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## **MONTHLY BULLETIN**

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### **November 2007**

#### **Minutes from the October 07 Meeting.**

The President opened the meeting, welcoming the members and visitors, apologizing that there was no Beginners class for this month. A motion was passed by M. Errington, that the minutes as recorded in the October Bulletin, was a true and correct record of the minutes of the meeting.

#### **Correspondence.**

Thank you card from Myra and Ian Chalmers.  
Information from the Ira Butler Trophy Committee.

Tinonee Brochure on Orchidmate and Cork.  
Orchid S.P.E.C.I.E.S. N.S.W. Show date and Auction Day.

Orchid Aust. Publication ( Note. Jan Robinson's story on our Winter show , pages 44 to 46).

Murray then spoke on the Sharkies Spectacular set-up on Wednesday evening, plants to be accepted from 6:30 p.m. start to display 8 p.m.. Please bring plants etc. to the Summertime bar area. Foliage, ferns, milk crates, etc. are needed. Roster is available to-night , as is the booking in sheets.

Murray then reminded the members that storage of tables, show equipment, etc. is still a problem, and that we were hoping to store all the gear together in one place If you can help please see Murray. The alternative, we may have to pay for a storage area. Speaking of storage of gear, help is needed at meetings end to put the tables away. At the last

meeting it was left to the senior/elderly members, NOT a fair go. Help would be appreciated. Your Committee Host for this month is Russell Ettrick, and Nev. Roper next month. With pleasure, we welcome Vicki Hamilton and Barry Warren to our Society. The members wish you both a long and rewarding time, and hope you avail yourselves of the knowledge and expertise of your fellow members.

Ted Beehag then gave us a short talk on " The Resilience of Orchids" after a recent experience he had. Murray thanked Ted for his informative information.

Supper was taken, followed by Murray's talk on his trip to San Francisco, showing slides of Masdevallia, Dendrobiums, and other cool growing orchids, many unable to be flowered in the Sydney area, There were 144 plants benched to-night.

**Lucky Plants.** T.Beehag, D. Wood, J. Hart.

**Plant Raffle.** L. Gannon,(2) A. Marks, G. Hart, S.Vavayis, Trevor Costa.

Our thanks to Life members, Dulcie and Max Krasny for their kind donation of the extra raffle prizes for this evening.

#### **Judges Choice.**

Novice D. Coulton,  
Intermediate, D. & M.Hannah,  
Open, N. Roper.

## Judges for November.

	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	TEAM 3
LEAD JUDGE	W CHAPMAN	D BROOKS	K WILSON
JUDGE	E BEEHAG	I CHALMER	N ROPER
JUDGE	G HART	I WARE	S T HO
ASSOC.	J MOSS		
WRITER	M HITCHCOCK	S CROSBY	J ROBINSON

## Dates to Remember.

12<sup>th</sup>. November SSOS Monthly Meeting, Point Score, Beginners Class 7:30 p.m. Wal. Chapman, Judging orchids ( to be advised). Guest Speakers Cary Polis and Ian Nelson , their trip to New Guinea.

10<sup>th</sup>. December SSOS Monthly Meeting, Point Score XMAS PARTY, and Prize Presentation.

## Editors Corner.

Congratulations to all those hard workers who did us proud, enabling us to be placed second in the Display section at the recent Sharkies Show. Our thanks go to all the members, who any way helped with plants, etc. in the presentation. A special thanks, to David and Jan Robinson, for the construction of the stand.

Several members were successful, gaining many prizes but special mention to the following.

**Neville Roper** –Best in Show. Grand Champ. Hybrid. Champ. Sarco. Hybrid. And Species, and Seedling..

**Eric & Audrey Marks**—Champ. Soft cane Dend. Best Specimen.

**S.T.Ho** – Champ. Cyriped.

**S.Crosby & T. Costa.** Champ. Cymbid..

A great job.

Its that time again. The **Annual Subscriptions are now Due.** Please see our Treasurer George Birss at the meeting.

