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# THE GROWL

THE OFFICIAL NIGHTCLIFF CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER  
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***“BREAKING THROUGH!”***

MORE TESTIMONIALS

*“A tremendous all-rounder”*     **A.Symonds (or M.Pearson?)**

*“Something tells me I’m into something good!”*     **Herman & the Hermits (or J. Alba’s boyfriend)**

*“The most fun you’ll have with your clothes on!”*     **G.Ferguson**

*“If you leave me, can I come too?”*     **B.Hume**

## THE PREZ SAYS...

The 2008 Tigerland season is rocking like a Greek Glenti on a collective honey puff sugar-high. Again it is the **Nightcliff junior scene** that is the focus this month with the following happenings:

1. **Milo "Have a Go"** – every **Friday afternoon** at Nightcliff Oval from 5.30pm. Come along to help out, and to also socialize, relax, eat, drink and be merry with Hugh leading a merry cricketing dance for the kids. We would like to see as many Senior players as possible come down and get involved in this, as the success of this program flows into the future success of the Club. Thanks to **Matt Pepper, Robin Corrigan, James Needham & Mark 'Tara' Reid**, who will be helping out with Milo as well.
2. **Nightcliff Under 11s** days at Nightcliff Oval from 8.00pm Saturday mornings – only two more of these days at Nightcliff for the Season, so check your local guides and get amongst it, those Bacon & Egg sangas are to die for!
3. The National Boys & Girls Under 13s competition between **Monday, 16 June 2008** and **Sunday 22 June 2008**. There will be two games at Nightcliff on:

**Tuesday, 17 June 2008 at 10.00am; and  
Sunday, 22 June 2008 at 10.00am.**

ANY ASSISTANCE for these two days would be appreciated.

On the **social scene**, do not forget the **Magical Mystery Bus Tour of 2008**, which will be departing on this **Saturday, 14 June 2008 from the Donga at about 7.30pm** – speak to 'Big Red' **Michael Pearson** and delegates to book your place in Tigerland social history!

Help each other out around the place fellow Tigers, including **Supercoach Bremner** when he needs it, including at senior or Under 17s training. Remember, if you are gonna do it at all, do it like a Tiger!

**Alex Krepapas - NCC President**

***President's Log:** Be careful out there on the Mystery Bus trip and look out for each other – If possible we'd like to avoid the outcome of the PINTS' 2007 Mystery Bus Tour...*



## CLASH OF THE TITANS!

There are some majestic hypothetical clashes throughout Australian Test Match history that cricketing purists would have crawled over broken glass to have witnessed if they could have been arranged...Australian cricketing icons pitting their wiles and mastery against each other in the coalface of **Test Match battle**, where it would have been nigh on impossible to have even tried to predict a victor if such an epic battle had ever taken place. We can but imagine...

### DON BRADMAN VS RAY LINDWALL



### GREG CHAPPELL VS DENNIS LILLEE



### RICKY PONTING VS GLENN MCGRATH



**BUT NOW WITH MODERN TECHNOLOGY AND DUE TO STRONG PUBLIC DEMAND, THE GROWL CAN PROUDLY BRING YOU THE ULTIMATE CRICKETING CONTEST ...**



**VS**



*Coming soon to a Donga near you – place your bets!*

**ANOTHER MARS LANDING!**



**Still searching for signs of life.** Apparently a NASA Systems Operator (pictured above) who had slept through most of the recent satellite journey to Mars, suddenly woke up with a jolt, saw the computer screens and thought the NASA space vessel had landed safely...in **South Australia!**

Which possibly explains why **Darren Lehmann** (bottom right) was rushed in to NASA HQ at the last minute...

Word has it **Raphael Nadal** (below) also celebrated long and hard after becoming the first Spanish tennis player to actually walk upon the surface of the Red Planet!



## UPCOMING DRAW & DATES – JUNE/JULY 2008

### A GRADE:

Saturday, 14 & 21 June 2008: vs **PARMAGIANAS** at POWERADE PARK.  
**Sunday, 15 June 2008 @ 2.30pm:** T20 Game vs **SOUTHERN & DRY – FRED'S PASSAGE**  
 Sat 28 June/7 July 2008: vs **TAH-TAH LIZARDS** at GARDEN OF EDEN  
 Sat 12 & 19 July 2008: vs **DARWIN** at CAR LYNN

