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RAFFLE

Our President, Noel Oliver has donated a new book put out by Readers Digest as a prize for a raffle to help our Society. A hardcover book with lots of modern hybrids pictured in colour, it is well worth winning. We will have tickets available soon. It is named '101 Easy to Grow Orchids.' Thank you, Noel.

CHEERIOS

Life member, Harold Luckhurst, has spent some time in hospital last month, and we send him a big cheerio.

BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE

Robert Bettcher	Brian Brand	Lina Brombal	Betty Bruce
Les Burgess	Bill Fisher	Peter Galpin	Gordon Hime
Ben Knobben	John Lampard	Margaret Page	Pauline Rankin
Colin Tilbrook	Rob Worden		

Happy Birthday to these members.

Next Committee Meeting:		23rd June 2004	8.00pm
Next Judges Meeting	T Bourne	2nd August 2004	8.00pm
Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting:		21st June 2004	7:30pm
		176 Tynte St North Adelaide	

THIS MEETING

Wednesday 16th June.

Our member from Crystal Brook, Rob Worden, will be our guest speaker this month. Rob has spoken to us on previous occasions, when his extensive knowledge of both warm growing and cool growing plants has made his discussions most interesting and relevant to all of our members, whether you grow many or few orchids. A qualified and sought after judge, Rob's knowledge and meticulous research is evident in the thorough way he presents his talks, and it will be well worth your time to attend this month's meeting.

We will be presenting the prizes won at last month's Autumn Show, too, so do make a special effort to come along to receive your seedling prizes if you were successful.

Our regular features, like trading table and library will be operating again this month.

Do have a chat to our volunteers at our monthly meetings, -- they don't often have the opportunity to get around and talk to some of you other members, as they're busy doing their duties. So why not make it a point to have a talk to them before the general business starts?

LAST MEETING

Our President, Mr. Noel Oliver had a prior engagement on the evening of our last meeting, and the meeting was ably chaired by our vice-president, Dr. Tony Bourne.

As we all know, last meeting was our Autumn Show. I can recall Autumn Shows with more plants, but this year's had many quality plants in a wide range of genera, so there was something for all to see.

GRAND CHAMPION ORCHID

Paphiopedilum -----Macabre x Rufi shown by G & M HAZLEDINE

RESERVE CHAMPION ORCHID

Dendrobium lithicola shown by G & M HAZLEDINE.

Congratulations to Maureen and Graham Hazledine who brought along both the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion orchids. There were other growers, also, who had multiple successes in the various sections, and the other members who brought along plants but didn't win a prize can be proud of their efforts, too, as the overall quality of the displays was well up to standard, both for quality of plant and bloom.

Whilst the judges were busy selecting winners, the rest of us were treated to a most informative talk from that larger-than-life plant personality, and Radio presenter, Mark Bouchier..Mark showed members a range of products for gardeners and orchid growers, and described their use and application. There were a number of people who wanted to follow up on the information which Mark presented, and someone(?) has the notes about the products which Mark spoke about. So perhaps I can twist a few arms so that we can publish some follow up information in the Review!

Thank you, Mark, for a most informative chat about the products and chemicals available to help us with our growing.

SOCIAL NEWS.

If you are attending the SAROC Fair dinner on Saturday evening, 12th June at the Royal Coach Motel, get in soon. The fellowship and fun of the evening is matched by the quality of food, and will be a highlight of the year's social activities. \$28 per person will secure a seat.

SUPPER ROSTER

Dawn Vogler & Betty Huddleston

VALE

I regret to have to inform members of the passing of **Gordon M Shawyer**, foundation and life-member of the Orchidaceous Society. In his 90th year, Gordon passed away in hospital on 13th May. Gordon actively supported the Society right through its history. Even including this year, along with Elva, his partner and wife of more than 60 years, assisted with the compilation of the Review. In recent months the Shawyers found it difficult to attend meetings, but were always keenly interested in the activities of the Society and its members.

Gordon assisted Elva, as unofficial Assistant-secretary right through the 'golden years' when our membership exceeded 650 members, and when Mrs. Shawyer was the combined Secretary/Treasurer of the Orchidaceous Society. There is no doubt Gordon's experience from working in GMH's Finance Division helped Elva keep our Society finances on track, and assisted us to the sound financial situation which our Society enjoys today.

Gordon was a keen exhibitor, especially of native orchids, and I know he was very proud of the Ira Butler national award which he and Elva won. He always had something to show me in the shade-house when we compiled the magazine each month.

He also served for some years on our judging panel, which now has the largest contingent of national judges of any club in our State.

Gordon will be sorely missed by his family, friends, and by all members of our Society who knew him well.

