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VENUE: Next Monthly Meeting will be held on Monday, 25th May 2009 @ Ermington Community Hall, River Road, Ermington, NSW 2115.

Guest Speaker: Robert Bisetto on Orchid Nutrition.

What's Coming Up?

- 18th - 21st June OSNSW's Winter Show, St Ives Shopping Village.
1st - 2nd Aug Gosford Orchid Spectacular, Wyong Racecourse, Howarth Street.
(150m from Wyong Railway Station)
31st August Eric Hunt - Botanical photographer
9th - 11th Oct Southern Orchid Spectacular, 'Sharkies', Cronulla.

Judges' Roster - May 2009.

Panel 1	J Schaefer, A Cushway, B Long, C Scott-Harden
Panel 2	K Koutsoukis, J Keenan, N Schaefer, G Scott-Harden
Panel 3	J Fulcher, H Choo, D Brooks, P Stubbs
Reserve	K Siew B Richens, P Anderson, C Polis

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For several years now there have been arguments arising about whether plants labeled as species were actually true to label or were they hybrids. Recent work in USA has shown that the plant *Cattleya harrisoniana* 'Streeter's Choice' is most probably a hybrid, based on the flowering of seedlings of the selfed orchid. Some plants of *Dendrobium bigibbum* we see appear to contain some other species of the section *Phalaenanthae* and we often see *Vanda coeruleas* which lack some of the characteristics of that species. There is currently a big debate about a particular clone of *Dendrobium kingianum*. These are only a few examples of the problems facing judging panels called upon to make a decision.

Line breeding of species has resulted in remarkable improvements over the “wild” versions in the past 30 years or more as interest in growing species orchids has broadened and as people become more conscious of the depredation caused by collection of wild orchids. Consequently judging panels are reluctant to declare a plant ineligible to be considered as a species unless there are very solid grounds for doing so.

As the controversy involves some Australian orchids it is appropriate for Australians to be involved in the research required to provide some clarity. Such research would require access to wild plants, collected or in situ to create a data base of say DNA patterns and their natural variation as well as other diagnostic tools such as line breeding to determine other natural variations. Such a data base would allow us to compare disputed plants with wild and line bred plants to hopefully arrive at a definitive answer.

The big issue of course is who would fund the research.

Geoff Fulcher.

Orchid Society of NSW Monthly General Meeting held on Monday, 27th April, 2009 at Ermington Community Hall, River Road, Ermington, NSW 2115.

Opening

The meeting was declared open at 8.00 pm by the President Geoff Fulcher, who welcomed those present.

Vale: Geoff advised members of the passing of the following three long standing members:

Bert Cardwell: Bert was a Judge for many years. He was a good support for Judges associates in the 1970's, but retired from Judging about 15 years ago when transport became a problem and he moved away. Many of us will remember Bert with for his friendship and help in our early years of Judging. He was a long term member of OSNSW and Sutherland. Bert provided lots of orchids for our displays at the Easter Show and World conferences.

Alf Grady: Joan Turner, Alfred's daughter has advised us that her Dad passed away on 14th March 2009 at Berry Hospital. Alf was a Judge and long time member of OSNSW.

Keith Lamont: Another long serving OSNSW member and Honorary Secretary around 1957. His family have returned a silver service medal which they found among his treasured possessions.

A one minute's silence was observed to honour the memory of these members.

Apologies

Apologies were received from John Allen, Ray Olstan, Graham Larkham, Cary Polis, Keith Irvine, Ann Byron, Margaret Moss, Keith and Loma Oxley, Elizabeth O'Hara, Barry and Margaret Long, Chris Dalrymple, Greg Kazarian, Bob Cole, Henri Choo, Peter and Annette Stubbs.

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th March 2009 were confirmed as a true account of that meeting.

Moved by the President and accepted unanimously.

Matters Arising

Geoff advised that the Insurance renewal is now completed...Certificates of Currency for both Personal Accident and Public Liability are now available for downloading from the OSNSW website.

Easter Show: Congratulations to Kathy and Nick Koutsoukis who took out this year's 'Most successful exhibitor' award. Well done to all those members who took part. Our Orchid display was sorely missed at this year's show with the Bonsai organizers reporting 'thousands' of people asking where we were. Geoff explained briefly the reason behind our inability to display...Too close to OOW, late judging of display last year, parking nightmares for volunteers and difficulties with maintaining plants for the 15 days of the show.

We do however want to be there, and will explore options for next year. Kathy Koutsoukis suggested that display space sharing might be an option, so that each would display for one week instead of two.

Correspondence

Newsletters from Affiliated Societies and Interstate Societies.

Requests for Meritorious Service Medals: Medals sent to Woodburn and Wagga Wagga this month.

Show Committee reports

Southern Orchid Spectacular: 9th to 11th October 2009.

