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Paph Magic Lantern

This seedling, shown last January, achieved amongst the highest average of the seedlings selected by the Judging Panel last year ---see article inside.

Jan. meeting on the **THIRD** Wednesday of the month at the AdelaideWest Uniting Church hall.
312 Sir Donald Bradman Drive Brooklyn Park.

Next Meeting WEDNESDAY January 15th 2020.

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LIFE MEMBERS

1970	Spiro Drikas	2005	Alan Davies, Iris Davies
1975	Elva Shawyer*, Gordon Shawyer* Edith Halliday*, Mervyn Green*	2013	Margaret Jacob
1976	Trevor Jacob	2014	Brian Brand, Shirley Brand
1977	Jack Moore*, Harold Luckhurst*, Ken Wynes*	2018	Lesley Gunn, Robert Gunn Don Higgs, Jane Higgs Jill Taylor
1986	Kelvin Staples, Stan Johnston*		
1992	Peter Speer*, Deane Johnston, Frank Neighbour*, Nancy Neighbour*		
1996	Kevin Gurney, Noel Oliver*		

*Denotes deceased member Researched K.G configured P.S 2018.

2020 PROGRAMME January 15th 2020.

Selection of seedlings judged by our Judging panel at meetings and shows last year, plus other outstanding plants shown. Presented by Registrar, Don Higgs

Each month, and at our shows, our judging panel selects the best seedling shown, which is secretly recorded by each panel member, and at the final judging meeting of the year, votes are opened, tallied and the highest pointing seedling is selected as seedling of the year. See article in this issue.

BIRTHDAYS FOR January 2020

Happy Birthday to these members who are having birthdays this month.

Denise Cassar Anton Drew John Dunn Ralph Edwards Jane Higgs
John Seidel Lucy Spear.

Next Committee Meeting:	Home of Ms J Taylor	Mon 20 th Jan 2020	7.30pm
Next Judges Meeting	Pulteney Grammar School.	Monday 3rd Feb 2020	7.30pm
Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting:	Pulteney Grammar School	7.30pm	

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

With this month's meeting we commence a new decade, and the 55th year of general monthly meetings of your Society. We intend to have meetings with guest speakers of general interest to the majority of members, venues for shows to enable you to display your plants, and sell your plants from our trading tables to a wide range of the general public. We will have on occasions, social outings to cater for your benefit and social interaction with other members, and friends. We hope more and more of you take advantage of the activities we arrange, and participate for your enjoyment in the growing and showing of your orchids.

Your comments and ideas can be communicated via any member of your committee, and will be welcome and considered for the betterment of our Society.

I wish you all a better growing season for 2020, and success with your growing and showing of your plants.

Thank you,

Trevor Jacob (President).

THIS MEETING Wednesday 15th January 2020.

Our January meeting in recent years has been a review of the best seedlings presented over the last year, and views of some of the most spectacular or unusual orchids grown by our members. This review is led by our **Registrar, Don Higgs**, principally aided by photographs taken by our

official photographer of long standing, John Seidel. Voting averages were very close last year, the winner averaging just over 75 points, with four others closely following with more than 74 points average. Two averaged over 73 points, two over 72 points, and three over 71.

John Seidel's Photography

John has made himself available to record all the winners at meetings and shows, even if he cannot always stay for the full meetings.. Orchid photography, to present plants in their best aspect, is a special field, and John's knowledge of correct presentation enables him to produce images which enhance the virtues of the plants benched. We thank him for his dedication over many years towards showing your plants for the enjoyment of other members.

VALE.

We regret to advise members of the passing of one of our longest standing members, John Seidel's mother, Mrs. Una Seidel recently. The Seidel family joined our Society many years ago, and remains active in our affairs till the present day. John's father Cyril was very active on our committee in those days, and assisted our then Secretary Mrs Elva Shawyer update her membership records and join the computer age. (At that time . we were producing and posting over 400 monthly magazines each month, the envelopes of which Mrs. Shawyer would write out by hand. Cyril introduced the computer generated labels to help with the work load.)

