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THE GROWL

THE OFFICIAL NIGHTCLIFF CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER
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(*"SPECIAL BUMPER JABIRU SOUVENIR EDITION"*)



"IT'S DYNAMITE!"

MORE TESTIMONIALS

"That's the shot!" Lee Harvey Oswald

"Yeah, I'd swear by it" Peter Adamson

"No Australian child will be without a copy by 2010" Bob Hawke

"With the competition in disarray it is the Growl's time to shine" A.Krepapas

"Sometimes when we touch, the honesty's too much" Sean Kenny

THE PREZ SAYS...

Well we're heading towards the middle of the season and its great to see some Tiger batting successes with congratulations to two lads on tonning up over the last fortnight, A-Grade's **Tom Scollay** (an unbeaten 120 v PINTS of beer) and D-Generate **Alex Krepapas** who has now scored 102 runs in the township of **Jabiru** without being dismissed. All Tiger outfits need to keep working hard at regularly batting out an entire day or innings as this is what will be needed for any team wishing to play Finals and have a decent Ruth Cracknall once there.

Our **Milo Program** offered as part of our junior promotion has been a success so far and a big thanks to all those who have come down to help out, particularly to **Jake "Cockatoo" Collins** and **Hugh** (Jass), who have been there every week so far. The sugary program will kick off again after the June/July holidays probably on **Friday, 3 August 2007** at 5.30pm as the Friday before is Darwin Show weekend. It would be appreciated if Senior players can keep coming down to help out with various drills and games and it is certainly appreciated by the Club, the kids and their parents to see Senior players getting involved in this fashion.

Well done to **D-Grade** on their maiden voyage to **Jabiru**, which was capped off with a victory and a celebration befitting of a World Cup final win on the way back. And a big thanks to "the Clock" **Big Ben Lear** for driving the motley crew to Jabiru town and back.

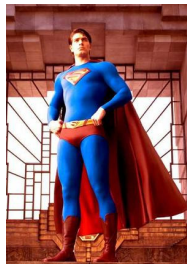
The **TIO junior competition** is happening at Nightcliff Oval during the June/July school holidays for anyone who can help out attending the ground or running the Donga on those days, please let me or a Committee member know. Games are being played **midweek** and if anyone (including players & junior parents) is in a position to help out, this would be greatly appreciated.

Three under 13 games are being played at Nightcliff on Tues **3 July 2007**, Thurs **5 July 2007** and Tues **10th July 2007**.

The Earth is blue and there is nothing you can do.

Brad Hatton
NCC President

JASON BREMNER SUPERCOACH TIPS OF THE WEEK



1. Remember to bat in partnerships – a bowling and fielding side can also become frustrated if wickets are not falling.
2. A cigarette is a pinch of tobacco, wrapped in paper, fire at one end, fool at the other.
3. Experience is the mother of wisdom.

UPCOMING DRAW & DATES – JUNE/JULY 2007**A GRADE:**

Saturday, 16 & 23 June 2007: SINGIN' BYE, BYE MISS AMERICAN PIE
Saturday, 30 June/7 July 2007: vs PALMERSTON CHEESE at NIGHTCLIFF

B GRADE:

Saturday, 16 & 23 June 2007: vs BYE BYE BLACKBIRD.
Saturday, 30 June/7 July 2007: vs THE PARMIRGIANAS at POWERADE PARK

C GRADE:

Saturday, 16 & 23 June 2007: vs PINTS OF BEER at KORMILDA
Saturday, 30 June/7 July 2007: vs WARATAHS at KORMILDA

D GRADE:

Sunday, 24 June 2007: WEEK OFF AGAIN – FESTIVAL OF THE FUME
Sunday, 1 July 2007: vs UNIVERSITY BLUES at NIGHTCLIFF
Sunday, 8 July 2007: vs VILLAGE PEOPLE at NIGHTCLIFF



1. **Friday 3 August 2007 – MILO CLINIC** from 5.30pm – 6.30pm. The MILO Clinic will run **each Friday thereafter** at the same time at Nightcliff Oval for about a further 4 weeks. All welcome, kiosk and bar (for parents) facilities open.
2. **Saturday 11 August 2007** from about 7.00pm – Social Event – **NIGHTCLIFF CRICKET CLUB QUIZ NIGHT**. Lets Get Quizzical Tigers and get a team of 6 together before then. Truckloads of prizes will be on offer.

