

Otto is a bit shy and quiet elf who gets nervous in front of a large crowd. It began to dawn on him that's exactly where he was with all the other elves and Santa watching him make his last putt too.

The room became very quiet. This made Elf Otto even a little more nervous. Gulp!

Elf Otto looked over to his friend, Elf Anna, and made a weak smile, then he slowly lowered his head, gripped his putter a little tighter than usual, glanced over to the Puttle pins, stared back down at his new golf ball, and then, completely froze up. Couldn't move. After a few very long seconds, Elf Anna leaned over and whispered,



he holds the levers on the golf ball making machine.

So for the their last putt of the playoff, Santa made his smooth, confident stroke he perfected over the years. His ball glided gently along the Puttle mat arcing ever so slightly right to left and split between the center and right pin. Both fell over with his ball nearby for just two points. Santa's final score was a 26, a very good score indeed, just one point under par.

Now it was Elf Otto's turn. He knows he needs two points to tie Santa again and one point to win. "This is not going to be so easy," he thought as he settled himself above his recently made golf ball. You may not know this, but Elf

FOLD ON THE LINE ABOVE. CUT ON THE LINE BELOW.

E.O. immediately made funny surprise eyes and smiled a big smile. He also made a small fist pump, too.

Elf Otto's final score was 25, just one point better than Santa's. The elves started cheering and yelling out E.O.'s name. Santa walked over, and while leaning down to shake Elf Otto's small hand, said, "Congratulations Champ." He then hoisted E.O. up onto his shoulders so all the elves could see him. Amid the celebration, Elf Otto was feeling a lot less nervous and lot more happy. Looking down in the crowd, he saw Elf Anna and slowly mimed, "Thank you."



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The Incredible North Pole Puttle Tournament

Everyone knows Santa and the Elves work very hard making and delivering presents to all the boys and girls on Christmas eve. But immediately following the Holiday season, they take a well deserved vacation. Most people think they stay at the North Pole year round, but actually, they go to a nice little resort in a warm climate

likes to Puttle too. While preparing for the North Pole Puttle Championship, Santa even scored his personal best of 20 points.

Elf Otto, meanwhile, works in the sports division making golf balls and plays Puttle with his friends during the off hours in his small house down the winding lane from his workshop. E.O. is a good Puttle player, even with his unconventional putting style. You see, Elf Otto holds his hand made putter in a different manner than golfers or Puttle players normally do. He stands over the ball just fine, but on the grip he holds his hands apart from each other and twists them with his thumbs UP. Elf Otto is comfortable with his hands this way because that's how

to relax and enjoy the beginning of the New Year. Santa and the Elves have lots of fun during this time and they always have a Puttle tournament to determine who is the best North Pole Puttle player.

The most recent tournament proved to be one of the most exciting, because Santa and Elf Otto, or E.O. as he was know around the Pole, were the last two battling in a nine Puttle playoff. Even after eight putts, Santa and Elf Otto we're still tied at 24 points each. On their last putt, Santa went first.

Now Santa, mind you, is a very good Puttle player because he practices all year in his office and at home. Mrs. Claus



“Keep your head down and I’ll watch the ball.” With her words still settling in his ears, Elf Otto moved his putter back slowly. Just as he was about to put his ball, a muffled “achoooo…” came from the back of the crowd, breaking both the silence and Elf Otto’s smooth stroke.

Boom. Elf Otto’s ball jumped off his little putter and began racing down the mat. “OH NO!” thought E.O. and everyone else. “Ugh, way too hard,” sigh Elf Otto. Instead of a graceful arc Elf Otto had hoped his ball would travel, his ball was headed straight and FAST. The ball slammed into the center pin and knocked it straight back towards the penalty line. Santa started to move forward to get ready to put since Otto’s ball would surely go past the

penalty line for two points as well and they would have to continue their playoff. And that’s exactly what happened. Well, almost.

Elf Otto’s ball DID hit the center pin too hard and was definitely going to go past the penalty line, but the pin fell directly in front of his ball’s path. The pin slowed E.O.’s ball down like an emergency brake, very quickly. When Elf Otto’s ball came to a complete stop, everyone, even Santa, leaned in to see exactly where his ball came to rest and the sneezy elf who thought he had made Otto lose, shouted out, “ONE!”. The center pin was past the penalty line, but not his ball. Elf Otto won the North Pole Puttle Championship!