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Meetings held at the Ermington Community Hall, 6 River Road, Ermington, NSW 2115 on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month. No Meeting for Dec. All Visitors Welcomed

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Minutes of 15th January 2020 Meeting.

Meeting was opened at 8.00pm by our President Rod Nurthen with a warm welcome to all present.

Visitors: Nil

Apologies: M Karayannis, Sylvia Lee-Joe, Leslie Bromley

Minutes of Previous Meeting dated 19th November 2019 included in the December 2019 Newsletter.

Moved by Peter D'Olier that they be adopted. Seconded by Rod Nurthen

General Business:

President Rod then outlined to members:-

- Tonight is the first meeting of the year and Rod wished everyone all the best for the new year and we are looking forward to the Society and its members having a very successful year
- See Ting was thanked for January Newsletter even though we didn't have a December meeting
- Tonight's growing competition is – Maudiae Paph - Hung Sheng Red Apple x (Hung Sheng Red Apple x Hung Sheng Bay)
- Tonight there will be a plant description in lieu of a guest speaker
- Membership renewal fees are due this month
 - Single \$20.00 Couple \$30.00 It is preferable that memberships are paid direct into our Westpac bank account by Electronic Funds Transfer.
- Coffee Cups – reminder to bring our own instead of using disposable cups
- Articles for the bulletin are required. Anything to do with Paphs, photos, questions and answers, etc. Is there anything you would like to see written?

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- Coming Events:
 - World Orchid Conference in Taiwan – 9 to 18 March 2020
 - Orchids Out West – 15 to 17 May 2020
 - Auction in April. Please get plants ready and submissions to See Ting by early March
- Name Badges – anyone requiring a name badge please see Rod.
- Orders for new Growing Competition for a complex paph (Winston Churchill x Laketta) will be accepted for March. \$5 each to be paid in March.
- Garrie Bromley handed out quality awards for various paphs from late last year. Congratulations to those award winners.
- Next meeting 19th February 2020
 - Guest speaker – Seong re awarded plants slides and judging
 - Growing Competition –Paph. New Foundation x Lleanum
- Description was given of the night's raffle plants with a mixture of species and hybrids.

Supper Break

Benched Plant Discussion –Various members gave a description of plants benched tonight President Rod thanked each of the members leading the discussion and the members responded with a round of applause.

Plants of the Night

Tonight's show-bench winners were announced and there was a discussion about them:

- Champion species: Paph.bellatulum benched by Seong Tay
- Champion Hybrid:Paph.Woluwense benched by See Ting Ho
- Growing Competition and culture discussion: First for tonight Christine Rethers, second J&M Bartlett, third Sam Atwal.

Raffle was drawn with some lovely plants finding new homes.

Next Meeting:

Rod thanked all those who helped with supper, set up and pulled down of the hall, and wished all a safe trip home.

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm



15th January 2020 – Meeting Commences for the New Year. Plant Description.

19th February 2020 – Meeting Night. Seong re awarded plants slides and judging.

18th March 2020 - Meeting Night. Seong re Taiwan Shows.

15th April 2020 – Meeting Night. Annual Auction Night.

20th May 2020 –Meeting Night. Gary/Ho re selection of parents, pollination through to flasking.

17th June 2020 –Meeting Night. More information at a later date.

Growing Competition Judging (2 Years Each)

Meeting to bring plant for judging	Paph. platyphyllum Start 10/17	Paph. Hung Sheng Red Apple x (Hung Sheng Red Apple x Hung Sheng Bay) Start Sept. 18	Paph. New Foundation x Lleanum. Start 20/3/19
January 2020			
February 2020			X
March 2020	X		
April 2020		X	
May 2020			X
June 2020	X		
July 2020		X	
August 2020			X
September 2020	X		
October 2020		X	
November 2020			No Judging.

Membership Subscription 2020

The Society's Financial year runs from January 1st until December 31st.

Membership renewal fees are due in January 2020.

Single \$20.00 Couple \$30.00

It is preferable that memberships are paid direct into our Westpac bank account by Electronic Funds Transfer.

Acct. name: **Paphiopedilum Society of NSW Inc.**

BSB: **032 090**

Acct number: **828 552**

Please ensure that your family name is included in the transfer details.

Cash renewals will be received at the January and February meeting.

Treasurer.

Rod's Ramblings
February 2020

I was very impressed with See Ting's Paph.Wolluwense which won hybrid of the night at our January meeting. We are starting to see a few more quality inter sectional novelty hybrids benched. This was one of the reasons why the committee expanded the novelty benching class.

