

FACTS ABOUT HAPPY GILMORE

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Have you been looking for a funny movie to laugh at each time you watch it? Well then, Happy Gilmore is just for you. Happy Gilmore is a popular film in the 90s that became known for its comedy and humor.

The celebrity Adam Sandler was the person who played the main character Happy Gilmore. The movie talks about Happy, a golf player who plays in a professional golf tournament to get his grandma's house back. I spoke to Priyanka



about this movie. She responded, "Something that makes this movie a great movie is the humor and the actor they chose to star as Happy Gilmore."

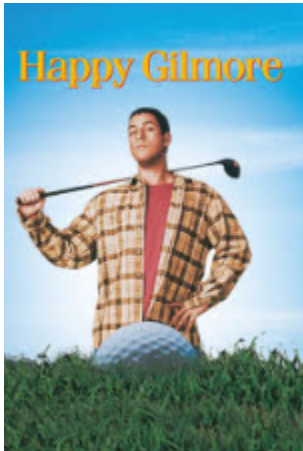
Happy Gilmore was made in 1996, and made over \$40 million dollars with its \$12

million dollar budget. The movie was filmed in many different places such as British, Columbia, and Canada. Most of the golf scenes were filmed at Swan-e-set Bay Resort & Country Club in Pitt Meadows.

Happy Gilmore was awarded the first MTV movie award for the best fight scene. The movie was a fictional story, but Happy was inspired by one of Adam Sandler's best friends from his childhood. When the movie first came out critics gave it negative reviews but the movie became successful. Priyanka thought differently than the critics. She commented, "No never. If this movie flopped I'm gonna tackle someone like Happy did." The actor Christopher McDonald first refused the role to play Shooter McGaven because he was tired of playing villains,

but then accepted the role. Chubbs Peterson's missing hand was partially based on Carl Weathers, for his one handed golf pro but with a twist losing his hand to an alligator.

Adam Sandler, the actor who played Happy, attributed the name to himself because of his optimistic, immature personality. I asked Priyanka some questions about the movie. She said “My favorite character is either Chubbs Peterson, Mr. Larson, or of course Happy Gilmore because of how the character was played.”



Sandler wrote the script with his college friend Tim Herlihy; they were building on the comedy and man-child style from Billy Madison. Happy's slapshot swing is actually legal in golf unlike other shots in golf movies. The fight between Bob Barker and Happy was improvised, with Barker giving real punches that surprised Sandler.

This movie is a very humorous movie that made many people in the 90's laugh and still does today. Happy Gilmore inspired many people and can inspire you too. Priyanka was inspired by this movie. She said ,“Happy Gilmore inspired me by showing me that even if people are talking bad about what you're doing, do it for yourself and for the people you love if you really want it.”