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Meetings are held at 7.30 pm on the third THURSDAY of each month at the Avenell Heights Hall, Thabeban Street.

Visitors and past members are especially welcome to attend.

Date Claimers

New and Interested Growers meeting: July 3rd Ian & Caroline Nielson.
2332 Gin Gin Road, South Kolan. 9am. Please bring a chair. The morning will concentrate on Chemicals and Fertilisers with Questions and Answers.

Meeting Duty Roster: June: C Group July: A Group August: B Group

Den. Triple Fantasy 'Lesley'



Month: May

Raffle winners: 1st Prize: C. Neilsen

2nd Prize: Ren Thompson

Lucky Door: Reg Dix

Exhibitors Prize : Ray Whitney

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The Club merchandise is available only to BOSI members not the public.

Please phone Bev on 41593291 to arrange a suitable time for you to collect any merchandise you require for your Orchid Potting.

Could members start thinking about their potting requirements, which will be on us in August. Bev would like to be able to order in June. Please help Bev by letting her know your possible requirements at the June meeting.

The Club had a very successful trip to **Boyne/Tannum**. Bob Shield led about 15 members to visit their Show. Bundaberg took out a number of trophies including: Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, 1st display and an "Award of Distinction" for the colours in Deborah Shield's Den. Triple Fantasy 'Lesley' (see cover). A very pleasant and friendly weekend was had by all who attended.

Grand Champion



C. Jungle Queen

Barry & Diane Barnes

Reserve Champion



Den. Johulatum

J & B Hughes

Popular Vote Results

Cattleya



Bc. Keowee

L & J Schouten

Novice



Lc. Mini Purple

N & G Sargent

Species



Paph. Spicerianum

A & B Heidke

Dendrobium



Den. Triple Fantasy

R & D Shield

Judges Choice

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This Month's Discussion Topic will on 'Wintering your Orchids'

New members: Judy Dalton, welcome Judy – your group is Group 'B'

Howard Field Trip

There will be a Club supplied bus to Howard on Saturday 9th July leaving from the Bundaberg Bus depot, Verdant Siding at 7am. Please bring a plate for smoko at Howard, Lunch is up to you – there is a good pie shop across the road. This year the host club is Hervey Bay. Please add your name to the list provided at the monthly meeting entrance desk.

Looking Ahead

July 3rd New and Interested Growers Group Meeting at Neilsen's refer page 1.

July 9th Howard Field Trip (see above).

August 7th New and Interested Growers Group. Potting Demonstration – Ben and Alwyn Heidke, 159 Heidke Road.

September 2nd to 3rd Childers Spring Show.

September 4th New and Interested Growers Group. Jean Williamson, 48 Whites Rd.

September 15th to 17th Maryborough Orchid Show.

September 24th and 25th Rockhampton Orchid Show.

October 1st and 2nd Hervey Bay Orchid Club Show

October 9th New and Interested Growers Group: Bob and Deborah Shield 37 Hutchins Street.

October 15th 16th BOSI show – North Bundaberg Progress Hall.

November 6th New and Interested Growers Group: Jule Fry & Col Dawson 34 Pashley's Road, Gooburrum

Caution with Bifenthrin

Bifenthrin is a synthetic Pyrethroid chemical that currently is available in over 600 registered products with mixing rates varying from 1ml/10L to 2.5ml/L. Pyrethroids are neurotoxins that affect the impulses that turn nerve channel gates on and off and cause the gates to stay open. This causes the nerve cells to stay active at all times with no rest and results in over stimulation and nervous exhaustion and demise of the insect. I have recently had cases where I have applied Bifenthrin to developing Dendrobium inflorescences which has resulted in the section which is just developing bud formation to fasciculate. This means that the cells that are forming the buds are over stimulated and results in branching, extra petals and lips and mutations. In two other cases while visiting other growers I have noticed the same thing in Cattleya flowers with small petals growing on the labellum and labellum type formations on the petals. In both cases when queried the grower had applied Bifenthrin when the buds were in the formation stage. I have purposely over applied Bifenthrin to Dendrobium inflorescences to see what happens and fasciculation occurred within 10 days. While Bifenthrin is a useful chemical in the fight against pests, it appears caution should be used with mixing rates and frequency of application when used on developing flowers.

Courtesy of Chris Trudgian



Fasciculation

Bulk Booklet Orders and/or Enquires: jbhughes4@bigpond.com Ph. 4153 6971



Some Common Terms

aerial root — Any root produced above the growing medium.

anther — The part of the stamen containing the pollen; the end of the column.

axillary bud — Preexisting meristem within the axil of a leaf that is normally inactive in growth.

backbulb — An old pseudobulb behind the part of a sympodial orchid that is actively growing. Although there may be no leaves the presence of undamaged "eyes" is a sign that growth is possible.

bifoliate — Having two leaves.

cane — An elongated pseudobulb, usually used when describing Dendrobiums.

crock — Small pieces of broken earthenware or flower pots, placed in the bottom of a pot when repotting to aid in drainage.



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