

THE ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

Next Meeting

Enfield Community Centre,
540 Regency Road, Enfield

2nd June 8:00pm

2011 PROGRAM

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
2nd June	Rod & Judy McRedmond	Local Shadehouses
7th July	Peter Hall	<i>Cymbidiums</i> My Way
4 th August	Tony Bourne	Fertilizing



DAY GROUP MEETINGS

Enfield Community Centre,
540 Regency Road, Enfield

(Bus Stop 119 Bus No 100 Circle Line)

10th June 2:00pm to 4:00pm

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
10 th June	Ron Parish	Species & Travels
8th July	Panel	Questions & Answers
12 th August	Melanie Trimper	Roses

DIARY DATES FOR THE 2011 SEASON

9 th -10th July	Winter Show – Enfield Community Centre
20 th August	Bus Trip – National Cymbidium Show
2 nd – 10 th September	Spring Show – Adelaide Showground
5 th November	Socialising with “Sarcs” Enfield Community Centre

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Registrar's Choice Grown by Rito & Rossetta Silvestri

ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA - LIFE MEMBERS

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NOTES FOR JUNE

Next OCSA Judges Meeting: Monday 8th August at Enfield Community Centre, Topic: T.B.A.

Next Regional Judges Panel Meeting: Tuesday June 14th, at Pulteney Grammar.

JUDGES ROSTER FOR JUNE 2011

OPEN:	R. Yates (L)	P. Rankin	K. Minne	J. Argent (R)
FIRST:	D. Harmer (L)	H. Fishlock	J. Lampard	S. Zerbe (R)
SECOND:	R. Fishlock (L)	C. Jennings	L. Nesbit	G. Shooter (R)
WHAT CAUGHT THE JUDGE'S EYE:	OPEN	P. Harmer		
	FIRST	R. Rankin		
	SECOND	G. Zerbe		
RESERVES:	R. Riggs	S. Howard		
COMPUTER:	Lesley Fenton	Bev Gay		
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Registrar's Choice 'FLOWER of the MONTH' digital image by David Harmer

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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Winter has begun and soon we'll celebrate the shortest day, longest night Solstice on 21st June. Some of our plants are making their magic flowers extend out from budding racemes even in cooler temperatures and less light. It makes the native terrestrials sprout new growths and send up their cute flowers.

Thanks to Jane and Don Higgs for their presentation at the last meeting. We enjoyed splendidly detailed photos of S.A. And Vic. Terrestrial orchids they grow and see on interstate visits. We were reminded about the natural treasures that grow around us in unique habitats. John Moon was congratulated and presented with the Merv Strout Trophy for Champion of the Autumn Show with an expertly displayed pure white blooming C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'. Members who participated in the May 28th Workshop were treated to a great learning experience about caring for the orchids they grow. Thanks to all for such a fun and friendly day. You may have noticed that Dave Harmer has replaced Graham Zerbe as Editor of the OCSA "Bulletin". We wish Graham well for the future and thank him for his contributions over the past years. Rito and Rossetta Silvestri won Plant of the Night for two months running with the magnificent *Miltonia* Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder' being the Registrar's Choice in April and the spectacular species, *Stenoglottis longifolia* in May. Congratulations on your excellent growing and showing. Our next meeting speakers on local shade-houses will fill us in on how some members grow their pride and joys. Judy and Rod McRedmond will showcase their visits to local growers so come along and share the insights. Remember to book with the Treasurer for the 20th August Bus Trip to the South. See more details in this Bulletin. If any members know of a storage shed near the Enfield Community Centre where we could store our display crates in between shows during the year, please let Committee know. Happy healing to all on the sick list and see you again soon. Cheerio to all orchid lovers.
Edda Viskic.

GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE JUNE MEETING

Our Guest speakers for June meeting are Rod & Judy McRedmond; for those who aren't aware, they have been members of our club for a couple of years. The topic is local shade houses. What they have done is contacted a number of local growers, gone to their homes, made notes and taken a number of images of how different growers have built their orchid houses and utilized the area available and how their orchids are grown. Rod & Judy have compiled a presentation on the information accumulated from these visits. It is just like a number of home visits rolled into one. I have seen the presentation and recommend it to you. Come along and see for yourself this educational program.
Graham Zerbe Guest Speaker Coordinator

