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My first professional top-10 & lowest scores of the season yet!!

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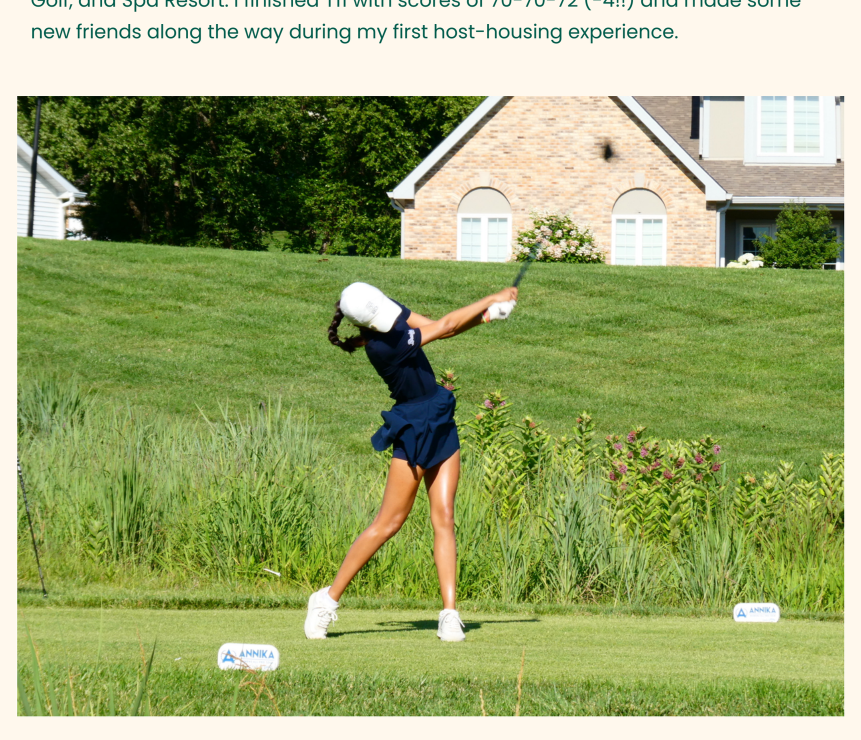
*Note: I included my end of June/July event in this newsletter + the holiday resulted in this being a little delayed! Thank you for your patience :-)

ON THE COURSE

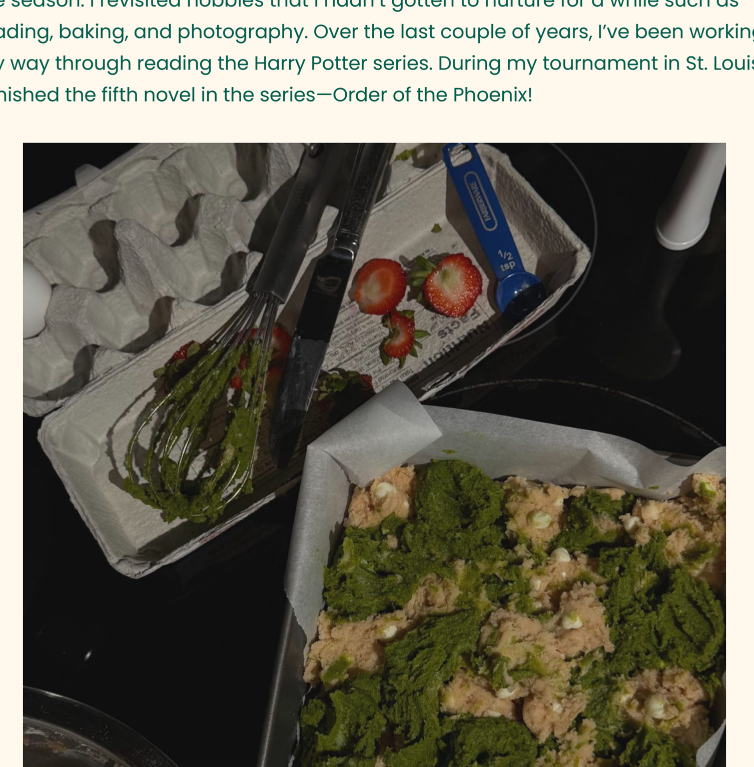
This month brought a bunch of new experiences including: My highest finish on The ANNIKA Women's All Pro Tour (WAPT) yet, managing mid-season back pain, playing as a pro in a pro-am, experiencing host-housing for the first time, and my lowest tournament total so far!

