

Golfing Santas & Snowmen

20 "AMERICANA" FINE ART WHIMSICAL PAINTINGS OF SAINT NICK, HIS ELVES, AND SNOWMEN AT CHRISTMASTIME • INCLUDING THE CANDY CANE LINKS COLLECTION



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE CANDY CANES LINK GOLF COURSE!

CANDY CANE LINKS COLLECTION

Candy Cane Links ~ 9.2009

This card celebrates golf aficionados who LOVE golfing year-round. Sun, rain or snow - this breed of player just can't get enough of the game! With few exceptions, my sweetheart husband Dougie would fall into that category! The artwork here pictures a snowman welcoming "duffers" to a snow-covered course with holes identified with red flags on whimsical candy cane flag staffs. This artwork was the first in a series of "Candy Cane Links" images I created for our annual Christmas cards in honor of Doug's passion for what has often been called "The Greatest Game."

The Candy Cane Links Clubhouse ~ 11.2013

This artwork is the third painting in my "Candy Cane Links" collection. I began creating Christmas art golf cards for my passionate golfer husband when we first met in 1997 at Christmastime. This Christmas Golfing Collection (Candy Cane Links is only a part of it) has been a well-deserved nod to the sport Doug loves so much and has a God-given flair for. The collection featured Santa Claus in knickers (sometimes with Mrs. Claus), elves, snowmen, trains, golf carts and more. It also portrayed a number of actual settings like Saint Andrew's 18th fairway and the Simpson Golf Shop at Carnoustie - a "must paint" setting for me with my last name. This painting portrayed a gingerbread candy-trimmed clubhouse with Santa Claus lining up his putt on the 18th hole in the background. A friendly snowman was nearby to point golfers in the right direction to the first tee.

Highlight - I pictured Doug and me in the clubhouse enjoy hot buttered rums - the perfect after-golf festive beverage.

Carting Kris Kringle to the Candy Cane Links Clubhouse ~ 11.2018

Kris Kringle has delivered zillions of packages and enjoyed his "long winter's nap." It's Boxing Day, December 26th, and he has just finished a relaxing round of 18 holes with some of his golf-loving elves. There is a celebratory late Holiday Season Open House at the North Pole's Candy Cane Links Clubhouse and Mr. Claus has hitched a ride on the back of Doug and my golf cart. When I painted this Christmas-themed piece, I was still in my protective boot from the ankle I broke at my niece Kelly's September 2018 wedding - which is why Doug and I are pictured motoring around in a golf cart - something we rarely do!

Carting the Tree to the Candy Cane Links Clubhouse ~ 11.2010

Santa's in charge of the Christmas tree detail at the clubhouse at Candy Cane Links, his own private course at the North Pole. What better way than to load the giant evergreen on top of his golf cart? Oops . . . he's losing his load of holiday lights out the back! This artwork was inspired by one of my husband's dear friends, Ric Metzger, who snagged an evergreen branch on his golf cart one day in December - and finished his round with it on top, looking like a freshly cut Christmas tree! **Highlight** - Ric was part of our wedding party in 2000. We lost him way too soon.

NEW! Christmas Tree on the Candy Cane Links Golf Card ~ 12.2021

This is another piece of Holiday painting celebrating the imaginary setting "Candy Cane Links Golf Course." I've been adding to this fun grouping for decades. I pictured Doug and me bundled up against the elements in our fantasy golf cart - heading across the 18th fairway with a Christmas tree strapped to the top. Of course it's a white Christmas with fresh snow falling and blanketing this festive Holiday scene. I started designing these golf-themed Christmas cards a couple of years before my sweetheart Doug and I were married in 2000. Amazingly, one of our pals has have collected these since we sent the first one. This is the 24th design and the eighth "Candy Cane Links" creation. **Highlight** - My husband's buddies affectionately call him "Doug Award" referring to all the trophies and awards he's won over the decades with his natural talent and love for the game.



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