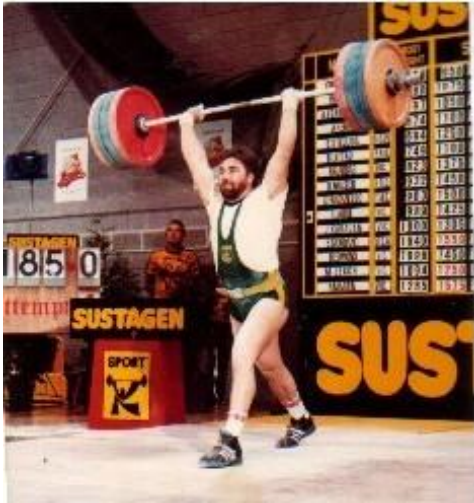


In Memory of Ian Laurie (Australia) 1951 - 2005



Ian Laurie competing at the first Moomba Weightlifting International in Melbourne in 1981.



Ian Laurie receiving one of his many weightlifting awards during his career.

The Oceania Weightlifting Federation, on Tuesday night 14th June, lost one of the greatest weightlifters Australia has ever produced in Ian Laurie. This untimely passing of our dear friend has certainly left a void in our sport.

Ian began his weightlifting career in 1969 which lasted until the mid 1980's. He was one of the finest athletes I have ever coached. His loyalty and commitment to the sport was unquestionable. Ian wanted to succeed in the sport of weightlifting at all cost. If he did not reach his expected target in a competition he would train harder than ever, the very next day. But if he succeeded he always aimed to be better.

Ian was one of the very first Australian lifters to reach the 200kg mark in the clean & jerk.

Many times National Champion of Australia and Oceania Champion. He represented his country in many international events, world championships and he was a member of the successful Commonwealth Games team in 1978.