My first event of June was in St. Louis, Missouri, at the Whitmoor Country Club's South Course, where I shot 72-72-71 (-1) to earn my **first top-10** finish on the tour!! It was then a quick turnaround to get back to Oregon to compete in the JoyRx Fundraiser for the Children's Cancer Association (CCA) at Pumpkin Ridge, plus get a shift to work at WVCC. Lastly, it was yet again a short turnover to arrive in Thompsonville, Michigan for the Michigan Women's Open at Crystal Mountain Ski, Golf, and Spa Resort. I finished T11 with scores of 70-70-72 (-4!!) and made some new friends along the way during my first host-housing experience.



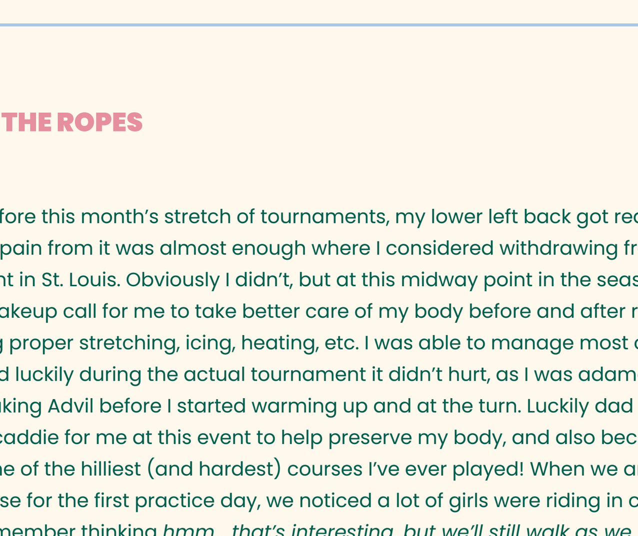
OFF THE COURSE

After missing cuts last month, part of my recovery plan was to fulfill my life outside of competing and outside of golf. In doing so, I felt like that would help me with creating a healthy work/life balance, where I could go to tournaments and practices feeling energized instead of burnt out, especially here in the middle of the season. I revisited hobbies that I hadn't gotten to nurture for a while such as reading, baking, and photography. Over the last couple of years, I've been working my way through reading the Harry Potter series. During my tournament in St. Louis, I finished the fifth novel in the series—Order of the Phoenix!



Strawberry Matcha Brownie Cookies :)

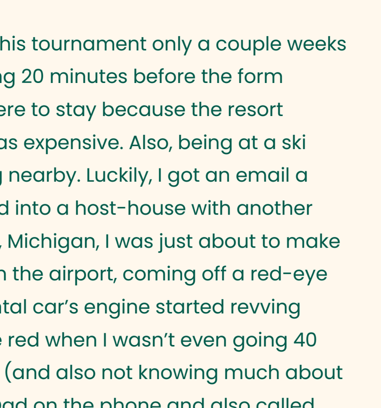
I've also spent more time outside to take advantage of the sunny summer weather. I've enjoyed catching up with friends at outdoor cafés and by the river and meeting new people along the way. One of my playing partners, Eunice, in the JoyRx pro-am is on Nike's Innovation team. She helped design some of the original Jordan shoes and got to work with Tiger when he played in the 2015 (or 2016) Masters! Eunice showed Sophia (a young girl from Korea who was also in our pro-am group), Sophia's parents, and I around the Nike Campus! Nike's headquarters are located in Beaverton, OR, about 15 minutes west of Portland. It took a few hours to see only about ⅓ of the facilities, which were incredible to say the least. Their buildings are named after Nike athletes such as: Tiger Woods, Michael Jordan, and Serena Williams.



