

## HISTORY OF B&S AND QBSA – SECTION 10 – TONY WALLER’S TERM 1994-1995

### Foreword

**A Special General Meeting (SGM)** was held on 17 March 1994, immediately prior to an AGM, so that the outgoing Committee Members and attendees could see and discuss the final draft of the amendments to the Constitution, prior to it being tabled at the AGM. It proposed alterations to the structure of the Committee and was very contentious with some Affiliates but it was adopted.

### The AGM.

It seemed almost of a secondary consideration, but **John Balderson** and Ken **Woodward** were returned to their positions. President **John Orr** announced that he was not standing on account of family (second child expected) and business commitments.

**Tony Waller**, Vice President was **elected President**. Tony was the first of the QBSA parents to take the position. He and his family had relocated from Sydney, and son, Adam Waller, was a junior of national recognition. Adam is still competing, from a home base of Club Banora. QBSA parents, not unlike committed sports parents in any arena, spend countless hours and money supporting children’s activities, Tony was no exception.

It is not known how much of a surprise was John Orr’s resignation, but Tony had the assistance of two keen supporters in **Terry Beitz** and **Tony Catanzaro**, as **Secretary and Treasurer**, respectively, also new bloods. However, the very experienced **Ken Woodward** as Registrar and some old hands on Committee including “Chips” Lawrence, Noel Gourley and John Balderson would add ballast. As a matter of interest, Registrar in particular requiring accurate and current result keeping, was a very demanding task. Tony Beitz was replaced later in the year by **Ian Anderson**.

Things apparently moved along smoothly as the New Constitutional arrangements were bedded in. **Noel Gourley**, who was now very familiar with the workings of the national body, and who **had been made a QBSA Life Member in 1994**, assumed the role of **Qld Executive Member**.

The feats of **Rhys Cochrane** for the year are manifold and a classic.



**Qld Under 21 Snooker**  
**Qld Under 18 Billiards**  
**Qld Open Billiards**  
**Australian Under 18 Billiards**  
**Australian Under 18 Snooker**  
**Highest break and age record in the Australian Open Billiards of 243**

### Refereeing

In 1994 the ABSC became autonomous from England in the Certification of its referees. Formerly all recommendations for appointment had to be sent off overseas for ratification. At last candidates could be examined by local examiners for endorsement by the ABSC.

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1995



In March 1995 the AGM was held re-electing **Tony Waller as President**. **Ian Anderson** was returned as Secretary and **Ken Woodward** made an encore as Treasurer. At this meeting **John Orr was made a Life member**, a very well earned recognition, having served in many capacities for the QBSA and over a very long period. These included President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

### Junior Development

This year as a promotion of the sport the Qld Under-15 Snooker Championship was held in Toombul Shoppingtown, with most of the preliminaries contested at Gaythorne and Redlands Services Clubs. 12 players contested the event which was won by **Rhys Cochrane**.

### SGM - President Resigns

In September it was necessary for **Tony Waller to resign** through business and family pressures. This was a shock and regrettable to the B&S community, because, in a short space of time he was seen as popular and approachable to everyone. The QBSA debt has also been radically reduced into credit during the term. At a Special General Meeting, at Kedron Services Club, **Larry Grabish** (another players' dad) **was elected as President**. **Ian Anderson continued on as Secretary and Ken Woodward returned for another term as Treasurer**. **John Balderson was Vice President**.

### Refereeing

**Robert Day**, who was active on Committee and refereeing at the time, was **elevated to Examiner**, Billiards and Snooker.

### Treasury

At the end of 1995, the QBSA had **\$24,316** in available funds. This management period is noteworthy for its strong financial management and for re-establishing good relations with the Affiliates. The writer has been restricted in attempts to research it properly on account of the severe lack of records available.

### Mal Mollenhauer

There are no photos surviving. He had the reputation of being very firm, but fair. He performed the thankless task of **Registrar for nine (9) consecutive years** and kept great records settling many potential disputes between players and teams. He resigned great in 1995. How Mal escaped the responsibilities without a Life Membership is a mystery

It is of credit to Tony and Ken that an opening deficit of \$8,584 in 1994 became a surplus of \$8,701 by the end of that year.

This term opened with the following opinion. It seemed germane to close it in the same way.

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## Some Statistics

Affiliate	1973 Teams	1975 Teams	1981 Teams	1985 Teams	1993 Teams	1995 Teams
Coorparoo RSL	B C			B C E		
Gaythorne RSL	A B C D	B C D E	A C E F	2A C E	AC	C
Kedron Wavell Services	B C D	2B C D	A C D E	A C D E	2A2C2C1D	2ABC2D2E
Post-Tel Institute	B	B	C D E 2F	2D E	CD	
Q. Bookmakers Club	A	A				
Q. Cricketers Club	A	A C D E F		B D E	ABCE	ABD
Q. Irish Assn	A	A B				
Q. Masonic Club	A B D	A B E F	A B C	B C E	BC	
Wynnum RSL	AC		B C 2EF	2C E	ABCD2E	
Buffalo Memorial	BC					
Redcliffe Services	A C D	A B D F			CD	B
RQYS	B	B E				
Sherwood Services	B C D	A C D E F		B	A2B2C2DE	A 2B3CD
Sth Brisbane Club	A C	A B C E	A B E F	2A B C D		B
Tattersalls Club	A	A				
Toowong RSL	A B C D	A B C D F	B C E F	B C D		
Toowong Bus Depot	C D	C E	2E F	B E	CE	
University Qld	B					
Valley Club Rex Arcade	A	2A B C	2A B C 2D E F		A	
Waterside Workers	B C					
Gabba Pink Ball	A B C D	2A 2B C D	2A 2B C D	3A B C E	2AB2C	2ABE
Wests OB & Juniors			B C E F	B C D		
Wests Seniors			B C D E			
Ritz Snooker Ipswich			B D F		CD	D
Redlands Services			C D E F	2E	CDE	BCD2E
Light Street Bus Depot			D E F			
Brothers Rugby League			2F	B C D E		
Riverside (Wharfies)						B
Logan City Snooker					B	
Milton Billiards					C	
Green Baize						
Logan City (Oz Pool)						D
Capalaba Bowls						2C
Pine Rivers						B2CD
Twin Towns						AB
	<b>44</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>43</b>
	<b>220</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>215</b>

**Kindly Note:** Whilst it was not the author's aim to have these history documents become one of those statistical mazes, it was felt that a few examples might show growth or decline, improvement and so on. Teams nominated but later withdrawn may not be included.