MATCH RESULTS**A-GRADE**

Nightcliff 215 (T.Scollay 120 not out) & **240** (T.Scollay 73, M.Birrell 52)
def PINTS of beer 207 (B.Hatton 4/46, R.James 3/32) & 4/71

This one turned out to be an absolute Michael Jackson-*Thriller* in the end, after PINTS came within 8 runs of the Tigers total during their shout. The Tigers ended up cutting it finer than **Jason Bremner**'s hairdo with the last two wickets falling with PINTS of beers needing less than 10 runs to win. After **Brad Hatton** surprised the batsman with a ball on the wicket, PINTS #11 strode to the crease with so much water aboard himself that upon sneezing before taking block, play had to be held up for 15 minutes to allow the pitch to dry. If the kid was in Victoria he would have been prosecuted for breaching water restrictions. The Tigers were then soon dancing around like a **Village People** concert after the wily **Mark Hatton** caught the edge of the bat after artfully using a streak of water made down the wicket after a quick single. Play was then held up for another 45 minutes between innings as the same bat visited the little boy's room. The Tigers then thumped and slumped their way to **240** (**Scollay** just missing out on a match 200 for the match) after being none for a hundred and plenty and **Ryan "Vanilla Ice" James** then had time to fill his bag with 3 wickets in the last hour of play. A solid win, but batting out 90 overs is on the training agenda for following weeks and all that is left to be said is "**Bon Voyage The Extractor (Sammy Mitchell)**" see you back here again in September fellah!

The Bye round left many of the lads with time to beautify themselves for the **Festival of the Mitch** (a few Tigers had asked for more than one Bye for this), with young **Benny Mitchell** celebrating his nuptials last Friday, well done Benny! Now that's two **Mitchies** we won't be seeing around the traps for a while.

B-GRADE

Nightcliff 9/222 (T.Foley 79) def by PINTS of Beer 5/424 (L.De Kretser 2/79)

Oh boy. The good news is that the B-52s managed to bat through the entire first day of this match. The bad news is that in week two the Tigers found themselves chasing more leather than Imelda Marcos in a shoe shop. Big **Tommy "Axel" Foley** declared his own personal duck season over with a fine 79 and was ably supported by "*the Family*" **Wayne Partridge**, "*Dude, where's my cricket match*" **Maximilian Tippett** and (Hewie) **Louis** (and the News) **De Kretser**, who each contributed dirty thirties to the cause. As there may be children reading this we will not discuss week two other than to say **Louis "the V"** finished off a handy game with two wickets and kept trying hard and by the end of it like a man crossing the Simpson Desert mid-summer, the lads were in the market for a drink.

The Tigers had the first week of their Bye for the **Festival of the Mitch** week, which saw one **Mitchell** exchanging nuptials and the other disappearing overseas. We will let you know which one was which next week after the photos have been developed.

Nightcliff 190 (“Mad Dog” Byrne 37, J.Tate 30) d
Unicycles 123 (The Ferg Burger 2/39) & 6/120

A breakthrough win for the Tigers on the back of a sizzling knock from **Burn baby Byrne** and a patient innings from the Godfather of Nightcliff cricket **Johnny Tate**, who stuck around like a fart in a space suit to oversee safe delivery of victory. In their next game **Sean “Grant” Kenny** fell out of the selection tree to step in and slam a belligerent **83**, ably supported by **M.Bhatnager (35)** and “Chinese” **Byrne (27)** (including dispatching ex-pat **Josh Abel**’s bowling into another post code for two consecutive sixes) as the Tigers carded a reasonably healthy **256**. PINTS of Lager are 1/82 in reply in a contest poised for an exciting finish next weekend at Kormilda for those able to make it down for a Captain Cook at the C-Sections defence of their total.

