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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held in the Collins St. Hall, cnr Collins St & Shaftesbury St. South Perth, Friday 27th November 2009 commencing at **8.00p.m.**

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

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DECEMBER MEETING DATES

Judging Panel 7.30 pm Monday 7th

OSWA Committee 7.30 pm Friday 4th

General Meeting 8.00 pm Friday 18th

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BIRTHDAYS: November– 2nd - John Fleming, **10th** - George Price, **18th** - Trevor Burnett

We wish everyone a very Happy Birthday and also anyone celebrating an Anniversary, our best wishes to you. To anyone on the sick list, we wish you a speedy recovery.

New members: Mrs Lynn Cheung, Mrs Peggy Stacey, Mr Doug & Mrs Val Dowdell from Southlake, and Mr Robert & Mrs Julie Scarvaci from East Fremantle. We would like to wish all the new members a very happy and rewarding association with the Orchid Society of WA.

OSWA Website: The new website is now online at <http://www.orchidsocietywa.net.au/>

- **Home Open:** A very successful day was held at the home of John & Dorothy Walton. Many thanks to John & Dorothy for sharing their home with us. John has an impressive setup for his orchids, especially the seedlings area that will give new ideas to both novice & expert growers. Over \$200 was raised for OSWA on the day. The next home open will be at Jim & Kaye Baylis' during March 2010, the details of which will be posted in December's Bulletin. If there are other members who would wish to have a Home Open, could they please contact the Secretary.
- **Annual Dinner:** 5th December 6.30 pm for a 7 pm start. \$30.00 per head.
Venue: Bullcreek Airforce Association, Benningfield Rd, Bullcreek.
Menu: Soup & Bun
Turkey, Ham
Roast Potatoes, Pumpkin & Seasonal Vegetables
Plum Pudding & Brandy Sauce
Tea & coffee

If last years meal was anything to go by it was delicious
- **Competition Plants:** Hope they are all growing well. Don't forget to bring them to the **March 2010** Meeting for assessment. The \$100 reward will be presented at the April Meeting.
- **November General Meeting Plant Auction:** Bring along any plants, orchids or others that you wish to have auctioned. 10% commission will go to OSWA or you can donate all the proceeds. Either way these nights are a great deal of fun so we hope everyone can come along.
- **Shed Cleanout & BBQ:** This will be in April in preparation for the 2010 round of shows
- **December Christmas Meeting & Presentation Night:** This will be on 18th December. Members are asked to bring a plate, drinks are provided. We also would welcome members from any other club to join us at our end-of-year celebrations.
- **Membership Fees:** As of **31st October** we are now in our new financial year and members are reminded that membership fees for 2010 are now due. Anyone who has joined OSWA in the last three months is financial for 2010. **Double membership- \$26.00, Single membership - \$21.00**
- **Orchid Judging Panel of WA BBQ:** Sunday 21 Feb. 2010 The Peel Region Orchid Society is hosting a BBQ to support the OJPWA. Cost is estimated at \$12 per head which includes food, auction, raffles etc. More details later, but pencil this event into your calendar now. It will be a great way to meet growers from other societies and support the Judging Panel.
- **January General Meeting:** "Forum about Watering": the dry heat makes the summer a challenging time for orchid growers in Perth and good watering is extremely important. If you have any special tips or tricks to ensure good watering, or any questions getting your watering right, bring them along to the meeting.

Large bags of potting mix (small & medium pine bark) are available from the Opportunity Table at General Meetings. Call Murray (9310 2800) to place an order.

