

# NEWSLETTER

Nov. 2006

**NEXT MEETING Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2006 at 1.30 pm**

*Party time*

**SPEAKER:** No speaker, as next meeting will be our big Xmas get together with ALL the FOOD supplied by TRAN BAKEHOUSE and sponsored by the HOS. As you know from our afternoon teas throughout the year this is an event not to be missed. It is also an opportunity to relax and discuss the plants on display, ask questions and get to know others in the society better. Santa will also be bringing his bag of gifts so don't miss out.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Non members \$5.** Financial members **free** and only financial members are eligible to receive a gift.

**LAST MEETING:** Peter Elfleet gave an interesting talk on Masdevallias and as mine are not doing all that well I was sorry to have missed it.

**RAFFLE:** A special thanks to **Mick Hughes** for donating the beautiful large Cymbidium to the Society for the first prize.

**CULTURE:** You should be fertilising and watering when the conditions are right but be wary of over watering if the weather stays cool. Many growers taking holidays and entrusting the care of their precious plants to someone else can run into problems when conditions are so changeable. A letter to the editor in a recent edition of the AOS magazine said it may be prudent to leave orchids not watered for a few weeks rather than risk overwatering. If you go away at the height of summer they will need some attention. Repotting should be almost completed except for those plants just coming into flower. It is a good idea to cut all others in flower sooner rather than later to give them a good start for next season. Watering of actively growing plants in warm weather should be frequent and thorough. Build up your fertiliser strengths gradually over spring. (Bring in a sample for Anton to test if unsure of strength). Snails and slugs are active now and can cause a lot of damage so sprinkle 'Baysol' around. It is more effective if ground up a little but don't get it on your skin. Other softer types are dissolved quickly by water. At this time of the year you should also be very vigilant for insect attacks. They can multiply rapidly and once down into the sheaves around bulbs and root systems are very difficult to get rid of. Always look up under the leaves (and spray there) as they will congregate on the undersides. Over the hottest months humidity should be kept up by misting frequently and plants such as Masdevallias or Odonts kept as cool as possible. Shading may need to be provided over summer and ensure water is not left sitting on leaves in direct sun.

**HOS on INTERNET** Yes we are now on this, only our newsletter at this stage. A big THANKS to **Dennis Chuah** of Auckland Orchid Club who has facilitated this by using a sub domain of their own web site. You can view on <http://hos.inetgardens.com> - There will also be a link from their own web site.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Peggy and Buster Bell-Booth on their Diamond Wedding anniversary.

**???** Still trying to puzzle out the joke in the last newsletter? The last line got lost at the printers! Bill, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later the doctor saw Bill walking down the street with a gorgeous young lady on his arm. A couple of days later the doctor spoke to Bill and said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?" Bill replied, "Just doing what you said, Doc: Get a hot mamma and be cheerful." The doctor said, "I didn't say that. I said, you got a heart murmur be careful."

## PLANTS ON DISPLAY (Nov. meeting)

OPEN: Len Cobb: *Den. nobile*, *Wils. Jean Du Pont*, *Masd. coccinea*, *Masd. veitchiana*.

Anton & Janet Wehman: *C. unknown*, *Den. unknown*, *Phal. Kahurangi B#2* x *C. Dtps. Etherege Princess\**.

Wolf Grausch: *Den. Val Peck* x *Aussie Merit* x 2, *Sarc. Melody 'Big Centre'*.

Ron Reeves: *C. intermedia*, *Den. cumulatatum*, *Pleurothallis triangulipetala*, *Paph. primulinum*, *C. wonunii?* x *loddigessii*. (? No such name)

Kathy Rimmer: *Den. thyrsiflorum*.

Grahame Leafberg: *Sarc. Melba 'Grahame' CCC/OCNZ*, *Den. hainanensis*, *Leptotes bicolor* 4N, *Cym. Pied Piper 'Eclipse' AM/OCNZ*, 5 x *Sarchochilus*.

