



Jill MacDonald is a mother, a teacher, a survivor of Osteosarcoma, an Above Knee Amputee and an Adaptive golfer. Tragically, in 2014, both she and her husband were diagnosed with advanced cancers. Sadly, in December of 2015, her husband passed away and Jill had to warrior-on, raising their three young children, while learning how to get back into life after having her leg amputated. Jill had to work tirelessly through the physical, emotional and psychological trauma of losing her leg and her husband, to be the mother that her children once knew. The elementary school teacher dug deep and has successfully learned to adapt to life and is thriving after her cancer diagnosis and her amputation.

Golf has become a huge part of rebuilding Jill's confidence, self esteem, and the feeling of belonging. Her goal was to get back into being active in life, but maybe more importantly to show her children how to overcome adversity in sport and in life in general. She wants her children to see her putting herself out there and learn that you can do anything that you put your mind to. Jill says that you can always find a way to adapt. Now, instead of driving her children around the golf course in a golf cart, she is playing golf WITH them. The determined golfer has been met with nothing but support and encouragement at all the golf courses where she has golfed in Nova Scotia.

Her hope is that she can be an advocate for Adaptive Golf and get more people with disabilities swinging clubs, so that they can enjoy the benefits of this great game. Jill has enthusiasm, a desire, and a commitment to make the game accessible for everyone. With the support and resources from ParaGolf Canada, she has her sights set on being a gamechanger for a group that has been underrepresented for too long.