

The South Coast Orchid Club of SA Inc.

Gazette

July
2016



PRESIDENT: Michael Willoughby
PATRON: Sydney Monkhouse

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB

AT A GLANCE

This next meeting will be our 51st Birthday and will be held at 8.00 pm. on Wednesday 6th July 2016 at St Bernadette's Church Hall, corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Marys. The guest speaker will be Steve Howard who will talk on Catasetums. Please don't miss this talk as Steve is a very accomplished speaker from whom we will all learn a lot.

Everyone is asked to bring a **Supper Plate**. If it needs heating please see Dorothy when you arrive at the meeting.

- **JUDGING:** Please have plants benched by 7.40 pm so judging can commence at 7.50pm. If you are running late because of work commitments please phone Phil on 0438 891 612
- **BEGINNERS' GROUP:** Next meeting July 6th at 7.20 pm with Geoff Spear. Please support the Beginners Group. The presenters have put a lot of effort into their presentations and you will certainly learn a lot.

DAYTIME CHAPTER: The next meeting will be held at Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday, 14th July 2016 at 2.00 pm. Our Guest Speaker will be Michael Willoughby talking on The Champions of the Year. Beginners' Group at 1.30pm with Phil Steer.

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP: The next meeting will be held at 2 pm. on Sunday 17th July 2016 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Guest speaker will be Peter Hall speaking on Bromeliads.

LUCKY NAME BADGE: Make sure you wear your Name Badge, you may win a prize.

FATHERS DAY RAFFLE

To be drawn at the September Meeting.

\$1.00 per ticket.

Prize: (Displayed at Treasurer's Desk)
Nescafe Dolce Gusto Coffee Machine

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07 Main Meeting – Syd Monkhouse on World
Conference
08 Daytime Chapter - Noel Oliver Christmas
18 Southern Region Group - Graham Zerbe



Is your name in the Birthday Book ?? Please see - Heather Wright

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy 51st Birthday.

July is birthday month for the South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia.

The show season is well and truly upon us, as the SAROC Fair has just been conducted and four metro clubs are holding Winter/midyear shows over the next 5 weeks.



SAROC Fair: Congratulations to The SA Orchidaceous Society on the Champion Display and to Don & Jane Higgs for their Grand Champion orchid, *Paphiopedilum Villosum* which was awarded an HCC. A huge and well deserved thank you to all members who helped throughout the SAROC Fair across setting up the Drill Hall, setting up and putting in our display, the SAROC BBQ which was very busy, as I have been told that the number of patrons was noticeably more than last year, and to the members who had plants in the display. Without your plants we cannot have a display and I congratulate you all for the varied plants we displayed (this includes the non-orchids as they are vital to making a display work).

Walking into the Drill Hall on Saturday morning was a sight to behold showing off all the hard work over many hours the afternoon before. Talking with members of many different clubs and SAROC delegates it was felt that this may have been the best SAROC Fair yet and by far the busiest Sunday for quite a few years. South Coast achieved three genus champions in our display: Champion Australian Native, Champion Oncidiinae and Champion Other Genera as well as an Ira Butler Trophy nomination. The Champion plant in the display was *Prosthecea cochleata* 'Rita', more on these later in the gazette.

Our Winter Show is approaching fast as it on from Sunday 25th July through to Saturday 30th July at the Hallett Cove Shopping Centre. Hours are normal shopping hours.

The AOC judging course is due to begin very soon with an introductory session being held on June 25th. If you are interested you may still be able to join the course as it is just beginning. It is worthwhile and the knowledge you gain as well as meeting many other growers from different clubs is always beneficial.

Successful growing & showing

Michael

EDITORS NOTE:

Please don't forget that this is your Gazette. If there is anything you would like to see covered or anything you would like to see changed, please let me know. I especially like photographs to include and details of your successes with your orchids.

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Christine

ORCHID CALENDAR FOR 2016

WINTER SHOW

Sunday 24th July to Saturday 30th July at the Hallett Cove Shopping Centre, Lonsdale Highway, Lonsdale.

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP SHOW

Thursday 25th August to Sunday 28th August at the R.S.L. Hall, Coral Street, Victor Harbor.

SPRING SHOW

Sunday 25th September to Saturday 1st October at the Seaford Rise Shopping Centre, Commercial Road, Seaford

YOUR 2016 COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT:	Michael Willoughby
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT:	Geoffrey Spear
VICE PRESIDENT:	Donna Meeuwssen
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Registrar	Phillip Steer
Editor	Christine Robertson
Web Master	Michael Willoughby

SUBSCRIPTIONS

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Family Membership	\$38.00
Single Membership	\$30.00
Junior Membership	\$22.00

Rural and Interstate Membership

Family Membership	\$34.00
Single Membership	\$28.00



LIFE MEMBERS

* denotes Member who has passed away.

