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THE OFFICIAL NIGHTCLIFF CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER
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“THE BOLTER!”

MORE *GROWL* TESTIMONIALS!

“A true champion”

Makybe Diva

“Can’t lose”

Roger Federer

“First past the post every time”

Phar Lap

“Talks the talk and walks the walk”

Mr Ed

“These are not the droids you are looking for”

Sean Kenny

THE PREZ SAYS...

Congratulations to everyone involved in the **Quiz night** last Saturday night, including those who attended and the Sponsors who all helped to make it a special night of fun for everyone involved. Feedback from the night has been great, despite some controversy surrounding both the winning team and a certain golden Greek who racked up quite a phone bill on the night.

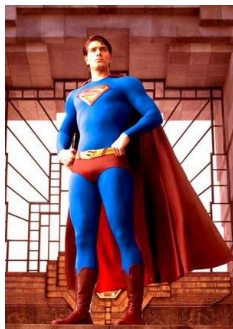
A special thank you to our season sponsors (as listed at the top of each page in the Growl), as well as to **Andrew Bancroft** and the **GOOD GUYS** for donating the major prize for the Raffle, as well as **PORTAL** for donating an iPod as part of the Door Prize. Congratulations to the **Bintang Boys** for taking out the major prize for first past the post. There will be a further publication thanking the sponsors for this night coming out in the next week.

Just the two Saturday games to go until finals now and it looks likely that the Tigers will have one 2007 finalist with possibly two and anywhere up to all four sides playing finals in 2007, which would be a magnificent achievement for the Club.

Did anyone at all on this planet back that Big-Mac-in-waiting General Market to win the Darwin Cup last week? No I did not think so. Eye of the Tiger from here on in party people, eye of the Tiger.

Brad Hatton
NCC President

JASON BREMNER SUPERCOACH TIPS OF THE WEEK



1. **Watch the ball.** Every ball. Preferably the same ball. Watch it leave the bowler's hand watch it hit your bat. Be that beautiful moment when the ball actually makes contact with your bat.
2. Teamwork is your friend. A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle.
3. A single moment of understanding can flood a season with meaning. Play out the season with gusto and heed the lessons one encounters along the way. A smooth sea never made a skilled mariner.

UPCOMING DRAW & DATES – AUG/SEPT 2007

A GRADE:

Saturday 18 & 25 Aug 2007: vs **TV DINNERS** at TEE VEE LAND
Saturday 1 & 8 Sept 2007: vs **SOUTHERN COMFORTS** at NIGHTCLIFF

B GRADE:

Saturday 18 & 25 Aug 2007: vs **TV DINNERS** at NIGHTCLIFF
Saturday 1 & 8 Sept 2007: vs **SOUTHERN COOKING** at FREDERICK'S PASS

C GRADE:

Saturday 18 & 25 Aug 2007: vs **PALMOLIVES** at BENNY MITCH OVAL
Saturday 1 & 8 Sept 2007: vs **DANNY SOUTHERNS** at WANGURI PARKING LOT

D GRADE:

Sunday, 19 August 2007 vs **THE BIG BIRDS (JABIRU)** at NIGHTCLIFF
Sunday, 26 August 2007 vs **UNICORNS** at UNICORN LAND



1. **Friday 17 August 2007 – MILO CLINIC** from 5.30pm – 6.30pm. **FINAL CLINIC + PRESENTATIONS.** All welcome, kiosk and bar (for parents) facilities open.
2. **Saturday 15 September 2007** – First week of finals. **Sunday 16 September 2007** if the D-Toxes can make it to their final countdown also.
3. **A Saturday in September 2007** - NCC Presentation night, possibly at the Nightcliff Sports Club, the gala event will be something spe-cial for everyone!

