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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 27th March 2009 commencing at **8.00p.m.**

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

WATER FOR ORCHIDS—ROSS LANG

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APRIL MEETING DATES

Judging Panel 7.30 pm Monday 6th

OSWA Committee 7.30 pm Friday 2nd

General Meeting 8.00 pm Friday 24th

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Sat. 13 days prior to OSWA GM.**

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BIRTHDAYS: **March– 8th** - Margaret Jess, Dot de Gruchy, **9th** - Bob Jones, **11th** - Merrilyn Brechin, **14th** - Maree MacDonald, **19th** - Jack Rensen, John Walton **24th** - Raye McIntosh **25th** - Lorna Dodd **26th** - Kaye Baylis **27th** - Mick May, **31st** - Kon Doornbusch.

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: Jim & Kaye Baylis will host a Home Open at 18 Wheyland St, Willagee, Ph 9337 6210, on the 22nd March 2009, from 11 am. Cost is \$5 pp, proceeds to OSWA. Bring salads or a sweet, and drinks. Sausages, tea & coffee will be supplied.

Home Open: There will be a sausage sizzle at the home of John & Dorothy Walton, Sunday 19th July. Cost will be \$5 pp, all proceeds to OSWA. More details later but mark it in your calendar.

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.

Item for Meeting: Ross Lang will speak about water for Orchids. He will bring equipment for testing water PH and conductivity. Any members wishing to have their water tested should bring a sample of about 100 ml, in a container labeled with their name and the nature of the sample. Ross is happy to test water from the hose, bore, rainwater tanks etc. and also water containing fertilizer.

Certificate of exemption from water restrictions: John Walton is exploring the possibility of OSWA members obtaining an exemption from watering restrictions so they can water plants with automatic sprinkler systems on "non-watering days". If you are interested in obtaining an exemption, let John know by phone (9419 6253) or email (jwa34654@bigpond.net.au)

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.

Helpers wanted for OSWA's Library and Opportunity Desk: We need assistance of a few members to run the library and the opportunity desk at OSWA Meetings. Can you help?

Plants for New Members: Thank you to Tom Dixon and Phil Taylor for offering to donate plants for new members.

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]

RESULTS OF PLANT COMPETITION - (MONTH - FEBRUARY 2009)**Open:**

Class 1A (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>C. harrisoniana</i>
Class 1B (2)	1. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	Blc. Blumen Insul x Blc. Toshie Aoki
	2. Ron & Wendy Brown	Blc. Sierra Skies
Class 1C (2)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Hknsa. Koolau Sunset 'Hawaii'
	2. NAS	
Class 2B (1)	1. Jim & Kaye Baylis	Cym. Summer Pearl 'Mother's Love'
Class 3B (3)	1. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	<i>Paph. liemianum</i> x <i>Paph. philippinense</i>
	2. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	Paph. Lynleigh Koopowitz
	3. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	Paph. Gold Dollar
Class 3F (1)	1. Fred & Jean Herbert	Paph. Yellow Tiger
Class 4C (2)	1. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	Den. Unknown
	2. Nancie & Bob Jones	Den. Pixie Princess
Class 5B (1)	1. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	Phal. (Musaskino x Hsinying White) x Phal. Ginrei 'Ching Hua AM/AOS
Class 6E (2)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Howeara Lava Burst
	2. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	Ionocidium Popcorn
Class 7A (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Aerides falcata</i>
Class 7B (3)	1. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	V. Somsri Pink x V. Donna Rome Sanchez x V. Mamdam Rattana
	2. Maxine Godbeer	Vasco. Crownfox Magic
	3. Maxine Godbeer	Angcm. Longiscott
Class 8A (2)	1. Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia	<i>Den. bigibbum</i> var. <i>superbum</i>
	2. Ian Duncan	<i>Den. bigibbum</i>
Class 11A(2)	1. Ron & Wendy Brown	Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice
	2. Maxine Godbeer	Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice
Class 11B(3)	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 15F (2)	1. John & Dorothy Walton	Eplc. Mae Bly 'Ching Hua Splash'
	2. Ross Lang	Blc(Reubens x Fortune) x Blc. Erin Kobayashi

POPULAR VOTE: Open - V. Somsri Pink x V. Donna Rome Sanchez x V. Madam Rattana - owned by Phil Taylor & Eileen Bahemia

Novice: Eplc. Mae Bly 'Ching Hua Splash' - owned by John & Dorothy Walton

SCHOKMAN TROPHY POINTS: Eplc. Mae Bly 'Ching Hua Splash' (65 pts) -John & Dorothy Walton

MEM. JIM GRANTHAM TROPHY POINTS: Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice (65 pts) - Ron & Wendy Brown

CYMBIDIUM CULTURE NOTES (MARCH/ APRIL 2009) by Roy Brown.

Although officially, it's now Autumn, March can be a very hot month. We still have plenty of hot weather ahead of us. However by the end of April, the temperatures will be noticeably cooler, and this will allow a more humid atmosphere during the night which the plants will thrive on.

The early flowering varieties of cymbidium are now producing their flower spikes, this another reason the plants must not suffer a setback through dry compost. With the advent of flower spikes be very careful when handling the pots, these young spikes are easily broken off if accidentally knocked.

Keep up with the regular fertilising programme and if you like, a little extra Potash can be added. This will give the young spikes an added boost.