**Please take note of change of email address of the Editor**

# FUN AND GAMES AT SHARKIES

By Jan Robinson

For something that is supposed to be just a hobby, I have to say that this orchid-growing thing is getting a bit out of hand. Take, for instance, the Southern Orchid Spectacular at Sharkies. My husband David has been unable to pursue any of his own interests for weeks now (as he keeps reminding me!) because he was enlisted to “help” me with The Show. Like the pedantic carpenter he is, he spent hours making five tiers of tables for our Display. Wood had to be scrounged from various sources, no buying any good stuff allowed, we have a Display budget, you know! Then he had to cut the wood into perfect circles as per our Grand Design Plan previously approved by the other Display Committee members, Wal and Louise. Would milk crates be good enough to set the various tiers on? Don’t be stupid, of course not, we can’t risk any orchids toppling over due to wobbly tables. Out came the welding gear and the pipe that had previously been set aside for more orchid benches in the back yard, and soon we had table supports strong enough to survive a nuclear attack.

Next on the agenda was to find some black material to cover the tiers. Lindcraft was no good, too expensive! I casually mentioned what we needed to one of my friends and lo and behold she “just happened” to have heaps of black cloth that one of the local furniture stores had dumped several years ago. Perfect, or so we thought, and at the right price as well! But once we got the material home, we discovered it was a bit “see through” and the gray colour of two of the tiers showed through. No probs, David has plenty of half empty tins of paint in the garage, a couple of coats of black on the tables solves that dilemma.

The day of Show set up arrives and we get all the gear loaded in the trailer, we’ve got practically everything except a partridge in a pear tree but will undoubtedly have forgotten something important. As we pull into the parking lot around 6:00 pm, we see various members of our Club standing around. Not happy, Jan! Our “early” set up had been blindsided by a Texas Hold ‘Em poker tournament in one area of Sharkies and a geriatrics aerobic class in the other. No starting until 7:30 at the

earliest, no matter how many strings our Assistant Show Marshall Neville tries to pull. Shall we go have a few schooners while we wait? No, let's carry all the props and plants around the long way just for a bit of exercise.

Finally we are allowed into the set up area and the "fun" commences. With all the emphasis on our tiered design, it seems the Display Committee has neglected the intricacies of the checking-in and judging nomination procedures in our limited advance planning. Chaos reigns until Ho and Kevin step in to sort things out and the level of confusion lessens to a dull roar.

While Ho and Co get the checking in of the plants organised, we Design Managers are itching to get the tiers set up. But no, we must wait until the Ayatollah of the NSW Orchid Society arrives with the holy blessed plastic and highly secret, pre-ordained map of the possies for each of the club displays. "Here, this is where your spot is," we are solemnly told and so immediately start setting up Tier One. "No, wait, that is Eastern Suburb's spot," we hear a few minutes later, "you are over here." After several false attempts at getting our magic bit of plastic in place (not to mention a few raised voices demanding ONCE AND FOR ALL THAT WE BE TOLD WHERE OUR DISPLAY IS GOING!), it seems we have finally been allocated our rightful position and construction can begin.

All five tiers go up, then the black cloth must be fastened down before any plant arrangement can be started. Wal is chomping at the bit to actually get some plants on the tables and quietly suggests to me that we get some help with the stapling procedure to speed things up. Come on, Wal, these tiers are the Robinson's Pride and Joy, you can't honestly think we would entrust anybody else with such important tasks as stapling! Finally all the cloth is in place and Wal can get started. Gary and Audrey jump in to help, and Louise stands at the ready to bring Wal any orchid or bit of foliage he requests. Sandra hovers around, adjusting pots this way and that to the best advantage.

Meanwhile, over in the Roper camp, Neville is setting up not one but two sarc displays. Besides his normal massed tabletop, he is trying something new, a more open display, and is using black pipe of various heights for The Chosen Few sarcs in this innovative presentation. Oddly enough, he is steering well clear of our display area.

Knowing I'm in the proverbial Deep Dark with the Check-in crew, I try to keep a low profile but Diane searches me out and asks if there are any more plant labels anywhere? No, I have only made 100. I pluck up my nerve to approach Ho and Co and there is talk of banishing me home to Engadine to cut out more labels. By now it's 9:30 pm and I point out I probably couldn't be back to Sharkies with more labels by much earlier than midnight at best. Next option? Not to worry, Ho and Kevin will figure something out. Meanwhile Daniel is running back and forth with a tape measure, trying to find plants that some members have left without completing their Show Entry form. "Go find that mini cattleya I saw awhile ago over there and measure the size of the flower," Ho instructs him. Off he goes and reports the flower is definitely less than 70 mm, so it must be in Class 16. "OK, good, now is it more red and pink or yellow and orange?" Off Daniel goes again to check the colour so that Ho can decide if the plant should be in Class 16 (a) or (b). George and Trevor have their noses to the grindstone, laboriously writing out the plant names on what few labels there are left.

