

NEWSLETTER

Sept. 2007

NEXT MEETING Sun 14th Oct. 2007 at 1.30 pm

Prize Giving

SPEAKER: Next meeting is our prize giving for the show. As always we will have Alf Day our Patron giving us a talk (Oncidiums) and presenting the trophies. Don't forget HOS exhibitors at the show must attend this meeting to be eligible for your free gift.

LAST MEETING: Pat Kenny from Hamilton discussed the common *Dendrobium kingianum* and 'Yeah Butt' amongst others. Pat is originally from Australia so can be forgiven for his obsession with these types of orchids. With many flowering examples of his latest hybrids Pat discussed the direction his breeding programme is taking. An often under rated plant the Aussie *Dendrobium* is one of the mainstays of our collections. They are relatively easy to grow and flower and come in a huge colour range and variety.

OCNZ RAFFLE: Thanks to everyone who helped sell these books and returned them on time with the money.

TEA ROSTER for Next Meeting: Pamela Scott and Ynnes Wilson
(Reserve Evelyn Ong)
Please phone Lea if unable to attend meeting. (575 5046)

RAFFLE: With the usual good number of prizes plus many nice plants donated by members we are continuing to make a good profit.

NZOS Spring SHOW

This was one of the best displays for many years with record numbers of plants benched in all classes. Howick members displayed orchids with excellent results. In the Novice section our newest members Ken and Chui Tse won the trophy for Best Novice Cym. Trophy for Best coloured novice Cym. and 3 other 1st places.

Pam Forde took 2 firsts, 2 seconds and a third in the Open section, Michelle 2 firsts and a 2nd, Glenn & Manee 5 firsts and a 3rd, Julie Duff a 1st and 3 thirds, Brian Main the trophy for best *Phalaenopsis* amongst many other certs and Graham Leafberg won Grand Champion of the show together with many certs.

Roy Tokanaga's lectures were held in conjunction with the show and attended by 6 members from HOS. These were about his breeding programmes in *Cattleyas* and *Dendrobiums* and thoroughly enjoyable as well as informative. NZOS are commended on their flawless organization of this event, which drew attendees from all over NZ including the south island. Those present purchased many flasks of his plants at very competitive rates. These will go a long way in establishing new and improved stock amongst orchid growers over a wide area.

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PLANTS ON DISPLAY (Sept. meeting)

OPEN

Betty Everson: *Phal.* unknown, *Phal.* Artemis x *venosa*, *Phal.* New Cinderella, *Slc.* Jewel Box 'Dark Waters.

J. Duff: *Den.* Penny Rose x Blushing Rose.

William/Man Lo: *Masd.* Tuakau Candy, *Paph.* Potree, *Paph.* Rosey Dawn, *Paph.* Primose Lady x Valwin, *Paph. armeniacum*, *Sarco. hartmanni*, *Den.* Bardo Rose 'Kath'.

Glenn/Manee: *Cym.* Unknown, *Mltssa* Orange Stars.

Michelle Tung: *Lc. intermedia* x *L. jongheana*, *Den.* Starbright Corona, *Dryadella zebrine*.

Ron Reeves: *Den.* Unknown, *Den. aemulum*, *Den.* Cassiope, *Oesterdella centradinga*.

Anton/Janet Wehman: *Masd.* Cherup, *Cym.* Dolly Armstrong, *Den.* Harold Hirsch x Louises Rainbow.

Lea/Bryce Westlake: *Den.* Elegant Heart x Lynette Banks, *Den. aemulum*, *Den. speciosum* var. *compactum*, *Cym.* Ruby Eyes, *Max. porphyrostele*.

Grahame Leafberg: *Max. porphyrostele*, *Den.* Class 'Windsor Downs' x Yondi Tina 'Goliath', *Masd. falcate* 'Goldstone' AM/OCNZ, *Calanthe* Doge 'Theodora', *Sarco.* Starstruck x Velvet.

Pam Forde: *Den.* Starbright Corona, *Den.* Bardo Rose, *Den.* Starbright Corona 'Plum Jam', *Osmoglossum pulchellum*.

Leonard Cobb: *Slc.* Hazel Boyd 'Red Stone', 2 x *Den. nobile*, *Den.* Lorikeet x Louises Rainbow.

Burt & Evelyn Ong: *Dockrilla* Parrot, *Restrepia striata (brachypus)*, *Sophranitella violacea*.

Kathy Rimmer: *Odm.* Midnight Miracles, *Den.* unknown, *Den. kingianum* 'Purple Star', *Den.* Lorikeet x Louises Rainbow, *Phal.* Callum's Pride, *Arpophyllum giganteum*.

Peggy Bell-Booth: *Den.* Starbright Corona.

House of Orchids: *Sophranitella violacea*, *Den.* Elegant Heart.

Sandra Moore: *Den.* (Bright Spark x Jonesii) x Ranger, *Den.* Burgandy Show 'Windsor Downs' x Yondi 'Tina Goliath', *Den.* (Colonial Surprise x Lorikeet) x (Bright Spark x Jonesii), *Den.* (Star of Riverdene x Golden Fleck) x (Bright Spark x Jonesii).

Mick Hughes: *Cym.* Chatter Magic x Vogelsang.

NOVICE

Christina Chi: *Den.* King Star x (PennyRose x Blushing Rose), *Cym.* Puppy Love x Jubilee, *Cym.* Unknown.

