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Next meeting: 28th April - Ian will talk about the APOC ,Taiwan

HYBRID OF THE NIGHT

Den. Kuranda Classic 'Violet' owned by Joe Gafa



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's Show time!

Our affiliated societies are gearing up for the show season around the state, why don't you check out the 'Shows' page of our website where you will find everyone's shows listed by dates, venue and opening times. To start the season the RAS Easter Show (the 'Royal' at Sydney Olympic Park) is in full swing....the first of 2 orchid judgings was last Tuesday, what a credit it was to a handful of competitors. Might I say, the 'species' categories were simply outstanding, specimen size plants beautifully grown and presented, winning many of the classes.

See page 3 of this issue of Orchid News for photos of the **Supreme Champion Orchid** - (Grand Champion or Best in Show) is ***Dendrobium Kuranda Classic***, grown and presented by master grower Joe Gafa (OSNSW, Blacktown O/S, Cumberland O/S, species NSW and more...) Joe also presented the Champion Australian Native Species with ***Dendrobium bigibbum***, the Champion American Species with ***Gomesa praetexta 'Matthew'*** AM/AOC, the **Champion Laelinnae** and the **Champion other orchid**. Congratulations Joe, a magnificent haul, well deserved.

Of course our own Fred Musial/Linda Chang (OSNSW, Blacktown, Cumberland, Species NSW and more) were also winners – **Champion Monopodial** and **Champion Oncidinae** well done Fred and Linda.

Close behind (very close) was another super grower Jan Robinson, together with other winners Mark Drury, Daniel Coulton, Haemish Bongers and Adrian Zderic.

THANK YOU ALL for participating. Our little promotional 'cart' well received again, lots of orchid enquiries and affiliated society info given to interested passers by. Thanks to those of you who worked on our 'cart' I hope you enjoyed your volunteer day at the 'Easter Show'

The display of orchids was outstanding, BUT it could look even better if more of our members decided to 'give it a go' in 2026. The second judging is scheduled for Monday 21st April.

Orchids Out West - is next 'off the blocks' at Hawkesbury Showgrounds, Clarendon, on May 23rd to 25th 2025. Plan your day, maybe lunch at the pub on the corner (at the train station)...bring your money with you for the first orchid bargains of the year.....See you there! Veronica

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Meeting Venue: Ermington Community Hall, River Rd, Ermington NSW 2115, last Monday of the month

WHAT'S ON AT FUTURE MEETINGS

- 28 April:** Ian Chalmers to present a talk on APOC Taiwan
26 May: Alan Kosh Orchids - Let's Make a Future. What we should be doing to promote the hobby.
30 June: Pepe Portilla on Ecuador Orchids (not in person)
28 July: Nollie Cilliers on South African Orchids
25 August: Eric Young Foundation
29 Sept: Speaker from the German Orchid Society

This is a tentative list and may change.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR MUG TO THE MEETING

JUDGES ROSTER 2025

	April	May	June
Panel 1 Class 1-11	M Aldridge J D'Olier G Hart	I Chalmers J Robinson P Serb	L Bromley P D'Olier K Siew
Panel 2 Class 12-22 Nov. 40-42	L Bromley D Law T Yee	W Chapman J Fulcher S Tay	J Allen N Gill G Bromley J Gouvoussis
Panel 3 Class 23-33 Nov. 43-44	N Gill C Scott-Harden K Siew	P D'Olier K Koutsoukis C Polis	C Polis C Scott-Harden S Tay
<i>N.B. Reserves and Ass. judges for panels will be chosen on the night</i>			



23-25 May 2025

Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon

OSNSW MANAGEMENT 2025

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SALE TABLE AT OSNSW MEETINGS

There is now a sales table for members. 15% commission will be charged. All plants need to have a spare tag in them either a yellow tie-tag or a white tag with the price (whole \$ only) and the owners name on it, and a list of plants for sale so that the sold ones can be added up and the 15% deducted showing what you should receive. The sales table will not open until 7.30 pm.

There is a sheet on page 7 of this Orchid News to print and fill out with the plants you wish to sell.

****ATTENTION SECRETARIES****

Certificate of Currency for 2025-2026 is now available on the Information page of our website.

