



# THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB GAZETTE

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**NEXT MEETING:**            Tuesday 14th May 1991  
Lutheran Church Hall, Windsong Crt, Morphett Vale  
Benching of plants to be completed by 7.45pm  
for judging.  
Meeting begins at 8.00pm.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**            Mr E. Furness will discuss the beautiful  
Phalaenopsis, the Moth Orchid.  
Eric is the President of the Orchid Club of South  
Australia and has been a member of that Club for the  
past 17 years. He grows cymbidiums, paphiopedilums,  
phalaenopsis, cattleyas, miscellaneous genera and  
table size trout.

**SUPPER:**                        Mrs Trix Anderson will be in charge. Please remember  
to bring your plate of supper.

**HALL SET-UP:**                Would all willing to assist please arrive by 7pm.

**DAY-TIME CHAPTER:**            2pm. Thursday 16th May 1991, South Brighton  
Community Hall, Dover Square Reserve, Broadway,  
South Brighton. Mr Peter McCauley will speak about  
Paphiopedilums. Have your questions ready.

**TRADING TABLE:**            Mr. Dennis Daykin will be in charge.

**COMMITTEE MEETING:**            Tuesday 21st May 1991, 7.30pm at the South  
Brighton Community Hall.

## DAYTIME CHAPTER Keith H. Northcote

Mr T. Jacob, a past president of the South Australian Orchidaceous Society Inc., gave a most valuable and informative talk about the Orchid Genera that may be grown with Cymbidiums. He illustrated his talk by referring to the many orchid books available with their excellent photographs and information about culture. He suggested that growers should try any genera that appealed to them, preferably buying flowering-size plants rather than small divisions or seedling. The many genera discussed included Bifrenaria, Bletia, Cattleya (especially summer and autumn flowering types), Dendrobium (soft-canec, native and Indian species), Epidendrum, Encyclia, Miltonia, Oncidium, Osmoglossum, Pleione, Zygopetalum and several others.

The quality of the plants benched made it difficult to choose a winner for the popular vote. Eventually both the first and second places being earnt by George Chesterman with Lc. Parysatis 'Lavender Girl' and Lc. Kindee 'The King' respectively. Third place saw a tie between George's Slc. Riffe 'Brighton Farms' and Tony Proepster's Z. Blue Lake 'Bavaria' and his C. Chocolate Drop 'Kodama' X self. All beautiful plants.

Raffle plants came from Adelaide Orchids and John Nicholls Orchids. The usual Cuppa was enjoyed together with a lot of orchid chatter after such an interesting meeting. Special thanks to Trevor Jacob who enjoyed all as much as the members did.

## NEW MEMBERS WORKSHOP

Terry Howard

On April 14th Colin and Cynthia Hames opened their home to 20 new members who wished to learn more about Cymbidium culture. No-one was disappointed.

Mrs Greta Guest spoke on pollination, followed by Bill Guest who showed everybody how easy it is to deflask cymbidiums. Cynthia Hames gave a very informative talk on pests and diseases, some which they have encountered in their collection, and of the many ways to combat them. Colin Hames put forward two plants that he suspected of carrying virus.

After a break for a welcomed cup of tea and cakes Colin allowed members to look through his cymbidium collection.

This was followed by a short talk by Rosalie Moore, with Terry Howard assisting, on preparation of cymbidiums for shows, and what the judges are looking for.

Colin and Cynthia kindly donated three cymbidium plants for a raffle.

It was a very enjoyable and informative afternoon that a little bit of rain did not spoil. On behalf of the members present I would like to take this opportunity to thank Colin and Cynthia for all the hard work and effort they put in to make the afternoon such a success.

## CHANGES TO THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

The March resignation of Mr C. Hames from the position of President was followed by the Vice-President, Mr N. Wolfendale, taking over the Presidency at the April Cultural Meeting. He will continue in that position until the Annual General Meeting in February 1992.

## NAMING OF PLANTS ON THE SHOW BENCH

I was very pleased to see that many more growers have adopted the scheme of putting plant labels on the front of plant/pot. Keep up the good work. Thank you.