Mrs Seidel and young John maintained an active interest in orchids and in our affairs, and in later years, Una attended each January meeting to view John's photography . Una was 91 years old when she passed away. We send our most sincere condolences to John and his family on their sad loss on the passing of his Mum, Una.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Subs for 2020 are now due, members. We have managed to keep our Annual subs. down to a most competitive rate for a number of years now. They will be unchanged for 2020 even with rising postage costs which have started. Single membership \$25, and Joint membership \$35. All for 12 monthly meetings, plus subsidised mid-year and Christmas dinners – pretty good value nowadays..

LAST MEETING.

Can you remember way back last year, before our Christmas dinner party, Christmas, the New Year, and of course, the dreadful bushfires which ravaged our country, and which aren't over yet.. It seems a long time ago, doesn't it.

We hope you remember the good bits, too, and look forward with confidence to a better start to the new decade.

Our Christmas party was a resounding success, the hall was cheerfully decorated, we had a large array of raffle presents, the supplementary salads, and dessert provided by our society ensured we all had plenty of good food, the musical interlude was very good, (so Rudolph

confided in me), and I hope you all had a very good time.

Thank you to all who worked together to ensure the meeting was, as usual, a great success.

SUPPER ROSTER.

The Supper Roster hasn't yet been established, so we'll be seeking assistance on the roster to dish out the refreshments at the end of the meetings each month.

Margaret Jacob and Iris Davies have offered to help us out this month.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

We haven't yet compiled a full list of people to carry out the myriad jobs which keep the wheels oiled to make things run smoothly, but we'll be in touch with those who have helped or may be able to help, and seek assistance of others who might like to keep things going.

BUSHFIRE DONATIONS.

We know there are a number of Appeals for donations to help the bushfire victims and their families, but Pauline has suggested that there may be members who would like to contribute to a Society donation, and, if so, we will have a container on the Supper counter at the conclusion of the meeting in which any contributions may be lodged. We will have envelopes available for your use. The Treasurer will record the total amount and make a donation in the name of our Society.

SEEDLINGS.

An orchid seedling is an orchid plant grown to maturity from a seed.

A seedling can be produced from a crossing between hybrid orchids, or it may be a selfing or a cross between two orchids of the same species.

(Mericlones, which are resultant from tissue grown from the tiny embryonic tips of shoots from a mature plant are not seedlings).

When shown, it must be the first flowering of the particular plant, which should be whole and undivided. You can show the plant in different months if the blooms last that long, or at another Club's meeting. The plant remains a seedling until the end of the flowering season in which it first bloomed. Some plants, (some slippers, for example) have blooms which flower progressively along the stem. There are special time limits which apply regarding the length of time your plant may be regarded as a seedling.

If judges detect an old flower spike on the plant submitted, it will be disqualified from being presented as a seedling..

Judging seedlings in our Society. If you are confident your plant qualifies as a seedling under the Rules (laid down by the AOC), you should have a label with the crossing of the plant, and put a white streamer on the plant, and as insurance in case the streamer is dislodged, write 'seedling' prominently on the label. That will ensure the judges see and judge it as a seedling.

The judges allocated to the Division they are judging will consider all seedlings in that Division and make a decision as to which is best based on the Appreciation system of judging.

The best seedling they select is taken to the Judging room, as will be the best seedling selected by judges who are judging the other Divisions. The judges attending then pick the best seedling from each of those selected in Open, First, and Second Divisions.

The very best seedling is then considered under the Appreciation system, and each judge writes a point score out of 100 which he or she considers the plant is worth. The result, together with the plant name, the date of judging, and the judge's name is written down, the envelope sealed, and then handed to the Registrar. At the final Judges meeting for the year, the envelopes are opened and the judges' scores for the best seedling selected each month are added up and averaged. Any judge's score which is more than 5% above or below the average is discarded, and the new average is calculated. The seedling which has the year's highest average is the Year's Best Seedling. Eligible seedlings can be from monthly meetings or Shows - the procedures are the same.