SPECIES OF THE NIGHT

Den. glomeratum owned by Frank De Zotti

**MEMBERSHIP JOINING FEES**

- Metro Member & 1st Yr (Incl. Name badge) \$43.00
- Joint Metro & 1st Yr (Incl. Name badges) \$62.00
- Single Country or Interstate & 1st Yr \$22.00
- Joint Country or Interstate & 1st Yr \$29.00

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES PAYABLE 1st JULY

- Single Metropolitan Member \$25.00
- Joint Metropolitan Members \$32.00
(i.e. \$27 membership and \$5 for insurance)
- Single Country and Interstate Member \$22.00
- Joint Country and Interstate Member \$29.00
(i.e. \$24 membership and \$5 for insurance)
- Associate Member \$20.00
- Overseas Member \$32.00
- Affiliated Society \$62.00
- 11 Posted issues of Orchid News \$12.00
(Orchid News is normally emailed)
- If you require a receipt mailed to you please include \$1.50 in your payment.

ROYAL EASTER SHOW 2025 - CHAMPIONS



Supreme Champion: *Den. Kuranda Classic* (Joe Gafa)



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Champion Oncidiinae
Milt. Earl Dunn 'Hildos' (Fred Musial & Linda Chang)



Champion Australian Native Species
Den. bigibbium 'Belinda' x 'Judy' (Joe Gafa)



Champion Specimen:
Gom. praetexta 'Matthew' AM/AOC (Joe Gafa)



Champion Laeliinae (Joe Gafa)
B/c. Burdekin 'Snowdrift'

Orchid Society of NSW General Meeting – 31 March 2025
Monday, 31 March 2025 at the Ermington Community Centre, River Rd., Ermington

Opening

Tonight's meeting was declared open at 8 pm by President Veronica Clowes who welcomed those present to our March 2025 meeting.

Veronica asked members to make sure they sign the attendance book at Toni's table, and to enjoy the plants on display this evening.

The 2025 Members Point Score Competition is now underway and finishes with the October 2025 meeting.

Visitors – Zac Robertson, Mark Drury and John Ng

New Members – Mark Drury and John Ng

Apologies – Nil

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 February were confirmed as a true account of that meeting. Proposed by Christine Rethers and seconded by Richard Blaxland, approved.

Matters Arising - Nil

General Business

- *Hall pack up:* We will continue our new routine for the pack up of our hall before the raffle draw. Along with the five plants in the raffle there is also a 'special' plant so the first person in the draw will have a choice to make. Tonight's special plant is *Otr. Pink Delight 'Burdekin'*
- *Supper assistance for today and future meetings:* Would someone please volunteer to assist with the supper this evening? and also help Toni with the collection of the benching accessories? Thank you, Linda Chang, for assisting tonight.
- *Affiliated Societies Photo competition:* Veronica told members that the competition is now open for the 2024/25. Get those entries to Ian Chalmers as soon as you can after your shows. Leaving it until the end of year might mean you forget. Please see details about the Affiliated Societies Photo competition which can be found in the Affiliated Societies section of our website.
- *Easter Show:* Orchids will be judged on the 15/16th April and again on 21/22nd April.
- *Orchids Out West:* 23 - 25th May 2025 – The organisation is in progress.
- *Orchids Central:* 17th to 19th October 2025 – The organisation is in progress.
- *OSNSW Summer Orchid Festival:* This will be held on 13th and 14th December in this hall at Ermington. The schedules are currently being written and will be available closer to the date of the show.
- *Sales Table:* The Sales table is now in operation with Lesley Bromley looking after it. A 15% commission for OSNSW will be charged. Tonight, a total of \$30 was collected in commissions. We will be providing a form for you to enter the name of the plant you are selling, your name and the price you are selling the plant for. We hope to see some great plants there...join in the fun and bring your money with you!
- *Ira Butler Competition:* Open for the 2024/2025 competition, entries to the secretary of the Competition (Irene Chalmers). Please look at the website for the entry form and instructions about entries for this competition. Veronica spoke in some detail about the Ira Butler categories and Ian Chalmers added that there are some troubles at present within the Ira Butler committee.
- *AOC Conference and Show in 2025:* The AOC Conference and Show will be hosted by Woolgoolga Orchid Society 1st - 5th October 2025. OSNSW is giving full support and sponsorship to the hosting society and encouraging support and attendance. All societies have recently received information from the organising committee about sponsoring opportunities and general information about the venue and local area. Registration before 1st July is at a reduced rate.
- *AOC News:* Peter D'Olier reported that there have been a number of changes made with more to come. The April edition of the bi-monthly magazine, Orchids Australia, will be sent out approximately two weeks late due to the editor's recent surgery.

