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Phalaneopsis amabilis var. rosenstromii

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President's Comments

Novice / New Growers Group meets in
the hall at 1pm on the Sunday (1st
March) following the General Meeting.

**Next General Meeting:
Friday 27th February
Next Management Committee
Meeting:
Friday 6th March**

Annual Membership Fees.

City Family	\$17.00
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Australasian Native Orchid Society
Inc. (ANOS) – Townsville Group
Meeting held in TOS hall on 1st
Tuesday of every month except
January – at 8pm.
Next meeting: 3rd March
ANOS donates an annual subscription
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appreciation for the use of our hall.

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the Society nor the Management Committee.



To purchase tables and comfortable chairs, sound
system, concertina door to secure computing
equipment.

All photographs are by the editor unless
indicated otherwise.

Our society has experienced a few “Firsts” in recent times, but what a
shame the latest one was failure of our January meeting due to lack of
a quorum. With the weather conditions and long week-end together it is
understandable, but at the same time a little disappointing. It is
commendable that conditions did not deter the Novice Group from having
better than average attendance on the Sunday. Congratulations to the Group
members on the growth rates with the Phalaneopsis seedlings.

Talking about weather, which no doubt, you are sick of, aren't we lucky
that we don't experience conditions similar to the southern states, with
whom we sincerely sympathise.

We again called for volunteers to form a sub-committee to organise the
T.Q.O.C. Inc. Conference without much success. However plans are
underway and, as usual, assistance will, no doubt, be forthcoming when we
need it. Some ideas from the sub-committee meeting held on 6 February are
to be put to the committee.

Subject to a return to “normal” road conditions, Bruce Gray from Atherton
will be Guest Speaker at our February meeting. Bruce is a very
knowledgeable and experienced orchid grower, particularly so with Species.
He has travelled widely and will talk on the subject of “South East Asian
Orchids” plus our own “Cooktown Orchid and Its Variations.” We are
hoping he may be able to stay over for the Sunday Novice meeting, but this
is not certain, so come along on Friday night just to be sure you hear his
address.

Best of Luck with the clean up after the rain, hoping that fungus has not got
you down.

Wal Nicholson

Why, Why, Why,

***Why do we press harder on a remote control when we
know the batteries are almost dead?***

The Michelle Obama Orchid

Chadwick & Son Orchids Inc, of Delaware, U.S.A., have a long history of naming new *Cattleya* hybrids after famous people, among them HRH Queen Elizabeth the Second. They have named orchids after the wives of the previous 3 presidents of the USA, and took an opportunity in August 2008 (before Barrack Obama became President, but when it became obvious he would win) to present their new hybrid to Michelle Obama.

Arthur Chadwick, Junior, says "We made a large arrangement of 5 flowering plants in a container, decorated with curly willow and Spanish moss.

However, just moments before the presentation and photo opportunity was to take place, the Secret Service intervened, "The arrangement cannot be in the picture – we haven't scanned it with our bomb detection equipment". "OK, I will stand over there – you scan it" "Unfortunately, sir, we don't have our equipment here".

After a long silence in which I envisioned the entire presentation evaporating before my eyes, I said in desperation, "Can I pick off the flowers and present them?" There was a big huddle of secret service agents using hand held radios. The answer, "You can present one flower". "One flower?" I asked in greater disbelief. "OK, two. But that's it." said the agent having reached a generous compromise.

I carefully removed two of the small flowers from the formerly glorious arrangement and together with the framed RHS certificate approached Mrs. Obama. I enthusiastically declared that the flowers were named for her. She was very excited and gave me a big hug. Wow, I wasn't aware that First Lady etiquette allows for such affection! "

Orchids named by Chadwick & Son Orchids Inc and mentioned in this article:

Rsc (previously *Blc*) Hillary Rodham Clinton (*C. Kittywake* x *Rsc Meditation*) 1993

Rsc Laura Bush (*C. walkeriana* x *Rsc Good News*) 2002

Rsc Barbara Bush (*Sc Josephine Robinson* x *Blc Apparition*) 2004

Rsc Queen Elizabeth the Second (*Rsc Meditation* x *Sc Ecstasy*) 2006

Lc Michelle Obama (*C. trianaei* x *Lc Mini Purple*) 2008

(Condensed from an article in the American Orchid Society magazine 'Orchids' Jan 2009).

