



Sarcochilus australis

MARIBYRNONG ORCHID SOCIETY

(The FRIENDLY Society)

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Maribyrnong Orchid Society will be held at the Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street, Maribyrnong on Tuesday the 11th December, 2006. The usual 'Early Grower's Group' and the 'Pots & Ferts' and Plants Sales **will not** be operating, instead we are having our Christmas Breakup Dinner. Members who have paid for their Xmas Dinner are reminded that the evening will commence at 6.30pm. Members who did not wish to order a meal can still arrive about 7pm and join in the rest of the evening.

Next Year's Seedling Competition

The seedlings for the 2008 Seedling competition will be Cymbidiums. The seedlings can be purchased **only** by those members who are willing to bring them back each month for viewing. The price of these will be announced in the February newsletter.

Seedling Competition

Jeff Walker will be handing out 3 prizes for the seedling competition at the December meeting. The winners will be drawn out from the names of those members who faithfully brought back their seedlings each month. There were 9 members only with a 100% return rate.

Next year we will have a Cymbidium seedling for the competition, hopefully members will find this easier to grow.

New Members

The Committee would like to welcome the following new members to our Club: Max & Rosemary Hodges, Dennis & Sandra Kennedy, Pauline & Mark Hockey of South Australia. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, where you will be presented with your name tag and complimentary orchid.

Sarcochilus Festival 2007 Awards

Major Awards

Grand Champion Sarcanthinae	Sarc Orange Glow 'Sweetwater'	Murphy/Moss
Champion Sarcanthinae Hybrid	Sarc Orange Glow 'Sweetwater'	Murphy/Moss
Champion Sarcanthinae Species	Sarc hartmannii 'R.S.' x self	D Bradshaw
Champion Sarcanthinae Specimen	Sarc Fitzhart	Murphy/Moss
Champion Junior Sarcanthinae Exhibit		Nil

Minor Awards

Best harmannii Species	Sarc hartmannii 'R.S.' x self	D Bradshaw
Best fitzgeraldii Species	S fitzgeraldii 'Lorraine x The Clown'	B Duncan
Best other Species Sarcanthinae	Plect tridentate	A Wild
Best Melba		G Garrett
Best Fitzhart		A Evans
Best primary hybrid Sarcochilus	Sarc Perky	B Duncan
Best other Sarcochilus hybrid (Non intergeneric)	S Orange Glow 'Sweetwater'	Murphy/Moss
Best Aust Sarcochilus Intergeneric Hybrid	S Olive Grace	G Downie
Best Other Sarcanthinae Intergeneric hybrid	Sartylis Blue Knob	V Krebit
Best Seedling Sarcanthinae 1 st flowering	Jeannie x Heidi	Murphy/Moss
Best Pendant Sarcanthinae	George Cochup 'Coolaroo'	E & F Wilde
Best Cultivated Sarcanthinae	Sarc Fitzhart 'Cerise'	Murphy/Moss
Best Sarcanthinae Maxi Stand		E & F Wilde
Best Sarcanthinae Mini Stand		G Garrett
Best Basket of Sarcanthinae		J & Y McIntyre

Combined Show Awards

Major Awards – Sash & Trophy

Grand Champion Orchid of the Show	S Orange Glow 'Sweetwater'	Murphy/Moss
Champion Stand		J & M Lattimore
Champion Basket of Orchids		J & Y McIntyre
Best exhibit by an Intermediate grower	Cym Cricket	V Dinh
Best exhibit by a novice grower	Sarc Dove x Cherie	L Halil
Best Aust Native exhibit – Intermediate grower (The Wayne Turville Award)	Sarc Pinky	J & D Portelli
Best Aust Native exhibit – Novice grower (The B & T Ferns and Orchid Award)	Sarc Dove x Cherie	L Halil

General Show Awards

Major Awards – Sash & Trophy

Champion Orchid of the General section	Eye of the Tiger	J & R Rowlands
Champion Cymbidium	Eye of the Tiger	J & R Rowlands
Champion Australian Native Orchid	Cym sauve	D.U.N.O.
Champion Masdevallia Orchid	Masd Bob Hoffman 'Bob Up'	N & J Walsh
Reserve Champion Masdevallia	Masd Bob Hoffman 'Bob Up'	G Garrett
Champion Species Orchid	Ansellia africana	M Breuer
Champion Hybrid, any other genera	Phrag Don Wimber	J Crawford
Champion Junior Orchid (Roy Richie Award)	Masd Magic Dragon	D Adams
Best Open Floral Art		A Murphy
Best Intermediate Floral Art		D Sharam
Best Novice Floral Art		D Portelli
Best Wired Work – Floral Art		H Randall

Minor Awards - Sash

Best Large Species	Ansellia africana	M Breuer
Best Small Species	Arpophyllum giganteum	E & F Wilde
Best any other Large Hybrid Orchid	Phrag Don Wimber	J Crawford
Best any other Small Hybrid Orchid		Nil
Best Specimen Orchid	Den thryisiflorum	A & S Webster
Best Cultivated Orchid	Cym Tennis	V Dinh
Best Seedling Flowering for the first time	Phal Brafer Passed x Golden Bells x Golden Wave	J & M Lattimore

