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THE OFFICIAL NIGHTCLIFF CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER

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“STILL FLYING HIGH!”

MORE TESTIMONIALS

“*Funny as Hell*” **Lucifer** (or the Mayor of Adelaide)

“*A ton of fun!*” **J.Tate**

“*A smooth operator*” **M.Dog**

“*The kid is not my son!*” **B.Hume**

THE PREZ SAYS...

Well done to every involved in the **Nightcliff CC Annual Quiz Night** last Saturday, it was a rocking night and we have had much positive feedback from it. I am proud to announce that over \$2,100 was made in profit from the evening, which will be applied to the Club we all love and its future development.

Just a reminder the final **Milo Have-A-Go** Program day is this **Friday, 15 August 2008** at 5.30pm at **Nightcliff Oval**. Thank you to **Hugh Auckram** for coordinating our Milo Program in 2008, you have been an absolute superstar! Thanks also to **Jake Collins** and our player base of **Matt Pepper** (spray), **James Needham**, **Robin Corrigan** and lately **James de Terte** for your much valued assistance at MILO, which the kids have loved too.

A quick congratulations to NCC E-Grade for their continued spirit and enthusiasm in the face of adversity – in particular I'd like to congratulate juniors who have broken into senior ranks, performed really well and applied themselves well to their credit, including **Kyle McKenzie**, **Jake Collins**, **James Tate**, **Zac Metcalfe**, **Cohen Mackinnon**, **Kenneth Kardigamir** and most recently Tiger teen sensation **James Dix**, who top-scored in E-Grade in his very first game.

And finally a very big **THANK YOU!** to all the below **NCC Quiz Night Sponsors** who generously donated Prizes, which greatly assisted in the successes of the evening:

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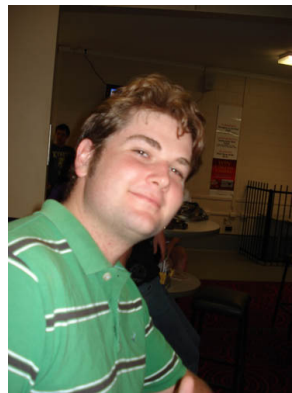
Eye of the Tiger my faithful subjects and look after each other!

Alex Kreapas - NCC President

196 SECONDS WITH TOM FOLEY...

So Tommy, it was a super innings (196 vs Palmerston, C-Grade in June 2008) and a magnificent personal achievement for you earlier this year in posting such a big number – for all the juniors out there, many of whom subscribe to *the Grawl*, what did you have for breakfast that day? Think it was a bottle of coke and some good old chips & gravy, kids. And don't be shy on the gravy now either, they should sell it in kegs! Couldn't find the Weet-Bix that morning - I usually crunch about 8-12 of them when I do.

And it is the largest score by a “home grown” Nightcliff player in Senior cricket, does that fill you with some sense of pride? Yeah I was actually born in New Zealand (Auckland) but yeah, I played all of my junior cricket at Tigerland and I do bleed black and Gold and – yeah nah, pretty proud mate. Proud also to be part of a big win against Palmerston that day (*well yeah, he did outscore their whole side!*) and hopefully a number of Tiger grades will play some finals cricket in 2008. I'm no Maxy Tippett (sober) but I think I'm a pretty smooth operator and I have a bit to offer whichever side I am selected in – hopefully it is in the As.



Michael Pearson has said he'll be still playing senior cricket for Nightcliff when he is over 50 years old (up to the age of John Tate, another NCC 2008 Centurion) - do you think you will be playing cricket at that age? PO said what? Yeah righto mate! I'm not giving him mouth-to-mouth if we're still both around in thirty-odd years time!! I think with the quantum advancements in science he can make it – me, I am looking to achieve greatness in the sport in the next five years! If I have my own television program and/or interactive website by then I will have to review my playing arrangements.

What's your favourite food? I'd have to go with a good old steaming hot chicken noodle soup. Like a frozen egg, you can't beat it!

Favourite Drink? Probably a nice cool Jim Beam & coke I'd say.

Your favourite “Mad Dog” moment of 2008? I love that guy, seriously nutty and a lot of fun to play cricket with and hang around. Guarantee me Diplomatic Immunity and I will answer this question! He did put on a bit of a red hot show at the T-20 Final at Marrara and turned like Melbourne weather against McDermott when he found out the Big Mac had blown the Mighty Tigers off to go play cricket at the Death Star.

Who usually won the backyard cricket at home growing up? Myself usually if we played by the rules of cricket – unless Brion was scoring!

Seriously man, what did you do to Brion over the ‘Wet Season’, he’s dropped about a whole leg in weight? Yeah, must get a hold of that Jane Fonda video collection or training program he’s been hiding away. Might have been inspired by the chickie-babes, but yeah, 196 is a big number for both of us in 2008 – me for runs scored in an innings and him for kilos lost!

