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***Onc.* Sweet Sugar 2008 Winter Show Champion – again.**

October 2008 meeting to be held on the **THIRD** Wednesday of the Month, at the
Adelaide West Uniting Church Hall
312 Sir Donald Bradman Drive Brooklyn Park..

Next Meeting WEDNESDAY October 15th

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2008 PROGRAMME

September Meeting Wednesday 17th September.

Our meeting for this month will take the form of a plant AUCTION. A long time ago, we held an auction every year, and the proceeds, as well as helping keep our annual subs. low, gave us a financial underpinning which helped make our Society viable. This month we will take tat path again, and from past experiences, we will have some fine plants available at bargain prices. Of course, we can't have an auction without plants, so we are seeking the donation of any pieces of orchids, or other plants which you can spare to help make our evening a success. It should be a fun night, and we look forward to your participation.

BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER.

Happy birthday to all our members who were born in October. Come along next meeting to be in the draw for a small prize..

Michael Ferry Colin Grigg Allan Jeffries
Doug Measday Kevin Trevan

SUPPER ROSTER

Members who have volunteered to help prepare our supper this month are:-

Judith Gardner and Pauline Simcock

Thank you, members.

Next Committee Meeting:	Pulteney Grammar School	20 th Oct. 2008	7:30 pm
Next Judges Meeting	Pulteney Grammar School	24 th November 2008	7.30 pm
Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting:		13 th October 2008	7:30pm
	Pulteney Grammar School South Tce. Adelaide		

PREISDENT'S PIECE

Now that our last major show is over for the year, we can all sit back and relax! – or can we – the reporting might just take care of itself! However, the show at the Burnside Shopping Centre went off very well and I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make it a success. It was good to see some extra foliage plants too.

We know that Spanish moss is really great for finishing off our displays too, and although it is actually a foliage plant, we don't think of it as such. When I was in Florida, USA, I was amazed to see enormous bundles of Spanish moss hanging from the trees – the clumps were the size of large suitcases. Apparently it causes some problems as the weight of the clumps weighs the branches down and eventually snaps them off – I think of this when I look at my little bunches and wish that they would grow quicker – we are never satisfied. Just out of interest I have included in this issue a copy of "The legend of Spanish moss"

Onto another subject – the Dolphin Cruise – this has been organised for Sunday the 19th October and is a lunch cruise. The cost is \$13 for adults and \$11 for children and this includes lunch. We need to be at the wharf by 11am for an 11:30 start on the day and the definite numbers are needed beforehand.

Everyone who has attended these in the past has thoroughly enjoyed the day so could you please think about this and let the club know at the next meeting, or if you are not going to be at the meeting but would like to go on the cruise, please let Alan Davies or someone on the committee know before the meeting. Thank you. There will also be a raffle.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Jane

LAST MEETING

Dr. Tony Bourne presented a very interesting talk last month about the development of wetlands at the Grange golf Club. Members have commented to me that Tony always gives a very good talk which is clearly and

logically presented, and he always makes it very interesting for everyone. Thank you, Tony, for again giving us such a good presentation.

SUPPER ROSTER

Supper was set out by Robyn & John Dunn, and Sarka Laznicka last month.

Thank you for helping out, members The cuppa and social chat at the end of the meeting is an important part of the night.

Just before the Spring show is perhaps not the optimum time to present a plant display, but there were some very nice plants on display last month.. .

Prize plants from the Winter Show were presented to the winners too.

THIS MEETING

Wednesday 15th October

We will be holding a plant auction at our meeting this month, and we hope that members may like to donate spare pieces of their orchids or other plants to help support our Society.

Other gardening related donations, pots, stakes, etc will also be welcome.

At past auctions, there have been some good bargains to be had, so bring along some spare cash- you may score a bargain.

SPRING SHOW

Numbers of quality plants were down this season, no doubt due to the weather conditions which we experienced, but the **Grand Champion** was a worthy winner for Ben Knobben, who displayed his Cym. Sims Vision `Barcelona' a 60-90 mm class exhibit pale pink in colour, and beautifully presented with upright spikes

Reserve Champion orchid was Colin & Jan Tilbrook's orange *S/c* Hazel Boyd, which was also **1st Div. champion orchid.**

Second Div. champion was Cym. Eikoh, shown by Sheila Hellawell.

Congratulations to all who provided plants for the display, and to those who had plants for the trading table.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

SATURDAY 18th OCTOBER

The Adelaide West Uniting Church, where we hold our monthly meetings, will be holding a Fair, at which we have been invited to mount an exhibit similar to that of last year. We are seeking support from members to put some plants in a display to publicise our Society's activities.