Chris was not available for report, however Geoff informed us that preparations are running to plan.

St. Ives Village: 18th to 21st June 2009. Venue secured.

Royal Botanic Gardens:

Darwin celebration 7th to 10th August 2009. Display and sale of plants proposed. There has been a change of personnel, and we are waiting to hear from the new manager regarding plans, etc.

Orchids out West : 1st to 3rd May 2009.

Ready to go...see you all there.

Eastwood O/S has a bus going to the event and has some seats available. Please see Nola at the break if you are interested.

Orchids in Ermington: 19th to 20th September 2009.

This weekend has been organized as part of our 75th Birthday celebrations. We will be having a benching similar to that of a general meeting night, and hopefully a couple of small displays. We expect to make available some refreshments for visitors, and will need plants to sell and staff to assist over the weekend.

General Business

OSNSW 75th Birthday dinner on 22nd August 2009. Any more ideas about how to celebrate?

Geoff advised that the Committee has approved a \$20.00 subsidy per member for this very important event. The venue is still being selected, and the approximate cost per person seems to be around \$40-\$45. Geoff sought a show of hands of those present who intended to participate, which indicated that at least 50 people would be attending. There will be more news next month.

AOC conference in September: OSNSW will be setting up a display and need plants preferably of a size which can be transported easily.

OSNSW Sales table was to begin this evening, however either everybody forgot, or are too busy with preparations for OOW. Thanks go to the Bradds for volunteering to man the table. We'll try again next month, with a reminder in the bulletin.

Registrars Report

Ian reported very successful meetings recently with the following awards given:

OSNSW meeting

<i>Lycaste</i> 'Mark' AD	Owner: John Allen
Canberra Regional Judges Meeting (April)	
<i>Potinara</i> Dendi's Beau "Delizia" HCC	Owner: Dendi Orchids
<i>Psychopsis papilio</i> "Nicci" HCC	Owner: G & L Bromley
<i>Doritis pulcherrima</i> "Meg" AD	Owner: G & L Bromley
<i>Pleurothallis strupifolia</i> "Dendi" ACC	Owner: Dendi Orchids
<i>Masdevallia</i> Veitch's Candy Cane "Super Striper" AM	Owner: Tina Anderson
Ku-ring-gai OS	
<i>Masdevallia</i> Hot Shot 'Nerolie' AM	Owner: Kevin Crocker
North Shore OS April Meeting	
<i>Pleurothallis strupifolia</i> CBM	Owner: Jim Brydie
<i>Gongora pardina</i> AM	Owner: G & J Fulcher
Alstonville OS Autumn Show	
<i>Dendrobium bigibbum</i> var Superbum "Judy" HCC	Owner: Ron & Heather Campbell

Ian advised that there will be a metropolitan Judges meeting at Five Dock on 22nd May at 7.30pm.

The next Judges training day will be at Five Dock on Saturday 23rd May at 10.00am.

Treasurers Report

Ralph told members that though the going rates of interest were not good, he did not have any 'bad news' to report tonight.

He advised that members and affiliates were finally paying their fees, and that it will be time to do it all again soon (July 1st 2009!)

Guest Speaker

Tonight we had the pleasure of seeing and hearing about the recent trip to Peru and Ecuador by some of our members. Geoff Fulcher and Garrie Bromley who were two of the travellers, talked about the travels, the sights, the animals and the orchids.

Raffle Prizes were won by Stuart Harrison, Ralph Payne, Samantha Stevens, Peter D'Olier, Peter Anderson and Chris Nidal.

Best Species:	<i>Tricoglottis brachiata</i>	Owned and shown by F & L Woolnough
Best Hybrid:	<i>Dendrobium</i> Kuranda Classic	Owned and shown by L & G Bromley
Lucky exhibitor:	G and J Fulcher	

The President thanked everybody for coming as well as those who helped prepare the supper and wished everybody a safe trip home.

The next meeting is on 25th May 2009 at ERMINGTON.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.40pm.

POINT SCORES FOR APRIL 2009

Best Hybrid

Den Kuranda Classic L&G Bromley

Best Species

Trgl *brachiata* F&L Woolnough

OPEN CLASSES – HYBRIDS

Class 1 Cymbidium – More than 90mm - Nil

Class 2 Cymbidium – Up to 90mm

Class 3 Cattleya Classical Exhibition

1. *Blc* Goldenzelle 'Orange Pumpkin' L&G Bromley
2. *Blc* Pastoral 'Innocence' A&G Cushway
3. *Blc* Mem Crispin Rosales 'Rum Yum' L Mayer

Class 4 Laeliinae Cluster (Min 5 Flowers)

1. *Lc* Angel Heart 'Ann' L&G Bromley
2. *C* Portia 'Cannizaro' L&G Bromley
3. *Cma* Why Not 'Roundabout' N&K Koutsoukis