It's that time of the year again when the nights get longer and colder. Because of the cold it means that the green-house is closed for extended periods to maintain heat. The decrease in outside ventilation together with lower temperatures increases the chance of fungal damage to flowers. There are a number of steps that can be taken to reduce the chance of flower spotting.

1 Make sure the glass house floor is free of dead leave etc.

2 Check that air circulation is sufficient. Install another fan if required.

3 Spray with a suitable fungicide.

As a preventative fungicide Maneb, Mancozeb, Bordeaux mixture or Zineb are suitable. It is a good idea to rotate fungicides to ensure that a tolerance to a particular chemical is not developed by the fungi.

Remember when using any chemical read the instructions and follow the safety precautions carefully.

The end of April is also the time that I take the extra shade cloth off the catt-house. I believe the additional light helps keep the plants growing strongly.

#### JUDGES' ROSTER - MAY MEETING K.H. Northcote

For the Autumn Show judging, three guest A.O.C. judges - Mr Syd Monkhouse, Mr Reg. Shooter and Mr Alan Sullivan will be helping our usual team. I hope all our usual judges will be available for this meeting, but if unavailable please advise me before the day. Meet at the judges' table (to be located in the foyer this month) no later than 7-50pm.

South Coast Judges to please set-up benches by 7-30pm. and assist the A.O.C. judges.

The Winter Show will be held at the Marion Recreation Centre from the 26th to the 28th of July. The Show Prize Schedule and Show Rules were published in the April 1991 Club Gazette.

Set-up will be on Friday the 26th from 2pm. All willing to assist will be welcome.

Take-out will be on Sunday 28th from 4-30pm. The hall **MUST** be vacated and cleaned up by 5-30pm. Once again all willing to assist will be most welcome.

#### RAFFLE PLANTS

The plants for our raffle this month will be from **JOHN NICHOLLS' ORCHIDS.**

#### BASIC ORCHID CULTURE

THORAL TORMET

Many people consider that orchids ARE cymbidiums - probably the most widely cultivated of orchids. They are the easiest to grow and flower, readily available and inexpensive. The species originate in the Himalayan region of northern India at fairly high altitudes with warm days and cool nights during summer and dry, cool conditions in winter. Hybrids inherit similar preferences.

Ideally, the temperature range should be 18-27c for growing and 13-22c for flowering. A shade house permits greater control over temperature and light, simulating the cymbidium's natural habitat. However, cymbidiums don't require expensive housing and can be grown successfully even in the shade of a peach, plum or apricot tree (on the northern side). It is almost impossible to kill cymbidiums. However, they will not grow successfully on a verandah or in the shade of a heavily foliated tree as plants will not get enough light and the leaves will become



weak and floppy. Protection from heavy frosts is necessary.

There are three general types:

Standards-

- .largest plants
- .largest flowers
- .flower August/September

Intermediates and Miniatures-

- .smallest flowers
- .usually smaller plants
- .many more flowers
- .early flowering
- .like slightly warmer conditions

Growing requirements are identical for the three types and every collection needs some of each. Although there is a general belief that orchids are hard to grow anyone in the Adelaide area should be able to grow them well.

NEEDS FOR SUCCESSFUL CULTIVATION

- .maximum sunlight
- .good air circulation
- .ample water
- .cool summer nights

AIR CIRCULATION

Good air circulation is essential for good plant growth, supplying oxygen and carbon dioxide and promoting the quick drying off of leaves thus preventing fungal, bacterial and red spider problems. The air surrounding the orchids must be moist. Bad ventilation causes poor growth and immature buds to yellow and drop off.

SHADE HOUSE

A shade house gives better control over light, air movement, watering and pests. It should be where the cymbidiums will receive the most sunlit hours during the whole day with no shade from a house, shed, fences, trees or anything else. If a choice has to be made an aspect receiving the most morning sun is best. Allow for good air movement. Do not make your shadehouse too small, allow for future expansion. Galvanised water pipe is best for the frame work of your shade house. Timber will rot with the continuous moisture. Height should be at least 8ft (2.4 meters) and a gable will allow for future plastic cladding to be added to

create a flowering area. Shadecloth should be rated at either 50 or 70 per cent of black, green or white.

