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

September 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 September 17th

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2008 PROGRAMME

September Meeting Wednesday 17th September.

We are to hear a further talk from our secretary and man of many parts, Dr Tony Bourne, again this month. Tony is well known for his clear, concise, and very interesting addresses whenever he gives a talk at various meetings around the State. This time he dons another of his caps in which conservation of our environment features prominently. As Captain of the Grange Golf Club he has been closely involved in the development of wetlands at the course, and in the preservation of some of our local orchids found there. Somewhat of a different emphasis for Tony this meeting (not a slipper orchid in sight), but we can expect to hear a most interesting talk. Expect to see some very fine orchids on display as the season nears its peak, too.

BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER.

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

Len Brombal	Iris Davies	Betty Huddleston	Margaret Jacob
John Nicholls	Eileen Pinnock		Elva Shawyer
			Peter McCauley
			Richard Wilson

SUPPER ROSTER

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

Sarka Laznicka, and John and Robyn Dunn.

Thank you, members.

Next Committee Meeting:	Pulteney Grammar School	22 nd Sept. 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		

PRESIDENT'S PIECE

I would like to start this month's report by sending our thoughts and best wishes to Shirley Steele and her family on the passing of Merv. Steele recently. Several club members attended Merv's funeral which was on the day of our Society meeting. He will be sadly missed.

Spring seems to have arrived in a hurry over the past week – all the trees are starting to break into blossom and the daytime temperatures are definitely higher than it has been. My orchids however don't seem to notice the change – they are just as slow to open as they were in the middle of winter!! Given that where we live runs about a month behind Adelaide as far as the seasons go, I am hoping that everyone else's orchids are running to schedule for the Spring Show at Burnside. Once again we will be needing people to fill the roster positions. Please help out if you can – any help is better than none.

Another reminder about the condition of your plants for the Show. Remember they must be in showbench condition, with dead leaves removed, pots cleaned, stakes not to be higher than the orchid spikes. Foliage plants will also be needed to help finish off the displays. If you start preparing your plants now, it won't be such a rush at the last moment.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

Jane.

LAST MEETING

Kevin and Pauline McLean of Pauline's Laboratory Service have been supplying orchid flasking services to local and interstate orchid hybridists for many years, and have been instrumental in supplying many desirable orchids to the orchid community. Last meeting they gave our members a talk about the procedures involved in making a crossing, and took us on a tour of the steps involved in raising seedlings and mericlones.

A very informative talk which gave us some idea of the intricacies involved in the processes. Thank you, Pauline and Kevin for

coming all the way from Moana to give us the benefit of your experience..

SUPPER ROSTER; --- Betty Huddleston and Ruth Creedy were the smiling faces who prepared our cuppa last meeting, and both ladies brought in some home made goodies for us to sample...

Just a point, helpers – you are not expected to bring along biscuits, slice, etc , as the Society provides biscuits for members. I know members like the alternatives , but it is not really necessary, as your help with pouring out the cuppas is plenty for you to do. – we really appreciate the willing helpers who give their time to make our evenings so pleasant.

Prizes from our mid-year show at Kemzig were handed out to our successful exhibitors, too.

We continue to see some less familiar orchids on the show benches each month, as well as improving quality of the more popular and recognised types which our members bring along to show others. Thank you, exhibitors. .

THIS MEETING

Wednesday 17th Septembr.

Tony Bourne will be talking to us this month about the development of wetlands at the Grange Golf Club, and about some of the indigenous orchids of the Adelaide plains which have survived there. Tony's talks are always well received and we are sure you will find this month's meeting very entertaining.

Prizes won by exhibitors at our Stocklands Winter Show will be distributed this month, too..

VALE

Members were saddened to learn of the recent passing of our long time and very respected member of the Society, Mervyn Steele. A wide number of orchid growers attended his funeral service, an indication of how highly he was regarded in our community. We extend to Shirley and her family our deep sympathy and condolences

OUR WINTER SHOW.

