group she will be sadly missed. Our sincere condolences are extended to bill and his family.

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Members,

October is almost here and great weather is ahead of us, I don't like the winter but orchid season makes it worthwhile, and what an orchid season we had. Very successful shows, and a great effort financially, and we certainly had a great team of people to help us succeed in getting the job done.

Thank you to John Robinson for arranging the Hamilton School, also to Dorothy who works tirelessly on the trading table, All Committee members, Ron Parish, all the judges and Rosemary and Moss Bray and John Nichols for transporting plants and of course thanks also to you the members. From where I am standing you all look like champions! A great effort achieved by all.

It was wonderful to see the great response we had from members as we put together club display at the Royal Show. This is a first for The South Coast Orchid Club, showing under our club name. Most of our members at one time or another would have shown with the Orchid Club of S.A. Thank you O.C.S.A for letting us be part of this great week. Beryl and Richard Wilson were the champions in our display, with Beryl's delightful Lycaste.

I do hope you are enjoying the pamphlets from the A.O.C and getting a lot of information from them. I find them very interesting, any comments you may have please phone Lucy and tell her your thoughts. All information is helpful.

By now you would have heard of the passing of Keith Northcote. Sandra and John Nicholls have written a profile about parts of Keith's life in this gazette, to me and many other people, Keith was at all times an outstanding person. What a contribution he has made to all walks of life. A true friend and gentleman S.C.O.C was always Keith's baby. He was always there to help presidents and committee. He was our president twice and a life member. What a contribution he made to the orchid fraternity and to many people with his wisdom. I'm glad to have known you Keith.

Meanwhile just a gentle reminder that we do need committee members after all. Many hands make light work! We hold our meetings in each other's homes on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month and are usually finished by 9.30pm. Coffee and a chat and we're home by 10.15pm. Not a late night, come and join in the fun.

Good Growing! Regards, Geoff

### Rumours – Rumours – Rumours

There seems to be a huge number of rumours circulating about what is happening at Valley Orchids – Most of them are wrong.

This is what is happening – Yes we are relocating to a new site at McLaren Vale –

Building of the new shadehouse has started & we expect to start moving plants in a week or so.

The new nursery will be bigger & better than the existing one. It will be almost 50% bigger than our existing nursery, making it the biggest cymbidium nursery in Australia.

We expect to have most of the plants moved by the end of December, & will open the new site to visitors in January. Address details will be released soon, but the new phone number will be 8327 3955. We will have staff at the old site until late December. Now open by appointment only.

Breaking news – Expect a huge good news announcement soon from this nursery, which will be of big interest to cymbidium growers Australia wide. Valley Orchids – 156 Pimpala Rd, Morphett Vale, S.A. 5162 Phone – 8381 2609 (BH) – 8327 3955 (AH)

## VALE DR KEITH H NORTHCOTE

Although extremely sad, what an honour and privilege to write about Keith, who so sadly passed away on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2004.

Keith joined the South Coast Orchid Club, 30 years ago, and after a couple of years was Vice President. A year later, commenced a 3-year term as President. After a few years' break, he then served a further term for five years as President again. It was towards the end of his second term; Keith was the motivating force behind the formation of the Day-time Chapter of the Club, which most definitely strengthened the Club. He was also on Honorary Life Member.... A well deserved recognition.

From a personal point of view, I enjoyed many years of exhibiting joint orchid show displays, trips interstate to Orchid Nurseries, the Auckland World Orchid Conference and the Australian Orchid Conference in Darwin.

Keith grew his orchids to perfection, helped by his understanding and knowledge of soils and plant nutrition.

Possibly many would not be aware, that as a distinguished Scientist with C.S.I.R.O for over 40 years, Keith made a huge, a valued contribution by mapping and classifying the Australian Continent. In 1960 Keith developed and published a national soil classification system, called the Factual Key for the Recognition of Australian Soils, followed by mapping the continent through the Atlas of Australian Soils. Keith's soil systems have been widely used in numerous other countries, and by students of soil science today. Many honours have resulted from his remarkable work.

However, the Keith, Sandra and I will miss, will be the thoughtful, kind, loving and most loyal friend. Our sincere condolences are extended to his family, who he treasured so very much.

