

GOLFING

with Jack Nicklaus

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(NAPSA)—These surprising golf facts may not get you out of a sand trap, but they will whet your appetite for the game.



Golf icon and RBS ambassador Jack Nicklaus.

- Harry Vardon holds the record with six British Open victories, but he is probably better known for the overlapping or “Vardon” grip still popular today.

- Early in Jack’s career, some doubted he could win on a British links course. Jack’s victory in the 1966 Open Championship at Muirfield was so special, it inspired the name for his course in Ohio, Muirfield Village.

- Nine players, including Nicklaus, have won the U.S. Open after reaching 40. The most recent was the late Payne Stewart in 1999 at Pinehurst, the venue for this year’s U.S. Open.

- Two of Ben Hogan’s four U.S. Opens saw him lead after every round. Only four others have won wire-to-wire just once—Walter Hagen, Jim Barnes, Tony Jacklin and Tiger Woods.

- Not only was Gene Sarazen’s double eagle on the 15th hole in the 1935 Masters “the shot heard round the world,” but Masters host Bobby Jones was there watching it.

These facts were discovered by the Royal Bank of Scotland Group through their support of Jack Nicklaus and the game of golf.