Sandra Moore: 2 x *Sarc. unknown*.

Val Bayliss: *Masd. Kimballiana 'L & R Gold' AM/NZOS*, *Leptotes bicolor 'L & R Top o' the Line'*, *Masd. Minaret*.

Michelle Tung: *Den. Kuniko*, *Lc. Rojo*, *Slc. May Hawkins 'Melissa'*.

Lea Westlake: *Sarc. Melba*, *Phal. stuartiana 'Larkin Valley'* x *Dtps. Cloud Ballet 'Katherine'*, *Den. thyrsiflorum*.

Tris Wakelin: *Phal. mariae*.

NOVICE: John Sheppard: *Sarc. hartmannii 'Aussie Stardust'*.

Betty Everson: *Phal. Polita Dupay* x (*ronde x equestris*), *Phal. unknown*.

John Muddiman: *Phal. unknown* x 2.

Dieu Tran: *Phal. unknown*, *Cym. Miss Muffet*, *Cym. Pee Wee*.

RESULTS of POPULAR VOTE

(\* Change name)

OPEN: 1<sup>st</sup> **Grahame** (*Sarc.*), 2<sup>nd</sup> **Kathy** (*Den.*), 3<sup>rd</sup> = **Len** (*Masd.*), **Grahame** (*Den.*).

NOVICE: 1<sup>st</sup> **J. Muddiman** (*Phal.*), 2<sup>nd</sup> = **Dieu** (*Phal.*), **J. Sheppard** (*Masd.*), 3<sup>rd</sup> **J. Muddiman** (*Phal.*).

Plant commentary was by Val Bayliss and Peter Elfleet.

## EDITOR'S COMMENT

It was a hectic 17 days for us in Thailand where we fit in a lot in a very short time.

We last visited 5 years ago and the changes are quite noticeable. Bangkok has opened a new underground rail system in the last 2 years, plus a monorail system, which has relieved a lot of the congested roads. They have also invested huge amounts into new super-highways (many on huge columns above existing motorways), the largest airport in the world, lots of new buildings and shopping centres and much more. The economy seems buoyant with mostly new cars on the roads and food available in abundance everywhere.

We traveled to out of the way places and the above was true wherever we visited.

The main reason for the trip was to visit the Royal Flora Expo being held in the northern city of Chiangmai (approx. same distance Auckland – Wellington) at which we spent 2 days.

We also visited the flower market in Bangkok, took a day trip to Ayutthaya (ancient city) bus/boat, went to Doi Inthanon National Park (2500m above sea level) and Doi Tung (Royal sponsored garden and plant propagation project – see article in AOS magazine earlier this year).

Thailand has a very warm climate and was very hot (30 deg.) even in the north which is supposed to be coming into its cooler season (Dec/Jan). As mentioned in last month's newsletter we saw first hand the devastation caused by the extensive flooding in the middle of the country where there are hundreds of square kilometres still under water. Many roads are impassable, houses under water and rice crops ruined.

I will give more details of some of the above places we visited with particular emphasis on orchids (of which there were plenty) in coming months.