KEL'S CORNER

The meeting of the 19th May was our Autumn Show meeting. I thought the number of plants benched, being 92, was quite good, considering that there were very few cymbidiums on display.

The Open Division had an excellent display of the cattleya alliance, and generally the display was of high standard over all Sections

In the Aust. Native section, G & M Hazledine benched *Dendrobium lithicola*, a beautifully flowered plant, and an excellent example of what line breeding can do for some species orchids. *Den lithicola* is sometimes known as *Den. phalaenopsis* or *Den schroederianum*. This plant was growing in an 18 cm squat pot, the sturdy canes having 7 racemes of 7 cm flowers, very shapely and mauve in colour, with deeper purple lips. Almost a perfect specimen plant, but for one or two blooms missing from the racemes.

Blc. Magic Meadow 'Napoleon' belonging to T & D Vogler was quite eye-catching with three large yellow flowers, each having a red spot in the labellums. Well grown and flowered. When this plant first opens, the blooms are a lovely green, and turn to clear bright yellow when they have been out for a while (double your money's worth).

There were a number of quality paphiopedilums also exhibited in the Open Div., with a few of the round, standard shaped ones, too. More of these will be seen as the season advances. K & H Gurney had a nice, well grown plant of *Paph gratixianum*, a species with a long stem on a plant in a way similar to *paph insigne*, this flower being an open type, with a yellow pouch, the dorsal sepal white to brown colouration. The underside of the foliage is usually covered in brown spotting, something normally not seen in other species slippers.

M & M Page had a really nice plant of *Cattleya Portiata* 'Mel' growing strongly in a 20cm pot with 6 canes, and a raceme of 8 lovely mauve flowers, the lips of deeper purple. May is the usual flowering time for many of the shapely cluster cattleyas.

The Second Div. had some nice plants, too. K & J Whibley had *Cattleya Browniae* 'Riga', which is *C bowringiana* x *harrisoniana*, a cross first registered a hundred years ago in 1904. However, this clone 'Riga' is a superior form of this hybrid, and presented here very beautifully. Another eye-catching plant was the native hybrid *Den. Anne's Rainbow Surprise*, brought along by J & R Dunn. The plant held 7 open type flowers with white centres, with each bloom having outer segments darkening out to deep mauve purple - a very attractive plant.

Congratulations to all members who had plants on the benches, and especially to those who were fortunate enough to win prizes - an attractive display of quality orchids, and well grown, too.

Kel Staples.

DIARY DATES

SAROC ORCHID FAIR over the long weekend in June. Plant put in is from 6pm to 8 pm on Friday, June 11th, and the show will be open on Saturday 12th after judging, and concluding on Sunday 13th. Our Society is responsible for the kitchen again this year, and any help you can offer here will be welcome.

Our Society won the large display grouping last year, and we are anxious to do well again this time. Your assistance with providing orchid plants for our display will be appreciated, and for foliage plants, to finish off our exhibit, too.

Come along and meet growers from other Clubs around the State.

Vic. Country Clubs Challenge over week end of 3rd - 4th July. Setup of show is on Friday 2nd July, and a barbecue tea will follow. Most of those going have already booked, but I'm sure you can be fitted in if you decide to come along. Our Society has a good contingent attending.

Murray Bridge's Winter Show will be held before you get your next Review, so make a note in your diary now. Held at the Murray Bridge Town Hall Friday 7th July 12n-4pm and Sat./Sun. 8th and 9th July, 10am-4pm., they always have a very successful and innovative show, and it's well worth your time to visit. You'll be made most welcome.

A Note on our Winter Show.

Our Winter Show will be at the **Klemzig Band Hall, 7 O.G. Rd. Klemzig**, (just off the Northeast Rd.), over the weekend of **24th and 25th July**. So that we can complete judging and open the Show to the public by 12 noon, we'll need to have the displays in and complete by 10 am. That means we'll have to have the hall open quite early on the

Saturday to enable members to get their plants in, both for the Show and the Trading Table.

It will be very important that we advertise our Show well, and get many people through the doors.

We will be able to provide afternoon teas for visitors, so we will be looking for helpers here, too.

A sub - committee has been set up to put the planning processes in train, so if you've got any ideas to help promote or assist the success of the Show, see Val or Peter Speer, Tony Bourne, or Trevor Jacob.

We will have plenty of space to stage the show, so that areas for individual exhibits can be considered, the first time we've been able to do this for some years.

If you've any bright ideas or suggestions, please bring them forward. If we can make this show a success, it can be a step forward for our exhibitors, help keep down the cost of subscriptions, and serve the objectives of our Society very positively.

