

Campbell, Corbin get Graffis awards



USGA official, teacher cited for contributions

The National Golf Foundation's highest honors—the Herb Graffis and Joe Graffis awards — have been presented to former USGA President William C. Campbell and LPGA teaching professional Kathy Corbin, respectively.

The awards were named for brothers who founded the NGF. The Herb Graffis Award recognizes "long-time and outstanding contribution to preserving the true spirit of the game, and specifically for keeping golf as it was meant to be: for recreation, good fellowship and health."

The Joe Graffis Award honors "outstanding service and dedication to the educational advancement of golf."

Campbell has been involved in amateur golf for half a century. In 1956 he received the USGA's highest honor, the Bob Jones Award, for distinguished sportsmanship in golf. In 1983, the Golf Writers' Association of America gave him the William Richardson Award for outstanding contributions to golf.

"Of course I'm highly honored by this award, both for its stated criteria and because of its previous recipients," said Campbell in a recent letter to NGF Chief Executive Officer Dr. Joe Betiz.

Campbell was president of the USGA in 1982-83 and served two terms on its Executive Committee. He was captain of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club in St. Andrews, Scotland, from September 1987 to September 1988 — only the third American accorded this honor.

The winner of 30 amateur golf titles including the 1964 U.S. Amateur Championship, he is a popular speaker on the history and traditions of golf. He is currently running his insurance company in Huntington, W.Va.

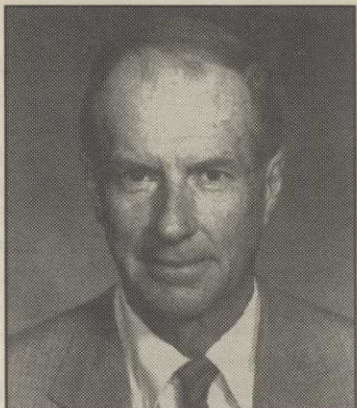
Corbin has worked extensively teaching the physically challenged at Palo Verde Golf Course in Arizona.

A world-class hurdler when she developed a rare disease of the kneecaps, she took the advice of her doctor and took up golf, winning a scholarship and earning a career as LPGA Teaching Division professional.

"I was devastated when I found out about my disease," remembered Corbin, who was told when diagnosed at age 17 that she would likely be in a wheelchair by 30. "I was a very active person. My goal was to be a world-class runner and go to the Olympics. Suddenly that wasn't possible."

"Now I can say my disease was one of the best things that ever happened to me. It got my life going. Finding out what people can and can't do makes every day a new learning process."

Her own use of golf as physical therapy gave Corbin the impetus to found the "Never Say Never"



William Campbell
program in 1985 for paraplegics, amputees, stroke victims, the blind

and the deaf. Through her program, students receive individual instruction and equipment modified for their use.

In 1986 Corbin received the Phoenix Outstanding Rehabilitator/Teacher of the Year Award for her work with a 70-year-old stroke victim. At the time she began the program, Corbin's student was unable to use the left side of his body. Today, he not only takes a full swing but he plays a minimum of three rounds of golf a week.

"Letting someone see what it feels like to produce results on his own rather than depending on



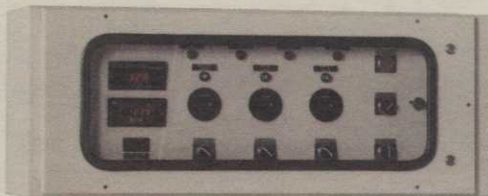
Kathy Corbin
someone else is a real thrill... I keep catching people saying, 'I'll

never do that.' But they prove themselves and me wrong over and over again. That's my reward."

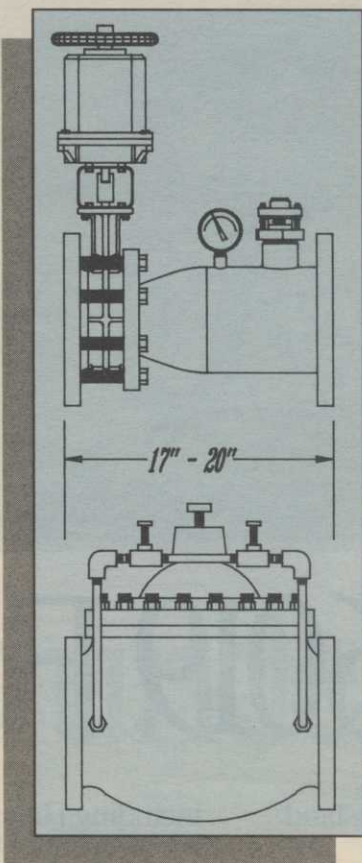
Corbin joined such Joe Graffis Award-winners as Patty Berg and Bob Toski, when she accepted her award Nov. 20 at the LPGA Awards Luncheon in New York.

Campbell joined the likes of Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus when he received his award at an International Association of Golf Administrators meeting Dec. 3.

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