

## **PREVIOUS MEETING – 02 November, 08**

**APOLOGIES:** Gordon Sonemann, Sheila Smith, Valda Munro, Ray & Cynthia Hewson, Trevor & Shirley Kriedemann, Norma Murray & Carol van Niekerk.

Members participated in a deflasking session of several flasks and potted up seedlings of (a) Phalaenopsis Sogo Yukidian x Dtps I-Hsin ‘Snow Bear’ and (b) Polystachya bella x johnstonii. Each member received seedlings of both to nurture and were encouraged to participate in a cultural competition to see who can grow them fastest and flower them first! Members will be asked to bring their seedlings to a meeting in 2009 for comparison and the member with the best grown plant will receive an orchid prize.

The seedling cultural competition started last year when members each received a seedling of Sophronitis brevipedunculata. Members brought these seedlings to the November meeting for comparison and members unanimously agreed that the best grown seedling belonged to Robert & Tracy Moss and they won a Odontocidium Mayfair. Congratulations.

The society received a number of donations: Nepenthes Hybrid (Pitcher Plant) Flasks, as well as plants of Neobenthamia gracilis and Mystacidium capense. These were prizes in a Lucky Draw held and it was great to see many members go home with new additions to their collections.

### **PLANT TABLE RESULTS:**

Our South African species were well represented on the table this month. Plants on display included: Mystacidium capense, Cyrtorchis arcuata, three species of Polystachya, namely: ottoniana, pubescens and sandersonii and Eulophia speciosa.

### **Members’ votes resulted in the following:**

Species:	1 <sup>st</sup>	Dendrobium thrysiflorum	Robert & Tracy Moss
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Prosthechea baculus	Freda Steel
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cattleya intermedia	Alvin & Marlene Peinke
Hybrids:	1 <sup>st</sup>	Paphiopedilum St Swithin	Robert & Tracy Moss
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vanda Gilbert Triboluet A	Robert & Tracy Moss
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vanda Gilbert Triboluet B	Robert & Tracy Moss
Cattleyas:	1 <sup>st</sup>	Slc Jewel Box	Freda Steel
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lc Purple Cascade “Fragrant Beauty”	Alvin & Marlene Peinke
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lc Tropical Pointer	Mavis Downey
Phalaenopsis :	1 <sup>st</sup>	Phal. Luchia Coral	Robert & Tracy Moss
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dtps Matou Freed	Robert & Tracy Moss
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Phal. Gold Digger	Robert & Tracy Moss

Thank you to members for bringing their flowering plants to share with us.

### **RAFFLES:**

The duo consisting of a Brassada Mivada and Bifreneria aureo-fulva was won by Ruth Call. The new hybrid Ascocenda Aroonsri Beauty x Doritis pulcherrima aquinii was won by Colleen Midlane and the Eulophia streptopetala was won by Val Avis. Congratulations and good luck with your plants.

## **GOS QUIZ:**

### **NOVEMBER’S ANSWER:**

Phragmipediums are commonly known as South American Slipper Orchids. This genus of about 20 species occurs from Central to South America. The first correct entry drawn and winner of a Maxillaria variabilis was Ann Mackay. Congratulations and good luck with your plant

## **END OF YEAR FUNCTION – 07 DECEMBER 2008**

Our End of Year Function will be a buffet luncheon held at the Gonubie Hotel, Main Road, Gonubie. Time: 13h00. The cost is R75.00 per person and booking is essential. All bookings together with payment must be made to Tracy no later than 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008. If payment is not received by this date, it will be assumed that you will not be attending the Year End Function. **A cash bar will be available.**

### **Highlights of the function will include:**

**OUR ANNUAL LOTTO DRAW:** Ten great Orchids to be won! There will be 50 tickets available to purchase.

**LUCKY DRAW FOR NEW MEMBERS:** We request that members who have joined the society prior to 2008 **please** donate a duplicate plant from your collection for this cause. Please bring the plant along with you.

**ATTENDANCE DRAW:** Stand a chance of winning an Orchid prize just for attending the Year End Function.

### **SPECIAL YEAR END RAFFLE:**

Special plants for a special occasion! All tickets will be R10.00 each. Make sure you buy your tickets to stand a chance to win these amazing plants.

- (a) Cattleya bowringiana ‘Black Prince’. A sought after superior clone of this classic Cattleya species.
- (b) Phragmipedium caudatum in spike.
- (c) Miltoniopsis Duo – Two exceptional new hybrids from the Eric Young Orchid Foundation.

You are reminded to bring the following with you:

- ❖ Your LOTTO TICKETS.
- ❖ A small wrapped gift for yourself as well as for each person accompanying you, which will be exchanged amongst members.

***SEE YOU ALL THERE!***

***WE WISH ALL OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR AND HAPPY ORCHID GROWING IN 2009***