NOT QUITE SO EASY TO GROW

Dendrobium falcorostrum

by Noel Oliver.-

Many attempts have been made to try to find the most suitable method of cultivating the lovely native species *Dendrobium falcorostrum*. In its natural habitat it is found in the Beech forests of NSW at elevations of 2500ft. On odd occasions it could be found growing on rocks in inaccessible locations (safe from kangaroos and humans), so it can be classified as epiphytic or lithophytic. To grow this pristine white orchid successfully, we must envisage its natural habitat. High in the mountain tree branches way up in the tops of the trees, with continuous breezes and exposed to the sunlight, but with cloud cover. Sometimes subjected to snowfalls, and with roots covered with mosses, ferns, and lichens - cool, moist, and windy. Not a very good picture, but when springtime arrives, a beautiful scent is noticeable, and if you follow your nose and look up, you will be rewarded by the sight of a mass of white

blooms which seem to almost cover the tree branches.

A pot full of this orchid is always a show stopper, with its lovely blooms atop long, slender canes and deep green leaves.

Now how do we grow this plant in our cym. or shade house?

I find the best results here come from growing the plants under 70% shade cloth hanging up near the roof over the cym in a wooden slat basket. A coarse potting mix of large bark pieces seems best. I have had no success with mounting this species as you need to have adequate humidity around the plant. Slow release fertilisers applied in the growing season does not appear to harm them. New plants require a little more attention until well established. Do not overcrowd this species as fresh circulating air is required to stop any rotting of new growths. Care must be taken when watering overhead as water left in the nearly opening leaves will rot new growth.

A short period of frosty conditions appears to assist the flowering.

This plant may be a little harder to grow successfully, but it would be one of the loveliest of our native orchids flowering in springtime.

N. Oliver

Note:- This species was the Grand Champion orchid of our Society's very first orchid show held in the Hindmarsh Congregational Church Hall where we held our monthly meetings almost 40 years ago. It was owned by the founder of the Society, Mr. Clarrie Scott.

CYMBIDIUMS

Spikes are now extending quite rapidly, so keep your eye on them to prevent buds being caught in the flower sheaths as they push up. Now's the time to train the spikes for best flower presentation later. Remember, even arching and almost all pendulous spikes look best if they are first directed upward and then left to arch over and down. I have found long rubber bands around the spike and over an adjacent leaf can gently encourage the spikes

to head skywards. Not too much pressure, though. It doesn't need much.

The woolly bear caterpillars are on the march again. I'm going to try a garlic and chilli repellent on the spikes this year. And I know Dipel is effective if sprayed around the garden on plants that the caterpillars attack. Ants will climb all over your buds looking for honeydew, and can be discouraged with the use of insecticidal dusts.

I've been worried earlier this year by the attack of black blotches and spots on the leaves of some of my cymbidiums, attacking both mature plants and unflowered seedlings. I was afraid it was virus. It seems to have attacked some of the leaves on native dendrobiums too, and I began to search some books, magazines to try to identify the cause. I've come to the conclusion that it is the fungal disease, Glomerella, and have sprayed the plants with Mancozeb Plus. The newer leaves and growths now all look clean, but with the arrival of the wetter weather, the situation will need to be kept under review. Has anyone else noticed this particular problem this year?

Western Australian Orchid Spectacular 2005

The W.A. Regional Orchid Council next year will hold a Conference from 13th- 19th September in Fremantle.

A great range of speakers has been organised. Prominent Aust. identities and a number of International speakers have been booked, and a wide range of Australian and Overseas commercial nurseries will have plants to tempt visitors. Early Bird Registration is a most reasonable \$65.

Judges will be tempted to consider attending as guest speakers from Sun Moon Orchids on Phalaenopsis Breeding in Taiwan, George Hemple on Vietnamese and Chinese Paphs, Norito Hasegawa from USA on Paphiopedilums, and Terry Poulton from Vic. on Cymbidiums are only some of the experts to talk about modern plants and breeding.

SA ORCHIDACEOUS SOCIETY Inc.

AUTUMN SHOW 2004

GRAND CHAMPION

Paph. Macabre x *Rufi* G & M Hazledine

RESERVE CHAMPION

Den. lithacola G & M Hazledine

BEST SEEDLING

Phrag. Lutz Rollke D & J Higgs

CHAMPION OPEN DIVISION

Paph. Macabre x *Rufi* G & M Hazledine

CHAMPION FIRST DIVISION

C. leopoldii x *Blc. Memoria Helen Brown* A & M Sim

CHAMPION SECOND DIVISION

C. Browniae 'Riga' K & J Whibley

BEST STANDARD CATTLEYA

Open Division 1st *Lc. Moochie* S & B Huddleston
2nd *Lc. Moochie* S & B Huddleston

BEST CLUSTER CATTLEYA

Open Division 1st *C. Browniae* T & D Vogler
2nd *Lc. Roman Bouquet* T & D Vogler
First Division 1st *C. Portiata* 'Mel' M & M Page
Second Division 1st *C. Browniae* 'Riga' J & K Whibley

