

CONTRIBUTION TO CUE SPORTS

Short background on the contribution to cue/cloth sports by:-

Name: **Lance Roland SHEEN**
Date of Birth: 21-01-1943
Birthplace: Melbourne, Australia
Occupation: Electrical Contractor [now retired]

Administrative Experience:

Lance Sheen is probably the longest serving Administrator of 8-ball, both within Australia and overseas. Beginning in the late 1960's and still partly involved in all areas of cue sports.

It All Began:

Doncaster Inn Pool/Social Club.

Member since 1968.

President 1981-1984

Treasurer for a great many years, also Captained the Club in 1st Division.

Awarded Life Membership in 1978.

It was this club, together with another, that was responsible for the formation of the Eastern Districts Pool League in 1973.

1999 DISC became the Templestowe Hotel Pool Club

Due to ill health [major knee and back problems, still playing pool in a lower division].

2003 - Vice Captain of 4th division, taking over as captain later in year.

Captain 2003, Premiership Team for the club.

Eastern Districts Pool League

1973 – 1987 Founding member and Treasurer / Statistician.

1973 – 1994 Administrator

1980 Awarded Life Membership of the EDPL in September.

Attending over 95% of all meetings in 32 year history as executive to EDPL.

Has competed in over 800 pennant matches in the EDPL.

2003, 2004, 2005 Delegate for the EDPL to Pool Victoria.

2005 – transferred to Manhattan Eightball Club, competing in 2nd division.

Channel 9 Television, Sportsman Committee for Yooralla Crippled Children.

1975 – 1979 Chairman of the 8-ball Fundraising Committee.

Via his own business, sponsored entrants in the Miss Sportsgirl Quest for a period of 3 years. In the first year [6 months] ran second for highest money raised.

The following 2 years his sponsored entrants raised the highest funds.

Over ¼ million dollars in 3 years, in collaboration with DISC.

Victorian Eight Ball Association [state body]

1983 Founding member [1 of 3 people].

1983 – 1995 Administrator

1991 Awarded Life Membership.

1984 – 1990 Victorian Team Manager

1984 – 1989 Victorian Delegate to the Australian Eight Ball Federation.

Pool Victoria [new state body, replace VEBA]

2000 Founding member

2000 Victorian Delegate to the Australian Eight Ball Federation.

2001 Executive Committee Member.

Have actively been involved [heavily] in all, very successful, Nationals held in Victoria both Senior and Junior.

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Australian Billiards & Snooker Council.

1992 Elected to the Executive of this body for 2 years.

Australian Eight Ball Federation.

1983 Founding member of the AEBF.

1989 Elected as President of this body.

1989 Introduced Women's Singles to National Championships.

1990 Introduced Women's Doubles to National Championships.

1990 Elected to the position of Australian Team Manager for the inaugural international series against New Zealand – The Trans Tasman 8-ball Test Series - Hamilton, New Zealand [also umpiring].

1991 Promoted the introduction of Women's Team event into National Championships

1991 Pushed for introduction of annual Junior National Championships to be held in three age groups.

1995 November resigned his position of President of the AEBF after a term of 6 years which saw great achievements take place, not the least being establishing *Creditability and Respectability for the sport of 8-ball pool.*

1995 Elected by the AEBF Executive to the position of Consultant to the Australian Eight Ball Federation.

1996 Finalist [final 6] for the title of Administrator of the Year in the annual Telstra Australian Sports Awards conducted by the Confederation of Australian Sport [February].

1996 Awarded Life Membership of the Australian Eight Ball Federation on 28th October.

1999 Elected Board Member for the AEBF to the Australian Confederation of Cue Sports.

Has attended, all but one Annual General Meeting, since the inception of the AEBF.

Missed only one National Championships, in Cairns 2001, owing to knee replacement surgery.

World Eight-ball Pool Federation

1991 Worked on forming this body with United Kingdom and New Zealand.

1992 Saw the formation of this body, between New Zealand, England and Australia
Elected as Chairman of the Steering Committee, and World Rules Committee.

1993 At completion on the inaugural World Championships held in Manchester, England was elected President of the WEPF. Umpired at World Championships.

1994 Umpired at inaugural matches in South Africa prior to World Championships.
Re-elected as the President

1995 Re-elected as the President

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1998 Declined re-election nomination as President, due to ill health.

1998 Elected as the inaugural member into the World Eightball Pool Federation's Hall of Fame.

2004 Received Hall of Fame plaque in Adelaide at AEBF Championships.

Attended many meetings, world wide, for promotion of 8-ball pool, over a number of years.

Eventually to see cue sports recognized by the Olympic Movement via General Assembly Sports Federation.