1978 Dulcie Grave	1986 Harry Viney *	2009 Don Biebrick
1978 Leora Harvey	1986 John Nichols	2009 Henk Van Leuveran
1978 L. & H. Poole*	1989 Helen Edwards	2010 Dorothy Carassai
1978 Ellie Shaw*	2003 Norman Gitcham	2011 John and Bev Gay
1979 Syd Monkhouse	2005 Merve Steele*	2012 Noel Oliver
1979 Bernie Hanson*	2005 Shirley Steele	2015 Lesley Fenton
1981 Lois Hanson*	Circa Tony and Toshy Deonnio*	2015 Rod McRedmond
1981 John Leader*	2007 Ron and Irene Parish	2015 Lesley Fenton
1985 Brenda Lynch	2007 Murray Baulderstone *	This list is still being
1985 Bubs Gready *	2008 Geoff and Lucy Spear	compiled.

SAROC FAIR

The SAROC Fair for 2016 was held on the 18th and 19th of June, at the Torrens Parade ground. This was the first time we could not hold the fair on the Queen's Birthday long weekend and the committee was concerned after so many years of the show being held on this long weekend. The concern was unwarranted; a very successful show, with the vendors happy with plant sales and many orchid growers going home with their new purchases.

All clubs and their members should be congratulated for making the SAROC Fair a great success and for giving the public a great deal of pleasure of seeing the versatility of orchids that were in the displays. Hopefully this has encouraged the members of the public into becoming more interested in growing these very rewarding plants and even possibly joining a local orchid society near them. There was lots of information given out to members of the public about local clubs in their area/s.

Congratulations to the South Australian Orchidaceous Society for winning overall champion for their delightful display. Congratulations also to Jane and Don Higgs for their Grand Champion of the Show, *Paphiopedilum villosum* 'Orchid Haven'. Not only was this plant Grand Champion of the Show but it was awarded an AOC Quality Award, a Highly Commended Certificate (HCC).

Thank you to all concerned. Friday all the members who helped put in the display and take out Sunday. It would also be remiss of me not to thank Donna Meeuwsen for the help with the display as well as Phil Steer and Rowan Crowhurst with creating the labels to go onto the plants in our display. As well thank you to Dorothy Carassai and the other members of the club who helped man the BBQ. The dinner Saturday night, held at the Hampstead Hotel, was once again a delicious meal enjoyed by all who attended the dinner.



South Coast Orchid Club Display at the SAROC Fair

SAROC CHAMPIONS

The following photographs are of the plants in the South Coast Orchid Club Display that were awarded as Champions of the SAROC Fair. Congratulations go to Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju for these successful plants.



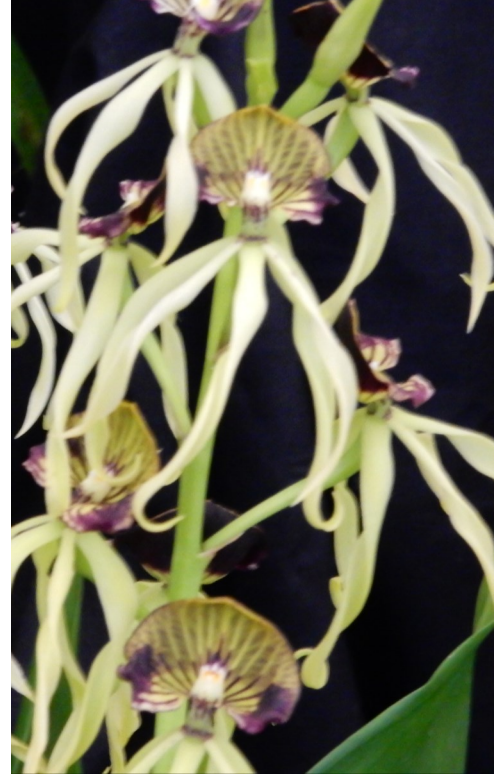
Champion Oncidiinae -
Brsdm. [McIna] Pagan Love Song
'Ruby Charles'



Champion Other Genera -
Den. Unknown



Champion Australian Native -
Den. Saigon Victory 'Springers 13'



Champion Plant in the SCOCA Display-
Psh. cochleata 'Rita'

WINTER SHOW

HALLETT COVE SHOPPING CENTRE

SUNDAY 24TH JULY TO SATURDAY 30TH JULY

VENUE: Hallett Cove Shopping Centre , Lonsdale Highway, Lonsdale

PUT IN TIME: 11.30a.m. to 12.45p.m. Saturday 23rd July at Hamilton Secondary School, 815 Marion Road, Mitchell Park in the Basketball Stadium.