### B GRADE:

Saturday, 14 & 21 June 2008: vs **PARMIGIANAS** at LITTLE MUMBAI (HOME!)  
 Sat 28 June/7 July 2008: vs **TAH-TAH LIZARDS** at LITTLE MUMBAI  
 Sat 12 & 19 July 2008: vs **DARWIN** at LITTLE MUMBAI

### C GRADE:

Saturday, 14 & 21 June 2008: vs **BALMY PALMYS** at PALMERSTON HIGH SCHOOL.  
 Sat 28 June/5 July 2008: vs **TAH-TAHS** at BENNY MITCH OVAL (KORMILDA)  
 Sat 12 & 19 July 2008: vs **DARWIN** at MARRARA #2

### D GRADE:

Sunday, 15 June 2008: vs **JABIRU** at LITTLE MUMBAI  
 Sunday, 22 June 2008: vs **PALM READERS** at PARMAGIANA HIGH SCHOOL  
 Sunday, 29 June 2008: vs **PINTS of LAGER AT MARARRA #2 (+ 6/7/08 W/E off)**  
 Sunday, 13 July 2008: vs **TAH-TAH LIZARDS** at LITTLE MUMBAI

### (WOOHOO WE HAVE AN) E GRADE:

Sunday, 15 June 2008: vs **PINTS OF BREW** at WULAGI PADDOCK  
 Sunday, 22 June 2008: vs **PALM PILOTS** at MINNI DRIVER PRIMARY  
 Sunday, 29 June 2008: vs **TAH-TAHS RED** AT Ltle MUMBAI (+ 6/7/08 W/E off)  
 Sunday, 13 July 2008: vs **TAH-TAHS WHITE** at MARRARA #1



1. **Friday 23 May 2008 – MILO CLINIC** from 5.30pm – 6.30pm. The MILO Clinic will run each Friday thereafter at the same time at Nightcliff Oval until it breaks for the June/July School holidays. All welcome, kiosk and bar (for parents) facilities open.
2. **Saturday 14 June 2008** from about 7.30pm – Social Event - **NIGHTCLIFF CC MAGICAL MYSTERY BUS TOUR**. Speak to 'Big Red' Pearson + team about it, \$50 a ticket!

## MATCH REPORTS

### A-GRADE

We have started the two-dayers and after their first-round bye, the A-Team is currently in 5th place just outside the Four with a game in hand, with a tough game against the rampant **Parmaganas** to kick off their two-day campaign.

The final one day game against PINTS of Lager was certainly '*the one that got away*' after **Brad-man Hatton** and the Sergeant (**Pepper**) had combined to tar and feather the PINTS' top order to have them teetering at 6-50. A series of dropped catches, including giving PINTS batting mainstay Bobby **Brown** a life or two, was enough for PINTS to wriggle like a worm farm on Acid to post 189. The Tiggers then failed to make a good start themselves and despite some middle-order resistance, including from skipper **Marky-Mark Hatton** who top-scored with 21, the Tiger campaign ended on 155, a mere 34 runs short.



### B-GRADE

The B-52s also come into the two-day (crime) scene sitting around the Four, and with a recent loss to the large receptacles of Lager festering in their recent memories. After rolling the PINTS for about 130 at Little Mumbai (with the **Fab Four** snaring all 10 wickets – 'the World Wide Web' pace attack of **Whitworth** (the best return with 4/21), **Wyles & Wade** (Hawkins) – and 'who killed' **Kenny**), our heroes were jumping around like **Crusty Demons**. However a wearing Little Mumbai deck then saw our lads crash to Earth like a home brand satellite to be all out for 97.

### C-GRADE

The excitement machines that are the C-Changes just keep on producing those Western classics, and last fortnight was no exception. The CCs crunched **Unicycles** on the first innings 156 to 108, but were then thrown into the Dead Man's Creek of Defeat as Uni cycled their way to an outright victory, even if they did fail all kinds of drug testing after they had cross'd the line.

Skipper **Alexander the Tate** showed the red rag to the Cycles and asked them to pedal at over 7-an-over for 17 overs as the Tigers sought bonus points and a possible outright win. Alas his cardboard cut-out fielders put in a **Barry Crocker**, dropping multiple catches whilst a brawling Crazy Canine mistook himself for **Brett Lee** but bowled more like **Sophie Lee** to half-track his way to 33 runs off his 2 overs.