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Cymbidium suave

As a novice grower about 25 years ago I recall obtaining a *Cymbidium suave* a collected species from Queensland. I was told that it was the most difficult to grow of the three Australian Native *Cymbidiums*. If you grow it in a pot you would most likely lose it because it is best grown in a hollow tree log. In Nature the roots of this plant can grow up to 10 metres down the hollow of the host tree. There was a place at One Tree Hill where you could buy this type of thing so we purchased a hollow log that was cut square so it could stand on its end. It was over a metre long and about 350 to 400 mm across with a nice hollow. Bird wire was triple layered and nailed to the bottom to retain the mix. By scraping out the inside quite a bit of loose material i.e. old rotten wood was gained and this was mixed with *Cymbidium* mix purchased from a nursery and the log filled with the plant placed in the middle. It was grown under an alsinite roof facing west. After a couple of years it produced a flower spike and every year after several more until after about 7 years the top of the log was full of plant and producing 15 plus racemes nicely spaced. With great effort we took it to a monthly meeting needing a sack truck to get it into the hall. Everyone was so impressed and we received many requests for pieces of the plant. The next year we divided it into several pieces, kept a larger piece and re-potted it back into the log. After about 2 years it passed on and so did the other pieces gained by those wanting it. We tried several more but failed to get them to grow. It was obvious that this species hates to be disturbed. We found out it was best to re-pot in July/August not January/February. The greatest problem is of course is trying to get a log full of plant to a meeting.

By asking around, another grower gave a clue as how he successfully grows this plant by using a basket about 300 to 350mm across and lining it with 12mm bird wire netting, placing a layer of medium bark over the netting; the gaps in the netting will hold the bark in place, then fill the basket with *Cymbidium* mix and place the plant in the middle. After a couple of years you will see the roots starting to come through the bottom of the basket. Prepare another basket but line it with a fibre liner (you can buy these already made to shape) and fill the basket with *Cymbidium* mix. Wire the second basket to the bottom of the first. This is a much easier container to get to a meeting. You should get around 10 years before you need to re-basket. Keep the plant shaded in summer but it will stand full sun in winter and you will be rewarded with lovely green/yellow flowers nicely perfumed in the early morning.

David & Pat Harmer

PHOTOGRAPHY

It is intended to hold a workshop on photography. Shortly we will have speakers talking on the subject but the 'proof in the pudding' is to bring your camera(s) to a workshop where good information will be conveyed and you can take images with your camera and have these analysed and commented on by experts. If interested place your name on the lists at the Secretaries Desk at the Monthly Meeting. If sufficient numbers are interested a date & time will be arranged.

THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR



It is with great regret due to personal reasons that Graham Zerbe has resigned as the Editor of this Bulletin. From humble beginnings a few years ago to a document to be proud of, Graham has diligently produced the Bulletin on time every time and is to be commended for his effort.

I hope I can follow in his footsteps, but know this will be a daunting task. An interesting event occurred at the Gawler & Districts Orchid Club Autumn Show held at the Craigmare Shopping Centre. The Grand Champion, a worthy winner, was a very well grown and presented plant of *Onc.* Unknown (some Judges agreeing it could be a clone of *Onc.* Sweet Sugar). The proud owners of the plant were Alan Klisby & Family a Second Division Grower and a new member of the Club showing for the first time. Thinking that it was someone playing a joke with all the Ribbons and cards on the plant it was great to see a grown man cry. I heard Alan's wife claim it was her plant. It goes to show though that not all of the accolades go to Open Division growers. No matter what your Division is if the plant is of quality it can be the 'winner'.

BRIGHT IDEA



Here is your chance to partake in a little extra wine now and again. You know those bladders in a cask, well when empty don't throw them away because they have another great use. By opening the valve and blowing into the bladder you can inflate it to various degrees (and get an extra kick), the bladder then becomes a valuable asset to place around your plants when packing them into your foam boxes to stop the plants from falling over when transporting them to Meetings and Shows.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The President & Committee on behalf of members welcome the following new members to the Orchid Club of South Australia Inc.

We trust that your time with us is beneficial and rewarding to you in your hobby. Yours State Show Number and Division is printed in **bold** to the right of your name.

Kelvin & Melanie Trimper, Salisbury Heights, 2nd Division **Show No. 489**
Elizabeth Rudnicki, Mansfield Park, 2nd Division **Show No. 494**

For your information: Show plant labels are available from the Trading Table.

A TOAST:

A toast to great ambition
About which people rant
It makes one want to do the thing
That everyone knows one can't



REGISTRAR'S CHOICE FOR MAY

Colin Jennings announced the **Registrar's Choice and Orchid of First Division** was *Stenoglottis longifolia* grown by Rito & Rosetta Sylvestri. This made back to back winners for Rito & Rosetta, having won last month's choice as well.

Colin commented that we see this orchid around this time of the year and that he could recall seeing a plant at the recent Festival. This superbly presented specimen with 11 inflorescences of similar length holding about 50 typical flowers on each should continue to flower for a number of weeks. The inflorescences had about $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{2}{3}$ of the flowers open with very little drop of the oldest flowers. This was an excellent presentation of a South African species grown in a pot of bark and marble chips and some addition weighting.

The Orchid of Open Division was the hybrid Oncidiinae, *Rhynchostele biconiense* x *Brassia Rex* grown by Ron and Irene Parish. *Rhynchostele* was originally *Odontoglossum*, then *Lemboglossum* now *Rhynchostele*. This well grown plant presented with 3 inflorescences with 9, 9 and 8 flowers. The 'starry' flowers were heavily patterned making a very 'eye catching' and rather unique orchid.

