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WESTERN WASHINGTON KING COUNTY COUNTRY CLUBS AND PUBLIC GOLF COURSES

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ROYAL OAKS AND SEATTLE COUNTRY CLUBS • ALPHABETICALLY



Autumn Golfing at "The Glen" ~ 9.1995

This was a portrait of Glen Acres Country Golf & Country Club's main clubhouse that I painted in the mid-1990s when I was a member of the private club for about five years. The very challenging 9-hole course had two sets of tee boxes and lightning fast greens - quite difficult for the fledgling golfer I was at that time. The setting overlooked downtown Seattle from its slightly sloping property just south of the Seattle in Burien. The charming traditional stucco and timber cottage clubhouse pictured in the artwork was once a private residence. It served its members as a comfortable place to relax after a round of golf, but the back picture windows overlooking Seattle made it a "natural" for hosting weddings, receptions and other social functions. This Autumn-themed piece pictured friends and family on an Indian summer day dressed for an afternoon of fun and friendly competition.



August at Inglewood Country Club ~ 11.1996

This was a portrait that I completed to honor Bothell's beautiful Inglewood Golf & Country Club clubhouse. The Senior PGA Tour was hosted by this course several times in decades past, giving fans great opportunities to enjoy unforgettable moments with beloved players like Arnold Palmer, Gary Player and many other famous golfing legends. This handsome stucco clubhouse structure was blessed with beautiful architectural detailing both - inside and out - making it the social centerpiece for its members. Preparing for 18 holes that day were my brother Bill Simpson, his wife Jorja, me, Dick Chaffee (my most frequent golfing buddy at the time) and with his wife Susan Chetwin. **Highlight** - I was part of Arnold Palmer's "Armie's Army" at one of the Senior PGA events here in the mid 1990s..

Celebrating the Season ~ O.C.G.G. (Medina) ~ 8.2004

In 2004, Overlake Golf & Country Club (Microsoft's Bill Gates and Steve Balmer were among its more notable members) commissioned me to rework an original portrait I had painted of the club three years before. The board and management at Overlake asked me to give the piece a holiday "spin" so that they could hang the artwork in their foyer at Christmastime and feature it on holiday greeting cards. I painted a huge evergreen in the parking and added lots of holly, lights, baubles and bows around the clubhouse. At the time that I created this artwork, Doug and I were still members of this club that his parents had joined in the mid-1960s before the membership filled up with business tycoons and retired "dot-com" types. I pictured my avid golfing sister and brother-in-law Peggy and Jeff Barton and their family joining my husband Doug and me in the entryway. **Highlight** - My passionate golfer husband Doug who grew up on this course held Overlake's unbeaten record as the all-time winner with eleven victories as the Men's Club champion.



Overlake Golf & Country Club ~ 5.2001

Located just east of Lake Washington in the small upscale community of Medina, world-class private Overlake Golf & Country Club was breathtakingly beautiful in the spring of 2001 when I painted this portrait of the clubhouse and pro shop. Gardeners had planted the beds at the tee boxes on the entire course with thousands of bulbs - tulips, daffodils, crocuses and more. In full bloom, these were quite an inspiration for its members and guests who came to enjoy the golf course at that time of year. This elite club on King County's Eastside had several famous members on its roster - including Microsoft's Bill Gates and Steve Balmer as well as several well known sports figures. **Highlight** - My husband Doug holds the distinction of winning the Men's Club Championship 11 times - a record that to this day has never broken.



Ariary on #8 (R.O.C.C., Vancouver) ~ 11.2003

My husband Doug and three of his buddies (Joe Ebner, Ric Metzger and Brent Orrico) competed in a men's invitational golf tournament every Spring at Royal Oaks Country Club in picturesque Vancouver, Washington. Not only was the course beautifully laid out and immaculately landscaped (as you can see by this artwork), it also featured some wonderful visual touches like foot-paths through the woods, little stone bridges, "squirrel!" markers at the tee boxes and whimsical bird houses like the one I pictured in this scene. But don't let these extras fool you. Royal Oaks has always been one of the toughest courses in the Pacific Northwest with its narrow fairways, meandering streams, ponds and ball-eating old growth trees. Over the years, upgrades have been made to the course to make the golf experience even more challenging for folks, so this little bit of whimsy on hole #8 became a casualty. **Highlight** - my husband began competing in this event with his father Russ nearly 30 years ago and rarely missed the much anticipated annual trip to play here in June.



