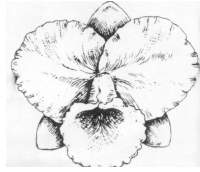


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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held in the Collins St. Hall, cnr Collins St & Shaftesbury St. South Perth, Friday 22nd October 2010 commencing at **8.00p.m.**

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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:**

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## NOVEMBER MEETING DATES

Judging Panel 7.30 pm Monday 1st  
OSWA Committee 7.30 pm Friday 5th  
General Meeting 8.00 pm Friday 26th

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**Birthdays:**

**October– 5th** - Nathan Carless **16th** - Barbara Burnett

**November - 2nd** - John Fleming **10th** - George Price **18th** - Trevor Burnett

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 Bulletin:** The Bulletin is now online at <http://members.iinet.net.au/~murray.baker/OSWA>

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- **Trophies:** Please bring in all perpetual trophies to the October General Meeting so they can be engraved for the next winners. They will be presented at the November Meeting.
- **Subscriptions:** These are due on November 1st. Please check with our Treasurer Nancie Jones for amount owing or if you are already financial.
- **Annual Christmas Dinner:** will be held on 4th December at the Royal Air Force Association in Bull Creek. I haven't checked the cost yet but last year it was \$30 per head. Please keep this date free, we do have a very enjoyable evening, the company and food are excellent.
- **Society Jackets:** We have two jackets for sale at \$44.00 each. One is 2XL, the other is size 16. Please contact Kaye if you are interested in purchasing one.
- **Potting Workshop:** By the time you will have received tis Bulletin, we will have had our Potting Workshop. 17th Oct. at the Scout Hall in South Perth.
- **Royal Show:** I wish to thank all members who offered their time to man the display, and those who brought their orchids in for the Royal Show. We had a very good display once again, and my thanks o to the few members who helped arrange the orchids to make the wonderful display that was appreciated by all who viewed it. Very special thanks to Rosemary for all the time she spent at the display, and arranging the display. Also to Ian who spent a lot of his time helping to man the display. To Jack Rensen, for the times he was rostered on and for coming to do his roster after spending all night at the hospital with Betty. Thanks Jack, your blood is worth bottling. Thanks everyone.
- **New Members:** Mr & Mrs Costa from Kardinya. We welcome you to our Society and hope you have many years of enjoyment and pleasure at the Society and in growing orchids.
- **Item for the Evening:** the October Meeting item will be an auction. Bring your plants and other things along and help the Society raise money. We would appreciate plants to be donated. Members can put a reserve on and the Society takes a commission. We have had a book kindly donated and also written by our member Peggy Stacy - "Living into the 21st Century with Diabetes". This book will be at the Auction and Peggy will sign it if the lucky bidder wishes. Thanks Peggy for your kind donation.

Our flowering year is just about over and we have all started the repotting of our orchids ready for next year. We can nearly relax and sit back and watch our orchids grow.

MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION RESULTS (September)**Open:**

Class 1A (1) 1. Jack & Betty Rensen	<i>Epi. pseudepidendrum</i>
Class 1B (1) 1. Nancie & Bob Jones	C. Unknown
Class 2A (2) 1. Phil Taylor	Cym. Valley Splash 'Aurora' x
	Cym. Red Coral 'Mystery Orange'
2. Phil Taylor	Cym. Valley Vampire 'Blood'
Class 2B (1) 1. Phil Taylor	Cym. Margaret Thatcher 'Diplomat' x
	Cym. Rembrandt 'Masterpiece'
Class 2C (1) 1. Phil Taylor	Cym. Pumisan Orange
Class 5A (2) 1. Phil Taylor	<i>Phal. schilleriana</i>
2. Phil Taylor	<i>Phal. amabilis</i> x self
Class 5B (1) 1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Phal. Unknown
Class 5D (1) 1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Phal. Little Mary 'Queen'
Class 5E (1) 1. NAS	
Class 8A (1) 1. Ian Duncan	<i>Den. canaliculatum</i>
Class 8B (1) 1. Nancie & Bob Jones	Den. Ellen 'Francine'
Class 10B(1) 1. Jack & Betty Rensen	<i>Ctsm. pileatum</i> 'Green' x
	<i>Ctsm. pileatum</i> 'Pierre Couret'
Class 11B(1) NAS	
Class 12A(1) 1. Phil Taylor	Cym. Red Nelly 'Crimson' x
	Cym. Valley Splash 'Awesome'
Class 13A(3) 1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Dtps. Sogo Pride x
	Phal. Tai-t 'Yellow Bird'
2. Phil Taylor	Cym. Valley Splash 'Aurora' x
	Cym. Red Coral 'Mystery Orange'
3. Jack & Betty Rensen	Phal. Chingruey's Beauty x
	Phal. Haur Jin Diamond x self

