



# The A-Money Club

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## ON THE COURSE

I took a trip down to Venice, Florida to compete in the second stage of LPGA Q-School on October 15-18. It was a 72-hole competition on two different courses at Plantation Golf and Country Club; Bobcat and Panther. Unfortunately, I did not pass this stage with scores of 78-72-73-76, finishing T164 out of 194 players. There was a wide mix of players at this tournament: a few players who had been playing on The LPGA Tour trying to get their status back for the 2026 season, players who have been on mini tours such as the main developmental tour to the LPGA, The Epson Tour, or WAPT (Women's All Pro Tour, the developmental tour to the Epson Tour) trying to work their way up to LPGA, people with amateur status, and freshly turned pros like me.



The courses were both resort-style with longer walks in between holes and surrounded by houses and villas. Bobcat was longer but more wide-open, whereas Panther was shorter with smaller greens. There was a lot more water on this course than in Texas, and strategically placed bunkers. Luckily for me, I hit it just short enough where I could full swing my driver and the bunkers would be just out of reach. The grass was another adjustment to make with a lot of grain on and around the greens. I noticed a lot of subtle breaks on the greens where the grain was pulling the ball different ways depending on what side of the hole you were on. The greens were pretty receptive though, making attacking pins a green light, especially because we were getting a good amount of rollout on our drives. Florida is known for their alligators and we saw a few! Mom got a photo of this baby one on Hole 5 of Panther Course!

## OFF THE COURSE

At the end of my time back home, where I had competed in The Lotte Championship qualifier, I also had the opportunity to be on a podcast from Hawaii News Now, a local new station back home, which was super exciting. It's called The Long Game and the host is Mark Carpenter, who was so welcoming and made my experience doing that podcast so fun. I had never done anything like that before, but it was really cool to share bits of my upbringing, future goals, and to dive a little into the mental side of the game (which is so intriguing to me as I continue to pursue this sport).



[Check out the podcast here!](#)

It was a quick turnaround to get over to Florida, as I stopped in Oregon for two full days before heading to the opposite side of the country. I got to pick up a new set of Ping irons that I had been itching to get into my hands ASAP. I got to see some former teammates and friends during my brief pit stop, then headed down to Florida with Mom and Dad.

In other exciting media news, my college coach and mentor, MaryJo McCloskey is getting inducted into the **WGCA Hall of Fame**!!! She is most deserving of this incredible honor and her commitment to bringing out the best in people is one of the things I love most about her! She is a phenomenal coach and someone you'd be so lucky to know and have in your corner. Congratulations Coach MJ!!! 💙💛

[Check out the article here!](#)

## INSIDE THE ROPES

As I mentioned earlier, I got a new set of irons that I actually decided to use to play in the tournament with. The old irons were 20 grams lighter and also bent 2-degrees down so I could optimize distance (since at the time I got them I was still in high school). I was able to hit some really great shots that held the greens with these irons, but some of my misses were just off, as the heads were smaller and the club just also felt different in my hands. I don't regret choosing to play with the new irons, after having them for a week, because I was starting to lose feeling in the old ones. The courses had some raised greens as well, which I'm glad I had higher-launching irons to use that could have my ball hold the green (stay on the green without rolling off).

On the final day of the tournament, I unfortunately took a triple on a par-3 due to hitting a sprinkler head that shot the ball directly right onto the cart path and trickled almost into a hazard 40 yards right of the green. I had two sets of trees to get through, but had about a 12 foot opening to try to launch the ball between. Unfortunately, I made the wrong call with club selection and the ball didn't reach far enough, so it landed in the dry tree needles almost against a palm tree. From there, I just wasn't thinking clearly as I felt rushed and my group was waiting on me (they both hit their shots onto the green) and the shuttle drivers were also watching this all go down. Looking back, there was probably a different angle to take to just get me onto the green, even if I would have a far putt. However, that would have taken the big number out of play and helped me keep my momentum for a higher-place finish.

**Takeaway: It's SO easy to want to go for more , but when every shot counts, take the big number out of play and play conservatively.**

## NEXT ON THE TEE

In passing Stage 1 (but not Stage 2), I have some Epson Tour status. The Epson Tour is the next highest level of competition to the LPGA and is also considered "The Road to the LPGA Tour." I'm still figuring out a schedule for 2026 and once I establish it, I will let you know!

## REFLECTIONS FROM THE CLUBHOUSE

I honestly felt very defeated after that last round ended. I was in a pretty good mental headspace the entire week, trying to stay patient with myself and tell myself I deserved to be there. However, I think I did get overwhelmed and truthfully felt some imposter syndrome of "Am I good enough to be here?" I had been working so hard to overcome that cycle of thinking because it's something that often gets in my way. As I have been thinking about pursuing golf as a career, more often than not people will tell me how hard it is to become a professional golfer, and I think that got the better of me in this tournament where my mentality fell into a place of doubt. It's a really hard thing to overcome in the midst of competition because golf tests your trust and shows you right away if it was there or not. Unfortunately for me, it was only partially there. Playing that week felt a lot more hopeful than trusting, and moving forward, I am talking to mentors and going to devote myself to reading books on how to handle the pressure so I can learn from a psychological standpoint on how to get my mind in the right place.

**On the bright side** – The way that I look at it (after much thought and time to process what happened) is I took a chance to put myself out there, and now I am more prepared for the next time I'm in a high-pressure environment because I know what it feels like and how I react to it. In some ways, I am glad I finished my 2025 competitive season how I did because it'll fuel me even more during these winter months to get to where I want to be.

### This month's shoutout

Stone Phillips and Stacey Bee. Stone (of Dateline NBC - pictured to the right) is a close friend of my college coaches MJ and Rick, and Stacey is a friend of Stone and his wife Debra! I've met Stone a couple of times before since he's come out to watch the George Fox team at Nationals, but this was my first time meeting Stacey.

They were both so generous as to have me out at their golf club down in Naples, FL (The Wilderness Club) for a couple days to prep before heading up to Venice. It was a beautiful course with some tricky holes that included a bunker in the middle of a green! Being able to chat with them, pick their brains about Florida golf, and just get to know them more was a highlight of my trip.

I really could not thank Stone enough for all his help in organizing rounds at the club (chipping facility pictured to the right!) and being the most welcoming and enthusiastic person! My parents and I got to join him for a couple of meals at some delicious restaurants in the Naples area. Thank you Stone for your generosity and hospitality and for making me feel so welcome!

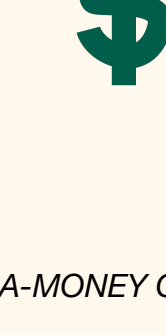
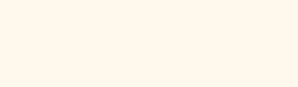
Unfortunately, I didn't get a photo with Stacey, but she is a lovely woman who I was so thrilled to have met and gotten to know a little more. She runs her own perfume company called Bee Apothecary, and the fragrances are AMAZING! It's the perfect amount of strength without being overbearing and I have been using a sample she gave me every day. I highly recommend checking out her site—just click on the logo to the right!



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