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1973 Inception of the Eastern District Pool League [EDPL]. Lauri commenced as an unofficial 'helping hand' to her husband Lance who had been elected Treasurer and Statistician of our league.

Within two [2] years of 'just helping out', Lauri took on all the work involved in the position of Treasurer, she also 'took over' the keeping of all statistical records of matches, players etc. a big job in itself.

Was responsible for a great many inventive and cost saving ideas and formats [which were resisted for some time], which have proved extremely beneficial to our organization and are still in place to this day.

She was, in 1984 [together with one other] responsible for the drafting of our constitution and by-laws and the incorporation of our organization with the relevant government body.

Although not holding any position in the EDPL, Lauri also carried out the duties of Secretary [other than that of taking Minutes at meetings]. Her knowledge of the rules of our game was and is immense, as too is her knowledge of the structure, history, ideals and growth and is un-surpassed by 99% involved in this sport.

1979 Lauri holds the distinction of being the first person to be granted Life Membership of the EDPL in October 1979 [which back then had a rule of no female members, [speaks for itself of the esteem in which her work was held].

All during this time, she was a non-competitor in this sport, [her great love being netball] - another sport in which she was highly regarded for her leadership qualities].

In 1988 she decided she might as well become a competitor too, going to play for the then new Manhattan Hotel Pool Club. She has achieved several trophies in her career to date.

1988 mid to late year.

Undertook the massive job of getting the league computerized and the loading of all previous statistical records [14 years worth], this together with learning computers herself for the first time.

1990 Lauri officially became an employee of the Eastern Districts Pool League Inc. on 22nd January.

1994 December, Lauri saw the league grow from a mere 120 players back in 1974 to a figure of 939 in 1994 [at which time she resigned her position in the office].

All of this at the same time, holding down a full-time working position, together with being a mother to 3 young children and supportive wife to her husband.

1995 Commenced to compete for the Burvale Hotel Pool Club, going on to become President and Treasurer before returning to her 'home' in pool, the Manhattan Pool Club in 2002.

2003 Some problems at Manhattan saw her take on a challenging task as the 'stand-in' Treasurer. Elected as the Clubs Treasurer at the annual general meeting a position still held to this day.

1983-4 A founding member of the first state body for pool in Victoria - the **Victorian Eight Ball Association Inc.** [VEBA].

Was their Secretary and Treasurer and the Office Administrator until she resigned those positions in 1995.

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- 1987 Became one of 6 people that formed an umpire's examination [via the EDPL] that went on to become a division of VEBA.
From late 1987 it's a position she held single handedly [no one else could be bothered], until Garry Welsh commenced assisting in 1994.
Was the **Victorian** nominee for the position of **Rules & Umpire Director** to the Australian Eight Ball Federation's [AEBF] development plan of Australian Rules & Umpire Committee.
- 1984 - 1994 Was an integral part of all State Championships within Victoria.
- 1985 - 2005 Has attended all AEBF National Championships [exception being the first in 1985].
- 1988, 1994 and 1999 Working member of 3 Senior National Championships for Victoria.
Providing
enough accredited umpires for all of these Championships [also Juniors].
- 1991 Received Life Membership of VEBA.
- 1996 Holds the most number of accredited umpires within Australia.
- 2000 Founding member of Pool Victoria.
- 1984 **Australian Eight Ball Federation:**
Assisted in 'setting up' the administrative side of this body.
- 1989 Unofficial treasurer for 2 years.
- 1990 Also got the first Australian Team to New Zealand [bookings, uniforms, finances etc.].
- 1991 Elected Treasurer of the AEBF.
- 1994 Elected Secretary of the AEBF.
Delegate, [with Terry Green WA] for the AEBF at **World Eight-ball Pool Federation** meeting in Manchester, England.
- 1995 Put together the AEBF's constitution and by-laws and presenting to each state/territory
and the executive committee and portfolio holders a folder containing all information relevant to the AEBF.
- 1998 **Umpired at World Championships.**
- 2000 Achieved "A" grade umpire status with the AEBF.
- 2002 Elected Director of Rules & Umpiring for the AEBF.
- 2003 Member of the World Eightball Pool Federation Rules & Umpire Committee.
- 2005 Still continues to compete weekly in the EDPL having just played 400 match nights.
- Lauri has received more awards, recognition's and grateful thanks, than any other person [except her husband], involved in this sport, not just within the EDPL, but throughout Victoria, Australia and overseas, for her unselfish dedication and the enormous workload she has carried out for a great many years.

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It is because of Lance and Lauri Sheen, that the EDPL name is known , not just throughout the EDPL but Victoria, Australia and onto the world scene. Where they have always promoted the EDPL and it's ideals, some of which have been adopted by various cue codes throughout the world.