**Novice:**

Class 15A(1) 1. John & Dorothy Walton	<i>C. intermedia</i> var. <i>amethystine</i>
Class 15B(1) 1. Alice & Ross Lang	C. Mary Lynn McKenzie 'Nature's Masterpiece'
Class 15C(1) 1. John & Dorothy Walton	Epc. Sian Jode 'AUD'
Class 16A(3) 1. Alice & Ross Lang	Cym. Darch Alice 'Gracious'
2. Alice & Ross Lang	Cym. Foxfire Nymph 'K.B'
3. Alice & Ross Lang	Cym. Red Adair 'Springfire'

Class 16B(2) 1. Alice & Ross Lang	Cym. Darch Leprecaun 'Charlie'
2. Alice & Ross Lang	Cym. (Ngaire x Kalimpong) 'Victoria Falls'
Class 16C(2) 1. Alice & Ross Lang	Cym. Devon Odyssey 'flesh Pot'
2. Alice & Ross Lang	Cym. Bedivere 'Highbury'
Class 22A(1) 1. Alice & Ross Lang	<i>Den. Kingianum</i>
Class 27A(1) 1. No award	
2. Alice & Ross Lang	Cym. Fifi 'Harry' x Cym. Olymilum

POPULAR VOTE: Novice—Cym. Devon Odyssey 'Flesh Pot' - R&A Lang

Open - Phal. Little Mary 'Queen' - J&B Rensen

Schokman Trophy Points: Epc. Sian Jode 'AUD' (72 pts) - J&D Walton

### CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2010) by Roy Brown

Repotting should be in full swing, but by the middle of November the temperature will be fairly high, so it would be advisable to have all the repotting done by the first week of November at the latest.

When dividing your plants, try not to break them up into divisions that are too small, a 3 bulb piece will have a better chance of flowering the following year.

Try not to over pot your plant. Select a pot that will hold the plant and its root system, and will allow for a further two years growth.

When you are repotting, hold the plant firmly in one hand one inch below the top of the pot, and using your fingers work the fresh pine bark between the plant's roots.

Fill the pot to about 1/2 inch from the rim, firming the bark as you go. The plant should now be sitting neatly in the centre of the pot with the base of the bulb just below the top of the bark. Give the plant a good watering and place it in a cool, shady position for about a week, until the roots start into active growth again.

When the flower spikes have been cut and the plant repotted, you will find the new seasons leads will shoot ahead, so keep them growing strongly and increase the fertilizer to weekly or fortnightly intervals. In the growing season Cymbidiums love plenty of light, water and a regular feeding programme.

### CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2010) by Henry Eaton

With the increase in daylight hours there is evidence that spring is here after a winter of cold nights and low winter rains. Your Cattleyas should now be showing signs of recovering from dormancy, by growth buds beginning to enlarge in some and by the appearance of new roots in others. Where you see these signs on plants they provide an indication that those plants are ready to be repotted in new mix if they are growing out of the pot or if the mix has been there for a long while and is probably going stale and unlikely to last for another year in good condition. These plants should be inspected to see if they only need transfer to a bigger pot or

Whether they need to be divided. If division is contemplated, do not go for divisions of less than 4 mature bulbs each. If there appears not to be any new roots on the posterior divisions the plant could be partially divided at the necessary spot and left for a couple of months to let a new growth appear, when the cut would be completed and the division made. This also reminds me that when thinking of dividing a plant, make sure by removing any old sheaths around it, that there is a viable bud at the point of division. If none is found, do not divide it at this point; but find another spot.