Treasurer's Report

OSNSW is financially viable as follows:

Cheque account balances as at 31 March 2025 total \$13639.40. Term deposit balances at Westpac \$145,050.16

Our principle outgoing for the next month is the payment of public liability insurance of between \$8,000 and \$9,000 on behalf of a number of our affiliated societies.

Registrar's Report

Judging class: The training course is proceeding into the practical stage for most students.

Awards: There were two awards over the past month:

- *Paph.* Lime Fresh 'Lockerbie Giant' AM Rod Nurthen
- C, Caudabec Candy 'Burgundy Amy Mae' AD Kevin and Kathryn Rose from the Far North Coast Panel.

I will not agree to any other AD's for this clone as it seems to be unstable. I am satisfied that the Award granted last year was to a clone that cannot be distinguished from the original and the award stands.

So far I have identified 5 plants with of this orchid with 4 of them being distinctively different enough to get a new cultivar. Have major concerns about the genetic stability of the mericlones.

There are still no volunteers for Secretary. I have started to get judges' nominations for the early shows.

Panel Membership:

Robyn Lovett of the Mid North Coast Panel has died. John Carter has resigned as an AOC judge but remains a NSW judge. The following have been appointed as Associates:

Far North Coast: Joanne Cusack, Tom Cusack, Patricia Berrutti, Jason Searle, Lelia Berar and Trish Budd

Metro: James Matthew Sim

Speakers

March: David Mathers Foundation and the British National Collection of Orchids. The Eric Young Foundation later in the year after the new director is appointed.

April : APOC Taiwan -Ian Chalmers

May: Ecuador Orchids - Pepe Portilla Not in Person

June: Alan Kosh Orchids - Lets Make a Future. What we should be doing to promote the hobby. Keynote speech from Taiwan (not in Person)

July: South African Orchids - Nollie Cilliers to be confirmed

August: Eric Young Foundation.

September: Maybe German Orchid Society

This is tentative and the months may move around.

Ian spoke in some detail about the Ira Butler Trophy's categories and added that Graham Slater, the Treasurer, had passed away suddenly. The competition for 2024/2025 is open. Entries must go to the Secretary of the Competition (Irene Chalmers). Please look at the website for the entry form and instructions on how to enter. <https://irabutlertrophy.org.au>

Supper was served.

Speaker

David Mathers Foundation and the British National Collection of Orchids. David spoke about the Foundation and how it was set up to preserve some of the orchid collections from around the UK as those who had set up these collections became unable to look after them anymore. He described some of the collections, in particular the Oncidiniiae and Pleione collections. The orchids are housed in large glass houses which have the latest technology for their heating (by biomass), cooling, misting and watering. Remarkably, the foundation only has one employee looking after some 10,000 orchids. However, the principals of the Foundation also contribute to some of the work that needs to be done. It was a very interesting presentation.

Plants of the Night

Best species: *Den. glomeratum* owned by Frank de Zotti

Best Hybrid: *Den. Kuranda Classic 'Violet'* owned by Joe Gafa This orchid was awarded an AM tonight – many congratulations, Joe!

Lucky exhibitor: Cary Polis

Congratulations to our winners this evening.