SUNDAY 19th OCTOBER

On the Sunday after the next meeting, we have organised a **Port River Boat Cruise**, which includes lunch and Port river boat trip to see the dolphins.

We need to advise the numbers attending, so will need a firm total at the next meeting. Cost is \$13 per head adults, and \$11 children. We should arrive at the Port Adelaide wharf at 11 am for a 11.30 departure time. You might like to arrive earlier to get a good parking spot, and visit the Port market.

On Saturday 25th/Sun. 26th October the Rose Society will hold its 100th Anniversary Show at Burnside Council

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17th

Our Christmas Social evening. We will be having a dinner at the Hall before the meeting, starting at 6 30 pm. The Society will subsidise dinner costs which will cost members only \$10, visitors' dinner costs to be advised. Keep this date free.

KEL'S CORNER.

The meeting of 17th September was well represented with a nice collection of orchids. By the time this article is printed most of the shows will be completed for the year, with the exception of late native displays. One can contemplate what may be expected in future years – young people are not taking up a plant type hobby readily- pity!

The Open Div. was represented by a quality selection of plants. Beryl & Richard Wilson's plant of the species *Cym. parishii* was noteworthy. It had one raceme of 13 flowers and two buds. The 7 1/2 cm white flowers were unusual in several respects.

In First Div. Kevin Trevan continues to show interesting zygo's. He had one Z. B G White x Titanic growing in a 17cm plant with 4 open blooms and 1 bud. The flowers were all over green, heavily covered in brown, the lips all over striped purple. John & Robyn Dunn had an interesting native *Den.*, Anne's Rainbow Surprise x *speciosum* in a 12 cm pot growing in bark and grit. The white flowers, with a delicate purple splash on the segments were attractive as they presented themselves looking up.

Don & Jane Higgs showed an unusual native *Ptst nutans* 'White' with 5 blooms in a 12 cm pot, the unusual feature being the alba nature of the plant and blooms - I'm not certain I prefer this variety over the normal type, but it was certainly distinctive.

Cym Valley Splash x Latrobe from John & Sandra Nicholls had 2 racemes of 13 & 9 blooms, pale pink with striking lips barred in deep red. Ben Knobben's Anna Szabo 'Geyserland' had one spike in a 20 cm pot, and was attractive in the over 90 mm class. Fewer spikes on a well grown plant equals larger blooms.

In the Laeliniae, the Wilsons had a large, well flowered *Lc* Fires of Spring, 6 racemes averaging 5 flowers in a lovely orange with red lips – an eye-catching plant.

The Jacobs had a fine intermediate sized Ruby Valley 'Margaret', dark red purple blooms averaging 20 per stem and 3 spikes in a 25 cm pot.

Kevin & Jan Whibleys *Den.* Hilda Poxon had sprays of delicate lemon coloured blooms with brown spotted lips, an appealing combination

Second Div growers had a nice group of plants. Joe and Denise Cassar's plant *Cym* Swallow 'Daffodil' was a reminder of some of the fine plants of yesteryear. This one had pale yellow blooms with faint spotting on the labellums. Geoff. Salman had a fine native

dendrobium in a 13 cm pot, and it had many spikes of pale pink blooms.

Overall the display was very attractive. A lot of plants will have changed hands over the course of the recet shows and their trading tables.. If we can encourage more people to exhibit and join clubs it will mean much for the future of plant qnd garden clubs in future years.

Kel Staples

Ed.s note :- the decline in exhibiting and show standards has been on the decline for a number of years now. I remember when individual displays 6ft. x 4ft were competed for with enthusiasm at the Royal Show, when beautiful exhibits of foliage and flowering plants were seen. I recall one year which had a pyramid display of flowering cyclamen soared high in the air. It was only years later that I learnt that that display, which still remains in my memory, was mounted by Kel Staples. Individual displays at orchid shows similarly has suffered a large decline due to space constraints in Shopping Centre malls.

The will and opportunity for such displays is now sadly in the past. One wonders what the future holds for horticultural clubs as the level of expertise of past growers becomes less and less available for growers of the future.

THINGS TO PONDER.

Time is slipping by, and it will soon be time to consider nominations for Committee positions. There will be a number of positions needed to be filled, including President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and at least three Committee people.

If you want a voice in the operation of our Society, please consider nominating for office.

Also to be considered at this year's Annual General Meeting in November are some changes proposed to the Rules (Constitution) of our Society. The variations have been made necessary due to changes in State Laws pertaining to non profit Clubs and copies of the revision will be tabled this meeting.