The Orchid of Second Division was *Brassia longissima* grown by Trevor and Gwen Camac. As suggested by the name this species did have extremely long segments making a very 'spidery' flower. *Brassia Rex* used in the previous orchid usually had much shorter segments. This plant presented a single inflorescence with 5 flowers with the expectation of more in future seasons. Trevor indicated his next move was to move it to a larger pot as the existing root system was demanding. Congratulations to the successful growers.

Ron Yates. Registrar of Judges.

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WHAT CAUGHT THE JUDGES EYE IN MAY



OPEN DIVISION: Judge Les Nesbitt

PLANT NAME: *Phragmipedium* Jason Fischer

GROWERS; Edda Viskic & Russell Job

COMMENTS: Phragmipediums come from South America where they grow in wet areas. In Adelaide they

must be grown standing in a dish of water. They prefer intermediate conditions. This hybrid flowers progressively for several months, with one flower per stem that is replaced by a new bud. The plant shown had two lovely red flowers, one to each tall stem. The red colour comes from the species *Phragmipedium bessiae*.

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Economic expert – Person who knows tomorrow why things predicted yesterday didn't happen today.

Laeliinae - Non-Standard Hybrid over 100mm

1st *Lc. Intercepts* 'Hindmarsh' Trevor & Gwen Camac

Laeliinae - Non-Standard Hybrid under 60mm

2nd *C. bowringiana* x *L. pumila* John Drummond

Laeliinae - Non-Std. Hybrid 60mm to 100mm

1st *Ctt. Melodboa* Trevor & Gwen Camac

Laeliinae - Standard Hybrid over 100mm

1st *C. Portiata* 'Mel' John Drummond

Oncidiinae - Oncidium Hybrid

1st *Onc. Kaiulani* Trevor & Gwen Camac

Oncidiinae - Other Hybrid

1st *Milt. Zenia* John Drummond

Oncidiinae - Species

1st *Brs. longissima* Trevor & Gwen Camac

Zygopetalum - Hybrid

1st *Z. B.G. White* 'Jumbo' Trevor & Gwen Camac

Zygopetalum - Hybrid Inter-generic

1st *Zga. Kuitpo* John Drummond

2nd *Npp. Zodiac* x *Zga. Adelaide* Charmer Christopher & Dorothy Moncrieff

MEMBERS PLEASE CHECK THIS LIST

WITH YOUR PLANT LABELS

THE FOLLOWING ORCHIDS HAVE BEEN REGISTERED

<u>Grower .</u>	<u>Crossing</u>	<u>Registration</u>
Roger Herraman	<i>Milt.</i> [Leucoglossa x (<i>candida</i> x <i>Spectabilis</i>)]	<i>Milt. Leucoglossa</i>
John Drummond	<i>C. bowringiana</i> x <i>L. pumila</i>	<i>Cattlianthe (Ctt.) Parysatis</i>

PLEASE CHANGE YOUR PLANT LABEL TO THE REGISTERED NAME.

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Two-spotted Mite

A few years ago at a Murray Bridge Meeting we were privileged to listen to a speaker who had a Laboratory at Loxton breeding predators to combat various pests in the Fruit industry. With regard to mites it was pointed out that in most cases mites eventually became immune to chemical spraying so predators were the answer. Many growers in the Riverland were using various predators to combat 'Bug' infestations. The predator used for Spider Mite was *Phytoseiulus persimilis*. The results were outstanding where within a few weeks mites were almost eliminated.

