

Exploring the Context

About Golf

First played in Scotland in the 15th Century, Golf is a precision sport in which golfers use many different types of clubs to hit a small, dimpled ball into a series of holes on a golf course, using the fewest number of strokes.



Bridge Pa



The Hastings Golf Club is an 18-hole championship course, located within 10 minutes of the city centre. This club, also known both nationally and internationally as "Bridge Pa," was established in 1898. The Hastings Golf Club consistently features in the New Zealand TOP 10 Course Rankings.

History

From its 1898 beginnings as a nightmarish dust bowl, the transition to the tree-lined golfing dream it is today was not achieved easily. At times progress was painfully slow.

- 1963 saw the first of the Wattie's professional tournaments. The first was won by Bob Charles, fresh from his success that year in the British Open. Charles went on to win four of the eight Wattie tournaments staged and establish himself as a great favourite of the Hawke's Bay crowd. Another terrific thrill for golf followers in Hawke's Bay during the Wattie tournament era came when Stuart Jones won the 1965 event which left a field which contained all the top professional marvelling at the skill of this talented amateur.
- The Bridge Pa course had undergone a number of changes of layout since its establishment in 1912 when in 1970 president Roy Skittrup spearheaded a plan which saw the course altered radically to provide the two even nines which exist today.
- While the changes to Bridge Pa initiated by Skittrup and Harold Christie took some time to develop (and for players to adjust to), by midway through the 1970's the Hastings course was being hailed as something special, not just by people from other parts of Hawke's Bay and New Zealand, but overseas as well.
- Through the 1980's the course continued to develop and to be recognised as one of the country's premier layouts.
- The Hastings Golf Club hosted the men's inter-provincial championships in 1989. Formerly known as the Freyberg Rosebowl, but subsequently renamed the Tower tournament for its main sponsor, this contest brought the cream of New Zealand's golfing talent to Bridge Pa.
- In 1997, Hastings hosted the men's North Island championship at Easter and in 1998 it staged the Freyberg Rosebowl Masters event for players aged 40 and over it will have been the venue for every major national tournament. This is a remarkable record for the club and the course and a tribute to the men and women who have been responsible for the organising of these many prestigious events.

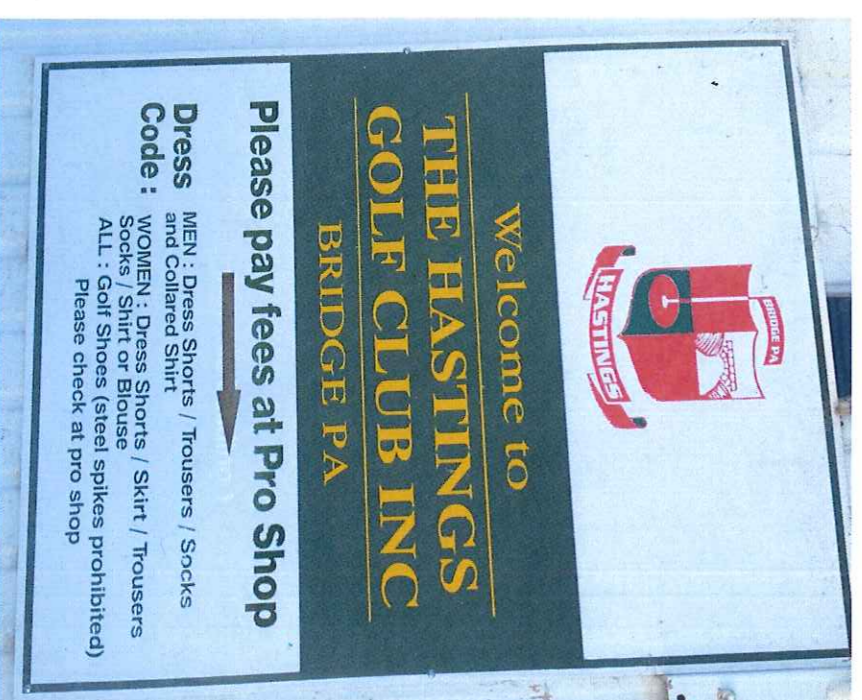
Dress Code

Being the former club captain Dennis is required to maintain the high expectations that the members hold of him. This means that he needs to be well presented at all times, in appropriate golf wear. To do this he must follow the course's dress code.

"The enjoyment of golf depends a great deal on the co-operation, consideration and courtesy exhibited by fellow competitors. What is true of the game also applies to Club Membership. The spirit and image of a golf club is projected by the way fellow members show respect, courtesy and consideration for one another. This courtesy and consideration should extend to the choice of dress generally, and the standard of conduct on the course and in the clubhouse."¹

Dress Standard

The standards of a Golf Club may be judged by the etiquette of its members. The Committee expects that members wishing to use the facilities of the club would dress accordingly to the regulations as listed in the clubhouse. This applies to the course as well as the lounge.



¹<http://www.hastingsgolfclub.co.nz/raj/outlets/terrace/Template.aspx?page=Dress+Code&CornerFromCat=24>

Men: Dress shorts, Trousers, Socks, Sports Shirt

Women: Dress shorts, Skirt, Trousers, Socks, Shirt or Blouse

Prohibited: Bare Feet, Workboots, Jandals, Rugby style shorts, Singlets, Dirty or unkempt clothing

Please note:

- (i) That jandals, non-dress jeans, beachwear etc, are not regarded as respectable dress for the Golf Club.
- (ii) That any member who brings a guest to the Club must ensure that he or she is dressed accordingly.
- (iii) The General Manager is empowered to refuse access to persons incorrectly dressed.

About Hawke's Bay:

Hawke's Bay (Maori: Heretaunga) is a region of New Zealand, located on the east coast of the country's North Island. Hawke's Bay is recognised on the world stage for its award-winning wines. The regional council sits in both the cities of Napier and Hastings. It derives from Hawke Bay which was named by Captain James Cook in honour of Admiral Edward Hawke who decisively defeated the French at the Battle of Quiberon Bay.²

Climate

- Altitude: 2 m (7 ft).
- The average temperature in Hawke's Bay, New Zealand is 13.8 °C
- The range of average monthly temperatures is 12 °C.
- The warmest average max/ high temperature is 23 °C in January & February
- The coolest average min/ low temperature is 4 °C in July
- Hawke's Bay receives on average 793 mm of precipitation annually or 66 mm each month
- On balance there are 116 days annually on which greater than 0.1 mm of precipitation occurs or 10 days on an average month
- The month with the driest weather is September, October & November when on balance 48 mm of rainfall (precipitation) occurs
- The month with the wettest weather is May when on balance 97 mm of rain or hail falls across 11 days
- Hours of sunshine range between 4.5 hours per day in July and 8.1 hours per day in January
- On balance there are 2281 sunshine hours annually and approximately 6.2 sunlight hours for each day
- On balance there are 6 days annually with measurable frost and in July there are on average 3 days with frost³



² http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hawke's_Bay_region

³ <http://www.napier.climateps.com/>