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AT A GLANCE

The Next Meeting of South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 5th April, 2006 at St Bernadettes Church Hall at St Marys, corner of Walsh Ave and South Rd. Guest Speaker - M and G Hazeldine. 'How to Prepare Plants for Shows.' Please don't miss this meeting. Maureen and Graham have a lot of information to pass on.

Beginners Class, 7.30pm before the main meeting. Bring along all your questions and Trevor will answer them.

Daytime Group to be held at South Brighton Community Hall, Dover Square, Broadway, South Brighton. Thursday, 13 April, 2006 at 2pm. Guest Speaker is Brian Lyttle. Subject - mixed genera.

Species Group - Monday, 17 April, 2006 at 8pm, South Brighton Community Hall, Dover Square off Broadway, South Brighton.

Southern Regional Group - Sunday 16th April, 2006 at Carrickalinga House, 17 - 19 Torrens St, Victor Harbor, at 2pm.

Guest Speaker - Noel Oliver - 'How to set your plants on mounts.

Cym Appreciation Group - Tuesday 11th April, 2006 at 8pm South Brighton Community Hall, Dover Square, off Broadway, South Brighton.

Subject Virus etc.

One membership covers all groups.

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Have an opinion or something to say contact the Editor Ron Parish Ph 08 8298 4118 E-mail vcs_filming@optusnet.com.au

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Items must be delivered to the Editor by the Thursday following the Committee meeting.

PUBLIC LIABILITY

Under insurance guideline all members and Committee attending any function or meeting held by the Club must now sign an attendance book by name and signature.

JUDGING ROSTER

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Judges to arrive at 7.15pm to place plants on benches

Registrar R Shooter

Open Division J Gay D + P Harmer

Pencillers - G Flavel

First Division N Oliver B Bower

Pencillers P Flavel

Second Division I Attenborough G Zerbe

Pencillers M Baulderstone

2006 CLUB MEETING DATES

May

- 3 Main (Autumn Show Judging)
- 7 to 13 May Autumn Show Centro Court Colonnades
- 9 Cymbidium Appreciation
- 11 Daytime Group
- 15 Species
- 21 Southern Group

June

- 6 Species Jan and Bill Miles
- 7 Main Jan and Bill Miles
- 13 Cymbidium Appreciation
- 15 Daytime Group
- 18 Southern Group

July

- 1 Judging Winter Show Hamilton School 2 July 8 July Winter Show Centro
 - Kurralta Park Anzac Hw
- 5 Main Noel Oliver
- 11 Cymbidium Appreciation
- 13 Daytime Group

- 16 Southern Group
- 17 Species

August

- 2 Main
- 8 Cymbidium Appreciation
- 10 Daytime
- 20 Southern Group
- 21 Species Group

September

- 6 Main G Morris
- 12 Cymbidium Appreciation
- 14 Daytime Group
- 17 Southern Group
- 18 Species Group

October

- 4 Main Reg Shooter—Lycastes species
- 10 Cymbidium Appreciation
- 12 Daytime Group
- 15 Southern Group
- 16 Species Group

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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A Message to Second Division Growers

Workshop to encourage you to show plants at meeting an shows.

Sunday April 2nd. Time 1pm. Judy and Rod McRedmond, 87 Kyema Ave, Cumberland Park

Congratulations

Bev and John Gay are the first growers to receive the Reg Shooters Award for Australian Native Hybrid Orchids. This and the Les Nesbit Award for Australian Species Orchids are South Australian awards.

Reg Shooter award won by John and Bev Gay for the South Australian Native Hybrid of the Year with Dendrobium Gracillimum at the South Coast Spring Show 2005.

Cymbidium Group

Thank you to Moss and Rosemary Bray and Graham Morris for all the knowledge they are passing onto members in this group. On March 14 Meeting Moss deflasked 24 nice seedlings which were subsequently donated to those present.

PLANT HOUSE VISITROSEMARY AND MOSS BRAY
SUNDAY 4TH JUNE 2006
SIM ORCHIDS

LINDA AND GRAHAM MORRIS = VALLEY ORCHIDS

10.00 a.m. Sim Orchids, 123 Barcelona Drive, Noarlunga Downs

12.30 a.m. Valley Orchids, Lot 8 Wheaton Road, McLaren Vale. BBQ Lunch. Please bring a salad or a cake.