JUDGING: 1.00p.m. Sharp. After judging, plants are to be taken to Hallett Cove Shopping Centre. Please make prior arrangements if you need your plants transported.

TRADING TABLE: Set Up Saturday 23rd July after 4.00p.m. Please note PLANTS CANNOT BE TAKEN INTO THE STORE BEFORE 4.00p.m. The Committee needs the assistance of members to volunteer help on the Trading Table. Sell your surplus plants on the Trading Table, ask Dorothy for swing tickets and selling sheets.

REMINDER: To sell your plants at the Show you must be a financial member.

WINTER SHOW SCHEDULE 2016

Card classes not for Promotion – Card only	Promotional Class Prize Money	Genera & Divisional Champions (Prize Money)
Australian Native Epiphyte Species Epiphyte Hybrid Terrestrial Species Terrestrial Hybrid <hr/> Specimen, Seedling	Best Australian Native	Champion Australian Native
<i>Cymbidium</i> – over 90mm Red/Pink White/Cream Yellow/Green Brown/Other Colour <hr/> Species, Specimen, Seedling	Best <i>Cymbidium</i> Over 90mm	Champion <i>Cymbidium</i> Over 90mm
<i>Cymbidium</i> – 60-90mm Red/Pink White/Cream Yellow/Green Brown/Other Colour <hr/> Species, Specimen, Seedling	Best <i>Cymbidium</i> 60 – 90mm	Champion <i>Cymbidium</i> 60 – 90mm
<i>Cymbidium</i> – Under 60mm Red/Pink White/Cream Yellow/Green Brown/Other Colour <hr/> Species, Specimen, Seedling	Best <i>Cymbidium</i> Under 60mm	Champion <i>Cymbidium</i> Under 60mm
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Standard Non Standard <hr/> Species, Specimen, Seedling	Best <i>Paphiopedilum</i>	Champion <i>Paphiopedilum</i>
Laeliinae Standard >100mm Standard <100mm Cluster Non Standard <hr/> Species, Specimen, Seedling	Best Laeliinae	Champion Laeliinae
Oncidiinae <i>Oncidium</i> Hybrid >60mm <i>Oncidium</i> Hybrid <60mm <hr/> Species, Specimen, Seedling	Best Oncidiinae	Champion Oncidiinae

WINTER SHOW SCHEDULE 2016 cont.

Card classes not for Promotion – Card only	Promotional Class Prize Money	Genera & Divisional Champions (Prize Money)
<div>Zygopetalinae Zygopetalum Hybrid Zygopetalinae Hybrid Zygopetalinae Species</div> <div>Specimen, Seedling</div>	<div>Best Zygopetalinae</div>	<div>Champion Zygopetalinae</div>
<div>Phalaenopsis Standard Hybrid Non Standard Hybrid</div> <div>Species, Seedling</div>	<div>Best Phalaenopsis</div>	<div>Champion Any Other Genus</div>
<div>Dendrobium Other than Australian Native Hybrid</div> <div>Species, Seedling</div>	<div>Best Dendrobium Other than Australian Native</div>	
<div>Vandeae Standard Hybrid Non Standard Hybrid</div> <div>Species, Seedling</div>	<div>Best Vandeae</div>	
<div>Any Other Genus Hybrid</div> <div>Species, Specimen, Seedling</div>	<div>Best Any Other Genus</div>	
<div>GRAND CHAMPION is selected from the Genera Champions</div>		
<div>OTHER CHAMPIONS</div> <div>Champion Seedling Champion Species</div>	<div>Champion Specimen Division Champions</div>	
<div>TROPHIES</div> <div>H & C Edwards Trophy – Grand Champion – Winter Show Roy Hill Trophy – Best 60mm – 90mm – Winter Show</div>		
<div>AUSTRALIAN NATIVES</div> <div>The Best Australian Native Hybrid in the Show will be eligible to be nominated for the Ira Butler Trophy. The Best Australian Native Species in the Show will be eligible to be nominated for the Les Nesbit Trophy.</div>		

