

The 2008 US Open Factsheet

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This two page factsheet tells you everything you need to know about the 2008 US Open

Card of the Course			Torrey Pines	The US Open
Hole	Par	Yards	<i>Torrey Pines South Course hosts the 2008 US Open.</i>	<i>The first US Open was held in 1895 at Newport, Rhode Island. Englishman Horace Rawlins won.</i>
1	4	448		
2	4	389	<i>The South Course was designed by William F Bell in 1957.</i>	
3	3	195		<i>In 1911 John McDermott became the first US citizen to win at Wheaton, Illinois.</i>
4	4	488	<i>Rees Jones redesigned the South Course in 2001. Jones flattened and enlarged all 18 greens, added 60 bunkers and lengthened many of the holes.</i>	
5	4	453		<i>From 1926 to 1965 no non-US golfer enjoyed US Open victory.</i>
6	4	515		
7	4	461		
8	3	177		
9	5	612		<i>Jim Furyk was the last US Open Champion from the USA in 2003.</i>
Out	35	3738	<i>At 7643 yards the South Course is the longest course in regular use on the PGA Tour.</i>	<i>Overseas champions in 2004, '05, '06 and '07 make this the longest run without a US winner since 1910.</i>
10	4	414	<i>Torrey Pines hosts the Buick Invitational each year.</i>	
11	3	221		<i>The US can boast 78 wins. Scotland comes next with 11 but all of South Africa's five wins have come since 1965 when Gary Player triumphed.</i>
12	4	504	<i>Torrey Pine: A rare tree that grows in San Diego County and on Santa Rosa Island.</i>	
13	5	614		<i>The first tournament was played over 36 holes on a 9 hole course. It was completed in one day (4th October 1895)</i>
14	4	435		
15	4	478		
16	3	225		
17	4	441		
18	5	573		
In	36	3905	<i>2008 is the first time Torrey Pines will have hosted the US Open</i>	
Total	72	7643		

Municipal Matters

Torrey Pines is a public, municipal course. Tee times are sought after. People often queue overnight to get a precious spot between sunrise and the 7.30am start of reservations. Torrey Pines is the second municipal course to host a US Open after Bethpage Black in 2002.

In 1954 the tournament was televised for the first time. In 1965 the format was changed to the present four day, 18 holes per day format.

The Fab Four

The first four men to play Torrey Pines in 1957 were Olin Dutra, Ralph Guldahl and Paul Runyan, who had seven majors between them, and local pro Don Collett. Collett, partnering local legend Runyan, scored a famous victory over the two Los Angeles giants.

For What it's Worth

The first champion, Horace Rawlins, won \$150 from the prize pot of \$335. Angel Cabrera's win last year netted \$1.26 million from a \$7 million prize fund

Francis Ouimet

20 year old American amateur stunned the world of golf in 1913. Unfancied against the supreme English golfers, Ted Ray and Harry Vardon, Ouimet came out on top after going head to head with Vardon and Ray in a play off. Ouimet, and his young caddie Eddie Lowery, became superstars and the supremacy of US golf was all but assured. 1913 cemented the US Open's reputation as a major.

Four by Four

Four men have won the US Open four times:

Willie Anderson (Scotland)
1901, 1903, 1904, 1905

Bobby Jones (US)
1923, 1926, 1929, 1930

Ben Hogan (US)
1948, 1950, 1951, 1953

Jack Nicklaus (US)
1962, 1967, 1972, 1980

Hale Irwin claimed three wins, in 1974, 1979 and 1990.

16 players have won the US Open twice including Lee Trevino, Ernie Els, Gene Sarazen, Retief Goosen and Payne Stewart.

Andy North won in 1978 and 1985. He won only one other title in his career. Lee Janzen is the only other modern golfer to win two US Opens but less than ten career titles

A History in Numbers

272: The record score for the US Open. Posted by Jack Nicklaus in 1980, Lee Janzen in 1993, Tiger Woods in 2000 and Jim Furyk in 2003.

12 under - Record score to par in the US Open. Posted by Tiger Woods in 2000.

15 shots - The record victory margin posted by, guess who, Tiger Woods in 2000. An all time Major record.

8 - Last year's venue, Oakmont Country Club in Pennsylvania, has hosted a record 8 US Opens.

61 and 29: In 1973 61 year old Sam Snead became the oldest player to make the cut. He finished 29th.

63: Lowest US Open round. Posted by Johnny Miller, Jack Nicklaus, Tom Weiskopf and Vijay Singh.

45 and 15: Age, in years and days, of Hale Irwin when he became the oldest champion in 1990.

19 and 315: Age, in years and days, of John McDermott when he became the youngest champion in 1911.

44 - Number of consecutive US Opens started by Jack Nicklaus between 1957 and 2000.

62 and 63: The "old" Torrey Pines South course record of 62 was set by Tiger Woods in 1999. The "new" course record of 63 was set by Greg Chalmers in 2002.

173 - Horace Rawlins' 36 hole total when he won the first ever US Open.

1933: Three years after Bobby Jones' final win, John Goodman becomes the fifth, and last, amateur to win the US Open.

Did You Know?

In 2005 international qualifying events were held for the first time. Michael Campbell qualifies in England and goes on to win at Pinehurst

72 holes were played for the first time in 1898. But the US Open wasn't played over four days until 1965. Until 1926 players played 36 holes on two consecutive days.

The US Open is notoriously difficult making Bobby Jones record all the more amazing. Jones won 4 times, had 10 top ten finishes and finished low amateur 9 times.

Since the war only Ben Hogan (1950 and 1951) and Curtis Strange (1988 and 1989) have won consecutive US Opens.

Winning the US Open in 1900 made Harry Vardon the first man to win both the US and British Opens. Gene Sarazen was the first to win the US Open and the Masters.

Lee Janzen, in 1993, was the last winner to birdie the 72nd hole.

The Army Marches

In 1960 Arnold Palmer was one of the most exciting talents in golf. As the influence of TV coverage grew so Arnold's appeal to golfers and non golfers alike spread.

Few days did more to cement the legend of Arnie's Army than the final round of the 1960 US Open.

7 shots behind Arnie mounted a famous charge and his 65 was enough to secure victory at Cherry Hills.

His sole US Open victory became one his most famous wins.

The Last 10 Champions

Year	Winner
2007	Angel Cabrera
2006	Geoff Ogilvy
2005	Michael Campbell
2004	Retief Goosen
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1999	Payne Stewart
1998	Lee Janzen

Play Off Pain

The US Open is famed for producing play offs to decide the winner. In the past golfing greats such as Arnold Palmer (three times), Bobby Jones (twice), Ben Hogan and Jack Nicklaus have all been beaten in play offs. More recently Nick Faldo and Colin Montgomerie have lost out in play offs as they tried to join Tony Jacklin as modern Brits who have won the US Open.