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*Plant of the Night for January*



*Paphiopedilum phillippinense* x Toni Semple

## Editorial

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### Next Meeting:

18<sup>th</sup> February at 7:45pm

Speaker TBC

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### Submissions:

At meetings or via email to the Editor before the first Monday of the month

Last month was my annual Photo Phest, which is a photographic look back at the previous WSOS year. I included photos of the monthly Plant of the Night, some from the Christmas Party, and anything else I thought might be interesting. I hope you enjoyed the show.

Coming up this month we are planning to have a speaker. At time of writing this is still being negotiated so I can't confirm what's happening.

Welcome to new member Louisa, who joined with us at the January meeting. I hope you enjoy your time with the WSOS crew and may your orchid collection grow and flower with abandon.

Thanks to those members who stepped up and agreed to help out with hosting a supper this year. Your assistance is very much appreciated. There are still several months free, so please consider helping out.

Cheers, Sam

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## Minutes of WSOS monthly meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019

**MEETING OPENED:** 7:50pm

**APOLOGIES:** Peter McBryde, Rosie Blackhall

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** No minutes due to Christmas Party

**FINANCE REPORT:** No accounts as Treasurer not present

### General Business:

- A HUGE thank you to Peter McBryde who has stepped up to take on the role of Treasurer. This will leave him less time for organising supper, so your assistance with this would be appreciated.
- OSNSW is starting a judging/appreciation course in March 2019. Details in the bulletin.
- Funds are dwindling. Please help your club by buying raffle tickets and donating to supper.
- Supper volunteers are required for 2019. Please add your name to the roster.
- Sam handed out Plant of the Night photo for November to John and Neva Janz.
- Anyone with any ideas on what they'd like to see at our meetings this year, please talk to Sam, Peter or Rosie.
- The bulletin stated that the total annual point score of over 400 points was a record for the club. This is actually incorrect as the highest score on record is actually over 600!
- Sam handed out the Percy Newton trophy to Pheng Sanaphay as he did not attend the Christmas Party when the trophies were given out.
- Raffle tickets: Please have small notes or change, as we can't change \$50 notes. Also for the supper raffle please take the ticket on the right side only, otherwise you'll never win anything.
- Assorted volunteers still required:
  - Benching marshals – see Sam or Peter McBryde
  - Supper – see Peter McBryde or Jonathan
  - Historian – see Sam
  - Committee – see Sam or Peter Meyer

**TONIGHT'S SUPPER:** Thank you Wendy Choy and her little helpers.

**RAFFLE PRIZES:** Frances Turner, Peter Meyer, Arthur Midgley, Wai Chan, Sarjit Jassal.

**BIRTHDAY RAFFLE:** Frances Turner

**SUPPER RAFFLE:** June Fetherston

**PLANT OF THE NIGHT:** Paph pillippinense x Toni Semple owned by Dimitri Mitsios

**MEETING CLOSED:** 9pm

### Notice from OSNSW

The Orchid Society of NSW Judging Panel will commence a new Judging/Orchid Appreciation course in March 2019. The course will begin on Friday March 15<sup>th</sup> and continue on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month (except December) until 2021. The meetings will begin at 7.30pm and conclude at 10.00pm.

This course is intended for all who are interested in developing their knowledge of orchids, and are keen to learn about the standards set for orchid judging and 'what the judges are looking for' when they award prizes at your shows. The course is especially good for positions like Show Marshals and of course for our prospective judges of the future.

The initial meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> will be an informational one, where you will learn what the course involves. After that the sessions will be conducted by our experienced judges who each will present a different group of orchids for your learning experience.

A one-off payment of \$50.00 should be made at the commencement of the course.

Please contact either myself ([ichalmers@optusnet.com.au](mailto:ichalmers@optusnet.com.au)) or the course coordinator Veronica Clowes ([secretary@orchidsocietynsw.com.au](mailto:secretary@orchidsocietynsw.com.au)) for further information.