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Guest Speakers.

In any club or society such as ours, one of the aims is self help. That is, members sharing their experience and knowledge with less experienced and less knowledgeable members.

Regrettably, for a number of reasons, a mature club can evolve an attitude that discourages members from presenting talks and lectures for the mutual benefit of other members. The club then looks to outside sources for 'Guest Speakers'. The number and availability of the outside 'experts' limits the talks /lectures that can be presented at meetings.

In a mature club such as TOS this attitude is crazy!! I am sure that many of our members would be regarded as 'experts' by orchid growers in other areas. It is time that we recognised that depth of experience and expertise hidden within our society and harnessed it for the benefit of all members.

To this end, I have offered to compile a list of talk topics and local members who could share their knowledge on these subjects. From previous talks, it has been found that pre-prepared slide shows with written commentaries from other groups rarely work as they lack the background of knowledge and conviction of the author. It is hard to conduct a Question & Answer session with a CD and a piece of paper.

I would like to ask any member, who feels that they have something to contribute, either talk or suggested topic, to contact me on 0418 777 314 or e-mail charleszcj@westnet.com.au.

Charles Lee

Featured Nursery - Burbank Orchids

Following on from Alan Hughes' talk about *Cattleya* orchids and questions to Greg Kelly regarding *equitant oncidiums*, this month we feature Burbank Orchids. Their latest catalogue (www.burbankorchids.com.au) features both extensive plants and flasks of cattleya hybrids, cattleya mericlones, miniature and compact cattleya hybrids, novelty cattleya, other genera, species, oncidium alliance, equitant hybrids, vandaceous hybrids, vandaceous mericlones, softcane dendrobium hybrids, phalaenanth dendrobium hybrids, hardcane dendrobium hybrids, hardcane dendrobium mericlones and paphiopedilums. This is well worth a read.

There are far too many plants and flasks to mention but some to catch the eye are,

Blc. Burdekin Bells 'Mary' x self. Selfing of very large round overlapped white with yellow in the throat. Will produce some of same as well as pinks. A southern judge at a not too recent TQOC conference reckons that 'Mary' was the best white he had seen and worthy of an FCC.

Blc. Waikiki Sunset 'Brightest Orange' x *C.* Simone Neuendorff. Large orange to peach with purple in the lip.

Blc. Cornerstone 'Caress' x *Lc.* Three Moon Creek. Expecting large round overlapped shape with good substance on strong stems. Colours ranging from hot pink to deep purples. (WOW! – HOT PINK, adds the editor)

Lc. Mari's Song 'CTM217' x *C.* Caudebec 'Southern Cross' (4n). Striking clusters of cream sepals and pastel petals with magenta splash and maroon spotting. Very full round shape and flat form with heavy substance and good texture on strong tall stems.

Bulb. *schinzianum*. Species from Equatorial Africa. Grows in rainforest. Large leaves reach to 10" and inflorescence up to 1m, bears up to 100 flowers which open progressively.

Tolu. Irene Gleason x *Tolu.* (Robsan x Kyelle's Dream). Large blooms on well organized spikes in soft pinks to whites with bright red spotting.

Have a talk and if you would like to order a few, or share a flask with someone, then let me know as we can place a combined order (if sufficient numbers). This I will finalise at the Novice / New Growers' meeting in March. You might like to check on some of the crossings with "OrchidWiz" on the club's computer, with help available from Noel our librarian.

Due to Steve and Wendy's support we have two healthy flasks of *Blc.* Dal's Kew 'Drummer Boy' x *Bc.* Dal's Charm to deflask and give away to you. These *cattleya* plants are described as being "compact plants with tall stems topped with clusters of very round flowers in deep pink to purple with splashes of colour." The parents were both registered by David Littman and are presumably his breeding.

Photographs of these flasks appear in the electronic version of this bulletin.

Stay tuned to find out how you can get your quality plant that should grow quickly and flower in a reasonable time.

Steve and Wendy extend an invitation to you all to visit them if or when you are in Brisbane.

