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THE GROWL

THE OFFICIAL NIGHTCLIFF CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER
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“GUTSY!”

MORE TESTIMONIALS

“Shatteringly funny” (Nightcliff Powerhouse) **M.Pearson**

“Out of this World” **NASA (and Jason MaKay)**

“Yeah, we’re looking to promote the best and funniest NT Club publications in 2008”
(Comment made minutes after *the Growl* was controversially overlooked for the exclusive rights to report on the upcoming NT Strike games). **G.House**

“Man, I feel like a woman!” **B.Hume**

THE PREZ SAYS...

Bad luck to the A-Grade for stuffing up in the two-day stuff, but **Congratulations to the new 2008 Twenty-20 Champions of the World** after the Mighty Tigers took out the McDonalds T-20 Grand Final against TV Dinners last Sunday! Man of the Match **Michael Pearson** has apparently already been approached by NASA to help launch their next satellite to Mars!

Here's me below doing my best **Peter Hore** impersonation...nah as Team Manager I got a legitimate guernsey in the photo shoot - a great win by the lads and fantastic to get some silverware in the Trophy Cabinet, the first A-Grade title since 1996.



“Er, camera one Mr Kenny, CAMERA ONE!”

With the Aussies and Bangers set to play in the One Day Matches in Darwin in August-September 2008, there is an Official Welcome for the teams being held at Parliament House on **Thursday, 28 August 2008** (time to be confirmed, but probably after hours). The Nightcliff Cricket Club was invited to nominate about 30-40 people from the (Junior and Senior) Club as invitees to this Event.

A number of people who have provided other valuable assistance to the Club over and beyond the call of duty (including Junior Coaches and website assistance) have therefore been invited as representatives of the Nightcliff Cricket Club for this Event. Invitations will be received by these people soon, so enjoy this occasion those of you invited – you deserve it and thank you for your continuing assistance and involvement in this great Club.

Eye of the Tiger beautiful people and good luck to your families.

Alex Krepapas - NCC President

COUSINS TERRITORY BOUND?

Recent rumor has it that there is an outside chance Ice Ager **Benjamin Cousins** may be recruited by NTFL Club **Waratahs** for the 2008-09 Season in a crazy bid for the former Coaster to regain fitness and play again in the AFL in 2009.

Geez is there *anything* that man Krepapas cannot make happen?

The further whispers around AFL circles is that **Hawthorn** are definitely (glue) sniffing around the former Premiership midfielder and Dr Ladybugs courier in a bid to snare that elusive post-1991 premiership (and to also significantly reduce **Lance Franklin** and **Trent Croad**'s mobile telephone accounts as part of their contract renewals).



Ben "CCs – *He just can't say no*" Cousins before and after a year indulging in the Territory lifestyle and mingling with some of the locals...

WELL DONE JOHNNY TATE!

Nightcliff's uber talented photographer **Trevor Collins** was able to capture a few magnificent pictures, in a bid to tell the story of Tiger ornament **John Tate**'s magnificent **112 not out** against **Darwin** in the Tigers' famous C-Grade win Saturday week ago at M2 – one of them made the Front Cover but here are the others for your viewing pleasure. Like JC, he is a Superstar!



UPCOMING DRAW & DATES – JULY/AUGUST 2008**A GRADE:**

Sat 2 & 9 August 2008: vs **TV DINNERS** at LITTLE MUMBAI
 Sat 16 & 23 August 2008: vs **SOUTHERN & DRY** at FREDERICK'S PASS

B GRADE:

Sat 2 & 9 August 2008: vs **TV DINNERS** at THE DEATH STAR, TAMBLING TCE
 Sat 16 & 23 August 2008: vs **SOUTHERN & DRY** at LITTLE MUMBAI

C GRADE:

Sat 2 & 9 August 2008: vs **TV DINNERS** at WANGURI AIRPORT
 Sat 16 & 23 August 2008: vs **SOUTHERN & DRY** at HOWARD THE DUCK PARK

D GRADE:

Sunday, 3 August 2008: vs **DARWIN** at LITTLE MUMBAI
 Sunday, 10 August 2008: vs **UNICYCLES** at DEAD MAN'S CREEK (UNI)
 Sunday, 17 August 2008: vs **TV DINNERS – RED ROOSTER** at LITTLE MUMBAI
 Sunday, 24 August 2008: vs **TV DINNERS GOLDMEMBER** at LITTLE MUMBAI

