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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 September 2010 commencing at 8.00p.m.

Orchid Society of Western Australia Patron Mr K.C. Rex

THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

ERIC YOUNG FOUNDATION - ORCHID SLIDES

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OCTOBER MEETING DATES

Judging Panel No Meeting

OSWA Committee 7.30 pm Friday 1st

General Meeting

8.00 pm Friday 22nd

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Birthdays:

September - 9th - Nalini Naidu 14th - Bob Longmore

October - 5th - Nathan Carless 16th - Barbara 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 If you are happy to download the Bulletin from the web and not receive the printed copy by post, please let Murray know (murray.baker@iinet.net.au)

- **Spring Show:** Congratulations and thanks to all members who entered plants. To those members who were lucky enough to win prizes congratulations. 165 entries.
- Most in Open: Phil Taylor Most in Novice: Ross & Alice Lang
- **Royal Show:** Set up on Friday 24th September, plants in by 11am. We need plants, helpers to man the display and the dismantle is Sunday 3rd October at 8 am. Please help us to put on a good display.
- **Potting Workshop:** This will be held on October 17th 2010 at the Scout Hall, South Perth.
- Put this date onto your calendar.

MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION RESULTS (AUGUST 2010)

Open:

Class 8A (1) 1. lan Duncan Den. speciosum

Class 8B (2) 1. Nancie & Bob Jones Den. Colonial Surprise x Den. King Rose

2. Ian Duncan Den. Colonial Surprise x

Den. (Aussie Springtime x Kim)

Novice:

Class 15B(1) 1. Alice & Ross Lang Bc. Malworth 'Orchid Glade'

Class 16A(1) 1. Alice & Ross Lang Cym. Cronulla 'The Khan'

Class 16B(3) 1. Ann & Malcolm Davis Cym. One Tree Hill 'Doris

2. Alice & Ross Lang Cym. Gentle Touch 'Bon Bon'.

3. Alice & Ross Lang Cym. Darch Joy 'Little Toy'

Class 16C(2) 1. Alice & Ross Lang Cym. Sarah Jean 'Fairy'

2. Ann & Malcolm Davis Cym. Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade' x 'Vapour'

Class 27A(1) 1. Alice & Ross Lang Cym. Beverley x Cym. Last Tango

POPULAR VOTE:

Novice- Cym. Sarah Jean 'Fairy' - Alice & Ross Lang

Open - Den. Colonial Surprise x King Rose - Nancie & Bob Jones

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Schokman Trophy Points Bc. Malworth 'Orchidglade' (65 pts) - Alice & Ross Lang

CYMBIDIUM CULTURE NOTES (SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2010) by Roy Brown

These are the Spring months when we see our favourite Cymbidiums flowering again. Perhaps we have a seedling flowering for the first time, or maybe a mericlone or piece of a favourite plant that we fancied. Whatever it is, these are the months when we can enjoy our flowers at their best.

With the Orchid Societies Spring Shows around the corner be particularly careful with the flowers. See to it they are properly staked if they need it, and keep all pests away from the flower buds.

Cymbidium spikes will last for several months if left on the plant, but this is not good practice, as it will retard the new seasons growths. Cut the spikes and use them indoors, they will last as long in water. Once the spikes have been cut, you will see the new leads shoot ahead.

Now a few hints on dividing and repotting. When dividing your plant, don't break it up into sections that are too small. Make the divisions, where possible, a 3 or 4 bulb plant (bulbs with leaves), this will give you a far better chance to flower it again next season. Don't over pot the plant. I see no useful purpose in doing this. Select a pot that will hold the plant and its root system, and will allow for a further 2 years growth.

CATTLEYA CULTURE NOTES (SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2010) by Henry Eaton

Now that the shows are over for this year, we will be getting into the season for assessing the needs of your plants to be potted on or to be repotted. This is the start of the growing season and getting the plants off to a good start will result in better flowering next year. Plants that will need to be considered for repotting will be (1) seedlings more than 6 months in the pot, (2) plants where the front growth is over the edge of the pot or where the next growth will take it,

(3)Plants showing signs of being unhappy in their current mix (4) plants that need breaking up because of their large size.

