



# Welcome Neil Gowan Head Golf Professional Legend Oaks Golf & Tennis Club

We are pleased to announce the addition of Neil Gowan, PGA, as Head Golf Professional at Legend Oaks Golf and Tennis Club! Neil, a certified PGA Professional, has a passion for golf which he began playing as young child along with soccer, cross country and martial arts. Around the time he turned 15 he made the decision to focus mainly on golf, winning many junior golf tournaments. After a successful junior career, Neil accepted a golf scholarship at Midland College in Midland, TX, a very long way from his home in London, England.

In the two years Neil played for Midland, he was selected to the All American Team, All Conference Team, All Region Team and he also received the MVP Award. Continuing his college golf career, Neil moved to Charleston, SC, choosing to play NCAA Division I golf for College of Charleston his junior and senior years. Neil graduated in 2013 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science.

Combining his love for competition and extensive knowledge of the game, Neil became Level 2 certified in Golf Coach and Mechanics through the Titleist Performance Institute and attained his PGA Class A Professional certification in 2014. His certifications along with his years of competition enable Neil to understand all aspects of golf, including the technical, physical and mental requirements of the game for players of all ages and ability. Neil has extensive knowledge of the Flightscope X2 elite golf monitor and integrates that experience into his lessons. He acquired a large following of adult and junior golfers while Director of Instruction/Assistant Golf Professional at Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo, TX from 2014 until leaving to join us here at Legend Oaks. He is also a registered Talent Scout with Athletes USA, which promotes young talented players.

Along with managing day to day operations in the pro-shop and on the course, Neil will be implementing a strong golf instruction program at Legend Oaks. The addition of our driving range will allow Neil to introduce club fitting consultations and video golf lessons. Programs will be offered for both men, women and juniors of all skill levels. His knowledge and training will allow him to expand our club repair capability.

Neil and his wife Sarah celebrated their first anniversary this past September and are looking forward to her joining him Charleston, where they first met, before the Christmas Holidays. Sarah, a kindergarten teacher loves working with young children. Neil also enjoys working out and holds a black belt in Taekwondo.

Please give Neil a warm welcome to the Legend Oaks family and don't forget to ask him about his Flightscope X2 elite golf monitor and how it can help improve your game!

