# Why 1896 US Open is so famous? A detailed summary of the 1896 US Open



New York City, New York May 9, 2022 (<u>Issuewire.com</u>) - The 1896 U.S. Open was held on July 18 at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, New York, and was the second U.S. Open. James Foulis won his sole major championship, finishing three strokes ahead of runner-up and defending winner Horace Rawlins. It was a sideshow to the US Amateur as the inaugural Open. However, 35 people entered the competition, and 28 of them completed the 36 holes.

### What you should know about before and after the 1896 U.S. Open?

Before the **1896 U.S. Open**, numerous players signed a petition indicating that they would not play if African-American John Shippen and Native American Oscar Bunn were permitted to participate. However, the petition was denied, and the players agreed to back down. Shippen, a caddie at Shinnecock Hills, recorded a 78 in the first round, putting him just two shots behind leader Joe Lloyd. He was in contention for the title until an eleven on the 13th hole of the final round, when he tied for sixth place.

Foulis finished third in the first <u>1896 U.S. Open</u>. Open the year before, beat Rawlins by three strokes with rounds of 78-74. Foulis' score of 74 was not surpassed until 1903 when the rubber-core ball was introduced.

Shinnecock Hills was the shortest course in US Open history, measuring 4,423 yards (4,044 meters). Its next U.S. Open was in 1986, 90 years later. The course had been enlarged to 6,912 yards at that time (6,320 m).

## Legendary Black golf players● Lee Elder:

Robert Lee Elder (July 14, 1934 – November 28, 2021) was an American professional golfer. In 1975, he was the first African-American to play in the Masters' Tournament, although he didn't make the cut. Elder was invited to the competition after winning the 1974 Monsanto Open. Elder raised enough money to attend PGA Tour qualifying school in 1967. He received his tour card for 1968 after finishing 9th out of 122 in his class. He came in 40th on the money list that year, earning almost \$38,000.

#### Calvin Peete:

Calvin Peete (July 18, 1943 – April 29, 2015) was a professional golfer in the United States. Before Tiger Woods' breakthrough, he was the most successful African-American on the PGA Tour, with 12 victories. In 1982, 1983, and 1985, Peete won the Tournament Players Championship and finished in the top five on the PGA Tour money list three times. In 1984, he was placed among the top ten players in the world by McCormack's World Golf Rankings.

## **Pioneers Golf Course's description**

On a sunny day, a golf cart sits in front of one of <u>Pioneers golf</u> course's water features. In Lincoln, Nebraska, and the surrounding states, it is the oldest public course. On April 12th, 1930, the Pioneers Golf Course was completed. The course is set across a gentle hill that the lovely clubhouse stands atop, and it was originally 27 holes built by golf architect William Tucker for \$1,500. Pioneers Golf Course, which is now an 18-hole course, has quickly become one of, if not the most popular, courses in the area. The course is one-of-a-kind, with no sand bunkers on the holes, and has maintained true to its original intent.

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