



## HURRAY FOR SANTA

Bill McGrath, the Library Friends popular Santa Claus, was the highlight of the annual LFOB Holiday party. About 30 children, ranging in age from toddler to teenager, and their parents enjoyed a table of crafts presided over by Sondra and Zoe, free books, a groaning table of food donated by a host of volunteers and gifts from Santa's full bag. "To see the look on the faces of some of the little ones who still believe in Santa Claus was a joy to behold," said one of the parents. §

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## HELPING HAND

Even though you contribute handsomely during our annual appeal, we greatly appreciate anything extra you can send our way. So please make your tax-deductible gift to the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs, Inc., Box 1421, Oak Bluffs, MA 02557, and please include your postal and email addresses. Many thanks to all who love our library. §



## THE GREAT GOLF CLASSIC

With Martha's Vineyard beset by a nor'easter, snow, freezing rain and bone-chilling cold golfers were deprived of their favorite sport for most of the winter. Not to worry. There was a golden ray of light when the second annual Library Golf Classic was played in early January. Yes, indoor golf to brighten every hacker's heart.

The two-day pitch and putt golf event, sponsored by the LFOB and manned by the library staff and some 20 volunteers, wandered all over the library's two floors. It started with 11 holes upstairs that snaked through the Special Collections room and on around through the Children's library. The course finished all over the place downstairs.

"I loved seeing the different age groups come together for the Friday event," said Library Director Sondra Murphy. "There were people young and old, library patrons and people who have never been to our library, all having fun. It's something I would love to see year after year. It really is a great event for everyone. And it raised over \$2,500 for the library."

Over 150 adults paid \$18 each, or \$30 a couple, to try their hand at besting the course on Friday evening. They were fortified by food donated by Skinny's Fat Sandwiches and drinks courtesy of Our Market. On Saturday the course was free to all and drew over 300 children and adults.

"I added new features to the course this year that made for more fun," said Russ Bolton, the designer and owner of Library Mini Golf. "I'm already working on some new ideas for next year's event that will blow your mind." §





## BOOK ENDS

# A NATIVE SON

Bob Huss, the chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Oak Bluffs Library, has deep roots in Martha's Vineyard. His grandparents first came to the Island in 1878 and his parents always spent summers in Oak Bluffs and winters in Newton, MA. Bob grew up as a longtime lifeguard at the East Chop Beach Club.

He met his wife, Liz, at Colby College and they were married at St. Andrews shortly after graduation in 1960. Bob worked at a handful of different jobs for the next 10 years — including teaching physics and chemistry at a Vermont high school — before ending up as a professor of computer science at Champlain College in Burlington, VT for 20 years.

Bob also coached ski racing and Liz first taught physical education and then became a learning resource specialist in Warren, VT. They retired in 2000 to live year round in the East Chop house Bob's father built in 1956. "I loved teaching," says Bob.

A born leader, Bob was president of the East Chop Tennis Club for three years, president of the East Chop Beach Club for two and Commodore of the East Chop Yacht Club for two. He currently is also chairman of the Steamship Authority Port Council. In his spare time Bob sings bass in the Island Community Chorus (at 6-foot-3 he stands out), plays golf, takes at least one foreign trip a year, participates in a couples' Book Club and does some boating.

Best of all for Bob and Liz is time spent with their daughters — Beth, also a teacher, and her three children in Waitsfield, VT, and their daughter Barb, a nurse practitioner, and her son in San Antonio, TX.



"As Library Board members we oversee the library and set policies," says Bob. "We are pleased that the library has become so energetic and has become such an exciting place. The young professionals we have running it have made it a dynamic location. And we are especially appreciative of the wonderful help from the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs."

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"Bob Huss is a great help to me," says Library Director Sondra Murphy. "He is always available for advice and he really cares about the library. Bob has always been supportive of me and the library. I don't know what I'd do without him." §

*The mission of Library Friends of Oak Bluffs is to promote the library as an active, dynamic, education and information center in the community and to support and enhance the library's programs, services and collections.*