



NEWSLETTER of the HOWICK ORCHID SOCIETY Inc.

Nov. 2010

NEXT meeting Sun 12th Dec. 2010

Xmas Social

NEXT MEETING is the Xmas Social where you can relax a little, discuss your plants, have a good long look at the orchids on display and enjoy the company of others. As always we provide the afternoon tea, which will be catered for by our friendly baker Dieu Tran of Café Tran (Onehunga Mall). Members FREE but we do have to charge a nominal \$7 fee for non-members attending this function. (This is the approx. value we pay per head for this function)

PHOTO COMPETITION: The results of this will be announced at the next meeting. Our judges Len Cobb and Val Bayliss have concurred and there will be a small gift for the winners.

LAST MEETING:

Again we received wonderful support from many members with some generous donations of very good quality plants, which was reflected in the result, an outstanding \$891. Our new auctioneer Neil O'Hara soon warmed to the task extracting his pound of flesh from most of those present. Our top item was the beautiful Cymbidium donated by Joe Vance (Villa Orchids, Bombay), which went for a record \$40 and well worth the value.

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to **Cannie Lo** (Pakuranga) who joined as a result of a referral from Betty Vance at one of their recent mall stalls.

We would like to see more of the recently joined members at our meetings. This is where you will learn more about growing orchids and be able to mix with other growers.

Some of our long serving members have been unwell lately and we wish them a speedy recovery. Jim Bensemann, Val Bayliss, Len Cobb, to name a few and its great to see Josc Jamieson back at our meetings after a long absence.

We were very sad to hear recently that **Jim James** QSM (I.D James) of the Waikato had passed away. Jim was a renowned exhibitor, hybridiser and author active in orchids for over 50 years. Glenn & Manee attended the funeral along with a large contingent of friends and associates from Auckland. Jim was the speaker at the first HOS meeting we attended back at the Picton St hall.

EDITOR'S COMMENT

Please amend the spelling of your seedling Cymbidium to whiteae (species) if you received this one. Another reminder that they will need some TLC to get them growing strongly and will be our competition plant. At some time in the future you will be asked to bring it back to be judged against the others and the one grown best will be awarded a prize.

This is the last newsletter for the year, and we do not resume until FEBRUARY 2011.

Paddy & his wife are lying in bed & the neighbour's dog is barking like mad in the garden.
Paddy says 'To hell with this!' and storms off.
He comes back upstairs 5 mins later & his wife asks 'What did you do?'
Paddy replies 'I've put the dog in our garden, lets see how they like it!'

PLANTS ON DISPLAY (November meeting) Compiled & printed by Michelle Tung
(NOTE * change of label recommended) Either incorrect spelling or a new name of a registered hybrid

OPEN

Dennis Chuah: *Masd.* Lyn Sherlock

Betty Everson: *Phal.* unknown

Pam Forde: 5 x *Phal.* unknown

John Muddiman: *Den. palpebrae?*, *Bif. harrisoniae*, *Phal.* Golden Peoker 'Nan Chook' x Brother Amer 'OK' and *Phal.* unknown

Glenn & Manee Poffley: *Masd.* Lyn Sherlock, *Masd. amabilis* x *uniflora?*, *Sarco.* Highton Magic, *Sarco.* Fitzhart x Heidi = *Sarco. Sweet Heart**, *C. Calumata**,

Ctt. Hazel Boyd, *Ctt.* Jewel Box and *Cym.* Scallwag.

Michelle Tung: *C.* Betty Webb and *Bif. harrisoniae*

William & Man Lo: *Paph. tonsum*, 2 x *Paph.* Black Velvet x Ruby Leopard, *Paph. lowii*, *Paph. Arthur?*, *Paph. sukhakulii*, *Paph. delentii* x *kolopakingii* = *Paph. Doctor Toot**, *Paph. holdenii* x Bill Pannill, *Dtps.* Minho Princess 'S.I.', *Phal.* Haur Jin Princess x Ho's Elegant Lady, *Den.*

cucullatum (syn. *Den. pierardii/aphyllum*), *V. coerulscens* x unknown and *Masd. imposter* x sib.