E GRADE:

Sunday, 3 August 2008: vs **DARWIN** at KAHLIN
 Sunday, 10 August 2008: vs **UNICYCLES** at LITTLE MUMBAI
 Sunday, 17 August 2008: vs **TV DINNERS** at THE DEATH STAR, TAMBLING TCE
 Sunday, 24 August 2008: vs **PINTS CRUSTY DEMONS** at MARRARA #1



1. **Friday 1 August 2008 – MILO CLINIC RESUMES** from **5.30pm**. The MILO Clinic will run **each Friday thereafter** at the same time at Nightcliff Oval until mid-August. All welcome, kiosk and bar (for parents) open + a constellation of Nightcliff stars assisting with training!
2. **Monday, 4 August 2008 at about 8.30am. NCC Darwin Cup Breakfast** at the NSC.
3. **Saturday, 9 August 2008 at 7.30PM – NIGHTCLIFF CC ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT** – At the **N/C Sports Club**, a monster truck load of prizes, games, quizzical exercises, loads of fun.

MATCH REPORTS

A-GRADE

The A-Team lost the Darwin two-day game pretty much in week one, with some less than inspired batting in chasing Darwin's 147 to be rolled like a joint at a Jamaican Tea Party for a paltry 105. The first week pitch resembled a Baghdad shopping mall with more bits falling off it than a rap-dancing leper, but there is only so many times Tigers' workmen can blame their tools or workplace. Next time, Gadget! **Matty Pepper** cupped up with Skipper **Mark Hatton**, with Pepper snaring 4/26 in the first innings and the Mad Hatton taking match figures of 6/89 and contributing 36 in the Tigers' first innings. T-20 news was a bit happier!

CONGRATULATIONS NIGHTCLIFF TIGERS! 2008 NT CRICKET TWENTY-20 'WORLD' CHAMPIONS

Led by Man of the Match **Michael "Dude Where's My Bus" Pearson** with a stellar 65 not out off 39 balls and ably supported by **Tom Foley** (unbeaten 22 off 22 balls) in their match winning 68-run partnership and Vani Morea with a swiftly compiled 24, the Tigers dismantled highly fancied TV Dinners' score like a BMW left overnight at Humpty Doo pub.

Bowling machines **Matthew 'Sergeant' Pepper**, **Wade 'the Hawk' Hawkins** and **Sean 'Peppe le Pew' Kenny** all performed majestically with the ball. Well done to skipper Mark Hatton and his team!

B-GRADE

The **B-52s** came crashing back to Earth against Darwin, as they could only muster about 129 against the Darwinians' 217 the week before, with middle-order bat **Richard "the Lionhearted" Freijah** cupping up. Finals chances are not as hot as they were a few weeks' prior but **Sean Kenny** and his merry men will look to **John Towell** up a few sides before their 2008 Season is done, starting with TV Dinners at the Death Star in the two-day game starting this weekend.

C-GRADE

The C-Sections took yet another slice from the Pecan Pie of victory after an excellent Blues Brothers car chase against the top-side Darwin at M2, as personally overseen by Tigers' own Chuck Norris in whites, **John Tate**, with a superbly crafted **112 not out**. Onlookers have described it as one of the most courageous knocks since Aussie battler **D.Jones** batted and up-chucked his way to 200 in India in the 80s.

After being set a formidable 290 by the **Charles Darwins** (with Nathan "hung" Jury starring with a lion-hearted 3/80 off 22 overs), the Tigers lost **Josh Smith** for Day two (after a blazing 0 not out from the previous week). Beam-me-up **Scotty Saunderson** (45) combined with **J.Tate** for an 89-run partnership, however despite a mature 37 from 'Mad Dog' **Byrne** and a solid 24 from the High School (**D. Sanderson**), the Tigers were about 50 runs shy with only two more bats in the Shed. Enter **Damien Warner** (Bros)(21 not out) who together with our hero **Tate**, tiring like a knock-knock joke by this stage, saw the C-Majors home for a famous victory, which has almost ensured the Cs a Finals place for 2008.

