

END OF YEAR FUNCTION – 2nd DECEMBER, 07

APOLOGIES: Ann & Alistair Mackay.

A very enjoyable lunch was held by members and their families who attended our social braai held at the St. Martin-by-the-Sea Anglican Church Hall. A big thank you to all members for their assistance with setting up, preparation of the meal and the cleaning up afterwards. Thank you also to members who brought their flowering orchids to share with us.

RAFFLES

The Cynoches Golden Puff on raffle was won by Dot Norval. Congratulations and good luck with your plant. This raffle raised R210.00 for the Schelpe Memorial Publication Development Fund. A magnificent Gloxinia donated by Yvonne Bond was won by Trevor Steinke. Congratulations and good luck with your plant. This raffle raised R125.00 for the 2009 National Show Fund. Thank you to all members who supported these fundraising efforts.

“GOS LOTTO”

Members eagerly awaited the draw of the “GOS Lotto” for which there were eight lovely orchid prizes. The lucky winners were as follows:

Vanda Robert’s Delight ‘Crownfox Big Red’	Dot Norval
Paphiopedilum Harold Koopowitz	Robert & Tracy Moss
Disa uniflora Hybrid	Colleen & Errol de Villiers
Blc Chinese Beauty ‘Orchid Queen’	Robert & Tracy Moss
Potinara Kat Green Power ‘Victory’	Mike & Yvonne Bond
Blc Mayino Yahiro ‘Ulii’	Errol & Colleen de Villiers
Stenoglottis Venus	Alvin & Marlene Peinke
Aerangis platyphylla	Errol & Colleen de Villiers

GONUBIE GOSSIP

GOS SUBSCRIPTION 2008

Subs are now **overdue**. Members that still have not paid their subscriptions must please pay Cynthia at the meeting. It will be assumed that members who do not pay their subscriptions for 2008 at the meeting do not wish to renew their membership for 2008 and will receive no further notifications or newsletters.

SHOP AND LIBRARY NEWS

Shop and Library open times for February are:

Sunday 3rd February - 14h00 - 14h30

Monday 11th February - 14h30 - 15h30

DONATIONS

Understanding Orchids by William Cullina – A very informative, new book available in the library. Thank you to Errol & Colleen de Villiers for donating it to the society.

Thank you to Toni Krull for the donation of her painting to the society.

GOS WEEKEND OUTING TO MACLEAR - DATE: 22-24 FEB 2008.

Join us on a walk in the spectacular foothills of the Southern Drakensberg. Adele Moore, a registered nature guide will take us on a trail where more than 35 species

of orchids grow amongst many other wild flowers. How many will you spot? Adele will provide a picnic lunch, which will be enjoyed beside a mountain stream and waterfall. Accommodation is self-catering in a farmhouse and cottage. Cost is R150.00 p.p.p.n. Transport and guide costs can only be finalised once we have definite numbers of people going. To book this “ultimate Eco” weekend getaway, please pay the accommodation cost of R300 per person to Cynthia at the meeting.

Remember to pack the following:

- ❖ A good Sun Hat and Sunscreen.
- ❖ Field Guides on Wild Flowers and Birds.
- ❖ Camera, Binoculars and Walking Stick.
- ❖ Trout fishing gear – should you wish to fish some of the excellent trout streams.

For more info you can visit these websites: www.woodcliffecavetrails.co.za
www.mondamin.co.za or you can contact Tracy.

.NEXT MEETING 3rd FEBRUARY 2008

This being the first meeting of 2008 is our Annual General Meeting and we request all members to please attend the meeting.

MEETING AGENDA

Welcome	General
President’s Report	Discussion of Plant Table
Financial Report	Orchid Auction
Election of Committee	Tea

RAFFLE

The raffle plant is Rhyncostylis gigantea “Spots” and tickets will be R10.00 each.

PLANT TABLE

There will be a plant table so please remember to bring your flowering plants.

ORCHID AUCTION

Our annual orchid auction will be held after the AGM. We would appreciate it if members could please donate orchid plants – any duplicates in your collection for this society fundraiser. Your contribution is vital to the auction’s success. Remember to also bring your purse along so that you can participate in the auction.

GOS LOTTO

Lotto tickets for 2008 will be available at R5.00 each. **Remember:**

- ❖ Tickets can only be purchased at meetings.
- ❖ Tickets are available to members only.
- ❖ You may purchase as many tickets as you like during the year.
- ❖ You must be present at the end of the year function on 7th December 2008, and be in possession of your ticket(s) should your number be drawn to claim your prize, otherwise you forfeit.

GOS QUIZ:

FEBRUARY’S QUESTION:

Which orchid is commonly known as The Fishbone Orchid? Just write the answer and your name on a piece of paper and pop it into the box provided at the meeting.