BUS TRIP

Bus will leave from South Brighton Community Hall, Broadway, South Brighton at 9.00 a.m. sharp on Sunday 13th August, 2006, arriving at Bev and John Gay's, 2 Prosperity Grove, Murray Bridge, at approx. 10.15 a.m.

Next visit – Tom Burian, Lot 25 Heinjus Road, Strathalbyn, at 12 to 12.30 p.m. for BBQ lunch.

All four nurseries will have plants for sale. We need 35 members = costing then will be kept at the low price of \$20.00 per person. Please bring a salad or a cake.



Den. .kingianum 'Flashfire

Introducing Den. South Coast 'Ruby'

In September 2000 I flowered Den. Essie Banks an Australian native hybrid. It had racemes of 10 and 12 deep gold flowers, so with the Olympic Games being held in Sydney that year I gave the plant the cultivar name 'Aussie Gold'.

At the same time I had in flower a very good Den. kingianum, the

result of a cross done by the late Bill Fisher. *Den kingianum* 'Flash' x 'Bonfire'). The seedling plant had a very good spike habit with deep pink flowers of reasonable shape. This plant I gave the cultivar name

'Flashfire'.

I decided to put pollen from 'Flashfire' onto the larger D. Essie Banks hoping to retain the *Den. kingianum* shape and colour with the flower count of the pod parent. As 2005 was the Ruby Anniversary of the South Coast Orchid Club I applied to the Orchid Registrar to name this plant in honour of that occasion.

In Feb. this year approval was given to name Den. Essie Banks x *kingianum* as Den. South Coast Ruby.



Den. South Coast 'Ruby'

AUTUMN SHOW

Judging at Main meeting 3rd May. Hall open 4.30. Plants to be benched by 5pm.

Judging 5pm sharp.

Members may visit the Tonsley Hotel for evening meal - \$12.90.

Meeting room opens 7.45pm.

Venue at Colonnades Shopping Centre. Corner Goldsmith Rd + Beach Rd, Noarlunga by north service door. "Put in Time" - Sunday 7th May. Time - 9am.

Judging Roster

Registrars of Judges: Ian Attenborough and Richard Fishlock

Judges to report to the St. Bernadette's Church Hall by 4.30 p.m.

Judges required to assist with benching of plants by 4.00 p.m.-

Ian Attenborough, Richard Fishlock, Heather Fishlock, Noel Oliver and Reg Shooter.

Panel 1. Genera.
Dave Harmer (Leader) Laeliinae

Ian Attenborough Dens. – Not Australian Natives

Jim Shaughnessy Kevin Cattermole **Penciller:** Peter Flavel

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Panel 2. Genera.
Noel Oliver (Leader) Australian Natives

Heather Fishlock Paphiopedilum
Pat Harmer Phalaenopsis

Penciller: Wendy Lodge Vanda

Panel 3.

Reg Shooter (Leader) All Cymbidiums

John Gay Richard Fishlock

Penciller: Geraldine Flavel

Genera kept in reserve: Oncidiinae, Zygopetalum, Any Other Genera. Each Panel to judge in all three Divisions

South Coast Orchid Award

At the March monthly meeting the orchid plant, Cattleya Valentine Day 'Lisa', was considered by the judges for a special award.

There are two categories to consider:

- 1. A Cultural Certificate, where a plant has many spikes and flowers.
- 2. A quality award for the outstanding shape and colour of the flowers.

The judges agreed that a High Class Certificate be given to Don Biebrick.

The plant displayed one raceme with about 26 flowers of good shape and attractive dark colour. A special certificate had been printed and will be presented to Don, at next months meeting. Congratulations Don!

SPECIAL RAFFLE 4 TICKETS FOR \$1.00

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Den Beckleri, Den pugionieforme, Den monophullum, Bifrenaria tryianthina (purple), Bifrenaria harrison, Den Rex, Brassia Verrucosa, Laelia Anceps, Lycaste Deppei

BE IN IT TO WIN. THESE ARE WELL ESTABLISHED PLANTS.

