

Patty Berg Winner of the "Old Tom Morris Award"

LPGA Hall of Fame member Patty Berg will receive the Golf Course Superintendents of America's prestigious Old Tom Morris Award at GCSAA's 57th annual international Golf Course Conference and Show this coming winter in San Francisco. Identified throughout the golfing world with the true heritage and tradition of the game, the award will be presented February 3 during banquet ceremonies at the San Francisco Hilton & Tower Hotel.



The Conference and Show are scheduled January 27 - February 4. Center of activities will be Moscone Convention Center. "The Old Tom Award is presented to an individual who, through a continuing, selfless commitment to the game of golf, has helped to further the game with the same dedication and inspiration demonstrated by Old Tom Morris," said Eugene D. Baston, CGCS, President of GCSAA.

A founder, charter member and first president of the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA), Berg is a leading ambassador for women's golf. Although 1980 was her last year of professional competition, Berg continues to be active promoting the game, as did Old Tom.

As an amateur, Berg won 29 championships and then amassed 55 victories as a professional. Among her professional victories are 42 LPGA events, bettered only by five players in the Tour's 35-year history.

Berg has triumphed over personal adversity as well as over challenges in golf. In 1941, she was injured in automobile accident and sidelined for 18 months. In 1971, she underwent cancer surgery. In 1980, she had hip surgery.

Berg's honors and awards are numerous. Some of the most notable are: induction into the LPGA Hall of Fame and the World Golf Hall of Fame; USGA's Bob Jones Award honoring a person who emulates his sportsmanship, respect for the game and its rules, generosity of spirit, sense of fair play, self control and sacrifice; the Golf Writers Association of America's Charlie Bartlett Award to a playing professional for unselfish contributions to the betterment of society; the William Richardson Award to an individual who has consistently made outstanding contributions to golf; the Ben Hogan Award to a person who has overcome a serious illness or injury to play golf again; the National Golf Foundation's Joe Graffis Award to individuals who demonstrate outstanding service and dedication to the educational advancement of golf; and the Herb Graffis Award.

In 1976, Berg became the first woman to receive the Humanitarian Sports Award from the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation.

In 1979, LPGA established the Patty Berg Award to recognize and honor her diplomacy, sportsmanship, goodwill and contributions to the game.

One of golf's first greats, Old Tom Morris was a greenkeeper, golf professional, club and ball maker, golf course architect and accomplished player who won four British Open Champion-

ships between 1861 and 1867. At the Royal and Ancient, St. Andrews, Scotland, Old Tom gained worldwide fame, boosting the popularity of golf throughout the British Isles and in many other parts of the world.

Golfing great Arnold Palmer, entertainer Bob Hope and former President Gerald Ford are previous recipients of the Old Tom Morris Award.

An international golf audience including representatives of every major golf association will be on hand for the 1986 banquet ceremonies. The banquet attendance is expected to reach 2,000.

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