Jeff

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Calendar

February, 2009

27 – TOS General Meeting, 8pm

March, 2009

1 – Novice / New Growers' Meeting, 1:00pm

6 – Management Meeting, 7:30pm

27 – TOS General Meeting, 8pm

29 – Novice / New Growers' Meeting, 1:00pm

April, 2009

3- Management Meeting, 7:30pm

5 – Herbert River Field Day

17-19 – TOS Autumn Show

24 – TOS General Meeting, 8pm

26 – Novice / New Growers' Meeting, 1:00pm

May, 2009

1 – Management meeting, 7:30pm

13 – Bowen Field Day

17 - Bunnings/sausage sizzle

22 – TOS General Meeting, 8pm

24 – Novice / New Growers' Meeting, 1:00pm

29 – Management meeting, 7:30pm

TABLED PLANTS 23.01.09

Dendrobium:

- 1) Den. Verninha N&M Grant
- 2) Den Mem. Stan Laffey W&C Sewell
- 3) Den. Blue Foxtail 'Salaya' W&J Nicholson

Cattleya:

- 1) Pot. Burana Beauty "Burana" A Steel
- 2) Lc. Aussie Sunset 'New Era' x Sc. Beaufort 'Yellowlip' W&J Nicholson

Miscellaneous:

- 1) C. Chocolate Drop x Richard Mueller A Steel
- 2) Pot. Hoku Gem 'Freckles' W&C Sewell
- 3) Blc. Richard Mueller W&J Nicholson

Miscellaneous:

- 1) Enc. Phoenecia W&J Nicholson
- 2) Diacra. Chantilly Lace 'Twinkle' W&J Nicholson
- 3) Diacra. Chantilly Lace 'Twinkle' W&J Nicholson

Sopholaeliocattleya:

- 1) Slc. Tiny Titan 'Bette' x C. Caudebec 'Southern Cross' #4 W&J Nicholson
- 2) C. Unknown W&J Nicholson

Colmanara:

- 1) Col. Jungle Everglade P&M Korsman
- 2) Col. Wildcat 'Bobcat' P&M Korsman
- 3) Col. Wildcat 'Lorene' P&M Korsman

Catasetum:

- 1) Ctsm. Susan Fuchs N&M Grant

Vandaceous – Mokara:

- 1) Mokara Madame Panni W&J Nicholson

Vandaceous:

- 1) V. Ratirat x V. Numencia Figueredo N&M Grant
- 2) V. Kasem's Delight x V. Kultana Gold N&M Grant
- 3) V. Kultana Gold x V. Gordon Dillon N&M Grant

Ascocenda:

- 1) Asco. Suksamran Sunlight 'Brighton' N&M Grant
- 2) Asco. Su Fun Beauty N&M Grant
- 3) Asco. Tubtim Velvet x Asco. Fuch's Gold W&J Nicholson

Ascocenda:

- 1) Asco. Barzanhan Gold x Asco. Tubtim Velvet W&J Nicholson
- 2) Asco. Peggy Foo x V. Gordon Dillon W&J Nicholson

Aerides:

- 1) Aer. Korat Koki N&M Grant

Vascostylus:

- 1) Vasco. Prapin 'White/Blue Lip' N&M Grant
- 2) Vasco. Pine Rivers 'Narangba' N&M Grant
- 3) Vasco. Pine Rivers 'Wasana' N&M Grant

Cattletonia:

- 1) C. Kinee 'Painted Princess' x Lctna. Peggy San 'Galaxy' W&J Nicholson
- 2) Ctna. Why Not W&J Nicholson

Paphiopedilum:

- 1) Paph. Clifton Booth W&J Nicholson

SPECIES

Vandaceous:

- 1) *Trich. fasciata* W&J Nicholson
- 2) *V. hindsii* P&M Korsman
- 3) *Trich. fasciata* W&J Nicholson

Cattleya:

- 1) *C. leopoldii* W&J Nicholson
- 2) *C. intermedia* Var. *maria fasciera* N&M Grant
- 3) *C. intermedia* N&M Grant

Phalaenopsis:

- 1) *Phal. cornu-cervi* alba A Steel
- 2) *Phal. violacea* A Steel
- 3) *Phal. cornu-cervi* A Steel

Doritis:

- 1) *Doritis pulcherrima* 'Yellow Splash' W&C Sewell
- 2) *Doritis pulcherrima* Var. *chumpornense* N&M Grant

Miscellaneous:

- 1) *Eria. javanica* A Steel
- 2) *Ctsm. expansum* 'Red' A Steel
- 3) *Den. lancifolium* var. *papuana* W&J Nicholson

Miscellaneous:

- 1) *Pomatocalpa marsupiale* N&M Grant
- 2) *Parcilibabuim belkenii* P&M Korsman

Points.