There were a number of seedlings which had quite close averages last year. This makes it important for as many judges as possible to cast their vote each month (noting, of course, that judges cannot vote for their own or their partner's plant).

Any queries, please refer to our Registrar.

Editor.

TRAVAILS OF AN ORCHID GROWING FAMILY.

“I think she may nearly be converted to growing orchids BUT she lives on the Gold Coast.”

Our daughter has persevered with 3 phalaenopsis orchids for the last few years, but it has not been easy. She was living in country New South Wales, just outside Canberra, not a good environment for phallies considering the ice and snow, but they were in a well lit nook, getting plenty of light but not direct sunlight, and the house was kept warm.

She moved to the Gold Coast at the end of April, leaving the care of the plants to her husband for 2 months. He looked after their older son as well. They had no room to transport the plants to the Gold Coast on their exodus, and so the plants were confined to a further, 2 months in a darkened corner of her mother in law's.

Mother and Father collected the plants, and after 3 days in the back of the car they reached the Gold Coast. They were in a cabin at the time and had nowhere that they could be put where they could get natural light.

Our daughter is worse than her father when she goes to Bunnings.. It does not matter if she is after a packet of screws or a cupboard, she goes straight to the Garden section, then worries about the other things that brought her there in the first place. At least I do my shopping first. The Bunnings we went to on the Gold Coast had a spectacular variety of oncidiums and miltonopsis, a range we never see in Adelaide. Neither of us bought any but we took note.

Back to the phallies,-- before they had a chance to move into their new

house, they decided that life had been too difficult and they went to orchid heaven. Having moved in and unpacked the essentials, daughter decided that she should begin to reclaim the area around the swimming pool. Amongst the dead palm fronds she found 3 oncidiums in flower, one with a 3 foot long spike. The next venture into the jungle yielded several more orchids without flower spikes.

The arborists are coming to remove many of the palms and she wanted to save the orchids, I told her to get some pots, or even window boxes and bark, and carefully remove them from whatever they were in and pot them on. Further investigation by her revealed they were in nothing other than the layer of dead palm fronds. Her opinion is that the previous owners of the house used to have the orchids inside while flowering, and after flowering just tossed them under the palms to get rid of them. Now with Father's advice, we may end up with another orchid addict to add to the family.



TROPHY & MEDAL WINNERS. 2019

CYMBIDIUM CUP.

JOHN SEIDEL (44 points)

DRIFFIELD CUP (for Cattleya alliance)

PETER & HELEN HALTIS (19 points)

MEM . MELVA OLIVER TROPHY (for Aust. Natives)

JANE & DON HIGGS (54 points)

MERV. & SHIRLEY STEELE TROPHY (for Popular Vote)

PHIL & ANN STEER (34 points)

PETER & SHIRLEY FRENCH TROPHY (for Oncidiinae)

PHIL & ANN STEER (19 points)

EDITE NICHOLLS MEMORIAL TROPHY (for Most Outstanding Seedling)

M WILLOUGHBY & OUI JU

MEMORIA CRAIG GURNEY TROPHY (for Best Paphiopedilum at Winter Show)

MICHAEL WILLOUGHBY & OUI JU

ELVA & GORDON SHAWYER TROPHY (for Champion Sarco.. at Oct. meeting).

JANE & DON HIGGS

MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITORS

OPEN DIVISION

MICHAEL WILLOUGHBY & OUI JU

FIRST DIVISION

PHIL & ANN STEER

SECOND DIVISION

PETER & HELEN HALTIS

Congratulations to the winners, and to all exhibitors, and a special thankyou to Robert Gunn and Tony Bourne, who checked and maintained the Aggregate Points Register throughout the year.

PROMOTIONS.

Three members have earned enough points to be promoted to a higher judging Division for 2020

Peter and Helen Haltis are promoted from Second Division to First Div. and **Phil & Ann Steer**, and **Trevor & Margaret Jacob** are promoted to Open Division. Congratulations.



Shirley and Brian Brand cut our Christmas cake at our December Christmas meeting this year .(thank you to Pauline Simcock who provided this photograph.)



Judges inspect seedlings at October meeting.

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