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| <u>Judges for JANUARY..</u> <u>VETERAN</u> A HUGHES A KNOWLES M.BLOOM | John Pollock | 7 Jan |
| | Clare Harrison | 10 Jan |
| | Margaret Lock | 12 Jan |
| | Tom Hobden | 12 Jan |
| | Margaret Young | 13 Jan |
| | Marie-France Mack | 15 Jan |
| | Graham Waring | 18 Jan |
| | Jolly Trotman | 19 Jan |
| | Rene Kruger | 23 Jan |
| | Delia Hobden | 30 Jan |

OPEN/NOVICE/SPECIES

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C. TRUSCOTT
P. LUCKE

Wal Nicholson: As many of you know, Wal has had a very close shave with Leukaemia, and is still in the care of the Townsville Hospital, but is home on parole at the moment. A Bone Marrow Test was carried out on the 14th January and he is waiting for the results before treatment is resumed. Naturally he will be unable to continue carrying out presidential duties, but will seek to stay as a member of the committee while he can. Wal has been exceedingly pleased with the attention paid to him from so many of our members, and wishes to thank them wholeheartedly.

Regards,

Jean

MINUTES FROM GENERAL MEETING HELD 22.11.2015

A very brief General Meeting was held during the Novice/New Growers Luncheon on 22 November 2015 where the **Minutes:** were Moved, Seconded and Carried by Members present.

Correspondence: was discussed.

Treasurer's Report: Moved. Seconded and Carried by members present.

President Wal Nicholson wished everyone a Very Merry Christmas.

NOVICE/NEW GROWERS LUNCHEON – NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

I wish to thank all of those who assisted in many ways to make this function such a great success. Unfortunately I could not contribute as well as usual, and did not realise it was because I was already inflicted with the insidious thing that has gripped me. While not wishing to spoil the memory of this function I would like to castigate the one or two irresponsible nincompoops who, without authority, cancelled the Tabling of Flowering Plants. The only way such could have been cancelled, was by the Management Committee, and they certainly would not have done so on the eve of an event, where participants were not able to be warned.

I trust that these interfering no bodies will be watched in future, as if left unchecked, they could do irreparable damage.

I wish all, including the drongos, a Happy and Prosperous New Year. **Wal Nicholson**

Novice/New Growers Report:- On Sunday 22nd November, 84 members and friends met at the Townsville Orchid Society Hall Charles Street Kirwan for their final meeting for the year 2015 and to enjoy our Christmas Luncheon in air-condition comfort and I hope and trust you all had a wonderful and enjoyable day. I would like to congratulate and thank all our Guest Speakers and all the other members who this year so willingly gave up their time, advice, expert knowledge and a few secrets in relation to the growing of orchids and to make our activities such a pleasant and enjoyable afternoon.

As we start another year, we trust that there will be a good portion of things to encourage, stimulate, please, prosper, interest and satisfy each one of us along the way as our activity programmes are designed to accommodate all manners of tasks and we do encourage all our members to avail themselves of all planned activities as this whole year stretches out before us again. For our society, we must look to the future in ways to embrace a new generation of orchid growers, so every encouragement must be given in a new and innovative way to stimulate interest. Our Popular Voting Competition had a different format this year, but it was eventually changed to a different system, so now we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the winners in the various sections.

The multi raffle table was over flowing with many gifts of prizes and for your support and generous donations to all our functions throughout the year they were greatly received and appreciated by all. We trust you all had a wonderful Christmas with your families and friends, so now we can look forward to a bright and prosperous New Year to share our thoughts and ideas and to admire our beautiful orchid flowers in 2016.

The first meeting of the Novice/New Growers group for 2016 will be on the 24th January starting at 1.00pm and hoping to see you all there again.

Warren Sewell

In Noel's Bush House 41

Rhynchorides Thai Noi, C. Suddhipaca 1973 **(now renamed as Vandachostylis Thai Noi)**

This is unusual – this is the second article in a row that I have featured a hybrid orchid! As you know, I have a number of species orchids that I admire and like to write about, but Rhords. Thai Noi only flowers once a year, and is so attractive I felt it needed to be seen.