Deciding when to pot will be largely influenced by the appearance of new roots. When new roots appear you can be sure they will establish in new mix quite readily. Do not allow roots to grow more than 2-3 cm long before potting as longer roots are more likely to be broken in the process of potting. When potting choose a pot size one step up from the pot you had used until then e.g from a 125mm to a 150mm pot. The mix you use should fit in with your schedule for having time to water your plants. The coarser the mix the more frequent the watering will have to be. At the time of potting place the oldest pseudo bulb against the back wall of the pot and fill in with mix from the front. Push the mix in, so the plant is firmly held in the pot. If adequately immobilized you can usually lift the plant up by its leaves without the plant coming away from the pot. Stake the pseudo bulbs up vertically as far as possible and make sure the front growth cannot move around, damaging the emerging new roots. Place the repotted plant in a shady spot in your growing area for a couple of weeks to counter the shock of replanting. Something like a seaweed solution watered through would also help to counter shock. If there is a need to divide a plant, make sure you use a sterilized cutting instrument and do not make a division smaller than 3-4 healthy bulbs.

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The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth On Friday 27th August 2010

Welcome: The President opened the meeting at 8.10 pm and welcomed the members and visitors present.

Attendance/Apologies: As per register.

Evenings programme: At the request of Eddy Wajon, who was presenting the programme, it was agreed for him to present the programme before the business part of the meeting. He gave a very interesting talk, with slides, entitled "Monduup View; Recovery after the Tenterden fire 2003" which was well received by the members. At the conclusion the President thanked him on behalf of the members present.

After the usual break, the Business part of the meeting was conducted.

Minutes: Moved M. brechin, seconded E. burgess that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. **Carried.**

Business Arising: The President advised that it would appear that the Society would not be able to find a Delegate for the next WAROO meeting due to members being away or unavailable due to other commitments.

Confirmation: Moved J. Brabin, seconded M. Brechin that the Business Arising has been resolved.

Correspondence Inward:

- Letter from the Directory of Australian Associations requesting current details of OSWA.
 Information sent.
- Letter from the Broome Orchid Club advising details of their Office Bearers.
- Email from the American Orchid Society advising of their decision to sell their headquarters building due to their current financial position as a result of the current economic conditions
- Minutes of the WAROO meeting held 18th July.
- Letter from the City of South Perth re the hiring of the Scout Hall.
- Email from the Secretary of WAROO requesting agenda items for the meeting to be held on September 12th.
- Society Newsletters.

Correspondence Outward:

- Reply to Broome Orchid Club that our monthly Bulletin is available online.
- Letter to Centre Management of Kardinya Park Shopping Centre re our Spring Show.

Business Arising: Matters arising from the inward mail had been previously dealt with.

Confirmation: Moved J. Walton, seconded E. Burgess that Correspondence Inward and Correspondence Outward be endorsed. **Carried.**

Financial Statement: No financial Statement was tabled.

New Members: There were no new members.

Reports: OJPWA (R. Brown) - OSWA Winter Show G/Ch/ - Phal. (Musashino x Hsing White) x Ginre Shine Hur - Owner J&B Rensen. R/Ch. - Den. Hilda Poxon - Owner I. Duncan.

Mandurah O.C. Show - G/Ch. - Den. Diane Kouchi x Kapalula Beauty - owner J&B Rensen, R/Ch. - Z. Conways Choice x Advance Australia - owner J. Carless

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Bunbury O.S. Show - G/Ch. - Cym. Margaret Thatcher 'Perfection' - owner W. Cruikshank R/Ch. - *Paph. tonsum*' David' - owner B. Vrieling.

Wanneroo O.S. Show - G/Ch. - *Paph. spicerianum* - owner T 7s Budrovich. R/Ch. – Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice - owner B. Larson

General Business: Kardinya Park Shopping Centre has placed an advertisement in the local paper for our spring Show. Plant sales on Thursday, Friday & Saturday.

Some members then requested that their names be submitted to the Water Authority re a permit to enable them to water their orchids. Ian Duncan stated that he understood that the Water Authority had changed the procedure & that he would look into the matter.

The President then gave out the winter Show prize money.