It can be quite difficult to find novelty seedlings for sale. This is not unusual when you consider that a low percentage of crosses between Paph sub-sections leads to the production of viable seed. Added to this many that

do grow turn out to be either poor growers, shy flowerers or just plain ugly, it is not surprising that they are hard to find.

A better option is to purchase divisions of novelties of proven quality. Once again they are hard to come by and are rarely inexpensive. However, our auction usually provides a couple of offerings and who knows, on the night you may get lucky.

This leads me to providing a reminder that our auction is approaching fast. If any member has plants that they would like to submit the closing date is not far away. The total number of lots will be limited so please get your offerings in soon.

See you at our February meeting.

Rod

Members Notice Board

The next competition plant will be made available in March. This is a Complex Type Paphiopedilum –Winston Churchill ‘Indomitable’ x Laketta. This cross should produce spotted type flower. Put your order in now to avoid missing out. Below are pictures of the parentage.



Growing Tips

None!

BENCHING RESULTS

JANUARY 2020 BENCHING RESULTS

Species of the Evening

Paph. bellatulum

Seong Tay



Hybrid of the Evening

Paph. Woluwense 'Yeowie'

S. T. Ho



Growing Comp

Christine Rethers

CLASS 2. Multifloral Species - Polyantha

1. *Paph. parishii*

J. Clark



CLASS 4. Brachypetalum Species

- 1. *Paph. bellatulum*
- 2. *Paph. bellatulum*
- 3. *Paph. niveum*

Seong Tay
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CLASS 5. Parvisepalum Species

1. *Paph. emersonii*

John McAuley



CLASS 7. Paphiopedilum Species – Sigmatopetalum

1. *Paph. callosum*
2. *Paph. hookerae*
3. *Paph. wardii fma. Album*

S. T. Ho
Seong Tay
J. & S. Atwal



CLASS 8. Paphiopedilum Species - Miniature

1. *Paph. rungsurianum*
2. *Paph. thaianum*

John McAuley
Seong Tay



CLASS 9. Other Cypripedioideae Species

1. *Phrag. piercei*

I. & I. Chalmers

See last month's bulletin for the picture of the same plant.

CLASS 10. Species seedling

1. *Paph. parishii*
2. *Paph. callosum fma. Vinicolor* 'Wine Delight'

S. T. Ho
J. & S. Atwal



CLASS 17. Brachypetalum Hybrids

- 1. *Paph.* Nathaniel's Clarity
- 2. *Paph.* Nathaniel's Clarity

Seong Tay
Seong Tay



CLASS 18. Parvisepalum Hybrids

- 1. *Paph.* Armeni White
- 2. *Paph.* Lynleigh Koopowitz
- 3. *Paph.* Magic Lantern

J. Clark
John & Marie Bartlett
J. & S. Atwal



CLASS 21. Maudiae Type Hybrids - albinistic

- 1. *Paph.* Hsinying Lime

S. T. Ho



CLASS 22. Maudiae Type Hybrids - vinicolor

1. *Paph. Hsinying Book* x (*Hsinying Cocomaster* x *Hsinying Rook*) Rod Nurthen



CLASS 23. Novelty Hybrids – single flower

1. *Paph. philippinense fma album* x *ang-thong fma album*

A. & G. Cushway



Class 24. Novelty Hybrids – Multi flower or bud

1. *Paph. Woluwense* 'Yeowie'

S. T. Ho



CLASS 26. Other Cypripedioideae Hybrids

1. *Phrag. Giganteum*
2. *Phrag. Geralda*
3. *Phrag. Praying Mantis*

John & Marie Bartlett
 John & Marie Bartlett
 I. & I. Chalmers



CLASS 27. Hybrid Seedling

1. *Paph. Jerry Spence* x *Hsinying Web*
2. *Phrag. Scarlet O'Hara*
3. *Paph. (philippinense x lowii)* x *St. Swithin*

S. T. Ho
 John & Marie Bartlett
 J. & S. Atwal

Note: philippinense x lowii = Berenice



CLASS 28. Specimen



48 plants benched

ARTICLES

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Complex Paphiopedilum — if there is a spare piece??....

The availability for sale of top show bench Complex Paphiopedilum are very scarce. If they are available, you need a deep long pocket to obtain one.

I invariably get this question asked whenever I bench my plants...would you have a spare piece of that plant that I can purchase?? Invariably the answer is a forlorn 'No'.

Divisions of Complex Paphiopedilum are not readily available as most Complex Type do not readily throw out multi growth that division can be obtained. Most of them just throw up one growth at a time, flowers from that growth, throws a new growth...and on and on...only occasionally when the plant is big and strong, one of the old growth may throw up a new growth.