But the match was not without successful return as the Tigers ably defended their first innings of 156 (underpinned by handy contributions from the **Thorny Croft** (42), **Foley the II** (32) and **the Jury's** 28) by spiking the Unicorns for 108. A devastating opening spell of slow-medium bowling from the **Mad Dog** (2 wickets) and the Boston Strangler, **Damien Warner** (a magnificent 3-14 off 14 overs) had reduced Uni to 4-22 overnight, before the Tigers backed up like a ewe at a New Zealander's Buck's party to destroy the Institute of learning and bank vital first innings points.

## D-GRADE

The D-Majors recorded an impressive victory against **TV Dinners Gold Nuggets** in a must-win game before the long weekend and after a controversial narrow loss to an **Evildoers' Red Baron** side, which had opened up a packet of Cheetoes during the game to avoid the hunger pains of loss.

After finding some form at the coin-toss and electing to bat against the **TV Golden Showers**, Premiership skipper **Johnny Fryar** went up a level like a Greek landscaper to lead the assault with a handy 40. The deep **Fryar** was ably supported by Premiership opening bat **Brie-on Foley** (26 – also later bowled well without luck) and non-Premiership tri-athlete **Mick “All the” Best** with a patient 24.

The Best Man and evergreen Premiership All-rounder **Colin “the Magazine” Ralph** combined like ‘bubble and squeak’ to hold the latter part of the innings together. **TV Yellow Peril** came out of the blocks needing four-an-over before Premiership medium pacers **Fergalicious** (2 wickets) and **Snell** (cupping up with a 4-18) teamed up like Starsky and Hutch to shoot down the bad guys. The baby was put to bed with a few run-outs and Premiership tweaker **Garry “Glitter” Stevens** spinning like a Whirling Dervish to register a much-needed win to keep the D-Generates sniffing around the top sides.

## E-GRADE

The E-Streets have put together some workmanlike performances of late to show the cricketing world they are about the place, with honorable losses to Unicycles and Darwin in the last fortnight.

Skipper **Kerry ‘Wayne’ Gardiner** has been particularly chuffed with the performances of young star **Kyle McKenzie**, who has been all over this grade like a cheap suit, with **2/20 and 34 runs** and **3/18 and another 34 runs** in the last two games. The lads are starting to gel together and are looking forward to the injection of some more experience and talent to help them on to register their first win. But they can smell it!

## SHOOSKA!

*Did you know that Brad Hatton’s Rice Bubbles don’t go “Snap, Crackle, Pop?”*

*Nah, they just sit there real quietly and go, “Shhh, here he comes!”*



*“Don’t worry about the place or the time...just give me a reason!”*

**“THEY SAID IT” - QUOTABLE QUOTES**

<p><i>“Lick it and find out!”</i></p>	<p>Nightcliff athlete <b>Brion Foley</b> a few weeks ago in response to <b>Dane “Warney” Miglerina</b>’s query as to where a smiths crisps AFL player card left at the Donga had come from. We cannot (and/or will not) print what happened next.</p>
<p><i>“We’re in bad f*cking trouble!”</i></p>	<p>Borrowing a line from the cult-movie <i>“Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas”</i>, fill-in <b>Essendon</b> coach <b>Matthew “Harlem” Knights</b> telling the sporting World what it pretty much already knew a few months ago.</p>
<p><i>“Mother of all f*ck ups. Cricket is gay!”</i></p>	<p>A reflective C-Section skipper <b>Alexander the Tate</b>, after witnessing his charges implode after setting the Unicyles 7-an-over to give them a sniff of victory, which they chased down, aided by about 7 dropped catches.</p>
<p><i>“Oops”</i></p>	<p><i>“Warney”</i> again after having just been picked up by the Fuzz near the Sports Club after putting up a nomination for <i>“World’s Worst Drivers 37”</i>, coming soon to a desperate housewives commercial TV channel near you.</p>

**EURO TRIPPERS**



**Audible Obscenity.** The 2008 Eurovision performance by Spanish **Rodolfo Chikilicuatre** was traveling beautifully from all reports...until the **dancer in the front right** dropped her guts mid-song, which pretty much put them right out of contention!



**NO OIL PAINTING!**



**Modern Art!** A modern day Artist’s impression recently on display at the National Gallery in Melbourne of an **aggrieved Essendon fan** half-way through the **Essendon v Collingwood** Anzac Day massacre, after it started to become very apparent the Don’s game (or indeed their season) was not exactly going to script.

Unless it was *meant* to be a horror story or a Shakespearean tragedy.

**ODD SOCKS**

**THE NCC COMMITTEE FINANCIAL TIP OF THE WEEK**

Never loan your car or your good Sunday suit to a suicide bomber.