PREPARING ORCHIDS FOR SALE

1. Select the plants that you want to let go.
2. Obtain Plant Sheets and Plant Price Tags from Lucy or Dorothy in the weeks prior to the Sale.
3. Clean all pots. Wipe them over with a damp cloth to remove all white residue of salt from the pots. If these pots have been recycled from somewhere else, please make sure any old advertising and price stickers are all cleaned off.
4. Check all stakes and add more if necessary and re-tie.
5. Remove old brown husks from bulbs and remove weeds, snails, scale etc.
6. Remove all dry ends on the leaves and shape to a point.
7. Wipe leaves over with a mixture of milk and water (1 part milk to 10 parts water). Do not overdo the milk by adding extra as the fat in the milk will clog the pores in the leaves which will then yellow off and die.
8. Water all plants 2-3 days before, not on the morning that you are bringing them in. This water really makes a mess on our clothes, tablecloths and the floor.
9. The **SALES SHEET** is a carbonless duplicated sheet, so both sheets are to be used together. Press down firmly on a hard surface to imprint on the second page. The original and duplicated sheets must be lodged with plants.
 - Print your name in the top left hand corner of the page
 - Print your club member number in the top right hand corner
 - Rule a narrow column down the left side of the page. This column is for the plant number 1—30. Please use consecutive numbering for additional sheets i.e. 31-60 for page 2, etc.
 - On the right hand side you need a column a bit wider for the selling price of the plant. Be reasonable with the pricing, not greedy. Either you want to sell it or you don't. Take into account the number of spikes and condition of the plant. If you are not sure of pricing, ask someone.
 - The centre section is for the description e.g. Cym, Den, Cat, etc. and the name and colour of your plant e.g. Cym. Without Peer 'Soft Touch' (pink).
10. Next write your **PRICE TAGS**. It's a good idea to do both sides of the tag.
 - Your member number goes on the left hand side
 - The plant number on the right hand side. Circle the plant number.
 - Write your price under these numbers.

Make sure that the tag on the plant matches the information on your sales sheet . These plant price tags need to be checked off on your sheet by another person when you bring you plants in. You can help by reading out the numbers and price on the tag with the other person checking off the list. If there is a discrepancy, it needs to be attended to. Give both copies of the sheet to the person checking the plants off. If you need a copy for yourself, take a third copy. However in most cases you will be given one sheet back with your cheque.

We hope these notes help you. Lucy and Dorothy are always around to assist you further if needed, so just ask for help should you need it.

Dorothy

EXHIBITORS' RULES FOR SHOWS

1. All exhibitors must be financial members of the South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia Incorporated.
2. Entries are free.
3. Exhibitors are bound by the Constitution, Rules, By-Laws and Special Show Rules of the Club.
4. The opinion of the judges is final and binding and no objections or discussions regarding results will be considered, with one exception, which is an infringement by an Exhibitor of any of the Club's Rules, By-Laws or Show Rules. Any objection in this case must be lodged with the Club Show Marshall/Secretary.
5. The Club accepts no responsibility for any loss, damage or infection suffered by any plant or blooms exhibited.
6. The Club reserves the right to photograph any of the exhibits if it should so wish.
7. In all matters regarding the arrangement and conduct of the show (with the exception of judging) the Show Marshall/Secretary is the ruling authority.
8. No plants suspected by the Club Virus adjudicators of being infected with virus will be eligible for competition and such plants will be completely isolated from all other plants.
9. The exhibition areas will be closed during the judging. No exhibitors, the public or members other than the Show Marshall/Secretary, Judges of the Club, Associate Judges and other persons appointed to assist in judging will be allowed to remain in the exhibition area during this period.
10. Non-exhibitors are requested not to congregate in the exhibition area prior to judging so that officials can arrange plants and perform other necessary duties.
11. Plants must be labelled with the coloured labels provided by the Club with the exhibitor's number and name of plant. These are available from the Show Marshall/Secretary or his/her nominee.
12. Exhibitors are to ensure that all labelling be neatly and correctly performed in accordance with the procedure laid down on orchid Nomenclature and Registration.
13. All plants benched for judging at the show must be made available to be in the Club display for the show week.
14. All exhibits must be benched by the nominated time on the nominated day for Judging. The nominated day and time will be published in the Club Gazette in the month prior to the Show.
15. Exhibits must not be removed before nominated time on the nominated day at the end of the Display week. The nominated day and time will be published in the Club Gazette in the month prior to the Show.
16. Exhibitors unable to remove their own plants from the show should provide the person so doing with a letter of authorization.
17. Damage caused in transit to the show should be reported to the Show Marshall/Secretary or Registrar of Judges prior to judging.
18. If, in the opinion of the judges, a plant is not worthy of an award or prize in any specified section, then none shall be given.

SCOCSA Members at the AOC Trainee Judges First Meeting 25 June 2016. This will be an exciting program and anyone wanting to learn a lot about orchids is urged to consider enrolling for the course. If you are interested you should talk to one of those pictured to learn what is involved.



June Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

Open Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

511 Den. Hilda Poxon

Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)

3

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm Red Pink Brown

515 Cym. Cherry Cola 'May Day'

Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)

3

Cymbidium over 90mm - any other colour

518 Cym. (tracyanum x Dream Wish)

Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)

3

Laeliinae - Species

516 Psh. cochleata 'Rita'

Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)

3

517 L. anceps semi alba

Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)

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June Results List cont.

