



Elizabeth Moultrie Joined the PGA in March.

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Elizabeth Moultrie Finds a Home at Hoover Country Club

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For many people, spending each day on a golf course is only a dream - or at least a delayed reality until the Shangri-La of retirement finally comes into view. However, for Bluff Park resident Elizabeth Moultrie, that dream is a reality.

The Head Golf Pro at Hoover County Club didn't so much set out on the highway of life with her sights set on a specific destination. On the contrary, Moultrie more or less wandered into one of the top teaching pro positions in the area.

"In relation to this job, it was never on my radar screen," admits Moultrie, who is also a bit of a trailblazer as one of the few - if

not the only - female head golf pros in Alabama.

Her love for the game of golf began in middle school while playing regularly with a friend. Over the next few years, her game developed, earning a spot on the Hoover High School varsity golf team. "I started to love and stuck with it and, once I got into high school, I was fairly solid," Moultrie says. "I wasn't a great player, but I turned out to enjoy it a whole lot."

Moultrie is being humble. She was, in fact, a very good high school player, helping the Lady Bucs win two consecutive state championships in 2014 and 2015, and many Top 5 finishes along the way.

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After high school, Moultrie attended Auburn, opting not to play on the Lady Tigers' squad. Instead, she continued to play recreationally as time allowed, but got her first taste of coaching as a volunteer coach at Auburn High School. She wasn't aware of it yet, but that experience lit a slow-burning and subconscious passion for coaching.

Moultrie graduated from Auburn with a Bachelor's degree in fitness, conditioning, and performance in 2019, but still had no clear vision of a career path. She moved back home to Hoover and found a job working part-time in the Hoover Country Club pro shop while also spending a few months as the Tournament Director for the Alabama Junior Golf Association (AJGA).

Despite the experience as a volunteer coach, working in the pro shop, and her work with the AJGA, Moultrie still hadn't reached the conclusion that a career in golf was a possibility. However, as summer gave way to fall, the club let her keep working in the pro shop until, eventually, that slow ember turned into a raging fire.

"Summer came to an end, and I was still enjoying it here, so I asked my Pro if I could keep working in the shop while I figured out what I want to do with my life," Moultrie says, adding that she began to learn the ins and outs of a teaching pro from the assistants while on the job.

"I just kind of observed and absorbed their roles and started doing some of the assistant golf professional roles," Moultrie said. "Towards the end of that year, I was like, 'I think I can actually do this job.'"

Again, just as she showed at Hoover High School, Moultrie has more than simply done her job - she has excelled. After learning the ropes and paying her dues, Moultrie moved up the ranks, working as an assistant pro from 2019 until early 2026, winning the PGA Alabama-Northwest Florida Assistant Golf Professional of the Year Award in 2022.

Primarily focused on teaching golf to adults and youth, Moultrie still finds a little time to compete on a circuit of tournaments featuring teaching pros from Alabama and northwest Florida. However, after officially obtaining her PGA Golf Pro accreditation and earning the position of Head Golf Professional at Hoover Country Club, Moultrie is focused on providing a great environment for members and promoting, and overseeing golf instruction from the club's assistant golf pros.

Now, after almost a decade of developing her passion for golf and finding her way, Moultrie is exactly where she belongs. For many months of the year, a typical day can begin around 7 am - maybe earlier - and end after 7 pm, but it's a dream come true for the Hoover High School graduate and long-time Bluff Park resident.

"I have an office here in the golf shop, and I have an office outside," she said.

"It's a lot of work, but it's very rewarding work," added Moultrie. "It's a lot of hours, but one of the coolest jobs ever."

