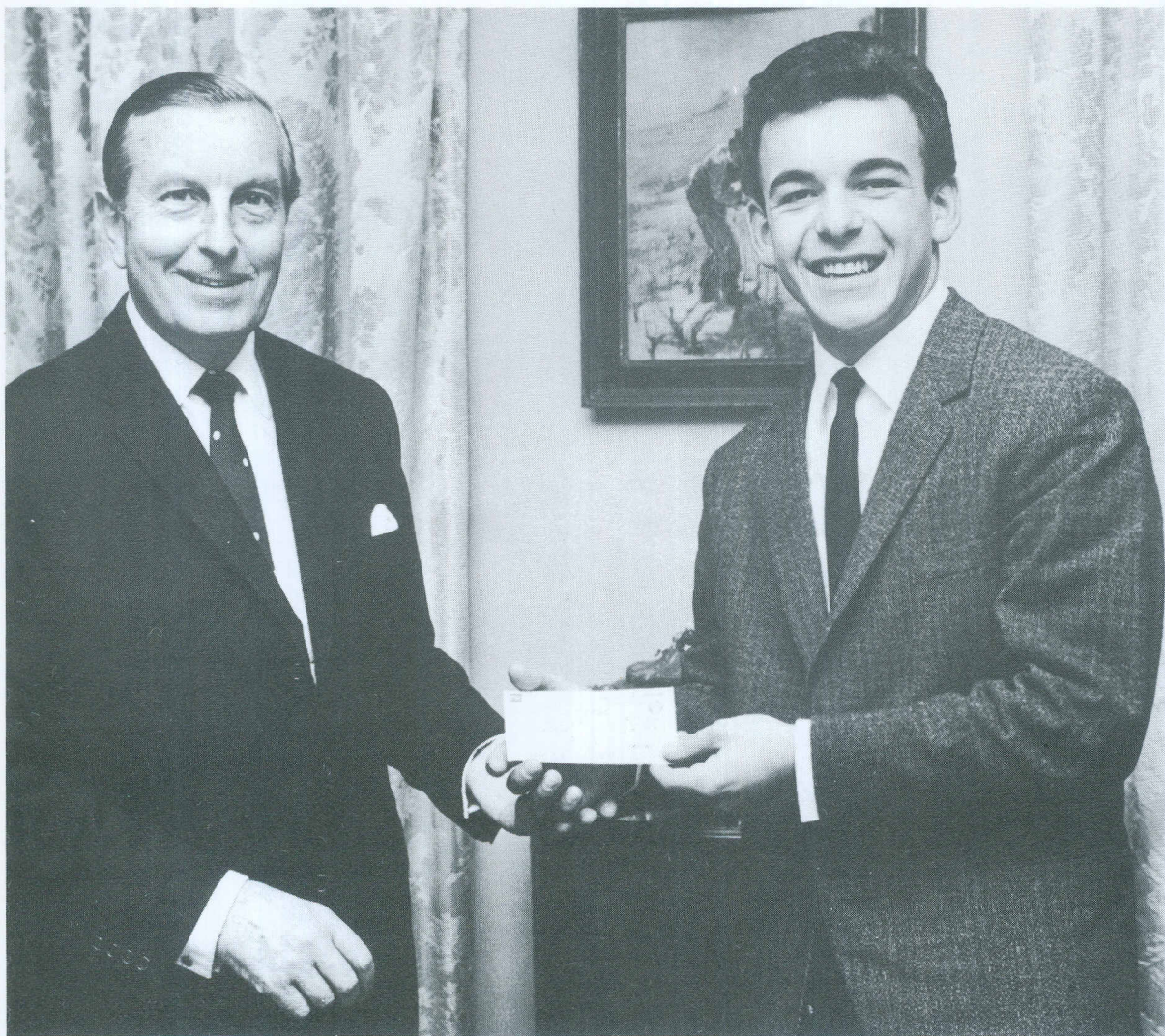


# Tony Jacklin



In 1963 Tony Jacklin won my Rookie award for the best young player in that year, and here he is with me holding his prize cheque, which I still present annually to be best young pro in his first year in competition. Who would have thought that six years later this boy would be acknowledged one of the greats of all time! For after winning The Open at Royal Lytham in 1969 he won the American Open the following June in 1970, and so for a brief month he held both titles – a really tremendous feat.

The picture of a young Tony was taken at his peak. He is in full control of his swing. He has

started the 'pull down', as you can see from the bend in the shaft. The club face is almost fully open, and he is well balanced on both feet ready to lash the ball. Jack Nicklaus liked Jacklin's swing at this period; his hands were under the shaft and he had no tension in his hands, wrists and forearms then. Often some tension can be observed now.

Tony liked riding on Pacifico, my sweet old donkey. When he was still the American Open Champion he came to Penina for a holiday. He had just lost his British title to Jack Nicklaus at St Andrews where he went to the turn in a