

# HOW MIKE HOUSE GOT HIS SWING BACK

Between a Paramobile and aboutGOLF, Mike is Getting Closer to Being a Scratch Golfer

## DISCOVERING A LOVE OF GOLF POST-MS

Mike House played baseball professionally in his twenties, then moved on to a career in construction. Before the age of forty, he was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS), an auto-immune condition that attacks the protective sheath (myelin) that covers nerve pathways. It's an extremely frustrating disease to live with that impacts each person a little differently than the next. In Mike's case, it caused significant communication issues between his legs and his brain.

"I am almost completely immobile. I can bear weight on my legs, but I have no stability, I can't walk without using a walker, and can't really even stand up without help or things to push on with my arms. I can't understate this. I used to come home day after day and just sit on the couch, then struggle to get up to go to bed, then struggle to go to work. It was a bad cycle, and it was causing weight gain and health problems."

After fifteen years of deteriorating health, Mike learned about the [Paramobile](#) developed by Anthony Netto of the [Stand Up and Play Foundation](#). The all-terrain Paramobile was invented to help disabled golfers gain access to golf, and Mike was able to hit the driving range again.

Unfortunately, the Paramobile didn't quite match the experience Mike House used to enjoy on a course. He still had to rely on others to help him get everything loaded up and then set up at the driving range. It's frustrating to feel dependent on others, and the process could take up to four hours.

While at a Golf Galaxy getting fitted for new clubs, Mike spotted an aboutGOLF simulator and realized he could gain back a lot of his missing experience. If he installed a simulator at his house, Mike could regain his swing speed without any assistance, improving his game on his own timeline.

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- Mike House, Residential Customer

## **WHY aboutGOLF?**

Mike House chose aboutGOLF because he wanted more than the mechanics of playing a full round of golf from the tee to short putts on the green. He wanted to be completely immersed in the game.

“Let’s say I bought a launch monitor and hooked it up to my iPad. Or say I got a Foresight sim in a box. These products are cool, they give you the data on your distance etc., and make it better than having no data. But cool isn’t something that is going to transform a person. My need was something so over the top that I couldn’t wait to get home and play again,” said Mike.

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The shed Mike and team built for the simulator isn’t just a dark space for a simulator. The walls are decorated in his favorite scenes from nature with forests on either side of the tee. The ceiling features a beautiful blue sky with puffy white clouds and a Laysan Albatross to signify a double eagle.

It’s practical, too, with bars to help him move from a wheelchair to the Paragolfer. Mike collaborated with designers, and they talked through some innovative ways to make game play easier. aboutGOLF installed an automatic tee adapter and built the sim floor to have a slope, so he doesn’t have to retrieve any balls. They roll down to the automatic tee adapter, and he’s ready to swing again within seconds.

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## THE RESULTS

Mike House played his first round of golf on his aG Curve simulator on July 29th. He chose the Teeth of the Dog, and he shot 143. He gave himself a goal to break 100 in three months. He did it in **three weeks!**

“The Paragolfer helped because I was able to do some more things but not consistently. It was the aG sim that changed everything because it gave me true goals to shoot for which in turn got me moving more,” said Mike. “I hate exercise for the sake of exercise, but the immersive nature of the sim lets me focus on golf and my shots, and kind of trick myself into the exercise. It’s the aG system that creates that whole mindset, kind of like how Starbucks creates an environment people want to hang out in for hours besides they make it welcoming and smell good. And basically, what the aboutGOLF environment has done for me is make me play every day so that I get the exercise without really thinking about the exercise.”

To keep the game play as realistic as possible, he’s even installed an infuser so the room smells like freshly cut grass and has plans to install directional fans to simulate wind.

His friends enjoy his new golf simulator, too! He invites buddies over for a couple of rounds, and he and his wife have a standing date night. “Regardless of who plays with me, we always get so into it that the competitive juices flow and the trash talk starts. The focus totally shifts because my disability is not the focus. The game is. And I just get to be one of the players.” Mike added,

**“You guys gave me an environment I want to be in every day.”**

It took Mike 6 weeks from the point of installation to break 90 and 3 months to break 80. He made a hole in one last week on Whistling Straights the Irish, 6th hole. We can’t wait to hear about the next milestone!

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