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Bruce Donnell 28 AUGUST

<u>September</u>	
Lucy Joynson	1
Gillian Rutherford	4
Peter Valmadre	9
Marie Bloom	10
Jean Nicholson	11
Stephen Fay	12

Happy Birthday!

<u>September</u>	
Joanne Lucke	15
Linda Feldt	16
Ray Robinson	17
Ted Boon	20
William Baillie	23
Valerie Withers	29
Graham Worth	30

Judges for August

<u>VETERAN....</u>	D BENSON.....	W. SEWELL	P. LUCKE
<u>OPEN/NOVICE/SPECIES....</u>	O KROGH.....	A HUGHES....	M BLOOM

REGISTRARS CHOICE



NOVICE Rhy gigantea Specimen
79 points K Turner



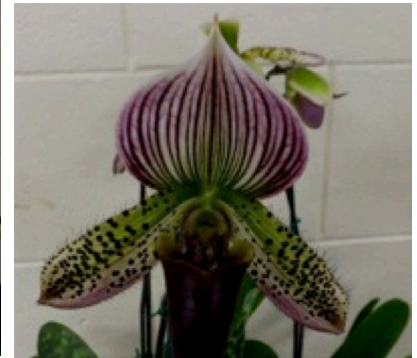
SPECIMEN Dendrochilum wenzellii
W & J Nicholson



SPECIES: Trias picta
80 points W & J Nicholson



SPECIES
Den tetragonium
79pts B Figuera



HYBRID Paph (Jaxx x Red
Glory) x Mem Allan Newborn
80 points W & J Nicholson

GENERAL MEETING HELD 24.07.16

Meeting Opened: 12.25pm by E Boon at Christmas In July Luncheon when he called tables for the lunch.

Minutes: from Previous Meeting confirmed by J Luecke. Seconded by R Rasmussen. Carried.

Business Arising From Minutes: Nil.

Correspondence: Orchid Tours available to Asia; TCC Riverway Celebrations -13-14.08.16 request for Orchid Display requires helpers; Bunnings Fairfield Waters 11 August to be organised by W Sewell; Bowen Garden Club Field Day – no interest shown; Art Society will display at 2017 T.Q.O.C. Inc. Conference as well as a demonstration of painting orchids; other nursery sales at shows investigated – P Valmadre to endeavour to acquire larger variety of plants – explanation re his stock.

Registrar's Choice: **Hybrid:** Paphiopedilum (Jazz x Red Glory) x Mem. Allan Newborn gained 80 Points for W&J Nicholson. **Species: (TIE);** *Trias picta* gained 79 Points for M Bloom; *Den. tetragonum* gained 79 Points for B Figuera.

Novice: *Rhy. gigantea* gained 79 Points for K Turner; **Best Specimen:** won by *Dendrochilum wenzelii* owned by W&J Nicholson. Congratulations to all winners.

General Business: Show Roster circulated.

Motion; passed at Committee Meeting to endorse Prize Money for 2017 Conference & Show, following decision to formalise Prize Money.

Members are to be asked to think about a name for the Conference & Show.

John Batey has been invited to be Show Marshall with him and Jeff Knowles in charge of the computer. Several other invitations have been also been sent to lecturers, sellers, people willing to display and others to attend.

Committee Members will meet at the Townsville Stadium on Friday 29 July at 9am to inspect the premises.

Meeting Closed: 1.15pm.

Lucky Door and Raffle Prizes drawn a little later on, following Christmas In July Luncheon

Winter show....15th to 17th July... Members asked to start preparing their plants for this show.

Place unruly plants into more stable pots, clean plants and pots please. The repotting demonstrations would again take place... Sale tables would be required for G. Kelly and K Otto.

Show roster was again passed around for names of members willing to help with show duties

TQOC Conference 2017 As this is the premium event on the TOS Calendar, no Winter Show will be held next year.

Members were advised this will be the 52nd TQOC Inc. Conference and Show held since TQOC Inc. was formed and may be the last to be held each year, future Conferences may go to every two years apart.

Presidents' Ramblings....

