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May 2016 Bulletin
Happy Birthdays

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Judges for May

VETERAN..... A HUGHES..... W SEWELL... M BLOOM
OPEN/NOVICE/SPECIES... O KROGH.... E BOON.... P LUCKE



Novice, April Meeting: Onc. Ruth's Rainbow, T & S Ruxton



Champion Novice, Autumn Show: Dendrobium, R. Whiting

GENERAL MEETING HELD SUNDAY 17 APRIL 2016

Meeting Opened: T Boon opened the meeting at 1.07pm.

Trial: This is a trial format for the Novice Meeting, the meeting will take approximately 10-15 minutes.

Minutes Of Previous Meeting: Moved Ann Hardy, Seconded F Parker; Carried.

Treasurer's Report: T Ruxton read out the Treasurer's report.

General Business:

Name Tags: Names were being taken for Name Tags.

Related Birthdays for D McDonald; turns 93 on 19 April; R Whiting; 7 April and T Verran on 31 April.

Treasurer: K Chambers will not be returning as Treasurer; T Ruxton will now become the Treasurer and M Bloom the Assistant Treasurer.

Field Day at Charters Towers: Will take place in October this year.

Show: Setup for the Show will commence at 11.0am on Thursday 21st April; R Rasmussen has the new plan, to be used. G Christopher will bring along plants for the potting demonstration for the Show. T Boon will give demonstrations using a tarp on the floor so that it's easily cleaned up. Members are encouraged to bring along plants to be re-potted together with rocks/pots.

Monthly Bulletins: Will be left for the members to read.

Registrar's Choice:

Hybrid - B/c Glenn Maidment 80 points B Figuera; **Novice** - Onc. Ruth's Rainbow 78 points T & S Ruxton;

Species - Paph charlesworthii 77 points P & J Lucke; **Specimen** - Dendrobium unknown R Dundas.

P Lucke: gave a talk on what is happening this month.

T Boon: gave a talk on the plants at the meeting, the meeting was handed over to W Sewell for the Novice Meeting

Presidents Notes,

Only two topics I can write about, our recent Autumn Show, congratulations members you did it again, another successful displaying of our mutual interest, considering the lousy weather we have had the past few months, there was a thought we may fall short of a good display.

As Show Chairman I was having doubts, should have known better, Autumn is the time for Dendrobiums from our "Cookie" to the numerous *canaliculatum* hybrids, special thanks must go to Ray Nichols who lives and breathes these delightful hybrids and, but for his contribution to the display, we would have had problems.

Special thanks must go to the ladies in the kitchen who supplied everyone with the required teas and lunches. Thank you ladies much appreciated. To all other who assisted, door/raffles my sincere thanks

Plant sales I thought were not as brilliant as last show (spring,) there didn't appear to be the same size crowd waiting. we will know the results at the Committee meeting and can then see just what happened.

To the usual numbers of sellers I thank you and trust you did well for your efforts.

The other thing I want to comment on is the re potting and demolition of plants demonstration, many years ago a half hearted attempt was made but it fizzled. The thought this time was we could do 2 sessions about an hour each, well..... it didn't work out that way (see Photos) from the time we started at 11am we had crowds watching and asking questions. Once the hr was up and people began to move, I decided to carry on cutting up and re potting. I had nothing better to do, this resulted in people watching and asking question for the full day both days... a very successful venture one which we should continue. It would be remiss of me not to thank my cohorts in this venture, Charlie Truscott, Stephen Fay (held them in the palm of his hands, more phalaenopsis will be grown now) and Noel Grant. Fellas thank you very much

To Grant and Alis, thank you for allowing us to use your plants in an attempt to help you with your re potting, I hope the plants have settled and are showing signs of regeneration.

Not long after our show, the Ingham crew held their annual field day; this is the field day of all field days and a must on any & everyone's list of things to do (much like a bucket list). After an early morning tea everyone bar one (me) boarded the buses for trips around Ingham, back for lunch, out again for more tours and finally back to the hall for more food and the drawing of their multi raffles.

Those members who attended will attest to an excellent day with many winners and new plants finding homes. Congrats Ingham and many thanks.

By the time this month's Bulletin is printed and out in your hands, the Bowen Field day will be over, I trust all who attended had a great day and came home with, many more plants...