Phalaenopsis/Dor. - Species

1st *Dor. pulcherrima* Russell Job & Edda Viskic

Vandaeae - Standard Shape Hybrid

1st *Ascda.* (Mangkiatkul x Tan Chai Beng) Iain & Ros Kilpatrick

Vandaeae - Non-Standard Shape Hybrid

1st *Arand.* Christine Iain & Ros Kilpatrick

2nd *Ascda.* Chameleon Russell Job & Edda Viskic

Zygopetalum - Hybrid

1st *Z.* Gary Baker Nesbitts Orchids

Zygopetalum - Species

1st *Z. maxillare* Nesbitts Orchids

FIRST DIVISION

Cymbidium - 60 - 90 mm White/Cream

1st *Cym.* Autumn Wonder 'Early Show' Graham Hein

Cymbidium - Species less than 60 mm

1st *Cym. dayanum* Graham Hein

Laeliinae - Non-Standard Hybrid Cluster

1st *C.* Browniae 'Riga' John Moon

2nd *Cty.* Middleburg 'Maj' Clyde & Cynthia Dally

Laeliinae - Standard Hybrid under 60mm

1st *Slc.* Angel's Fantasy Clyde & Cynthia Dally

1st *Lc.* Mini Purple Clyde & Cynthia Dally

Oncidiinae - Hybrid with Odontoglossum

1st *Bak.* Samurai Clyde & Cynthia Dally

2nd *Onc.* Purbeck Gold Clyde & Cynthia Dally

Oncidiinae - Oncidium Hybrid

1st *Onc.* Dancing Light Clyde & Cynthia Dally

Oncidiinae - Other Hybrid

1st *Hwra.* Lava Burst 'Puanani' Clyde & Cynthia Dally

Oncidiinae - Species

1st *Onc. forbesii* Clyde & Cynthia Dally

Other Genera - Species not listed elsewhere

1st *Sngl. longifolia* Rito & Rosetta Silvestri

2nd *Sngl. longifolia* 'Little Gem' Graham Hein

Zygopetalum - Hybrid

1st *Z.* B.G. White Graham Hein

SECOND DIVISION

Laeliinae - Non-Standard Hybrid Cluster

1st *C.* Chocolate Drop 'Kodama' John Drummond



FIRST DIVISION: Judge Ken Minnie

PLANT NAME: *Lc.* Mini Purple 'Expo Lea'

GROWERS: Clyde & Cynthia Dally

COMMENTS; All First Division growers who exhibited this month are to be commended on their efforts. All plants exhibited show very good

growing and showing. The plant I finally chose was *Lc.* Mini Purple 'Expo Lea' belonging to the Dally's. The flowers on this plant have to be seen to be believed, and are of such a colour to be a photographer's nightmare. As the flower colouring is very difficult to capture, not only that, but will vary under the light conditions when the plant is viewed, and the colour will appear different in daylight and at night. This plant was presented in a 6 inch pot, which contained a plant of about 14 growths of which 3 were in flower. The growing media was covered with moss, but appeared to be standard Cattleya mix.

Honourable mention must be made of another Dally plant, *Howeara* Lava Burst 'Puanani', which had many small flowers on each of 5 spikes in flower and had between 7 – 12 flowers on each spike, with another spike yet to open.

Grower Graham Hein presented a plant of *Cym. dayanum*, which also provided an interesting sight.

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SECOND DIVISION: Judge Richard Fishlock

PLANT NAME: *Oncidium* Kaiulani

GROWERS: Trevor & Gwen Camac

COMMENT: I was pleased to see several different genera benched in Second Division. Not just the Cattleya group but also Oncidinae and Zygopetalum.

What caught my eye was the Primary hybrid *Oncidium* Kaiulani – the parents are *Oncidium flexuosum* and *Oncidium ornithorhynchum*.

There were 4 racemes with only two of them with enough flowers out to be considered for judging. The dainty flowers on the raceme had a very dark pink lip and the form is typical of the 'dancing lady' name given to it.

The plant was well grown in a squat pot with medium bark and some coconut fibre. This orchid is easy to grow in cold to cool conditions.

Thank you Trevor and Gwen for bringing the orchid in for us to admire.

COMMITTEE – A group of people who individually can do nothing but as a group decide that nothing can be done.

WHAT'S ON THE MARKET

We are always having problems with slugs and snails and go to the ends of the earth to control this pest. I suppose most of us use the pelletised form of control but those of us that have pets are very wary of using this type because of harm to our pets if they eat the pellets. A product that is available on the market that is of no risk to dogs, cats, birds or earthworms is **ESCARGO™**.

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AUGUST BUS TRIP

Our Social Director has organised a very exciting Bus Trip for the Saturday 20th August 2011 where we will be travelling South for the day and will visit The *Cymbidium* National Show at Noarlunga, The Fern & Rain Forest at McLaren Vale and Nico DeJong Nursery at Mount Compass. Lunch will be provided and more details as to pick up points will be advised at a later date. The cost will be \$25.00 so you will need to book with the Treasurer ASAP as seats are filling rapidly.



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SAROC ORCHID FAIR

The SAROC Orchid Fair will be held on Saturday June 11th from 12.00 to 5.00pm and Sunday June 12th 10.00am to 4.00pm at the Pulteney Grammar School, South Terrace, Adelaide.

There are many vendors selling plants so this is your opportunity to view city & country club displays and maybe pick up a Champion Orchid on the vendor's stalls.

Admission to the Fair is \$2.00 which covers the 2 days and includes a complimentary cup of coffee or tea.

For those of our Judges attending the judging be there at 8.00am sharp for the commencement of judging at 8.15am.

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MAY MONTHLY FLORAL RESULTS

OPEN DIVISION

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

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| 1st | <i>Dock.</i> Olga Wenck | Roger Herraman |
| 2nd | <i>Den.</i> (Golden Glory x <i>falcorostrum</i>) | Russell Job & Edda Viskic |
| 3rd | <i>Sarco.</i> Bonanza 'Hancock' | Iain & Ros Kilpatrick |

Australian Native Terrestrial - Hybrid

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| 1st | <i>Ptst.</i> Trunkfish | Les Burgess |
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Australian Native Terrestrial - Species

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| 1st | <i>Diplodium truncatum</i> | Nesbitts Orchids |
| 2nd | <i>Diplodium laxum</i> | Nesbitts Orchids |
| 3rd | <i>Ptst. abrupta</i> | Nesbitts Orchids |

