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THE GROWL

*THE OFFICIAL NIGHTCLIFF CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER
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“PRECIOUS!”

MORE TESTIMONIALS

“Spicy” Jamie Oliver

“Magical” David Copperfield

“A real Ripper” Whitechapel & London Police

“Why aren’t I in the Growl more often, they never put me in the Growl, just once I’d like to be in the Growl, I’m far more interesting than other people they’ve put in the Growl this year.” Steven Hill

“You can’t stop the music. Nobody can stop the music” Sean Kenny



THE PREZ SAYS...

Well done to the Nightcliff C-Sections in recording the **first Tigers Outright win** for 2007 disposing of PINTS of lager and bursting into finals calculations under the leadership of **Alexander the Tate** – there's still plenty of work to do though lads, one sausage does not make a Barbie, even if it is free.

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 & parents) can help out, this would be appreciated. Three under 13 games are being played at Nightcliff on Tues **3 July 2007**, Thurs **5 July 2007** and Tues **10th July 2007**.

Milo kicks off again Friday nights after the School Holidays on about **Friday, 3 August 2007**, from **5.30pm** being the Friday after Show Weekend. Any players with an hour to spare **from 5.30pm** who can come down and help out with a few simple drills or in the Donga would be appreciated. It is rewarding to see our Juniors so strong in 2007 and Milo is the best and most obvious breeding ground to keep our Junior development strong so pitch in and help where you can, including A Grade players if you are about the place.

One more time with feeling regarding **selections** - if you are selected in a side the week before, you are expected to be playing the following week unless you tell us otherwise. Take some responsibility for your own actions. If you want someone to follow you around and look after you 24-7, check yourself into a Hotel or move back into home with mum. If you want to actually take some responsibility and participate in a rewarding team game with like-minded people at a community sporting club, then come and join the rest of us at NCC.

Help us help you Tigers, pitch in about the place where you can, it is good to see a number of people kicking in time and effort at times, not just the usuals – as I've said there is six days of cricket happening down at Tigerland each week, so help will usually be gratefully accepted.

Brad Hatton
NCC President

JASON BREMNER SUPERCOACH TIPS OF THE WEEK



1. What goes up must come down – such as cricket balls hit in the air and the Collingwood Football Club.
2. Do not accept lollies from strangers in raincoats during the dry season.
3. Every rose has its thorns, every dog has its day and sometimes you kick, sometimes you get kicked.



UPCOMING DRAW & DATES – JUNE/JULY 2007

A GRADE:

Saturday, 30 June/7 July 2007: vs **PALMERSTON CHEESE** at NIGHTCLIFF

Saturday, 14 July/21 July 2007: vs **WARATAHS** at TIGERLAND

B GRADE:

Saturday, 30 June/7 July 2007: vs **THE PARMIRGIANAS** at POWERADE PARK

Saturday, 14 July/21 July 2007: vs **WARATAHS** at KORMILDA

C GRADE:

Saturday, 30 June/7 July 2007: vs **WARATAHS** at KORMILDA

Saturday, 14 July/21 July 2007: vs **TV RED ROOSTERS** at WULAGI

Saturday 4 & 11 August 2007: vs **BYE BYE BLACKBIRD(S)**

D GRADE:

Sunday, 8 July 2007

vs **VILLAGE PEOPLE** at NIGHTCLIFF

Sunday, 15 July 2007

vs **PARMIRGIANAS** at NIGHTCLIFF

Sunday, 22 July 2007

vs **PINTS OF JD & COKE** at MARRARA #2



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 4-156 (T.Scollay 48, M.Pearson 27, M.Hatton 27no) v
Palmerston Cheese 116 (Haydos Martinez 5-24)

They came, they saw, they conquered. After running through **Palmerston** like a dodgy vindaloo the **Tigers** are well advanced along a path paved in gold and black after their simply irresistible effort against the **Robert Palmers**. On a wicket offering more life than a Balinese judge, Kiwi-fruit **Hayden “Hadlee” Martin** cashed in like **Joe Hachem** with a fantastic spell of seam bowling from the “*Wahoo we got a new Shed*” end, sending a message in a Molotov bottle to the NZ-A selectors in town for that weekend. Skipper **Brad Hatton** kicked off the band by bowling a hobbit after he ducked a good length ball before moving to the horn section and sending a thunderbolt cannoning into the private Ryans of one batsman, leaving him in more tears than a Richmond fan.