MATCH REPORTS**A-GRADE**

Nightcliff 292 (M.Birrell 100, R.James 91) v
Darwin Airports 264 (B.Hatton 3/40, T.Scollay 2/25) & 2-6 (H.Martin 2-0)

The hungry Tigers pounced on a truly memorable one-wicket victory that looked unlikely at a few stages during an enthralling day after the Nightcliff middle order (sponsored by *Coke Zero*) imploded leaving our heroes at 4/90, which then became 5/150 after **Matt the Bat II** had chalked up a well compiled hundred, then put his cue in the rack a few balls later. Well you know finals are close when Josh Smith starts scoring some runs, and with the team in some trouble and a partnership required it was *'the Tree'* (Joshua) and *'the Wall'*, comeback-queen **Jason Hatton** who stood up and effectively blunted the Darwin charge with their tense 6th wicket partnership (sponsored by *No-Doze*) as their 'block and snore' offensive began to slowly turn the tide back the Tigers' way.

The match was then turned on its head when Tigers' own albino **Andy Symonds**, (Meg) **Ryan James** strode in and took the attack to the Darwinians, flaying them to all points of the Suburb with an imperious 91. Jamesey was ably supported by child prodigy and future Nightcliff star **Johnny 'Russell' Crowe**, who probably would have been there and the end but for some show-Biz batting advice and **Haydos 'lets get quizzical' Martin**, who with James Bond steered the good ship into the Victory Dock of 2007 Finals glory.

B-GRADE

Nightcliff 181 (S.Saunderson 52, S.Kenny 34) & 1-91 (Supercoach 37 def by
Darwin Airports 199 (W.Hawkins 5/44, S.Kenny 4/34) & 191 (W.Hawkins 4/54)

After a brilliant bowling effort led by fast bowling beauty Jennifer **Hawkins** and iron cricketer Grant **Kenny** the Tigers bombed the Airport for 199 in the first week. However after being a promising 2/75 at the turn, and then 5/175 at one stage, the Tiger tail was mercilessly docked and binned, crueiling the Tigers' ambitions to have been sitting comfortably inside the Four by the time pens were scrawling down the first answers at the Quiz Night. The Tigers fought out the game well however, dismissing Darwin again (Doug **Hawkins** ending up with 9 wickets for the game, with **B.Whitworth** also getting amongst it with 3/75) and **J.Bremner** Supercoach composed 37 runs in his second batting symphony.

Hope springs eternal, however the Tigers will possibly need a Darwin stubby trip-up and to definitely win and win well in their last two games against the **Tracy Village** Evildoers and the lowly **Southern Comforts**, a team best served on the rocks anyway.

C-GRADE

The C-Sections had the Bye this last fortnight and took the time out to contemplate their final assault on the top Four in their last two games against the **Palmolives** and the currently top of the table **Danny Southernns**, which will be both tough Nutbushes to crack. With two finals-bound opponents awaiting Alexander the Tate's Army, this will be a breath-testing month for our Tigers on the frog march as they strive to slip back into a well-earned place in the Four and take a healthy sip from the chalice of finals action, a beverage that looked wildly unlikely to be on the drinks menu six months ago.

D-GRADE

Nightcliff 127 (J.Fryar 51, Snell 21) def by
Darwin Stubbys 7/131 (M.Tallents 2/24)

The D-Toxications continued to mystify fans and bookies alike with their kalleidascope 2007 form, as another batting effort fell short of the mark on a wicket made for lovin' runs. With three Darwin players still in bed and another four getting dressed during the first over, the Tigers failed to capitalise on this disarray and consistently lost wickets in the first 20 overs. Only a pulsating half century from the Skipper **Fryar** (Tuck) and a last wicket partnership of 30 odd between the High School (**Sanderson**) and the **Snell** saw the side even make it past 100. The Tigers plugged away like **Greg Matthews'** hairdresser in the field and kept a reasonably tight ship, however Charles Darwin was again able to uncover the missing link and eventually scrambled to the not-too-large total with just a couple of overs and wickets up their sleeves.



Nightcliff 74 (L.Bayetto 15) def by
Tah Tahs 2-75 (Snell 0/0)

With Skipper **Fryar** away for the weekend (a rumoured check-in to rehab being investigated, say hi to Britney for us) bionic man **Cammo the Ammo** took the reigns of the D-Mob this week in this top-4 clash against Tah-Tahs at Darwin cricket's picturesque **Gardens of Eden**. However 165 minutes into this game and Tah-Tahs *remained* the team to beat, after a Tiger implosion of **Terry Kirstenfeldt** proportions on a great batting strip only left it with a jockey's finger (small digit) to defend. Sure the Wattage and some other Tah-Tah kids bowled okay, but the Tiger bats displayed less courage than a granny-basher, with the only momentary highlight being a hefty **Matty Tallents** whack into the Grandstand during his brief visit to the middle. Whilst a score of 74 may have won the **Nightcliff Quiz Night**, when the sun sets on a cricketing day, it will usually leave a team of cricketing athletes lamenting a sizeable hammering.

