

SUMMARY **QBSA MINUTE BOOK** from March 13 1947 (page 58), to 2 Feb, 1972 (page 257) - (concluding on 31 Oct, 1975)

John Orr, Past President (Life Member, Secretary, Treasurer) and I have had a number of discussions recently, from which, his strong support of the development of a QBSA (Qld Billiards and Snooker Assn Inc) History, is reflected in him providing me with a large quantity of old records.

John played Billiards on tables at the University of Qld and initially in the UQ team playing out of Qld Irish Assn, in Elizabeth Street. He was elected to the QBSA Committee in 1976 and went on to fill many senior QBSA roles which will be revealed as the history develops.

These records have been held in trust by John on behalf of the Assn in the hope that the organisation would achieve stability and a clubhouse or offices of a permanent nature as a safe repository for them. John and I consider these irreplaceably invaluable to the organisation. He did not really consider Sports House suitable because of our security of tenure (which has been borne out by the loss of a paid administrator and space recently), or the lack of regular member traffic that a club with billiard tables would provide. **I agree that any history or relevant documents should be readily available to peruse by interested parties, however they must not be loaned or stored privately.**

John has more, later material of all sorts available but I wish to process what I have first as an expression of our intent and good will, in return for his confidence and trust in me. To date he has given this material to me permanently as QBSA property.

What I have now received includes a large Minute Book of AGM, SGM and Committee Meeting hand-written minutes which will fill many voids in the 1950-1970 era. I have now read all of these minutes describing this period, some 250 pages. They have been summarised meeting by meeting and some information and a number of events relevant to us now, have been compiled as well. I will attach copies to the first page of the Minute Book for future reference.

I have agreed with John Orr to tackle this first because, following on is the period of living memory which can be compiled otherwise.

To this end I feel strongly that we should have all documents digitised professionally when as they are sorted and categorised. Digitised copies must be readily available for QBSA Members. Originals must be stored in a most secure place or lodged with the State Library for security, posterity and the use of the public. Documents from each AGM in current times should be treated similarly. If done so, future research and interest will be simple.

I offer this for QBSA consideration and recommend:

That the QBSA History documents, as they are prepared, are made available on the QBSA web site front page for ease of access, information for and from the Members and interested parties.

Sincerely

Terry Stewart (QBSA Historian)
September 2017.

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58	CTA	29 Jan 47		Hugh Titcombe		<i>Committee Meeting not AGM</i>	
60	*CTA	13 Mar 47	A Thurlow	Hugh Titcombe	J Devon	J Devon	[1] [1A]
73	CTA	14 Apr 48	A Thurlow	R N Graves	J Devon	J Devon	[2] [3] [4] [5]
82	CTA	9 Mar 49	A Thurlow	R N Graves	J Devon	J Devon	[6]
91	CTA	15 Mar 50	A Thurlow	L G Tozer	J Devon	J Devon	[7] [10]
102	CTA	14 Mar 51	A Thurlow	L G Tozer	J Devon	J Devon	*[8] & [9]
110	*Postal Institute	2 Apr 52	A Sakzewski	Hugh Titcombe	Cec Klinger	Cec Klinger	[11] [12] [13] [14]
121	CTA	5 Mar 53	(deferred)	Hugh Titcombe	Cec Klinger	Cec Klinger	[15]
131	CTA	24 Mar 54	*Hon J Duggan	Hugh Titcombe	Cec Klinger	Cec Klinger	[16] [17]
138	CTA	15 Mar 55	Hon J Duggan	Hugh Titcombe	Cec Klinger	Cec Klinger	
141	Postal Institute	19 Mar 56	Hon J Duggan	Cec Klinger	HG Nilsson	H Nilsson	[18]
147	Qld Irish Assn	11.Feb 57	Hon J Duggan	Cec Klinger	A L Nilsson	A L Nilsson	
155	Qld Irish Assn	24 Mar 58	*Albert Sakzewski	Cec Klinger	A L Nilsson	A L Nilsson	[18A]
158	Postal Institute	5 mar 59	Albert Sakzewski	Cec Klinger	L Hannah L	Hannah	[19]
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180	Postal Institute	20 Mar 62	Albert Sakzewski	Cec Klinger	Cec Klinger	J Devon	[22]
188	Postal Institute	4 April 63	Albert Sakzewski	Bill South	J Lyon	J Devon	[23] [24]
194	*Q Bookmakers	4 Feb 64	Albert Sakzewski	Bill South	N Lobb	N Lobb	[25] [26] [27] [28]
[29]							
205	Q Bookmakers	11 Feb 65	none	Bill South	Pat O'Brien	D Coghill	[31] [32] [33] [34]
221	Q Bookmakers	27 Jan 66	none	Bill South	Ron Coogan	Bill South	[35]
234	Q Bookmakers	7 Feb 67	*Hon D Nicholson	Bill South	Ron Coogan	Ron Coogan	
239	Q Bookmakers	28 Mar 68	Hon D Nicholson	Bill South	Ron Coogan	Ron Coogan	[36] [37]
243	Q Bookmakers	7 Feb 69	Hon D Nicholson	Bill South	Ron Coogan	Ron Coogan	[38] [39]
246	Q Bookmakers	10 Apr 70	Hon D Nicholson	Derek Law	Ron Coogan	Ron Coogan	[40] [41] {42} 43]
253	Q Bookmakers	2 Feb 71	Hon D Nicholson	Derek Law	Ron Coogan	Ron Coogan	[46][47]