Welcome & Congratulations to NEW MEMBERS



Tony Fisher Lynn Cummings Dorrie Coleman Hank Byker Cliff Wegener

President's Message

I hope your plants survived the very hot weather. Autumn time is my favourite time of the year, and I find it exciting, when each morning I go out to the shadehouse and there is another spike to see, just poking its head through the bark. Now is the time to plan your orchid year, snail bait, stakes, fertilizer, have these on hand, fertilize and often. Snails and caterpillars can ruin the best of spikes. Please don't let your Cyms run wild but look to see if this is happening as the plant may need straightening and staking. It takes only a couple of minutes a day to inspect your plants.

Autumn Show, (with a bit of luck), will be in the Colonnades Centre Court. This will not be definite until the week before the Show, and will be an excellent position to display and sell our Orchids. The other position is in front of Harris Scarfes, the same as other years.

Bus Trip, Sunday 13th August to John Gay and Tom Burian. Last years bus trip was a lot of fun, this year the Committee has found a bus that is far more comfortable. Please try and support this. The more members to go the less the costing. We do have another alternative to go by car. The end of May we will need a deposit of \$5.00, please.

April 2nd will see another workshop. The first one being very successful. This workshop is to encourage members to show plants at monthly meetings and shows. Come along and join in the fun. Judy and Rod McRedmond, 87 Kyema Ave, Cumberland Park, is the address, and the time -1pm.

Judy and Rod kindly gave permission for us to use their home as a venue as this is a central location for all members.



Instructions at the last meeting

Committee is planning on having a very happy Orchid season so please join in on all the fun time.

Good Growing Regards, Geoff

DAYTIME CHAPTER

Hi Everyone,

This afternoons meeting was an excellent one for getting some first hand information from a very experienced Cymbiduim Grower, Mr. George Abel our guest speaker who in the past was a regular feature at the Royal Adelaide Show with his talks and potting demonstrations, so we were very lucky to have such an experienced person talking to us, George divulged a lot of very useful information which we all very much appreciated, I hope everyone learnt something, there is always a bit of information that will help someone to grow their plants a little bit better. Thank your George, for a great afternoon and for sharing your knowledge with us. Georges love now is very much Sarcochilus, he has a huge collection, all growing beautifully and a few plants of Cyms. Sarah Jean.

A big hello and cheerio to all those on the sick list, I think this hot, humid weather gets to us all in one way or another, I hope we can catch up again soon.

A few "different" genera were benched to day all lovely to see, thank you to those who bought in their plants to share their beauty with us.

B nodosa was voted in best today, in our popular vote competition, congratulations Peter & Geraldine Flavel well done.

Our meeting was closed and afternoon tea was had by all,

Dorothy

Bark Raffle

Thank you to Jim Shaughnessy who has donated two bags of Bark to be raffled. Tickets available at all meetings at the Treasurers Desk.

Raffle Drawn at June meeting.

PAINTING AUCTION

Painting donated by Syd Monkhouse. A great interest is being shown in this painting. This is a painting of Species Orchids *Telipogon andinum* and *Fernandezia subbifloria*. Artist T Gourley We will be auction this painting at our July meeting.

March Floral Competition Results List



Flower of the Division

B nodosa

Peter & Geraldine Flavel

OPEN DIVISION

Australian native epiphyte hybrid							
85	Den. Colonial Campio	Bev & John Gay (65)	3				
Cymbid	Cymbidium < 60mm (all colours)						
87	Cym. Kauilani 'Summer Dream'	Helmuth Gerber (42)	3				
Laeliinae Non Standard Cluster							
113	C. Valentine Day 'Belinda'	Don & Audrey Biebrick (103)	3				
114	C. Valentine Day 'Rosalie'	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	2				
115	C. Valentine Day 'Tiger'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	1				
	Laeliinae Non Standard Other						
105	Lc. Interceps 'Hindmarsh'	Bev & John Gay (65)	3				
106	C. Gene May 'Emberside'	Bev & John Gay (65)	2				
107	C. Valentine Day 'Jye'	Don & Audrey Biebrick (103)	1				
	e species						
136	B. Nodosa	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3				
108	Enc. radiata	Gerald Voskamp (1650)	2				
109	C. loddigesii 'Deep Purple'	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	1				
	e Standard < 100mm						
110	Ctna. Jamaica Red 'Kultana'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3				
111	Slc. Mahalo Jack	Bev & John Gay (65)	2				
	e Standard > 100MM						
112	C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3				
	nae hybrid						
130	Milt. Golden Moir 'Golden Wonder'	Bev & John Gay (65)	3				
131	Alicara Sunday Best 'Muffin'	Malcolm Guy (248)	2				
132	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	Malcolm Guy (248)	1				
	nae species						
129	Onc. flexuosu,m	Don & Audrey Biebrick (103)	3				
	Genera not listed elsewhere - speci						
133	Gga. galeata	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3				
134	Pleuro. prolifera	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	2				
	opsis species						
127	Phal. pulchra	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3				
	opsis Standard						
128	Pha. Brother Sally Taylor x Dor. pulcherrima	Richard & Heather Fishlock (134)	3				
Vandaceous Hybrid							
126	Neostylis Lou Sneary	Bev & John Gay (65)	3				
Zygopetalum hybrid (inc. intergenerics)							
125	Z. Helen-Ku 'Hong Kong'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3				