Cymbidium - 60 - 90 mm Yellow/Green

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| 1st | <i>Cym.</i> Hawaiian Gold 'Right On' | Nesbitts Orchids |
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Laeliinae - Non-Standard Hybrid Cluster

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| 1st | <i>Gsl.</i> Scarlet Imp x <i>Ctt.</i> Browniae | John & Bev Gay |
| 2nd | <i>Ctt.</i> Browniae 'Riga' | Iain & Ros Kilpatrick |
| 3rd | <i>Pot.</i> Naokazu x <i>C.</i> Chocolate Drop | Iain & Ros Kilpatrick |

Laeliinae - Non-Std. Hybrid 60mm to 100mm

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| 1st | <i>Lc.</i> Natalie Clark x <i>Pot.</i> Princess | Gordon & Coralie Hime |
| 2nd | <i>Slc.</i> Fire Magic | Russell Job & Edda Viskic |
| 3rd | <i>Blc.</i> Makaha Gold x <i>C.</i> Chocolate Drop | Iain & Ros Kilpatrick |

Laeliinae - Species

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| 1st | <i>S. cernua</i> | Roger Herraman |
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Laeliinae - Standard Hybrid 60mm to 100mm

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| 1st | <i>Lc.</i> Angel Heart 'Hihimanu' | Gordon & Coralie Hime |
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Laeliinae - Standard Hybrid Cluster

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| 1st | <i>Ctt.</i> (C). Portia Gloriosa | Richard & Beryl Wilson |
| 2nd | <i>Hknsa.</i> Cluster Bomb | Gordon & Coralie Hime |

Laeliinae - Standard Hybrid over 100mm

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| 1st | <i>Rlc.</i> (Blc) Burdekin Delight | Richard & Beryl Wilson |
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid with Odontoglossum

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| 1st | <i>Rhynchostele bictoniense</i> x <i>Brs.</i> Rex | Roger Herraman |
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Oncidiinae - Other Hybrid

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| 1st | <i>Milt.</i> Leucoglossa | Roger Herraman |
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Oncidiinae - Species

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| 1st | <i>Onc. trulliferum</i> | John & Bev Gay |
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Other Genera - Hybrid not listed elsewhere

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| 1st | <i>Ctsm.</i> Orchidglade | Graeme & Maureen Hazledine |
| 2nd | <i>Phrag.</i> Jason Fischer | Russell Job & Edda Viskic |

Other Genera - Species not listed elsewhere

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| 1st | <i>Sngl. longifolia</i> | Les Burgess |
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Paphiopedilum - Species

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| 1st | <i>Paph. charlesworthii</i> | Nesbitts Orchids |
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POD ROT

If you have been trying a bit of amateur hybridizing you may have experienced the staminode end of the orchid flower you have pollinated developing rot which eventually destroys the whole pod. This is a darkening of the green colour to grey/brown. If you make a paste of Mancozeb™ and water and paint this thickly onto the end of the pod just as the pod is developing and before rot develops you will certainly prevent any loss of your valuable pod.

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A PREVIOUS WINTER SHOW 1ST JULY 1976

The Orchid Club of South Australia Inc. held their Winter Show on 1st July 1976 which was notable for the variety and quality of the exhibits. The Champion of the Show was *Paph. fairrieanum* 'Red' owned by Mr. G.C. White. This clone is becoming famous since receiving an Award of Distinction OCSA/AOC for Adelaide Orchids on 9th August 1971.

The Champion displayed four lovely wide flowers distinctively accented with red. Mr. & Mrs. Kiely won Champion Miniature Cymbidium with *Cym. Bo Peep* 'Mary' a well grown plant carrying four arching spikes of tan/brown flowers each with many perfect fully open flowers.

Champion Novelty *Cymbidium* was *Cym.* (Putana 'Gem' x Clarissa 'Robin') a small plant with two erect spikes, each with perfectly arranged red/brown flowers grown by Mick Ryan Orchids.

The judges gave a Special Award of Commendation to an outstanding *Phais tancarvilliae* owned by Mr. & Mrs Auliciems. The plant carried a spike about 2m tall with a magnificent head of flowers.

During the evening Mr. Russell Martin gave a fine talk on *Paphiopedilums* illustrated by slides.

Mr. Martin's *Paph.* Baroque 'Chorale' won the Best Red in the Open Section of the Show. It was acclaimed a very successful Show indeed by the 360 members and friends who were present.

K. J. Staples

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PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURE

After talking to many *Paphiopedilum* growers on our visits to Queensland a common thread was noticed between growers from Atherton to Townsville and that was excessive fertilising produced deformed flowers, excessive root loss and retarded growth. Watering was kept to light just to keep the mix moist and the plants were fed at ½ to ¼ strength once per month resulting in better root growth and larger better coloured flowers.

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OCSA WEB SITE

Those members that have access to the internet, please visit the OCSA Web Site. Our Web Master Ron Parish regularly upgrades the site and we are now putting in the Monthly Bulletins so if you lose one you will be able to find it on the site.