Ref. No.			Points Awarded
Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm			
512	Rlc. Petch Sayam	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
513	Rlc. (Redland Mariner x Dream Trader)	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2
Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm			
514	Rth. Burana Angel 'Hsinying'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm			
519	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Taida'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid			
522	Den. Unknown	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
523	Den. Kiilani Stripe 'Hew'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	2
Paphiopedilum - Non Standard			
520	Paph. Leeanum	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
Paphiopedilum - Species			
521	Paph. insigne	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3

First Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Species

500	Den. Star of Gold	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	3
501	Den. Jesmond Dazzler	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	2

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

507	Cym. Artful Magic 'Martina'	Bill Jayne (1180)	3
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Laeliinae - Cluster

503	C. Portiata 'Mel'	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
504	Lc. Angel Heart 'Hihimanu'	Rito & Rosetta Silvestri (302)	2
505	Lc. Blue Boy x C. harrisoniae	Bill Jayne (1180)	1

Laeliinae - Non Standard

506	Slc. Precious Jewel x Lc. Rojo	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	3
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Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm

502	Pot. Burana Angel 'Hsinying'	Bill Jayne (1180)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

510	B. cucullerta	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
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Orchid Seedling - any Genera

499	Z. (River Murray x Redvale)	Bill Jayne (1180)	3
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Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

508	Paph. Hsinying Superwings	Bill Jayne (1180)	3
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Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

509	Z. (River Murray x Redvale)	Bill Jayne (1180)	3
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Second Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

485	Den. (Colonial Surprise x Bicentennial Gini)	Sid James (170)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

487	Cym. Katy's Gold 'Bracelet'	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	3
488	Cym. Pure Sarah 'Snowball'	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	2

Cymbidium under 60 Red Pink Brown

489	Cym. (Jessie Blakiston x Terama)	Sid James (170)	3
490	Cym. Renmark 'Little Pink'	Sid James (170)	2
491	Cym. Unknown	Sid James (170)	1

Laeliinae - Non Standard

486	C. (Blue Boy x Harrisoniae)	Christine Robertson (661)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

492	Oncdn. Wildcat 'I-Hsin'	Beth Stronach (836)	3
493	Gom. Sweet Sugar 'Million Dollar'	Sid James (170)	2
494	Miltm. Rosy Sunset	Sid James (170)	1

Oncidiinae - Species

495	Psh. cochleata	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

498	Paph. Unknown	Christine Robertson (661)	3
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Paphiopedilum - Species

496	Paph. insigne	Sid James (170)	3
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Zygopetalinae - Species

497	Z. maculatum	David Williams (1351)	3
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JUNE PLANT COMMENTARY

The members were treated to a really nice display of flowers across all 3 divisions with Open Division having 13 plants, First Division with 11 plants and a very pleasing 13 plants in Second Division. All Divisions showed a wide range of plants coming from a number of different genera with plants from the Laeliinae Group making up the bulk of the plants on show across all divisions. We are starting to see more Cymbidiums on the bench with a pleasing 5 plants in Second Division.

One plant that really took my eye was the stunning C Portiata 'Mel'. very well grown by Paul & Donja Hayes. The plant had 7 spikes of beautiful pink flowers and was a real showpiece.

Orchid of Open Division and Orchid of the Night.

The plant chosen by the Judges as Orchid of Open Division and Orchid of the Night was *Paphiopedilum insigne* grown by Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju. The plant was a beautifully grown plant in a 7" pot and had 10 attractive flowers growing evenly around the plant.

Paphiopedilum insigne is found in its native environment in North East India and China usually at 1000 - 1500m in the light shade of shrubby vegetation. Plants often occur on dolomitic limestone outcrops over streams and rivers, often near waterfalls. The roots are normally embedded in soil and moss. The flowering period is from May to June. The plants grow in dappled light conditions and cool to warm conditions of 14c to 24c at night.



Well done
Michael & Oui.

Keep those beautiful plants coming for us all to see.

Orchid of First Division

The plant of First Division was grown by Bill Jayne and was Pot Burana Angel 'Hsinying'. The plant had 2 very attractive flowers that were a bright red with a striking gold centre. A well grown plant. Well done Bill.

This plant is also known as (Rhyncattleanthe) Rth. Burana Angel. It is composed of species of which tolerate a range of light conditions. It is probably best to grow this hybrid in dappled light to bright indirect light conditions. It may be tolerant of shaded conditions. And is best grown in cool to warm conditions, or 14°C to 24°C at night. It may be tolerant of hot (24°C to 29°C) night temperatures.