## HOWICK ORCHID SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW 2006

### CLASS RESULTS

- Class 1. (Mini Cymbidium. Red/pink/brown) 1<sup>st</sup> Julie Duff (Fairy Rouge 'Lavender Falls'),  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mick Hughes (Vogelsang 'Eastbourne')
- Class 2. (Mini Cym. White/green/yellow) 1<sup>st</sup> J. Duff (Sarah Jean 'Sprite'),  
2<sup>nd</sup> J. Knight (Sweet Lime), 3<sup>rd</sup> M. Hughes (Fifi 'Harry' x pumilum)
- Class 3. (Mini Cym. Any other colour) 1<sup>st</sup> M. Hughes (Vogel's Magic 'Waikanae')
- Class 4. (Int. Cym. Red/pink/brown) 1<sup>st</sup> M. Hughes (Last Tango 'Geyserland'),  
2<sup>nd</sup> J. Duff (Mimi 'Cascade'), 3<sup>rd</sup> G & M Poffley (Sensation 'Kimberley')
- Class 5. (Int. Cymbidium. White/green/yellow) 1<sup>st</sup> P. Whittam (Edgewood),  
2<sup>nd</sup> P. Whittam (Pacific Lagoon), 3<sup>rd</sup> P. Whittam (Music Box Dancer 'Ballerina')
- Class 6. (Int. Cym. Any other colour) 1<sup>st</sup> J. Duff (Bulbarrow 'Friar Tuck')
- Class 7. (Standard Cymbidium. Red/pink/brown) 1<sup>st</sup> M. Hughes (Red Sox 'Kumeu')  
2<sup>nd</sup> G. Deadman (Son of Freak 'Montessa Magic'), 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Duff (Spring Red)
- Class 8. (Std. Cym. White/green/yellow) 1<sup>st</sup> G. Deadman (May's Isle 'Green Opal')  
2<sup>nd</sup> P. Whittam (Valya Craig 'Sutherland'), 3<sup>rd</sup> P. Whittam (Jungfrau 'Dos Pueblos')
- Class 9. (Std. Cym. Any other colour) 1<sup>st</sup> J. Duff (Clarisse Carlton 'Tia Maria')  
2<sup>nd</sup> M. Hughes (Claudona 'Rajah')
- Class 10. (Cymbidium Specimen) No Entries
- Class 11. (Cattleya Alliance flowers over 90mm) 1<sup>st</sup> Beryl Calder (C. Bright Hawaii 'Sue')  
2<sup>nd</sup> Michelle Tung (C. Jay Ward Michaelson x Keith Killoh), 3<sup>rd</sup> F. Henrich/R. MacKay (C. Mossiae x Lyn Spencer)
- Class 12. (Cattleya Alliance flowers under 90mm) 1<sup>st</sup> B. Calder (Slc. Tiny Titan 'Will')  
2<sup>nd</sup> B. Calder (Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Apricot Glow'), 3<sup>rd</sup> B. Calder (Slc. Susies Valentine 'Belle')
- Class 13. (Cattleya Alliance – Novelty) 1<sup>st</sup> B. Calder (C. *intermedia* 'Pink')  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Morse (Lc. Trick or Treat), 3<sup>rd</sup> M. Tung (C. *intermedia* x Lc. Trick or Treat 'Orange Beauty')
- Class 14. (Phal.. White with coloured lip/stripes or spots) 1<sup>st</sup> B. Main (Callum's Carnival B.J. No. 1)  
2<sup>nd</sup> B. Main (Etherege Cloud 'Mark'), 3<sup>rd</sup> B. Main (Etherege Angel 'Caitlin')
- Class 15. (Phal.. Pink with coloured lip/stripes or spots)  
1<sup>st</sup> B. Main (Catalina 'Zuma Beach' x *Dtps* Dobbyn 'Zuma Canyon')  
2<sup>nd</sup> B. Main (Barbara Mills 'Thelma' HCC/OCNZ), 3<sup>rd</sup> G & M Poffley (Etherege Princess 'Betty')
- Class 16. (Phal. Any other colour)  
1<sup>st</sup> B. Main (*venosa* 'Walters Copper' x Tungku Afzan 'Lenette' AM/AOS)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mabel Teal (Hymen x Barbara Moller), 3<sup>rd</sup> J & C Bensemman (unknown)
- Class 17. (Phal. Miniature, multicolour flowers up to 65mm) 1<sup>st</sup> B. Main (Malibu Dart 'B.J')

2<sup>nd</sup> F. Henrich/R. MacKay (*Dtps.* Ho's Sogo 'Emerald'), 3<sup>rd</sup> B. Main (Cinnamon Sugar 'J' x Cassandra 'Thelma')

Class 18. (Oncidiae Alliance intergeneric hybrids – large, full form)

