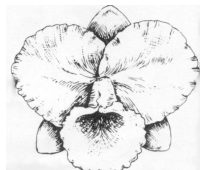


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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held in the Collins St. Hall, cnr Collins St & Shaftesbury St. South Perth, Friday 24th April 2009 commencing at **8.00p.m.**

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MAY MEETING DATES

Judging Panel 7.30 pm Monday 4th
OSWA Committee 7.30 pm Friday 1st
General Meeting 8.00 pm Friday 22nd

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Sat. 13 days prior to OSWA GM.**

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BIRTHDAYS: April– 5th - Alex Szabo, 7th - Rosemary McGrath, 10th - Bernadette Campbell
12th - Karen Carless, 13th - Hector Patfield, 17th - Mike Burgess, 21st - Anne O'Callaghan 23rd - Ron Brown

We wish everyone a very Happy Birthday and also anyone celebrating an Anniversary, our best wishes to you. To anyone on the sick list, we wish you a speedy recovery.

OSWA Website: The new website is now online at <http://www.orchidsocietywa.net.au/>

Home Open Rescheduled: The sausage sizzle at the home of John & Dorothy Walton, has been changed to **Sunday 26th July** Cost will be \$5 pp, all proceeds to OSWA. Please note this change & adjust your calendars accordingly.

OSWA Autumn Show CHANGE OF VENUE; this show on 6th-9th May will now be held at **Stockland Riverton Shopping Centre** (not at Bullcreek). Set up is on Tues. 5th May.

OSWA Winter Show: this Show has been changed to the weekend of 18th & 19th July

OSWA General Meetings: Attendance at OSWA meetings has been dropping off lately. Are you happy with meetings being held on 4th Friday of each month? Would another time be better? Would you prefer meetings at a different time, say on a Sunday? Please let your committee know what you think.

Inter-Society Challenge: Now is the time to start preparing, think about what plants are likely to be in bloom at the time, and to think of a theme for the OSWA Display.

OSWA's *Orchids Australia* Representative: At our AGM, Mrs. Jean Herbert kindly agreed to be *Orchids Australia* representative for another year, but she would be very happy to pass this role onto another member. The *Orchids Australia* representative writes a short article about each OSWA Show for *Orchids Australia*, the magazine of the Australian Orchid Council. These articles help to keep up OSWA's profile in the Australian orchid-growing community. So, if you have a flair for the written word and would like to something a little different for OSWA, please contact Jean or a committee member. [You can find out about *Orchids Australia* at www.orchidsaustralia.com. The magazine is published 6 times a year and has many interesting articles, and lots of pictures]

Advertising space: Advertising space is for available at reasonable rates in your Bulletin. See the Editor for details.

Ideas for General Meeting Topics - If you have any suggestions, please let a Committee Member know.

RESULTS OF PLANT COMPETITION - (MONTH - MARCH 2009)

Open:

Class 1A (3)	1. Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan	<i>Epi. peperonia</i>
	2. Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan	<i>Epi. diffusum</i>
	3. Maxine Godbeer	<i>C. bowringiana</i> x <i>C. bowringiana</i> var <i>coerulea</i>
Class 1B (1)	1. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	Blc. Satoru Toshma 'Vigour'
Class 1C (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Lc. Angelheart 'Hihimannu' x Lctna. Dals Toy
Class 1D (2)	1. ??????Let me know please	Ctna Brandi 'OC'
	2. NAS	
Class 1E (1)	1. NAS	
Class 1F (2)	1. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	C. Unknown
	2. Jack & Betty Rensen	Lc. Startrek
Class 2B (1)	1. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	Cym. (Peter Pan x Valley Mahogany) Kathy's Kitchen' x Cym. (Beautana x Peter Pan)
Class 3A (1)	1. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	<i>Paph. moquetteanum</i>
Class 3B (3)	1. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	<i>Paph. liemianum</i> x <i>Paph. philippinense</i>
	2. Jack & Betty Rensen	<i>Paph. primulinum</i> var <i>purpurescens</i> x <i>Paph.</i> <i>delenatii</i>
	3. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	<i>Paph. Lynleigh</i> Koopowitz
Class 3C (1)	1. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	<i>Paph. Macabre</i> 'Black Eagle' x <i>Paph. fairrianum</i>
Class 4B (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Den. Lillis Tansa
Class 4C (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Den. Garnet Jewel
Class 6A (1)	1. Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan	<i>Milt. spectabilis</i> var. <i>moreliana</i>
Class 6B (1)	1. Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan	Onc. Sweet Sugar
Class 6E (7)	1. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	Howeara Mary Eliza
	2. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'
	3. Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan	Aliceara Sweet Heart Jonel 'Everglades'
Class 7A (2)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Aerangis articulata</i>
	2. Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan	<i>Aerangis mooreana</i>
Class 7B (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Vasco. Pine River 'Pink'
Class 8A (1)	1. Ian Duncan	<i>Den. lichenastrum</i>
Class 8B (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Den. Ellen Surprise x Den. Aussie Victory
Class 10B(1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Bulb. dearii</i>
Class 11A(1)	1. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	Phrag. Schroederae
Class 11B(2)	1. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	Npp. Beverly Low 'Robyn' x Hawsa. Aussie Quest 'Dark Giant'
	2. Ron & Wendy Brown	Z. Artur Elle
	3. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	Z. Peralandra 'Bright eyes' x Z. Artur Elle 'King'
Class 13A(1)	1. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	V. Roberts Delight x <i>V. bensonii</i>