J Nicholl's Red River x James Toya



Tony Bourne's seedling *Paph venustum*



Cym Mary Green

BE CAREFUL !!!

GLYPHOSATE & ORCHIDS

A paper from the Aust. Orchid Foundation. Name of author not supplied.

"This problem arose in 2004 when in February I sprayed Glyphosate (available as Zero or Roundup) beneath the benches on which my orchid collection was growing to kill the grass and weeds growing there. I noticed as my orchids were starting to flower they all suddenly closed up and what appeared to be a pod formed at the back of the flower.

When I mixed up the spray in a 5 litre pump sprayer, I had followed the limited warnings on the label, and made sure I didn't get the spray anywhere near the orchids sitting on the benches above. The genera affected were - *Sarcochilus*, *Masdevallias*, *Odontoglossums*, and *cymbidiums* which were all on the benches above where I sprayed.

I phoned some Chemical Companies that produce Glyphosate. The Company whose product I used agreed with my findings as they had known of this affecting roses before, resulting in twisted growths and yellowing, but didn't know of any effects on orchids. The Company told me they thought the fumes would have affected the plants at the time of spraying, causing the effects (by the way the pods were infertile). They also said it would probably take 6 months to grow out of the plants. They didn't have an answer to my question "Why did new plants that I put in my shed 8 months after I sprayed still get affected?"

I looked up the Internet under Glyphosate and found many sites listed, and was amazed at what I found under this topic. Amongst other things, I found it had a half life or part thereof in the soils for anything between 30 to 360 days after spraying. Glyphosate leaches out nitrogen. Was this why my plants went yellow?

Symptoms of exposure to humans includes eye irritation, blurred vision, skin rashes, sore throat, headache, the list goes on.

A friend in Tasmania had similar problems with *Sarcochilus* and *masdevallias* after spraying under his benches..

I also had leaves tested for deficiencies, and the response was that they were deficient in nitrogen.

In 2005 I contacted Peter Cundall from Gardening Australia after seeing weird growths on a rose that he showed on his program. I was getting these same growths on some of my orchids. When he replied to my query he said and I quote, 'The big mistake you made was spraying beneath your orchids as I have seen the fumes rising from Glyphosate after spraying' End of quote.

I will leave it up to the reader to do their own investigating, as I know some of you who read this will say they have used it for a number of years with no ill effects to their orchids, some even weeding their orchids with it. As I am repotting many of my plants that look sick, I am finding all the roots have died on them as well."

Thank you to Brian Brand who has given me a paper previously, which indicated that we should be very wary of using Glyphosate around our valuable plants..

PERLITE.

Whilst on the subject of Safety, members may like to take note of an article in the latest *Orchids Australia* written by a doctor, who urges caution and care when using **perlite** as an ingredient in potting mixes. The dust and small particles are a silicon compound, and can be dangerous if breathed in whilst mixing ingredients – damp it down before using.

COMPETITION RESULTS SEPTEMBER 2008

CYMBIDIUM over 90 mm

Open Div		
1 st	Anna Szabo `Geyserland`	Ben Knobben
2 nd	Jinjerra `Desiree`	B \$ R Wilson
3 rd	Valley Splash x Latrobe	J & S Nicholls

Second Div.

1 st	Anne Miller x Claude Pepper	A Drew
2 nd	Papa Sam `Alice Mary`	J & D Cassar
3 rd	Ann Green x Profita	B Bolt

CYMBIDIUM 60-90 mm

Open Div.		
1 st	Sleeping Sharon `Nicole`	B Knobben
2 nd	Tigerland `Black Opal`	J & S Nicholls
3 rd	Chilsana	B & R Wilson

First Div.		
1 st	Ruby Valley `Margaret`	T & M Jacob

Second Div.		
1 st	Vintage Village	S Hellawell

CYMBIDIUM under 60mm

Open Div		
1 st	Mary Green	B & R Wilson
2 nd	Ruby Eyes `Red Baron`	A & M Phillips
3 rd	Mary Green	B & R Wilson

First Div.		
1 st	Sarah Jean `	K Trevan

Second Div		
1 st	Ruby Eyes `85`	A Drew

STANDARD CATTLEYA

Open Div		
1 st	Rsc California Girl x Mt Sylvan`	R & B Wilson

NOVELTY CATTLEYA

Open Div		
1 st	Gsl Fires of Spring	R & B Wilson
2 nd	Slc Precious Jewel x Trick or Treat	K & G Staples