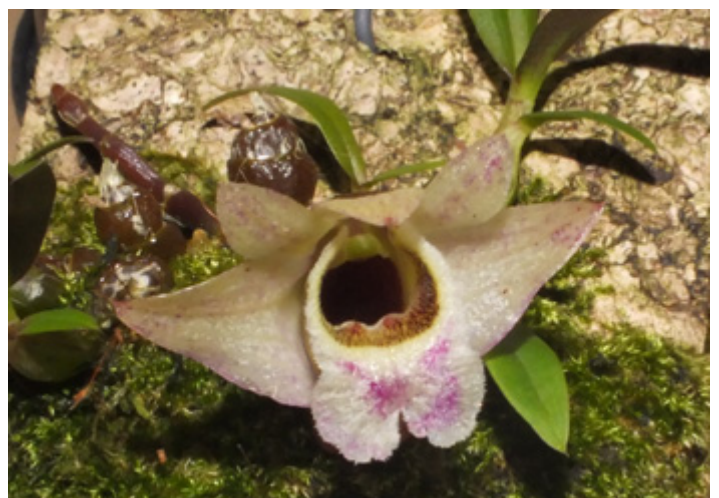
The raffle was then drawn. The prize winners were Veronica Clowes, Kathy Koutsoukis, Joe Gafa, Ian Chalmers, Joe Portelli

Speaker next month: APOC Taiwan -Ian Chalmers

The meeting was then declared closed at 9.35pm by Veronica who thanked members for their attendance and wished everybody a safe trip home.



23rd Australian Orchid Council
International Conference & Show 2025
October 1-5, Wulgoolga Sports Complex,
Solitary Islands Way, Woolgoolga



Den. hekouense (J Fulcher)

SOCIETY SHOW DATES APRIL - JUNE 2025

April	2-5	Alstonville Orchid Society	The Plaza, Alstonville
	5-6	Blue Mountains & Penrith District Orchid Society	Melrose Hall, Cnr Gt Western Highway and Park St Emu Plains
	9-12	City of Lismore Orchid Society	Lismore Central, Carrington St Lismore
	26-27	Maitland & Coalfields Orchid Society	Cessnock City Scout Hall, 284 Maitland Rd Cessnock
	26-27	Coffs Harbour Orchid Society	North Coast Regional Botanic Gardens, Hardacre St Coffs Harbour
	26-27	Maclean & District Orchid Society	Maclean Showground
May	1-3	Hawkesbury District Orchid Society	Richmond Market Place, March St Richmond
	7-9	Boolaroo Orchid Society	Belmont Citi Centre, Macquarie & Edgar Sts Belmont
	8-10	Nambucca Valley Orchid Society	Nambucca Seniors Centre, 11 Kent St Nambucca Heads
	8-10	Five Dock RSL Orchid Society	Leichhardt Market Place (near Target) 122-138 Flood St Leichhardt
	8-10	Western Suburbs Orchid Society Inc.	Ashfield Mall, 260 Liverpool Rd Ashfield
	10-11	Woodburn/Evans Head & District Orchid & Foliage Society	Woodburn Memorial Hall, River St Woodburn
	15-17	Bankstown Orchid Society	Lidcombe Shopping Centre, Lvl 1, 92 Parramatta Rd Lidcombe
	23-25	Orchids Out West	Philip Charley Pavilion, Hawkesbury Showground, Racecourse Rd Clarendon
	30 May - 1 June	Leisure Coast Orchid Society	Woonona RSL Club Bulli
June	12-14	North Shore Orchid Society	St Ives Shopping Centre, St Ives
	14-15	Camden Haven Orchid Society	Laurieton United Services Club, Seymour St Laurieton
	20-21	Sutherland Shire Orchid Society	Woolooware Shores Retirement Village, 2-28 Alexander Ave Taren Point
	20-21	Manning River Orchid Society	Church of Christ Auditorium, Albert St Taree
	21-22	Blacktown City Orchid Society	Seven Hills Shopping Plaza, 224 Prospect Highway Seven Hills
	28-29	Mingara Orchid Club Annual Fair & Show	Mingara Recreation Club, Mingara Drive, Tumby Umbi
July	3-5	Fairfield District Orchid Society	Bonnyrigg Plaza, 100 Bonnyrigg Ave Bonnyrigg
	5-6	Blue Mountains & Penrith District Orchid Society	Melrose Hall, Cnr Gt Western Highway and Park St Emu Plains
	5-6	Milton Ulladulla Orchid Society	Ulladulla Civic Centre, Princes Highway Ulladulla
	5-6	Illawarra District Orchid society	Senior Citizens Hall Benaud St Warilla
	5-6	Maitland & Coalfields Orchid Society	Morpeth School of Arts, 110 High St Morpeth
	9-13	Campbelltown & District Orchid Society	Macarthur Square near Chemist Warehouse, Kellica Rd end
	10-12	Eastwood & District Orchid Circle	Eastwood Shopping Centre, 152-160 Rowe St Eastwood
	12	Shoalhaven Orchid Society	Bomaderry Community Hall, 19 Birriley St Bomaderry
	19-20	Central Coast-Hunter Region Cymbidium Society	Home Co., Cnr Wyong Rd & Bryant Drive Tuggerah (outside Spotlight)
	21-23	Boolaroo Orchid Society	Wallsend Village, Cowper & Kokera Sts Wallsend
	24-26	Bankstown Orchid Society	Lidcombe Shopping Centre, Lvl 1, 92 Parramatta Rd Lidcombe
	24-26	Hawkesbury District Orchid Society	Richmond Market Place, March St Richmond
	31 - 2 Aug	Cumberland Orchid Circle	Grove Square Shopping Centre, Baulkham Hills

