

DREAMS OF GREEN

by Mark Keathley



What a game! I have played many different sports in my life, but there is nothing quite like the maddening, wonderful, exhilarating, and frustrating game of golf. It is all up to you and your ability, thinking, concentration, and the swing. "Swing the club, son," he would say. "Don't hit it with it. This isn't baseball! Swinnngggg! Swiinnnnnggg!"

I remember the decision when I was about 20 years old - art or golf. I could have gone down either

path (so I thought) but chose the one that made me the happiest. Golf was one of those things I knew I could do, but it was extremely frustrating trying to accomplish it. After punting my driver about 20 yards down the fairway one day as a big slice was flying over to the next hole's fairway, I knew this game wasn't for me. I would chose art and just relish the "Dreams of Green" that I could see in my mind as that great shot would head to the hole right on the stick. "Back up baby!" Yes, it was all in my mind what I couldn't make happen consistently on the links. That day, I shot a 33 on the front nine (3 under par), and I was heading in on the 18th about to score a 43 (7 over par). Yes, sir, it was going to be art for me.

So, 35 years later when I set off to paint a golf painting, I remembered this golf course and watching the game with my dad many years ago. It was so beautifully manicured and not like our public course in Lufkin, TX. This one was immaculate, and the winner of the tournament would receive a green jacket with a large cash prize. I imagined this as the morning of the final round - mist rising on the water, the grounds keepers finishing their perfection, and the crowds coming soon. On this day, everyone would have "Dreams of Green."

| SIZE | EDITION | EDITION SIZE | FRAMED | UNFRAMED |
|-------|---------|--------------|--------|----------|
| 12x18 | SN | 195 | \$450 | \$300 |
| 18x27 | SN | 95 | \$750 | \$550 |
| 18x27 | AP | 25 | \$1195 | \$995 |
| 24x36 | SN | 95 | \$1150 | \$830 |
| 24x36 | AP | 15 | \$1695 | \$1375 |
| 28x42 | SN | 50 | \$1595 | \$1145 |



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