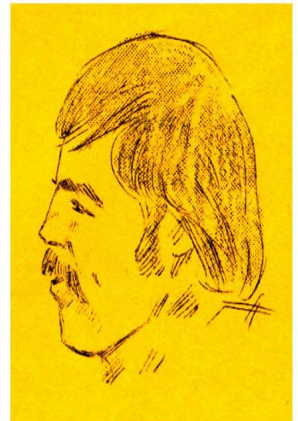
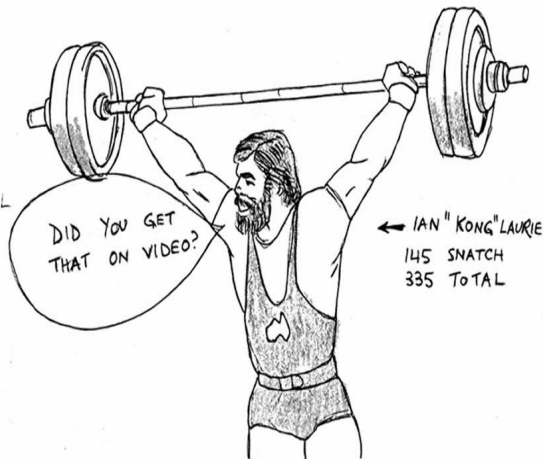
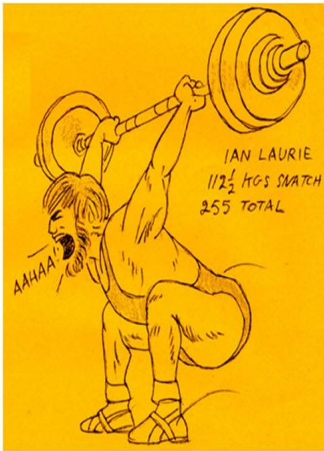
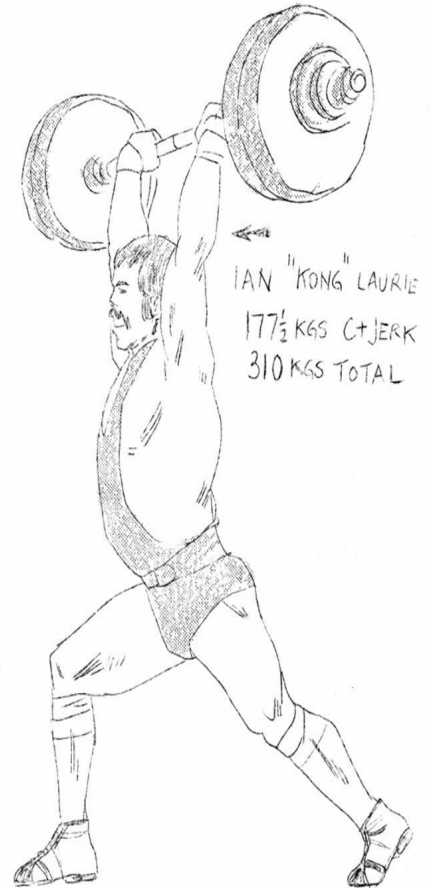
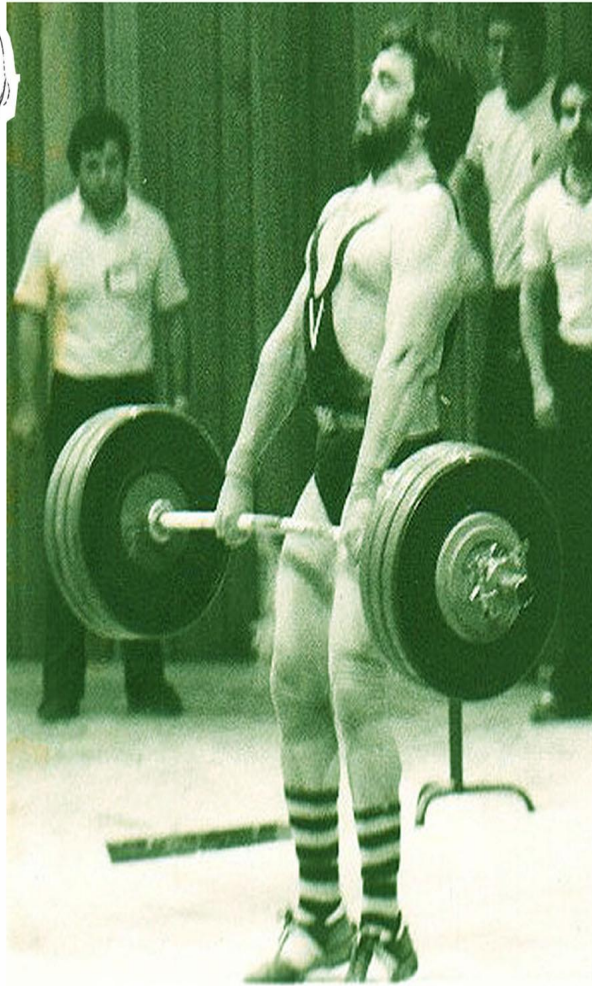
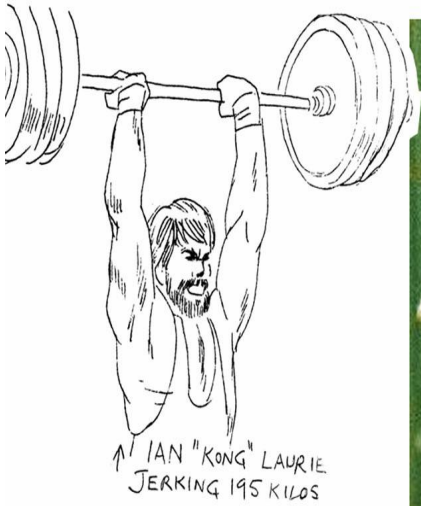
Later in years he became a Category 1 International Referee and he also excelled in this field. Ian was a very fair and conscientious referee. A true sportsman, in every sense.

A great athlete, a great champion, a great family man and a great friend. Ian will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Paul Coffa
GENERAL SECRETARY
OCEANIA WEIGHTLIFTING FEDERATION

Ian "Kong" Laurie, you were one of the greatest. Certainly you were the most committed. You will always be remembered.

- The Brute



These memorable sketches of Ian and some of his mates were drawn by Robert Kabbas during the 1970's for the Wogs Weekly magazine