OWNER'S NAME

Plant name	Price	Sold
Total cost of plants sold		
15%		
Money to member		

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BENCHING RESULTS MARCH 2025

Best Hybrid: Joe Gafa *Den. Kuranda Classic 'Violet'*
Best Species: Frank De Zotti *Den. glomeratum*

Open Classes - Hybrids

Class 3 - Laeliinae 120mm and over

1. FMusial&LChang *C. Tainan City x R/c. Tzeng-Wen*
2. J Gafa *Otr. Pink Delight 'Burdekin'*
3. FMusial&LChang *R/c. Zelda's Star*

Class 4 - Laeliinae Cluster (min 5 Flowers)

1. J Robinson *C. Caudebec Candy 'Burgundy MC'*
2. L&G Bromley *Lnz. Wrigleyi 'Orchidlibrary'*
3. J Gafa *Rth. Musial's Leopard*

Class 5 - Laeliinae (71mm - 119mm)

1. FMusial&LChang *R/c. Naomi's Delight 'Linda'*
2. FMusial&LChang *R/c. Asia Pacific*
3. L&P Au *R/c. Topaz Dearest Romance*

Class 6 - Laeliinae Miniature (up to 70mm)

1. L&G Bromley *C. Jillian Lee 'Elizabeth'*
2. P&J D'Olier *C. unknown*
3. A Mobbs *C. Fitz Eugene 'Dixon'*

Class 9 - Specimen Orchid

1. FMusial&LChang *Milt. Earl Dunn 'Hildos'*
2. RG Blaxland *Ddc. latifolium var. macranthum*
3. RG Blaxland *Den. cassiope*

Class 10 - Terrestrial Species/Hybrid any genera

1. J Gafa *Hab. medusa*
2. L&P Au *Sngl. longifolia*
3. F De Zotti *Sngl. longifolia*

Class 11 - Seedling any hybrid genera

1. FMusial&LChang *R/c. Rosella's Caudebec Leopard x Ctt. Chocolate Drop '8'*
2. FMusial&LChang *R/c. Rosella's Caudebec Leopard x Ctt. Chocolate Drop '4'*
3. J Gafa *Cat. Queen of Gozo*

Class 12 - Phalaenopsis (75mm and over)

1. C Polis *Phal. unknown*
2. C Polis *Phal. DeeJay Soul*

Class 14 - Phalaenopsis (up to 50mm)

1. L&G Bromley *Phal. Tzu Chiang Senrima x pulcherrima*
2. L&G Bromley *Phal. Tzu Chiang Senrima x pulcherrima*

Class 15 - Vandaceous (up to 50mm)

1. L&G Bromley *Van. Fuch's Ocean Spray*
2. L&G Bromley *Rnst. Junus Alsagoff*
3. F De Zotti *Ascda. Suksamran Gold*

Class 16 - Vandaceous (50mm and over)

1. L&G Bromley *V. Roslyn's Best 'Brighton'*
2. FMusial&LChang *V. Somsri Blue Classic x Prayard Muang Ratch*
3. L&P Au *Ascda. Kulwadee Fragrance*

