

PREVIOUS MEETING: 5th August 2007

Apologies: Ray Hewson, Manuela Chaput, Lina Muller, Maureen Wells & Sylvia Coates.

Last Meeting: Team Oncidium raced to a lead with 300 points in our fun quiz. Congratulations. Team Sarcophilus was placed second and Team Gongora third. Thank you to all members for your participation and let's hope you all have better luck next time at cracking those questions. A Vanda was the prize in an attendance draw held and this was won by Mirle Atkinson. Congratulations and good luck with your plant.

Plant Table:

What a lovely display of hybrids. It was great to see six paphiopedilums on the table. Other stunning hybrids included L.C. Purple Cascade 'Fragrant Beauty', Colmanara Spathelanthe X Miltonia Warscewiczii, Colmanara Jungle Monarch and many beautiful Cymbidiums, thus a special category was created for them. Thank you to everyone for bringing their flowering plants to share with us.

Plant Table Results:

Member's votes resulted in the following:

Species	1 st	Dendrochilum wenzelii	R & T Moss
	2 nd	Stenorrhynchos speciosus	R & T Moss
Hybrids	1st	Blc Sylvia Fry 'Dundas'	R & T Moss
	2 nd	Lc Maris Song	M. Downey
	3rd	Vanda Red Ball X Ascocenda	R & T Moss
		Tubtim Velvet	
Cymbidium s	1st	Cymbidium Hybrid	M & B Victor
	2nd	Terama X Red Beauty	R & T Moss
	3 rd	Cymbidium Hybrid	E & C de Villiers

Raffle: The plant on raffle, Cattleya skinneri 'Alba' was won by Trevor & Shirley Kriedemann. Congratulations and good luck with your plant. Ascocenda Kultana Gold X Viroonchin Gold is the raffle plant for October and tickets will be R10.00 each.

GONUBIE GOSSIP:

Shop News: The shop will be open on :

- Saturday 22nd September : 09h00 – 16h30
- Sunday 7th October: 14h15 – 14h40
- Monday 22nd October : 14h30 – 16h00

Library:

The library will be closed during September, but will be open the same times as the shop in October.

Donation:

Thank you to Alvin & Marlene Peinke for the donation of Irises. These have been sold at the nursery and raised R60-00 for club funds.

Culture Tip for the Month:

See Reverse side of the Duty Roster.

GOS SHOW AND POTTING DAY: Show will be held from 21 – 24 September 2007.

PLEASE NOTE: MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO USE THE PARKING AREA BEHIND THE NURSERY AT POLLY'S FOR THE DURATION OF THE SHOW AND TO WEAR YOUR CLUB BADGES.

WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE TO ENSURE THE SHOW IS A SUCCESS.

- ❖ Your flowering plants are vital to us creating a spectacular display. Please bring your plants to the nursery on Wednesday 19th September.
- ❖ Plants for our sales table are also required. Duplicate plants in your collection will be sold on your behalf and the society will charge a 10% commission. Plants you wish to sell must be taken to the nursery on Wednesday 19th September where Mike Bond will be available to assist you. Please ensure the plants are healthy and well established.
- ❖ An updated duty roster is enclosed. Thank you to all members who have already volunteered to assist.
- ❖ **POTTING DAY** 22nd September 09h00 – 16h30 – Members are welcome to bring plants for repotting advice. You may also bring your own plants to repot. If you wish to repot your plants, remember to bring your own equipment e.g. knives, sterilizing solution, stakes, wire twisters, gloves etc etc.

We will be inviting the public to vote for their favourite orchid and there will be GREAT ORCHID PRIZES for the owners of the orchids which receive the 1st, 2nd and 3rd most votes.

NEXT MEETING: 7th October, 2007 - Polly's Tea Garden

We are hoping to have a deflasking session, so please bring along an empty 2ltr ice cream container and a 2ltr clear plastic cooldrink bottle. Alternatively, Tracy will give a report back on 'An Orchid Safari' – A window on African Orchids held in Cape Town, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Cape Orchid Society. There will be a plant table so please remember to bring your flowering plants.

GOS QUIZ:

AUGUST'S ANSWER: Desmond & Jenny Scherwitz are on a winning streak as their entry was the first correct entry drawn and they won a Dendrobium Kingianum. Congratulations and good luck with your plant. Tolumnias are native to the Caribbean islands and were called 'equitant oncidiums' Epiphytic plants with succulent leaves that are best grown mounted on slabs. They also require good air movement, bright light and warm temperature.

OCTOBER'S QUESTION: Which orchid is the National Flower of Costa Rica?