Our Winter Show at Stocklands was appreciated by Centre Management and all the shoppers who admired our plants. Murray and Margaret Page were the proud owners of the Champion Orchid, *Oncidium* Sweet Sugar, the same plant which was successful last year. Well deserved it was too, as the Pages attended the exhibits each day from early in the mornings. Peter French was on hand, too, to see that things went smoothly, a great effort considering his holidays in W.A. were curtailed due to an accident which Peter suffered whilst he was away. Our best wishes and thanks, and to all other members who gave their time and efforts in making the show a success once again this year

Grand Champion Orchid was *Oncidium* Sweet Sugar, shown by **Murray and Margaret Page**, and this plant was Champion of First Division as well..

Reserve Champion, from Open Div. was *Cymbidium* Ice on-Fire 'Nikkietta' a specimen sized plant shown by **Gordon and Coralie Hime**, with all of the lovely white flowers being well displayed, which this clone sometimes has a problem with..

Second Div. Champion was **Sheila Hellawell's** *Cym.* Nancy Maxwell 'Shirley' a miniature red with a pendant spike habit. Prizes were well spread around between the exhibitors.

Winner of the prestigious **Craig Gurney Memorial Trophy** for the champion *Paphiopedilum* was the species *Paph. villosum*, a superior clone of large proportions shown by **Don and Jane Higgs**.

Congratulations and thanks to all who participated this year.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

SPRING SHOW

**Sunday 21st September to
Saturday 27th September**

Burnside Shopping Centre Portrush Rd.
Burnside.

We expect a quality flowering this season, the welcome rains should improve the quality of the plants and flowers. .

The Native orchid Society will hold its Spring Show on 20th Sept from 12 noon and 21st Sept. 10 am to 4 pm.

Remember our previous Port River Dolphin Cruise lunch, when everyone had such a good time, and very reasonably priced, too?. Well, we're going to repeat it this year, with the target date of **19th October** set down. I'll have more details later, but it's a very rewarding and fun way to spend a Sunday outing, so keep the date in mind.

KEL'S CORNER.

At the meeting of the 20th August, one could feel that Spring was not far off when some fine cymbidiums were benched, particularly on the Open section benches.

On the Open section Ben Knobben displayed a nice *Cym.* Lumines, growing in a 25cm pot. There were 3 spikes of a pale green colour the labellum was a red colour, all over nice.

John and Sandra Nicholls' plant of Pure Destiny 'Merv Dunn' was growing in a 25cm pot. The flowers were pure white, the lip a daffodil yellow, quite a contrast.

A nice dendrobium Anne's Rainbow 'Surprise' grown by Noel Oliver in a 12 ½ cm pot, there were 3 nice spikes of a pink shade that stood up nicely.

'An interesting *L. moyombambae* (Schom) was presented by Richard and Beryl Wilson. The plant was growing in a 17 ½ cm pot with 4 racemes near 1 m. in length, upright each having a magnificent head of flowers. The flowers were curled with red/brown petals and a pink lip. A very striking plant.



Schomburkia moyombambae

Geoff and Lucy Spears' basket plant of *Dockrillia teretifolia* 'Emily' was very striking on a stand. The plant was over 1 metre in length with many small white flowers, the back of the lip brown, a striking plant, very well presented.



Dockrillia teretifolia

On First Division a nice Cym Ruby Valley 'Margaret' was benched by Trevor and Margaret Jacob. Growing in a 25cm pot there were 2 spikes of a red/purple colour.

Zga. Claire Fisher 'Zenja' grown by Kevin Trevan had 2 racemes of 5 open flowers and 1 bud to open, the other had 3 flowers. A shapely flower with a green splash on an overall brown, the lip purple – the tip a light purple.

Cym Cronulla 'The Khan' grown by Peter and Val Speer was growing in a 20cm pot with 3 growths and 3 back-bulbs. One raceme with 12 pale pink flowers, a pale yellow lip with a red tip.

Kevin and Jan Whibley had Cym. Tommy 'Amy' with one arching spike, an old favourite but always nice to see. The raceme had 20 plus well displayed flowers of a pale green and a white lip.

On the Second Division bench there was nice display of cym. Ben Bolt's Cym. Pure Sarah 'Starburst' was growing in a 20cm pot with small growths and 1 spike of pure white flowers a green lip and small yellow spots.

Anton Drew's Cym. Dolly X Sleeping Beauty 'Donna' was growing in a 25cm pot with 2 racemes of pale lime flowers, a white lip with pink spots.

Both older hybrids but still worth having in a collection.