D-GRADE

Nightcliff 207 (A.Krepapas 102 not out, G.Stevens 30) d
Jabiru 182 (R.Wheatley 3/24, C.Ralph 2/28)

Well it was the Mystery Bus Tour part II as the lads clicked their heels and found themselves in downtown **Jabiru** of all places. Once safely delivered to the township by former stunt man **Benny “King” Lear**, Fryar’s Freaks batted first before a bumper crowd on a pitch so narrow that only the middle stump at each end was able to fit on it. After a semblance of a start from the new opening combo of **Wheatley** and **Snell**, Golden Greek **Alex Krepapas** hooked into the innings like a bowl of his mamma’s carbonara putting together a fine partnership with big **Gaz-mania**. **Krepapas** stormed towards triple figures like a D-Grader to an icebox and his late-innings plunder dramatically concluded with an almighty six off the last ball of the innings to ton up, in company with budding all rounder **Marcus “don’t you %#*# up my moment now” Pownall**.

The Tigers bowling was a touch wayward early although **Geordie Boy** showed a lot of guts bowling (and on the trip generally) however it was “**the Magazine**” stemmed the tide with a wicket and a run out following a whirling dervish fielding effort mid-wicket that confused the batsmen and left them both up one end of the pitch. **Rob Roy** then unleashed the fury from the sulfur-crested cockatoo end and despite Jabiru’s **Shannon Noll** slashing an unbeaten 110 and a local rain dance having some success, the Tigers kept the **Big Birds** sufficiently grounded to ensure victory. The boys then partied like it was 1899 on a happy trail back home also doing their bit for **Frog Watch** by ending the careers of about 53 cane toads.

U 17s

The Tigers got off to a promising start with the bat chasing PINTS of Lemon Squash’s 250, with **Greg “Cheap Wine” Mozell (26)** and **Jake “Phil” Collins (18)** putting together a fine 50-run opening partnership. However the rest of the Tigers’ innings was shorter than Paris Hilton’s gaol stint, as the Tigers crumbled like a Kit Kat under a Monster Truck to be dismissed for 92. **Supercoach Bremner** was pleased with his opening bats who showed the rest of the line-up how to bat together in tandem but after the defeat he had this to say to the press gallery:

“I’ve seen better batters in a fish & chip shop. But seriously the ‘Men at Work’ or ‘Under Construction’ signs are still up around these lads. We will continue to squeeze the juicy lemon of experience onto the pancake that is the remainder of the 2007 season and see what we can serve up for our faithful fans.”

“THEY SAID IT” - QUOTABLE QUOTES

<p><i>“Just bunt it and run!”</i></p>	<p>Newest Nightcliff centurion and budding batting coach Alex Krepapas to Marcus Pownall as the latter prepared to face his first ball of 2007 and the 2nd last ball of the D-Grade innings against the Big Birds with the Golden One on 96*.</p>
<p><i>“It really doesn’t feel any different”</i></p>	<p>D-Grade tyro and part-time barman Colin Ralph, after putting a squash ball into his batting glove in an attempt to improve his game. Well, we presume he put it into his glove...</p>
<p><i>“Lazarus was a comparative failure, this is a REAL comeback!”</i></p>	<p>Either ABC commentator Tim Lane discussing the mighty Essendon Bombers hauling in the Coasters, or anyone down at Marrara No.2 to see the Tigers A-Grade pull out a great win after it looked as if PINTS of Lager were striding to victory.</p>
<p><i>“He could have been a super star...till he started putting all that sh*t into himself.”</i></p>	<p>D-Generation all rounder and walking Nightcliff cricket history almanac Gary “Glitter” Stevens reflecting on the life and career of Josh “Un” Abel.</p>

NO-ONE REALLY BELIEVED HIM WHEN LEE HARVEY OSWALD TOLD THE WORLD THEY HAD THE WRONG CAT...



PLAYER PROFILE

JASON HATTON

Twenty-five years as a Nightcliff Tigers player scoring over 4,000 runs including seven A-Grade centuries in his career, Jason first played A-Grade at the ripe old age of 15 and was an integral player in the 1996 A-Grade premierships side. He has also served as NCC Club President and is now a Life Member of the Club but Jason is still bobbing up like a corpse in Sydney Harbour in 2007 for the odd foray into the game he loves playing for the team he loves playing for.

