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ACCLAIMED CHICAGO AREA 'GRAND SLAM' GOLF ARTIST APPROACHING 50TH MAJOR COMMISSION MILESTONE

ACCOLADES RIVAL THOSE OF PROFESSIONAL GOLF'S GREATEST

FRANKFORT, IL. – Steve Lotus (aka Dr. Steven Lotysz) will reach a milestone next summer when he takes part in his 50th major golf event – the 152nd British Open at Royal Troon Golf Club in Ayrshire, Scotland. However, instead of using his golf clubs, Lotus will reach into his bag and pull out his paint brush.

A Chicago native, Lotus is a retired dentist who lives in south suburban Frankfort and has combined two of his passions – golf and painting – to become one of the sport's preeminent artists.

Now on the back nine of life, the 70-year-old has a resume that rivals the best. In 2024, he not only has been commissioned to create official artwork for the British Open in July but also the PGA Championship at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, KY, in May.

With these recent commissions he will achieve a milestone of painting for 50 professional golf majors, including the last 10 British Opens, the last 25 PGA Championships, the last four U.S. Ryder Cups, four Masters, the U.S. Open and multiple senior major championships.

An avid golfer, Steve often brought his camera with him to photograph the beauty he saw around him. From the photos, he began painting the striking scenes he saw on golf courses at early morning and twilight.

As both a player and an artist, Steve believed he could bring a unique perspective to golf art that would set him apart from other artists. The professional golfing community agreed, and in 1997 he was commissioned for his first major golf tournament as featured artist for the U.S. Senior Open at Olympia Fields Country Club. Eventually, more commissions followed, leading to his second career.

That career has taken Steve and Sue, his wife of 47 years, to 14 states and three foreign countries. Sue is more than Steve's traveling partner, she's also the business manager of Lotus Golf Art, taking care of all of the logistics involved in producing, framing, and packaging Steve's golf art prints and posters for major golf tournaments.

Commissioned by the PGA of America, The Royal & Ancient Golf Club, the USGA, the Augusta National Golf Club, the PGA Tour and the LPGA Tour, Steve has become recognized as one of golf's premier artists. He has produced a series of paintings, prints and posters that depict some of the world's finest courses. His original paintings hang in the collections of some of the world's most prominent golf clubs including the Augusta National Golf Club, Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Southern Hills Country Club and Oak Hill Country Club.

Steve's <u>inspiring path to success</u> includes being a cancer survivor, working as a prominent dentist by day, and satisfying his love of painting by night. He credits God for his artistic talent and a hard-work ethic instilled by his Ukrainian immigrant parents for his having led a fulfilling life.

If you are interested in interviewing Steve Lotus you can contact him by calling 815-685-7814 or by emailing him at steve@stevelotus.com.

Please visit Lotus' website www.stevelotus.com to see more of his golf related painting images, a detailed biography with anecdotes, a tournament commission history and a "Lotysz" painting award history. Steve's images of Augusta National Golf Club can also be found on the Masters website www.masters.com Steve Lotus Art Collection.