FLOOR COVER

In the summer months additional humidity must be provided. Lay down black plastic sheeting and cover with moisture holding materials such as wood chips, gravel or bark. Beside suppressing weeds, this will look neater and retain moisture, creating humidity.

BENCHING

It is advisable to grow cymbidiums on benches to avoid slugs, snails, ants, insect pests and fungal disease. Besides preventing back problems for the grower and giving easier access to the plants, benches also provide additional ventilation and assist with drainage of pots. The ideal bench would be made of galvanised water pipe and galvanised 50mm mesh - strong enough to carry the weight of a good number of heavy pots. A width of no more than 3ft would enable the grower to reach any pot. The bench should not be too high so that the humidity from the ground cover is not lost but at the same time it is still possible to clean underneath.

SPACING

Plants should be grouped on benches by pot size. Small pots in between larger ones will not receive their fair share of water, fertilisers and light, so keep the same size pots together. If pots are also kept in lines it will facilitate watering, fertilising, spraying and also air movement. Do not overcrowd. Allow one pot space between all pots. For plants to receive maximum light, benches should ideally run north to south. Plants may also be hung in wire baskets from the roof of the shadehouse, but do not overdo this as lower plants will lose light.

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APRIL 1991 MONTHLY COMPETITION  
FLOWER OF THE MONTH

CATTLEYA MINERVA 'HIGHERCOMBE' grown by Mr and Mrs Guest

The large specimen plant with seven spikes fully open, three still to open, 127 flowers in all, was another *C. bowringiana* X *C. loddigessi* crossing. The flowers are different from *C. Minerva* 'Easter Bouquet', which was last months Flower of the Month. These flowers are pale pink-mauve with a lavender spade lip which comes from the *bowringiana* parent. The plant, in a 10 inch pot, was very healthy, it was grown out with the cymbidiums so had the same culture as they had until it started to flower and then it was placed under cover.

OPEN	DIVISION	Judges	
		J. Gay B. Wyly B. Carpenter R. & B. Anderson	3
Aust. Nat. Terr: Species	<i>Ptst. truncata</i>		
Intermediate Cymbidium	Summer Pearl Peter Pan X Lustrous	K.H. Northcote Denlia Orchids	2 1
Miniature Cymbidium	<i>madidum</i> X Peter Pan Mini Splendour 'Kenna' Tricia Allan X Peter Pan	R. Moore R. Moore J. Nicholls	3 2 1
Standard Cattleya	Blc. Amy Wakasugi 'Sulin' Blc. Toshie Aoki 'Robin' <i>C. Portiata</i> X <i>walkeriana</i> X <i>harrisoniae</i> X <i>bowringiana</i>	B. Wyly B. Wyly R. Moore	3 2 1
Cluster Cattleya	<i>C. Minerva</i> 'Highercombe' <i>C. Minerva</i> 'Highercombe'	Guest Orchids R. Moore	3 2
Nov. Cluster Cattleya	<i>C. Doris Schindel</i> <i>C. Porcia</i> X <i>C. Chocolate Drop</i> <i>Lc. Betty Lane</i>	R. Moore R. & B. Anderson B. Wyly	3 2 1
Cocktail Cattleya	<i>C. Mini Purple</i> 'Coburg'	R. Moore	3
Dendrobium	<i>helix</i> X <i>canaliculatum</i> Adam Lewis X <i>lasianthera</i>	J. Nicholls J. Nicholls	3 2
Miscellaneous	Howeara Mini Primi Z. Titanic Z. B.G. White 'Rona'	B. Wyly T. DeIonno R. Moore	3 2 1
Novelty Paphiopedilum	Meon 'Green Goddess'	Adelaide Orchids	3
Odont/Onc. Alliance	Onc. Kaiulani Onc. Amy	R. Moore R. Moore	3 2
Species	<i>Encyclia cochleata</i> <i>Cymbidium dayanum</i> <i>Brassia longissima</i>	T. DeIonno J. Nicholls T. DeIonno	3 2 1
Cattleya & Allied Genera	Otra. Mailis Surprise 'Betsy' Ctna Keith Roth X Ctna Why Not Ctna. Hunabu Fairly Flair	B. Wyly R. Moore R. Moore	3 2 1