John Sheppard: *Cym.* Minikin x Pink Tower, *Masd. veichiana* 'Prince de Galles x self.

Verna Latiff: *Den.* unknown, *Blc.* Pamela Hetherington.

Robert Finley: *Den. kingianum*, *Cym.* Unknown, *Cym.* Chapel Red.

Ken & Chui Tse: *Paph. insigne*, *Odcdm.* Golden Trident.

OPEN: 1st Len (Slc.), 2nd Betty Everson (Phal), 3rd =Kathy (Arpophyllum), Julie (Den).

NOVICE: 1st Verna Latif (Cat), 2nd Ken & Chui (Odont), 3rd John Sheppard (Masd).

*Please check your own names and labels as it is good practice! I'm sure some of those long names will have been registered by now.

HOWICK ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW

Advertising this year has been unsurpassed with an extraordinary effort made by ex Pres. and Life member Leonard Cobb. A two page article on growing orchids at home in the 'Our Homes Today' section of the Howick and Pakuranga Times with a highlighted paragraph advertising the show was more than we could have dreamt of the week before the show. We are indebted to Len for making the time for an interview and his collection available for photographing. This section of the paper also utilized a full page blow up of a Dendrobium as the header page.

Not only did Len provide us with this free advertising but spent all Sunday morning with Bryce Westlake roaming the streets of Howick and Pakuranga erecting signs for the show in the most public of positions possible on main highways and intersections. A fantastic effort.

Results of the show and a full report in next month's newsletter. In summary, an excellent result and a very enjoyable day was had by all who attended. See trophy results on last page.

EDITOR'S COMMENT

One of our aims in recent years has been to get a variety of good plants out to members by way of the raffle, prize giving, Xmas gift and more recently a competition plant. In the last few years our Society has given away hundreds of orchids including many Phalenopsis, Dendrobiums, Cattleyas, Cymbidiums and some others. So far this has been very successful with our display benches being well adorned with lots of flowers especially from new growers. Results achieved for novice growers at other society shows have been quite outstanding this year also with our members taking away many trophies.

Everyone enjoys getting a plant and then growing it on to flowering size. With seedlings there is also the anticipation of waiting to see what you are going to get. Apart from last year's competition plants we have been restricted to smaller plants for financial reasons. It would be good if we could keep a stock of plants to sell to club members but the main problem with this, is either someone or the club has to not only cover the cost of these but also look after them for the time before they sell. If there is little interest in these can then become a burden on the individual or the club. It always ends up with someone having to make space available at home, watering, fertilising, spraying and covering any losses.

CULTURE: Watering and fertilizing are of primary importance from now on. Check your plants to see which ones are showing new and rapid growth and make sure these get the nourishment needed. As the show season is over for many of us, don't leave flowers on the plants too long as this will slow down and possibly impede flowering next season. Cut the stems as low down as possible and young plants should not be left in flower for long. Cool nights can still occur so be careful with the warmer growers especially if left wet at night. If this happens then get a fan blowing onto them to dry the moisture off the leaves.

TROPHY LIST HOS Show Sept 07

Lady Stevenson Cup: **Leonard Cobb**

Val Bayliss Cup: **John Cairns**

Alice Shirley Memorial Trophy: **Mick Hughes**

CYMBIDIUM

Howickville Rosebowl: **John Cairns**

Frost Trophy: **Mick Hughes**

Moya Younghusband Tray: **Leonard Cobb**

Arnold Jolly Memorial Trophy: **Leonard Cobb**

DENDROBIUM

Scholes Cup: **Alf Day**

Iris & George Jones Trophy: **Bev Meredith**

O'Connor Trophy: **Brian Main**

Anne Marie Orchids Cup: **Leonard Cobb**

Howickville Cup: **Ken Morse**

Walker Cup: **Ken Morse**

Ratcliffe Cup: **Sunrae Orchids**

SPECIES/HYBRID

Betty & Harry Tomlin Cup: **Ken Morse**

Concord Trophy: **Ken Morse**

Cyms

Borough of Howick Trophy: **M & A Roffey**

Howick Orchid Soc. Trophy: **Ken & Chui Tse**

Norm Gibbs Trophy: **John Sheppard**

Solona Cup: **Ken & Chui Tse**

Larsen Cup: **Norman Streater**

Cooper Cup: **Manee Poffley**

Margaret Earnest Trophy: **Manee Poffley**

COMING EVENTS

HOS Club days: 11th Nov, 9th Dec. (Xmas social)

GRAND CHAMPION OF SHOW
CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM
CHAMPION STANDARD

CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE CYM.
CHAMPION MINI CYM.
MOST DECORATIVE PLANT
BEST NOBILE TYPE

FIRST FLOWERING SEEDLING
CHAMPION CATTLEYA
BEST PHALAENOPSIS
BEST ODONTOGLOSSUM ALLIANCE
BEST PAPHIOPEDILUM
BEST MASDEVALLIA
BEST AUSTRALIAN

BEST SPECIES
CULTURAL EXCELLENCE other than

BEST STANDARD CYM. - NOVICE
BEST INT. CYM. - NOVICE
BEST MINI CYM. - NOVICE
BEST OTHER GENERA - NOVICE
BEST CULTURE - BEGINNERS
BEST FLORAL ART ENTRY - OPEN
BEST FLORAL ART - NOVICE