Some of the early shows have passed leaving the Spring flowering ones still to follow, but with some of the quality flowers being benched, particularly the cymbidiums there should be exceptional quality to be seen at the Spring shows just around the corner.

Good growing.

Kel Staples.



Paph venustum seedling



Clowesii Grace Dunn

NATIONAL CYM SHOW.

What a delightful show, with a number of interstate visitors showing off some beautiful plants, and our local growers well to the fore in the quality stakes. There were top quality clones in all sizes and colours, and some of our own members had very creditable displays.

The size of the bulbs from one of the Vic. growers was a revelation, and we all know good plants make good flowers.



Massive bulbs & leaves which reached up to my chin.

Ben Knobben, the local Cymbidium Club judging Registrar kept the wheels oiled to ensure that the judging proceeded smoothly, and even had time to mount a fine display of his own.



O.K. - But is it as good as mine?

So did John Nicholls, who had two fine examples of his Tigerland cross in his display. Sandra made sure all the little touches that add that extra sparkle to an exhibit were in place.

Coralie Hime's lovely ferns added a touch of class to their usual quality presentation., and Brian and Shirley Brand's themed display was a credit to them. Geoff and Lucy Spear's plants were not to be outdone, either, and it was good to see that cym growing in our Society is in very capable hands.

Vic Haskard showed a beautiful large green cym with pink banded lips to win the prize commemorating the late Dean Roesler's contribution to cymbidiums in our State – a very fitting tribute



Valley Oracle x Kelly's Winter.



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. They will be detailed next month so you can consider them, and vote at the AGM..

Our Christmas (December) meeting will be held on the third Wednesday in December, the 17th, and we will be featuring a subsidised cost dinner at the hall immediately preceding the meeting, so keep that date free.



Winter Show Open Div. display.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome another two new members to our Society this month, Joe and Denise Cassar. We hope you will enjoy the orchids which our members display, and that you will gain much pleasure and information from the activities which our Society undertakes. We know any of our members will be only too pleased to share their orchid growing

knowledge with anyone who has a query. Good growing.



Paph villosum – a worthy Craig Gurney Memorial Trophy winner at this year's Winter Show..



Oncidium Sweet Sugar – CHAMPION ORCHID.

Thanks to Kevin Gurney for his pictures of the Winter Show & last month's meeting..

CYMBIDIUM over 90 mm

Open Div		
1 st	. Alexandra Flame `Pink Impression`	Ben Knobben
2 nd	Lumines	Ben Knobben
3 rd	Huckleberry x Kelly's Winter	B & R Wilson

First Div		
1 st	Cronulla `The Khan`	P & V Speer
2 nd	Pink Blossom `Pearl`	M & M Page

Second Div.

1 st	Valley Athletic `The Star`	Ben Bolt
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CYMBIDIUM 60-90 mm

Open Div.		
1 st	Lancashire Ruby `Paradisla`	B & R Wilson
2 nd	Bemm River`	J & S Nicholls

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

Second Div.

1 st	Peepers `Santa Barbara`	S Laznicka
2 nd	Pure Sarah `Starburst`	Ben Bolt

CYMBIDIUM under 60mm

Open Div		
1 st	Ming `Pagoda`	J & S Nicholls
2 nd	Pumisan `Orange`	B Knobben
3 rd	Carl S Smith	A & M Phillips

First Div.

1 st	Sarah Jean `Ice Cascade`	K Trevan
2 nd	Tommy `Amy`	J & K Whibley
3 rd	Ruby Eyes `Royal Show`	M & M Page

Second Div

1 st	Cym. Gareth `Latangor`	A Drew
2 nd	Dolly x Summer Clouds	A. Drew
3 rd	Nancy Maxwell `Shirley`	S Hellawell

STANDARD CATTLEYA

COMPETITION RESULTS August 2008

Open Div

1 st	Rsc Sylvia Fry x Rosie's Surprise`	R & B Wilson
2 nd	Rsc Zilzie Fry `Jay Kay`	R & B Wilson