WWW.orchidclubofsouthaustraliainc.com

It would be appreciated if members could give us some feed back on their thoughts and any improvements that could be considered. Please drop a note to the Secretary for your ideas to be tabled.

GUEST SPEAKER JUNE DAY GROUP

The next Day Group Meeting will be held at the Enfield Community Centre 540 Regency Road, Enfield on Friday 10th of June from 2.00 to 4.00pm.

Our Guest Speaker will be Ron Parish speaking on Species Orchids and his travels.

Ron and Irene travel extensively and their avid interest in species orchids is outstanding Richard Fishlock will be taking the Beginner's Group and he has requested that all attending try and bring in a plant so that discussions can take place.

Our usual door prizes, Trading Table and Library will take place. Everyone is most welcome to come along and join in a fun and relaxing day. Hope to see you there.

Pat Harmer

Day Group Co-ordinator

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MAY DAY GROUP REPORT

30 members enjoyed an extremely fun day at our May Meeting. It was our Annual Auction with our dedicated bidders vying for the many treasures offered. On occasions the bidding was fierce but was all in fun. Our expert Auctioneer Reg Shooter, did a marvellous job keeping everything in hand and adding to the humour in which he excels. I am very proud to say that we took \$350 on the day and our Day Group members must be congratulated for their help and generosity given to our club.

Many of the newer members attended the 'Beginner's Group' prior to the meeting and I thank Murray Baulderstone for taking this group. Next month Richard Fishlock will take the group and he has requested that all attending bring in a plant and they will have a plant discussion day. Ron Yates gave us his usual comprehensive commentary on the many lovely plants benched on the day. Trevor Camac gave us details on our coming events which included our Workshop on the 28th May, the Winter Show 9th & 10th July, Bus Trip 20th August and the Sarc. Dinner on the 5th November.

Details of our next night and day meetings were given. The meeting closed and the members enjoyed viewing the orchids and a cuppa before exiting with their treasures purchased.

Pat Harmer Day Group Co-ordinator

CULTURAL OBSERVATIONS FOR JUNE



The weather has again been very kind to us since last month and a great season for orchid flowers is guaranteed. It has been one of the best years for a while for cluster type *Cattleyas* with good numbers at Shows and on the benches. The other types are also producing good growth and flowering sheaths are starting to appear. The nights and days are starting to get

cooler so watering can be reduced as plants slow their growth.

Cymbidium spikes are appearing so staking alongside the new lead not only indicates where the lead is but the stake is there ready for tying. Don't forget to remove stem sheaths when the inflorescence reaches a reasonable length. These sheaths trap water and sometimes cause rotting of the new flower stem. Place your cotton wool barriers on all stems to deter those 'chewers' from doing damage to your flowering buds. Keep up the snail bate on top of the pots as well as on the growing area floor to capture any slugs or snails that are still about. As the buds emerge carefully clean the 'Honeydew' from them with a cotton bud and warm water. This will stop the sugary material from getting that 'smut' type fungi that can and will stain the flower segments if left there too long. Your fertilizing is now split between those orchids that are coming into flower requiring a 'Blossom Booster' and those that are producing new leads requiring a High Nitrogen fertilizer. A good watering a couple of days before you show your flowering plant with Molasses aids in keeping the plant and flowers fresh for a couple of extra days. Give it another Molasses watering when you bring it home. We have found that this helps to stop the plants from stressing out when placed in Shopping Centre Air-conditioning for a week.

There is still some scale about but not as prevalent so keep an eye out for this pest. The old Mealybug is always around particularly on *Paphiopedilum* so regular spraying with Confidor™ will assist.

If you have 'Soft Cane' *Dendrobiums* keep turning them toward the north to ensure a good flowering. Any 'Ki-KI's' can now be twisted off and potted up into a long small pot in sphagnum moss to initiate and establish a new plant. Don't forget to treat the wound on the old cane to avoid rotting.

David & Pat Harmer

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PHALAENOSIS FROM TAIWAN

In recent years we have seen around shows and on the benches many extraordinary *Phalaenopsis* colours in spotted, blotched, stripes, blushing and various shapes produced by the Jian Ching-Hsien Nursery in Taiwan. Here they produce in excess of 25 million plants; their laboratory, office and greenhouses covering over 11 acres. At another site covering several acres they have other shade-houses and facilities for *Phalaenopsis*. We see many hybrids starting with *Phal.* I-Hsin ????? This is pronounced "e-shin".

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PLANTS OF INTEREST FOUND ON THE BENCHES

Zygopetalum (Z.) maxillare

Common Name:
The Chin Bone Zygopetalum



This unusual species grown and shown by Les Nesbitt is found in south eastern Brazil, Paraguay and Argentina growing as an epiphyte on tree ferns at altitudes of 4,000 feet in fairly shaded conditions. Most plants start their life about half way up the trunk of the tree fern but because of the climbing growth habit and very long rhizome in a few short years the plant forms at clump at the top of the fern.



