



Laurie Webb's official duties with the SGDGA began with his appointment as inaugural Association Secretary in 1958. He held this position for twelve consecutive years (until 1970) and revisited the job in 1974/75 and again in 1975/76. Laurie also served as Association President in 1977-78.

Laurie combined Association duties with the Captaincy and numerous unofficial duties at Korumburra Golf Club. He was Club captain in 1961, 62 and 63, for two more years in 1976 and 1978 and for another two years in 1976 and 1977. He served the club further with numerous stints as Handicapper and Tournament Manager, and unofficial rules expert.

Laurie was an excellent golfer and played off single figures for the majority of his golfing life. He won his first club championship at the age of 28, in 1938, and in an achievement of which he was quietly proud, lifted the same trophy 21 years later in 1959. He was a cagey, quietly competitive and very successful pennant player. One unconfirmed yarn goes that prior to a home pennant match Laurie rose early, visited the first green, and with the grip of his putter, traced a few slightly incorrect borrows into the morning dew with a view to informing the opposition players who followed later in the morning. Laurie had few peers as a match play competitor.

Laurie was heavily involved with the early establishment of Korumburra Golf Club from the tin 'shed' clubroom through to the planning and completion of the permanent clubroom. He was active in debate about course design and layout and the 14th, to this day, is referred to as 'Webb's ' or 'Webb's Horror'. If you've played it, you'll understand: If you haven't played it, play it and then you will understand.

In what would have been the most foregone committee decision, he was inducted in 1963 as a Life member of the Korumburra Golf Club. The South Gippsland District Golf Association Life Membership was awarded to Laurie in 1973

His only competitive Hole in One was scored on the 1st at Korumburra in 1968. For his efforts he was presented with a gold putter, a club with which he shared a tortuous relationship, and which on several occasions nearly ended up in the reservoir below the 10th green.

Due to ill health (1971-73), Laurie moved to a warmer climate to pursue his teaching career. During this two year stint, he was successful in winning the B Grade Championship at Hillside Golf Club at Tatura. Upon his return he immediately took up the secretarial role of the Association.

Laurie is remembered for his keen sense of humour and for his devotion to the game as both a player and administrator.