The Tiger balms then soothed their fans with a sound batting display with the T-1000 **Tom Scollay** chalking up more runs before **Eminem (Mikey Pearson & Marky Mark Hatton)** rapped the score sheet together to register a fantastic first-innings win in the first week of the game. And part-time astronomer **Ryan James** created his own kooky version of cricket’s “six and out” in one of his blondest moments to date after wandering around his crease like **Alby Mangel** on LSD to trod on his stumps whilst admiring the red cherry as it sailed away off his bat.

B-GRADE

Nightcliff 2/43 (“The Extractor” 23) v Mrs Palmers 248 (Fergie 2/20, Whitworth 2/33)

The B52s “Love Shack” was not as full as it could have been with players not rock lobstering up on time, but the lads still put on a great show restricting the **Laura Palmers** to 248 with the **Fergburger, Whitworth & Jennifer Hawkins** all snaring a cuppla wickets. The Tiggers then made inroads into that total before stumps and with extra fruit bats available this week (Sammy Mitchell exiting stage left after chipping in 23 to the cause), they remain in the Helen Hunt.

C-GRADE

Nightcliff 112 (J.Tate 39, N.Byrne 30) v
Waratahs 7/79 (T.Lahy 5/35)

Well the Tigers’ new excitement machine the **C-No Evils** did not let their growing number of fans down with another epic day’s cricket against the **Tah-Tahs** with the match still up for grabs after week one. **Byrne Baby Byrne** with another 30 (with a bigger score surely just around the corner) and **Johnny Tate** the **Mahatma Gandhi** of Nightcliff cricket (a spiritual leader that is) led the flock at least to Lord Nelson + 1 with solid innings’. And before one could muse as to whether they had enough runs in the bank, bowling machine **Trev ‘Kapil Dev’ Lahy**, began hula-hooping the ball around like a 60’s lovechild and waved ‘tah-tah’ to **Waratahs’** top order. This match remains in the balance however the C-Sections are playing an attacking style of cricket at the minute and we wish them the best of British bulldog luck in their sea (C) quest.



NIGHTCLIFF TIGERS - KEEPING AHEAD OF THE GAME



D-GRADE

Nightcliff 4/180 (R. Wheatley 55, A.Krepapas 45 no) def
The Unicycles 55 (M.Tallents 4/24, A.Snell 3/7)

Like **Mulga Bill** the Tigers set out to master the tricky Cycles from the outset, as these two-wheeled concerns sought to defend their own place in the Four. Play was initially held up for an hour after the pitch copped a fearful watering from a few of **Gary "Glitter" Stevens**' almighty wake-up-the-dead-and-extremely-intoxicated sneezes and the game was then reduced to 30 overs apiece. Once away the Tigers kicked off well with a 79-run partnership between the consistent **Rob Roy** and Cool Hand **Luke Bayetto**, the latter of whom almost brought a premature end to the game himself after digging a two-foot hole with his bat at the Sports Club end. After more striking than a Darwin Soccer game (and that's just in the crowd) the Tigers posted a healthy 180, with accidental hero **Alex Krepapas** also backing up well with a well compiled 45no.

And in the end it was the Unicycles who ended up crashing badly into **Dead Man's Creek** after the Tigers fearsome quick bowlers destroyed them like firecrackers in a microwave. Birthday boy **Cammo "the Ammo" Collins** bowled well without luck whilst his opening comrade **Matty "my sister has more" Tallents** knocked over more stumps than a Lumberjack reunion, but like Chewbacca on stilts the Tigers bowlers and fielders stood up and then celebrated their swift cougar-like move back into the Four.

QUIZ - WHO AM I (A GROUP)?



Answer on following pages.

“THEY SAID IT” - QUOTABLE QUOTES

<p><i>“I can take the gloves – I’d make more runs”</i></p>	<p>The big man who travels by hired bus, Alex Krepapas offering his services to the A-Grade squad whilst regular glove man Josh Smith takes a break.</p>
<p><i>“What about me, it isn’t fair. I’ve had enough now I want my share, can’t you see...”</i></p>	<p>Steven “Damon” Hill making noises about his desire to rock his way into the top 10 of the batting order with a chocolate bullet.</p>
<p><i>“They’re contenders now!”</i></p>	<p>A journo within the media frenzy on Sunday morning last after the Tigers’ C-Section had demolished PINTS of milk to Rodney Eade (Rocket) into third place on the C-Grade ladder, just adrift of second.</p>
<p><i>“Looks like they’re preparing for the footy season”</i></p>	<p>A concerned onlooker at Little Mumbai last week checking out the centre square works before the game against the Palm Beaches.</p>
<p><i>“It is a mistake to try to look too far ahead. The chain of destiny can only be grasped one link at a time”</i></p>	<p>Skipper Johnny Fryar to his fire-crackered up D-Generate charges after they had started dancing around like a Julie Andrews musical after their emphatic 125-run win and giving Uni a lesson you cannot get at school or buy on e-bay.</p>
<p><i>“I got d*ck!”</i></p>	<p>A-Grade skipper Brad Hatton rediscovering himself during a rare private moment at the cricket on Saturday.</p>





