

Cymbidium Orchid Club of W.A. Inc.

June 2015



Ultra early miniature green peloric with a mild pleasant perfume. Will flower anytime between March and May. Can expect up to 20 blooms on a stem. Winner of the sought after 2003 Sage Horticultural seeding of the year.

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Know 9477 4248. There will be a form on the supper table
to put your name down .

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Program for the 15th June

This month is all about the tools and items that we use in the cultivation of our orchids.

So everybody please bring what you use and the little tricks you use.

WINTER SHOW 23rd July to 26th July

The Winter show is coming on us soon, so start getting your plants ready for the show. Also we will need a lot of help to run the show, so please offer your help for a few hours. We will put a roster sheet out at the meeting, so please give some thought to the above.



< Cym Pumisan "Orange"

A very nice intermedeate with a good colour in the flower.

One Tree Hill "Solstice Gold" >
Another One Tree Hill with good
shape and Colour



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Minutes of the General Meeting held at Belmont Sport and Recreation Centre on Monday 18/05/2015. Opened at 7.40 pm by Ian Beeson.

Attendance: 26 members.

Apologies: 6 members.

Visitor: 1

Treasurers report.

Maggie read out the previous months opening balance, all credit and debits for the month & the closing balance at the end of the month. Statement placed on table for members to view.

Incoming Correspondence

- Garden Clubs of Australia Bulletin & our Insurance confirmation for 30/04/2015 – 30/04/2016
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- Garden Clubs quarterly magazine Winter 2015
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- Letter from Lotterywest re acquittal of our application.
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- Department of Sport & Recreation flyers for “have a go day” Wednesday 11th November 2015, Teddy Bears Picnic Seniors Ball Wednesday 3rd June 2015 & Heritage Festival Saturday 16th May 2015
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- Emails from Brad, Kevin & Courtney advising they were unable to attend the last Committee meeting
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- Email from Courtney advising ANOS member will attend the next sub-committee meeting on 11th May.

Outgoing Correspondence

- Nil
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General Business

Ian reminded all to sign the member's book.

- We are also still desperately requiring someone to take over the Editors role for our newsletter.

18th May Presentation.

Malcolm did a great presentation on Bulb Rot. Malcolm identified what it looks like and how he treats it. What chemicals he uses & hygiene habits to assist keeping plants bulb rot free.

Courtney did a presentation on Stem Habit & Staking. Courtney identified the different types of staking for pendulous, erect spikes etc. Courtney also showed different types of spiking such as ariel spikes & metal spikes with clips. Courtney also showed new members how to tell the difference between a new growth and a flower spike.

15th June Club Format. (Panel style Q & A)

Tools & the like (where, why, how). Have you ever wondered what tools & tricks of the trade are used by other members to make their Cymbidium obsession easier?? We all have our own little quirks!!! For June we open the invitation to all members to bring in their little hints & shortcuts to make life easier. This can be what tools/chemicals are used, where they buy it from & how much it costs. Even storage hints to preserve their tools/chemicals would be welcome. Photos of potting areas & how you set out all your days gardening is also acceptable instead of bringing in everything. New members may find the way you set everything out on your potting bench very informative. This is open to all & would be very informative to all our new members to find their best way of looking after their plants. ***Let's face it the Cymbidium obsession is why we are all here!!!*** I especially encourage our long term members to be on the panel. Where the product is too heavy to bring in (for example a 20 kilo drum of product) perhaps just the product description, what you use it for, price & where to purchase from will do, but all small tools such as bon-sai clippers or that good luck pair of 20 year old secateurs you use just before a Winter or Spring Show on your plants please bring in for show & tell. I will supply pencils & paper for those that want to take notes on any particular product etc. However if members supply me the place to purchase products from I am happy to have it all inserted on back page of next month's newsletter so members can have the information on hand

Plant Raffle raised \$72.00

Congratulations to all our winners – Visitor, Ian Beeson, Colin, Carlos, Marilyn, Jane & Brad

12 months ago I quizzed Andy on the difference between *Cym parishii* and *Cym Sanderae*.... The response is stated below

There is so much crap written about *parishii* 'Sanderae' by wannabes. It is a near species, undoubtedly a hybrid between *eburneum* and something else. At one time only one plant survived in cultivation. It was cloned and distributed in the late 1960's. When I came to the US in 1973, I had it and was then given a plant of its tetraploid form which I showed, got awarded and named *Cym. parishii* 'Emma Menninger' 4n.

I selfed both the diploid and tetraploid forms in the next decade. The diploid form varied a lot, had off-green flowers on shorter spikes, so bad I was almost wondering if I had made a cross by mistake. The tetraploid forms came more even but still with a lot of variation in lip markings. Also, a little later, I crossed the 2n X the 4n and grew them too. They also varied a lot on shape and lip markings.

The dopey RHS try to call the original diploid *Cym Sanderae* now but most real *Cym* people ignore them totally and continue using the correct name. I have no problem with deciding if it is a species or a hybrid. It is too important a parent not to use and names are in the long run nothing more than names. In that we will be using trade or clonal names in all commercial hybrids from now on, the RHS names will no longer be of any use to us or our customers. I will continue to use RHS names for any hobby type hybrids we make until we stop making hobbyist crosses, maybe in around 5-8 years if I am still pushing out orchids and not pushing up orchids!!

You will read articles from so called *Cymbidium* experts and to be honest, they have no idea what they are talking about. I have made more hybrids with *parishii* than all the others combined and I know what the hell I am talking about.....



Parishii 'Sanderæ' by wannabes

The article on the opposite page was written by Andy Easton and was kindly provided to us by Brad.

DID YOU KNOW - 10 FACTS ABOUT ORCHIDS

1. The earliest known recorded references to Orchids was by the Chinese in the 28th century BC and in Europe by the Greeks, pre-Roman period of the Greek Empire.
2. Confucius called the Orchid the King of Fragrant Plants
3. The meaning of the word Orchid comes from the Greek word Orkhis meaning testicle, referring to the orchids twin oval tubes.
4. The term Orchid was not introduced until 1845, it a shortened form of the family Orchidaceae.
5. Vanilla flavoring originated in Mexico from the Vanilla Planfolia Orchid and is one of the worlds most popular flavorings.
6. Cymbidiums are also known as the Boat Orchids which comes from the Latin word Cymba meaning boat
7. Orchids are found on all continents except Antarctica
8. There are approximately 25000 natural species of Orchids and more than 30000 hybrids
9. Scientists found fossilized orchid pollen on the back of a bee encased in fossilized amber dated between 10 and 15 million years ago
10. Orchid seeds are the smallest seeds in the world and are comparable to the size of a particle of dust. Each Orchid seedpod can contain millions of orchid seeds.

The above article was put in by John Ruckert, Thanks John it is a great help. If anyone sees an articles or would like to write one, please contact the editor , it would be much appreciated.