Bryce & Lea Westlake: *Cym.* Sweet Devon, *Den. thysiflorum* and a selection of *Sarcochilus*

Anton & Janet Wehman: *C. intermedia*, *Lc.* Hamana Bonfire and *Sarco.* unknown

Kathy Rimmer: *Den. thysiflorum**, *Bif. harrisoniae* and *Angcm. germinyanum*.

Ken & Chui Tse: *Coel. mooreana*, *Cym.* Miss Muffet and *Slc.* Mae Hawkins 'Melissa'

Novice

Lee Stone: **Plant labels not found**

Alan Robinson: *Sarco.* Pinky + **others (labels not found)**

Novelty

Man and William Lo: *Den. alaticaulinum* *

Dennis Chuah: *Rstp. elegans* and *Masd.* Curly George

Meanings of abbreviations

Coel. - Coelogyne Bif. - Bifrenaria Rstp. - Restrepia Dtps. - Doritaenopsis

Angcm. - Angraecum V. - Vanda

POPULAR VOTE

OPEN: 1st Len (*Masd. Angel Glow*), 2nd Glenn & Manee (Mix Basket), 3rd Ken & Chui (*Coel.*).

NOVICE: 1st, 2nd and 3rd All to Alan Robinson

NOVELTY: 1st Man & William (*Den.*), 2nd Dennis (*Rstp.*), 3rd Dennis (*Masd.*)

Commentary was given by Alf Day and Dennis Chuah.

Plant of the month (picked by Dennis) is John Muddiman's huge *Den.* a magnificent display.

Please leave your plant labels to be collected by Michelle.

No popular vote next month but DO BRING your plants for display.

Paddy the electrician got sacked from the U.S. prison service for not servicing the electric chair.
He said that in his professional opinion it was a death trap!

HOWICK ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW CLASS RESULTS

1. 1st John Cairns (Cym. Tham), 2nd Julie Duff (Tuffet), 3rd Kathy Rimmer (Cricket)
2. 1st Michelle Tung (Cym. Pat Ann), 2nd Mick Hughes (Mary Green), 3rd G & M Poffley (Corakiwi).
3. 1st Villa Orchids (Cym. Magic Dream 'Mousie'), 2nd J. Cairns (Red Planet), 3rd J. Cairns (Tania Porter 'Joyce').
4. 1st Villa Orchids (Cym. Amelia Earhart 'Maisie'), 2nd Villa (Pearl Dawson 'Kathleen').
5. 1st M. Hughes (Cym. Leroy's Hazel), 2nd Val Burnside (Lady in Red), 3rd M. Hughes (unknown).
6. 1st Villa (Cym. Anna Szabo), 2nd Yvonne Tapsell (Lowio-grandiflorum), 3rd Y. Tapsell (Lowio-grandiflorum)
7. 1st Philip & Gangli Zhou (Cym. goeringii 'Mountain Blue').
8. 1st M. Hughes (Cym. Hazel Tyers).
9. 1st Beryl Calder (Lc. Within Reach), 2nd F. Henrich & R. MacKay (C. Betty Webb), 3rd Michelle Tung (Slc. Mae Hawkins 'Melissa').
10. 1st Leroy Orchids (C. Dendi's Song), 2nd B. Calder (Rth. Koa), 3rd Leroy (Lc. Aussie Sunset).
11. 1st B. Calder (Sl. Medley x Self), 2nd G & M Poffley (Blc. Pat Woods), 3rd F. Henrich & R. MacKay (C. guatemalensis).
12. 1st B. Calder (Slc. Jewel Box 'Dark Waters').
13. 1st Brian Main (Phal. Callum's Carnival x Florida Snow), 2nd B. Main (Dtps. Sundial White Snow x P. Cygnus), 3rd M. Van Geest (Phal. Anthura Kobe).
14. 1st B. Main (Dtps. Etherege Princess), 2nd J. Muddiman (Golden Pecker x Brother Amor), 3rd J. Muddiman (unknown).
15. 1st B. Main (Dtps. Chain Xen Queen), 2nd A & J Wehman (Dou-dii Rose x Chinruey's Sika Deer), 3rd G & M Poffley (unkown).
16. 1st J. Muddiman (Sogo Red Ruby), 2nd B. Main (Barbara King), 3rd A & J Wehman (Brother Yew x Zuma's Pixie).
17. 1st Paradise Orchids (Odcdm Hecker Pass), 2nd Paradise (Oda. Dalmar x Odm. crispum), 3rd Alf Day (Oda. Papatoetoe Anne).
18. 1st Alf Day (Wils. Dorothy Wisnom x Oda. City of Birmingham), 2nd Paradise (Mtssa. Peggy Mobley x Oda (Ingera x Florence Stirling), 3rd A. Day (Oda. Trixmanee x Drumstick).
19. 1st W & M Lo (Wils. Lyoth 'Ruby'), 2nd Paradise (Ronmaunderara Paradise), 3rd A. Day Odcdm. Arthur Elle).
20. 1st H & G Cooke (Onc. sphacelatum), 2nd House of Orchids (Onc. reflexum x sphacelatum), 3rd A. Day (Odm. Midnight Miracles).
21. 1st W & M Lo ((Paph. Super Suk x Red Glory) x Vogel Magic), 2nd Chris Whitby (Paph. James Bacon), 3rd Chris Whitby (Paph. Ho Chi Min).
22. 1st Chris Whitby (Paph. sukhakulii 'The Best'), 2nd W & M Lo (Paph. lowii), 3rd W & M Lo (Paph. venustum).
23. 1st Ken & Chui Tse (Masd. Mary Staal 'Ellen's Delight'), 2nd Paradise (Masd. Trevor Gilbanks), 3rd Paradise (Masd. Falcata 'Gorse').
24. 1st B & L Westlake (Dryadella zebrina), 2nd Ken Morse (Masd. Tuakau Candy), 3rd Ken Morse (Masd. Louise Harper).
25. 1st W & M Lo (Masd. veitchiana), 2nd G & M Poffley (Masd. schroderiana), 3rd G & M Poffley (veitchiana 'Prince de Galles).
26. 1st A & J Wehman (Den. Harold Hirsch x Louise's Rainbow), 2nd Frank Winter (Den. Naomi's Pride), 3rd K & C Tse (Den. Youdi x kingianum).