Ian Chalmers

**Arthur's Notes****Counts:**

Number of plants benched = 51

Number of exhibitors = 15

Total views WSOS of the Flickr photo pages = 730,000

Number of photos on the Flickr photo pages = 2428

**Orchid Benching:**

Thank you to the fifteen members who exhibited fifty-one plants at the meeting. The Plant of the Night was Paph. philippinense x Toni Semple owned by Dimitrios Mitsios. Congratulations to Dimitrios. Fifty-one plants is pretty good for January, and there were some unusual ones benched.

**Grammatocymbidium:**

Grammatocymbidium 'Black Night' was moved from Class 3a Miniature Cymbidiums to Class 26 Other Genera Hybrids. I was surprised to find that more than 20 of the intergeneric cross Grammatophyllum x Cymbidium have been registered by the Royal Horticultural Society. 'Black Night' has not been registered.

**Unknown Exhibitor:**

Dendrobium aphyllum was placed first in class 25. If you are the owner of the plant let me (Arthur Midgley) know and I'll fix up the point scores.

**Name stuff:**

The Royal Horticultural Society has changed the genera names of many orchids and has deleted the variety names of many species orchids. A typical example is: *Laelia purpurata* variety *carnea*. The latest version of its name is *Cattleya purpurata*. The variety name *carnea* was handy if you were looking for *Cattleya purpurata* with the pink lip, so I am thinking that you could add *carnea* in quotes if you had several different plants of *Cattleya purpurata* and wanted to tell them apart.

Use this link to look up species orchid names: <https://wcsp.science.kew.org/home.do>

Here is the typical stuff written on a plant tag:

Lc. Aloha Case 'Ching Hua' x Bc. Donna Kimura 'Paradise'

This can be simplified using the RHS Register of orchid names to: Rlc. PV Aloha Donna

I know this is complicated, but if orchid growing is your hobby, having an idea of how the names work will help you at orchid shows and meetings. The parts of the name in Lc. Aloha Case 'Ching Hua' are:

Lc. = genera name

Aloha Case = grex name

'Ching Hua' = clone name

For the purpose of this exercise we just use the grex names of Aloha Case and Donna Kimura.

You'll find the International orchid register here:

<http://apps.rhs.org.uk/horticulturaldatabase/orchidregister/orchidregister.asp>

To continue with the example, put Aloha in the grex box under seed parent AND Donna in the grex box under pod parent and press search. You will get a nil result. So then try putting Donna in the grex box under seed parent AND Aloha in the grex box under pod parent and press search. This will work!

Keep it simple when searching and just use fragments of the grex name. After the great renaming many genera names on plant tags are obsolete. Which creates more confusion, but try it out on some of the names in your collection and see what you get.

**Abbreviation of genera names:**

When you do the search mentioned above the result will include the genus name of *Rhyncholaeliocattleya*.

To save writing long winded genera names on name tags, there are standard abbreviations available. In this case

it would be Rlc. The list of abbreviations is available at:

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/plants/pdfs/plant-registration-forms/orchid-name-abbreviations-list.pdf>

### Meeting Events:

**Feb** = Speaker TBC

**Mar** = TBA

**Apr** = Orchid Auction

### Supper Roster:

**Feb** = Peter McBryde

**Mar** = Sue Collins and Karen Nassar

**Apr** = ??

### January 2019 Exhibitor Points

<i><b>Exhibitor</b></i>	<i><b>Judges Points</b></i>	<i><b>Plant Points</b></i>	<i><b>Total Points</b></i>
Dimitrios Mitsios	20	10	30
Peter Ng	17	6	23
John & Neva Janz	11	5	16
June Fetherston	9	6	15
Philip Festa	8	5	13
Pheng Sanaphay	6	3	9
Gary Hodder	6	2	8
Arthur Midgley	4	3	7
Wendy Choy	2	3	5
Arthur Smyrnios	3	1	4
John Costa	3	1	4
Unknown Exhibitor	3	1	4
Jonathan Clark	2	1	3
Peter Meyer		2	2
<i><b>Novice</b></i>			
Karen Nassar	3	1	4
Joy Gouvousis	0	1	1