.....A true gentleman in all ways.....most of all,  
an 'extra special some-one in our lives'.....  
Never to be forgotten, and we have been enriched to  
have had his wonderful, treasured friendship for so many years....

JOHN NICHOLLS

For ...Sandra and John.

## **OUR PLANT VISIT TO TOM BURIANS**

Strathalbyn was the place to be on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August, I know a few members declined because of the weather, but at strath it was a lovely day.

Tom made us all very welcome and he showed us with pride a lot of things he has achieved. Members as usual came home laden down with plants. We also had a couple of phone calls with members getting lost but with country hospitality they soon found toms nursery!

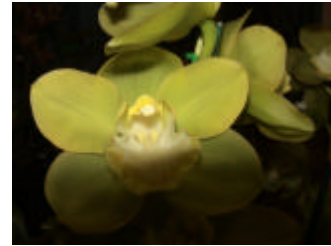
Thank you Des for cooking the BBQ and committee for making the salads.

Coming home we had a drive through a very dense fog but all twenty members arrived home safe and sound.

Thank you Tom

# AUGUST MONTHLY FLORAL COMPETITION RESULTS

FLOWER OF THE



## Open Division

### Australian native epiphyte hybrid

453	Den. Aussie Starlight	Bev & John Gay (65)	3
454	Den. Zip 'Imperial' x speciosum	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	2
455	Den. Hilda Poxon	Don S Biebrick (103)	1

### Australian native epiphyte species

450	Den. aemulum	Bev & John Gay (65)	3
451	Den. speciosum	Malcolm Tiggeman (465)	2
452	Den. speciosum	Don S Biebrick (103)	1

### Australian native terrestrial hybrid

458	Ptst. Dusky Duke	Don S Biebrick (103)	3
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### Australian native terrestrial species

456	Diuris corumboas	Don S Biebrick (103)	3
457	Ptst. curta	Don S Biebrick (103)	2

### Cymbidium < 60mm (all colours)

483	Cym. Cindy Lou 'Chicko Harang'	Helmuth Gerber (42)	3
484	Cym. Ten Pin	Don S Biebrick (103)	2
485	Cym. Bedivere 'Highbury'	Don S Biebrick (103)	1

### Cymbidium > 90mm (all colours)

489	Cym. Cronulla 'The Khan'	Don S Biebrick (103)	3
490	Cym. Chocolate 'Triumph'	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	2
491	Cym. Loftis Gold 'Connie'	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	1

### Cymbidium 60 - 90 mm (all colours)

486	Cym. Zumma Spring 'Pure Magic'	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	3
487	Cym. Queen of Hearts 'Althorp'	Helmuth Gerber (42)	2
514	Cym. Without Peer 'Soft Touch'	Don S Biebrick (103)	1

### Dendrobium (not Aust native) hybrid

479	Den. Tango Queen	Don S Biebrick (103)	3
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### Laeliinae Non Standard Cluster

481	Lc. Chocolate Treats	Gerald Voskamp (1650)	3
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### Laeliinae Non Standard Other

482	Blc. Guess What	Don S Biebrick (103)	3
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### Laeliinae Standard < 100mm

480	Sc. Love Hero 'Hihimanu'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
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### Oncidiinae species

478	Enc. cochleata	Don S Biebrick (103)	3
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### Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - species

498	Ludisia discolor	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
499	Serapias lingua	Don S Biebrick (103)	2

### Paphiopedilum Novelty

494	Paph. (boxalli x Radiant Tiger)	Gerald Voskamp (1650)	3
495	Paph. (Gorsey 'Sue' x Magic Mood)	Gerald Voskamp (1650)	2

### Paphiopedilum Standard

492	Paph. (Condor x Such)	Gerald Voskamp (1650)	3
493	Paph. (Smith Hepworth x Desert Song)	Malcolm Tiggeman (465)	2

### Zygopetalum hybrid (inc. intergenerics)

496	Zga. Kuitpo	Don S Biebrick (103)	3
497	Z. Helen-Ku 'Hong Kong'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	2

Best Flower of First Division



## First Division

### Australian native epiphyte hybrid

446	Den. Mekong	David & Kay Cammack (1535)	3
447	Den. Red River 'Jessica'	David & Kay Cammack (1535)	2
448	Den. Hamilton	David & Kay Cammack (1535)	1