Usual C-Sections Skipper and faithful son **Alexander the Tate** was moved by the innings to pass comment that it was one of the most courageous and inspired personal batting efforts and indeed team efforts to chase down a sizeable total.

The **C-No Evils** have 3 more games to attempt to work their way into a possible Home final at Tigerland, which could see the first sell-out of the Sporting calendar at the Den!



C-Sections - Right on the money like Scrooge McDuck over the last month or so.

D-GRADE

The D-Generates have taken up the reins of the Brumby of Premiership Defence with further recent successes against 2007 Grand Final playthings **Tah-Tahs** and **Southern & Coke** in their two most recent games, to stretch their winning run to four games. **Colin Ralph** and the **Snell** lad cupped up in their most recent outing, with a gutsy 33 runs and 3-17 respectively to lead the most recent winning charge, which puts the Tigers back into Fourth place on the Melbourne Bitter D-Grade Ladder.

However the pressure is still firmly upon the DJs as with the Grade extended to 38 teams in the off-season, there are several sides which can still make the final Four, including the big birds (**Jabiru**), who the Tigers will meet in a 30-overs fireworks display in Jabiru on **Sunday, 31 August 2008**.

E-GRADE

The E-Streets are yet to add to their tally of one win (credited after the late arrival of the Waratahs White Flags), but the most recent highlight was a sublime **67 not out** from promising Tiger junior athlete **Kyle McKenzie**, who again carried his bat through the Tigers' innings of 6/119 (A.Ward 19, Tim O'Hagan 12) in their match against the aforementioned Whities.



E Grade – Like B-Grade, is still very capable of a few surprises before the Season is out.

“THEY SAID IT” - QUOTABLE QUOTES

<p><i>“Somebody bring me some water!!”</i></p>	<p>D-Grade tyro Colin Ralph doing his best Melissa Etheridge impersonation after a season-high 33 runs on a toasty day against Southern & Dry at the Underpass.</p>
<p><i>“The selectors have looked to reward players who have been performing well in this season’s Darwin Premier competition and the Alice Springs competition”</i></p>	<p>Comment from NT Cricket’s Graham “Crowded” House after the Northern Territory senior side was selected to play the upcoming NT Strike invitation games. Sorry Brad-man Hatton, but it seems like thirty A-Grade wickets in 2008 with a single-figure average doesn’t quite cut the Colonel Mustard these days – tough luck son!</p>
<p><i>“Hey, you might want this too!”</i></p>	<p>NT Cricket Twenty-20 MC Jason Hatton to Tigers’ skipper Marky-Mark Hatton, after the latter had departed the presentation scene with cheque in hand but without the winner’s Cup after the Tigers’ superb T-20 Grand Final triumph.</p>
<p><i>“No, it’s Tom Foley!”</i></p>	<p>Mrs Foley from the Marrara Footy Stadium Grandstand after the Ground announcer had just stated that “<i>Brad Hatton</i>” and not her son and superstar match-winner Tom Foley was striding out to the batting crease in the T-20 Grand Final on Sunday – the rest as they say is history!</p>



The above picture was recently added in the Darwin Museum’s sporting collection.

Apparently **Graham House** was at the Museum just last week and walked straight past it. Didn’t see it apparently.

ODD SOCKS

THE NCC COMMITTEE FINANCIAL TIP OF THE WEEK

Avoid accepting a personal cheque from anyone who shares a name with a **Walt Disney** character.

RECIPE FOR A TIGER ON THE GO – “DARWIN CUP BREAKFAST”

Ingredients	Chicken platter, bacon + egg sandwiches, a few bangers, salad, juice, fruit, cereal, beer (available from the Donga).
Method	Simply rock up to the Nightcliff Oval lawns in front of the Grandstand + Donga at 8.30am and relax, study the available Form Guide, listen to our Panel of Experts, catch a share-cab from the Ground and kick off a great day!

THE GROWL WORD OF THE MONTH

<i>Psychoeducation</i>	<p>The lesson Nightcliff D-Grade hopes to hand out to University in a few weeks, especially now the Students have recently taken in a new pupil, Trevor Williams*.</p> <p><i>* subject to credit checks, police checks and a psychological evaluation – from the same bloke who took a look at Barry Hall!</i></p>
<i>Sy-ko-ed-ewe-kay-shon</i>	

MISSING PET

Hey if anyone has seen **Geordie Ferguson**'s beloved cat (below) around the Nightcliff area, please give Geordie a call on (0416) 743 019 to put his worried mind at ease!