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Snowy Sentinel at ROCC ~ 10.2000

I painted this piece after joining my husband and three of his best golf pals at a special invitation golf tournament held at Royal Oaks Country Club in Vancouver, WA. This golf club was one of the prettiest that I had ever seen in all my travels and visits to other courses all over the west coast. Special features were its huge oak trees, evergreens, lush flower gardens and streams that meandered throughout its 18 holes. A number of stone bridges criss-crossed these and one at hole #5 was actually covered with grass. When it came time to create our golf-themed Christmas card art in 2000, this pretty bridge came to mind. I dusted the scene with snow and painted a tartan-clad snowy "Sentinel" standing guard. A few years later, the artwork was published in the Royal Oaks "Divoteer" newsletter and a framed reproduction of hung during the holiday season every year in the clubhouse.



Celebrating at the Seattle Golf Club (Seattle Highlands) ~ 4.2010

This is a portrait of the handsome old clubhouse designed for the Seattle Golf Club by the renowned Spokane architect, Kirtland K. Cutter. Built in the early 1900s, this building is adjacent to "The Highlands," a very elite neighborhood that is home to some of Seattle's wealthiest residents - like the Boeing, Stimson and Nordstrom families. There has always been an extremely long waiting list for folks wishing to become members of one of Puget Sounds oldest and most respected private golf clubs. This painting pictured my friend Marie McElhaney's wedding to Graydon Marting (her parents were country club members there) on a spectacular sunny day. I included some of her wedding party, new husband and new stepson and delighted girlfriends on hand to celebrate.

Highlight - This handsome vintage clubhouse has been maintained beautifully for over 100 years.

"THE CLASSIC" • "HOME IMPROVEMENTS" RICHARD KARN BENEFIT TOURNAMENT



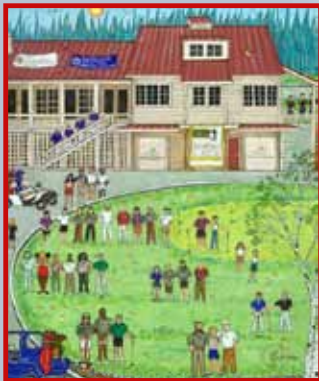
"The Classic" at Echo Falls Golf Club (Monroe) ~ 6.1995

This was a portrait I painted picturing actor Richard Karn making his putt on the 18th green of Echo Falls Golf Club in Monroe. Richard made his mark on ABC's vintage entertaining *Home Improvement* show as the bearded plaid-shirted sidekick to comedian Tim Allen. Cheered on by celebrities, volunteers and friends, Richard made it look easy as he raised thousands of dollars for Bellevue's Overlake Hospital and Seattle's Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center. Pictured (L to R) are Don McKenzie, Cathy Davis, Paul O'Rourke and Paul Lester, host Richard Karn, winners Seattle Supersonics basketball legends Detlef Schrempf and Dale Ellis, volunteers Marcy, Vicki and Jamie, player David Samp, and volunteers Scott and Nicole. I'm part of the group at the right side of this impossible green - it's surrounded on ALL sides by water with only a narrow foot-path for access! **Highlight** - Doug and I were married at the beautiful Echo Falls clubhouse on April 15, 2000 - so this place holds very fond memories for the two of us.

Richard Karn's "Classic" at Willow's Run ~ 10.1996

Actor Richard Karn's (of TV's *Home improvement*) Classic Charity Golf Tournament was held at Willow's Run Golf Course in Woodinville annually for several years. This painting features several of the participants and celebrities (L to R), top to bottom: the winning team NexTech from Pittsburg (blue shirts), three volunteers, model Carol Alt, hockey star Ron Greshner, basketball's Detlef Schrempf, Dale Ellis, one of the caddies, myself and a host of actors and comedians, Joe Santos, John Mendoza, Charlie Schlatter, Donny Most, Peter Marshall, Alvy Moore, Jack McGee, Peter Barton, Christopher McDonald, Casey Sander, Julie White, Cathy Ladman, Libby Weaver, Peter Godber, Mickey Mouse, Tom Godber, John Zaring, Gorilla-Man, Bruce Evans, Debbe Dunning, Zachary T. Bryant, Mickey Jones, Dick O'Neill, George Lopez, Samuel L. Jackson, "Cheech" Marin, Bill Gates, Will Schriener, Richard Karn (Al of *Home improvement*), Sue Williams (his sister) and Gene Karen Wilson (his dad).