RESULTS OF PLANT COMPETITION - (MONTH - OCTOBER 2009)**Open:**

Class 1A (3)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	<i>C. walkeriana 'Light Pink' x walkeriana alba</i>
	2. Ian Duncan	<i>C. intermedia alba</i>
	3. Maxine Godbeer	<i>C. intermedia</i>
Class 1B (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Blc. Ranger six 'AOK'
Class 1F (2)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Epi. Unknown
	2. Nancie & Bob Jones	Epi. Neemo
Class 2B (1)	1. Faye & Hector Patfield	Cym. Beau Geste x Dolly Featherhill
Class 3A (2)	1. Howard Tan	<i>Paph. delenatii</i>
	2. Howard Tan	<i>Paph. delenatii</i>
Class 3B (1)	1. Howard Tan	Paph. Berenice
Class 3C (1)	1. Howard Tan	Paph. Hsin Yin 'Web' x Hsin Ying 'Light Year'
Class 3E (1)	1. Fred & Jean Herbert	Paph. Landing Party x Small World
Class 3F (1)	1. NAS	
Class 4A (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	<i>Den. spectabile</i>
Class 4C (4)	1. Ian Duncan	Den. Garnet Jewel
	2. Jack & Betty Rensen	Den. Jacqueline Concert
	3. Jack & Betty Rensen	Den. Jacqueline Thomas 'Blue Hawaii' x
		Den. Blue Twinkle
Class 5B (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Phal. (Musachino x Hsinying White) x
		Phal. Ginrei 'Chiag Hua'
Class 5D (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Phal. Little Mary 'Queen'
Class 5E (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Phal. Brother Picacho 'Yellow Spots' x
		Phal. Brother Passat 'Lung Ching'
Class 7A (4)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Aerangis umbonata</i>
	2. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Ascocentrum ampullaceum</i>
	3. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Angraecum viguieri</i>
Class 8A (2)	1. Nancie & Bob Jones	<i>Sarc. hartmanii</i>
	2. NAS	
Class 10B(2)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Eulophiella elisabethae</i>
	2. Jack & Betty Rensen	<i>Chysis bractescens</i>
Class 11A(2)	1. Fred & Jean Herbert	Phrag. Don Wimber x <i>Phrag. besseae</i>
	2. Jack & Betty Rensen	Phrag. Conchiferum
Class 11B(1)	1. Nancie & Bob Jones	Z. Unknown
Class 12 (1)	1. Jim & Kaye Baylis	<i>Den. jonesii</i> 'Kaye'
Novice:		
Class 15A(1)	1. Murray & Arnie Baker	<i>C. skinneri</i>

Class 15B(3) 1. Stephen Chiu	C. Unknown
2. Ross & Alice Lang	Bc. Rasberry Parfait 'Pink Sprite'
3. Stephen Chiu	C. Unknown
Class 16A(2) 1. Ross & Alice Lang	Cym. Ruby Anniversary 'Pink Surprise'
2. Ross & Alice Lang	Cym. Cachuma 'Painted Cave'

Junior:

Class 14(1) 1. Dana Mitchell	<i>Sarc. Hartmanii</i>
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POPULAR VOTE: Open - *Angraecum viguieri* - Maxine Godbeer

Novice - C. Unknown - Stephen Chiu

SCHOKMAN TROPHY POINTS - Blc. Ranger six 'AOK' (68 pts) - Ian Duncan

JIM GRANTHAM MEM. TROPHY POINTS - Phrag. Don Wimber x *besseae* (71 pts) - Fred & Jean Herbert

CYMBIDIUM CULTURE NOTES (OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2009) by Roy Brown

Re-potting should be in full swing, but by the middle of November the temperature will be fairly high, so it would be advisable to have all the repotting done by the first week in November at the latest.

When dividing your plants try not to break them up into sections that are too small, a three bulb piece will have a better chance of flowering the following year.

Try not to over-pot your plant, select a pot that will hold the plant and its root system, and allow for a further two years growth.

When repotting, hold the plant firmly in one hand one inch below the top of the pot, and using your fingers work the fresh pine bark between the plants roots.

Fill the pot to about 1/2 inch from the rim, firming the bark as you go. The plant should now be sitting neatly in the centre of the pot with the base of the bulb just below the top of the bark. Give the plant a good watering and place it in a cool, shady position for about a week until the roots start into active growth again.

When the flower spikes have been cut and the plant repotted, you will find the new seasons leads will shoot ahead, so keep them growing strongly. Increase the fertiliser to weekly or fortnightly intervals. In the growing season Cymbidiums love plenty of light, water and a regular feeding programme.

CATTLEYA CULTURE NOTES (OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2009) by Henry Eaton

So far this year we have experienced rather dry weather with little rain. Temperatures though have not been excessive yet and it is still good growing time. Those plants that need re-potting can still be attended to as soon as possible before the hot summer weather arrives.

As the weather warms up further, you should assess the degree of shade needed to keep your plants protected. The best indication for this is the colour of the leaves. If the leaves are a deep green in colour it indicates that the plants are too shaded, while reddening of the leaves indicates that too much light is hitting the plants. The ideal is to have a greenish yellow leaf colour.