PLAYER PROFILE

TOM SCOLLAY

He hails from the Red Centre of the known universe, but has since traveled across many deserts to quench his insatiable thirst for runs, heading east to Canberra, the City that Never Sleeps Over, up north to Darwin and recently to the wild west, where he's begun playing well at Dennis Lillee's former club Melville in Perth. The "T-1000" is more machine than man now – he has already clocked up 8 centuries around the Globe (with his first 'tropical ton' recently against Pints of Lager) and has slashed 300 A-Grade runs this season already – all of this & his 21st birthday bash is still well ahead of him!

Date of birth?	28 November 1987
First ever cricketing memory?	Getting a cricket kit from Santa (now known as Michael Pearson) as a 6 year old. My twin bro took the bat and I took the ball and I remember bowling him with the first three balls, knocking over his stumps. I then took the bat off him and have not looked back.
First Game for Nightcliff?	Playing B-Grade as a 15yo, got a Redgum song first week (only 19) but then 60 the next week. I then played A's and scored three 30s to round off the season. I got two ducks in Under 17s however during this time.
Favourite drink?	Lemon, lime & bitters and a mango smoothie – not in the same session! Water goes pretty alright too.
Favourite food?	Beer! Nah I'd say a good kebab comes first. A bad kebab probably comes in second, or my own home made pizza – I like em' with olives, salami & garlic. I'm still looking around for a breath mint company to sponsor me.
Tracy Village – entrepreneurial cricketing superpower or out-and-out mercenary?	I had to get a silent number at home and have already had to change my mobile phone number 7 times this year - they have been calling my Agent weekly and even satellite tracking me now I hear – I often see choppers flying over my house or strange vans out the front. Tom Scollay is not even my real name y'know – I need a restraining order!
Most admired sportsperson?	Geez I'd come pretty close, back in WA I'd ask the non-striker to bring out a mirror sometimes to see what I look like batting left-handed. Nah seriously, Michael Jordan , he was never the most talented but he worked the hardest to achieve what he did. And he looks like a Malteaser, my favourite chocky.

Other hobbies & interests?	Laughing at Matt Birrell out on the prowl (who needs <i>Discovery</i> channel?), going to the beach, playing poker, having a frothy with my mates.
Megan Gale or Jennifer Hawkins?	Jennifer Hawkins – she is gold <i>and</i> silver!
Favorite Spice Girl?	Can't I pick them all? I heard it was only through <i>the Growl</i> their reunion was even made possible. I'm gonna go for Baby , I'd like to show her this Papa's Brand New Bag!
Favorite Hatton?	I love them all too, when are <i>they</i> putting out some kind of "best of" album? I'd say Brad , he's a good bloke, and he has so much energy and does so much for the Club. Mark 's alright too though and he gave me my opportunity in 2003 and Jason just seems like a nice kid.
Do you ever just get sick of scoring runs?	Nup, I can never get enough. I went to Perth (as I was allergic to Adelaide) a few years ago and after a slow start averaged over 50 last year. I would like more of a bowl though Brad if you are reading this, I can generate more spin than a ballet dancer on Acid.
Five people I'd invite to a dinner or cocktail party?	Matthew Johns , to add that bit of biff, Shane Warne (he'd just go off like PO's clothes), Brad Pitt (hey he was in <i>Fight Club</i> & maybe Angelina will drop him off), Matt Birrell and Ryan James , who would let the good times roll. I won't invite any chicks as they'd just stuff it all up.
Complete this sentence..."I couldn't live without..."a bed!

CRICKET ON MARS?



"Yeah nah, we'll have a bowl thanks mate"



ON THE REX HUNT

Wimbledon Men's Final - Roger Federer to win (\$1.29) into Melbourne to beat Carlton (\$1.76) = \$2.27

Well its seriously back to the drawing board for the *Growl*, after getting ahead of itself last time out before getting rubbished like Bondi beach last time out. Firstly **Richmond** defied the laws of science and sport to almost send **Melbourne** Demons into receivership and then the **Swan Divers** coughed up a game to **Collingwood** in a very dark day for Sydney and Australian sport generally.