Ted

Novice New Growers Report:- The monthly meeting of the new growers group was held on the third Sunday this month instead of the fourth Sunday, due to the fact our Autumn Show was scheduled for that weekend instead. There were 54 members and 1 visitor at the meeting to hear Steve tell us all his secrets about how he grows and cares for his favourite orchid plant, the Phalaenopsis Orchid. Steve brought along a tray of phalaenopsis plants to show the members his way of repotting the plants, always making sure to remove dead and unwanted roots or any other substances that could harbour any bacteria or fungus material around the base of the plants. Many questions were asked by the group of members who gathered around and as always Steve was only too willing to answer any queries that they may have had for him. Thank you Steve for your help and support on this occasion and for all the other times that you so willingly offer your knowledge and expert advice to all the members of the society.

The bus trip to Ingham for their Field Day was a huge success and a most enjoyable day was had by all. The luggage compartment under the bus was full to over flowing with orchid and foliage plants and we have to give due credit to our bus driver Ron for his skill in arranging all the boxes of plants even finding enough room to fit a wheelie machine amongst the plants to return home. With regards to the Raffle Table, any plant or plants that you wish to put on the table must be free of pests, disease or anything else that the plant may be subject too.

At the last meeting a foliage plant that was on the raffle table had quite a lot of aphids on it and the member who happen to win it was so disgusted that it got thrown in the rubbish bin on arriving home that afternoon. Please do the right thing by your fellow members as this is not good for our society's name, so clean up your plants and remember when you are providing an item for the raffle table at meetings or field days, please think of it as something that you would like to win yourself, if not leave it at home. Also give some thought about all the time and effort that some of our members put into showing you how to grow and care for your plants better which does include pests and diseases.

Our thoughts and best wishes go out to all our members who are having health problems at this time especially Ray who had a nasty fall a few days ago requiring a trip to hospital and several stitches to his forehead and Wally and Keith are still defying the odds, may **there** be better days ahead for both of them.

Congratulations to all our members who helped and supported us in the running of the Autumn Show a couple of weeks back and we were extremely disappointed with some of our members who **couldn't** be bothered to help out the society in any way at all. Thank you all for supporting the Raffle Ticket sales and for your generous donations of prizes and also for the delicious afternoon tea that was presented, as always it was most enjoyable.

Warren Sewell



Potting Demonstration by Steve and Ted at the Autumn Show

In Noel's Bush House 45

Barkeria dorotheae Halb. 1976

I have owned this orchid since the year 2000 (Thanks, Alf!), but it was only as I was researching it that I discovered I have been spelling its name incorrectly all this time– I have left off the last letter of “dorotheae”! Happily, my error has been corrected.

Barkeria dorotheae is a relatively small sympodial epiphyte or lithophyte with a narrow 20cm pseudobulb and thin, deciduous leaves. The inflorescence (from the top of the pseudobulb) can be up to 90cm long with many flowers at the end. The spent flower stalk should not be removed, as lateral flower spikes often form later and extend the flowering season.

It is found only near the village of Cihuatlan on the south west coast near Manzanillo in Mexico and was discovered by Dorothy O'Flaherty, an American resident of Manzanillo, who found the species at an archaeological excursion site in 1975. She sent the species to Federico Halbinger (a *Barkeria* specialist) for identification. Plants of this species grow in very dry conditions in both light shade and full sun on cacti, scrub and rocks. They have been found only in one area about the size of a tennis court, although exactly similar conditions exist for many kilometres around this site. Rainfall is moderate for 4 to 5 months during summer and early autumn, but there is a 7 to 8 month dry season, when the only moisture for the plants comes from heavy dew. Cultivated plants should be given a dry rest during Townsville's winter (with occasional misting so they do not totally dry out), with normal watering recommencing in spring when new growth is seen. Your usual fertilizing regime should restart at that time.

Barkeria species do not grow well in pots, so they should be mounted, or placed in baskets with a rapidly draining very coarse medium, such as tree fern, cork chunks or river rocks. They hate being disturbed, so they should not be repotted. If you feel that you have concerns about stale medium, it should be carefully removed before being replaced. I was told by Alf to put my plant in a basket, and then leave it alone, which is what I have done for the last 16 years. I have never repotted it, and I see it currently has 9 (mostly small) flower spikes.

The *Barkeria* species are not often grown, as they are difficult to find, but I recommend them to all. I find the cluster of shy-looking flowers at the end of the tall, nodding flower spike to be very charming.