I have a friend coming over from New Zealand for the Spring Show. I met Bev and her husband during the 8th. AOC Inc. Conference which TOS sponsored. Sadly, Lindsay passed on and as a last hurrah Bev decided on one last boat trip and arrived in Townsville on the first boat into the new terminal. So now she is doing a trip to WA and then spending a week here during the Spring Show... it is a good chance to do some cleaning out and lots of things have been turfed, (no Bev won't be staying with me) I suddenly remembered I hadn't done this column, so the front room will have to stay the way it is till I get this done. What a miserable load of weather we had, I love the cold but that was too cold for my liking. It was miserable on the Thursday night while the judging was taking place and after we had tidied up, Warren made a comment about a battery charger I had on for my camera... went home, forgot the charger, so back I went and water everywhere around the hall, very miserable and wet.

My congratulations and thanks to all those members who were able to display plants for the show, numbers were a little down but still a nice show. Overall takings were down slightly compared to the Autumn show. My thanks and the committee's, to Joan, Clara, Claire, Tina and the band of ladies who work the kitchen area, and supply teas and lunches to visitors and members. Your valued assistance is greatly appreciated. (You can have a break next June as we'll have Josef doing the work)

Speaking about next year, several members of the committee who were available, did a tour of the venue for the TQOC Conference and Show a week or so ago. A number of suggested areas for various functions were changed around and should work a lot better, it was also decided to hold a separate meeting night to discuss this event and not at the committee meeting as previous.

Last committee meeting went a bit too long and we set up the tables for our July lunch meeting after that meeting and came back Saturday to finish off the decorations etc. Thanks to those who helped out.

I hope those members who did attend the lunch meeting enjoyed themselves, commiserations to those members who were unable to attend at the last moment, we did miss you and hope you will be able to attend our November End of Year breakup.

To those members who supplied raffle prizes - sincere thanks. I have already started collecting for the Christmas do, remember bring something you would be happy to take home and leave useless items at home or if you have too many bin them as I do. Prizes can be anything – produce, knickknacks, home cooking, fruit and so on.

I've waffled on enough, thanks to all members for your attendances at meetings, it is appreciated and we do try and give you something to learn each meeting... don't know what Warren has in store for this meeting, should be interesting.

Ted

FIELD DAY 9TH. OCTOBER.....

This event is only a few months away, that time won't take long to go and it will suddenly be on us. We will be looking for bush houses to visit. If you decide to open your bush house so visitors can see how you grow your plants, now is the time to start and get your b/house into shape, clear leaves and rubbish away and generally tidy things up. If you would like to open your place, please advise and we will list your name. Depending on the situation I am considering opening my place for the 1st time in 30 odd years... anyone else like to join me? Let us know.

Novice/New Grower Growers Report:- Due to the fact that the Christmas in July dinner was held in conjunction with our monthly General Meeting and the Novice Growers meeting, there is little to report on the activities this month. Since the changeover of the General Meeting to start before the Novice meeting a few members are not interested in signing their names in the novice grower's attendance book, therefore we consider it a waste of our time trying to remember their names to record them as such for the end of the year's Christmas Luncheon eligibility.

A great many thanks to all our members who helped out at the recent Winter Show, to Sharon and her mate for the delicious pumpkin scones, jam and cream supplied, also to all the ladies who donated the cakes and biscuits were greatly appreciated. Again, we would like to encourage our newer members to bring along their problem plants to the Sunday meeting for now is the time to start and look at dividing and repotting our orchids. *It's springtime.*

Our luncheon meal was very enjoyable and so was the generous donations of prizes and your support for the Multi Raffle table was fantastic. The quiz programme was a little testing for a few members but we won't disclose to anybody how some answers were obtained by their sources. It was great fun with lots of laughter and a great afternoon was had by all who came.

Warren

In Noel's Bush House 48

Guarianthe skinneri (Bateman) Dressler & Higgins (2003) (formerly *Cattleya skinneri*)

I have owned this orchid for a long time – it was one of the first I bought as a novice grower, because it was recommended as easy to grow and “you won't kill it with an axe”. It has proven to be a hardy grower and faithfully provides a lovely show every year in spring (though this year the flowering seems a little precocious). Each of the flower spikes supports up to a dozen blooms and a well-grown plant will have several spikes, as it readily produces new growths.