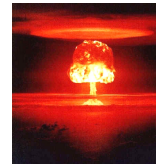
**RECIPE FOR A TIGER ON THE GO – “SCOTCH & COKE”**

<p><b>Ingredients</b></p>	<p>Oddly enough, <b>scotch</b> and <b>coke</b>. Or whatever ‘voodoo magic’ they use to produce post-mix.</p>
<p><b>Method</b></p>	<p>Carefully approach <b>Michael Pearson</b> (slowly and from the side or front-on so as not to startle him, he <i>will</i> kick), hand him \$50, take your receipt, go make yourself look pretty for <b>Saturday, 14 June 2008</b> and present yourself for duty at the <b>Donga</b> between 7.00pm – 7.30pm for the <i>Magical Mystery Bus Trip of 2008</i>.</p>

**ON THE REX HUNT*****"I Punt therefore I Am"***

Well **\*whew\***, let's quickly recap on the Armageddon that was last month's *Growl* wager...

*Footy Treble* – **Manly** (v *St George*) – **Geelong** (v *Mince Pies*) – **Adelaide** (v *Weagles*) = **\$2.15**



**Ouch!** Unfortunately we bumped into a weekend of sporting results of **Old Testament** proportions, started off with the **Collywobbles** mercilessly drowning the **Cats** in the Wheelie Bin of Defeat to the tune of 85 points and it just did not stop there.

*The Growl* now has a **Goliath** of a task to get back in the (Simon) black, but we think we're up to it – remember, if you had religiously followed *the Growl's* tips in 2007 you would have at least *doubled* your hard-earned, so stick with us! So we have decided to hop back on that punting horse and ride freely back into the AFL fray again, and then to cruise off to Euro 2008 for a bit of sun:

**Dons to toast the Coast (\$1.80) into Spain to kick the fjord out of Sweden (\$1.60) = \$2.90**

The **Dons** have been partied upon like **Bondi Beach** on NYE for the last two months. But there is a little more resolve about them and they will be *desperate* to avoid a loss here, which may consign them to wooden spoon faves. After having had the recent pleasure of laughing at **Carlton** fans for repeatedly spooning up, these brave new Dons will do anything to avoid a spoon. And **English cricket** aside, there is no better front-running team when on song as the sublimely talented **Spain**, which will ride a crest of over-confidence for their early Euro 2008 games (playing **Sweden**, a good team in their own right, on Sat night), at least until they meet a side of real substance or play a game of more significance.

**JOKE**

Three Aussie guys were working on a high-rise building project - **Steve, Bruce and Kevin**. Steve falls off and is killed instantly.

As the ambulance takes the body away, **Bruce** says, "*Someone should go and tell his wife.*" Kevin says, "*OK, I'm pretty good at that sensitive stuff, I'll do it.*" Two hours later, he comes back carrying a case of Melbourne Bitter stubbies.

**Bruce** says, "*Where did you get that, Kev?*" **Kevin** says, "*Steve's wife gave it to me.*" **Bruce** replies, "*That's unbelievable, you told the lady her husband was dead and she gave you beer?*" "*Well not exactly.*" **Kevin** said, "*When she answered the door, I said to her, 'You must be Steve's widow.'*"

She said, "*No, I'm not a widow.*" And I said, "*I'll bet you a case of Melbourne Bitter stubbies you are!?*"



**ODE TO THE GREAT DANE, MIGLERINA!**

Some people call me the Nightcliff cowboy,  
Some call me the gangster of love.  
Some people just call me 'Warnie',  
Cause I SMS a groovy kind of love.  
Policemen talk about me, baby  
Say I'm driving all wrong, driving all wrong.  
Well, don't you worry baby,  
Cause I'm a legend and this is my song.

Cause I'm a spinner, I'm a grinner,  
I'm a lover and I'm a sinner.  
I play my cricket in the sun.  
I'm a joker, I'm a smoker,  
I'm a midnight poker,  
I get my loving on the run Wooo Woooo!!

**FRIENDLY ADVICE!**

Human Shakespearian tragedy King Dick **Wayne Carey** this week bought into the **Lance Franklin** recent publicity by offering AFL accidental heroes **Hawthorn FC** some friendly advice in the Herald Sun in an article headed "*Lock up your Buddy*".

Maybe given his past exploits, that headline *and* advice should really have read:

*"Lock up your Buddy's Wife!"*



# LOOK-ALIKES

Can you spot the difference?



THE END. SIX LEGITIMATE DELIVERIES (OVER).