Flower of the Division & Flower of the Night

Blc. Dewy Forrest 'Kudos' Heather Englehardt

First	Division				
Austral	ian native epiphyte species				
86	Bulbo. shepardii	David & Kay Cammack (1535)	3		
Laeliina	Laeliinae Non Standard Cluster				
92	C. Valentine Day 'Tiger'	Heather Engelhardt (263)	3		
93	C. Kew	Rito Silvestri (302)	2		
94	Lc. Cinnamon Stock 'Hancock'	Murray Baulderstone (25)	1		
Laeliina	ae Standard > 100MM				
91	Blc. Dewy Forrest 'Kudos'	Heather Engelhardt (263)	3		
Oncidiinae hybrid					
122	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	3		
Oncidiinae species					
119	Onc. truliferum 'Royal'	Merv & Shirley Steele (140)	3		
120	Miltonia clowesii	William Clark (407)	2		
121	Onc. flexuosum	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	1		
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - hybrid					
117	Phrag. Eric Young	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	3		
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - species					
116	Aspasia lunata	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	3		
Orchid Seedling any genera					
118	Phrag. Eric Young	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	3		
Zygopetalum hybrid (inc. intergenerics)					
102	Z. Redvale	Norman Woodend (1525)	3		
103	Z. B.G. White 'Abbeville'	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	2		
104	Z. Dynamite	Murray Baulderstone (25)	1		



Flower of the Division

Onc. flexuosum -

Rod & Judy McRedmond

Second Division Australian native eniphyte hybrid

Australian native epiphyte hybrid					
88 Doc. (cucumberinum x bowmanni)	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	3			
89 Den. Hilda Poxon	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	2			
Laeliinae Non Standard Cluster					
90 Epi. (name unknown)	Jean Irvine (1151)	3			
Laeliinae Non Standard Other					
95 Slc. California Apricot x C. Horace	Wendy Lodge (406)	3			
Oncidiinae hybrid					
99 Miltonia Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder'	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	3			
Oncidiinae species					
96 Onc. flexuosum	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	3			
97 Onc. flexuosum	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	2			
98 Onc. flexuosum	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	1			
Orchid Seedling any genera					
123 Paph. Crossianum	Anne & Colin Campbell (479)	3			
Paphiopedilum Novelty					
100 Paph. Crossianum	Anne & Colin Campbell (479)	3			

On the Bench at the March Meeting

<u>Flower of Open Division:</u> Brassavola nodosa grown by Geraldine and Peter Flavel. The plant carried four inflorescences carrying 7, 5, 5, and 4 open flowers and one with two open flowers and 1 bud. There were also two more inflorescences in bud still to mature. The flowers, typical of the species, had long slender pale greenish-cream sepals and petals. The side-lobes of the labellum curved up to form a 30mm long tube over the column with the broad almost flat creamish-white heart shaped middle lobe being the most prominent part of the flower.

Flower of First Division and Flower of the Night: Blc. Dewey Forest 'Kudos' grown by Heather Engelhardt. A well grow plant of nine pseudobulbs carrying a single leaf, the lead growth having an inflorescence with three well-shaped flowers measuring 150mm across by 160mm high. Sepals were tinged green on a bright yellow base and the yellow petals were broad. The yellow labellum had a narrow pale fringed edge overlaid with very pale purplish-pink and a bright purple wedge at its centre.