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 CTA Commercial Travellers Assn, "Talbot House", Elizabeth Street – later at Spring Hill – later named Bjelke Petersen House, site now re-developed
 ([8] & [9]) Not relevant to history
 Postal Institute Elizabeth Street, Brisbane, (Est. 1920's), Australian Postal Institute was for PMG, later Telecom/Telstra, staff recreation and training purposes centre.
 Hon J Duggan John Edmund "Jack" Duggan, Labor MLA Toowoomba & Gregory, Deputy Premier Qld. 53-57, Later Opposition Leader 58-66.
 Albert "Bert" Sakzewski Later Sir Albert Sakzewski, champion player, President, Patron, noted philanthropist, first Chairman Qld T.A.B.
 Hon David Nicholson Later Sir David, Country Party Member (Lib Coalition) for Murrumba; Qld longest serving Speaker

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SUMMARY of Keith Uhlmann (Secretary) Meeting Notes from Oct 72 to Feb 74

Keith Uhlmann (Postal Institute, was appointed assistant Secretary/Treasurer to Ron Coogan who was unwell, and became Secretary following Ron's death in 1972.

Date Notation

- 1972 The QABA held about \$2000 in funds but was disaffiliated from the ABSA. A decision to rejoin was deferred because equalisation fees would be about \$700. However, it was decided to renew the Constitution and Rules of the QABA; KU to assist Ron Coogan (Secty) who was unwell. President is Derek Law.
- Oct '72 AGM Definition "Player"& "Professionals" adopted; amateur status finished; Draft Constitution tabled. First membership Fees set (\$2).
- Jan '73 AGM Huge Attendance; Exhaustive ballots for 11 V/Presidents and 10 Committee; Clem Jones becomes Patron; first Registrar (T Stewart); Constitution/Rules adopted; *long-haired players could play in Q Irish Assn billiard room but not enter club*; Noel Gourley proposes Junior Tourneys and Coaching, starting a very long role; Life Membership for Charlie Thompson. Note: A Grade Snooker was handicapped at this time. Only a few tourneys apart from State Championships and the very popular Redcliffe Open Snooker.
- 1973 Noel Gourley (NG) and Ian Clark (IC) by now very involved in Assn matters (see Derek law term); WD & HO Wills on board Escort H'Cap; Sub C'tees formed - Finance, Fund Raising, Inter-Club; Escort H'Cap; Funds now about \$3K; ABSC Referee Certification Scheme adopted; Art Union proposed; entry fees introduced for finals of State Snooker Finals and also Annual Dinner; Crystallate balls in use but Super Crystallate just introduced; John and Pam Poirrier and John Orr (future notable administrators) attend; a Pennant Grade is proposed (NG) for promotion with 4 geographical teams(N.S.E.W.) based on residential address; Sub C'tee formed starts 1974. (From intermediate meetings)
- Feb '74 AGM Executives, Clem and Registrar elected unopposed; exhaustive ballots for the rest; (50 attendees); Pennant Grade adopted; NG takes on the "Skill School" coaching programme at the Ann Street YMCA; 3 sessions/week for 8 weeks. Move to include Billiards into Snooker Interclub contentious. Handicaps in A Grade discontinued. \$3000 now held in fixed term deposit.

For Mention later: Derek Law financial and management practices – man management, (allocation of duties); sub-committee for anything problematical; practical organiser; follow-ups; and performance of his executive duties. Keith Uhlmann kept clear and accurate records.
Ian Clark filled a vacancy in '72; served on many sub-committees; assistant Registrar from 1974; general committee duties.

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