It was described in 1839 by Bateman, who named it after George Ure Skinner, a 19th Century British trader and plant collector who operated in Guatemala. It is found in Southern Mexico and the Central American countries of Belize, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica in wet mountain forests from near sea level to about 1200m. It is the National Flower of Costa Rica, where it is known as “Gauria Morada” (now the origin of the genus name becomes clear).

The genus *Guarianthe* was segregated from *Cattleya* in 2003 and contains four former *Cattleya* species- *C. aurantiaca*, *C. bowringiana*, *C. patinii* and *C. skinneri*, - and a natural hybrid, *C. guatemalensis* (*C. skinneri* x *C. aurantiaca*).

While I said it is easy to grow, *Gua. skinneri* does require a dry rest over winter before flowering. In nature, it grows on deciduous trees, so bright light during winter will boost flower colour and quantity. The flower sheaths are produced on the pseudobulbs during the previous growing season and sit for several months before the flowers emerge. By this time, the sheaths may be brown, but this is not a sign that they are dead. Do not be curious and split the sheath to see if there is anything developing, as this action will spell doom for the flowers.

I wholeheartedly recommend *Guarianthe skinneri* to all orchid growers – it is not just for novices. A well-grown plant always creates great interest at our meetings and will gladden your heart when in flower.

Noel Grant, August 2016

References:

Computer program “OrchidWiz” 12.3

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

Guarianthe skinneri



Day Dawn
NURSERY

ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY*

Quincan 10-20mm in 20kg bags.

Also Available Orchid Mix.

queries please phone Noeleen at Day Dawn
Nursery on 07 4778 2272.

Tabled plants points score - July 2016						
Name		Novice	Open	Veterans	Species	Aggregate
Allison	Allan		2			2
Bloom	Marie			13	58	71
Cairns	June and Stacey		84			84
Chambers	Keith and Lyn		2			2
Cooper	Peter and Mary		21		6	27
Donnell	Bruce and Karen	8				8
Dundas	Robyn and Eric		80			80
Fighera	Bruno			89	10	99
Grant	Noel and Maureen			165	144	309
Hardwick	Noel		10			10
Hardy	Ann	54			7	61
Hobden	Tom and Delia			13		13
Joynson	Lucy	5				7
Kelly	Greg and Santina			122	7	129
Knowles	Jeff and Alison	0	0	10	14	24
Lucke	Peter and Joanne			97	48	145
Marnock	Fred and Donna	0	0	79	15	94
Mutch	Col Berzinski and Lyn		90			95
Nicholson	Wal and Jean	0	0	186	75	261
Nuss	John				14	14
Osborne	Carl and Michelle	0	7	0	4	11
Palin	Norma		5			5
Phillips	Tina	0	0	0	2	2
Rasmussen	Robert		1			1
Rutherford	Gillian	8			4	12
Ruxton	Terry and Sarah	27			6	33
Sanim	Mark		16		4	20
Sewell	Warren and Clara			56	13	69
Sibthorpe	John and Wendy		12		1	13
Skinner	Aidan	4				4
Turner	Mark Step and Kerry-Ann	36	0	0	0	36
Whiting	Ruth	15				15

Month: July 2016

VETERAN SECTION

PLANT NAME

OWNER

PAPHIOPEDILUM /PHRAGMIPEDIUM

- 1st Paph Pinemak
- 2nd Paph (Jazz x Red Glory) x Paph Mem Allan Newborn
- 3rd Paph glaucophyllum x Phal?

W & J Nicholson
W & J Nicholson

CATTLEYA

- 1st Rlc [Blc] Burdekin Dawn
- 2nd Rlc [Blc] Good News
- 3rd Rlc Dick Smith

B Fighera
B Fighera
P & J Lucke

CATTLEYA (MINIATURE)

1 ST	Ctna Quantum Spirit	W & C Sewell
2 nd	Ctt [Slc] Tutankhamen	B Figuera
3 rd	Lcn Blood Diamond	P & J Lucke

CATTLEYA (Miscellaneous)

1 st	Mcv Francis Fox	F & D Marnock
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DENDROBIUM

