



## The A-Money Club

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**Cheers to New Beginnings!**

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### ON THE COURSE

For the past 5 weeks, I've been back home in Hawai'i to spend the holidays and enjoy the warmer weather. While there haven't been any tournaments during this time, I've enjoyed playing a lot of golf and tuning up my swing at my home course, Mid-Pacific Country Club. During one of the days I played with my parents, I ended up holing out for eagle from 140 yards out with a punch hybrid into a gusty 2-3 club wind!!! I have also been utilizing a new putting stick training aid that has helped immensely with my stroke.

While I don't have too much to share from me playing personally, I still got an experience inside the Ropes!! The first PGA Tour event of their season, The Sony Open, was happening while I was home. I volunteered as a Standard Bearer (the person who holds the sign with a group's score) and got to watch some really amazing golf. On the second day, one of the players in my group, Davis Riley, shot a 64 (-6) to catapult himself into a tie for first place! Then going into the last day, he was solo first!! It was an amazing experience to watch some really great golf up close and to learn how they would play certain shots, but more importantly how they carried themselves on the course, as well as how they interacted with spectators/tournament workers. Watching Riley play was just so fun because I could tell he was in the zone and he carried himself with a confident, yet calm demeanor.

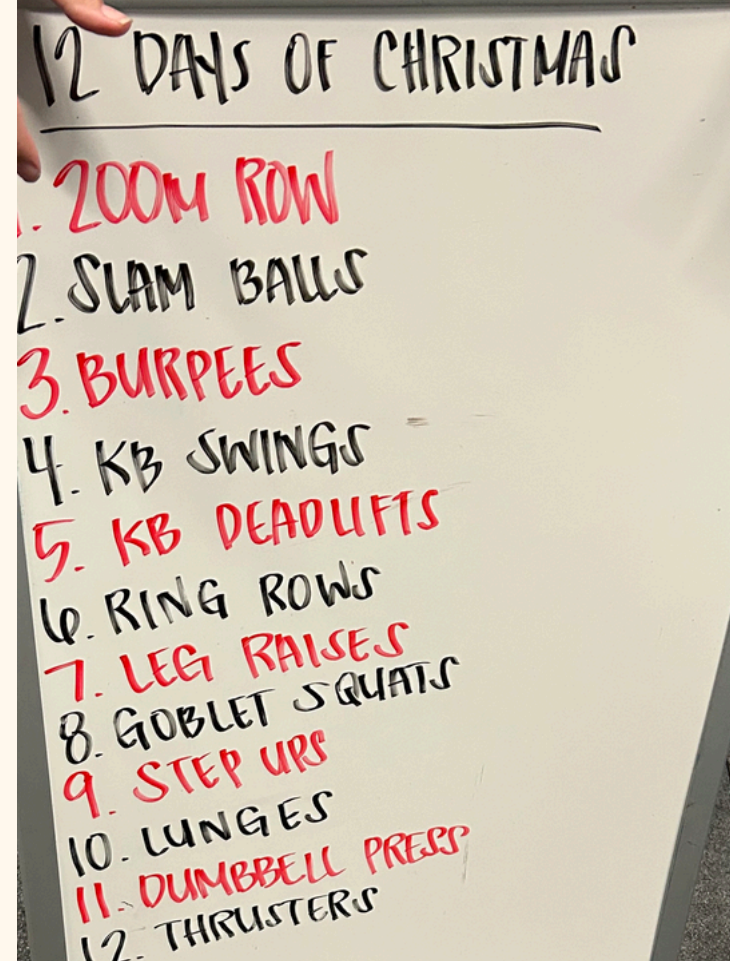


### OFF THE COURSE

Being home has allowed me to spend time with family and friends that I don't get to see on a regular basis now that my life is based in Oregon. My parents and I took a short trip to see the Kilauea (the active volcano on the Big Island) and we got to see some small lava fountains - even though we missed the really big 1,600 foot ones that happened a few weeks later!!! I had a couple beach days with friends from home and got my poke fix. The food back home is just on another level of amazing and it's one of the things I miss most while I'm gone.