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**FLOWER OF THE DIVISION C. MINERVA 'HIGHERCOMBE' grown by Mr & Mrs Guest**  
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OPEN	DIVISION	Judges		
			H. Lawson R. Moore	
Intermediate Cymbidium	Minette X Peter Pan		W. & M. Vaughan	3
Standard Cattleya	Bc. Languedoc		F. Bell	3
Novelty Cattleya	Slc. Pixie Fire X Slc. Anzac		T. & D. Howard	3
Nov. Cluster Cattleya	Slc. Little Beamche X C. bicolor C. Chocolate Drop 'Kodama'		W. R. Barrett T. & D. Howard	3 2
Cocktail Cattleya	Lc. Mini Purple 'Tamami' Blc. Buttercup X Bl. Richard Mueller		C. & H. Edwards T. & D. Howard	3 2
Dendrobium	D'Bush Pansy Debbie McFarlane X (tangerinum X Pomio Brown) Sunset Flush X canaliculatum		C. & H. Edwards C. & H. Edwards C. & H. Edwards	3 2 1
Standard Paphiopedilum	Gigi X Redstart		R. & I. Goodall	3
Novelty Paphiopedilum	tonsum X venustum		R. & I. Goodall	2
Species Paphiopedilum	spicerianum prinulinum 'Purpurascens' spicerianum		R. Parish R. Parish J. & B. Gay	3 2 1
Odont/Onc. Alliance	Milt. Charles Fitch McIna Pagan Lovesong 'Hilife' Onc. Confetti		R. Parish J. Lewis R. Pankoke	3 2 1

**FLOWER OF THE DIVISION DENDROBIUM D'BUSH PANSY grown by C. & H. Edwards**  
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SECOND	DIVISION	Judges		
			R. Pankoke H. Edwards	
Aust. Nat. Epi: Species	Cadetia taylori		J. Attenborough	3
Intermediate Cymbidium	Meadows X Peter Pan Meadows X Peter Pan Mini Splendour		J. Siviour J. Siviour J. & M. Cunningham	3 2 1
Standard Cattleya	Lc. Elizabeth 'Betty' Bc. Mt. Anderson Pot. Tapestry Peak		N. Wolfendale R. & B. Wilson R. & B. Wilson	3 2 1
Nov. Cluster Cattleya	C. Minerva 'Highercombe'		L. Gunn	3
Miscellaneous	Z. Titanic X Z. B.G. White		B. Fisher	3

	Z. Titanic X Z. B.G. White Epidendrum Boundii	B. Fisher 2 J.& D. Coulter 1
Novelty Paphiopedilum	Neptune	G. Richardson 3
Odont/Onc. Alliance	Milt. Guanabara X Milt. spectabilis	N. Wolfendale 3

**FLOWER OF THE DIVISION**      **C. MINERVA 'HIGHERCOMBE'**      grown by L. Gunn  
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**The South Coast Orchid Club Of S.A. Inc.      CONSTITUTION**

The Committee recommends that the following amendments be made to the Constitution.

Clause 11.      **Committee of Management**

- (H)      Subject to clause 11 (i) hereof any member of the Committee may hold more than one position on the Committee.  
           Subject to the provisions of clause 11 (d) hereof any member of Committee holding more than one position on Committee shall only have one vote.
  
- (I)      General members of Committee may not hold more than one position on Committee and accordingly must resign their position as a general member of Committee in order to take up any other position on Committee.

Clause 25.      **Extraordinary Measure**

- (B)    1      (i) not less than 30% of all financial members of the Club are present, and  
           (ii) the motion or any part hereof is passed by not less than two thirds (2/3) majority of these present and voting.
  
- (B)    2      The meeting of First Instance by majority decision may  
           (i) Temporarily suspend any member of Committee until the matter is determined;  
           (ii) Appoint temporary replacements to Committee pending the final determination of any such motion of no confidence.

These amendments will be published in the next two issues of the Gazette and voted on at a later date.