<u>Flower of Second Division:</u> Onc. flexuosum grown by Judy and Rod McRedmond. A clean well grown plant in a 7 inch terracotta pot. It had three branching inflorescences, one with 31 flowers, one with 30 and the other with 14 open flowers and two buds. Flowers were 20mm wide and 24mm high. The small yellow sepals and petals were marked with brown and were complimented by the large flat yellow mid-lobe of the labellum typical of this 'dancing lady' orchid. Other plants on the bench amongst many which caught the eye:

Open Division.

Milt. Golden Moir 'Golden Wonder' grown by Bev. And John Gay. It had 8 inflorescences carrying between two and five flowers. They were 60mm to 65mm wide and 70mm long. Sepals and petals were yellow with light brown spotting and blotching. Labellums were white with purple veining towards their bases.

Cattleytonia (Ctna.) Jamaica Red 'Kultana', grown by Geraldine and Peter Flavel, a second generation hybrid between the species *C. bicolor* and *Broughtonia sanguinea* with the *Bro. sanguinea* being used as one of the parents in both generations. The plant had one inflorescence with four flat filled in flowers (45mm wide by 55mm long) and one bud. Sepals and petals were reddish purple paling towards their base. The round labellum was deep purple with purple veining on an orange background at its base.

Cym. (Cobar x Peter Pan) grown by Bev and John Gay. There was a single inflorescence of eleven 75mm wide by 70mm tall nicely shaped flowers for this time of the year. The flowers were 75mm wide by 70mm tall And they had cream sepals and petals overlaid with a fine dusting of pale pink spots and the showy cream labellum was barred and spotted with deep crimson around the periphery.

First Division.

Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' grown by Suzanne Saunders had a single branched inflorescence of forty 35mm by 40mm flowers. The deep burgundy sepals and petals had cream tips and the petals had a very marrow edging of the same colour. The large showy labellum was red at its base with white side lobes and a large showy mid-lobe.

Australian native species *Bulbophyllum (Bulb.)* shepardii grown by Kay and David Camack. A well grown miniature plant mounted on cork bark with several tiny flowers hidden amongst the fleshy leaves. The sepals were pale greenish cream, petals almost too small to see and a tiny purplish-pink labellum.

Second Division.

Slc. California Apricot x *C.* Horace grown by Wendy Lodge. Single almost round flower 120mm across. Sepals and petals pale yellow, paler along their centre and towards the base. Yellow la-

bellum with a large crimson blotch on the mid-lobe.

Paph. Crossianum benched by Anne and Colin Campbell. A first flowering seedling, a primary hybrid between Paph. insigne and Paph. venustum the plant carried a single flower 100m wide and 90mm high. The dorsal and ventral sepals were yellow with longitudinal green venation as were the petals. The yellow labellum was overlaid with a net of green veining.

Epidendrum unknown grown by Jean Irvine. The plant had two inflorescences topped with heads of flowers having dusky pink petals and sepals. The pale yellow labellum was pink at its base and its three fringed lobes were tinged pale pink at their edges.

Ian Attenborough

Southern Regional Group

Alan Davies gave a very interesting talk on mixed genera and it was very pleasing to see so many members attending. Welcome to all the New Members.

April, Noel Oliver is talking on mounting your plants. This is very interesting and quite a different subject. You will enjoy this meeting.

Come along and meet our other very special guest we have invited as a surprise for April Meeting.

Guest Speakers for June

Bill and Jan Miles are well respected speakers and knowledgeable growers of Species orchids (and other genera) and well known Interstate Speakers. We are privileged to have Bill and Jan in SA. Please try and support these dates.

Function Dates

- 6 June Species Group (Please note change of date for Species Group to Tues 6th June) Species for Sale (Bring money!!!!)
- 7 June Main Group Alternative Potting Mediums New design pots and much more.
- 8 June Gawler Orchid Society Shade House and Glass House.

