

Golden Bear visits Dornoch

IT was a very special week recently when the town of Dornoch was graced by the presence of golfers who between them have 22 major titles.

The week was kicked off in fine style when golf's greatest champion, Jack Nicklaus, paid his first ever visit to the world's sixth best course.

As a renowned golf course architect and the designer of this year's Ryder Cup course, he was keen to see where Donald Ross found his inspiration and despite a slow start to his round soon found

his rhythm and took time to study the course. Surpassing that day would never be possible but having golf's gentle giant and Scotland's last major champions was not a bad follow up.

Sandy Lyle is not a stranger to Royal Dornoch and his return was welcomed as he tuned up for the Open and went round in 64.

The final guest was the man who kicked off the European march to major championship wins and to the Ryder Cup, Tony Jacklin.



Pictured on the first tee (left to right): Jack Lucks (college friend of Jack Nicklaus), Gary Dingwall (head teaching pro, Royal Dornoch), Sean Fay (assistant PGA professional, Royal Dornoch), Andrew Skinner (head PGA pro, Royal Dornoch), Jack Nicklaus, George Clubb (captain, Royal Dornoch), Dennis Bethune (president, Royal Dornoch).