	23.01.09	Open	Species	Total
51	Coulson N	7		7
213	Grant N & M	56	28	84
65	Kennedy L & Ames F	12	2	14
117	Keith M & T	2		2
193	Knowles J & A	22	8	30
119	Korsman P & M	18	16	34
77	Marnock F & D	10		10
147	Nicholson W & J	163	78	241
172	Sewell W & C	10	4	14
216	Steel A	28	34	62

Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says: 'Slim, I'm 93 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?' Slim says, 'I feel just like a newborn baby.' 'Really!?! Like a newborn baby!?!' 'Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants.'

Judges.

FEBRUARY

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Novice/New Growers' Group

Happy New Year and welcome everybody. It was very pleasing to see so many of our members present for our first meeting at the Townsville Orchid Society Hall Inc. for the year 2009, considering the hot, humid and rainy weather that we are experiencing at the present time in Townsville. Our Christmas Party Luncheon held on the 30th November

2008 was very successful and all our members are to be congratulated for their efforts in making this afternoon gathering such a success. Once again the weather was not very kind to us as a heavy shower of rain fell in the morning which caused a lot of flooding around the hall, but fortunately the weather cleared in time for everybody to attend.

Alan Hughes was our guest speaker for our first meeting this year and he gave a very detail and knowledge talk on the *Cattleya* Orchid genus. Many thanks Alan for sharing your ideas and giving us your time, which I am sure was appreciated by all members who were present. It is always very rewarding to have experience growers willing to share their knowledge and ideas to help our Novice and New Members Group. The *Phalaenopsis* mystery seedlings has shown that the members can really grow their plants well so we have to give a lot of credit to this to Jeff and Alison for promoting this venture and for the donation of the 2 *Phalaenopsis* plants for the special raffle. The winners were Robert Rasmussen and Ross MacIntyre.

Congratulation to all the members who brought along their flowering orchid plants for the popular vote competition with Mavis Poplexion placed 1st and Michael and Lyn Gudge 2nd & 3rd in the novice section and Ann Scholl 1st in the open section.

Thank you again for your generous support towards our afternoon tea and your donations to the Multi Raffle Table. It is a shame that some members don't support this as we do all share in the benefits at the end of the year. If you have any suggestions you would like to make regarding our Sunday meetings or any questions you wish to ask about your orchid plants, please feel free to do so.

Warren and Clara

Phallies reach puberty.

The little phallies are starting to really show their puberty growth spurt with many new leaves showing some remarkable lengths. Congratulations to the following who were leading the pack at the January "measure in".

Mystery plant 1694.

Biggest leaf span: 1st Luz Lewis, 2nd Ann Scholl, Win Buckingham (tie).

Largest increase: 1st Ann Scholl, 2nd Wal Nicholson, 3rd Margaret Lock

Mystery plant 1687.

Biggest leaf span: 1st Robert Rasmussen, 2nd Neita Coulson, May Carlson (tie).

Largest increase: 1st May Carlson, 2nd Robert Rasmussen, 3rd Noel Grant.

The next measurements will be taken at the Novice / New Growers' Group meeting on Sunday 1st March, so bring yours along and be in the free special raffle draw (One entry per mystery plant brought). **Make sure you have your plastic label in both your pots. Your plastic label MUST have the plant name (1687 or 1694 at this stage) AND either your name or club number.**
Happy Growing.

Jeff and Alison Knowles

Info from elsewhere.

All the publications mentioned here are either in our library or available on the notice board.

If you have ever had even a passing interest in *Spathoglottis* orchids then the article in the American Orchid Society's *ORCHIDS* for December, 2008 will turn you into a die hard grower. The colours that are now being produced are just magnificent. This is a recommended read. Now all we have to do is to figure out how to get a few flasks. The article "Growing Specimen Plants" sets challenges for us all. You must have a look at some of the plants in this article, such as *Bulb. lobbii* 'Bill's Bronze' CCM/AOS with over 70 flowers, *Bulb. rothschildianum* 'A-doribil' CCM-CCE-FCC/AOS and *Paph. barbgerum* (8 flowers in a 100mm pot), etc...