It might be a good idea during the next month, to spray with one of the insecticide sprays if you are troubled with red spider, scale and other such pests. However, be very careful using systemic sprays, always protect yourself from the spray.

Have a good clean up in and around your shade house to keep the area well weeded and free from any dead vegetation. Sprinkle a few Baysol pellets around, this will help to keep slug and snail problems at bay.

CATTLEYA CULTURE NOTES (MARCH/APRIL 2009) by Henry Eaton.

The weather has, as expected, been hot, excessively so at times and is likely to be the same in this period. As such the aims of culture are to keep your plants well hydrated and as cool as possible. This means regular watering without getting the mix soggy. A little drying out between waterings is acceptable and will be appreciated by the mature plants. Do not allow seedlings to dry out completely, as this may set them back. Avoid any potting at this time. Continue your fertilizing programme, but try any day forecast to be cooler than 30-35C if possible. If the days are very hot, especially if in the high 30's or 40's, give consideration to watering your plants in the late afternoon or evening to cool everything down. This will also increase the humidity. Increase the shading if necessary. Sometimes removing the shade cloth from the shadiest side of the growing area, or raising the lower border off the ground, helps in letting in more air and cooling the place down.

Keep a look out for flowering sheaths and flower buds breaking through, so they can be separated from those areas which are being watered most. This helps stop water collecting in an open flower sheath leading to rotting off of the buds.

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins St. Hall, South Perth, on Friday 27th February 2009.

Welcome: The president opened the meeting at 8.02 pm and welcomed the 36 members and 3 visitors present.

Apologies: Hector Patfield, Jack & Betty Rensen, Geoff O'Callaghan.

Minutes: Moved Merrill Brechin, seconded Rosemary McGrath that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. **Carried.**

Business arising: Ian Duncan will discuss the web page with Rod Pohl.

Confirmation: Moved Henry Eaton, seconded Ron Brown, that the Business Arising has been resolved. **Carried.**

Correspondence Inward:

- AOCWA Regional Judging Panel: Invoice, letter about fees, and new show schedules.
- Augusta & Districts Orchid Society committee info, show & meeting dates for 2009.
- Garden Clubs of Australia Bulletin + Insurance renewal papers.
- Bunbury Orchid Society committee info for 2009.
- Society Newsletters & Bulletins.
- WAROO: Auditor's report and call for agenda items for next meeting.
- Australia PO Box renewal invoice.
- Funseeker Tours brochures.
- Various items of junk mail.

Correspondence Outwards:

- Membership application forms (response to request from visitor at last GM)

Business arising: Nil.

Confirmation: Moved Merrill Brechin, seconded Phil Taylor, that Correspondence Inward and Correspondence Outward be endorsed. **Carried**

Financial Statement: Statement #410 was tabled.
Moved Ron Brown, seconded Phil Taylor, that the financial statement be received. **Carried.**

New Members (application): Nil.

Reports: OJPWA (Roy Brown). At the OJPWA Meeting 2/2/09, Paph. Magic Lantern 'Regina' was awarded a State HCC (point score 77.38, owner Kevin Butler) and Paph. Tsui's Delight 'Shelley' was awarded a State HCC (point score 76.72, owner Howard Tan) 14 Judges and 4 Associates attended.

General Business:

- John Walton asked members interested in receiving an exemption from water restrictions from the Water Corporation, to allow watering of orchids days, to contact him.
- Arrangements for the home open at Kaye & Jim Baylis's place were discussed.
- The Item for the next GM will be a talk about water by Ross Lang. Members wanting their water tested (PH & conductivity) to bring 100 ml samples labelled with their name, to the next meeting.
- Plant prizes that were not available at the last GM were received by John Walton, Phil Taylor, Bob Jones, Meg Brown and Jim Baylis.

The Meeting was adjourned for the AGM at 8.34 pm and reconvened at 9.15 pm.

Popular Vote: **Novice:** Eplc. Mae Bly 'Ching Hua Splash', owner John Walton
Open: V. Somsri Pink x V. Donna Rome Sanchez x V. Madam Rattana,
owner Phil Taylor

Raffle: Ross Lang, Dorothy Walton.

Door Prize: Sharon Lyster.

Evening Programme: Wine and Cheese Night.

The new President, Mr. John Walton, thanked the outgoing President, Mr. Ian Duncan, for his service over the last year.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2009

Patron:	Mr. Ken Rex.
President:	Mr. John Walton.
Vice-Presidents:	Mrs. Lorna Dodd, Mrs. Kaye Baylis.
Secretary:	Mr. Murray Baker.
Treasurer:	Mrs. Nancie Jones.
Immediate Past President:	Mr. Ian Duncan.
Committee:	Mrs. Rosemary McGrath, Mr. Jim Baylis Mrs. Merril Brechin, Mr. Rod Pohl, Mrs. Jean Herbert, Mr. Roy Brown, Mr. Henry Eaton, Mr. Fred Herbert
OSWA Registrar:	Mrs. Maxine Godbeer
Opportunity Table:	Help needed!!
Librarian:	Mrs. Kaye Baylis.
Bulletin Editor:	Mrs. Maxine Godbeer.
Orchids Australia:	Mrs. Jean Herbert.
Auditors:	Mrs. Meg Brown (auditor), Mrs. Kaye Baylis (checker)
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