



The A-Money Club

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ON THE COURSE

I just completed my first tournament of the 2026 season in Chandler, Arizona! As a way to ease back into competitive mode, I decided to play in the Monday Qualifier for the LPGA Ford Championship. It was a very competitive field, filled with top Epsom Tour and LPGA players, with 48 girls competing for two spots in the field. The lowest score was -9 and a handful of players finished -6, on the 6,500 yard Devil's Claw course. I ended up at +2, 74, which wasn't the score I wanted, but gave me great experience playing on a course of championship caliber! See the INSIDE THE ROPES section to learn more about weather and course conditions.

After the qualifier, I also got to play a fun round at The Lake Course at Westbrook Villages Golf Club with my family. This is the course that I played the last 4 years when I was at George Fox, so it brought back a lot of great memories! I shot -3 from the black tees! Thanks to Head Pro Brandon Evans and Coach MJ for setting this up!



OFF THE COURSE

In the middle of March, the golf course I work at and base myself out of, Willamette Valley Country Club in Canby, OR, hosted a fundraiser for me and a former coworker. I was hitting closest to the pins with the members on hole 13, a par 3 with water that borders the right side of the hole until about 40 yards out. I really enjoyed chatting and getting to know the members! Special thanks to all the WVCC members who participated, and head pro John Grothe for putting this event together!

Also... Daylight savings finally ended! Or begun... I still am not 100% what the terminology is (since growing up in Hawaii, we never had daylight savings). Anyway, the sun sets later (~7:30 pm) and it has me really excited for summer and the longer days to come.



While I was in Arizona for the tournament, I got to spend a little bit of time seeing two of my best friends from college, Aisha and Giselle (Gsul)! Giselle and her family were in town for MLB Spring Training and Aisha lives in Phoenix (I stayed with her family back in December when I played a mini tour event down there). All our families got to grab breakfast one morning together, and it was so special to see everyone interact on this rare occasion.

I also designed a T-shirt for a tournament the GFU Women's Golf team hosts down in Arizona every March! The team will give it away to the other teams who participate as a tee gift! This is the third consecutive year I've gotten to design the shirt and it's just so fun for me to combine golf and art!



The digital design



The shirt!

INSIDE THE ROPES

Competing again reminded me how much I love it! To be in a high-level environment like that was really great prep for the mini tour season I'll be starting in just a couple of weeks. Diving deeper into my actual round, it was a pretty steady 18 holes with **one** birdie, **three** bogeys, and **14** pars. It was quite hot and my body took time to adjust to the 105-degree heat, especially after being in 40-50 degrees for a few months. The greens were rolling out a lot and I found myself constantly telling the ball to sit. I started striking the ball better in the actual tournament than in the practice rounds, which led me to think the ball could stop quicker with the added spin, but that wasn't necessarily the case. This was also the first tournament I had played in a while with no yardage book (kind of like a course guide with slope calculations for distance and arrows to show the direction of break on the putting green) and no pin sheet, causing a heavy reliance on skill to learn how the ball will react. The conditions were quite different from how it's been playing in Oregon, with my drives being closer to 240/250 yards, vs. 210/220 yards up North. Learning how to adjust to different courses is one of my biggest goals for this year, and this qualifier provided me with a great learning experience to kick off my season :)

NEXT ON THE TEE

My first official tournament starts on April 8th, where I'll make my debut on the Annika Women's All Pro Tour (WAPT) in Louisiana at the LAKE CHARLES REGIONAL SPORTS AUTHORITY CHAMPIONSHIP! After that I'll be heading over to Alexandria, LA for the COKE DR PEPPER OPEN.

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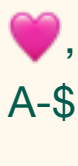
REFLECTIONS FROM THE CLUBHOUSE

Overall, I feel really great about where I'm at mentally, physically, emotionally, etc, going into my first official season of pursuing professional golf! This year is about learning as much as I can about the ins and outs of the industry and also just having as much fun as I can. Really just gonna take it one day at a time and focus on developing myself through pursuing this path, regardless of what happens.

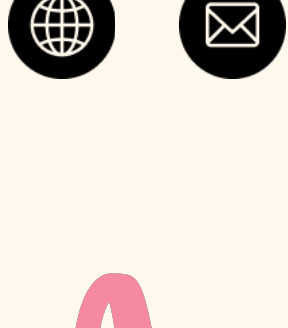


Thank you to caddie Dad and spectator/agent Mom for bearing the Arizona heat with me and for being by my side supporting me no matter what the result is :) I'm always so grateful for how much you do for me and can't wait to see where my rookie year takes us!!

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