



The A-Money Club

Supporters for Alison Takamiya's Professional Golf Journey

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ON THE COURSE

It's been a fun February getting back into a practice routine and being able to be outdoors quite a bit! We had some nice, abnormally sunny and somewhat warm (high-50s) weather here in Oregon and it's been just great to be able to go outside during a month that's normally pretty chilly. On those colder days, I will wear four or five layers on top, but I just keep reminding myself if I can swing in these layers, I'll have no problem once the weather gets warmer (right?!) I've also been getting some outside work shifts at Willamette Valley CC and volunteer assistant coaching with the George Fox Women's golf team a couple times a week as well! I've found that incorporating ways to help out my communities through golf is fueling my personal fulfillment and it's been really gratifying to connect with people through this sport.



Helping the girls with a chipping drill out at Chehalem Glenn, the course near GFU campus!

I played with one of my coworkers

and holed out for eagle on #6 at

Willamette Valley CC! One hop and

stop 9-iron on this 551-yard par-5!



OFF THE COURSE

I got to do a fun Galentine's day trip with Elyse, one of my longtime friends (we've known each other since preschool), out to Cannon Beach on the Oregon Coast! We spent the day exploring the town and going on a hike overlooking the water. The nature here is one of the things I love most about this state and it's just such a privilege to live somewhere so beautiful.



One of my college teammates/roommates/best friends, Giselle (also known as Gsul or G-Fly), came to visit me right after she took her MCAT! We got to play some golf, eat at good restaurants around the Portland area, and catch up with college friends/teammates we hadn't seen in a while! Ever since coming back, I've been busy prepping for my rookie year, and this was a fun way to take some time for my personal life before I start getting extremely busy with competition and travel.



INSIDE THE ROPES

I am officially considered an Epson Tour Rookie this year!! While I'm in one of the lower categories on the beginning of the year priority list, I still get the full benefits of Epson Tour members. I was able to attend a two-day online virtual rookie orientation where they taught us the ins & outs of how to go about playing golf professionally, and gave us resources for nutrition, on-site trainers, club repair, and so forth. They recommend players to treat themselves as a small business and consider how to invest in yourself on & off the course for long-term success.

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I'm really excited to share that Willamette Valley CC is hosting a fundraising event for a former coworker, Victoria Gailey, and I on March 14! Victoria is also pursuing professional golf and has played on the Women's All Pro Tour (WAPT/Annika Tour) for two seasons. Right now, the plan is to have me helping with a closest-to-the-pin (KP) challenge on hole 13, a par-three with water all along the right; and Victoria is going to do a long drive on hole 18!

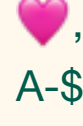
REFLECTIONS FROM THE CLUBHOUSE

I honestly feel really ready to compete on tour! The thought of legitimately pursuing professional golf is one that had taken some time for me to get used to. Even though I've been playing for almost 20 years now, it was not something I fully considered pursuing as a career until the last few years. I share this because, now entering my rookie year on tour, I feel like I am finally in a mental headspace that is fully welcoming to everything professional golf encompasses, including the inevitable unpredictability that is just part of this path. And man, that is a really rewarding feeling. There were a lot of ups and downs throughout even just this past year, where it feels like everything happened in my life the way it was supposed to. I read a book called Inner Excellence, by Jim Murphy (highly recommend) that shared a mantra: "Everything is here to teach you and help you —it's all working for your good." I've learned this only works if **you choose** to see things this way. Adopting this mentality is what has fueled me through navigating life post-grad, and is what will continue to propel me through my career.



I'm always extremely grateful for your support toward my career. When I'm feeling the weight of "the grind," I constantly think about you cheering me on and wanting what's best for me. It makes a career that's known to be lonely, a little less so. Thank you for continuing to be a part of it :-)

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