This is from my personal experience. Some would encourage back cutting of old growth to promote new growth. Yes...that is one way however I do not practise that at all. Why?

Most of my Top Show Bench plants are grown on from a seedling. Anyone who grows seedlings will tell you your chances of getting a Top one is very infrequent. Some plants can withstand back cutting and others don't. I just don't like the idea of back cutting as it may result in the lost of an entire Top plant that rarely comes along in a life time. I rather grow them strong with the hope one of the old growth will throw out an extra growth, than lose the whole plant. I am not in the business of selling, so for me it is not important that I can make some money. If I have an extra plant, I would invariably keep it anyway as a safeguard in case one of them goes to heaven.

At our Paphiopedilum Society of NSW July meeting last year, we had a Complex Type Mini Show and the following are the results:

Grand Champion and best Red

Paph. Kalkari 'Kirkby'

Registered 1992

Best Green/Yellow

Paph. Magic Oro 'Super Yellow' Registered 1997

Best Pastel

Paph. Barley Sugar x Shapely Unregistered

Best Spotted

Paph. Neridah 'Rudak' Registered 1991

Best Other Colour

Paph. Danella 'Chilton' Registered 1968

The pictures of all of the above appears in the July 2019 Paph. Society of NSW Bulletin.

4 of the winners of their class has been registered for 22 years or more. What this shows is that plants that has been around 20-30 years has withstood the test of time and still come up winners.

These plants has been around for fairly long time, division are still not readily available but they are around and still command a high price. Paph. Kalkari 'Kirby' is my plant which I grew from a seedling given to me by a friend...I had this plant since 1998 and only last month it was awarded an AM/AOC-NSW at the Mingara show....Yes...1 Seedling and it turn out to be a top one....and it does happen!!!

All I can say is Keep Hunting and Asking and Save Save Save....if you want a Top Show Bench Plant.

The other alternative is grow seedlings, that is the road I chose. If you do your research and discuss with experience and knowledgeable Complex Paph. growers, you can get one of those illusive Top Bench plant. Not all seedling crosses will produce results, with knowledge and many fingers crossed...you can grow some nice ones and then a Top one appears....and guess what....you have the one and only!!

If you decide to grow seedlings, then here are some advise. First, research and get advice as to what parentage is likely to produce good results then keep an eye out for their availabililty. Most growers will not have this knowledge, so this can be a difficult task. Remember, any recommendation is merely that and there is no guarantee of a top one being produced. However with some knowledge and some educated guess helps. One particular parent when used with another particular parent may produce good result, however when these two parents are matched with others...poor result may occur.

Another thing to remember is the saying....the 3rd flowering of a complex paph. is when it shows its best result. This is particular quite true, however you have to know that improvement can be minimal and may also be quite great. I will show you one illustration that shows a great variation here.



Above Left is the first flowering and right is the subsequent flowering. In most instance I would not have kept it on its first flower, somehow I did!! It has flowered full shape ever since.

The above pictures shows a huge variation, generally as a rule it does not improve such a great extent....so how do you decide what to keep...I don't know!!! Perhaps the answer is to keep it for a second flowering and then decide!! I adopt a policy of...it must show some potential for me to flower it a second time...just got no space to keep them all!!!

Growing seedling from Flask takes time and therefore space. The quickest I have flowered complex seedlings is 4 years from deflasking, with an average of 6 years. Some takes longer than that, especially the smaller ones which takes time to settle after deflasking. Then when you start flowering them, you have to decide if it is a good one to keep or discard.

Here are some of the standards that I look for, for them to be retained for a further flowering :



Above Flower is very full in, nice wide dorsal and ventral and petal are wide. Only two issues....has a short stem and quite a lot of goffering at the apex of the ventral. If it keeps its shape after a couple of weeks after it opens and does not 'blow' out of shape....its a keeper. Often when a flower opens, it looks filled in and after a couple of weeks it 'blows' out of shape.



Above flower shows a ventral that is hugging the back of the dorsal sepal and has not furled. Nowadays with breeding, the furling of the ventral sepal has been bred out...I am looking for ventrals that does not furl. Observe after a couple of weeks after opening whether the ventral furls or not. It often opens without furling and after a couple of weeks it furls..

Remember...this are demanding standards that I ask off....so...if you like what you see, keep it by all means. It may be the best of what you have...keep it until you find a better one...keep upgrading. It may also be a colour combination you like and don't have any of...keep it. However...if they are 'DOGS'...don't expect much out of it...even if you press, iron or whatever you want to do with it...they will not change much. They must have some inherent quality and that further flowering may make it a top flower!!

I don't suppose I have solved any problems....just giving you all some information that I have.

Good growing....especially Seedlings!!
See Ting Ho

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