1 st	Den Thongchai	F & D Marnock
2 nd	Den Magenta's Blood Shot (Den Kuranda Twist x Dark Dame x Den canaliculatum)	B Figuera
3 rd	Den Brown Sugar (Den cochlioides x Den gouldii) x Den discolor	W & J Nicholson

VANDACEOUS (Miscellaneous)

1 st	Rhrds Chloratanakul	P & J Lucke
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ONCIDIUM

1 ST	Onc Space Race (Onc [Mtdm] Pupukea Sunset x Onc [Colm] Sphacetante	W & J Nicholson
2 nd	Onc Sphacetante x Onc ornithorynchum	W & J Nicholson
3 rd	Brat Olmec	W & J Nicholson

ONCIDIUM (Tolumnia)

1 st	Tolu Mem Ralph Yagi	W & J Nicholson
2 nd	Tolu Mem Ralph Yagi	W & J Nicholson
3 rd	Tolu Capalaba Queen	W & J Nicholson

PHALAENOPSIS

1 st	Phal (Dtps) Ox X Ray	B Figuera
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NEW NAMES....

Den Magenta's Blood Shot (Den Kuranda Twist x Den Dark Dame)

Den Brown Sugar (Den cochlioides x gouldii

Onc Space Race Onc (Mtdm) Pupuklea sunset x Onc (Colm) Sphacetante

OPEN SECTION

CATTLEYA

1 st	Rlc (Blc) Chyong Guu Chaffinch	C Berzinski/L Mutch
2 ND	Ctt Secret Love	C Berzinski/L Mutch
3 rd	Rlc [Blc] Beverly Blietz x Rlc [Blc] Waikiki Sunset	C Berzinski/ L

Mutch

VANDA

1 st	V Brighton Ruby Jewel	Cairns Family
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PHALAENOPSIS

1 ST	Phal Unknown	R & E Dundas
2 nd	Phal Unknown	R & E Dundas
3 rd	Phal [Dtps] Lightning Mutation	Cairns Family

NOVICE SECTION

CATTLEYA

1 st	<u>Rlc Darcy-Rose Campbell</u> (Rlc[Blc]Chyong Guu Chaffinch x Rlc[Blc] Goldenzelle)	K Turner
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DENDROBIUM

1 ST	Dendrobium unknown	K Turner
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VANDACEOUS

1 ST	Rhy gigantea	K Turner
2 nd	<u>Van Asdornithee</u> <u>Not Asdornatura</u>	K Turner

NEW NAMES....

**Rlc Darcy-Rose Campbell (Rlc Chyong Guu chaffinch
Van Asdornithee.... NOT Asdornartura**

SPECIES

CATTLEYA Alliance

1st Epi nocturnum

W & J Nicholson

2nd C maxima

B Figuera

BULBOPHYLLUM

1st Bulb corolliferum

W & J Nicholson

2nd Bulb apodum

W & J Nicholson

VANDACEOUS

1ST Rhy gigantean

W & C Sewell

2ND Aer jarkianum

M Bloom

PAPHIOPEDILUM

1ST Paph primulinum

W & J Nicholson

PHALAENOPSIS

1ST Phal amabilis

P & J Lucke

DENDROCHILUM

1ST ^{DEND}wenzellii

W & J Nicholson

2ND Dend wenzellii

P & J Lucke

MISCELLANEOUS

1ST Den lamellata

M Bloom

2ND Trias picta

M Bloom

ANY OTHER GENERA

1ST Gongora grossa

M Bloom

AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES

Den tetragonium

B Figuera

NOVICE

1ST Rhy gigantea

K Turner

2nd Den unknown

K Turner

3rd Van Asdornithee

K Turner

OPEN

1st Thongchai

F & D Marnock

SPECIES

Phal Chain Xen Piano

R & E Dundas;

2nd V Bristol Ruby

Cairns Family

3rd Den Josephine

C Berzinski/ L Mutch

VETERANS

1ST Lc Irene Song

B Figuera

2nd Onc Catatante

E Boon

3rd Den

1st Phal amabilis

P & J Lucke

2nd Gongora grossa

M Bloom

3rd C maxima

B Figuera

FIRST FLOWERJNG

1ST Rlc Beverly Blietz x Rlc Waikiki Sunset

C Berzinski/L Mutch

2nd Den Magenta's Blood Shot x Den canaliculatum

B Figuera

3rd C Good News

B Figuera

Through the eyes of a beginner:

As orchid growers, we expect the best, from the start of our new found interest. But we first have to ascertain 'What Kind of Orchid I have got'.

