

# Art of Golfing Snowmen & Santas

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



## *Candy Cane Links ~ 2009*

This card celebrated golf aficionados who LOVE the game 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 pictured a snowman welcoming "duffers" to a snow-covered course with holes marked by whimsical candy cane flag staffs.

## *Candy Cane Golf Links Clubhouse ~ 11.2013*

Santa Claus is pictured about to sink his putt on #18 at Candy Cane Links. He's finished his round with a bright green golf ball as it started to snow. Festive snowmen were there to guide golfers to the snow-covered tee boxes. Warm and dry, I pictured Doug and me holding a spot at the table for Saint Nick in the clubhouse - a gingerbread confection decorated with candy canes, peppermint pinwheels, butter-cream frosting and more.



## *Carting the Tree to the Clubhouse ~ 11.2010*

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). It was the perfect inspiration for this fun piece with a festively dress Santa carting his Christmas tree up the snowy path to the clubhouse. I'm certain that this artwork would have brought a smile to Ric's lips.

## *A Christmas Up to Par ~ 11.2011*

This artwork pictured 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 shared "Merry Christmas" greetings with everyone in this sparkling winter wonderland.

## *Holiday Hazard ~ 12.2004*

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 - this wasn't a private moment . . . he was surrounded by a gallery of friendly forest creatures who were 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 in the fairway.



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## *Holiday Hole in One ~ 10.1999*

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

## *St. Nick on #9 ~ 11.2008*

Another holiday season was finished and St. Nick earned his well-deserved R&R after a long Christmas night spreading cheer and delivering gifts to good 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 was painted setting up the putt - guaranteeing a nearly perfect post-holiday getaway.

## *Santa Takes a Holiday ~ 12.2005*

Yes, it's true - Santa and his helpers worked all Christmas Eve delivering presents to good girls and boys of all ages! But - when the sun came up, he got his second wind, grabbed Mrs. Santa (and the Kitty Caddies) - and headed out to his own private golf course. Who more than St. Nick deserved a little time off to tee it up?

## *Santa's Tee Box ~ 11.2012*

Santa's used the creative way to finish trimming his huge evergreen at the North Pole. He got in an afternoon on the practice tee so that he could shoot even par on his well-deserved vacation the day after Christmas! Fore!!!

## *Sink It, Santa! ~ 10.2001*

Painted as Christmas card art for our 2001 holiday cards, this scene pictured old St. Nick and his lovely wife, Mrs. "C" on the links for 18 holes on Christmas morning. The two were all decked out in colorful, festive tartans - from their "plus-fours" to their Christmas ribbon festooned golf bags - enjoying their round in the snow.



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*Tee-It-Up Train ~ 11.2006*

This piece pictured the day after Christmas with Santa Claus at the helm of this whimsical steam engine - chugging along the railroad tracks to the golf course. Doug and I were waving and wishing all a wonderful, prosperous and healthy holiday season from the passenger car. Our vagabond kittiewinks Andy and Sophie hitched a ride on top. This was the eighth in my collection of golf-themed holiday paintings.



*Trimming the Tee-It-Up Tree ~ 12.2007*

This painting was the tenth in my collection of Christmas golf-themed pieces. It celebrated 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 were decorating their evergreen with golf tees, clubs and a garland of golf balls! I painted this Christmas card artwork for 2007.

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