NOVEMBER 2007 COMPETITION RESULTS

As per judges sheets

OPEN SECTION

Cymbidium – Small

1st Sweet Devon P & K Pittock

Dendrobium - Australian Native Species

1st Plz tridentata 'Orange brown
x Dark Tan' G Downie

Sarcochilus – Species/Hybrid

1st hatmannii x (Heidi x Cherie) M Drobski
2nd (Aussie Weinman x hartmannii)
x Hot Ice G Downie

Paphiopedilum - Novelty

1st Copperward x specerianum J Crawford

Cattleya – Exhibition

1st Sc Ellen Littman x C walkerana J & M Lattimore
2nd Sc Ellen Littman x C walkerana J & M Lattimore

Dendrobium – Hybrid/Species

1st thyrsoflorum x densiflorum P & K Pittock

Vanda

1st Vasco Pine Rivers 'Esan' J & M Lattimore

Phalaenopsis – Hybrid

1st Little Emperor J & M Lattimore
2nd Queen Bee 'Red Sky' J & M Lattimore

Masdevallia Species

2nd veitchiana x Taukau Candy J W Crawford

Any Other Hybrid

1st Phrag Green Hornet J W Crawford
2nd Epi Joseph Lii x Seto 'Rasberry' J & M Lattimore

Species – Any Genera

1st Clowesia warscewiczii M Breuer

Best in Section

Phrag Green Hornet J W Crawford

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

Cymbidium – Small

1st madidum x Ora Lee G Brown

Sarcochilus – Species/Hybrid

1st Fitzhart x Heidi A Scerri

Paphiopedilum – Exhibition

1st Paph conspicum A Scerri

Best in Section

Cym madidum x Ora Lee G Brown

ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION

Cymbidium - Large

1st Hazel Tyres R Ryan
2nd Da Vinci 'Charm' R Ryan

Odontoglossum – Hybrid

1st Oda Picasso Rubis G Bourtzis

Cymbidium - Medium

1st Fifi 'Harry' H Milburn
2nd Kalim Pong 'Featherhill' H Milburn

Cymbidium - Small

1st Cricket B & J Whearem

Sarcochilus – Species/Hybrid

1st Sarc hartmannii H Nyssen

Sarcochilus – Hybrid

1st Melba x spathulatus H Nyssen
2nd Bernice Klein G Ragg

Dendrobium – Hybrid/Species

1st Yukidorama 'The King' G Bourtzis

Masdevallia – Hybrid

1st Kimballiana x Sanctae x ineshe S Hurwood

Any other Hybrid

1st Hknsa Koolan Sunset 'Hawaii' J Perrin
2nd Lyc Macama Jenny Wren G Bourtzis

Species – Any genera

1st Dend thyrsoflorum G Bourtzis
2nd Pleuro viduata S Hurwood

Best in Section

Cymbidium Cricket B & J Whearem

NOVICE SECTION

1st Sarc (Mavis x falcatus) x hartmannii
J Whearem

Joy Whearem has now been promoted to
Advanced Novice Section for Competition.

NON SECTIONAL

Seedling Flowering for 1st time

1st Sarc hartmannii E & F Wilde
2nd Sarc hartmannii 'Bee See' x self
G Downie

Best Cultivated

Cymbidium Cricket B & J Whearem

Popular Vote

Sarc Rachael 'Red Bar' x Hot Ice 'Rich Port'
G Downie

Judges Vote

Phrag Green Hornet J W Crawford

New Rule

A note received from the AOC Victorian
Regional Judging Panel reads:

*'That any flower that has been excessively
manipulated could be disqualified'*

This rule will be enforced at every show in
the future.

signed: Shirley Hall, Panel Secretary
October 2007.

President Report

2007 has been a very busy year and it has passed very fast. There were 3 exciting bus trips and we put on 4 brilliant Orchid shows.

I would like to thank all the people that have assisted in any way through the year with the club.

The Conference Sub Committee continued to work hard to arrange the 18th AOC Conference, which will be in Werribee in September 2009.

It was also the year that we sadly remember the passing of our esteemed members Phyllis O'Neill, Brian O'Neill and Bob Crossman.

As we come to the end of another year, I would like to wish all our members and the committee a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year. I hope to see all of you back in 2008, fit and well, ready to tackle another year of fun, competition and adventures that the club endeavors to bring.

Anthony Scerri
President

November Sarcophilus Festival

At the Festival our members displayed 394 Sarcophilus entries, from a total of 616 orchid entries. There were 49 members and 5 non-members from other clubs, who entered orchids in the show.

Anne Murphy and Keith Moss from the Mornington Club took out 4 Major Awards and congratulations must go to them on the beautiful display of Sarcophilus they put up.