Date of birth?	22 July 1971
First cricketing memory?	Geez, probably actually going to a World Series Cricket game at the Sydney Show grounds when about six with Dad and Mark , Australia versus the Rest of the World. I remember Mark copped a smack after booing Tony Greig after he got out for a duck.
First Game for Nightcliff?	Under 11s at Nightcliff High Oval. I remember walking in at #9 as the #7 was walking off, crying. We were rolled for 24 and I made 4 not out. Next innings I was suddenly opening and made 11 and stayed there for the year. I made about 6 ducks for the season!
Favourite food?	Roast chicken, some fine chippery and an absolute tsunami of home made gravy. Like a frozen egg you just can't beat it.
Favourite drink?	Rum & coke and Pauls Iced Coffee. But never together or within 5 minutes of each other.
Tracy Village – entrepreneurial cricketing superpower or out-and-out mercenaries?	Yeah I will say entrepreneurial <i>potential</i> superpower - well they didn't call me to come and play for them this year, I mean apparently they've even called Krepapas over the last few days! Nah good luck to them although I hear their players had to wear name tags at training for the first month or so.
Most admired sportsperson?	I'd say Justin Langer . Great achievements and liked the way he went about it all, which he did in a fairly unassuming manner. Next up I'd say Graeme Wood , he was as ordinary as a Winter's day in Antarctica, but I just loved the little fellah.
Other hobbies & interests?	Watching AFL and spending time with my family. Spending time with my family watching AFL.

Megan Gale or Jennifer Hawkins?	The ‘ Hawk ’ for sure – she can play on my wing any day!
Favorite Spice Girl?	I just love them all to bits, I am still hanging out for the next ‘Best Of’ CD and/or the pop-up book. Nah safe to say I’m not a Spice Girl man, they are quite average.
Favorite Hatton?	I’d love to say me as I go alright and I’m absolutely streeeting this poll but I will say my wife Barbara and my two girls Abby and Charlotte in a three-way tie.
Five people I’d invite to a dinner or cocktail party?	Abraham Lincoln (visionary), Don Bradman (freak of nature), my good buddy Anthony Snell (tremendous athlete and a great bloke), Nicole Kidman (great Australian asset[s]) and Tara Reid (a little skanky but loved her work in <i>American Pie</i>).
Complete this sentence...”I couldn’t live without...”	...Oxygen!

LOST PET

Just quickly on a serious note – NCC clubman **Colin Ralph** has lost his cat (see below) from his Nightcliff home a few nights ago - if you could all just keep an eye out for it around the place “*the Magazine*” would be grateful.



RECIPE FOR A TIGER ON THE GO – “COLD BEER”

Ingredients	Water, hops, sugar, yeast, malt. Optional ingredients include other sources of starch, sugars, various flavorings, and in some beers fruit.
Method	Pull up a stool at the Donga or just loiter at the bar with intent. Politely request the attention of your local barman. Pick your favourite colour can, crack it open and sit back and lap up the serenity of a cooling Dry Season Darwin eve with your comrades. Or if so inclined, toddle over to the Nightcliff Sports Club to enjoy the simple pleasure of cold beer on tap. Yep that’s right, like the Federal Labor Party, you just can’t lose.

VIDEO EZY

From our spies out in the streets looking to see what our members, celebrities and leaders are picking up from their local video stores...

John Howard - “Dead Man Walking”

Elton John - “A Few Good Men” (or “the Queen”)

Ryan James - “Me, Myself & I”

Brent Hume - “Proof of Life”

Jennifer Hawkins - “National Treasure”

Colin Ralph & Steve Hill - “The Usual Suspects”

Jason Bremner - “A Simple Plan”

Nightcliff D-Grade - “Road Trip”

Matty Tallents - “Must Love Dogs”

ON THE REX HUNT

Sydney to keep those **Collys wobbling** (straight out)
into **Melbourne** bedeviling **Richmond** (by over 15.5pts) = **\$2.75**

Touch-Graeme Wood but the *Growl* is on fire like Nicki Lauda on the punt this year. **Fremantle** flew home like a canary on heat against the paper Tigers whilst **Geelong** did eventually win by 2 points at Alcatraz (well we did tell you they “*just win*”). Let’s roll the fluffy dice of foretelling footballing fortune again and hop on to the **Sydney** chuck wagon this time. The **Mince Pies** are about finished for 2007 and will struggle to make the Eight. The lads from the City of Smog are so clinical and whilst not yet operating at the peak of their powers they will slice the Pies open. And let’s have another crack at a **Richmond Train wrecks** game, they are simply **Phillippousis** (poo) and good for a few more tragic losses - and there’s a bit to like about the resurgent **Dees** at the minute.