What do you reckon about Global Warming? It should be the most important issue addressed as a priority by every Government at every level, in every country. Governments are as weak as p*ss for pushing it aside as an issue for other short-term reasons, which will not really help them much in the long run without a Globe! Yeah, I think it’s pretty bad, man.

What do you think of the Pie Warmer in the Donga? I really think it runs out of pies too quickly, might have to speak with some of my team-mates about that! Yeah nah, but it really keeps those bacon and egg sangas warm in the Donga, they are top drawer!

Apart from the Mighty Tigers of course, who do you reckon is the team to beat in A-Grade this season? Um, tough one, probably the Village Idiots as they are usually around the mark, but Palmerston is on the money like Scrooge McDuck this year and is tough to beat at home. Tough test and I’m looking forward to getting stuck right into them.



“PIE-EATER CRASHES CAR”

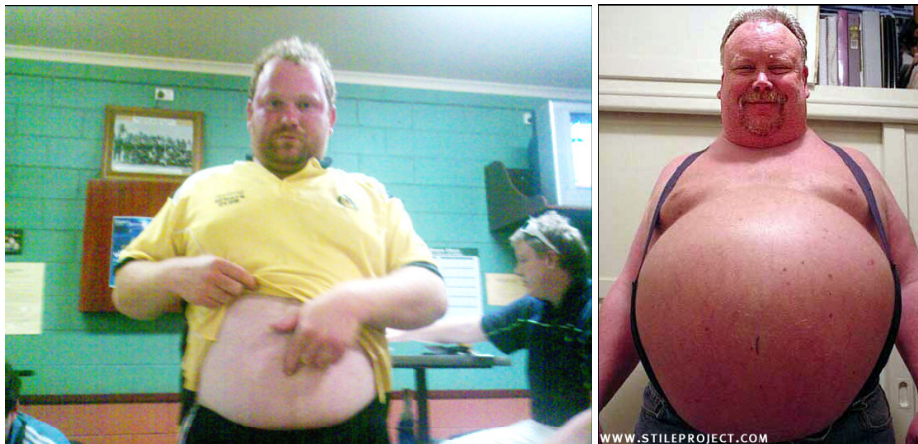
The above headline and below story came “*hot off the presses*” from the good people at the *NT News* last Monday (three days after the incident)...But please do not be alarmed Tiger fans, Nightcliff Powerhouse **Michael Pearson** is absolutely fine and *will* take his place against Southern & Dry this weekend.

...A PIE-EATING driver who was allegedly more than four times the legal alcohol limit is lucky to be alive after crashing his car into a pole in inner Darwin.

The alleged pie-eating drunk was one of two drink-drivers arrested on Friday, just hours after two people died on NT roads.

Police said the 25-year-old man was driving away from the city on the Stuart Highway at 2am when he attempted to make a hard right-hand turn into Duke St in Stuart Park.

He lost control of his Mitsubishi Lancer with the car skidding across the median strip and the inbound lanes before crashing into a steel pole in a used car yard.



OTHER NT NEWS NEWS-BREAKING HEADLINES OVER THE LAST WEEK...

“ELVIS MISSING!”

“GEELONG FC MIGHT WELL BE THE REAL THING!”

“‘PSYCHO’ WILLIAMS AND NCC PART WAYS”

“CRIME SPREE IN KARAMA!”

“WILLIAM SHATNER ‘COOL’ AGAIN!”

“GLOBAL WARMING MAY BE MORE THAN JUST MERE ‘HYPE’”

UPCOMING DRAW & DATES – JULY/AUGUST 2008

A GRADE:

Sat 16 & 23 August 2008: vs **SOUTHERN & DRY** at FREDERICK'S PASS
 Sat 30 Aug & 6 Sept 2008: vs **PINTS OF BEER** at LITTLE MUMBAI

B GRADE:

Sat 16 & 23 August 2008: vs **SOUTHERN & DRY** at LITTLE MUMBAI
 Sat 30 Aug & 6 Sept 2008: vs **PINTS OF BEER** at M2

C GRADE:

Sat 16 & 23 August 2008: vs **SOUTHERN & DRY** at HOWARD THE DUCK PARK
 Sat 30 Aug & 6 Sept 2008: vs **PINTS OF BEER** at BENNY MITCH OVAL (KORMILDA)

D GRADE:

Sunday, 17 August 2008: vs **TV DINNERS – RED ROOSTER** at LITTLE MUMBAI
 Sunday, 24 August 2008: vs **TV DINNERS GOLDMEMBER** at LITTLE MUMBAI
 Sunday, 31 August 2008: vs **JABIRU** at KREPAPA-DOME!
 Sunday, 7 September 2008: vs **PALMOLIVES** at [HOME – VENUE TBC]