The *Australian Orchid Review*, December 2008/January 2009, gives you a taste of the Singapore orchid show with a short article on last year's show. Is "Hobbyist Orchid Growing at the Crossroads?" This article by Andy Easton will give you food for thought. As usual they have stacks of quality *cymbidium* photographs.

The AOC Orchids of the year for 2007 are featured in the December, 2008 edition of *Orchids Australia*.

The Ipswich OS (Jan 2009) have published their monthly "Notes for newer growers – Growing Cattleyas". It includes origins, potting, fertilisers, shade, temperature, etc. Has anyone heard of the 'old wives tale' that "divisions of whites should have at least 5 growths"? They intend publishing notes on other genera throughout the year. Their colour centrefold shows a selection of the plant of the night for the year 2008. Unfortunately they are not named.

'Pests and Diseases of Orchids and their Control (Part 1), from an unknown source, is the article for the newer grower in the Gold Coast OS January 2009 Bulletin. Mite, aphids, mealy bug, scale, thrips, slugs, snails, cockroaches, caterpillars and grasshoppers all get a mention. Commercial and home remedies are listed.

There are two articles in the Rockhampton OS (Jan 2009) Newsletter that you might like to read. Peter Shelton talks about *Thunias*. These are similar to *Phaius* and are native to India, Burma and Thailand. Friendii writes a fact filled article titled "Slow release – Fast Release". It discusses the use of slow release fertilisers. For example, did you know that "For every 10 degree rise in ambient temperature, the active life of the granules is halved"? This means that at 31°C, a 3 month fertiliser will only last about 6 weeks. This article is well worth a read.

John Hughes (brother to our own Alan) gave a talk to the Gladstone Orchid and Foliage Society about looking after their plants and some of his tips are presented in their February 2009 Bulletin. Aspirin, alginox, seasol, epsom salts and coconut fibre all rate mentions.

Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Informal Discussion 23.01.09

A quorum could not be formed due to lack of members attending the January meeting, so some subjects were discussed by those present. C Lee suggested a Social Meeting be held.

R Daveson asked that Autumn Show roster from A Zierk be passed around for members to fill.

W Nicholson asked for volunteers to join a T.Q.O.C. Inc. Conference sub-committee as work must commence shortly on paperwork for same soon – no one volunteered. A sausage sizzle will be held on Sunday 17 May at Bunnings to raise money for conference. N Grant advised his wife would help here. W Nicholson to contact Mark Nicholson re supply of cold-room for the day.

It was decided to still allocate points to winning members for the Tabled Plants judged.

Registrar's Choice: Hybrid: *Aer.* Korat Koki – owned by N&M Grant – gaining 79 Points.

Species: *Dor. pulcherima* 'Yellow Splash' – owned by C&W Sewell – gaining 80 Points.

Specimen: *Dor. pulcherima* var. *chumpornense* – owned by N&M Grant.

Congratulations to the winners.

Librarian N Grant announced that two books were donated to the library by R Rasmussen who purchased them in Canberra – appreciation shown by acclamation.

J&A Knowles then drew the raffle prizes, following which we moved on to supper, closing discussion at 8.34pm.

Notices

All the flare and colour of the 9th APOC (Asia Pacific Orchid Conference) in Korea in 2007 will be shown at this month's Novice / New Gowers' meeting.

Members wishing to receive the electronic version of the TOS Bulletin (no name as yet) need to send their email address to the Editor.

Do you have some colourful A4 paper at home or work? Would you like to donate 10 sheets of it to TOS so that we can make our own colourful raffle tickets? Maybe your boss might like to donate 10 sheets of lilac, or hot pink, or teal, or ???.

Pack them flat and bring along and give to Jeff or Alison.

Members are quite welcome to bring plants, back cuts, etc. for the multi-raffle table at the regular Friday night's meeting.

Condensed Minutes Management Committee Meeting 30.01.09

R Daveson Moved Motion that “the January General Meeting that lapsed for lack of a quorum be held in conjunction with 27 February meeting.” Seconded J Knowles. Carried.