First Div.		
1 st	Brs glauca x L rupestris	A & I Davies

COCKTAIL CATTLEYA

Open Div		
1 st	Alsaks Pattern	R & B Wilson

STANDARD PAPHIOPEDILUMS

Open Div		
1 st	Jan Giles	K & G Staples
2 nd	Flinders Park	K & G Staples
3 rd	Sioux x Thunduggera	A Bourne

NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div		
1 st	<i>Paph. Double Deception</i>	A Bourne
2 nd	<i>fanaticum x malipoense</i>	K & G Staples
3 rd	F C Puddle	A Bourne

SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div		
1 st	<i>Paph venustum</i>	Tony Bourne
2 nd	<i>boxallii</i>	K & G Staples
3 rd	<i>villosum v Annamense</i>	Tony Bourne

SPECIES

Open Div		
1 st	<i>Cattleya trianae</i>	R & B Wilson
2 nd	<i>Cym parishii</i>	B & R Wilson
3 rd	<i>Lyc lasioglossa</i>	B & R Wilson

First Div		
1 st	<i>Serapias lingua</i>	K Trevan
2 nd	<i>Pros cochleate</i>	K Trevan

DENDROBIUM

Second Div		
1 st	Jaihan	Anton Drew

AUST NATIVE EPIPHYTE HYBRID

Open Div		
1 st	<i>Den Zip</i>	S & B Huddleston
2 nd	Den. Andrew Persson	S & B Huddleston
3 rd	Den Gillieston Reward x Christaline	R & B Wilson

First Div		
1 st	Den Andrew Persson	J & R Dunn
2 nd	Den. gracilicaule x suffusum	K & J Whibley
3 rd	Den Annes Rainbow Sur. X speciosum	J & R Dunn
Second Div		
1 st	Den Unknown	Geoff Salman

AUST. NATIVE EPIPHYTE SPECIES

Open Div		
1 st	<i>Den kingianum</i>	A & M Phillips

First Div		
1 st	Den kingianum	J 7 R Dunn
2 nd	Den kingianum	510
3 rd	Den tetragonum	560

AUST. NATIVE TERRESTRIAL HYBRID

Open Div
1st Ptst Joseph Arthur D & J Higgs

First Div.
1st Ptst Dusky Duke K Trevan

AUST NATIVE TERRESTRIAL SPECIES

Open Div
1st *Diuris conspicillata* D & J Higgs
2nd Ptst nutans White D & J Higgs
3rd *Diuris lanceolata* R & L Gunn

First Div.
1st *Diuris orientalis* K Trevan
2nd *Ptst curta* K Trevan

MISCELLANEOUS

Open Div.
1st Phrag Mem Dick Clements D & J Higgs
2nd Ang Veitchii R & B Wilson
3rd Phal Kryptonite R & B Wilson

Second Div.
1st Epi. *Elongatum* x Fairy Lavender S Laznicka

SEEDLING

Open Div.
1st *Paph venustum.* A Bourne
2nd Z Conway's Choice R & L Gunn
3rd Zga Tatachilla A Bourne

First Div.
1st Zga Zest x Zba Elfin Jade K Trevan
2nd Den Tyabb J & R Dunn
3rd Z River Murray x Kiwi Choice K Trevan

ZYGOPETALUM

Open Div
1st Z Conway's Choice R & L Gunn
2nd Zga Tatachilla A Bourne
3rd Z Advance Aust x Hmwsa Aussie Quest A Bourne

First Div
1st Zga Zest x Zba Elfin Jade K Trevan
2nd Z Npp Adelaide K Trevan
3rd Z BG White x Titanic K Trevan

POPULAR VOTE

Open Div
1st Lc Fires of Spring R & B Wilson`
2nd Cym Mary Green B & R Wilson
3rd Cym Valley Splash x Latrobe J & S Nicholls

First Div
1st *Den gracilicaule x suffusum* J & K Whibley
2nd *Den Avril's Gold x Yondi Tina* J & K Whibley
3rd *Den Gracious Cascades* B & S Brand

Second Div
1st Cym. Anne Miller x Claude Pepper A Drew
2nd *Den Unknown* Geoff Salman
3rd Cym. Valley Athletic `The Star' B Bolt

BEST IN DIVISION

Open Division

Paphiopedilum venustum

Shown by Dr. A Bourne

First Division

Den. Andrew Persson

Shown by J & R Dunn

Second Division

Cym. Vintage Village

Shown by Sheila Hellowell.

REGISTRAR'S CHOICE

***Dendrobium* Andrew Persson**

Shown by John & Robyn Dunn



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