

PREVIOUS MEETING – 3rd FEBRUARY, 08

APOLOGIES: Toni Krull, Freda Steel, Raymond & Salome Sizer & Norma Murray.

Thank you to members for attending the AGM. It was wonderful to have so many members present. We looked back on a year summarised in the President's Report and Financial Report. Highlights for 2007 included our very successful Show, most informative talks by guest speakers Pierre Hendriks and Bill Leonard from U.S.A. and our two species outings.

A big thank you to all members for being so active during the past year and please remember that the committee needs your continued support and involvement to ensure that the coming year is an even better one!

NEW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2008

President: Tracy Moss

Vice President: Ray Hewson

Treasurer: Errol de Villiers

Secretary: Colleen de Villiers

Shopkeeper: Robert Moss

Librarian: Mirle Atkinson

Refreshments Organiser: Yvonne Bond

Additional Member: Mike Bond

PLANT TABLE RESULTS FOR 2007:

1st Robert & Tracy Moss

2nd Freda Steel

3rd Mavis Downey.

Two New Awards were also presented and these will now be awarded annually:

- ❖ **Most Improved Grower for 2007:** Gordon Sonneman.
- ❖ **Most Active Member for 2007:** Baby Victor.

PLANT TABLE RESULTS:

There were many species on the plant table this month and the S.A. Species were particularly well represented.

Plants on Display included:

- ❖ **Stanhopea jenishiana** - occurs from Colombia to Southern Peru and its unusual waxy blooms smell of cinnamon.
- ❖ **Arachnis flos-aeris** - fast growing species from Malaysia, which thrives in a sunny spot in the garden.
- ❖ **Cyrtorchis arcuata** - very common Epiphyte throughout S.A. Flowers are sweetly scented at night.
- ❖ **Cyrtorchis praetermissa var. zuluensis** - common Epiphyte in humid coastal forests of KZN.
- ❖ **Diaphananthe millarii** – rare Epiphyte known only from a few localities near E.L. and Durban.

- ❖ **Aerangis mystacidii** – grows in deep shade along streams and occurs in Eastern Cape to KZN. Also in Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Zambia & Tanzania.
- ❖ **Stenoglottis fimbriata** – often found growing on rocks and moss covered tree trunks. Occurs from Eastern Cape to KZN, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Tanzania.

Hybrids on display included:

Ascocenda Harvest Moon, Colmanara Wildcat “Bobcat” (oncidium x miltonia x odontoglossum), Cookara Tropical Snowflake (Caularthron x Laelia x Broughtonia x Cattleya) and Vanda coerulea x tricolor.

Thank you to members for bringing their flowering plants to share with us. Members' votes resulted in the following:

Species:	1st	Encyclia (Prosthechea) fragrans	Mavis Downey
	2nd	Doritis pulcherrima	Robert & Tracy Moss
	3rd	Paphiopedilum parishii	Robert & Tracy Moss
Hybrids:	1st	Blc Chunyeah # 17	Mike & Yvonne Bond
	2nd	Cirrhopetalum Daisy Chain	Robert & Tracy Moss
	3rd	Paphiopedilum St Swithin	Maureen Wells

RAFFLE:

The plant on raffle, Rhyncostylis gigantea ‘spots’ was won by Stan Winson. Congratulations and good luck with your plant. Blc Sylvia Fry ‘Dundas’ x Blc Goldenzelle ‘Tokyo’ & Potinara Varut ‘Gold Beater’ are the raffle plants for March i.e. the raffle will consist of two draws. Tickets will be R10.00 each.

GONUBIE GOSSIP:

New Member: We extend a warm welcome to Sheila Smith, who joined us this month. May you enjoy many years of happy orchid growing with us.

SHOP NEWS:

Shop Open Times for March are:

Saturday 1st March - 15h00 - 16h00

Monday 17th March - 15h00 - 16h00

GOS QUIZ:

FEBRUARY'S ANSWER:

Listrostachys pertusa – see volume 2 of the SAOC 2007 Journal -Page 24. The first correct entry drawn was that of Mike Bond and he won an Oncidium Jluhbao Gold. Congratulations and good luck with your plant.

MARCH'S QUESTION:

Which Asian genus of only 4 species are known as the Foxtail orchids?