

Art of Golfing Snowmen & Santas

CHRISTMAS-THEMED IMAGINARY SETTING ARTWORK OF SNOWMEN, MR. & MRS. "C.," ELVES, TRAINS AND MORE!



Candy Cane Links



Carting the Tree to the Clubhouse



A Christmas Up to Par



Holiday Hazard



Holiday Hole in One

1. Candy Cane Links ~ 2009

This card celebrates golf aficionados who LOVE golfing year round. Sun or snow - this breed of player can't get enough of the game. (With few exceptions, my husband Dougie would fall into that category!) The artwork pictures a snowman welcoming "duffers" to a snow-covered course with holes marked by whimsical candy cane flag staffs.

2. Carting the Tree to the Clubhouse ~ 2010

This Christmas card artwork was inspired by one of Doug's oldest and dearest friends, Ric Metzger, who we lost a few years ago. I was really stuck for ideas for yet another golf-themed holiday motif, and took a break to organize a box of old photographs. There was Ric - driving a golf cart at Overlake Golf & Country Club with a huge leafy branch of an old tree stuck to the top of it where he had taken a short cut (obviously driving where he wasn't supposed to be). It was just the perfect inspiration for this fun piece with a festively dress golfing Santa carting his Christmas tree up the snowy path to the clubhouse. Ric's probably smiling in heaven!

3. A Christmas Up to Par ~ 2011

It's a beautiful starlit winter night. A flock of friendly cardinals, two Christmas trees and a cheery snowman dressed in a festive plaid vest, matching cap and cozy socks shares "Merry Christmas" greetings with everyone in this sparkling winter wonderland.

4. Holiday Hazard ~ 2004

Oops! Santa's golf ball went in the "drink," and he with it! Our feckless St. Nick, finished at last with his annual toy delivery, was enjoying a much deserved game of golf when this happened! And - it's not a private moment . . . he is surrounded by a gallery of friendly forest creatures who are just a little surprised to find him in their middle of their skating pond, also known as the "water hazard." Better luck next time, Santa - best to keep the ball on the fairway.

5. Holiday Hole in One ~ 2004

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus are having a little fun competition on the rooftop of this house on Christmas Eve as Santa practices his pitching prowess with a holiday gift. This was painted as Christmas card art for my 1999 holiday cards.

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St. Nick on #9



Santa Takes a Holiday



Sink It, Santa!



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6. St. Nick on #9 ~ 2008

Ah . . . it's the holiday season again - and St. Nick has earned some well-deserved R&R after a long Christmas Eve of spreading cheer and delivering gifts to good little girls and boys of all ages. What better way than 18 holes of golf with his snow buddy, "Frosty, the Golfer"?! Dressed in "plus fours," Santa is setting up the putt that will guarantee his nearly perfect post-holiday getaway.

7. Santa Takes a Holiday ~ 2005

Yes, it's true - Santa and his helpers work all Christmas Eve delivering presents to good girls and boys of all ages! But - when the sun comes up, he gets his second wind, grabs Mrs. Santa (and the Kitty Caddies) - and heads out to the links. Why? Because we're home opening those presents - and they have the golf course all to themselves! Who more than St. Nick deserves a little time off to tee it up?

8. Sink It, Santa! ~ 2001

Painted as Christmas card art for our 2001 holiday cards, this fun scene pictures old St. Nick and his lovely wife, Mrs. "C" out for a quick 18 on Christmas Eve. They're all decked out in colorful, festive tartans - from their "Plus-Fours" to their Christmas ribbon festooned golf bags - enjoying their round in the snow.

9. Tee-It-Up Train ~ 2006

It must be the day after Christmas, as Santa's at the help of this whimsical steam engine, chugging us along the railroad tracks to the golf course. Doug and I are waving and wishing all a wonderful, prosperous and healthy holiday season from the passenger car. Our vagabond kittiewinks, Andy and Sophie, have hitched a ride on top. This is the eighth in my collection of golf-themed holiday paintings.

10. Tee-It-Up Tree ~ 2007

This is the tenth in my collection of Christmas-themed artwork. It celebrates Mr. and Mrs. "C" dressed in their "plus-fours" after a fun day out on the links. With a little help from one of the elves, they are decorating their evergreen with golf tees, clubs and a garland of golf balls! I painted this fun piece as Christmas card artwork for 2007.

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