At this time of the year fertilising can be carried out once a week or every fortnight with a high Nitrogen product. Fertilising is best done the day after the plants have been given a thorough watering to flush out salts in the mix.

Because of the warmth, be on the lookout for caterpillars, scale and mealy bug that multiply very quickly in these conditions. Treat them as soon as they are identified as causing trouble.

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth, on Friday 23 October 2009

Welcome: The President opened the meeting at 8.05 pm and welcomed the 36 members and 4 visitors present, as per register.

Apologies: Seven apologies were received as per register.

Minutes: Moved M. Brechin, seconded E Dixon that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. **Carried.**

Business arising:

- **Entry of plants for Shows:** The President indicated that although the changes proposed by the Committee at the September meeting were based on the best intentions for OSWA members, unforeseen and regrettable consequences had become apparent. After brief discussion, the change recommended by the Committee to the rules covering entry of plants for shows conducted by OSWA, as presented at the September General Meeting, was not ratified by the members. Consequently, entry of plants at OSWA Shows and meetings will continue to be open to members of other Societies and any other person approved by the committee [cf. By-Laws 1(a)(111)].
- **Changes to By-Laws:** After brief discussion, consideration of changes to by-laws was postponed to the November General Meeting to allow members more time to consider the proposed changes.

Confirmation: Moved R. Jones, seconded R McGrath that the business Arising has been resolved. **Carried.**

Correspondence Inward:

- WAROO (K Baylis) minutes for the 20 September meeting
- Bruce Larsen & Kaye Baylis, advising that they will miss the next WAROO meeting on 15th November
- Royal Horticultural Society of WA (Karen Hawkins) thanking us for our “fantastic band of volunteers for the amazing orchid display” at the Perth Royal Show
- Northern Districts Orchid Society (Bruce Larsen) advising of continuation of their policy of awarding any prize monies won at any show to any non-member exhibitor that participates in NDOS shows
- City of South Perth calling for info about community events to publicise in the Village Voice and calling for nominees for Premier’s Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards 2010
- Garden Clubs of Australia—Annual Report, invoices for insurance, Re-Affiliation for 2010, “Our Gardens” subscription
- Society Newsletters

Correspondence Outward:

- Karen Hawkins (RAS), invoice for Royal Show display
- Kardinya Park S/C (Glenda Maxwell-McGlenn) Invoice for Spring Show display

Business Arising: Nil

Confirmation: Moved T. Seaman, seconded A Lang that Correspondence Inward and Correspondence Outward be endorsed. **Carried**

Financial Statement: Statement #418 was tabled

Moved J Baylis, seconded R McGrath that the financial statement be received.
Carried.

New Members: We welcome June & Rob Scarvaci and Val & Doug Dowdell to OSWA. Judith Keogh (new member September) received her Welcome –to-OSWA orchid.

Reports: Nil**General Business:**

- Up-coming events: Walton’s Open House, Sunday 1st November, 29 Menli Place Orelia, from 10 am

- November Meeting : Plant Auction

Raffle: Henry Eaton, Val Dowdell

Door Prize: Graham Bedford

Evening's Programme: Jim O'Hare "Benched Plants Discussion from a Judges Perspective"

Jim gave an informative and well received talk about what the Judges are looking for when they judge our plants.

Meeting closed at 9.25 pm

Registrars Training Day: The Registrar is an important position within any orchid club, and is a key link between the club and the Orchid Judging Panel as well as the keeper of records for the club, and a facilitator for the Judges at your shows. Often the role of the club Registrar falls upon someone who has little experience or help to fulfill this role. With this in mind, Jim O'Hare and Maxine Godbeer (the Registrar and Deputy Registrar of the Orchid Judging Panel of WA) invite any members interested in learning about the role of Registrar to attend a session at Maxine's house, 2195 Hidden Valley Road, Parkerville, on Sat. 16 January 2010, starting at 9.30 am. This session will be valuable to anyone interested in serving as or assisting the club Registrar, or even just to help out if the Registrar is ill or away at any time. New members in particular will find the session informative, and will have the opportunity to look at Maxine's orchid growing setup. Morning tea will be provided, so for catering purposes please advise Murray Baker or Maxine Godbeer if you plan to attend.

Vale Ross Wilton

Our sympathies go to Margaret Wilton, whose husband Ross passed away last week.

Ross was secretary of OSWA during the early 1990s. He was also the first secretary of what is now WAROO, and set up the Australian Native Orchid Society in Perth.

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