So this week we have opted for the relative safety and serenity of Wimbledon. **Roger Federer** is silk on legs, **Chris Judd** with a tennis racket and his victory will be as sublime as it will be predictable. Put him in with *any* bet you make over the next week as it is basically 29% interest added to any of your winnings - it is that simple. And **Melbourne** with a brand new coach will lift like a honeymooner's proverbial and just win against a risible **Carlton**. This is simply a bankable axiom of Sport. So there you go, a \$2.27 "sure thing" - quite rare in this modern age, so start selling stuff (yours *and* other people's) to get on!

The Whisper: *Might be time to start shopping around for best price for Melbourne Storm for the NRL Premiership.*

ODD SOCKS

THE NIGHTCLIFF COMMITTEE FINANCIAL TIP OF THE WEEK

Never fall asleep in a moving taxi. Especially if traveling with someone you don't know.

THE NIGHTCLIFF SHOPPING CENTRE WORD OF THE WEEK:

"Coup de grace"

This is a French expression, which means "stroke of grace" or "stroke of mercy". It was first used to refer to any kind of mercy killing. A "**coup de grace**" is the deathblow given to an individual or an animal who/which has been very badly injured.

Nowadays, the expression is used to refer to an action, which puts an end to something. The "oup" in "coup" sounds like the "oo" in "pool", "cool", and "stool"; the final "p" is silent. The "e" in "de" is like the "a" in "china"; the "a" in "grace" is pronounced like the "a" in "ask", "path", and "bath". The final "ce" is like the "s" in "sit", "set" and "seat". In other words, "grace" is pronounced like "grass". The main stress is on "grace".

For example – “**Trev Lahy** administered the **coup de grace** by snaring the last few PINTS of milk wickets in quick succession.”



NIGHTCLIFF C-GRADE REGAIN “THE ASHES”

And did we mention that in ironing out the **Uniforms** in their last game the Tigers’ **C-Minors** regained the coveted **Ashes** played annually between these two sides, symbolised by an Urn carrying the remains of the first sausage cooked on the first post-game BBQ shared between the two sides, which was simply forgotten about and burnt until virtually fossilised whilst the two sides debriefed at the Bar after the game. Special.

Word on the street also has it also that next time the Tigers play **PINTS OF Lager** in C-Grade they will be playing for the “*Josh Abel Got Absolutely Spanked*” Perpetual Trophy.

BOOKWORMS

We’ve had our people casing libraries, universities, second-hand bookstores and even sorting through people’s rubbish and peeping in bedroom windows to see what books and magazines people are reading out there...

Paris Hilton - “Time”

Geordie Ferguson - “Hot Wheels”

John Howard - “End of Days”

Gary Stevens - “The Complete History of Australian Cricket”

Alan Didak - “The Great Escape”

Chris Judd - “A Tale of Two Cities”

Matty Tallents - “Animal Farm”

SUPER CAR

On the Monday following the Hidden Valley V8 super car “*Festival of the Fume*”, A-Grade Bat-out-of-hell the T-1000 **Tom Scollay**, still caught up in the euphoria of the weekend was witnessed flying along **West Lane** attempting to set a new land speed record for the **Darwin CBD** area.

Now we cannot state his actual recorded speed for legal reasons (and as we are still awaiting official confirmation), however the old bench mark of **274 km/ph**, recorded by Cowdy Ward escapee **Hans Cricklewood** back in 1981 during a car chase involving 49 police cars, 17 horsemen and 3 fire engines, may be in serious trouble.





So who am I? (from previous pages)

Skyhooks – These guys were a 1970s Australian rock band fronted by **Graeme ‘Shirley’ Straun** with guitarist and now ABC radio personality **Red Symonds**. Ego is *not* a dirty word! They were sometimes classified as ‘glam rock’ but this was probably more attributable to their outlandish costumes (see below). Their original Lead singer **Steven Hill** (who retired in about 1974) died in 2005. Ask **Gary “Horror Movie” Stevens** or **Colin “Living in the 70s” Ralph** or someone of their vintage if you are still unsure as to whom these guys actually were.



Skyhooks - after having just raided Ryan James' wardrobe.

THE BACHELOR XXXVIII – “LIVE & SWEATY”

Well it’s back on our television sets again – but this time the series has been *seriously* revamped. Women are expected to be subjected to 48-hour binge drinking contests, naked public outings and a cold-pizza whilst-hung over eating endurance test. And the lycra bodysuit catwalk is simply not to be missed with the Winner to land not only the expectant paw in marriage of **John Dyson** himself (Catch of the century) but also a \$100,000 *Sports Illustrated* modeling shoot (a spandex special) together with the great man this December. All you need is love - and a strong stomach!





Can you spot the difference?



THE END. NO MORE. ALL GONE.