### Australian native epiphyte species

443	Den. aemulum	David & Kay Cammack (1535)	3
444	Den. speciosum	David & Kay Cammack (1535)	2
445	Den. gracilicaule	David & Kay Cammack (1535)	1

### Australian native terrestrial hybrid

449	Diuris Orientus	Rito Silvestri (302)	3
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### Cymbidium < 60mm (all colours)

468	Cym. Orkney 'Pink Heather'	Norman Woodend (1525)	3
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### Cymbidium > 90mm (all colours)

470	Cym. (Yowie Flame x Chocolada)	Norman Woodend (1525)	3
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### Cymbidium 60 - 90 mm (all colours)

469	Cym. Sarah Jean 'Peach'	Terri Rees (50)	3
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### Oncidiinae hybrid

471	Mclna. Pagan Love Song 'Hi Life'	Suzanne Willcox (1481)	3
472	Aliceara Lillian Oka 'Jon'	Suzanne Willcox (1481)	2

### Paphiopedilum Novelty

465	Paph. Venus Hold	Suzanne Willcox (1481)	3
466	Paph. Crossianu 'Album'	Terri Rees (50)	2
467	Paph. Ceresd	Terri Rees (50)	1

### Paphiopedilum species

461	Paph. villosum	Suzanne Willcox (1481)	3
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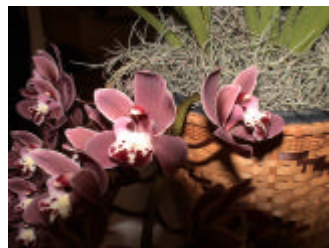
### Paphiopedilum Standard

462	Paph. British Bulldog	Suzanne Willcox (1481)	3
463	Paph. (Cubby Broccoli x Winstons 'Creek')	Suzanne Willcox (1481)	2
464	Paph. (Northmead 'Janine' x Krait 'Banksia')	Suzanne Willcox (1481)	1

### Zygopetalum hybrid (inc. intergenerics)

459	Zga. Clare Fisher	Suzanne Willcox (1481)	3
460	Zga. Dynamite 'Katie'	Suzanne Willcox (1481)	2

Best Flower of Second Division



## Second Division

### Australian native epiphyte hybrid

476	Den. (Yondi 'My Fair Lady' x Zip)	Malcolm Young (754)	3
477	Den. (Gillian Leaney x Star of Dawn)	Wendy Lodge (406)	2

### Australian native epiphyte species

473	Den. gracilicaule	Hazel & Des. Alsop (357)	3
474	Den. kingianum	Wendy Lodge (406)	2
475	Den. kingianum	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	1

### Cymbidium < 60mm (all colours)

500	Cym. Fairy Rouge 'Lavender Falls'	Ruth & Gunter Eckhard (436)	3
501	Cym. Bedivere 'Highbury'	Wendy Lodge (406)	2
502	Cym. Ruby Eyes 'Royal Show'	Hazel & Des. Alsop (357)	1

### Cymbidium > 90mm (all colours)

506	Cym. Pure Sarah	Allen Wilson (250)	3
507	Cym. (Claude Pepper x Sylvan Flame)	Malcolm Young (754)	2
508	Cym. Kiri Te Kanawa 'Princess'	Wendy Lodge (406)	1

### Cymbidium 60 - 90 mm (all colours)

503	Cym. Chocolate Soldiers	Malcolm Young (754)	3
513	Cym. (Tongariro x pumilum)	Norm Gitsham (414)	2
505	Cym. Mini Wonder 'Chocolate'	Hazel & Des. Alsop (357)	1

## DAY TIME CHAPTER

Great get together again this month, our numbers were down a bit but everyone had a good afternoon. Apologies were put in for Mr. Ron and Irene Parish, Mr. Tony De Ion no, Mrs. Berne Viney, Mrs. Ruth Harris, Mrs. Marie Bravery and Mrs. Weira Bicanin. It's great to see people out doing things and enjoying life, those on the sick list, hope your feeling a lot better soon and we'll catch up again later. . . We had a change in our Guest Speaker this afternoon to what was advertised, sorry to say Mr. Don Wells had a death in the family and unable to attend, we all send you and your family our deepest sympathy.

