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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 23rd January 2009 commencing at **8.00p.m.**

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

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FEBRUARY MEETING DATES

Judging Panel 7.30 pm Monday 2nd
OSWA Committee 7.30 pm Friday 6th
General Meeting 8.00 pm Friday 27th

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**Deadline for Bulletin Items — 9 pm
Sat. 13 days prior to OSWA GM.**

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BIRTHDAYS: January: 26th - Francesca Lombardi, 31st - John Carless .

ANNIVERSARY: January: 21st - Faye & Hector Patfield.

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.

PLEASE NOTE!!! - The Meetings will be held at the **COLLINS St. HALL** not at the Scout & Guide Hall as advised in the December Bulletin. This will be for all of 2009.

OSWA Website: The new website is now online at <http://www.orchidsocietywa.net.au/> This is still a work in progress with some teething problems, but it's a start and I'm sure Rod would welcome constructive feed- back.

Home Open: Jim & Kaye Baylis on the 22nd March 2009, from 11 am, \$5 per person, please bring a salad or sweets, drinks and chairs.. Proceeds will go to OSWA.

January Monthly Item: This is to be a plant auction, so bring along any spare plants you wish to dispose of, they do not necessarily have to be orchids. The price obtained for your plants will go to you, less 10% commission for OSWA. This is a good chance for you to de-clutter your shade house, so bring anything you can – it will also help your society with funds. Plants do need to be clean & free of pests etc. Maybe you can pick up a plant you have wanted for some time & at a bargain price!!

The 16th Inter-Society Challenge: This will be hosted by Bunbury Orchid Society and will be held on the weekend of 1st & 2nd August 2009, at Eaton Hall, Pratt Rd. Eaton. The theme for the Challenge is an "Open Theme", so we should have quite an array of different themes in the displays. Entries will be received for judging on the Saturday morning, judging will take place on Saturday afternoon, and the Challenge will be open to the public on Sunday. The Challenge Dinner will be held at the Commercial Club in the centre of Bunbury. Inter-Society Challenges are always great fun so put this one into your diary now. More details later...

WAROO & OSWA need you #1: This year we had the pleasure of a major orchid meeting, WAOS, in Perth. Often there are major orchid meetings in other parts of the country, and Western Australian growers usually contribute flower spikes/blooms to set up a display (it is too difficult to transport entire flowering plants interstate for shows). WAROO (the "umbrella group" for the orchid societies in WA) would like the local orchid societies to have a Conference Representative/Organiser, who would organise the delivery of members' flower spikes/blooms to the place of packing so they can be forwarded to wherever a conference is being held. The next AOC Conference is in Werribee, 8th to 13th September 2009. Please let a committee member know if you : a) will be going to the Conference and would be able to assist in setting up a display;

b) are willing to donate flower spikes for a display; or,

c) can assist in collecting and packing flower spikes for shipment to the Conference.

Go to <http://www.orchidsaustralia.com/> for further information about the Werribee conference.

- **WAROO and OSWA need you #2:** The 2012 AOC Conference will be in Perth. The local Steering Committee is looking for helpers for this conference. Organising a conference is challenging but also very satisfying. If you would like to join the Committee, please let a committee member know. The conference is less than four years away and there is lots to do.

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

2009 Show Programme:

- **Autumn Show** 6th - 9th May. Set up Tuesday 5th May, Centro Bull Creek Shopping Centre
- **Winter Show** 25th - 26th July. Set up AM Saturday 25th July Sth Perth Scout & Guide Hll
- **Spring Show** 2nd - 5th September. Set up Tuesday 1st September, Kardinya Park Shopping Centre.
- **Perth Royal Show** 26th September - 3rd October. Set up Friday 25th September
- **OSWA Potting Workshop** Sunday 11th October South Perth Scout & Guide Hall

February AGM - Please consider nominating for positions on the Committee– we need your help and expertise.

Nomination forms will be available at the January General Meeting.