This crossing has been awarded 10 times and has been used 3 times as a parent. The awarded plants have on average 3-4 flowers.



Orchid of Second Division



The plant of Second Division was also a Paphiopedilum insigne with 4 well presented flowers. This plant was shown by Sid James who is one of our Southern Region Group members. A worthy winner. Well Done Sid and looking forward to more winning plants from you.

Congratulations to all of our members who put plants on the bench this month.

I would like to express my thanks to Graham Zerbe who helped us with the Judging at short notice, also Noel Oliver for being our Anchor man each month. Also thanks to Beth Stronach & Helen McIntosh for their assistance with the job of pencilling for the judges.

Good Growing !

Phil Steer
Registrar

DAYTIME CHAPTER

Hi Everyone,

Our Guest Speaker today was our Past President Geoff Spear. Geoff is an avid grower of Cymbidium orchids. This particular genus is Geoff's great love and he has a great passion for them. It really shows by all the great results he achieves in the number of flowers and plants he is able to produce. It's a great credit to him for what he has achieved over the years. He prefers the tall standard type which are beautiful but grow very big and tall. I myself like all the smaller pendulous and upright types. I love them all really, but it would be so boring if everyone grew the same thing wouldn't it?



The talk today, plus demonstration, was the breaking up and repotting of a plant with Geoff explaining all the right things to do: staking up, cleaning the plant so it really looks loved and cared for. all the bell and whistles need for this plant to grow and flourish. Many questions were asked and answered. Thanks Geoff for another task well done.



Geoff Spear explains the finer points of breaking up and repotting cymbidiums.

Lesley Gunn was the Guest Speaker in charge of our Beginners Group today. Being unable to sit in on this discussion, I am sure Lesley was at her usual bright, informative and descriptive self, always doing a fantastic job. So I am sure all in attendance were



thoroughly advised of the 'Do's and Don'ts' in the course of caring and growing the orchid plants. Thank you Lesley.

The Beginners' Group showing great interest in Lesley Gunn's discussion.

Lesley also did our Plant Commentary. The display had a mixed array of different genera, all nicely grown and presented. Thanks to all those that brought in their plants to share with us, all great to see. Lesley's own plant, a lovely small cocktail type Cattleya, was voted best in display today. This plant, Cat Mark Jones "Lance" x Slc Jungle Elf 'Cheryl Lynn' had lovely yellow flowers with purple/magenta coloured markings and was very pretty. nicely displayed and well presented. Thanks and congratulations Lesley, another lovely little plant and flower.

Apologies today from Peter and Geraldine Flavel, missed you Bill, hope you are OK. See you all again soon. Take Care.

Andrew Dean, our newest member, brought along a friend today We all hope Marlene enjoyed the afternoon with us and I hope she learnt a lot on the culture of Orchids. It's a great hobby to get involved in.

The meeting closed, thanking all in attendance.
Bye



Lesley Gunn with Plant of Display -
Cat Mark Jones 'Lance' x
Slc Jungle Elf 'Cheryl Lynn'

Dorothy 8277 1793



SOUTHERN REGION GROUP MEETING **SUNDAY 15TH MAY**

Noel Oliver opened the meeting at 2 pm. welcoming members and visitors. Noel explained that Geoff and Lucy Spear and Dorothy Carassai were at the SAROC Fair and that he was chairing the meeting.

Apologies: Lucy and Geoff Spear, Dorothy Carassai

Guest Speaker: Des Bettcher gave a very comprehensive and enlightening presentation on Cymbidiums. Members asked Des many question. Thank you Des.

Birthday Draw: Jan Saxon

Name Badge: Eileen Pinnock

Judges: Noel Oliver and John Gay

Plant of the Day, Popular Vote, and Plant of Second Division:

Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' - Marilyn Jelfs

Plant of First Division: Den. Rosella Kingianum - Ruth and Keven Tugwell

Next meeting: Sunday 17th June 2016, time 2.00p.m. The guest speaker will be Peter Hall speaking on Bromeliads.