While I'm away, my mom does CrossFit808 every Monday and Friday morning. I joined her at her Kupuna class to help get myself into a routine. (Kupuna is a Hawaiian word for elders/ancestors/people of wisdom and is a term of respect.) Lots of the exercises are modified for this class, but they still train pretty hard! Everyone uses weights that best fit their skill level and even though it is catered toward older people, I feel like I got a lot out of it. The first workout I joined when I got home was called the 12 days of Christmas, which tired me out good.



My new favorite outdoor activity outside of the golf course is stand-up paddle boarding! Mid-Pac CC is only two blocks away from the beach and they have stand-up paddle boards and two-person kayaks you can borrow as part of the membership. It was an intense upper body workout, especially because the wind gusts pretty hard coming off the ocean. One of my high school friends and I went a couple of times and we got to see honu (Hawaiian for sea turtle) out in the wild!!



### INSIDE THE ROPES

While I'm home I don't practice or play everyday. I'll have one, (rarely) two intense practice days a week (full practice session on the range, chipping green, and putting green plus roughly an hour workout) and then play 1-3x a week. I've found that this helps keep my game sharp, while also allowing myself a break. I want to make sure I devote enough time in my relationships off the golf course, especially with Mom and Dad, since I'm not in Hawai'i very often anymore.

I've been focusing on overall strength training during this time where I don't have many tournaments. One of the biggest parts of my game that's always needed to be developed is to get more distance. Now as I write this newsletter, I'm proud to report that I've gained up to five yards of carry distance! It took me a couple of months to see this improvement, but now that I have, it's a great validator that the time I've spent in the gym is paying off!!

### NEXT ON THE TEE

I finally have a schedule to share with you!! This is what my spring season will look like as of right now. I'm excited to be opening up with a Monday Qualifier right out the gate, which will also be good competitive prep for my first two WAPT tournaments in Louisiana a couple weeks after.

## A-MONEY SCHEDULE

Spring 2026

MAR 23	<b>LPGA</b> Ford Championship Monday Qualifier   Chandler, AZ
APRIL 8-11	<b>WAPT</b> Lake Charles Regional Sports Authority Championship   Lake Charles, LA
APRIL 16-18	<b>WAPT</b> Coke Dr Pepper Open   Alexandria, LA
MAY 8	<b>USGA</b> US Women's Open Qualifier   Honolulu, HI

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### REFLECTIONS FROM THE CLUBHOUSE

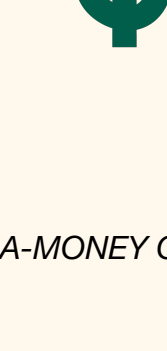
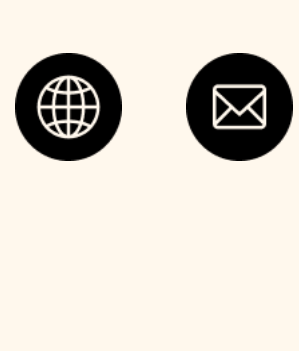
I felt restored by spending quite a while (~5 weeks) at home, but I've definitely missed competing a lot. Don't get me wrong, the break has been really great because I know I'll be busy in the upcoming months, however I do find myself just wanting to play in tournaments again. During the long off-seasons throughout my time in college, that feeling of missing competition is part of what made me want to keep pursuing golf. I'm just really excited to see what 2026 has in store! I can't wait to experience new places, tournaments, and meet new people. I'm back in Oregon now, and I'm looking forward to getting back on the horse and sharpening my game up!

**My biggest thank you** goes out to Mom and Dad! Thank you for always welcoming me back home and for helping me navigate this next part of my life! Also, thank you to you, my faithful supporters, for reading this and continuing to follow me on this journey. Your support helps fuel my confidence and I just can't wait to see where golf will take us this year!



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