UNDER 17s

"They messed about, they got caught out, howzat." mused **Jason Bremner Supercoach** after the Tiger Cubs' most recent clash against the Charles **Darwin**. After the Darwinians night-clubbed 4/240 in the first week the gallant and brave mini-Tigers, possibly showing the strains of the steep learning curve of a lengthy season at the highest junior level, were dismissed for 111 (**Zac Metcalfe** 27).

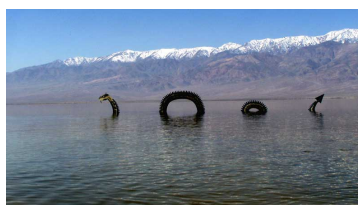
The **Supercoach** was reasonably happy with the team's endeavors during the game and many of his charges' application with the bat and he remains patient in the knowledge that this bottle of wine will mature greatly with another year of careful cellaring.

“THEY SAID IT” - QUOTABLE QUOTES

<p><i>“Hey THIS is not our tent!”</i></p>	<p>Movers and shakers B.Foley and Snell upon being advised they were actually in the corporate TIO facility on Darwin Cup day.</p>
<p><i>“If you beat him one more time, you’ll be up on assault charges.”</i></p>	<p>The Tigers own Dame Nellie Melba Jason Hatton during his 7th comeback for the 2007 Season after brother Brad had whizzed a few red rocks past the bat early. Brad very soon cured the problem by rocking back a Darwin bat’s off stump.</p>
<p><i>“I haven’t failed, I’ve just found 1,000 ways that don’t work.”</i></p>	<p>The thinking man’s thinking man, the Thomas Edison of coaching Jason Bremner as the Supercoach continues to tinker with the Master Plan in an effort to assist his Under 17s charges to further evolve in 2007.</p>
<p><i>“Geez I didn’t expect him to be that quick down my leg side.”</i></p>	<p>D-Mob bat Colin Ralph still puzzled after finding himself stumped off the bowling of a brisk former A-Grade Darwin quick Hancock coming back through the D-Generate grade.</p>
<p><i>“It was like I discovered I had pure Jack Daniels flowing from our kitchen taps...then I’ve called the plumber!”</i></p>	<p>Another D-tainee Anthony Snell ruing an outside chance to notch his first half-century above the Tropic of Capricorn, thrown away along with his wicket against Darwin.</p>

‘HUMEWATCH’ - A SIGHTING!?

Apparently the Federally-funded Nightcliff-based covert operation **HumeWatch** received a report of a sighting of missing cricketing link **Brent “the Highway” Hume** last Thursday night in Nightcliff. However the sighting was at a considerable distance, the lighting was fairly dim and alcohol was being willingly served and consumed at the time. When proof of life was requested in accordance with the **HumeWatch Constitution**, the informant apparently gave it the, *“nah nah he’s just left – you just missed him!”* Might just be a publicity hoax but watch this space...



In the meantime any other curious sightings or evidence of any other magical mystical or mythological creatures such as (but not limited to) dragons, unicorns, UFOs, dodos, unicorns or in-form Nightcliff middle order batsmen, may be reported either directly to the *Growl* or to the Head Barman at any reputable Donga in your area.

