

**Top 50 MDBs from the 2008 Symposium**

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Thanks to your almost great response, I got to tally the votes of 46 members! This is a few more than last year but is still only about 28% of the individual members. I want to personally thank each of you that took the time to submit your ballots! Please keep sending your ballots in so the results continue to accurately reflect the views of the DIS membership.

We've had some exciting changes within the top four positions with 'Crown of Snow' moving to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 'Chemistry' and 'Tiny Titan' rising to 4<sup>th</sup>. 'African Wine' and 'Yak Attack' were in 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively while seven either were new or returned to the top 50. These included: 'Blue Doll', 'Daisy Fresh', 'Flashing Neon', 'Pink Blink', 'Sun Dabs', 'Wee Viking' and 'Zipper'.

Again this year 75 MDBs were listed on the ballot and the number of write-ins surged to 60 for a total of 135 MDBs receiving votes. Next year the ballot will again list 75 MDBs and include 4 irises from this year's write-ins, two new HM winners, and the AM winner, 'Pokemon' that only received 2 votes in this year's balloting.

Our goal for next year is to get ballots from at least 50% of the members! Now all you have to do is vote the symposium ballot you'll receive in the Spring 2009 Newsletter!

A number of the ballots had very interesting comments. Thank you for taking the extra time, it's always nice to know how MDBs grow in your garden. Some of the comments from the ballots will be included in the next issue of the Newsletter.

2008	2007	2006	VARIETY	VOTES
1	1	1	AFRICAN WINE	30
2	5	9	CROWN OF SNOW	20
3	2	3	YAK ATTACK	18
4	35	11	ATROVIOLACEA	16

4	8	18	CHEMISTRY	16
4	28	18	TINY TITAN	16
7	28	8	BUGSY	15
7	10	18	DITTO	15
7	24	-	SPIDERWEB	15
7	5	11	TINGLE	15
11	10	34	CINNAMON APPLES	14
11	16	49	FISSION CHIPS	14
11	31	40	GARNET ELF	14
11	7	4	TOOTH FAIRY	14
15	3	2	ALPINE LAKE	13
15	43	-	GECHO ECHO	13
15	10	5	GNUZ SPREAD	13
15	20	11	SPOT OF TEA	13
19	8	31	ACUTE COOT	12
19	13	25	DINKY CIRCUS	12
19	24	17	PIXIE KISSES	12
19	19	28	PUPPET BABY	12
19	20	18	SELF EVIDENT	12
19	20	18	WISE	12
25	43	25	BEACHWOOD BUZZ	11
25	13	31	BLUE ASH	11
25	13	49	PIN TAIL	11
28	28	-	HARRY HITE	10
28	35	37	PENNY CANDY	10
28	35	7	PIXIE FLIRT	10
28	22	33	VELVET TOY	10
32	-	49	DAISY FRESH	9
32	24	49	DOOZEY	9
32	28	22	GISMO	9
32	43	22	GRAPLET	9
32	13	25	HOT BUTTONS	9
32	43	49	KIDLING	9
32	43	37	LITTLE DRUMMER BOY	9
32	28	49	SNOWY RIVER	9
32	35	37	WATERMARK	9
32	-	-	WEE VIKING	9
32	-	11	ZIPPER	9
43	13	25	BUDDAH SONG	8
43	-	-	FLASHING NEON	8
43	24	25	HEY THERE	8
43	-	-	PINK BLINK	8
43	-	49	SUN DABS	8
48	-	-	BLUE DOLL	7