27. 1st Sandra Moore (Den. Star of Riverdene x Golden Fleck) x Bright Spark x Jonesii), 2nd S. Moore (Bright Spark x Jonesii) x Clarrie Wurth, 3rd G & M Poffley (Bicentennial Rose).
28. 1st Julie Duff (Den. kingianum var. alba), 2nd Pam Forde (Magenta x Best Red Lip) x inferno, 3rd A & J Wehman (kingianum 'Corigane Red').
29. 1st Villa Orchids (speciosum 'Margaret Healey').
30. 1st P. Forde (Den. unknown), 2nd M. Tung (Cassiope), 3rd B & L Westlake (Den. Tancho).
31. 1st G. Leafberg (Den. Skillicon x Australian Ginger), 2nd Tris Wakelin (Den. teretifolium x Duffy), 3rd T. Wakelin (unknown).
32. 1st Dennis Chuah (Den. densiflorum), 2nd B & L Westlake (Den. linguiforme), 3rd W & M Lo (Den. goldschmidtianum).
33. 1st G. Leafberg (Den. xgracillimum)
34. 1st S. Moore (Sarco. Misty Spangles x hartmanii 'Ginger Snow'), 2nd G Leafberg (Sarco. First Light), 3rd Peggy Bell-Booth (Sarco. First Light).
35. 1st G. Leafberg (Sarco. falcatus), 2nd A & J Wehman (hartmanii), 3rd W & M Lo (fitzgeraldii).
36. 1st G & M Poffley (hartmanii), 2nd Elaine Kitcher (hartmanii), 3rd Val Burnside (hartmanii).
37. 1st Villa Orchids (Lyc. Andy Easton x Self), 2nd J. Duff (Z. Mem. Grace Drewry x ?), 3rd W & M Lo (Z. James Strauss).
38. 1st J. Duff (Coel. cristata var. alba), 2nd A. Day (Cym. hookerianum), 3rd M. Hughes (Cym. hookerianum).
39. 1st Leroy Orchids (Cnths. discolor), 2nd D. Chuah (Ada keiliana), 3rd M. Tung (Arpo. giganteum).
40. 1st F. Henrich & R. MacKay (V. Rothschildiana), 2nd M. Tung (Masd. Angel Frost), 3rd J. Muddiman (Den. unknown).
41. 1st B. Main (Phal. Earthquake x equestris), 2nd G. Leafberg (C. Highland Blush), 3rd Leroy Orchids (C. Lucky Chance).
42. 1st L. Stone (Cym. Peewee), 2nd L. Stone (Cym. unknown), 3rd L. Stone (Cym. White Elf).
43. 1st Lee Stone (Den. unknown), 2nd L. Stone (Den. unknown), 3rd Alan Robinson (Den. King Albert 'West').
44. 1st L. Stone (Coel. flaccida), 2nd L. Stone (Sarco. Tigersun), 3rd L. Stone (Coel. cristata).
45. 1st Rex Sellar (Cym. Elsie Sanderson).
50. 1st Waitakere O.C, 2nd South Auckland O.S, 3rd CSA, 4th NZOS.

