

and the first woman golfer to be leading money winner and Vare Trophy winner in the same year, 1955.

While Patty's record may read like a lifetime devoted to winning, the spunky redhead's contribution to golf goes far beyond this, as most professionals, both home and playing, realize.

Stars at Many Clinics

Since Patty turned professional back in 1940, she has devoted thousands of hours to promoting golf through her clinics. Until recently, when Alaska joined the United States, Patty could boast of having conducted golf clinics in every state in the union.

Traveling more than 50,000 miles per

Other golf figures who figured prominently in the Richardson Award voting were Fred Corcoran, International Golf Assn. and Ladies PGA promoter, and Charley Coe, last year's Amateur champion. Patty Berg received 93 votes, Corcoran, 59, and Coe, 39. Patty is the second woman to be honored by the golf writers, the late Babe Zaharias having received the award in 1953.

year, Patty averages at least 125 clinics in between tournament play. Her instructive and entertaining exhibitions are rated as being as good as any staged by any pro, male or female.

The expert shotmaking of Miss Berg is generally taken for granted, but her terrific wit and personality never cease to amaze people who come to watch and learn. Although she employs no gag-writers, the entertaining Patty never seems to run short of humorous material. Her demonstrations of her "sisters'" golfing abilities are almost as well known as the Minneapolis redhead herself.

Patty, whose head never has been inflated by all her success, feels the clinic program is her way of giving back to golf what the game has given her.

Acknowledges Debt

As far back as 1947, in a speech at the PGA's annual meeting, Patty stated: "Any little success which has been mine should be credited to the professionals who took such pains instructing me in the correct methods of the game. You know of the vast debt I owe to golf. It can be repaid only by me. I have found the means of repayment in the form of a golf clinic."

Patty has been particularly interested in promoting golf among the younger set. It

is her aim that as many as possible of the youngsters of the nation will be the future golfers of America and from the rank and file of the kids will come the future professionals.

Her clinic, which incorporates all the fundamentals of golf, is not intended to be complete in itself, but rather to stimulate interest in persons attending to advance further. Many a golf professional has had his lessons book jammed following a visit by the fabulous Patty Berg.

Anyone who has seen Patty's clinic is well aware of coming away with the words, "see your pro," ringing in his ears.

Aside from Patty's fine instructional clinic, golf professionals always enjoy her warm and friendly personality. Following a clinic, it is generally the practice of popular Patty to sit down over a coke and chin with the members. She is genuinely interested in people and feels these sessions are more satisfying to her than they are to the people who sit and talk with her.

After 19 years of professional golf and some 3,000 odd golf clinics later, there is hardly an individual who would not agree that Patty Berg has repaid golf many times over.

However, this is not the reasoning of the spunky redhead who still approaches each golf season with a school-girl freshness. She continues to be the big attraction at any golf tournament and folks still come from miles around to see her famous golf clinic . . . they always will. But don't think Patty feels her debt is paid to golf. As Patty claims, "It would be impossible for me ever to put as much back into the game as I have taken out of it, but it's certainly the swellest darn job in the world trying to do it."

Tournament of Champions

At least 26 and possibly 29 pros will compete in the Tournament of Champions tournament at the Desert Inn, Las Vegas, Apr. 23-26. Entrants have to win circuit tournaments before becoming eligible to compete. When the Desert Inn event was originally planned, it was expected there would be no more than 15 or 16 players taking part in it every year.

PGA Adds May Tourney

The first annual Ice Cream Invitation golf tournament, for women, will be held in Southern Pines, N. C. at the Mid-Pines club, May 8-10. It is being sponsored by the Howard Johnson restaurant chain. Prizes of \$6000 will be awarded.