The image at the left shows the long 60 to 70mm long rhizome which is very unusual for a *Zygopetalum*. This habit means that the plant in a couple of years needs repotting as it climbs out of the pot.

As seen here the pseudobulbs are about 50mm tall and slightly compressed. The strap like leaves are 200 to 300mm long. Les's plant had four flowers that are fragrant, long lasting (6 to 8 weeks) about 65mm across.

Of interest it is recorded that 385 registrations contain this species. Some of which we seen here on our benches:

<i>Zga.</i> Adelaide Meadows	<i>Z.</i> Artur Elle	<i>Z.</i> Helen-Ku
<i>Z.</i> B.G. White	<i>Z.</i> Kiwi Choice	<i>Z.</i> Redvale
<i>Z.</i> Titanic	<i>Z.</i> Syd Monkhouse	<i>Z.</i> Advance Australia
<i>Zba.</i> Kiwi	<i>Z.</i> <i>Zga.</i> Kuitpo	<i>Z.</i> John Banks
<i>Z.</i> Blue Lake	<i>Zba.</i> Elfin Jade	<i>Zba.</i> Tarcoola
<i>Z.</i> Gary Baker	<i>Zga.</i> Clare Fisher	<i>Fsh.</i> Bill Fisher

Thanks to Les for bringing in this interesting and unusual plant.

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**** You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake ****

Please check plant condition and remove all husks from bulbs and dead ends on leaves, Cymbidiums should preferably have inflorescences visible.

- **Please note: - all plants suspected of having disease, insect infestation, or virus will not be accepted.**

Ensure all labels and docketts are fully and correctly filled in, otherwise plants may not be accepted for sale.

Please present your sale plants in the condition you would want if you were buying the plant.

Show helpers: If you can assist with the running of the show, on the Plant sales stall or help out in the kitchen your help will be very much appreciated.

Please contact the Show Marshall Trevor Camac if you are able to help or assist on the plant sales stall/ in the kitchen or show monitoring during the show so that your name may be include on the roster for the show.

An admission fee of \$2.00 will be charged for entry to the Winter Orchid Show.

The Show will be Open from 10.00am until 4.00pm both days on the 9th and 10th of July.

Light refreshments will be available for the duration of the show.

If any further information is required please contact:-

Trevor Camac (8396 4414) for any show matters.

Registrar of Judges Ron Yates (8264 6973) for any judging matter.

Registrar of Judges – Ron Yates

Show Marshall – Trevor Camac

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VIRUS IN ORCHIDS

Most Members now, would be aware of how to identify if your orchid may have Virus. The Virus Advisory Group, consisting of Dave Harmer, Pat Harmer, Ron Parish, Graham Zerbe, Kel Staples and Richard Fishlock, have been actively involved for several years, to assist Members with advice.

We thankfully have seen a reduction in Orchids benched with suspect leaves, or flowers that are deformed or showing colour break (an indicator to suspect virus).

If you have doubt about your plant, bring a leaf in a plastic bag to the meeting and approach one of the advisory group.

I recall in one year, five instances where a leaf was seen – in 3 cases I believe that the leaf markings are due to fungus (moisture on the leaf that did not dry out properly, causing a deterioration of leaf cells).

The true test for virus is to send a suspect leaf to a Department in Tasmania. They have an electron microscope to identify the markings and a written report is also provided.

The cost is about \$19 for each test. If Members require further information, please feel free to approach one of the advisory group who are always pleased to help!

Richard Fishlock

(For virus advisory group)



Doritis natmataungensis

A NEW DORITIS

FROM MYANMAR

Dor. natmataungensis

This new species described by Tomohisa Yukawa and Yin Murata was found in Myanmar in the Natma Taung National Park. This park is located in Chin State, south western Myanmar.

Yukawa and others found the new *Doritis* at an elevation of 1740 meters growing epiphytically in disturbed forestland along a stream. It was noted that leaves were present during the growing period but absent at flowering. The inflorescence was arching to sub-erect with 4 to 16 flowers about 5.5mm long and 4.5mm wide and were fleshy, fragrant, ovary dull green with purplish tinted sepals and petals mustard yellow mottled with purplish brown. Labellum creamy yellow, lateral lobes mottled with purplish red, column creamy yellow stained with dull red.

Doritis natmataungensis is closely related to *Doritis stobartiana* but differs from the latter by its mottled sepals and petals, the different shaped ridge of the lateral lobes of the labellum and the thick ridge of the midlobe of the labellum.

Information extracted from the International Phalaenopsis Alliance Fourth Quarter Journal 2010.

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SINGAPORE WORLD ORCHID CONFERENCE

Any Members interested in going to the Conference on 13th to 20th November 2011 are invited to contact Colin Jennings who has made arrangements through Flight Centre for fares and accommodation in Singapore at reasonable rates. You can contact Colin by phone on 08 8264 6490 or email cje97694@bigpond.net.au for further details.

