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DENNIS WALTERS - A MAN WITH A MISSION

BACKROUNDER

“If there is something you really want to do - no matter how impossible it may seem- with enough hard work and perserverance you can do it,” says Dennis Walters.

He should know. Dennis is the only person paralyzed below the waist who earns a living as a professional golfer.

Back in the early 1970’s, Dennis was fresh out of North Texas State University, which he attended on a golf scholarship. During his senior year, he led the school to its fourth consecutive Missouri Valley Conference golf championship. That same year, Dennis was runner-up in the prestigious Tucker Intercollegiate Golf Tourney, and finished 11th in the United States Golf Association Amateur Championship.

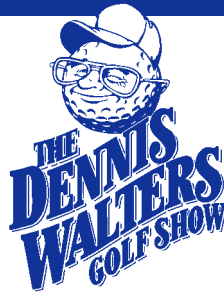
Dennis’ dream was to become a PGA touring professional. From all appearances, he was well on his way.

To sharpen his skills, Dennis spent 1973 competing on the South African tour and in mini-tour events in the U.S. Shortly before the 1974 Tour Qualifying Event, Dennis went home to Neptune, New Jersey, for a visit and to play a few friendly rounds of golf. On July 21, 1974, he was riding a golf cart down a steep hill on a course near his house when the brakes failed. Dennis was thrown from the cart and suffered severe spinal cord damage.

At a hospital in Morristown, New Jersey, he was diagnosed as a T-12 level paraplegic and told that he would never walk again, which also made playing golf highly unlikely, to say the least. However, at age 24, Dennis was determined to prove otherwise.

After five months of rehabilitation, Dennis went home. Immediately, he began searching for ways to make playing golf practical. He tried hitting the ball from his wheelchair, but found it to be unsatisfactory. He had trouble wheeling the chair around the course and could not venture onto the greens or into bunkers. Then one day he was struck with an idea.

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ADD ONE - DENNIS WALTERS

“Why not mount a swivel seat on a golf cart?”

Working with his father and a couple of friends, Dennis fashioned a seat that would swing away 90 degrees from a golf cart and allow him to play the game he loved. Everyone said it would be impossible, but Dennis defied the odds and was back on the course again.

“I had to experiment and modify my techniques,” say Dennis. “I basically tried to work on things I could do and not worry about the things I couldn’t.

Dennis taught himself to hit sand shots and to putt one-handed while balancing himself on his crutches, and got his game to the point where he could break 80 on an average course.

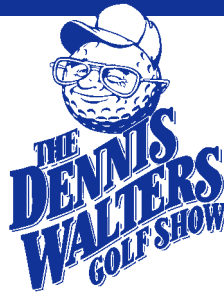
He continued practicing his game, and people started noticing what Dennis could do. Before long, pros were asking him to conduct clinics at their local clubs.

“I liked to put on the clinics because they made me feel like I was preparing for a tournament again,”

Those clinics evolved into “The Dennis Walters Golf Show”. Dennis has performed for over 3 decades and has given over 2,600 performances all across U.S. and Canada. Dennis’ program is one not only one of golf lessons but also life lessons as he tells his and challenges everyone in the audience to do something in their life that perhaps they think is impossible. The show becomes much more than a golf clinic as Dennis presents his positive motivational message and encourages all to reach for their dreams and to strive for excellence.

Dennis’ remarkable repertoire of shots includes sending a 225-yard plus drive straight down the middle of the fairway while blindfolded; the “slook”, where one balls slices and one ball hooks; hitting a ball off the crystal of his assistant’s watch without leaving a scratch; his “death-defying swing through fire” shot; and his ”3 iron”, which is a one-of-a-kind club Dennis uses to hit 3 perfect shots at the same time. Dennis also hits pure shots with an assortment of clubs made from a fishing pole, baseball bat, crutch and radiator hose. The finale to the show is his famous, rapid-fire machine gun shot.

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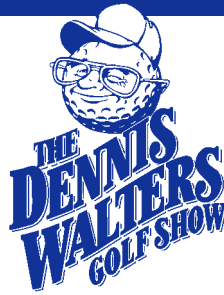
In 1998 Dennis was chosen to appear with Tiger Woods at the first youth clinic conducted by the Tiger Woods Foundation. Since then Dennis has continued to be the opening act for Tiger at 24 additional clinics held all over the country. In October 2003 Tiger and Dennis will conduct their 26th clinic together at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Dennis' program of golf lessons and life lessons is a perfect fit with the goals of the Tiger Woods Foundation. When asked about Dennis, Tiger replied "Dennis Walters has been nothing short of fantastic in his performance during the Tiger Woods Foundation junior golf clinics. His knowledge, skill and performance bring delight to all."

Dennis recently published a new book called "In My Dreams I Walk With You". The forward for the book was written by Jack Nicklaus. The book details Dennis' remarkable comeback and 27 year career of touring the country displaying golf excellence and encouraging all to reach for their dreams. Many events have chosen to include copies of the book in their gift bags.

Dennis has a website www.denniswalters.com and publicity photos may be obtained by contacting him at this site.

Dennis performs his show in association with the Professional Golfers' Association of America - the only golf performer to enjoy this distinction. In 1994, Dennis was awarded an honorary lifetime membership in the PGA of America. Only the fifth person to receive this honor, Dennis joins such greats as former President Gerald Ford, Gary Player, Bob Hope and PGA legal counsel Lloyd Lambert.

"As a true ambassador to the game of golf, Dennis is an inspiration to those who have had the opportunity to see him," says former PGA President Gary Schaal. "We're very happy to be associated with Dennis, and value the relationship very much."



THE DENNIS WALTERS SHOW FACT SHEET

NUMBER OF CLUBS USED:	More than 30 if you count the baseball bat, fishing pole, crutches, tennis racquet, and “12 iron,” which consists of a five iron and a seven iron welded together.
NUMBER OF GOLF BALLS USED:	At least six dozen per show, all of which are donated to the host club’s junior golf program.
SIZE OF GOLF BAG:	Seven XL and getting bigger.
SECURITY AND CROWD CONTROL AND OPENING ACT:	Benji Hogan
NUMBER OF YEARLY APPEARANCES:	90 - 100 depending on the stamina of Dennis and Benji Hogan
VIEWING AUDIENCES:	In the millions, thanks to more than 100 TV interviews and appearances each year.
FUNDAMENTALS TAUGHT:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* The 225-yard blindfolded drive* How to hit a left-handed club right handed* How to get the most distance from a rubber hose.* How to hit a perfect drive if your golf ball catches on fire.* How to achieve your dreams through hard work and perserverance.