Noel Grant, May 2016

References:

Computer program “OrchidWiz” 12.2

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

“Orchids Wiki” [Http://orchids.wikia.com/wiki/Barkeria_dorotheae](http://orchids.wikia.com/wiki/Barkeria_dorotheae)



Barkeria dorotheae Halb. 1976

JUDGED ORCHIDS For the monthly meeting held April 2016

VETERANS SECTION

Section: Veteran PAPHIOPEDILUM (ST SWITHIN TYPE)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Paph Shireen	W & J Nicholson
2 nd	Paph Clifton Booth	W & J Nicholson
3 rd	Paph Kokomo	W & J Nicholson
Section: Veteran PAPHIOPEDILUM (ANY OTHER PRIMARY HYBRID)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Paph Oklahoma	F & D Marnock
2 nd	Paph Dellaina	W & J Nicholson
Section: Veteran VANDACEOUS (MISCELLANEOUS)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Vandachostylis Precious (Rhy coelestis x V [Ascda] Yip Sum Wah)	N & M Grant
2 nd	Van [Rhv] Thai Noi	N & M Grant
3 rd	C Crown Fox x V Rasri Gold	W & J Nicholson
Section: : Veteran VANDACEOUS (NON EXHIBITION MISCELLANEOUS)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Pda Ambrosian Twinkle (Pda [V] J V B X V [Asctm] miniata)	N & M Grant
2 nd	Pda Ambrosian Twinkle (Pda [V] J V B X V [Asctm] miniata)	N & M Grant
Section: : Veteran VANDACEOUS (ANY OTHER HYBRID)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	V [Ascda] Kultana x V Adisak	N & M Grant
Section: Veteran CATTLEYA EXHIBITION (115 AND ABOVE)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Rlc Erin Kobayashi	P & J Lucke
2 nd	Rlc Glen Maidment	B Fighera
3 rd	Rlc Chia Lin	P & J Lucke
Section: Veteran CATTLEYA EXHIBITION SMALL (70 MM TO 114 CM)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	C [Sc] Dal's Tradition	B Fighera
2 nd	Rlc Island Girl	B Fighera
3 rd	Rth [Pot] Dal's Success	B Fighera
Section: Veteran CATTLEYA (ANY OTHER HYBRID)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Brassavola Little Stars	F & D Marnock
2 nd	Ctna Capri x C [Lc] Orchid Affair	B Fighera
Section: Veteran DENDROBIUM Phalananthe)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den. Emma Happy	P & J Lucke
2 nd	Den. Unknown	P & J Lucke
3 rd	Den. Kiku Orange (no information)	W & J Nicholson
Section: Veteran DENDROBIUM (SPATHULATA TO 64 MM)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den Garnet Jewell	B Fighera
2 nd	Den Singapore White	F & D Marnock
3 rd	Den Blue Foxtail	W & J Nicholson
Section: Veteran DENDROBIUM (INTERMEDIATE)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den. Coyote	B Fighera
Section: Veteran ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE TOLUMNIA AND ALLIANCE		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Tolu Fay Tesch (Tolu Robsan x Tolu Ky-elle's Dream) Not Kylies Dream) X Willowbank Dragon (Robsan x Mary Alice Smith (not Mary Alice)	W & J Nicholson
Section: Veteran PHALAENOPSIS MISCELLANEOUS		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Phal pulcherrima	F & D Marnock
2 nd	Phal Mount Lip	P & J Lucke
Section: Veteran ANY OTHER GENERA BULBOPHYLLUM		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Bulbo Daisy Chain	P & J Lucke
Section: Veteran ANY OTHER HYBRID		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Ctsm Cape of Island	T & D Hobden
2 nd	Ctsm fimbriatum var morrenianum	T & D Hobden
3 rd	Ctsm tenebrossum x Tomiko	T & D Hobden

New Names.....

Vandachostylis Precious (Rhy coelestis x V [Ascda] Yip Sum Wah

Pda Ambrosian Twinkle (Pda [V] J V B X V [Asctm] miniata)

Tolu Fay Tesch (Tolu Robsan x Tolu Ky-elle's Dream) (Not Kylies Dream) X Willowbank Dragon
(Robsan x Mary Alice Smith (not Mary Alice)

OPEN SECTION

Section: Open VANDACEOUS		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	V Thananchai x V [Acda] Kultana Flame	N Palin
Section: Open CATTLEYA (ANY OTHER HYBRID)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Lnt (Laelianthe) [Lc] Wrigleyi	R & E Dundas
2 nd	Rlc Hawaiian Wedding Song	R & E Dundas
3 rd	C Gertrude Hauserman	R & E Dundas
Section: Open DENDROBIUM (SPATHULATA)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den Fraser's Elite Dragon	M Sanim
Section: Open DENDROBIUM (INTERMEDIATE)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den Pinwattana	R & E Dundas
2 nd	Den unknown	R & E Dundas
3 rd	Den unknown	R & E Dundas