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Cottage Clubhouse at Jefferson Park ~ 4.2010

This artwork pictured the vintage cottage-style clubhouse that once served one of Seattle's three municipal golf courses - this one located in the Beacon Hill neighborhood just south of the Downtown District. Two things made the setting special. First, Jefferson Park was "home course" to renowned Masters' winner golfing legend Fred Couples - pictured in the artwork on the putting green when he was learning the game as a young man. Second, the course enjoyed stunning colorful gardens and blossom-filled urns leading up to the cottage clubhouse, on the tee boxes, and beside fairways. Spring, Summer, and early Autumn's days were particularly pretty at Seattle's Jefferson Park Golf Course. **Highlight** - One of the guys Doug used to play with when he was part of A.S.U.'s golf team in the 1970s introduced me to Fred Couples at the 2010 PGA Senior event at Sahalee Country Club in Sammamish. I gave Fred a framed print of the vintage clapboard clubhouse (now demolished) with him in the foreground. Fred Couples generously signed the back of my original painting.



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EASTERN WASHINGTON'S INDIAN CANYON GOLF COURSE

Teeing It Up at Taylor Creek (Maple Valley) ~ 8.1998

When I painted this fine art, the nine-hole course with two sets of tee boxes was known as Taylor Creek Golf Club. South of Maple Valley in South King County, this was a fun, but very challenging course. The majestic three-story clubhouse pictured here in this portrait was once part of a private estate. Its equally imposing fir tree beside the mansion was the focal point of club and could be seen from every hole on the golf course. The avid golfers pictured on the grounds were Rob and Sue Hill, my husband Doug (in the months while we were still dating), me, my golfing buddy Dick Chaffee and his wife Susan Chetwin.

Highlight - When Doug and I played this course with Dick, he shocked us all by driving the green on one hole and making a quick "birdie."



WESTERN WASHINGTON • INDIAN CANYON GOLF COURSE

Rain or Shine at "The Canyon" ~ 11.2003

This is a portrait of one of Spokane, Washington's oldest and most beloved golf courses, Indian Canyon. Historic and picturesque, this course was created a short distance west of west of Spokane's Downtown District off the Sunset Highway near the Finch Arboretum. Indian Canyon has hosted several major regional tournaments each year for decades - such as the Rosauers Open. Winding up and down through a hilly tract of heavily wooded property, the course's terrain has always provided golfers of all abilities with a truly challenging run for their money. The course recently was fitted with a modern sprinkler system that helps keep its terrain consistent and even more of a joy for lovers of "the greatest game" to play. Pictured in front of the Craftsman-style vintage shingle and stone clubhouse are family members (L-R): sister Peggy and Jeff Barton with son and daughter Michael and Kelly, my youngest brother Bob and his wife Jan, and my mother Sally and me. **Highlight -** The rare overcast Summer day in Spokane couldn't keep us away from another 18 holes!



IDAHO'S HAYDEN LAKE, OREGON'S ROGUE VALLEY AND ARIZONA'S ALTA MESA COUNTRY CLUBS

HAYDEN LAKE PRO SHOP AND CLUBHOUSE • ONCE THE HISTORIC BOZANTA TAVERNYN

Hayden Lake Country Club (Pro-Shop) ~ 11.2003

Summertime! It meant vacation and golf for my family. For six-plus decades, the Simpson family shared good times at our cabin on Hayden Lake. The first thing my parents did upon purchasing their lot at Sunset Beach was to join the Hayden Lake Country Club. Many summers ago, undoubtedly its most famous golfing member was Bing Crosby, who owned several vacation homes on the lake from 1940s through the 1970s. Its clubhouse (once the Bozanta Tavern) and the pro shop, pictured here, still characterize much of the rustic charm of old-fashioned country clubs. The beautiful manicured course has always been peppered with stately, ancient Ponderosa pines and colorful flower beds, making it a pleasure to play, even if your game was not up to par. Waiting for me to retrieve a scorecard were my young niece and nephew, Michael and Kelly, whose grandparents, Lee and Mercy Barton, were longtime club members.