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

RESULTS OF PLANT COMPETITION - (MONTH - DECEMBER 2008)**Open:**

Class 1A (7)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>L. purpurata</i> var. <i>russelliana</i> x self
	2. Sharon Lyster	<i>L. purpurata</i> var. <i>werkhauseri</i>
	3. Sharon Lyster	<i>C. warneri</i> var. <i>alba</i>
Class 1F (1)	1. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	C. Unknown
Class 3A (2)	1. Fred & Jean Herbert	<i>Paph. glanduliferum</i>
	2. Fred & Jean Herbert	<i>Paph. lowii</i> 'Tayla'
Class 3B (2)	1. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	<i>Paph. primulinum</i> var. <i>purpurescens</i> x <i>Paph. delenatii</i> 1203
	2. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	<i>Paph. Henrietta</i> Fujiwara
Class 3F (1)	1. Fred & Jean Herbert	<i>Paph. Moustache</i>
Class 4C (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Den. Woon Leng x <i>Den. canaliculatum</i>
Class 5C (1)	1. Peter & Shirley Masters	Dtps. Zuma Accolade 'Gemma'
Class 6A (1)	1. Ron & Wendy Brown	<i>Onc. leucochilum</i>
Class 6E (5)	1. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	<i>Onc. Isthmalianum</i> x Splinter
	2. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	<i>Onc. Sharry Baby</i> 'Sweet Fragrance'
	3. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	Odbrs. Kenneth Biven 'Santa Barbara'
Class 10B(1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Maxillaria tenuifolia</i>
Class 11A(2)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Phrag. Dick Clements
	2. Maxine Godbeer	Phrag. <i>sargentianum</i> x <i>caricinum</i>
Class 11B(2)	1. Nancie & Bob Jones	Agwa. Kiwi Square x Prom. Crawshawayana
	2. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	Zga. Pino Road 'Pure Destiny' x Zga. Dynamite 'White Lips'
Class 12A(4)	1. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	Lyc. Rachel x <i>Lyc. deppei</i>
	2. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	<i>Lyc. aromatica</i> x <i>Lyc. deppei</i>
	3. Maxine Godbeer	<i>C. forbesii</i>

Novice:

Class 20A(2)	1. Rod Pohl	<i>Onc. sphacelatum</i>
	2. John & Dorothy Walton	<i>Brs. brachiata</i>
Class 20C(1)	1. John & Dorothy Walton	<i>Onc. Barbie</i> 'Strawberry Delight'
Class 20E(2)	1. Merrilyn Brechin	Odcdm. Tri Tai
	2. Merrilyn Brechin	<i>Onc. Space Race</i> 'Cold'

POPULAR VOTE: Open - Dtps. Zumz Accolade 'Gemma' - Peter & Shirley Masters

Novicevice - *Brs. Brachiata* - John & Dorothy Walton

Schokman Trophy Points:

L. purpurata var. *russelliana* (65 pts) - Maxine Godbeer

Mem. Jim Grantham Trophy Points

Phrag. Dick Clements (68 pts) - Maxine Godbeer

Richard Nichols Trophy Points

Lyc. Rachel x *Lyc. deppei* (68 pts) - Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia

CYMBIDIUM CULTURE NOTES (JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2009) by Roy Brown.

During the next few months we can expect very hot, dry weather, and with it easterly winds that dry the potting mix out very quickly, so we must give our plants extra protection to enable them to keep growing during the summer months.

Cymbidiums won't grow in a hot dry position; they must receive plenty of moisture and humidity.

Next see to it the plants receive the correct amount of shade. You can't allow the sun to shine directly on to the plants or you will get bad leaf burn. I find 50% Sarlon Shade Cloth gives the best protection, anything lighter than this will allow the plants' leaves to burn during a heat wave. At this time of the year you may find the Cymbids leaves have become a yellowy green in colour. This is because of the high light intensity we experience during the summer months, there being very little cloud to break the sun's rays. I don't consider this slight yellowing of the leaves to be detrimental to the plant, however, I could suggest that you use a fertiliser with a higher content of Nitrogen during the summer or growing period. and then switch over to one having more Potash when flower spikes start to show.

Finally, don't let any weeds get a hold in the pots, get at them as soon as they show. With the extra water and fertiliser the plants are now getting, weeds can become a pest and rob the plants of it's nutrients.

CATTLEYA CULTURE NOTES (JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2009) by Henry Eaton.

As expected the hot weather has at last arrived. With the onset of hot, dry conditions examination of your plants will show the development of new growths which will elongate quickly. Culture has thus to be adjusted to take these factors into account.

Increase shading if necessary and the use of fans to cool the growing area is called for. Because of the dryness, watering frequency will need to be increased as the mix dries out sooner, in order also to help with enlargement of the new growths. Damping down of the growing area, watering or misting beneath the benches will help with raising humidity. A fertiliser programme will also be needed to provide sufficient N for growth as well as K (Potassium) for maturing those growths. The aim should be to produce big, fat bulbs without inducing the appearance of further weak new growths. New growths should be watched to train them into an erect position before they mature off, so that when flowers appear they are well displayed.