The clock ticks away and the display is looking great. The Marks' Cymbidium Peewee migrates back and forth from the right side of the display to the left, which side looks better, where should it go? We have all day Thursday to finish the labelling and add any other finishing touches, so let's call it a night. Hurray, we can go home now. As we pack up and head for the door in great relief, an orchid on the top tier of the display comes crashing down, almost as if in slow motion, bringing others down with it from the lower tiers as it heads for the floor. Nearby, Tony and Sandra's pendulous Street Tango 'Daylight' cymbidium sways precariously on its stand, about to fall over. Luckily David grabs it and manages to put it back upright before too much damage is done, as it is probably a rosette winner. Recovering from the initial shock, the rest of us scramble to replot the fallen orchids and shove everything back in place as best we can, fighting back tears and numerous expletives. At home I toss and turn all night long wondering if there will be even one single orchid left standing in its proper place in our display when we get back to Sharkies on Thursday morning.

Luckily the next day's dramas are nothing compared to Wednesday night. All of our plants are still in place when we arrive Thursday morning. Now if they will just stay there until after the judging is finished! Kevin singles out the

last of our plants to be nominated for judging and the rest of the labels are written and attached. An Assistant Ayatollah threatens to create a few waves, claiming we have used the wrong coloured dots to mark some of the plants but once again Neville comes to the rescue and war is averted. The other clubs are now setting up their displays and we watch with interest to see how they do things. Certainly not with as much tension and drama as we had, how boring!

Friday morning rolls around and we find out our display has been awarded second place, North Shore once again claiming the honours of First. Our Club members have done very well in the individual competition, winning quite a few Champions, and Neville has taken out the Best in Show with his Nicky's Twin 'Voo Doo' sarc as well as Champion Seedling with his Sarc. Judith x Riversong. Sandra and Tony have indeed won Champion Cymbidium with their Street Tango 'Daylight', even though a few flowers had been broken off in the Wednesday night melee. The Marks' wandering Cymbidium Peewee is declared Best Specimen of the Show and their Pink Doll 'Elegance' x Lucky Gold wins Champion Soft-Cane Dendrobium and is awarded an HCC. Ho cleans up the cyripedioidae class with his Champion Paph Berenice. Neville has been given a third and fourth place for his table tops, but which one got third, the piped or the massed? Personally, I'm ecstatic with Second in the Group Displays and head out to the vendor area to buy a few plants to celebrate the victory. Then I go home to start writing up my "Sharkies Notes for Next Year," it will probably rival War and Peace in length.

Back on Sunday for the award presentation and dismantling of the Display. But alas, it seems the SSOS Display Committee is not the only disorganised group, as someone from the NSW Orchid Society has left the awards at home and therefore the presentation is cancelled. Bummer! What took hours to set up took only 30 minutes or so to tear down, thanks to all the members (and Daniel's Dad) who helped dismantle the tiers and load all the gear in our trailer. The Sharkies Show was over for another year.

Hopefully everything will go smoother in 2008, especially with the check-in and nomination procedures (as one of Ho and Co said, it couldn't possibly be any worse)! Sorry, Guys!! Thanks to all for your help and understanding in what were some undeniably tense moments, special thanks to

Kevin and Ho for getting all our plants checked in and nominated correctly. What a relief to be able to get back to just growing orchids now!



Champion of Show – Sarco. Nicky's Twin 'Voo Doo' – owner :Neville Roper  
It was awarded AM and AD (Provisional)



Champion Softcane : Den. Pink Doll x Lucky Gold. This plant was given to Audrey & Eric by Ernie Heath when his health was failing him. Ernie subsequently passed away and the Marks plans to register this Plant as Den. Mem. Ernie Heath. It was awarded an HCC (Provisional)