Class 17 - Dendrobium

1. J Gafa *Den. Kuranda Classic 'Violet'*
2. L&G Bromley *Den. Enobi Purple 'Splash'*
3. L&G Bromley *Den. Bota Blue 'Ocean Blue'*

Class 18 - Oncidiinae (> 61mm)

1. FMusial&LChang *Milt. Earl Dunn 'Hildos'*
2. F De Zotti *Oda. Samurai*
3. J Allen *Colm. Wildcat 'Bloodshot'*

Class 19 - Oncidiinae (36-60 mm)

1. J Gafa *Onc. Jiuhbao Gold 'KBR'*
2. J Gafa *Onc. Mayfair 'Trinity'*
3. FMusial&LChang *Alcra. Samurai*

Class 19A - Oncidiinae (up to 35mm)

1. FMusial&LChang *Onc. Mini Golden Shower*
2. FMusial&LChang *Onc. Sharry Baby*
3. F De Zotti *Bapt. echinata x Onc. Twinkle*

Class 20A - Australian Native Hybrids Other

1. L&G Bromley *Den. Topaz Dream 'Lesley'*
2. L&G Bromley *Den. Topaz Dream*
3. RG Blaxland *Den. Colonial Surprise*

Class 21 - Pleurothallidinae

1. L&P Au *Masd. Earl Bishop 'Vermillion'*
2. L&P Au *Masd. Fire Walker*
3. J Allen *Masd. Copper Wing x Parlatoreana*

Class 22 - Hybrid Not Elsewhere Specified

1. C Polis *Coel. Bird in Flight*
2. RG Blaxland *Z. Jumpin Jack*
3. C Scott-Harden *Bulb. hybrid unknown*

Open Classes - Species

Class 23 - Laeliinae

1. J Gafa *L perrinii*
2. C Polis *Psh. radiata*
3. J Robinson *C. aelandiae*

Class 24 - Cyripedioideae

1. S Tay *Paph. henryanum*
2. J Robinson *Paph. spicerianum*
3. C Rethers *Paph. spicerianum*

Class 25 - Vandaceous

1. P&J D'Olier *Aer. quinquevulnera var calayara*
2. L&G Bromley *Phal. pulcherrima*
3. C Polis *Phal. amboinensis*

Class 26 - Oncidiinae

1. J Robinson *Milt. moreliana*
2. J Gafa *Cu. pendula*
3. J Fulcher *Milt. spectabilis 'Geyserland x Sonia'*

Class 27 - Dendrobium

1. F De Zotti *Den. glomeratum*
2. C Polis *Den. bracteosum*
3. J Fulcher *Den. hekovenense*

Class 27A - Bulbophyllum

1. J Fulcher *Bulb. cootesii*

Class 28 - Australian Native Dendrobium

1. L&G Bromley *Den. biggibum 'Lesley'*
2. C Polis *Den. biggibum 'Lesley'*
3. C Polis *Den. rigidum*

Class 29 - Australian Native Other

1. RG Blaxland *Pho. imbricata*

Class 30 - Miniature flowers

1. C Rethers *Den. toressae*
2. I&R Chalmers *Tricho. batemaniana*
3. C Polis *Sns. micrantha*

Class 31 - American Species Other

1. L&P Au *Z. mackayii*
2. I&I Chalmers *Max. unknown*

Class 32A - Coelogyninae

1. C Polis *Coel. pandurata*
2. P&J D'Olier *Coel. usitana*
3. RG Blaxland *Coel. speciosa*

Class 32 - Pleurothallidinae

1. P&J D'Olier *Acia. prolifera*

Class 33 - Species not elsewhere specified

1. FMusial&LChang *Cym. erythrostylum*
2. P&J D'Olier *Eria javanica*
3. P&J D'Olier *Angcm. distinum*



C. Tainan City x *R/c. Tzeng-Wen* (F Musial & L Chang)



Otra. Pink Delight 'Burdekin' (J Gafa)



R/c. Naomi's Delight 'Linda' (F Musial & L Chang)



R/c. Rosella's Caudebec Leopard x *Ctt. Chocolate Drop '8'*
(F Musial & L Chang)



Milt. moreliana (J Robinson)



Milt. Earl Dunn 'Hildos' (F Musial & L Chang)