Mr. Norm Gitsham turns 80 years old on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September, Norm's our regular Projector and Sound operator and he does a marvelous job, we all hope you have a lovely day on Sunday.

Mr. Peter Flavel also had a Birthday, Peter's our Raffle Co-coordinator at the Daytime Group, happy Birthday Peter,

Mr. Graham Zerbe was our fill-in Guest Speaker, he did a great job, starting off by telling us all how he originally became involved in the growing of Orchids, Graham said his mum also loved Orchids and tried many ways to get them to grow and flower, and once he discovered and caught all the girls, he then turned his attention to growing Orchids and really got hooked on them, he showed us quite a few slides of different genera all lovely to see, Graham's special passion being all the Species Orchids. Thank you Graham, for stepping into help out on the day. Thanks also to Mr. Don Biebeck and Geoff for this months raffle plants. We had about nine plants benched, 3 or 4 different genera, quite a few Dendrobiums the perfume was lovely. A small plant of Cym. Showgirl x Sarah Jean, 'Strawberry Cream', owned by yours truly, was chosen as plant of the afternoon by popular vote, I saw a larger plant of this at the Royal Show and it looked very nice, now I'll have to feed this one up to make it larger, thank you all who bought in their plants to share with us.

The Meeting was closed; we then went to cut Norm's Birthday cake, sung Happy Birthday to Norm and had a cuppa.

Bye,  
Dorothy.

## SPRING SHOW

South Coast Orchid Club, a Club to be proud of, 169 plants bought in for judging all beautiful in their own right. Our Registrar praised all concerned for the way the plants were presented, much improvement shown in all divisions.

Grand Champion Irene and Ron Parish Zga. Kiwi 'Ripa' HCC won 2 years in a row a magic plant indeed. Congratulations Irene and Ron. Congratulations to all winners, all named in the

Show Results.: Unfortunately we do not have enough room to put in this gazette (only the Champion results) however the full listing of results will be posted on our website..

Thank you to all Committee and Judges a job very well done, also a big Thank you to Irene Parish, Margaret Goleby, Dorothy Carrassai and John Carassai, always there to lend a hand. Today (Sunday) we put in the show at Pasadena, please you must all go and have a look at your great achievements it is like a field of orchids to miss it, you are doing yourself an injustice.

Autumn 2005 is our next Show so very Happy Growing to everyone who will be Champion of Autumn 2005?

A Big Thank you to Sandra and John Nichols and Marjorie and Ted Chance for plants donated and also Jim Shaughnessy for the three bags of Bark this is greatly appreciated.





## Spring show champions results

### **Grand Champion**

392 Zga. Kiwi 'Ripa' Ron & Irene Parish (477)

### **Champion Open Division**

389 Zga. Kiwi 'Ripa' Ron & Irene Parish (477)

### **Bill Murdoch trophy**

394 Den.speciosum Malcolm Tiggeman (465)

### **Ira Butler trophy**

393 Den. Zip' Imperial' x speciosum 'Windemere' Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)

### **Champion Cymbidium < 60mm**

377 Cym. Topo Gigio Hank & Erna Van Leuveren (178)

### **Champion Cymbidium 60 - 90mm**

378 Cym.Tehys Black Magic x Ruby Eyes Red Don S Biebrick (103)

### **Champion Cymbidium > 90mm**

379 Cym. Sleeping Nymph'Grayline' Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)

### **Champion Laeliinae**

380 Irene Wolgun "Brown Eyes" Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)

### **Champion Vandaceous**

383 Angrecum. veitchii Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)

### **Champion Zygopetalum**

384 Zga. Kiwi Choice Rippa Ron & Irene Parish (477)

### **Champion Genera not otherwise listed**

385 Ludisia discolor Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)

### **Champion Specimen**

388 Cym. Kurralta Park ' Tennyson' Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)

### **Champion Australian Native**

376 Den. Zip Imperial x speciosum "Windemere" Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)

### **Champion First Division**

390 Paph.vellosum Merv & Shirley Steele (140)

### **Champion Paphiopedilum**

382 Paph.villosum Merv & Shirley Steele (140)

### **Champion Species**

386 Diuris orientus Rito Silvestri (302)

### **Champion Seedling**

387 Den.Candice(Delicatum Aussie Mist) Suzanne Willcox (1481)

### **Champion Oncidiinae**

381 McLanara Pagan Lovesong Hi Life Suzanne Willcox (1481)

### **Champion Second Division**

391 Cym. Cariga x Terama 'Carama Judy Malcolm Young (754)



## The Genus - *Restrepia* What an unusual Orchid

These orchids are a favoured species by the collector or orchid enthusiast who are attracted to small orchids or miniatures as they are sometimes referred to. They are found in Central and South America mainly at elevations of 900m. to 2500m. yet there are some varieties that adapt and thrive at sea level.