BEST NOVELTY CATTLEYA

Open Division 1st *Blc. Cherry Suisse* T & D Vogler
2nd *Lc. Angel Heart* x *Blc. Erin Kobayashi* S & B Huddleston
First Division 1st *Lc. Tiny Trick* M & M Page
Second Division 1st Unknown J & K Whibley
2nd *C. Angel Bells* K Sutton

BEST NOVELTY CLUSTER CATTLEYA

Open Division 1st *C. Towering Inferno* K & G Staples
First Division 1st *C. leopoldii* x *Blc. Memoria Helen Brown* A & M Sim
2nd *C. Penny Kuroda* x *Maxima* A & M Sim

BEST COCKTAIL CATTLEYA

Open Division 1st *Lc. Casitas Spring* x *Lc. Love Knot* S & B Huddleston
2nd *Pot. Free Spirit* x *Slc. Jillian Lee* G & M Hazledine
First Division 1st *Slc. Tiny Trick* M & M Page

BEST CATTLEYA OVERALL

Open Division *Lc. Moochie* S & B Huddleston
First Division *C. leopoldii* x *Blc. Memoria Helen Brown* A & M Sim
Second Division *C. Browniae* 'Riga' K & J Whibley

BEST MISCELLANEOUS

Open Division	1st	<i>Phrag.</i> Lutz Rollke	D & J Higgs
	2nd	<i>Zga.</i> Clare Fisher	D & J Higgs
First Division	1st	<i>Phrag.</i> Andean Fire	M & S Steele
Second Division	1st	<i>Zga.</i> Eileen 'Hazel'	K Trevan
	2nd	<i>Zga.</i> Maverick 'Aces High'	K Trevan

BEST SPECIES

Open Division	1st	<i>Phrag. pearcei</i>	D & J Higgs
	2nd	<i>C. bowringiana</i>	G & C Hime
First Division	1st	<i>C. bowringiana</i>	A & I Davies
	2nd	<i>C. bowringiana</i>	P & V Speer
Second Division	1st	<i>Z. mackayi</i>	K Trevan

BEST MILTONIA/ODONTOGLOSSUM

Open Division	1st	<i>Hwra.</i> Mary Eliza	G & M Hazledine
	2nd	<i>Odont.</i> Purbecks Gold	S & B Huddleston
First Division	1st	<i>Hwra.</i> Mary Eliza	M & M Page
	2nd	<i>Milt.</i> (May Moir x Yoedale) x (<i>clowesii</i> x Kismet)	A & I Davies

BEST ONCIDIUM

Open Division	1st	<i>Onc.</i> Maude Kidd hybrid	G & M Hazledine
	2nd	<i>Onc.</i> Aloha Iwanaga	T & D Vogler
First Division	1st	<i>Onc.</i> Sweet Sugar	M & M Page
	2nd	(<i>Merra</i> x <i>Nonamyre</i>) x Eureka	A & I Davies

BEST OTHER LAELIINAE

Open Division	1st	<i>Ctna.</i> Why Not	S & B Huddleston
	2nd	<i>Ctna.</i> Dal's Capri	T & D Vogler

BEST OVERALL ORCHID (otherwise not classified)

Open Division		<i>Phrag.</i> Lutz Rollke	D & J Higgs
First Division		<i>Hwra.</i> Mary Eliza	M & M Page
Second Division		<i>Zga.</i> Eileen 'Hazel'	K Trevan

BEST STANDARD PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Division	1st	<i>Paph.</i> Silvara 'Mala'	G & C Hime
	2nd	<i>Paph.</i> (Gigi x Redstart) 'Nancy'	D & J Higgs

BEST NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Division	1st	<i>Paph.</i> Macabre x Rufi	G & M Hazledine
	2nd	<i>Paph.</i> Supersuk 'Hampton'	K & H Gurney
First Division	1st	<i>Paph.</i> Maudiae 'Coloratum'	M & S Steele

BEST SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div	1st	<i>Paph. insigne</i> 'Sanderae'	D & J Higgs
	2nd	<i>Paph. gratixianum</i>	K & H Gurney

BEST PAPHIOPEDILUM OVERALL

Open Division		<i>Paph.</i> Macabre x Rufi	G & M Hazledine
First Division		<i>Paph.</i> Maudiae 'Coloratum'	M & S Steele

BEST AUST NATIVE SPECIES EPIPHYTE

Open Division	1st	<i>Den. lithacola</i>	G & M Hazledine
	2nd	<i>Liparis reflexa</i>	A J Bourne
First Division	1st	<i>Liparis reflexa</i>	A & I Davies