At this time of the year, look out for the appearance of cockroaches, grasshoppers, scale insects and other pests and deal with them promptly. Snails and slugs are ever present but not as many as when the ground is wet in the winter months.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 19/12/2008

The President opened the meeting at 8.05 pm, welcoming Members and visitors.

Present: 38 members

Apologies: 11

Visitors: 5

Minutes: Minutes of 28/11/08 were posted & accepted (R. Pohl, M. Brechin)

Business Arising: General Meetings will continue to be held at the Collins St. Centre, not Scout Hall as previously advised (H. Eaton, E. Burgess)

Correspondence:

Inwards:

- NDOS re transfer of AOC Conference Account money to WAROO 2012 Conference Account
- Rod Pohl re OSWA Web address - orchidsocietywa.net.au
- NDOS re copy of AOC Minutes 20/10/07
- Collins St. Hall - confirmation of booking for 2009
- AOC Minutes of AGM and BOM 25/10/08
- Society Newsletters and Bulletins

Outwards:

- New members re confirmation of membership
- Stop & Copy - thanks for printing Bulletin in the past
- Ian Duncan - thanks for services to WAOS on behalf of OSWA

Business Arising: January Meeting to be held in Collins St hall as usual

Financial statement: Unable to be tabled

New members: New members were welcomed

Reports:

OJPWA (M. Godbeer)

- HCC 77.5 for Paph. victoria-reginae var. kalinae 'Allana May' owner P.Kissell
- AOC Award of Merit for Aerangis citrata 'Michelle' owner M. Godbeer
- AOC Certificate of Botanical Merit for Angraecum viguieri 'Lauryn' owner M. Godbeer

General Business:

- January Meeting Plant Auction 10% of sale price to go to Society

Raffle: Yvonne Dean, John Walton, Sharon Lyster, Edna Burgess, Bob Jones, Dorothy Walton, Rosemary McGrath.

Door Prize: Mick O'Brien, Malcolm Davies.

Popular Vote: Open: Dtps. Zuma Accolade 'Gemma' owners P&S Masters

Novice: Brassia brachiata owner J&D Walton

Presentation of Awards: See attached sheet

Supper - thanks to all those who brought along plates of food. A very enjoyable evening.

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc) Trophy List 2008

<u>Trophy</u>	<u>Winner</u>
The Lester Schokman Memorial Trophy (Cattleya - most points awarded throughout year)	G. Price
Harold Hill Memorial Trophy (Best Phalaenopsis - Spring Show)	J&B Rensen
Cypripedium Championship Perpetual Trophy (Paphiopedilum - Winter Show)	H.Tan
Vera Kennedy Perpetual Trophy (Tray) (Novice - aggregate points)	J&D Walton
Vicki Brown Perpetual Trophy (Champion Native or Hybrid - Spring Show)	R.McGrath
Cymbidium Championship Perpetual Trophy (Champion Cymbidium - Spring Show)	P.Taylor & E Bahemia
J&C Sullivan Trophy (Wood) (Best Specimen Aust. Native Hybrid - Spring Show)	P Taylor & E Bahemia
George Marshall Trophy (Tray) (Open-aggregate points)	P Taylor & E Bahemia
W&L Janney Perpetual Trophy (Best Pure Colour Cymbidium - Spring Show)	P Taylor & E Bahemia
Richard Nichols Memorial Trophy (Wood) Best Lycaste of the year)	G Price

Jim Grantham Memorial Trophy (Best Phragmipedium of the year)	F&J Herbert
K&D Rex Trophy (Highest Agg. Points Novice Section - Spring Show)	M. Brechin
Certificate of Appreciation	Myrna Eaton
Judges Choice Certificate (Best plant at Gen. Meeting for the year)	F&J Herbert (Onc. Gower Ramsey 75pts)
AOC Most Pre-eminent Entry - Autumn Show	R&W Brown (Colm. Wildcat)
AOC Most Pre-eminent Entry - Winter Show	P Taylor & E Bahemia (Cym. Unknown)
AOC Most Pre-eminent Entry - Spring Show	G Price (Burr. Stefan Isler '20')
Junior - Most Points	Dana Mitchell

Congratulations to all trophy winners