

NEW BENCHING CLASSES FOR MEETINGS 2020.

The Committee has revised the benching classes for our general meetings. This revision has come about for many reasons including, the need to rationalize the numbering system, the need to clarify the classes for Parvi and Brachy hybrids and the need for new classes to be created as the number of plants benched has increased over the years. One of the aims of creating classes is to ensure, as much as possible, over the entire slipper family “like” is judged against “like”.

The classes are listed below, with the new classes in bold print. The notes following should clarify what goes in which class. If you are unsure where to bench your plant please ask one of our more experienced members for advice.

As always, the judges will be able to move a plant that they see as being placed in the incorrect class. Judges will also still have the ability to create a new class for one night only if the number of plants benched warrants this.

These new classes will begin at the November meeting which is the start of the new point score year.

GENERAL MEETING BENCHING CLASSES 2020

CLASS 1. Multifloral Species -Pardalopetalum

CLASS 2. Multifloral Species - Polyantha

CLASS 3. Sequential Species

CLASS 4. Brachypetalum Species

CLASS 5. Parvisepalum Species

CLASS 6. Paphiopedilum Species– Paphiopedilum

CLASS 7. Paphiopedilum Species – Sigmatopetalum

CLASS 8. Paphiopedilum Species - Miniature

CLASS 9. Other Cyrrpedioideae Species

CLASS 10. Species Seedling

CLASS 11. Complex Hybrids Red

CLASS 12. Complex Hybrids Yellow/Green

CLASS 13. Complex Hybrids Pastel, White/Pink/Cream

CLASS 14. Complex Hybrids Spotted

CLASS 15. Complex Hybrids Other Colour

CLASS 16. Mulifloral Hybrids

CLASS 17. *Brachypetalum* Hybrids (*Brachy* ancestry only)

CLASS 18. *Parvisepalum* Hybrids (*Parvi* ancestry only)

CLASS 19. *Parvi/Brachy* intersectional hybrids

CLASS 20. Maudiae Type Hybrids - Coloratum

CLASS 21. Maudiae Type Hybrids - albinistic

CLASS 22. Maudiae Type Hybrids - vinicolor

CLASS 23. Novelty Hybrids (*single flower/bud per stem*)

CLASS 24. Novelty Hybrids (*multiple flowers/buds per stem*)

CLASS 25. Heritage Hybrids

CLASS 26. Other Cypridioideae Hybrid

CLASS 27. Hybrid Seedling

CLASS 28. Specimen

CLASS 29. Novice Species

CLASS 30. Novice Hybrids

NOTES

- 1) **Class 8: Miniature Species.** Miniature species is to be both miniature in plant and flower size. The judges will decide if a benched plant is eligible. Possible examples: *P. fairrieianum*, *P. helenae*, *P. rungsurianum*.
- 2) **Class 17: *Brachypetalum* Hybrids:** To be eligible for this class plants must have only members of the subgenus *Brachypetalum* in their

ancestry. hybrids derived from the following species: *P. concolor*, *P. godefroyae*, *P. leucochilum*, *P. bellatulum*, *P. josiana*, *P. myanmaricum*, *P. Thaianum*, *P. wenshanense* and *P. niveum*.

- 3) **Class 18: Parvisepalum Hybrids:** To be eligible for this class plants must have only members of the subgenus Parvisepalum in their ancestry. Hybrids derived from the following species: *P. armeniacum*, *P. micranthum*, *P. emersonii*, *P. malopoense*, *P. jackii*, *P. hangianum*, *P. delenatii* and *P. vietnamense*.
- 4) **Class 19: Parvisepalum/Brachypetalum Intersectional Hybrids:** This class is for plants that have a combination of Parvisepalum and Brachypetalum only in their ancestry. Examples: *P. Vanda M. Pearman* and *P. Ma Belle*.
- 5) **Class 23: Novelty Single Flower:** This class is for single flower or bud per stem intersectional hybrids that do not fit into any other described class. Examples *P. Sally Berndt*, and *P. Sue Worth*,
- 6) **Class 24: Novelty Multiple Flowers:** This class is for any intersectional hybrid with more than one flower and/or bud per stem that does not fit into any other described class. Examples *P. Dolgodi*, *P. Pinocchio*, and *P. Harold Koopowitz*.