Down Under Native Orchids

Brian Gerhard from Down Under Native Orchids in NSW had a wonderful weekend and wants to come back again next year. Brian would like to sincerely thank all those members who assisted him in unloading and loading his van. Your help was really appreciated.

Thank you to Brian for bringing along some great plants.

Christmas Function

Members are reminded that the Xmas dinner is a BYO drinks and glasses. We have a 6pm start with the meal being served at 6.30pm. Coffee and Tea will be available to all members.

Members not coming to the dinner are advised to arrive about 7.30 and join in the spirit of Christmas.

We ask all members to please take home their rubbish, bottles, cups etc from the dinner.

Vale

Brian O'Neill sadly passed away on September 30th after a long illness. Brian and his wife Phyllis (dec) were Life members of our Society. They both graciously served many years on our Orchid Club committee.

Brian is survived by a son Wayne and daughter Susan and seven grandchildren. Our thoughts are with them at this very sad time.

Membership Clarification

Members who have joined the club as a family membership need to show their orchids as a family unit – not as individual names. If members who wish to show their orchids individually, they must join the club on single memberships.

Accumulated Points from December 2006 to November 2007

Open

J Crawford	273
J & M Lattimore	258
E & F Wilde	146
B Duncan	133

Intermediate

Viny Dihn	84
J & D Portelli	81
K Weyers	77
J & N Marshall	63

Adv Novice

L & J Karbownick	102
R Ryan	66
L Halil	48
G & H Hardingham	38

Flower that proved Darwin right by a long nose

Richard Macey | November 4, 2007



CHARLES DARWIN did not live to see the moth with the extraordinarily long "tongue", but he knew it existed.

It was in the 1860s that scientists first stumbled across the Star of Bethlehem, a bizarre Madagascan orchid which stores its nectar at the bottom of a tube up to 30 centimetres long.

"When Darwin saw the flower and saw the great long tube," said Tim Entwisle, executive director of Sydney's Botanic Gardens Trust, "he realised there must be an animal that can get the nectar out if the orchids were to be pollinated. Darwin was laughed at. No such animal had ever been heard of."

But in 1903, 21 years after his death, the mysterious pollinator was found. A hawk moth with a proboscis long enough to reach the bottom of the orchid's nectar tube or "spur" was named *Xanthopan morgani praedicta* - honouring Darwin's prediction.

Two of the orchids are now blooming in the tropical centre at Sydney's Royal Botanic Gardens.

"They are quite rare," said Dr Entwisle, adding that their real significance was that their very existence supported evolution.

"It is one of those fascinating stories of evolution, about an animal and a plant that fit together. It's the perfect example of mutual dependence."

But which came first, the orchid or the moth?

"That's an interesting question," said Dr Entwisle. "They probably both evolved

together, maybe starting with an orchid with a small tube and a moth with a small proboscis."

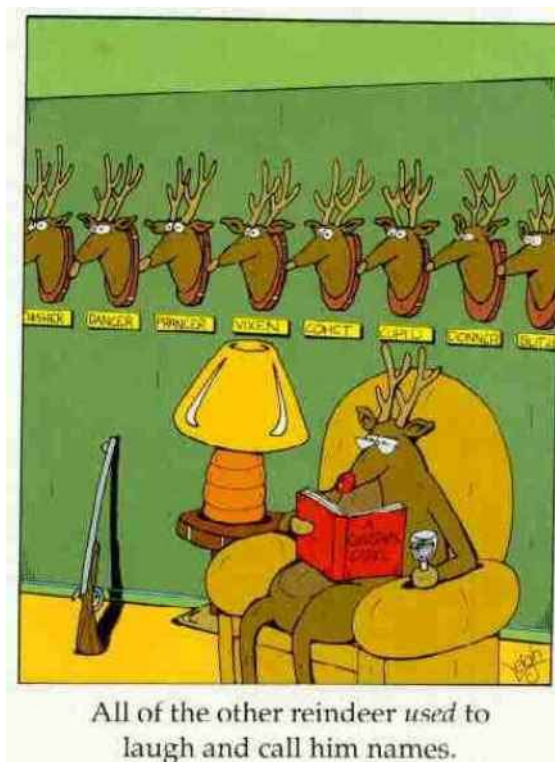
Over time both grew longer and longer.

However, the two orchids in the botanic gardens will wait in vain for pollination.

"There are a few flies in the tropical centre, but certainly no Madagascan moths," he said.

While it would be possible to artificially pollinate them in the laboratory, Dr Entwisle expected the orchids would be left to grow and flower, without reproducing. "We can split them if we need to."

Source: *The Sun-Herald*



Sincere Christmas Best Wishes

We would like to wish all our members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year. We hope to see all of you back in 2008, fit and well, ready to tackle the fun and competition that our club endeavors to bring.

Make sure you all look after your orchids during summer.

Please be reminded that there is no newsletter or meeting in January.

The club resumes in 2008, with the first meeting on Tuesday the 12th February.