SPECIES SECTION

Section: Species CATTLEYA 1		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Gur bowringiana	N & M Grant
2 nd	Gur bowringiana	N & M Grant
3 rd	Gur bowringiana	N & M Grant
Section: Species CATTLEYA 2		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	C luteola	N & M Grant
2 nd	C walkeriana alba	N & M Grant
3 rd	C jenmanii	N & M Grant
Section: Species EPIDENDRUM		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Dim [Epidendrum] Stenopetala	M Bloom
Section: Species DENDROBIUM		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den sutiknoi	M Sanim
Section: Species PHALAENOPSIS		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Phal cornu-cervi	F & D Marnock
2 nd	Phal pulcherrima	M Bloom
3 rd	Phal cornu-cervi	M Bloom
Section: Species BULBOPHYLLUM		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Bulb fascinator	M Bloom
2 nd	Bulb burfordience	M Bloom
3 rd	Bulb baileyi	W & J Nicholson
Section: Species MISCELLANEOUS		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	V falcata (Neofinetia falcata)	N & M Grant
2 nd	Ang leonis	W & J Nicholson
3 rd	Paph charlesworthii	P & J Lucke
Section: Australian native Species DENDROBIUM		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den bigibbum	P & J Lucke
2 nd	Den bigibbum var superbum	N & M Grant
3 rd	Den bigibbum var superbum	N & M Grant
Section: Australian native Species NATIVE HYBRID		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den superbiens	T & S Ruxton

NOVICE SECTION

Section: Novice CATTLEYA		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Rlc Haadyai Delight	A Hardy
2 nd	C Nora's Melody	A Hardy
3 rd	Grt Why Not	K Turner
Section: Novice DENDROBIUM		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den unknown	A Hardy
2 nd	Den Queen Emma	A Hardy
3 rd	Den Srisomboon	L Joynson
Section: Novice ONCIDIUM		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Onc Ruth's Rainbow	T & S Ruxton
2 nd	Brat [Mtsa] Shelob	T & S Ruxton

Tabled plants points score - April 2016

Name		Novice	Open	Veterans	Species	Aggregate
Allison	Allan		2			2
Bloom	Marie			11	27	38
Cairns	June and Stacey		44			44
Chambers	Keith and Lyn		2			2
Cooper	Peter and Mary		11		3	14
Donnell	Bruce and Karen	2				2
Dundas	Robyn and Eric		38			38
Fighera	Bruno			53	3	56
Grant	Noel and Maureen			114	109	223
Hardwick	Noel		7			7
Hardy	Ann	43			7	50
Hobden	Tom and Delia			9		9
Joynson	Lucy	2				2
Kelly	Greg and Santina			86	4	90
Lucke	Peter and Joanne			72	33	105
Marnock	Fred and Donna			41	8	49
Mutch	Col Berzinski and Lyn		45			45
Nicholson	Wal and Jean			126	43	169
Nuss	John				14	14
Phillips	Tina				2	2
Rutherford	Gillian	8			4	12
Ruxton	Terry and Sarah	19			6	25
Sanim	Mark		9		4	13
Sewell	Warren and Clara			30	2	32
Sibthorpe	John and Wendy		6		1	7
Turner	Mark Step and Kerry-Ann	19				19
Whiting	Ruth	1				1



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POPULAR VOTE**APRIL 2016****NOVICE**

1 st	Den Pink Eyes	R Whiting
2 nd	Grt [Ctna] Why Not	K Turner
3 rd	Onc [Mtssa] Shelob	T & S Ruxton

OPEN

1 st	Den Salaya Strike	R & E Dundas
2 nd	V Thananchai x v Kultana Flame	N Palin
3 rd	Den unknown	R & E Dundas

VETERANS

1 ST	C Dorothy Gorton	B Fighera
2 nd	Rlc Chia Lin	P & J Lucke
3 RD	Ctsm tenebrosum x Tomiko	T & D Hobden

FIRST FLOWERING

1 ST	Rlc Haad Yai Delight	A Hardy
2 nd	Rlc Deception Garnet (Rlc [Pot] (Miya's Passion x Rlc Burdekin Storm)	B Fighera
3 rd	C Gertrude Hausermannn	R & E Dundas