**MONTHLY JUDGING RESULTS**

For : Oct-07

**OPEN JUDGES CHOICE**

Winner Sarco. Burgundy on Ice 'Red on Pink' N. Roper

**INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE**

Winner Lyc. Calynea D&amp;M Hannah

**NOVICE & JUNIOR JUDGES CHOICE**

Winner Sarco. Burgundy on Ice 'Australia' D. Coulton

**CLASS # 1 AUSTRALIAN NATIVES**

1st Den. kingianum 'Wirra' N. Roper  
 2nd Den. lichenastrum R. Moar  
 3rd Den. kingianum J. Moss  
 4th Den. prenticei R. Moar

**CLASS # 2 SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM**

1st Paph. venustum G. Hart  
 2nd Paph. hainanense S T Ho  
 3rd Paph. micranthum S T Ho  
 4th Paph. maliporensis J. Hart

**CLASS # 3 CATTLEYA OVER 110mm**

1st Blc. Dundas 'Olga' J. Hart  
 2nd Blc. Sylvia Fry 'Essie' T. & J. Hyde  
 3rd Lc. Casitas Spring 'Linden' J. Hart  
 4th Lc. Colourguard 'Hawaii' J. Hart

**CLASS # 4 NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUM**

1st Paph. Berenice S T Ho  
 2nd Paph. bellatulum x glaucophyllum Costa & Crosby  
 3rd Paph. Normiun Booth W&J Chapman  
 4th Paph. Billy Cardalino S T Ho

**CLASS # 7 CATTLEYA INTERGENERIC (Up to 70mm)**

1st Ctna. Cherry Vanilla J. Hart

**CLASS # 8 CATTLEYA UP TO 80mm**

1st Lc. Maris Song x Slc. Dal's Buddy Costa & Crosby  
 2nd Slc. Jillian Lee E. Beehag  
 3rd Slc. Dal's Buddy 'Halo' E. Beehag  
 4th S. Charming Jewel 'H&R' E. Beehag

**CLASS # 10 SPECIES ASIAN**

1st Den. miyaka Costa & Crosby  
 2nd Rhyn. gigantea 'Spots' x gigantea J. Hart  
 3rd Dendrochilum filiforme K. Wilson  
 4th Den. nobile var virginale R. Moar

**CLASS # 11 PHALAENOPSIS**

1st Phal. Hsinying 'Mable Moose' Costa &amp; Crosby

**CLASS # 12 SEEDLING**

1st Sarco. Misty x hartmannii D. Wood  
 2nd Sarco. Judith x Fairy 'Scarlet' N. Roper  
 3rd Paph. Fumigold x micranthum G. Hart  
 4th Sarco. Tigress x hartmannii Costa & Crosby

**CLASS # 13 ONCIDIUM**

1st Onc. Aloha Ewanaga Costa & Crosby  
 2nd Onc. Sang Chan J. Moss

**CLASS # 14 NOVELTY PHALAENOPSIS UNDER 75mm**

1st Phal. Brother 'Sarah Gold' Costa & Crosby  
 2nd Phal. Don-di Rose x Phal Chingties John Costa & Crosby  
 3rd Dtps. Hsinying Mak I 'Shot Gun' Costa & Crosby  
 4th Dtps. I-hsin Golden Costa & Crosby

**CLASS # 15 ONCIDIUM INTERGENERIC ALLIANCE**

1st Wils. Hilda Plum Tree 'Purple Wings' G. Hart  
 2nd Odcdm. Tiger Butter x Oda Mariella Rohl E. Beehag

**CLASS # 16 MISCELLANEOUS**

1st Lyc. Isabella E. Beehag  
 2nd Lyc. Macama 'Joycelyn' E. Beehag

**CLASS # 17 DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS**

1st Den. Yokandama 'King' W&J Chapman  
 2nd Den. unknown R. Moar  
 3rd Den. unknown R. Moar

**CLASS # 18 VANDACEOUS NOT VANDA**

1st Ascda. Surfuna Beauty 'Orange Belle' J. Hart

**CLASS # 19 MASDEVALLIA & DRACULA SPECIES**

1st Dracula olmosii R. Moar  
 2nd Dracula felix R. Moar

**CLASS # 21 ODONTOGLOSSUM INCLUDING ODONTODA**

1st Oda. Pesculeyn J. Hart  
 2nd Oda. Mornington E. Beehag  
 3rd Oda. Bawley Point E. Beehag

**CLASS # 21A PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS**

1st Masd. Southern Sun 'Super Nova' G. Hart  
 2nd Masd. Maheverite 'Mardi Gras' W&J Chapman