SMOULTS MOBILE HORTICULTURAL SUPPLIES P/L

For those members who deal with a supporter of our Club, Phillip has now changed his trading hours due to Janelle leaving soon to have a baby. This means that as from the 1st of July the trade counter will only open Wednesday to Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm. Pick ups can be arranged for Monday & Tuesday but the trade counter will be closed.

Give Phillip a call as he can generally deliver most items. PHONE: 08 8182 4588

HOW THE BEST WERE GROWN IN MAY

OPEN DIVISION: The judges selection for the Division was *Rhynchostele (Rst.) bictoniense* x *Brassia (Brs.) Rex. Rst. bictoniense* was formerly known as *Odontoglossum bictoniense*, *Brs. Rex* is a crossing of *Brs. (verrucosa* x *gireoudiana)*. This hybrid was beautifully grown and presented by Roger Herraman. Roger grows this plant under 50% shade-cloth and waters twice per week in the Summer months and fortnightly in the cooler months. Fertilizing is done using a Hydroponic low nitrogen fertilizer when in active growth. The potting medium is small bark, diatomite and gravel. The plant is only put under cover when the flower buds are ready to open. Roger says that this plant is an easy shade-house grower. Thank you Roger.

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FIRST DIVISION: The plant of the Division was *Stenoglottis (Sngl.) longifolia*. This species orchid was grown by Rita and Rossetta Silvestri. The plant is grown in cool normal weather conditions during the year under shadecloth and receives just winter rain during this period and then is watered every night in Summer. The plant is fertilised every second week with Rito's secret brew. The potting media is small gravel and bark mix. Rito grows this above the Cymbidiums and does not water when raining. Very well grown and presented species with nicely trained racemes of flowers evenly spaced around the container and many thanks to you for bringing in your plant for all of us to enjoy

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SECOND DIVISION: Trevor & Gwen Camac were the winners of the plant for this division with their species of *Brassia longissima*. Trevor grows this plant in cool conditions in a semi-enclosed shade house and waters with rain water normally every week. The plant has Osmocote Plus slow release and every two weeks is fertilized with the Iron Chelates/Epsom Salts mixture. The plant is potted in medium pine bark. The growing area has plenty of ventilation and an evaporative cooler is used as required on the warmer days over summer to maintain humidity. A very well gorn and presented plant and worthy of selection for the Division.

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A GUIDE TO FUTURE CHAMPIONS

If you want to expand your collection with quality orchids then make a list of recent Grand Champions of the various Shows. These can be sourced from Orchids Australia and the various Club Bulletins and News tabled at Monthly Meetings. These give you a guide in various Genera the current BEST quality orchids available either in mericlones or crossings. Also take a note of the Champion Seedlings as they are an indication of good current breeding from outstanding new parents

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OCSA Winter Show Details

The Winter show will be held at the Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Road, Enfield on the 9th-10th July 2011.

Put In: Friday 8th of July between 4.00pm & 6.00pm.

Orchids can be brought to the hall and delivered to the plant Marshals on duty.

Judging will begin at 6.30pm sharp.

- **Growers please note: - Plants suspected of being infected with virus, disease or insect infestation will not be eligible for competition and such plants will be asked to be removed from the show.**

Parking: Available in the centre's car park on the evening of Friday 8th.

- **Members are requested to find alternative parking in the nearby streets during the show on the 9th and 10th July so there is maximum parking space available for members of the public wishing to visit the Winter Orchid show.**

Foliage Plants: These can be brought in with your orchids. Please make sure that your exhibitor's number is on all pots.

Please bring in as many as you can because all will be needed to make our displays more attractive.

Displays: These will be set up and arranged by specialist members of our Club.

Plants and Labeling: Your plants should be presented ready for exhibition.

Please ensure that the correct label for your Division is attached to each plant, displaying the plant name and your exhibitor number on the label.

Additional Labels will be available from the Treasurer's desk.

Take Out: Take out will occur after 4.00pm on Sunday 10th July 2010.

Exhibits must not be removed from the show before this time without the approval of the Show Marshall.

All plants must be removed, if a member is unable to remove their plants and wish to have another person pick them up please notify the Show Marshall of arrangements before take out with a written letter of authorization.

Show Schedules: These will be available on the information table at the July meeting and also when you put your plants in at the show.

AOC Award Judging: If you have a plant for an AOC award then this can be arranged by phoning Roger Rankin on 8182 2702 **at least 48 hours** before the commencement of show judging.(6.30pm)

OCSA Award: This can be arranged by notifying Ron Yates **at least 48 hours (before Put In)** on the 8th of July.

Commercial: Growers who would like to have their own display and trading area are urged to arrange this by contacting the Show Marshall Trevor Camac (8396 4414) or by the July Meeting.

Trading Table: Bring your plants through the front entrance of the hall between 4.00pm and 6.00pm on Friday 8th of July and have them checked in by the trading table helpers.