Novice:

Class 15B(5)	1. Ross Lang	Bc. Berangerie
	2. Ann & Malcolm Davis	C. Festival 'Chang Ching'
	3. Merrilyn Brechin	C. Bob Betts 'Mary Ann' x C. Marae Lyn 'Sugiyama Crestline'
Class 15C(1)	1. Ross Lang	C. Fitz Eugene Dixon 'Paradise'
Class 16C(1)	1. Ross Lang	Cym. Zigzag 'Kiwi'
Class 21A(1)	1. Murray & Arnie Baker	<i>Aeranthes ramosa</i>
Class 22B(1)	1. Ann & Malcolm Davis	Den. Pauline

Schokman Trophy points - Bc. Berangerie (71 pts) owned by Ross Lang.

Mem. Jim Grantham Trophy points - Phrag. Schroderae (68 pts) owned by Phil Taylor & Eileen Baehemia

POPULAR CHOICE - Open - *Milt. spectabilis* var. *moreliana* grown by Anne O'Callaghan

Novice - Bc. Berangerie grown by Ross Lang

CATTLEYA CULTURE NOTES (APRIL/MAY 2009) by Henry Eaton

While penning these notes at the beginning of April, in spite of the occasional day when temperatures are over 30C, autumn weather is certainly here. With culture, at this time, both watering frequency and fertilizing can be reduced because of the slowing of growth. Also moisture levels in the pot is increased by the reduced evaporation. Also be careful as to when you water your plants as they should be dry by nightfall when temperatures can fall to around 10-12C. Any moisture held in the axil of the leaves predisposes to fungal and bacterial attack and rotting. By now, most plants that will flower in Autumn, should be showing buds in the flower sheaths or in the terminal leaf axils. Those likely to flower in Winter will be showing flower sheaths. All these need to be protected especially from attack by slugs and snails, as well as thrips and aphids. Treat affected plants as soon as an attack is seen. Stake up the pseudo bulbs to display the flowers as well as possible. Keeping plants well separated from each other without altering their orientation to the strongest light, allows for good air circulation and less chance of insect attack from contact between plants.

If any repotting is done now, make sure that new roots are appearing first before you do so, as many plants will die back their older roots with the onset of colder weather. Be careful, particularly with yellow flowered plants and miniature cattleyas.

CYMBIDIUM CULTURE NOTES (APRIL/MAY 2009) by Roy Brown

Now that the Autumn months are here a start can be made on repotting. It's always a good idea to make an early start on repotting, especially if you have a large collection of Cymbidiums. Start on small plants as well as divisions that are not expected to flower this year, but any plants that are already showing signs of flower spikes are better left until after the flowers have been cut off. There is far less chance of the pseudo bulbs shriveling and the new divisions will become established far more readily.

In the past, all our repotting was done after the flowering season had finished in the late Spring, but today we have found that we get far better results from repotting as soon as the plant has completed flowering. As soon as your Cymbidiums that flower in May, June and July complete the flowering cycle, cut the stems and repot into fresh bark, so that the plant can make an early start in producing its new growths. By dividing and repotting in this manner, the plant is not retarded in its new growth pattern and will produce new leads that have the advantage of the full 12 months growing period.

April is the month when most of the Spring flowering plants send up their spikes. Cymbidium spikes are produced from the base of the pseudo bulb, or sometimes they appear between the lower and second

leaf. The regular feeding programme can be continued with the addition of a little extra Potash to help form the newly developing flower spikes.

OSWA Web Site

As many of you know, we now have a new web site. It is fully functional, but is lacking input in various areas. Not only is it intended to give information to our members, it is there to advertise to the world what a great society we are, and that our Society has a lot to offer.