FOR ORCHID LOVERS ONLY

Do you enjoy learning about and understanding the orchids you grow? Do you want to increase your knowledge and gain an appreciation of the various qualities of orchid species and the expectations for hybrids? Or do you just love growing and showing orchids and enjoy the challenge of growing them of their best? If any of these describe you, then you could be a person who should consider finding out more about the AOC Judges Training Course

We are currently investigating how many people are interested in starting a new course. These courses can only start once every 4-5 years. At this stage we are gathering names of people who are willing to enquire. The next step would be to have a get together to provide you with the information and answer your questions, all without any obligation for you to make a commitment. So, if you would like to find out more or add your name to the list, please contact your club secretary.

Roger Rankine Registrar of Judges for S.A.

South Coast Species Group

A wonderful array of species greeted the 20 members that attended the March meeting of the South Coast Species Group.

The first plant to attract attention was a large specimen of *Brassavola nodosa* popularly known as the lady of the night probably in reference to the highly perfumed white/cream flowers that fill the early evening with a sweet perfume. This species comes from Mexico through into Central America where it is pollinated by night flying moths. In cultivation it does require a little pampering to flower readily, the flowers appearing from grooves in the terete leaves at various times throughout the year.

Another attractive species sent the members diving for the orchid books and only one reference could be found for *Inobulbon munificum*. It appears used to be classified as a *dendrobium* and at first glance it does look like one but on closer examination of the flowers it is quite different not having the distinct mentum.

Dendrobium flowers. It is one of only two species in the genus. Originating from New Caledonia where it is endemic. It is an extremely rare epiphytic orchid both in the wild and in cultivation. We felt privileged to see this orchid with its large bulbs covered in upward pointing stiff hairs as they age. The leaves are thick and leathery with a semi pendulous branching raceme of numerous yellow & purple flowers. Unfortunately the flowers only last a short time, a matter of a couple of weeks.



Phalaenopsis pulchra

Several plants of *Doritis pulcherrima* were benched. Until recently it was generally regarded to be a monotypic genus consisting of just the one species in many coloured forms, however some botanist

have regard the differences so great that they have elevated the varieties to specific rank. The five plants benched illustrated these differences. Some were light pink, small flowers another was a tall raceme carrying many quite large deep maroon coloured flowers while another was a beautiful soft pink with golden yellow wings on the labellum. This genus is closely related to Phalaenopsis and has been used extensively to produce the inter-generic *Doritaenopsis*.



Miltonia spectabilis

Miltonia is a genus consisting of about 10 species found in Brazil. It is not to be confused with the genus Miltoniopsis the waterfall type that come from the cooler areas of Columbia and Ecuador. The plant benched was Miltonia spectabilis Var Moreliana. This small plant carrying one large 9cm long, wine purple and rose coloured flower was purchased at a Mitre Ten store, the grower could not believe his luck when it flowered. This species has

been used many times in producing attractive hybrids that can be seen on the benches at this time of the year.

Other species benched were *Phalaenopsis pulchra* a beautiful magenta flower on a tall raceme. *Phalaenopsis fasciata* a rambling plant that flowers for months on end, as one flower fades another takes its place.

Cattleya loddigesii a vary variable species with flowers varying from deep rose colour to almost white. This species is in the background of around 5.300 hybrids.

Cymbidium canaliculatum an Australian species flowering out of season. This species usually flowers around Xmas time. This one was the dark red/brown form.

The meeting concluded with David Harmer & Ron Parish deflasking a flask of *Epidendrum parkin-sonianum* and each member was given one to grow on. It will be interesting to see how many survive to flowering size.

Reg Shooter

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We wish to thank the following persons who have supported us and our shows with donations etc. Members are requested to keep these people in mind when purchasing orchids and supplies

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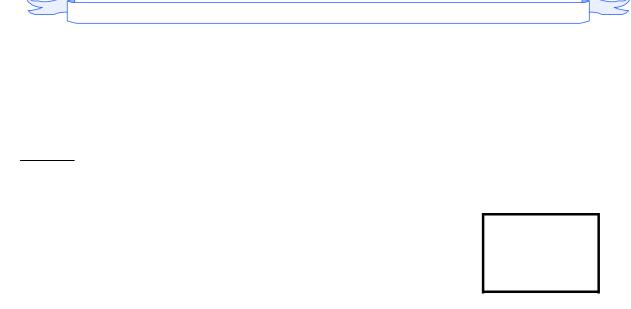
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