INSIDE THE ROPES

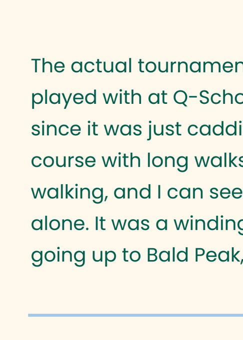
Right before this month's stretch of tournaments, my lower left back got really tight and the pain from it was almost enough where I considered withdrawing from the first event in St. Louis. Obviously I didn't, but at this midway point in the season, this was a wakeup call for me to take better care of my body before and after rounds by doing proper stretching, icing, heating, etc. I was able to manage most of the pain, and luckily during the actual tournament it didn't hurt, as I was adamant about taking Advil before I started warming up and at the turn. Luckily dad was able to caddie for me at this event to help preserve my body, and also because this is one of the hilliest (and hardest) courses I've ever played! When we arrived at the course for the first practice day, we noticed a lot of girls were riding in carts and I remember thinking *hmm… that's interesting, but we'll still walk as we usually do.* As we arrived at the first hole, it instantly clicked why no one was walking… the hole went straight up and had a steepness similar to that of a green circle ski slope!! Let's just say, dad was also taking just as much Advil as I was. The greens were also some of the most undulating greens I'd ever seen, many having 2-3 tiers, sometimes even four. My lag-putting definitely helped keep me in contention as I sank a few 40-50 footers out of nowhere!

The JoyRx CCA event was hosted at Pumpkin Ridge on both Ghost Creek and Witch Hollow. I was in one of two all-woman teams and the format of the two-day event was a combined low-gross + low-net. There was one pro per group, which were predominantly head-pros or assistant pros at local Oregon courses, and all of us were also competing for a purse on the side. I finished I think T10 with scores of 72-72, and made a nice check while playing amongst some strong men club pros.



Michigan was my first solo trip since I got into this tournament only a couple weeks before it happened, so I applied to host-housing 20 minutes before the form closed, just hoping I would be placed somewhere to stay because the resort accommodations and getting to the course was expensive. Also, being at a ski resort, there was not a lot of affordable lodging nearby. Luckily, I got an email a couple days after applying, saying I was placed into a host-house with another player, Cynthia! When I landed in Traverse City, Michigan, I was just about to make my way to the house, about an hour away from the airport, coming off a red-eye and a three a three-hour layover, when the rental car's engine started revving rapidly going downhill and RPM numbers in the red when I wasn't even going 40 mph. Me, being by myself in a brand new town (and also not knowing much about cars…), was a little concerned. I got Mom and Dad on the phone and also called the rental car to see what I should do. Ultimately, because I knew I was going somewhere more rural, I wanted to switch cars to be safe. Luckily, they had one car left, which ended up being a Chrysler Pacifica mini van! I was able to make the exchange easily and then started on my way!

The black house peeking out the left of #8 tee was my host-house!