Rhynchorides Thai Noi is a primary intergeneric hybrid between *Rhynchostylis coelestis* and *Aerides flabellata*, and was named by its Thai hybridiser, C. Suddhipaca, in 1973. (A primary hybrid is a hybrid between 2 different species, and “intergeneric” means between 2 different genera – in this case, Rhynchostylis and Aerides).

Rhynchostylis coelestis is found in Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam in deciduous forests where the dry season is relatively long, at 300-1200m altitude. This is a well-known, very popular orchid. I have 9 plants (ask me why, sometime) that flower at various times from mid-December to the end of January, and I hope my plant with 7 flower spikes is still in bloom at the next meeting.

Aerides flabellata (now renamed as *Vanda flabellata*) comes from Burma, Thailand, Laos and Yunnan Province in China and is found in shady, diffused light at the edge of sparse forests on the slopes of mountains at 600-1700m. When I learned about the “shady, diffused light”, I moved my *Aerides flabellata* plant to a shadier area, though it has not seemed to be suffering in Townsville's bright light.

Rhynchorides Thai Noi inherits the flamboyant lip shape from its parent, *Aerides flabellata*, but the lip colour from *Rhynchostylis coelestis*. I find the whole colour palette very pleasing.

I was surprised to find that, while *Rhynchostylis coelestis* needs warm to hot conditions with high light intensity, *Aerides flabellata* is described as needing cooler temperatures and diffused light, seemingly contradictory growing conditions, so what does the hybrid between the two species require? I knew nothing of the above needs when I purchased the plant in 2010, and it hangs facing the hot western sun, and it flowers without complaint, so perhaps I have been lucky. I have placed the plant in a basket with minimum media (quinkan gravel and some bark) and I know to leave the roots to grow where they will. Both parents are known to sulk if disturbed, so I leave repotting as long as possible. However, I keep an eye on the media, as stale conditions around the roots are not tolerated.

Incidentally, I have seen some people look at the label and say “Thai Number One”. Please don't.

Noel Grant, January 2016

References:

Computer program “OrchidWiz” 12.0

The Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia
<http://www.orchidspecies.com/indexa-anat.htm>

And <http://www.orchidspecies.com/indexqrsel.htm>



Vale Jean White

It was with great sadness that we have to advise our orchid members of the sad passing of Jean White on Tuesday, 1st December, who was laid to rest on Monday, 7th December with several of her fellow members in attendance at her funeral. Jean joined the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. in April 1995 and was a loyal and valued member, serving as a committee member on the Management Committee for several years, also helping out on the Show Roster when ever needed. Jean spent a great many years living on a cattle property and always had a plant or two growing around her house, but due to shortage of and the quality of water, this was difficult at the best of time. Once Jean resettled back in Townsville her passion for growing her plants became a reality for her. Her son Fred's first job was to build a shade house for her, then Jean set about filling it with orchid and all types of foliage plants, so her passion for growing these plants came true.

Jean was a regular competitor at all our Annual Orchid Shows competing and winning prizes many times. Jean was a willing worker at all our shows, you would always find her sitting on the front steps of her home

at about 6.45 in the morning, ready to be picked up and taken to the hall to help the other ladies in the kitchen buttering the bread for them to make up the sandwiches for the general public or workers on that day. Jean loved to sit down at one of the tables with a cup of tea for a chat with other members of the society or any of her friends who attended the orchid show that day. Jean will be fondly remembered and sadly missed by her 3 sons and 1 daughter along with her grand and great grandchildren and her many friends who came to know her in her life time.

May she now rest in peace

Warren Sewell

Results of last year's POPULAR vote

Congratulations to the following winners in the various sections. As we start a new year with the January meeting, I would ask all members to please consider the time it takes to put plants in to the various sections. Please arrive early with your plants.

NOVICE SECTION...

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| 1ST. R & E Dundas.... | .21 points |
| 2nd G Rutherford... | 18 points |
| 3rd A Hardy | 15 points |

OPEN SECTION

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| 1st P.Lucke | 25 points |
| 2nd P & M Cooper | 12 points |
| 3rd C Berzinski/L Mutch | 10 points |

VETERAN SECTION

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| 1 st W & J Nicholson | 110 points |
| 2nd N & M Grant | 27 points |
| 3rd G & S Kelly | 17 points |

SPECIES SECTION

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| 1st N & M Grant | 61 points |
| 2nd W & J Nicholson | 38 points |
| 3rd P & J Lucke | 10 points |

All plants must be on the tables no later than 12.45 pm. If they are not, they will not be included in the judging and competition.