NOVELTY CATTLEYA

Open Div

1 st	C. Cherry Chip	Tony Bourne
2 nd	Gsl Aussie Sunset	R & B Wilson

STANDARD PAPHIOPEDILUMS

Open Div

1 st	<i>Paph.</i> Rockford	Tony Bourne
2 nd	<i>Paph.</i> Charlie's Girl	A Bourne

NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div

1 st	<i>Paph.</i> Double Deception	A Bourne
2 nd	<i>callosum</i> x Copperware	D & J Higgs

SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div

1 st	<i>Paph villosum</i>	D & J Higgs
2 nd	<i>Paph venustum</i>	Tony Bourne
3 rd	<i>villosum</i> vr <i>Annanense</i>	Tony Bourne

SPECIES

Open Div

1 st	<i>Cattleya trianae</i>	R & B Wilson
2 nd	<i>L moyombambae</i>	R & B Wilson
3 rd	<i>Phrag lindleyanum</i>	D & J Higgs

First Div

1 st	<i>Osmoglossum pulchellum</i>	T & M Jacob
2 nd	<i>Serapias lingua</i>	K Trevan
3 rd	<i>Encyclia cochleata</i>	K Trevan

DENDROBIUM

Second Div

1 st	Jaihan	Anton Drew
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AUST NATIVE EPIPHYTE HYBRID

Open Div

1 st	<i>Den</i> Anne's Rainbow Surprise	N Oliver
2 nd	<i>Den.</i> Intense x Candice	N Oliver
3 rd	Breathless	N Oliver

First Div

1 st	<i>Den</i> Tania's Pride	K & J Whibley
2 nd	<i>Den.</i> Victorian Flare xVictorian Bride	K & J Whibley

Second Div

1 st	<i>Den</i> Gillieston Reward x Autumn Strawberry	Ruth Creedy
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AUST. NATIVE EPIPHYTE SPECIES

Open Div

1 st	<i>Dockrillia teretifolia</i>	G & L Speer
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AUST. NATIVE TERRESTRIAL HYBRID

First Div.

1 st	Dusky Duke	K Trevan
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AUST NATIVE TERRESTRIAL SPECIES

Open Div

1 st	<i>Corybas diemenicus</i>	D & J Higgs
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First Div.

1 st	<i>Ptst curta</i>	K Trevan
2 nd	<i>Ptst curta</i>	K & J Whibley

Second Div

1 st	<i>Chiloglottis trapeziformis</i>	J Argent
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MISCELLANEOUS

Open Div.

1 st	Clowesii Grace Dunn	R & B Wilson
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SEEDLING

Open Div.

1st	<i>Paph. venustum.</i>	A Bourne
2 nd	<i>Cym Bemm River</i>	J & S Nicholls
3rd	<i>Phrag lindleyanum</i>	D & J Higgs

ZYGOPETALUM

Open Div

1st	Z Conway's Choice xAdelaide Charm	A Bourne
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First Div

1st	Z Advance Australia	K Trevan
2nd	Z Clare Fisher `Zenja`	K Trevan
3rd	Z. Clare Fisher `Wendy`	K Trevan

POPULAR VOTE

Open Div

1st	<i>Cym Lumines</i>	B Knobben`
2nd	<i>Dock. teretifolia</i>	G & L Speer
3rd	(<i>Blc Sylvia Fry</i> x <i>Rosie's Surprise</i>) (<i>Den Anne's Rainbow Surprise</i>)	R & B Wilson N Oliver

First Div

1st	<i>Cym. Ruby Valley `Margaret`</i>	T & M Jacob
2nd	<i>Ptst Dusky Duke</i>	K Trevan
3rd	<i>Den Tania's Pride</i>	K & J Whibley

Second Div

1st	<i>Cym. Peepers `Santa Barbara`</i>	S Laznicka
2nd	<i>D Gillieston Reward</i> x <i>Autumn Strawberry</i>	R Creedy
3rd	<i>Cym. Valley Athletic `The Star`</i>	B Bolt

BEST IN DIVISION

Open Division

Dockrillia teretifolia

Shown by Geoff. & Lucy Spear

First Division

Den. Tania's Pride

Shown by Kevin & Jan Whibley

Second Division

Cym. Peepers `Santa Barbara`

Shown by Sarka Laznicka.

REGISTRAR'S CHOICE

Dockrillia teretifolia

Shown by Geoff & Lucy Spear



Cyms Alexandra Flame and Lumines.



Den Anne's Rainbow Surprise