The Whisper: **Nightcliff D-Grade. Just get on ‘em!**

ODD SOCKS

THE NIGHTCLIFF COMMITTEE FINANCIAL TIP OF THE WEEK

Never lend money to a total stranger in an international airport.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

A man in a **hot air balloon** realised he was lost. He reduced his altitude and spotted a woman below. He descended a little more and shouted "Excuse me can you help me? I promised a friend I'd meet him an hour ago, but I don't know where I am". The woman below replied, "You're in a hot air balloon hovering approximately 30 feet above the ground. You're between 40 & 50 degrees north latitude & 59 & 60 degrees west longitude."

"You must be in **information technology**," said the balloonist. "I am" replied the woman, "How did you know?" "Well" answered the balloonist, "everything you told me is technically correct, but I've no idea what to make of the information, and the fact is I'm still lost. Frankly, you've not been much help at all. If anything, you've delayed my trip."

The woman below responded, "You must be in **management**." "I am" replied the balloonist, "but how did you know?" "Well", said the woman, "you don't know where you are or where you're going. You've risen to where you are, due to a large quantity of hot air. You made a promise, which you've no idea how to keep, and you expect people beneath you to solve your problems. The fact is you are in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but now, somehow, it's my fault."

THE NIGHTCLIFF SHOPPING CENTRE WORD OF THE WEEK:

Apogee

Ah-pu-jee

1. The point in the orbit of the moon or of an artificial satellite that is at the greatest distance from the centre of the earth.
2. The farthest or highest point; culmination.

An example of its use might be, "*Is this innings the apogee of the **Krepapas** career, or merely the beginning of a new chapter in its evolution?*"

PHILOSOPHY LESSON

"To Be is to Do"

Socrates

"To Do is to Be"

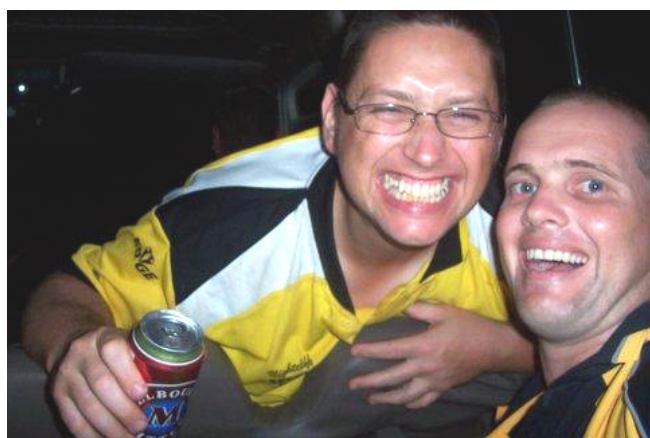
Jean-Paul Sartre

"Do be do be do"

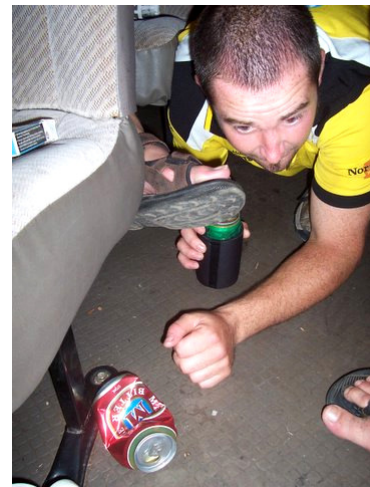
Frankie Sinatra

D-GENERATION BUS TRIP TO JABIRU

Winners are gridders, spinners and midnight sinners!



“Gutsy effort that Tigers!”





“Look kids, Big Ben...”



“Nightcliff D-Grade – still undefeated beyond the Berrimah line”

LOOK-ALIKES

Can you spot the difference?



THE END. NO MORE. ALL GONE.