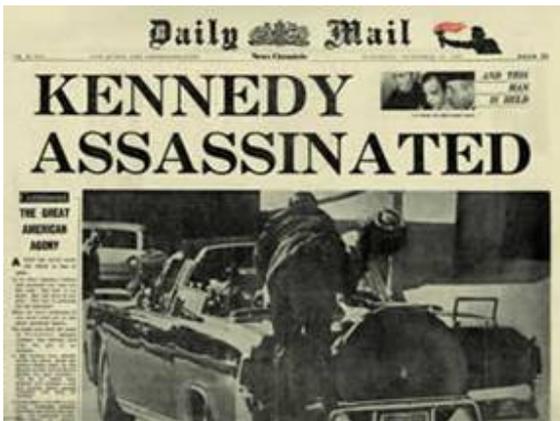
SOME POEMS FOR YOU

*Hey-Diddle Diddle,
Chris Judd's in the Middle,
And the Blues are over the moon.
The whole East Coast laughed,
As the West came undone,
And the Coast ran away with the Spoon!*



*Twinkle, Twinkle, Nightcliff Stars,
I wonder just how good you are?
Up above the World so high,
Like a Pearson six in the sky.
Twinkle, Twinkle Nightcliff Stars,
So long as you don't live in bars!*

...AND NOW FOR SOME OLD NEWS



WELL DONE CADEL!

Congratulations to the ultimate Aussie battler and 2008 Tour de France **Cadel Evans**, showing true blue grit and determination in the face of adversity. Bad luck buddy, finishing second for the second consecutive year – drug tests pending!

Evans can consider himself a bit unlucky considering he fell during one Stage and did not really have the team support that other leading contenders had throughout a grueling Tour...*and* the ultimate winner (pictured below) got to actually ride a motorbike!

**DEAD END?**

For fans of AFL Club **Essendon Bombers**? I am tipping it is not a straight road in any event!



ON THE REX HUNT

“I Punt therefore I Am”

The Grawl is finally back in the black! If you have been wagering \$50.00 of your hard-earned on every *Grawl* tip to date, you would have returned a lazy \$260.00 from your \$200 outlay, with a further \$100 collect at the end of September 2008 when the Pussies whip whoever is unlucky enough to make it through to the AFL Grand Final.

Despite an Armageddon of a weekend in the AFL last week with finals aspirants disappearing like **Sonny Kill-Bill Williams**, we have decided to brave a double wager on two AFL games, on two sides headed in the right direction. We are loving **Dark (Matthew) Knights** and those resurgent **Bombers** at the moment, so we will latch back onto their teat of triumph against the **Melbourne Space Shuttle Disasters**, which we will link up with the **Hudson Hawks**, who we are supremely confident will account for the Mince Pies by more than 15.5 points! *All aboard!!*

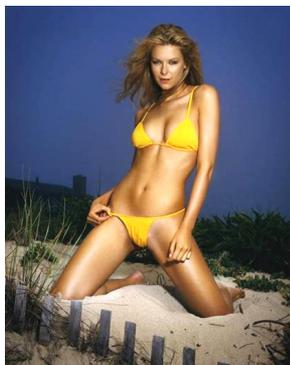
Essendon (v Dees)(\$1.22) + Hawbies by <15.5 points (v Pies)(\$1.80) = \$2.20

PHOTO FINISH!

Nightcliff unofficial and now Award-Winning Photographer **Trevor ‘Phil’ Collins** received his own recent special accolades, winning two Awards at the 2008 Darwin Show with his stellar photography efforts. Whilst they do not do justice to these wonderful shots in black-and-white, we thought we would run them anyway - the **left** picture (Rainbow Bee-Eater) won **First Prize** in the **Nature Colour Print** Category whilst the **right** (carousel) shot won **Third Prize in the Open Photography Category**.



The Grawl was unfortunately disqualified with its own entry in the “**Nature**” Section...



LOOK-ALIKES

Can you spot the difference?



THE END. SIX LEGITIMATE DELIVERIES (OVER).