W Sewell Moved Motion that “we leave hall hire for monthly meeting by Townsville & District Garden Club at \$40.” Seconded T Keith. Carried.

N Grant Moved Motion that “C Lee’s letter be accepted and that no further action be taken. Seconded M Korsman. Carried.

M Korsman asked that a request be made in Bulletin for members to supply back-cuts for raffle.

C Lee suggested a yearly programme be prepared for both meetings.

J Knowles spoke about two flasks of Cattleyas he had secured as a donation from Burbank Nursery (add will be in Bulletin) which will arrive with G Kelly’s order – J&A Knowles will compost same and see what future holds – many thanks to all concerned.

Following a discussion A Zierk Moved a Motion that “we increase Grand Champion prize to \$100 and Reserve Champion prize to \$50.” Seconded R Daveson. Motion failed with voting 4 For and 6 Against.

A Zierk asked if Novice/New Growers could present a display – maybe a table display – at show – still able to enter orchids in show.

Discussion took place on a new product for roof of extension. W Sewell and W Nicholson to have further talks with B Barber.

T.Q.O.C. Inc. Conference Sub-committee formed to discuss conference – R&M Daveson, T Keith, A Zierk, J&A Knowles, W&J Nicholson – M Korsman (help in any way with non physical jobs). First meeting Friday

6 February, 7.30pm.

J Knowles Moved a Motion that “we purchase a lapel microphone for P.A. System for approximately \$350.” Seconded C Lee. Carried.

J Knowles Moved a Motion that “where possible Townsville Orchid Society produces own raffle tickets.” Seconded R Daveson. Carried He showed sample tickets, quoting prices etc., in different colours in books of 100. Advised he must claim amount for items required to make tickets.

Smile

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly.'

The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant?'

The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love?'

You know... The one that's red and has thorns.'

'Do you mean a rose?'

'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'

An elephant was drinking out of a river one day when he spotted a turtle asleep on a log. So, he ambled over and kicked it clear across the river. “What did you do that for?” asked a passing giraffe. “Because I recognised it as the same turtle that took a nip out of my trunk 53 years ago”.

“Wow, what a memory” commented the giraffe.

“Yes”, said the elephant, “turtle recall”. (*Thanks Ipswich OS*)

And,

The experts say orchids are epiphytes or lithophytes but they are parasites, they suck all the money out of your wallet.

Some beauties from the January Meetings



First place in the *phalaenopsis* species was awarded to Alf Steel for his *Phal. cornu-cervi alba*



Paph. Clifton Booth W&J Nicholson



Warren and Clara Sewell gained first place in the *doritis* section with *Doritis pulcherrima* 'Yellow Splash'. It was the registrar's species choice for the night being awarded 80 points.



The best vandaceous plant of the night went to V. Ratirat x V. Numancia Figueredo owned by Noel and Maureen Grant



C. Chocolate Drop x *Bl. Richard Mueller* (registered in 2004 as *Blc. Yuan Nan Mini*) exhibited by Alf Steel showed an excellent orange colour and good substance. The labellum's spots show the *B. nodosa* influence. After all it is 50% *B. nodosa*.



Doritis pulcherrima var. *chumpornense* N&M Grant this plant was the Registrar's choice for best specimen of the night.



Ctsm. expansum 'Red'

A Steel



Stanhopea wardii var. *aurea* (Mick Keith?) demonstrated one of the more unusual flowering habits of orchids.

Ann and May show eye popping surprise as they measure a couple of the very healthy, vigorously growing *phalaenopsis* plants at the Novice / New Growers' meeting. Part



of Ann's secret could lie in the fact that she only uses rain water on them. (Then again, at the moment we are all getting our orchids watered with copious amounts of fresh from the sky rain water.) At this rate we will need to invest in a much larger ruler before very much longer. Well done girls.



Asco. Suksamran Sunlight 'Brighton' owned by Noel and Maureen Grant gained first place in the *ascocenda* section.



Tricoglittis philipinensis var. *bractiata* (owned by Mavis Poplexion) was the popular vote choice at the novice / new growers' meeting.

Baby *cattleyas*

These are the two flasks courtesy of Burbank Orchids that we will deflask and distribute free to members.