So what have we achieved so far? Sure, we now put our monthly Bulletin on it, and that's great for a start as it gives our history. Another plus is it gives some contacts, although this needs to be improved upon. It has a few photos of orchids that I grew, now old hat. It does have photos of Peter Masters and his Award, which is great, and also some good links to other sites.

HOWEVER, it is missing up to date information on the great plants our members are producing, it is missing advice on how to grow orchids (the headers are there, but no content!) and it is missing details on events the Society is holding or intending to hold.

Lastly, the Home Page is fairly plain as it was developed just to get the web running. I am looking for help or ideas on how to make it have more impact, and whilst this would be nice, the content is the most important thing.

Currently I have not been able to give the time to the Society that I would wish to as work commitments have been very heavy, but I am retiring at the end of April. I believe then, I will have the time to give that the Society deserves. To this end, one of the things I intend to do is take photos of the plants at the Monthly Meetings and publish them on the web. These will be shown without the growers name, but with permission, the grower will be acknowledged particularly if it wins the monthly prize.

I have also made a number of backdrops to show the orchids off to their best advantage, and after April I will be more than happy to travel to members homes to take photos of their plants.

This is my contribution, but I need the help of members to give me the information to put it all together. To date I have had neither good nor bad comments about the site. This is YOUR WEB SITE, please contribute.

I can be contacted via my email rodpohl@aapt.net.au or FAX 9337 7369, the phone number being the same.

Kind Regards,

Rod Pohl

Rod has put a lot of time, energy and passion into developing this site for the Society and the only beneficiaries will be the Society and its members. Please give him your support and offer help, comments (good or bad as long as they are constructive) or advice.— Ed.

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)**Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins St. Hall, South Perth, on Friday 27th March 2009**

Welcome: The President opened the meeting at 8.02 pm and welcomed the 36 members and 2 visitors present.

Apologies: Jim Baylis, Roy & Meg Brown, Hector & Faye Patfield, Tom & Val Seamon.

Minutes: Moved Merylyn Brechin, seconded Henry Eaton that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. **Carried.**

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence Inward:

- NDOS advice on changes to committee.
- WAROO agenda for March meeting
- Society newsletters
- Thank you card from Ev Smith
- City of Cockburn re OSWA info for community information database
- Assorted junk mail.

Correspondence Outward:

- OSWA info to City of Cockburn for community information database
- Cards to Ev Smith, Betty Rensen, Merylyn Brechin
- Jim O'Hare, Judging Panel re OSWA judging dates

Business Arising: Nil

Confirmation: Moved Ron Brown, seconded Henry Eaton that Correspondence Inward and Correspondence Outward be endorsed. **Carried.**

Financial Statement: Statement #411 was tabled.

Moved Ron Brown, seconded Rod Pohl that the financial statement be received. **Carried.**

New Members: Mr Stephen Chiu

Reports: Shows (Rosemary McGrath) The **Autumn Show, 6-9th May, will be at Stockland Riverton Shopping Centre** (not at Bullcreek). Volunteers are needed for the roster to look after the display. Show schedules, plant entry tickets and plant sales tickets are available. Plant sales will be held each day of the show and members can sell up to 15 plants per day. The **Winter Show will be held on 18th & 19th July** (a week earlier than previously advertised).

General Business:

- Jim & Kaye Baylis were thanked for a fantastic day at their Home Open. Members who brought plants for the raffle were also thanked.
- John Walton asked for members interested in receiving an exemption from watering restrictions, to contact him.
- Malcolm Davis and Cindy Meehan are running the Sales Table at General meetings. Good prices have been arranged for a number of items including fertilizers from Growth Technology, clips, bark etc.
- The Home Open at John & Dorothy Walton's Place has been rescheduled to 26th July.
- **WAROO:** The Cymbidium Club requested that WAROO move the Inter-Society Challenge from the first week in August. WAROO will cancel the 2010 Challenge to avoid a clash with the Australian Cymbidium Conference.
- The OSWA Suggestion Box is now available.
- John Walton raised the issue of dwindling attendance at General Meetings and suggested that members might prefer meetings on a different day. A number of other suggestions were made including: contact members who do not attend meetings for their views; new guest speakers; beginners classes for new members; handy hints a la (the late) Harry Lodge. Members might like to jot down their views and deposit them in the Suggestion Box.....

Raffle: Dorothy Walton, bob Longmore

Door Prize: Ian Duncan

Evenings's Programme: Ross Lang, Water for Orchids. Ross tested water samples for pH conductivity (related to concentration of dissolved salts) and gave an informative talk.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

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