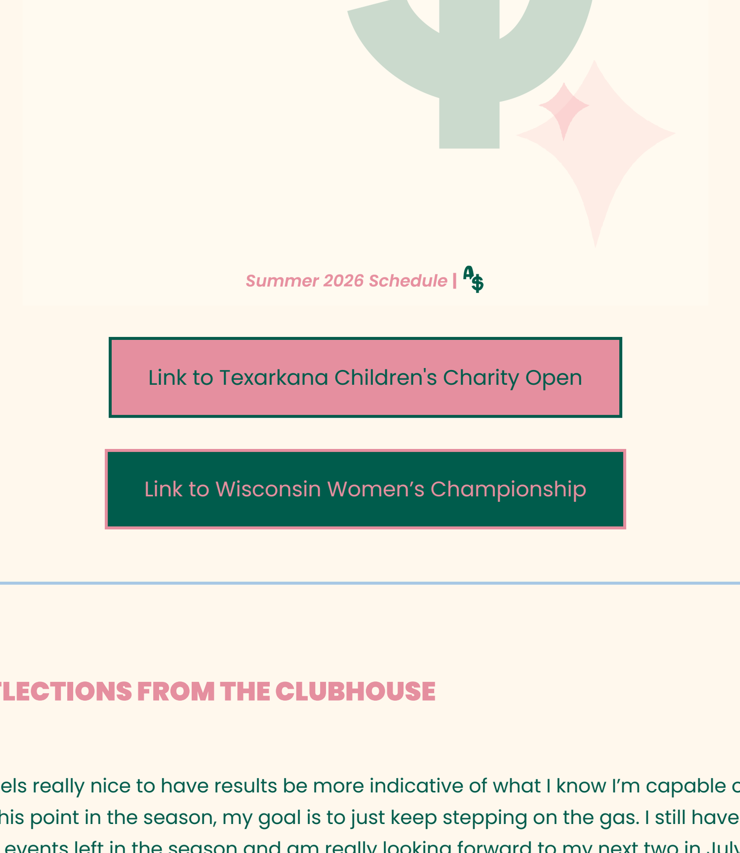
Frankfort Beach

The house I stayed in was beautiful and I didn't meet my host-family until Sunday night, two days after I arrived. The Zywien family, Josh, Steph, and their high school-age twins Claire and Avery, were the best first host-family I could ask for. They welcomed Cynthia and I into their home with open arms. I got to spend some of my downtime getting to know them and their three dogs, Charlie, Quincy and Bruno! Josh recommended a beach town about 25 minutes away called Frankfort. After my second practice round, I took a solo trip and was blown away at how much Lake Michigan looked like a beach. The waves were so calm and it almost felt like I was back home in Hawaii for a little bit.

The actual tournament itself was just really fun. I got to play with some girls I played with at Q-School, and who had caddies that would cheer me on as well, since it was just caddie-less me this time. The course was definitely a resort-style course with long walks from green to tee. Normally, the course does not allow walking, and I can see why, as the shuttle ride from holes 15 to 16 took 7 minutes alone. It was a winding path up the mountain that reminded me of the backroads going up to Bald Peak, a lookout spot near my college town.

NEXT ON THE TEE

This is what July looks like for me! Unfortunately with the new LPGA College Athlete Pathway (LCAP), where the top-10 collegiate athletes get priority in Epson tournaments after they graduate, that pushes down people like me who were lower on the priority list down even further than the beginning of the season. I've accepted that I probably won't get into many Epson tournaments this year, but I am still hoping to get into the Pendleton, Oregon event at the end of August. I've really enjoyed my time on the Annika WAPT, and I'm just really grateful to be competing, no matter the stage.



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Link to Wisconsin Women's Championship

REFLECTIONS FROM THE CLUBHOUSE

It feels really nice to have results be more indicative of what I know I'm capable of. At this point in the season, my goal is to just keep stepping on the gas. I still have a few events left in the season and am really looking forward to my next two in July! I'm learning how to create better practice habits for myself during the season and it just feels rewarding to see progress being made. The most important thing I've learned is just how much I need to keep believing in myself and to be proud of going for it. Those who know me well know that I am very hard on myself. I've been learning how to give myself more grace on this difficult path, and I attribute my most recent performances to that.

I just feel overwhelmed with gratitude for the people who continue to cheer me on. Thank you Dad for stepping in as caddy, and Mom for helping me get some cool action shots while I compete. A huge thank you to the Zywiens for their warmth and generosity and for making my time in Northern Michigan feel so worth it. I would not be where I am without you supporting me and it's often when I think about the love I've received that it makes this path just a little easier :)

See how my season's been going so far!

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