E GRADE:

Sunday, 17 August 2008: vs **TV DINNERS** at THE DEATH STAR, TAMBLING TCE
 Sunday, 24 August 2008: vs **PINTS CRUSTY DEMONS** at MARRARA #1
 Sunday, 31 August 2008: vs **PINTS** at [HOME – VENUE TBC]
 Sunday, 7 September 2008: vs **PALMOLIVES** at [AWAY – VENUE TBC]



1. **Friday 15 August 2008 – MILO CLINIC – THE FINAL COUNTDOWN!!** Medallion presentation for the kids as well. All welcome, kiosk and bar (for parents) open + a constellation of Nightcliff stars assisting with training!
2. **Wednesday, 3 September 2008** – Milo Kids Innings-break presentation at **TIO Stadium** during the **Australia v Bangladesh ODI**. Wow!

MATCH REPORTS

A-GRADE

On the back of their pulsating T-20 Grand Final triumph, the **Crouching Tigers** have now also sprung their season back to life with a well-earned victory against the TV Dinners, after a thrilling 2-wicket win at the Den last week. Bowling first on a good-looking Nightcliff deck, the Tigers led by our own **Manhattan Project** in **Mark** and **Brad-Man** (4 wickets each) restricted the Villagers to a gettable 205. And get it they did, led by a dazzling 58 from enigmatic batting star Maximilian Tippett and supported by knocks from Mark Hatton (31), the “*Archibald Prize*” **Gibson** (20-odd) and knocks of 20-odd from saviors **Brad-man Hatton** and the **Pepper Spray**, who featured in a vital 9th wicket partnership to steer our heroes home in the Nicholas of time.

B-GRADE

The **B-52s** have forcibly re-entered the Love Shack of finals aspirations after caning the Evildoers like naughty school children in a morale-boosting victory at the Death Star. After clubbing like Mad Dog to attain 259 (with Matty ‘Smooth Operator’ Neave top-scoring with a nifty 92), supported by the **Uncle Gus (Schmutter)** with 40-odd and 30 odd from Richie Rich (**Freijah**), the Tigers smote the TV Dinners for 100 runs less than that, with **Benjamin Mitchell** snaring 3 wickets as did the Dan-with-the-Plan (Clark). **Benny Mitch** then chimed in like his namesake (Big Ben) with two more wickets as the Tigers tarred and feathered a cold TV Dinners for 4-45 the second time round. A (Simon) good win, which puts the Bumble Bs right back in the **Helen Hunt**, only a measly 3 or so points out of the Four.

C-GRADE

The **C-Shantys** are proving harder to beat than a frozen egg at the minute after another clinical victory over TV Dinners at **Wanguri** Autobahn on the weekend. The win also completed a trifecta of miserable viewing for fans of the TV Guides, who were left to pack three Saturday maulings by the Mighty Tigers into the pipe of harsh reality, after also being smoked in two Finals at Mararra on the weekend before this Round.

After setting a “par” score of 179 in the first week (**Parto** 30, the High School (**Sanderson**) 30, the **Crazy Canine** 26), the C-Minors rubbished the Evildoers like Bondi Beach on New Year’s Eve for 145, with the ageless Aaron Griffin (3-51 off 17 overs) leading the way, with Messrs. **Warner**, **A.Tate** and **M.Dog** chipping in with 2 wickets apiece. The guys then rubbed a pillar of salt into the wounds by clocking up a very speedy 2-99 to gain more Bonus Points, with **Scotty “Doesn’t Know” Saunderson** helping himself to the bowling buffet with 47 not out. *The Grawl’s* mathematicians have confirmed that this victory ensures the Cs will be playing Finals cricket, with a possible Home final now the team’s target.

D-GRADE

They came, they conquered and they left, as the **D-Mob** rode the **Unicycles** hard last Sunday to chalk up their sixth win on the trot in the Inaugural **Trevor Williams** Cup, with all proceeds of the day being kindly donated to the PMA (Pregnant Men Association).

The D-Generates won the toss and elected to bat (duh!). After showing more enterprise than Star Trek the Ds lost a steady stream of wickets to be all out for a wasteful 174 in the 32nd over on a seemingly good batting deck (C.Collins 37, Fryar 31, Wheatley 28).

D-GRADE(cont)

Our heroes made some inroads into the Unicycles cross-swinging rodeo batting line-up, but it was “*the Entertainer*” **Robbie Wheatley** who cleaned them up like leftover pizza with a sizzling 5-15 to rip the heart out of the innings and effectively end the contest. The Galloping **Gazmanian** took 2-12 with the **Snell** taking 2-29, with one run out – **Trevor Williams**, caught short as he was running between wickets like a hippopotamus on Prozac.