1<sup>st</sup> Alf Day (*Oda.* Eric Young x *Odm.* *crispum*)

2<sup>nd</sup> R. Maunder (*Wils.* Hecker Pass), 3<sup>rd</sup> J. Duff ((*Odm.* Direlle x Whitewood) x *Wils.* Bardot)

Class 19. (Oncidiae Alliance intergeneric hybrids – Small, full form)

1<sup>st</sup> A. Day (*Wils.* Kendrick Williams 'Rosslow' FCC/AOS), 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Maunder (*Odm.* Uro-Day), 3<sup>rd</sup> E. Kitcher (*Odcdm.* Tiger Hambuhren 'Mieke' x *Oda.* Marzorka)

Class 20. (Oncidiae All. Hybrids/species not full form)

1<sup>st</sup> Leroy Orchids (*Odm.* Tigrinum x *Oda.* Stropheon)

2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Maunder (*Ronmaunderara* Paradise), 3<sup>rd</sup> R. Maunder (*Ronmaunderara* Paradise #3)

Class 21. (*Paphiopedilum*, incl. *Phragmipedium*) 1<sup>st</sup> T & J Austin (*venustum* 'Babetta' var alba)

2<sup>nd</sup> Bev Meredith (Pelanati), 3<sup>rd</sup> J. Knight (Danella x (Queenanna x Amanda 'Coro'))

Class 22. (*Masdevallia* incl. all *Pleurothallid* Alliance)

1<sup>st</sup> Val Bayliss (Copper Angel 'Tristin AM/AOS')

2<sup>nd</sup> R. Maunder (*veitchiana* 'R de G' x self), 3<sup>rd</sup> R. Maunder (Rubicon 'Sunset')

Class 23. (*Dendrobium* Australia, incl. species and hybrids – brown, pink or red)

1<sup>st</sup> Sunrae Orchids (*kingianum* x Louise's Rainbow 'Velvet Beauty')

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunrae Orchids (Elegant Heart x (Sand Gul x *speciosum*) 'Milky Way'), 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunrae Orchids (Elegant Heart x (Sand Gul x *speciosum*) 'Mango')

Class 24. (*Dendrobium* Austr. – white, green or yellow)

1<sup>st</sup> Sunrae Orchids (Elegant Heart x Lynette Banks 'Yellow Fever')

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunrae Orchids (Elegant Heart x Lynette Banks 'P.T.L.'), 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunrae Orchids (Elegant Heart x Lynette Banks 'Lemon & Lime')

Class 25. (*Dendrobium* Austr. – Any other colour) 1<sup>st</sup> Sunrae Orchids (Starbright Corona 'Ozone')

2<sup>nd</sup> Sandra Moore (Starbright Corona), 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunrae Orchids (Starbright Corona 'Pale face')

Class 26. (*Dendrobium speciosum* incl. *speciosum* dominant hybrids)

1<sup>st</sup> Sunrae Orchids (Lynette Banks x *speciosum* 'Yellow Star')

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunrae (Lynette Banks x *speciosum* 'Gold Star'), 3<sup>rd</sup> J. Knight (Seaguls Landing x Arundel Castle)

Class 27. (*Dendrobium* (*nobile* type, any colour) 1<sup>st</sup> Leonard Cobb (*nobile*)

2<sup>nd</sup> L. Cobb (*nobile*), 3<sup>rd</sup> Lea Westlake (*Snowflake* x *nobile* var. *Cooksonia*)

Class 28. *Dendrobium* (Any other type incl. hybrids Austr. with others) 1<sup>st</sup> Kathy Rimmer (Pukekura)

2<sup>nd</sup> Pam Forde (*kingianum* var. alba), 3<sup>rd</sup> P. Forde ((Magenta x Best Red) x *kingianum* 'Inferno')

Class 29. *Dendrobium* (species) 1<sup>st</sup> Francis/Ros (*pierardii*)

2<sup>nd</sup> Wolf Grausch (*striolatum*), 3<sup>rd</sup> Y. Tapsell (*kingianum* *Delicatum*)