Raffle: R. Jones & J. Brabin

Door Prize: M. Davis

Meeting closed at 10.05 pm

OSWA Spring Show Results

Grand Champion & Champion Cymbidium - Cym. Red Nelly 'Crimson' x (Chilli Pepper x President Gorbachev) 'Rose' - Phil Taylor

Reserve Champion, Best Any Other Genera, Best Species other than A.N & AOC Most Preeminent Entry - Den. spectabile - Jack & Betty Rensen

Best Laeliinae Alliance - Blc. California Girl x Aran Powder Puff - Sharon Lyster

Best Paphiopedilum - Paph. Hsinying Artsib - Howard Tan

Best Phalaenopsis - Dtps. Brother Red Hot x Brother Success - Jack & Betty Rensen

Best Pure Colour Cymbidium - Cym. Eastern Star x Foxfire Dancer - John & Karen Carless

Best Cymbidium Seedling - Cym. Mem. Merv Dunn 'Compact Gold' x 'Golden Girl' - P. Taylor

Best A.N Hybrid & Best Novice Entry - Den. Avrils Gold x Golden Bunspate - John & Dorothy Walton

Best A.N Species - Den. speciosum - Ian Duncan

Best A.N Hybrid Seedling - Den. Gulginnii x Xdelicatum 'Michael' - Bob & Nancie Jones

Best Specimen A.N - Den. Moondarra x Den. speciosum var. curvicaule - Phil Taylor

Best Seedling other than Cymbidium - Paph. Chocolate Shot 'Hot Dip' x (Paph. Kimberly Szabo x Kerry Ann) 'Birthday Present - Phil Taylor

Best Specimen other than A.N - Cym. One Tree Hill 'John's Quest' - Phil Taylor

Best Junior entry—Cym. Freeling 'Green Ice' - Nathan Carless

Best Floral Art Entry - Meg Donald

19th AOC Conference 11th-16th September 2012

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Even though it's been a long time since our first Bulletin, the committee has been hard at work behind the scenes & we finally have some really good news. The funds to ensure the success of the 19th AOC Orchid Conference have at last been forthcoming with a grant from

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The Western Australian Lotteries Commission. We are most grateful to the Western Australian Government for their far sighted outlookin supporting ventures such as ours. The conference committee can now proceed with planning the future of the event in the secure knowledge that even though we are aiming high, our aims can be achieved. The conference Committee are proud to report that the prestigious Burswood Entertainment complex has been chosen as the venue for the 19th AOC Conference in 2012.

All the major activities (exhibition, vendors, lecture program) of the Conference will be held under the same roof. The Exhibition & Vendors will be in the huge Grand Ballroom which covers over 1800 sq. m & boasts wide access for exhibitors when setting up their orchid displays, a stage, sound system & a 6m ceiling. This does not include the huge foyer with an area of 1500 sq. m, which is available for Conference use, as are the dedicated reception & registration areas.

The Lecture Program will take place in the aptly named Botanical Room a short walk away on the floor below. Both escalators & lifts are available for movement between the two areas. The botanical room is equipped with state of the art facilities, including inbuilt sound systems, digital projectors & screens. Covering a floor area of 389 sq. m the Botanical room can seat 350 people when in theatre mode.

The focus of the Burswood Entertainment complex is the 24hr Casino, while also including two world class hotels, (see our accommodation page for these & other hotels in the area) numerous restaurants, bars, theatres, hotel internet, business centre, a nightclub, 18 hole golf course, day spa, retail outlets, swimming pools, gyms, saunas, tennis courts, bike hire & riverside cycling trails, you will have more facilities & services than you could possibly require.

And not forgetting our new Conference Logo, which contains the beautiful Western Australian flower of Thelymitra pulcherrima, will be used on all Conference literature & on the Conference web site. The Conference Logo is not included in this email, as some email filters will block all pictures, but you can see it on our web site.

The committee for the 19th AOC Conference is in discussion with some of the worls foremost orchid authorities regarding their attendance as Speakers. We expect to be able to present the most exciting line up of lecturers ever seen in Australia. More about this in future Bulletins.

Further information regarding all our latest happenings can be accessed on the web site at...

http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th_AOC_Conference.htm

Also further information regarding the planning, sho chronology, Lecture Program, Vendors, Registration etc will be forthcoming as it comes to hand via these email bulletins, keeping you as up to date as possible.

We urge all orchid societies to feel free to reprint this Bulletin, & anything else from our web site, in your club newsletters.

Should you have any queries or questions regarding the 19th AOC Conference, feel free to contact the Chairman (email) the Secretary (email) or the Webmaster (email).

The fact that you are receiving this email indicates that you are already included on our database for further updates from time to time. However, we would like to give you the opportunity to have your email address removed if you so desire. We hope you will be happy to receive our updates regarding the good news that is happening here, but we do not want you to feel that we are inflicting you with spam. Should you wish to have your email removed from our database, please reply to this email with the word 'Remove' in the subject line.

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