Class 5 Laeliinae (71mm to 119 mm)

1. *Pot* Sweet Sugar 'Happy Field' D R Symons
2. *Pot* Free Spirit 'Laina' L&G Bromley
3. *Blc* Su Coast 'Sun Spot' L&G Bromley

Class 6 Laeliinae Miniature (up to 70mm)

1. *Slc* Tangerine Imp 'Flash Dance' L&G Bromley
2. *Slc* Dal's Buddy #1 D R Symons
3. *Slc* Waianae Harlequin L&G Bromley

Class 7 Paphiopedilum Classical Shape

1. *Paph* Herbie Poole x Magic Mood A&G Cushway
2. *Paph* Jolly Green Gem x Bifo 'Sunshine' A&G Cushway

Class 8 Cyprripedioideae Other

1. *Paph* Maudiae 'The Queen' G&J Fulcher
2. *Paph* wardii 'Yondi' x *sukhakulii* 'Susan' J&P D'Olier

Class 9 Specimen Orchid - Nil

Class 10 Terrestrial Species/Hybrid Any Genera

1. *Sngl* *longifolia* M Bradd
2. *Sngl* *longifolia* P Murn

Class 11 Seedling Any Genera - Nil

Class 12 Phalaenopsis Standard 76mm and over

1. *Phal* Long Pride Snow 'Golden Heart' G&J Fulcher
2. *Phal* Mount Kaala Elegance L Mayer

Class 13 Phalaenopsis 51mm to 75mm - Nil

Class 14 Phalaenopsis – Up to 50mm Nil

Class 15 Vandaceous

1. *Vasco* Brisbane River 'Brighton' L&G Bromley
2. *Vasco* Blue Haze S Harrison

Class 16 Dendrobium

1. *Den* Kuranda Classic L&G Bromley
2. *Den* Dal's Dream x (Dals Queen x Autumn Splendor) G&J Fulcher
3. *Den* Chao Praya x Gem 'White Red Lip' L&G Bromley

Class 17 Oncidiinae (Odm, Oda, Odtna, Vuyl,

Miltoniopsis, Wils.)

1. *Vuyl* Cambria 'Plush' A&G Cushway

Class 18 All Other Oncidiinae

1. *Onc* Unknown M Bradd
2. *Onc* Sunstruck L&G Bromley
3. *Milt* Bluntii 4N 'Rut' R Toombs

Class 19 Australian Native Hybrids

1. *Den* Topaz Dream L&G Bromley
2. *Den* Elegant Heart x Pee Wee L Mayer
3. *Sarco* Burgundy On Ice R Toombs

Class 20 Pleurothallidinae

1. *Rstp* *polyx* x *elegans* J&M Moss
2. *Masd* John Leaters x *infracta* G&J Fulcher
3. *Drac* Café Mocha 'Patsy' G&J Fulcher

Class 21 Hybrid Not Elsewhere Specified

1. *Ctsm* Penang 'Jumbo' S Harrison
2. *Bulb* Wilmar Galaxy Star G&J Fulcher

SPECIES

Class 22 Laeliinae Species

1. *L* *anceps* 'Pierce' L&G Bromley
2. *Encycl* *vitellina* F&L Woolnough
3. *Bark* *lindleyana* P Murn

Class 23 Cyprripedioideae Species

1. *Paph* *spicerianum* P Murn

Class 24 Vandaceous Species

1. *Trgl* *brachiata* F&L Woolnough
2. *Aergs* *kirikii* F&L Woolnough
3. *Aergs* *lutoealba* F&L Woolnough

Class 25 Oncidiinae Species

1. *Onc* *ornithorhynchum* I Nelson
2. *Psychp* *papilio* A&G Cushway
3. *Onc* *ornithorhynchum* B Britton

Class 26 Dendrobiinae Species - Nil

Class 27 Australian Native Dendrobium Species Nil

Class 28 Australian Native Other Species

1. *Dock* *bomanei* P Murn

Class 29 Miniature Flowers Less than 12mm and the distance between the first and last flower is less than 200mm

1. *Ornithophora* *radicans* P Murn
2. *Dend* *microchilum* N Briscoe-Hough
2. *Pol* *piersii* B V Williams

Class 30 American Species Other Nil

Class 30A Pleurothallidinae species - Nil

Class 31 Species not elsewhere Specified

1. *Bulb* *digoelense* I Nelason
2. *Medi* *decoratum* W Dhu
3. *Coel* *tomentosa* J&M Moss

NOVICE CLASSES

Class 40 Laeliinae Hybrids Nil

Class 41 Other Exotic Hybrids Nil

Class 42 Australian Native Hybrids Nil

Class 43 Australian Native Species Nil

Class 44 Species – All Other Nil