Class 30. *Dendrobium* (Specimen) 1<sup>st</sup> Wolf Grausch (Bardo Rose 'George Rabe')

2<sup>nd</sup> Y. Tapsell (Bardot Rose), 3<sup>rd</sup> Dieu Tran (Bunch of White)

Class 31. *Sarcochilus* (any colour) 1<sup>st</sup> Kathy Rimmer (Unknown)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sandra Moore (*hartmannii* 'Yellow' x Self), 3<sup>rd</sup> G & M Poffley (*hartmannii* 'Red Heart' x 'The Globe')

Class 32. Any other genera Hybrid not listed. 1<sup>st</sup> Alf Day (*Propetalum* Mathina 'Barbara'  
HCC/NZOS)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Michelle Tung (*Zygoneria* Kings Park), 3<sup>rd</sup> J. Duff ((*Zygo* Blackii x *intermedia*) x Artur Elle)

Class 33. Any Species 1<sup>st</sup> B.J. Main (*Phal. philippinensis* 'Jean')  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mick Hughes (*Cym. hookerianum*), 3<sup>rd</sup> Kathy Rimmer (*Ada aurantiaca*)

Class 34. Specimen any genera other than Cymbidium or Dendrobium  
1<sup>st</sup> Lea Westlake (*Coel. cristata* var alba)

Class 35. 1<sup>st</sup> Flowering seedling any genera 1<sup>st</sup> Sunrae Orchids (Den. Lynette Banks x *speciosum*)  
2<sup>nd</sup> M. Hughes (Cym. Radiant Harry x Hazel Tyers), 3<sup>rd</sup> G & M Poffley (Den. Dal's Dazzler x Mae Klong River)

#### NOVICE SECTION

Class 36. Cymbidium Std. 1<sup>st</sup> Christina Chi (Unknown)

Class 37. Cymbidium Int. No Entries

Class 38. Cymbidium Min. 1<sup>st</sup> Sheryl McKinley (Unknown)

Cl. 39. Cattleya Alliance. Cl. 40. Oncidiae Alliance Cl. 41. Masd. ( All No Entries)

Class 42. Dendrobium Austr. 1<sup>st</sup> Sheryl McKinley (Unknown)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sheryl McKinley (Kim x Peter), 3<sup>rd</sup> Jackie Wee (*kingianum*)

Cl. 43. Den.other types Cl. 45. Paphs Cl. 46 Phals. Cl. 48. Phal Std (All No entries)

Class 44. Dendrobium Other types 1<sup>st</sup> Josc Jamieson (*kingianum* x Louise's Rainbow)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Josc Jamieson (Yellow Glow x Colonial Summit)

Class 47. Phalaenopsis Miniature 1<sup>st</sup> Paul Yap (Etherege x Pequest)

#### BEGINNERS SECTION

Class 49. Any other genera 1<sup>st</sup> Joan Skidmore (*Blettila striata*)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Finley (*Cym. unknown*), 3<sup>rd</sup> Robert Finley (*Cym. unknown*)

#### FLORAL ART

Class 50. Open 1<sup>st</sup> Lois Caldwell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Manee Poffley, 3<sup>rd</sup> Betty Everson

Class 51 Novice 1<sup>st</sup> M. Poffley, 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Poffley, 3<sup>rd</sup> Verna Latif

Class 52. Floor Display 1<sup>st</sup> Cymbidium Soc. America.

Class 53. Table Top Display 1<sup>st</sup> Sunrae Orchids, 2<sup>nd</sup> B. J. Main, 3<sup>rd</sup> Auck. Orchid Club

#### COMING EVENTS

**HOS** Club days: First club day in the New Year is on Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> February.

The first newsletter will be posted out in late January along with all the meeting dates.

This is the **last newsletter** for this year so have a pleasant holiday break and we look forward to seeing you all back in the New Year. Once again thank you all for your support throughout the year.