## January 2019 Benching

**Class 04 - Species Americas**

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|----------------------|---------------|
| 1 Psychopsis papilio | Peter Ng      |
| 2 Lycaste cruenta    | W. Choy       |
| 3 Maxillaria humilis | J. Fetherston |

**Class 05 - Laeliinae Species**

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|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1 Prosthechea radiata   | J. Costa      |
| 2 Cattleya harrisoniana | J. Fetherston |
| 3 Enc. tampensis 'No.1' | A. Midgley    |

**Class 07 Primary & Maudiae Paphiopedilums**

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|-------------------------------------|------------|
| 1 Paph. Philippinense x Toni Semple | D. Mitsios |
| 2 Paph. St. Swithin 'Elaine'        | J. Clark   |
| 3 Paph. Albion                      | D. Mitsios |

**Class 09 Dendrobium Softcane Hybrids**

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|----------------------|------------|
| 1 Den. Malones 'Red' | J & N Janz |
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**Class 10 Dendrobium Hardcane & Other**

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| 1 Den. Mary Poppins 'Orchid World' | G. Hodder |
| 1 Den. Hsinying Frostymaree        | Peter Ng  |
| 2 Den. Tokunaga                    | Peter Ng  |

**Class 11 Terrestrial Species & Hybrids**

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|-----------------------|------------|
| 1 Stenoglottis woodii | A. Midgley |
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**Class 12 Australasian Native (Non Terrestrial)**

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| 1 Den lawesii var. bicolor | D. Mitsios |
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**Class 13 Australasian Native Hybrid**

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| 1 Den. Andree Millar | Peter Ng |
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**Class 15 Vandaceous Hybrids**

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| 1 Vanda Pakchong Blue   | D. Mitsios  |
| 2 Vanda Trevor Rathbone | P. Sanaphay |

**Class 18 Oncidiinae Sub-Tribe Hybrids 40 to 60mm**

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|--------------------------------|------------|
| 1 Oncostele Wildcat 'Red Star' | J & N Janz |
| 2 Oncostele Wildcat (mutation) | J & N Janz |

**Class 19 - Oncidiinae Sub Tribe Hybrids over 60mm**

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| 1 Miltoniopsis Breathless 'Good Woman' | D. Mitsios |
| 2 Oncidium Pacific Sunrise             | P. Festa   |

**Class 20 - Laeliinae Hybrids 110mm & Over**

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| 1 C. Elizabeth Calov    | A. Smyrnios |
| 2 Rlc. Varut Greenworth | J & N Janz  |

**Class 21 - Laeliinae Hybrids- Intermediate**

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|---------------------------|-------------|
| 1 C. Deception Mosaic     | G. Hodder   |
| 2 Rlc. P V Aloha Donna    | P. Festa    |
| 3 C. Elizabeth and Norman | P. Sanaphay |

**Class 22 - Laeliinae Hybrids - Miniature**

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| 1 Enc. cordigera Hybrid | Peter Ng |
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**Class 23 - Laeliinae Hybrids - Cluster**

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|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 1 Rhyntonleya Swan's Shy          | P. Festa   |
| 2 Epi. Comet Valley 'Yellow Star' | D. Mitsios |
| 3 Epi. Sunny Girl                 | J & N Janz |

**Class 24 - Species other Areas**

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|------------------------|---------------|
| 1 Bulbophyllum lobbiai | P. Sanaphay   |
| 2 Polystachya galeata  | J. Fetherston |
| 3 Coel. pachystachya   | J. Fetherston |

**Class 24a - Vandaeae Species**

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| 1 Phal. pulchra | J. Fetherston |
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**Class 25 Dendrobium Species**

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| 1 Den. aphyllum | Unknown |
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**Class 26 Other Genera Hybrids**

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|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 1 Grammatocymbidium 'Black Night' | D. Mitsios |
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**Class 29 - Growing Competition**

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|---------------------|------------|
| 1 Paph. spicerianum | Peter Ng   |
| 2 Paph. spicerianum | D. Mitsios |
| 3 Paph. spicerianum | P. Festa   |

**Class 38 Novice Vandaceous (incl. Phalaenopsis)**

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| 1 Phalaenopsis Unknown | K. Nassar |
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