**CLASS # 21B LAELINAE SPECIES**

1st Cat. intermedia 'Breckinridge Show' E. Beehag  
 2nd Cat. intermedia 'Breckinridge Show' E. Beehag  
 3rd Cat. loddigessi Costa & Crosby

**CLASS # 22 MINITURE CYMBIDIUM UNDER 60mm**

1st Cym. Peewee E&A Marks  
 2nd Cym. Scallywag E&A Marks  
 3rd Cym. Peewee Costa & Crosby  
 4th Cym. Beacon Fire 'Cecil Park' W&J Chapman

**CLASS # 23 SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN OR PAPHIOPEDILUM**

1st Ansellia africana x self Costa & Crosby  
 2nd Max. elator G. Hart  
 3rd Masd. veriolsilis G. Hart  
 4th Arophyllum giganteum R. Moar  
 5th Lyc. skinneri var alba D. Wood

**CLASS # 23A OTHER PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES**

1st Pleuro. ghiesbreghtiana G. Hart  
 2nd Platystele misera G. Hart  
 3rd Pleuro. ghiesbreghtiana G. Hart  
 4th Pleuro. platystacha G. Hart

**CLASS # 24A NATIVE SARCANTHINAE HYBRID**

1st Sarco. Aussie Dawn x Sarc. Fitzhart N. Roper  
 2nd Sarco. Burgundy on Ice N. Roper  
 3rd Sarco. George Cothup x Sarc. Heidi Costa & Crosby  
 4th Sarco. Rachael x fitzgeraldii Costa & Crosby

**CLASS # 25 NOVICE - PAPHIOPEDILUM**

1st Paph. Valentine Viola x Paph. Jewelled Cuata Trevor Costa  
 2nd Paph. Robert Ward x Paph. Infared Trevor Costa

**CLASS # 27 - NOVICE - NATIVE & NATIVE HYBRID**

1st Sarco. First Light Trevor Costa  
 2nd Sarco. Fitzhart Trevor Costa  
 3rd Sarco. Izzy's Rainbow x Fitzhart J. Robinson  
 4th Sarco. Pinky x Sarco. hartmannii M. Hitchcock

**CLASS # 29 NOVICE - MISCELLANEOUS**

1st Phal. Hsin 'Sakura' Trevor Costa  
 2nd Phal unknown J. Robinson  
 3rd Phal. Litte Kiss Trevor Costa  
 4th Den. unknown J. Robinson

**CLASS # 30 NOVICE - SPECIES**

1st Paph. villosum J. Robinson  
 2nd Denchilum curanii M. Hitchcock  
 3rd Cym. floribundum var album M. Hitchcock

**CLASS # 33 INTERMEDIATE - NATIVE SPECIES & NATIVE HYBRID**

1st Sarco. Perky D&amp;M Hannah

**CLASS # 34 INTERMEDIATE - CATTLEYA**

- 1st Lc. Irene Furney
- 2nd Lc. Golddigger
- 3rd Slc. Jewel Box
- 4th C. Earl Imperialis

- S. Vavayis
- G. Birss
- S. Vavayis
- S. Vavayis

**CLASS # 35 INTERMEDIATE - MISCELLANEOUS**

- 1st Lyc. calynea
- 2nd Lyc. Judith Atkins
- 3rd Den. Reimei No 5
- 4th Phal. Tai -1 x Phal. Sogo Lisa

- D&M Hannah
- D&M Hannah
- S. Vavayis
- G. Birss

**CLASS # 36 INTERMEDIATE - SPECIES**

- 1st Cym. pumilum
- 2nd Coel. flaccida
- 3rd Den. nobile
- 4th Den. nobile

- G. Birss
- D&M Hannah
- L. Gannon
- S. Vavayis

**CLASS # 41 JUNIORS**

- 1st Sarco. Burgundy on Ice
- 2nd Den. unknown
- 3rd Sarco. Cathy
- 4th Den. kingianum

- D. Coulton
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- D. Coulton

## Latest Website News

This is a new section we are putting into the bulletin to make you aware of the latest updates to our ever growing website.

Sharkies Pictures are currently up for viewing.

This month we have decided to offer a copy of the articles on the website for those who aren't connected to the internet for a small printing charge of 20c per page (B & W only) the list of articles is as follows.

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