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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To watch a true Professional perform has always been a totally rewarding experience. One such occasion happened a short while ago right here at my golf course. The incomparable Patty Berg conducted a golf clinic for the Aurora Country Club women golfers that I considered to be a masterpiece. For approximately one hour and thirty minutes Patty kept her audience in the palm of her hands with a terrific combination of comedy, tidbits and true golf artistry. Miss Berg has been dominating female professional golf tournaments for many years, her successful accomplishments remain unequaled to this day. Here is a person, a true professional that has reached the top and upon doing so is returning a dividend to the sport of golf that has made her famous.

It was comedy but it was also instruction as one of the all-time top names in women's golf showed this eager group how they were making mistakes and what to do to correct them. This started me to think, we as Superintendents are also a part of this sport of golf. Can we as professional turf managers, or more importantly, do we return dividends? Creating enjoyable playing conditions for our golfing population might be construed as a form of return and yet these playing conditions are our dutiful purpose. I feel our true return dividends can be many fold. Developing the church lawn into a beautiful display of turf, telling that neighbor how to really remove weeds from his front lawn and solving a disease problem in that members stately Norway Maple he treasures so much. Patty Berg does it in her way and the Superintendent has his way; equal forms of the true professional performing. The feeling derived from giving far exceeds that of receiving.

Carl G. Hoppman

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What qualities are essential for the perfecting of a human being? A cool head, a warm heart, a sound judgment, and a healthy body. Without a cool head we are apt to form hasty conclusions; without a warm heart we are sure to be selfish; without a sound body we can do but little; while even the best intention, without sound judgment may do more harm than good.