

## **Bill Edgar (Deceased) - Elected 1985**

President 1983-1986

Bill joined Commonwealth in 1924 he later become a life member

19 times club champion

Won Vic Amateur 1927 38 51

Won Vic foursomes 1930 with A W Jackson

1938 46 53 with F L Bulte

1957 with HW Hatterley

Interstate representative 1927 to 1954

Australian Representative

Australian foursomes championship with F W Gluth in 1953

Played in 3 finals of Australian Champs runner up 3 times beaten at 36th and 38th.

Bill Edgar's story reads as a virtual history of golf in Victoria from his first competitive year in 1926 until the late 1950s. In that period of time he was part of and witnessed many memorable events. He played alongside names that are now immortalised in Australian Golf - Ivo Whitton, Jim Ferrier, Mick Ryan, Harry Williams, Joe Kirkwood, Doug Bachli, to name just a few. There have been few, if any, golfers in Australia who have been more highly regarded as sportsmen and none in amateur golf have put as much back into the game in their post competitive years. Peter Thomson describes Edgar's swing as 'the very essence of simplicity' and his action 'the smoothest rhythm of all'. It was this swing which enabled Edgar to achieve his incredible record of consistency and helped him maintain a handicap of scratch or better for 39 years - furthermore, he remained on a single figure handicap for 62 consecutive years. At a time when Bobby Jones was the undisputed top golfer in the world, the Melbourne Press gave Edgar the ultimate accolade of calling him 'Australia's Bobby Jones'. If anyone can be called a Legend in Amateur Golf in Australia then it must certainly be Bill Edgar.