When potting on a Cattleya it is worth choosing a mix that will be adaptable to the time you can give to watering your plants. If frequent watering is possible a coarser, less absorbent mix can be used, while those people who cannot spare enough time to water the plants should use a smaller sized mix which will hold water for longer. Cattleyas like a wet to nearly dry cycle for best growth. Use a pot size you feel will be adequate to allow at least 2-3 years of growth before the need for repotting arises. Do not over pot. When repotting, hold the plant so that the oldest bulb sits plumb with the back edge of the pot, giving the new growth at least 2 years of growth in front. After filling the pot with your mix, the plant should be anchored firmly enough for you to lift it up by the leaves without separating it from the pot. A stake alongside the foremost growth, to which it is tied, is also worth considering if there is any doubt about stability.. Water the plant well and leave it in a shady area of the shade house for a couple of weeks before returning it to its normal spot. You can fertilise the plant with something like Seasol before commencing normal feeding after 3-4 weeks.

### **The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)**

#### **Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth, on Friday 24th September 2010**

**Welcome:** The President opened the meeting at 8.04 pm and welcomed the members and visitors present

**Attendance/apologies:** As per register.

**Minutes:** Moved J. Brabin, seconded P. Stacy that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. **Carried.**

#### **Business Arising:**

**Confirmation:** Moved B. Rensen, seconded P. Stacy that the Business Arising has been resolved. **Carried.**

#### **Correspondence Inward:**

- Various emails to & from the Secretary WAROO re the transfer of the 1991 Conference funds together with various emails to & from OSWA Committee members.
- Receipt from Westpac Bank depositing the 1991 Conference funds to WAROO AOC Conference Account
- Reply from email to Secretary WAROO asking had she received the Agenda for the AOC Annual meeting. Answer was no.
- Minutes of the WAROO meeting held 12th September 2010
- Report from the WAROO Conservation Officer
- Email from Jeanette Rautenbach with a photo of a flower asking if it is an orchid.
- Letter from the City of South Perth confirming bookings for the Collins Street Hall for 2011
- Society Newsletters

**Correspondence Outward:**

- Reply to Jeanette Rautenbach that the photo does not appear to be an orchid
- Get Well cards to Jean Herbert & Lorna Dodd
- Email by the Secretary to b. Larson congratulating him & others of the Conference committee in being successful in obtaining a grant from the Lotteries commission
- Reply to Stephen Wylie advising that OSWA was not in a financial position to be a partner in his research into possible viruses of WA native orchids. Referred him to the AOF

**Business Arising:** Matters arising from the inward & outward mail were dealt with when read.

**Confirmation:** Moved J. Baylis, seconded T. Dixon that the Correspondence Inward & Correspondence Outward be endorsed. **Carried**

**Financial Statement:** Details of the Societies financial position were given by the Treasurer.

**New Members:** Nil

**Reports:**

- OJPWA (Roy Brown): OSWA spring show. Grand Champ. Cym Red Nelly 'Crimson' x (Chilli Pepper x President Gorbachev)- owner P. Taylor. Reserve Champ. *Den. spectabile*-owner J&B Rensen.

Wanneroo O>S Spring Show - Grand Champ. *Den. speciosum* 'Mt Larcom Gold x Win-demere' owner M&B Arrah. Reserve Champ. *Dendrochilum latifolium* owner M&B Arrah.

NDOS Spring Show - Grand Cham. *Den. lindleyi* owner M&T Watkinson. Reserve Champ. Angcm. Veitchii owner P. Taylor

- The President reported on the trip to Tenterden which was enjoyed by all despite the rain on Sunday morning. Moved P. Stacy, seconded J. Brabin, that a letter of appreciation and thanks be sent to donna & Eddy Wajon
- The President thanked the members for bringing their plants and for helping at the Spring Show. She also congratulated the various winners and handed out the relevant prizes.
- The president also thanked the members who brought plants and helped with the setup of the display at the Royal Show.

**General Business:**

- The President mentioned the difficulties that we expect to occur in the future with regard to holding shows in shopping centres when 9.00 pm closing comes in. A short discussion was held on alternatives.
- Ian Duncan offered a copy of Orchids Australia to any new member who was interested. It was accepted by J> Brabin.
- Peggy Stacy offered a copy of her book to be raffled next month for the benefit of the Society.

**Popular vote:** Open - J&B Rensen Novice- R&A Lang

**Raffle:** J. Walton and P. Stacy

**Door Prize:** R. Lang

**Evening Programme:** Ian Duncan showed photos of plants that he saw when he visited the Eric Young Foundation, plus a few others he thought may be of interest to the members. The President thanked him.

**The meeting closed at 9.50 pm/**