SRG June Results

Second Division

Points Awarded

Australian Native Epiphyte – species

548 Den. bigibbum Marilyn Jelfs 3

Australian Native Epiphyte – Hybrid

549 Den. (speciosum x kingianum x Ellen) Reg & Elsie Clifford 3

Cymbidium over 90mm Red Pink Brown

553 Cym. Valley Olympic 'Pink Perfection' Helen Humphrys 3

Cymbidium over 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

554 Cym. Strath Wonder Reg & Elsie Clifford 3

555 Cym. Grand Monarch 'Exquisite' Helen Humphrys 2

556 Cym. Grand Monarch 'Exquisite' Reg & Elsie Clifford 1

Cymbidium under 60 mm – Red Pink Brown

557 Cym. Cherry Cola 'Geyserland' Helen Humphrys 3

558 Cym. Memoria Doris Price Sid James 2

Laeliinae – Cluster

550 Epi. Varigatum Lavender Reg & Elsie Clifford 3

Laeliinae – Non Standard

551 Lc.. Gold Digger x Slc. Hawaiian Chick Gary Clark 3

Oncidiinae – Hybrid < 60 mm

559 Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' Marilyn Jelfs 3

Paphiopedilum – Non Standard

560 Phrag. Lunique Gary Clark 3

561 Paph. Pepper Puddle Gary Clark 2

562 Paph. Rnn Williamson Gary Clark 1

Paphiopedilum – Species

571 Paph. insigne Gary Clark 3

Zygopetaliinae – Hybrid

563 Z. Clare Fisher Reg & Elsie Clifford 3

First Division

Australian Native Epiphyte – Hybrid

564 Den. Rosella Kingianum Ruth & Keven Tugwell 3

565 Den. Anne's Rainbow Surprise Shirley & Don Greig 2

Cymbidium 60-90 mm White Cream Yellow Green

568 Cym. Unknown Shirley & Don Greig 3

Laeliinae – Non Standard

567 Degamora Olympia Jacqui Ruth & Keven Tugwell 3

Oncidiinae – Hybrid > 60 mm

566 Dna. Tropical Heatwave Eileen Pinnock 3

Paphiopedilum – Non Standard

569 Paph. Leea-num Shirley & Don Greig 3

Zygopetaliinae – Hybrid

572 .Z. Kiwi Choice 'Eileen' Eileen Pinnock 3

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

573 Neabuchia pulchella Ruth & Keven Tugwell 3

Specimen Species or Hybrid

574 Den. Rosella Kingianum Ruth & Keven Tugwell 3

Orchid Culture Notes for July

As cold and wet as July can be there is plenty happening in the orchid house. With Spring only a mere few weeks away our plants will soon be picking up the gradual lengthening of days and will soon initiate the beginnings of a new season. How short is a year of orchid growing?

Protection of your plants still remains a priority this month. With many plants in spike or in the process of initiating spikes we must ensure we keep up the protection from the elements, pests and diseases. It is definitely a time also to observe your collection, identify any problems occurring and act now, not later, when it is too late.

Both the middle of Summer and the middle of Winter are the times of the year where the stresses of our climate show up the most in our collections. This time of year it is the effects of being cold and wet that wreaks havoc. Root loss is common, yet the effects may not show up for some time and usually when it does in some cases can be too late. Fungal spots become evident, leaves yellow and drop off and watery patches creeping up the leaf are signs all is not well. Bulb rot is usually quite severe this time of year. Plants from climates where the Winters are dry will suffer the most. A plant will survive cold temperatures if kept on the drier side but the same cannot be said if they remain wet.

Many problems in the collection can be reduced or eliminated with good culture and a diary. We all know that pests and diseases generally attack weakened plants first. If these pests and diseases are prevalent take a good look at your collection and your environments, both in and around the orchid house. Common problems are poor culture and lack of protection, the wrong plants growing in the wrong spot, insufficient light, overcrowding, too much shade, poorly drained mediums, over wetness and dryness and so on. All of this weakens your plants and makes them more susceptible to pests and diseases. Don't be afraid to get someone in and look at your collection if you have some problems. Many a time a fresh set of eyes will soon point out something you can't see.

In the shade house July will see the peak flowering of the Oncidium complex and even now new growth can be seen forming at the bases of last year's made up bulb. After flowering most of these do need a rest where watering is reduced for a while and feeding stops. Don't dry out fully though. Many bulbs will shrivel after flowering and drop a leaf or two. Roots will also seal off. This is normal with some Oncidiums so don't panic. Inexperienced growers usually reach for the hose, thinking the plant is thirsty and end up wiping out the root system so the poor old orchids ends up putting all energies in re-establishing a root system. There are also plenty of Oncidium intergenerics around that are worth a go and some of these can be out in flower nearly any month of the year. They certainly give you an extension to your growing season, a bit like what the hot/cold natives give to the normal native epiphyte flowering season. A few examples of some of the easier ones are the Colmanaras and Beallaras, Wilsonaras and the Burragearas. They are easy to flower and grow in our climate but do better with cover this time of year.