There are **two** excellent theories for arguing with women. Neither one works.

A Charlotte, NC lawyer purchased a box of very rare and expensive cigars then insured them against fire, along with other things.

Within a month, having smoked his entire stockpile of these great cigars and without yet having made even his first premium payment on the policy, the lawyer filed a claim against the insurance company. In his claim, the lawyer stated the cigars were lost "in a series of small fires." The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason that the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion.

The lawyer sued... and WON!

In delivering the ruling, the judge agreed with the insurance company that the claim was frivolous. The judge stated nevertheless, that the lawyer "held a policy from the company in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure them against fire, without defining what is considered to be 'unacceptable fire' and was obligated to pay the claim. Rather than endure a lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid \$15,000 to the lawyer for his loss of the rare cigars lost in the "fires."

NOW FOR THE BEST PART...

After the lawyer cashed the check, the insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of ARSON!!!

With the insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used against him, the lawyer was convicted of intentionally burning his insured property and was sentenced to 24 months in jail and a \$24,000 fine.

This is a **true story** and was the First Place winner in the recent Criminal Lawyers Award Contest.

CULTURE

Well another year has nearly come to a close and you should be concentrating on getting the maximum growth out of your orchids during the warmer months. This means constant attention to watering, fertilizing, misting and pest control. I found a lot of resident slugs in many of my orchid pots when I repotted this year. As mentioned during the last plant commentary the grass grub moth may have laid eggs in your pots and the larvae will be eating the roots **now**. This is evident by a residue that looks like sawdust on the surface of the mix. Daizanon granules sprinkled in the pot will control these as well as ant colonies.

It's a good time to give your Phallies a couple of weeks of cooler nights (if we have any) to initiate flower spikes. They will then be in flower for the shows next year.

Give your Cymbidiums and Dendrobiums plenty of sun now. Be sure to keep the Masdevallias misted and in the coolest part of your garden over summer. Sarcochilus will need some shading also. The Cattleya Alliance need plenty of bright light but not scorching sun or heat. Give them good ventilation also. The Oncidinae Alliance is one group many of us struggle with including myself. Those predominantly with Oncidium in the breeding can take higher light and cope with drier conditions. The Odontoglossum crosses (eg. Oda.), need plenty of moisture and cooler conditions. The problems come with the complex hybrids, which have a number of different genera in their make up. Only experience or gleaning knowledge from our resident expert Alf Day will help with these.

Many of the plants I keep indoors now get put outside under shelter to get some fresh air where they are easier to water as they dry out a lot quicker over the summer. There are draw backs to this practice as they can get burnt if left wet or rot on a cool night.

The **Prime Minister** has said that inflation has been arrested.
He should check I think it's out on bail.

LIBRARY: Please return all outstanding books. The library will not be open for borrowing at the next meeting.

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

COMING EVENTS

PLEASE take NOTE of the HOS CLUB DAYS for 2011

**13 Feb. 13 March, 10 April, 8 May, 12 June, 10 July,
14 Aug. 11 Sept. 30 Sept. (Show set up), 01 Oct. (Show), 16 Oct.
13 Nov. 11 Dec.**

Meetings are held **1.30 pm** at the **Fencible Lounge**, Uxbridge Rd. Howick.

Good judgment comes from bad experience and most of that comes from bad judgment.