PLAYER PROFILE

MATT ‘THE BAT’ BIRRELL

*Another child prodigy from Western Australia, Matt the Bat played representative cricket in WA last year, making the WA under 19s squad in 2006. Matt played all his junior cricket at Mount Lawley in Perth but at seventeen signed to Bayswater-Morley under the WACA zoning rules, where he had a stellar 2006-07 season with a top score of 97no in their A-Grade comp before missing the latter part of the season. Yet to even turn 20 (bastard!), Matt is now starting to find his dancing feet at Nightcliff and is seeing them like beach balls now after having just notched up his first century north of Ayres Rock. ‘The Bat’ is pretty keen to play a big part in some finals success before heading back down to Perth town and says his best may be yet to come! We **think** he was talking about cricket...*

Date of birth?	18 July 1988
First ever cricketing memory?	Yeah I remember as a 9yo getting a cricket bat and a ‘swing-king’ ball for Christmas and my older brother taking the rock and just absolutely peppering me with it - I thought I was in a WW2 air raid (such as the bombing of Broome , in March 1942...or Zanzibar in 1896 during the shortest War), this almost put me off cricket for life!
First Game for Nightcliff?	This year against Tah-tahs, I checked in and checked out again with one solitary (man) Northern Territorian run against my name - well its one more than our middle order scored on the weekend! But we won so that was a great start.
Favourite drink?	Bintang , the beer of champions. And a cool fruit juice goes alright. And I really do love my Gravy – I will sometimes use left over home made gravy as a splash-on cologne before going out.
Favourite food?	Mie Goreng (fried Balinese noodles) the genuine culinary article.
Tracy Village – entrepreneurial cricketing superpower or out-and-out mercenary?	Yeah, they are on the Richter Scale of Evil. Nutty as a Snickers factory that lot, there’s definitely something funny in the water out that way. But they’ve shown more Endeavour than Captain Cook so if it works out for them then so be it, each to their own and good luck to their families. Still a tiny bit evil though. Hey, and I did hear a rumour that there might be at least one of them coming over to play at Tigerland sometime soon?

Most admired sportsperson?	Tom Scollay , a very professional operator and I love him to bits and want to be just like him – well, right up to the point where he enters a nightclub!
Other hobbies & interests?	Chilling out with buddies, like to travel and explore new places (and people), getting away from cricket sometimes, slashing other hopefuls at Quiz Nights.
Jessica Alba or Jennifer Hawkins?	Alba 's the go there, though the Hawk is a serious, serious babe!
Favorite Spice Girl?	Posh Spice for sure, seriously! No, seriously man!
Favorite Hatton?	I'd say maybe Jason he's the quietest of them and just goes about his business. Quiet achiever.
Five people I'd invite to a dinner or cocktail party?	My best mate Brendan in Perth, Taj Burrow , an insane local surfer in Perth, top bloke, Kiwi (Haydos that is, not the Melbourne Cup winner – a hilarious man, he'd be a riot), the Krepap-man (he'll probably start a riot), Wayne of Wayne's World and Scollay would be the sixth man, a handy drinks waiter!
Complete this sentence..."I couldn't live without..."	"...cricket, travel, fun, a good feed and my mates"

"HELLO FRIENDS, VOTE FOR ME AUSTRALIA & I WILL TEACH YOU HOW TO CATCH 'EM LIKE MATTY BIRRELL.

HE IS NOT JUST A GREAT CRICKETER, HE IS A GREAT AUSTRALIAN!"



ODD SOCKS

THE NIGHTCLIFF SHOPPING CENTRE WORD OF THE WEEK:

<p>‘Quixotic’</p>	<p>1. foolishly impractical especially in the pursuit of ideals; <i>especially</i> : marked by rash lofty romantic ideas or extravagantly chivalrous action.</p> <p>2. (<i>sometimes initial capital letter</i>) resembling or befitting Don Quixote (clearly the origin of this expression).</p>
<p><i>kwik-sot-ik</i></p>	<p>An example of its use...”<i>Sending two dozen roses to the woman of his dreams – who he was yet to actually meet – was indeed a quixotic means for Jamesey to try to gain her affection.</i>”</p>

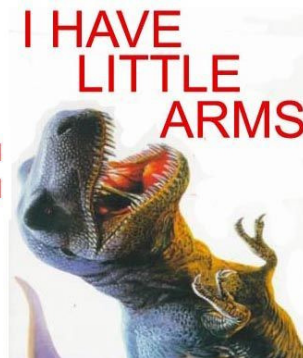
ON THE REX HUNT

Labor to win the next Federal Election (\$1.55) into St Kilda to beat Fremantle in R20 (\$1.67) & Sydney Swans (\$1.08) to make the Eight = **\$2.80**.