Many new/young/ first timers go out buy up heaps and go home, water them madly, buy up big on fertilisers, literally by the shelf full, then sit back and wait for the 'didn't happen'.

Firstly find out what kind of an orchid have I got. What family does it belong too; there may be others in the family. This is very important.

It is easy to go to a meeting, listen to all the good advice and want to join in and do just that, without any knowledge of what you are doing to your orchid.

Is it a Cattleya?

Is it a Den, Dendrobium?

Is it a Vanda?

What family (genera) does your Orchid belong to? What is its genus?

The usual reply is 'I dint know', it is just an Orchid.

The needs of the above 3 Orchids have different needs of light, water, fertiliser, potting mix (Medium), air, and what you have to offer them in your backyard/ orchid house; in the form of 'atmospheric' conditions.

Start with sorting your Orchids into their individual families (genera) and address their specific needs.

Another important step to take is the knowledge of Orchid Jargon; you will understand what the 'Big Guys' are talking about if you get on board with Terminology.

Don't take on more than what 'Your Orchids' mean and need. We can sometimes get smothered with 'all that stuff' that they talk about and we walk away with utter confusion. Understand your own orchid needs first and then expand.

These are the most important steps to take; ask questions!!

All of the 'bigger' growers were once 'new' growers.

They have done some hard yards to get to where they are today; they now give basic knowledge freely to you at Meetings. Should you have the fear of speaking, write down your questions and let someone else do the speaking, take your notebooks.

That is what the Meetings are for..



ATTENTION MEMBERS...

To assist with the TQOC funds, the committee decided at a special conference planning meeting to run a sales table, SEPARATE from the Raffle tables

Anyone who is good at cooking, sewing, making nick knacks etc are asked to assist by donating such good for sale to club members, this will also occur at the next Spring Show - items can then be sold to the public. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated

If you can assist in any way please see Jean.

Thanks..... Ted

ITEMS THAT ARE 'NO-NO'S TO JUDGES AT SHOWS

1. Unclean plants with dead or badly marked foliage and unsightly bract
2. Evidence of previous flowerings
3. Weeds in the pot
4. Dirty pots and overgrown plants
5. Unsightly or illegal staking
6. Poor presentation of flowers; flowers not separated, flowers facing downwards and/or not straight. Over manipulation of flowers
7. Packing material left in place
8. Plants exhibited in incorrect classes (Size, Colour and genera)

Most of the foregoing are readily remedied by growers before bringing plants to a show. Any evidence of pests should be eradicated. Dead or badly marked foliage should be trimmed or removed as should evidence of past flowerings. All weeds must be removed. Wiping over foliage with a cloth dampened with diluted milk will give a shiny finish which doesn't look unnatural. Separating flowers must be commenced well before buds open. Dressing of flowers must not be overdone. Remember generally flowers should be slightly concave not flat as a board. Astute judges will detect signs of pressing and other flattening techniques. Staking is always a contentious issue. However, correctly used it can be applied to prevent foliage from impeding the floral presentation as well as a tool for rotating flowers or presenting them in the optimum position. Stakes protruding above the plant must be avoided as should staking on the ovary or pedicle of flowers. Any packing material used either for dressing or transport must be removed before benching plants.

Determining the correct class is not difficult. All growers should be capable of using a ruler, counting flowers on an inflorescence in the case of clusters or deciding on flower colour. Some decisions can be more difficult e.g. monopodial and sympodial. Monopodial is where a plant grows from a single growth e.g. vandas, while sympodial refers to plants that have rhizomes from where new growths appear e.g. Cattleyas, dendrobiums. Another area where errors occur is whether a plant is a species or hybrid or is a true Australian native or is there New Guinea species in their breeding. The most important thing is to check before benching. We have knowledgeable people around and Orchidwiz is also available. Finally, a little care and attention will avoid the majority of those things that judges dislike!