Historic Hayden Lake Clubhouse (Bozanta Tavern) ~ 5.2019

This stunning Chalet-style clubhouse was designed at the turn of the last century by Kirtland Cutter. He was involved with developing what was known as "Little Switzerland" on the Gold Coast of the west side of Hayden Lake, Idaho with other wealthy Spokane businessmen like F. Lewis Clark and J.P. Graves. Noted landscape architects the Olmsted Bros. also worked on the ambitious project to make property overlooking the lake a true destination for the surrounding Inland Northwest. A golf course was built west of what was then known as the Bozanta Tavern. The picturesque inn, pro shop and fine golf course went on to become the Hayden Lake Country. **Highlight -** During the mid-1900s, actor and crooner Bing Crosby was very involved with the club, hosting tournaments that included his pal Bob Hope and other celebrities. Crosby built several vacation homes on Hayden.

Perfect Labor Day Morning (R.V.C.C.) ~ 9.2002

Rogue Valley Country Club in Medford, Oregon, hosted the largest match play golf tournament in the entire United States when I was inspired to paint this piece. The "Southern Oregon," as it's affectionately known by its over 100 players, has been hugely popular for decades and guaranteed stiff competition in all of its men's and women's divisions. Nearly as popular as the late summer golf competition was the sprawling sun-speckled clubhouse deck, which overlooked the course and driving range. Breakfasts at sunrise, afternoon cocktails with friends and dancing in the moonlit evenings - this deck was a magnet for all of the participants and guests. **Highlight -** I pictured our friends leisurely enjoying breakfast while my husband Doug practiced a few putts before his championship match. It was a tradition in our group to eat together on the last morning of the events as the last players either went on to compete or packed their bags for the journey home.



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Kris Kringle's Christmas Getaway ~ 11.2016

With all of the gifts and goodies safely delivered around the world on December 24th, Kris Kringle treated himself to a golf getaway in the Southwest on Christmas Day. One of Santa's elves volunteered for caddy duty - even though he was so short, he had to use pixie dust to get the clubs back in the bag and push the cart around the course! Santa spent a perfect day enjoying manicured fairways and lightening fast greens - a welcome reward for a job well done! Highlight - this was the 18th holiday golf painting I created to honor my husband's passion for the game. A dear friend (and much thinner than Santa here) Greg Killian posed for the this festively dressed putter in front of the Alta Mesa Country Club clubhouse in Arizona.



SCOTLAND'S UNITED KINGDOM BRITISH OPEN DESTINATIONS

Decorating the Bridge on #18 (St. Andrews Old Course) ~ 11.2002

I painted this festive golf-themed artwork to honor the Old Course at Saint Andrews (StAndrews.com), Scotland - the reputed birthplace of golf. There are actually two courses there, a new one and this one. This fun holiday painting featured Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus decorating a tall evergreen perched on the stone bridge that connected both sides of the #18 fairway there - one of the more picturesque spots on the course. In the background of this piece, I pictured the venerable old clubhouse and Russack's famous golf hotel. To celebrate my husband Doug's 50th birthday in 2002 (he's a remarkable good golfer with a lifelong passion for the game), we traveled to the United Kingdom with two of his closest friends to play several of the courses that have hosted the renowned British Open - including this course!

Simpson's Golf Shop (Carnoustie) ~ 11.2003

This colorful little golf shop across the street from the famous Carnoustie Golf Club in Scotland has always held a special place in my heart - as I'm a Simpson! Simpson's Golf Shop was started in 1883, and is believed to be the second oldest of its type in the United Kingdom. Interestingly, Simpson's was recognized by the Lord Lyon King of Arms as "amongst Nobles and in all Places of Honour to be taken, numbered, accounted and received as an incorporation Noble in the Noblesse of Scotland." The shop's apparel and accessories featured a handsome, exclusive coat of arms. Simpson's also had one of the largest collections of bag tags hanging from the rafters of the shop - the first thing we noticed when my husband Doug, I and two of our friends, Ric Metzger and Brento Orrico stepped through the door. I completed this artwork for our 2003 Christmas cards picturing Doug and me on a shopping spree joined by a very festive Mr. and Mrs. Kris Kringle. *Highlight* - Our trip to Scotland celebrated Doug's 50th birthday in spring, 2002.



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