Death, taxes and this wagger beautiful people. Making money has just never been easier. The (Ad) **Libbers** are in absolute disarray and whilst **little Johnny** is as Nicholas cagey and shifty as always (whilst scurrying to bury past lies in assorted mass graves), there is an outside chance he might not even be at the wheel of this rickety bus by the time the Election comes around. The gap in the polls at the minute is larger than between **Krepapas’** jaws after a Hawks win and historically speaking with the poll position as it is, unless **K-Rudd** is suddenly discovered to be harboring child porn or Collingwood life membership, he and Labor should really romp it home.

The **Freo Shockers** + delusions of adequacy + finals-bound **Saints** = loss. And like ET the **Swans** are heading home to the final and are pretty much in like **Jack Flynn** for the business end in a season where many teams are still in the Helen Hunt for the AFL Flag.

The Whisper: **Get on former A and now B, C, D & E-Grader Sean Kenny for most association wickets in 2007 - he’s going nuts at the minute.**



Artistry courtesy of resident IT magician Benjamin Mitch.

THE NIGHTCLIFF COMMITTEE FINANCIAL TIP OF THE WEEK

Take a few spare hats, sunglasses and t-shirts whenever you are heading down to Nightcliff Shopping Centre to maximise food-tasting opportunities.

“MEMORY OF AN ELEPHANT...”

In 1986, **Mike Cricklewood** was on holiday in Kenya after graduating from University. On a hike through the bush he came across a **young bull elephant** standing with one leg raised in the air. The elephant seemed distressed so Mike approached it very carefully. He got down on one knee and inspected the elephant's foot and found a large piece of wood deeply embedded in it.

As carefully and as gently as he could, Mike worked the wood out with his hunting knife, after which the elephant gingerly put down its foot. The elephant turned to face the man, and with a rather curious look on its face, stared at him for several tense moments. Mike stood frozen, thinking of nothing else but being trampled. Eventually the elephant trumpeted loudly, turned, and walked away. Mike never forgot that elephant or the events of that day.

Twenty years later, Mike was walking through the Toronga Zoo with his teenage son. As they approached the elephant enclosure, one of the creatures turned and walked over to near where Mike and his son Tom were standing. The large bull elephant stared at Mike, lifted its front foot off the ground then put it down. The elephant did that several times then trumpeted loudly, all the while staring at the man.

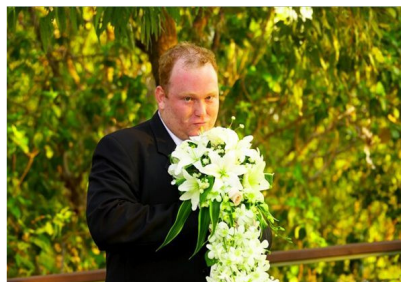
Remembering the encounter in 1986, Mike couldn't help wondering if this was the same elephant. Mike summoned up his courage, climbed over the railing and made his way into the enclosure. He walked right up to the elephant and stared back in wonder. The elephant trumpeted again, wrapped its trunk around one of Mike's legs and slammed him against the railing, killing him instantly.

Probably wasn't the same elephant.

FORUM SHOPPING – www.nightcliffcc.org.au/forum

Hey check out the new upgraded **NCC Forums** on line at www.nightcliffcc.org.au for all your latest news, view, cricketing highlights, comic relief or just to catch up with cricketing folk and other jokers from Nightcliff and other clubs as well. Anyone can sign up and join online and Webmaster **Benny Mitchell** has created an absolute kaleidoscope of categories and ideas for you to join in on or you can even kick off your own thread if you have something to just put out there for the masses to mull over. Nightcliff cricketing Forums – where ideas go to play!

And hey, you just never know who you might meet there...



TRIVIA

A point of interest regarding our man **Aaron ‘Ryan’ Griffen**, who has been with the club since Decimal Currency, did you know there was a township called **Griffen** in **Austria**? No? Well that is probably because apart from being a mildly picturesque town in the middle of the district of Volkermarkt in Carinthia in Austria and home to the **Griffen Abbey** (ie/ in the middle of absolutely nowhere) the only real claim to fame for the place is it is the birthplace in 1942 of avant-garde Austrian writer **Peter Handke**. Who?