*Restrepias* are an epiphytic plant preferring semi shaded and damp conditions, very good drainage, and a fine growing medium. They are suited to growing in shady conditions but not heavy shade and they enjoy a high humidity level with abundant air movement. They will however, grow in warmer climates provided the humidity level is maintained

These plants have thin paddle shaped leaves with short stems, which are covered with a papery bract. They do not have pseudo bulbs. The roots are like fine hairs and the leaves and plantlets are joined together by the thin stems and fine roots.

The flowers have enlarged, fused lower sepals, which are mostly joined together for their length and characteristically have threadlike upper sepals longer than the flower stalks. A sheath of papery bracts encloses each leaf and its accompanying flower stalk. Flowers are fairly large for the size of the plant (2 - 3 cm long, sometimes larger) and are usually narrow, yellow or red and spotted or striped crimson to purple. There are some pink forms available.

### CULTURAL NOTES:-

*Restrepias* grow best in a cool greenhouse where night temperatures drop to no less than 5o C. and day temperatures do not exceed 30o C. Give them semishade or provide 1,000 to 1500 foot-candles of artificial light for 14 to 16 hours a day. Keep the humidity high; 60 to 70%, especially during summer.

Plant *restrepias* in a mixture of 2 parts pine bark, 1 part perlite and 1 part sphagnum moss. Water heavily, then let the potting mixture become moderately dry before the next watering. Fertilize at every third watering with a nitrogen-rich formula such as 30-10-10 diluted to half the strength recommended on the label. Repot when potting mixture begins to decompose and drains poorly.

Propagate by dividing into clumps of three to five stems.

The most essential thing to remember is that *Restrepias* love air movement and your plants should be placed in such a position where they will obtain maximum air movement. ( I hang mine in front of an oscillating fan which is on for 24 hours per day).

### PROBLEMS:-

Wrinkled leaves are an indication of inadequate water and humidity during periods of active growth. Maintaining ample water when actively growing usually eliminates accordion leaf folding. Spider mites can be a problem but if the atmosphere surrounding the plants is moist and buoyant it should not occur.

Mealy bug can be controlled if it occurs by dabbing the insect with a cotton bud soaked in Methylated Spirits. If you have a bad infestation, you can mix some Malathion (as per the instructions) together with 10% of Methylated Spirits and spray the entire plant making sure the potting mix is treated as these insects thrive on the plants roots as well as the leaves. Scale can be a problem with *Restrepias* and should be treated with your usual treatment program. Caterpillars are a problem with *Restrepias* especially the green ones you cannot see. To overcome this problem you can use Rogor spray prior to flowering period as this a contact spray as well as a systemic spray. If you use Rogor at flowering time, the spray will badly affect the flower. Other caterpillars can be dealt with by hand removal or some other commercial caterpillar insecticide.

As with all orchids growing, prevention is better than cure, so a constant vigil should be kept to avoid any insect infestation. This will also enable you to check your plants for any other problems or surprises.

Dennis Trevorrow



## **AFFILIATED CLUBS**

Murray Bridge and Districts & Orchid Club  
Orchid Club of South Australia



## **Sponsors for our Club**

We wish to thank the following persons who have supported us and our shows with donations etc.

Members are requested to keep these people in mind when purchasing orchids and supplies

Coast FM  
Geoff Spear  
Gordon Brooks  
Graham Morris (Valley Orchids)  
Jim Shaughnessy  
John & Bev Gay  
John Nicholls  
Moss Bray ( Sims Orchids)  
Munns Garden Centre Glandore  
Noel Oliver  
Norm Woodend  
Pasadena Foodland  
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Robyn Pope  
Ron Parish  
Ted & Marjorie Chance



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