Zygopetalums are still flowering on and off. Keep these evenly moist and feed every fortnight at half strength. Whilst Winter slows them their metabolism does not stop completely. Just like a cymbidium, most Zygopetalums are always doing something whether its flowering, developing and maturing new growth or initiating new growth. As Zygopetalums flower off new growths the accent to feeding these would be something a bit more nitrogen to build up that new growth after the stresses of flowering. Try and spray with fungicide every 2 months or so if spotting on the leaves is severe. Try some of the newer breeding and intergenerics as they appear to be less likely to spot. For example the Zygonerias are producing nice clean compact plants. There is not much in the way of pests with Zygopetalums until Spring when the looper caterpillar parade kicks in. Keep slug /snail pellets in and around the Zygopetalum pots, especially those in spike. Big fat Zygopetalum spikes are high on the slugs menu tonight.

We start seeing more of the standard Paphiopedilums on the show bench from now on. These also need protection over winter, especially those in spike. Slugs will soon make a meal out of a spike. Even a slight chomp will severely hamper the flower development and most likely cause the spike to break under the weight of the flower. Keep water, snail pellets and fertiliser out of the axils as these will encourage rot and considering you usually only get one flower per growth it is a long wait till next year to see your plant flower. Keep moist, fertilise fortnightly at weak concentrations and don't forget to flush the plants pots occasionally with rainwater to wash out the salts. It is a pity we don't see as many of the standards as yesteryear as more growers lean towards the novelty and multi floral type. For those wanting to branch out into Paphiopedilums see if you can grab a piece of *Paphiopedilum insigne*. These are a great beginner's Paphiopedilum to start with.

Flowering of the Laeliniiae complex has thinned out and it is usually the species *L. anceps* and the very showy long stemmed variety chamberlains most often seen at this time of year. These are easy to grow and the flowers last a long time and don't the slugs love them. Keep them moist as well. In nature they are often wet and very cold at night and handle our winters well but the delicate flowers must be protected otherwise they spot badly. After flowering they send out another lot of new roots as well so the plant can replace its reserves ahead of the new growing season. I feed with a balanced feed of Miracle Grow and Powerfeed, and if not the Powerfeed then use some Seasol to aid the root development. They grow in plain medium bark and they do well as a hanging plant. I have tried coco peat as an additive and that will be the first and last time! The roots I have found with my culture do not like it with the roots aborting the moment they touch it. This is one of the most important aspects to growing and it is called observation. The coco peat has been washed thoroughly and I have mostly watered with rainwater and these plants were rarely fed after division last Spring so it is not salt that is causing the problem. Regardless if I leave them any longer I might as well bin them now. Autumn flowering plants are relatively dormant now but the Spring flowering ones are growing well with new roots and maturing growths. Needless to say these plants are grown in a warmer protected environment. For the newer growers it is best to stick with those Cattleyas and related genera that flower in the late Summer to early Winter. Their growth period is over our Spring and Summer and their dormant period is over Winter. As long as they are kept on the drier side with some cover they handle Winters well.

Now is the time Cymbidiums that flower in Spring will soon break sheath and this is the most important time for them. Not only do we need protection from slugs and snails and the rain that will mark our buds we also need to look at how we are going to train them. Whether we are aiming for a straight, decorative or pendulous habit now is the time we start to train them. If you have a new Cymbidium to your collection and you are not sure about the habit of that particular clone or species, ask around. Trying to stake a Cymbidium against its habit will only lead to heartache and a funny looking spike. Another area where the newer grower's fail to some extent is managing the colours. It is not that important yet as they break sheath but a bit later on as they lengthen the correct light or lack of will have a huge bearing on the flowers and the colour. We will have more on this later. Feeding your Cymbidiums now switches to something with a little more nitrogen in it as you should start seeing new growths initiating.

Native epiphytes also break sheath now and also need cover, a slug baiting programme and watch out for aphids as they home in on the new buds. If possible get them under cover even before they break sheath for best results. Terrestrial orchids will start flowering in greater numbers now. Keep these moist too but avoid over wetness as they are prone to damping off, especially in poorly drained mixes. For those growing the South African terrestrial species *Stenoglottis* cut off the flowering spikes now, even if they are in flower to force a short but beneficial rest. Remove rotting leaves and dry out slightly. Avoid disturbing these plants to ensure better flowering.

Weeds are usually a problem over Winter so make sure you remove them before they flower or get too established in the pot. Their fine roots will break down mixes more rapidly and reduce the all important drainage. Oxalis is a real pest in this regard, especially if left to grow a taproot that is very hard to pull out. That sees out July. In general like June, this is a protection month with more emphasis on protection than anything else as many more plants begin their flowering season. Next month is August and before months end the first warmish days that remind us that Spring is just around the corner.

Steve Howard

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THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at St. Bernadette's Church Hall corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Mary's. Beginners Class starts at 7.15p.m., meeting at 8.00p.m.

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