Apart from the sour puss actually looking like our man **Griffo**, Pete wrote some post-WW2 stuff including a 1971 title ‘*A Sorrow of Dreams*’ about his mother, who had committed suicide and the gripping best-seller travelogue ‘*Eine winterliche Reise zu den Flüssen Donau, Save, Morawa und Drina oder Gerechtigkeit für Serbien (A Journey to the Rivers: Justice for Serbia)*’ which created some controversy as Handke portrayed Serbia among the victims of the Balkan War. Yep.

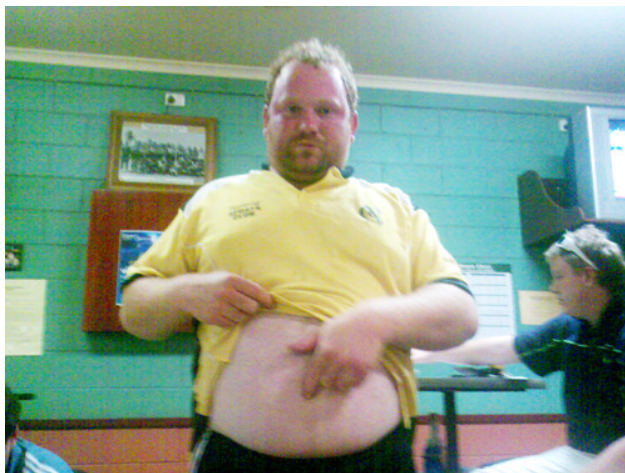
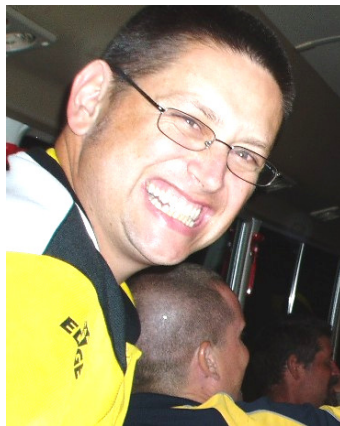


RECIPE FOR A TIGER ON THE GO – “MAGICAL MYSTERY STIR-FRY”

<p>Ingredients</p>	<p>1 ½ tablespoons of olive oil, whatever is in your fridge/crisper, whatever is in your freezer, a tablespoon of soy sauce, a tablespoon of that oyster sauce you first put in your fridge in late 1998 and some steamed rice. Some optionals (perhaps not all in the same dish) include cashews, chili sauce or chopped fresh chilies, alfalfa sprouts or honey.</p> <p>Or for a separate special satay sauce (1 cup light peanut butter [can get too oily otherwise] - crunchy, 1 tin coconut milk, 1 tablespoon chili sauce, 1 tablespoon brown sugar, small onion diced or one tablespoon onion flakes, 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes, one tablespoon dark soy) – Have all your ingredients measured out and ready before you kick off.</p> <p>Then in a saucepan over medium sear onion in a dash of oil (pot and oil already hot) – this will take a few seconds so stay there and stir gently) then just as it starts to brown combine coconut milk, peanut butter, soy sauce, brown sugar, and pepper flakes with it. Bring it all to a boil, stirring frequently. Remove from heat, and keep warm. This will take you 5 minutes to whip up. You can make it with chicken, beef or even lamb stir fry. Mmmm, lamb.</p>
<p>Stir Fry- cont. Method</p>	<p>Turn your wok onto reasonably high, put in half the olive oil and go pour yourself a cool glass of beer. Then sear any meat you intend to introduce into this culinary adventure (cut into thin strips) then brown it, take it out and set it aside. Get your rice ready and put it on either beforehand or right now. How’s your glass of beer doing too?</p> <p>Heat up the wok again, add some more oil, let it heat again and then add your chopped veggies & optionals, sear for a while and then start adding your sauces, and even put the lid on to steam for 1-2 mins. Then re-introduce your meat near the end of the journey, together with your spring beans if desired. Sprinkle sesame seeds on top for a final touch & go nuts.</p>

LOOK-ALIKES

Can you spot the difference?



THE END. NO MORE. ALL GONE.