The meeting is scheduled to start at 1 pm under the control of Warren Sewell. Members are starting to complain we are not starting at 1 pm as we are supposed to.

As you are wandering around looking at plants please cast your vote for the orchid you would like to take home from that meeting.

Please note there are now **only 4 sections** to consider.

ORCHID AWARD

At the last Spring Show, a very delicate pink toned Phalaenopsis was placed before the judging panel and gained a Provisional Award of Merit, the plant Phal Hsinying Maki x Phal Island Star. The plant belonged to Carl Osborne and is one of several of that crossing he has. The plant has only received a Provisional award at this stage as it did not have a registered Hybrid name. It is now up to the owner to do a number of things, as the plant has not had a registered name, Carl is now able to contact the hybridiser and ask permission to name the plant or he may be told the hybridiser will name the plant, he then has to wait and hope it is named before the statutory time runs out. In this case Carl was given permission to name the plant. He also has the right to give this plant a distinguishing feature or clonal name.

The Osborne family have friends who have had a run of bad luck with family members, all 3 children passing on through cancer, two passed away early while another, Jorja Lyn developed a tumor behind the eye and survived till she was 10 years old when she too passed away.

As Carl is very close to that family he decided to name this Phalaenopsis after the longer surviving child. The plant now has the name Phalaenopsis Memoria Jorja Lyn..... for the clonal name, he chose 'Mackhunt' a combination of Michelle and Hunter (who does most of the work when Carl is not available) so that leaves us with the following which appears on the plant label:

Phalaenopsis Memoria Jorja Lyn 'Mackhunt'
AM-AOC 2015.

As you may know, this plant went to the AOC Conference in Mackay in good condition apart from a small blemish and arrived home in the same condition. I am of the opinion had the plant not had the small blemish, it could easily have taken the best Phalaenopsis class but knowing what judges are like, I chose not to include it in the judging. I believe under the right circumstances, this plant could go on to reach the magical FCC.

Congratulations Carl (and thanks to Hunter who helps out with watering etc - they both have a plant they can be proud of).

Registrar Ted Boon

Date: Mon, 11 Jan 2016 09:29:46 +0800

**Subject: Website available for 2016 Taiwan
International Orchid Show**

From: 2016tios.b2b@gmail.com

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Official Website of 2016 Taiwan
International Orchid Show is available online
at the following site for reference:

<http://www.fst.tw/tiosen/>

New information will be posted anytime. Please
follow the website closely for updates.

However, we are sorry to inform that registration
will begin later on Jan.15. We are still working on
it and hope to optimize the website with complete
information as soon as possible. Your kind
patience is highly appreciated.

We sincerely invite you to join us in 2016 Taiwan
International Orchid Show. Hannah Chen Secretary
E-mail :2016tios.b2b@gmail.com

| Tabled plants points score - October 2015 | | | | | | |
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| Name | | Novice | Open | Veterans | Species | Aggregate |
| Allison | Allan | | 2 | | | 2 |
| Bloom | Marie | | 4 | | 3 | 7 |
| Cairns | June and Stacey | | 17 | | | 17 |
| Cooper | Peter and Mary | | 2 | | | 2 |
| Donnell | Bruce and Karen | 2 | | | | 2 |
| Dundas | Robyn and Eric | 9 | | | | 9 |
| Grant | Noel & Maureen | | | 16 | 18 | 34 |
| Hardwick | Noel | | 7 | | | 7 |
| Hardy | Ann | 11 | | | 7 | 18 |
| Kelly | Greg and Santina | | | 25 | | 25 |
| Lucke | Peter and Joanne | | 19 | | 21 | 40 |
| Marnock | Fred and Donna | | 25 | | 4 | 29 |
| Nicholson | Wal and Jean | 39 | | | 13 | 52 |
| Phillips | Tina | | | | 2 | 2 |
| Rutherford | Gillian | 8 | | | 4 | 12 |
| Ruxton | Terry and Sarah | 4 | | | | 4 |
| Sewell | Warren and Clara | | | 24 | 2 | 26 |
| Sibthorpe | John and Wendy | | 3 | | 1 | 4 |



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