The Entertainer was on a hat-trick twice and even had one kid shouldering arms only to see his middle peg rocked back, as the Cycles pedaled dimly to 110 before the players strode off to enjoy a BBQ and beverages and crime scene tape was quickly erected around the pitch. For the record, Psycho dropped a simple catch whilst impersonating a fielder but took two wickets (Fryar and Krepapas for a quacker) before being dragged as Cammo “*the Ammo*” Collins got stuck into him like a truckie eating quiche.



The D-Generates – putting up a strong Premiership defence after a ‘sluggish’ start.

E-GRADE

The E-Grade put together their highest score of the season against the Charles **Darwins**, as they compiled 157, with a number of contributions to this total. Putting aside this score fell well short of the target, it was very heartening for the Club to see Tigers child prodigy **James Dix** clock 44 on Senior debut, ably supported by **S.Singh** (33, including two mammoth sixes) and the “Rock” **Mulholland** with a gritty 32.

Whilst these guys are not too high on the E-Grade Medal Tally, they are showing a massively impressive team spirit and applying themselves like Crazy Glue to competing in every single game they play, with very promising juniors and cagey Life Members playing side by side with aplomb in this 2008 Tiger success story. Well done to all, including Team Manager and spiritual leader **Alexander the Tate**!

FIRST PHOTO RELEASED OF MORGAN FREEMAN'S MV ACCIDENT



TOP GUNS!

Congratulations to our adopted PNG Tigers **Vani Vagi Morea** and **Jacob Mado** for their recent selection in the 24-man Papua New Guinea Squad for the next 12 months of cricket.

The next 12 months kicks off a pretty exciting time for PNG Cricket, with the squad off to Argentina in January 2009 to compete in the ICC Division III tournament and then to Dubai in April 2009, which are the first steps along a path to possible inclusion into the next ICC World Cup. Best of luck lads!



THE GRAND OLD DUKE OF OZ

Well with the **Pommy cricketers** starting to suffer from delusions of adequacy and get just a little cocky about winning the Ashes in 2009 despite a good old-fashioned recent hammering in a home series by previously under-achieving **South Africa** (and with some room to fill in this Edition of the *Growl...*), we thought we'd wheel out this Growl oldie from 2007!

The Grand Old Duke of Oz'

He had Eleven Men.

He marched them up to the top of the World,

And they never came down again.

When they were up,

They got up.

And when they were down,

They got up!

And when they were only half-way up,

They got up and won the World Cup!!

“THEY SAID IT” - QUOTABLE QUOTES

<p><i>“Let there be Beer!”</i></p>	<p>A jubilant Matty Pepper (spray) after smashing the TV Dinners all around Nightcliff in a pivotal 9th wicket partnership with Brad “Michael Bevan” Hatton to put the baby to bed, which ensured victory in triplicate, with all three Nightcliff Saturday sides devouring the Dinners in a handy day’s cricket.</p>
<p><i>“Is he the first Muslim to ever play Test Cricket?”</i></p>	<p>It has taken a few months, but Maxi (Priest) Tippett has not let his legion of fans down in 2008, as he watched South African bat Hashin Amla (Dean Jones’ “terrorist”) take guard in the recently played Third Test against England.</p> <p>Er, yep. No. For the record, the first Muslim to play cricket was actually a bunch of ‘em in 1932 in India’s first Test Match (also against the Poms), including Mohammed Nisar, who bowled the first ball in anger for the Indians in that game. Probably the most successful one, “Azhar” Mohammed Azharaddin. Star.</p>
<p><i>“Let’s Get Quizzical, babies!”</i></p>	<p>Master of Ceremonies Christopher “Sean” Wicks as the Annual Nightcliff CC Quiz Night kicked off like a Sunday shoe last Saturday night at the Nightcliff Sports Club.</p>

PHOTO FINISH!

The 2008 Darwin Cup was a photo finish in the end...yeah an aerial photo, that is, just to fit the place-getters into the shot after the well tried (not surprisingly for this crazy old town) **Club Liquid** was shot out of a cannon along the back straight and won by a zillion lengths.

Those who followed the *Growth’s* tip of simply loading up on **Nozi** for the place eventually saluted also – about a *minute* after the winner crossed the line – as the Warhorse made his way home in third place, just behind Lazarus-on-four-legs, **Lanson**.



GOOD OLD COLLINGWOOD!

Good old Collingwood forever, we don't ever use our brains.

Side by side we lie together, to avoid the public shame.

See the journalists are circling, as all journalists should.

Oh the premiership's a pipe dream, for the good old Collingwood!



Blo*dy idiots – Collingwood FC dumb bunnies **Heath Shaw** and **Alan “the Gangsta” Didak** after their car rammed into and damaged several parked cars in (far) Kew within spitting distance of home (*well, for a Collingwood person anyway*) late on Saturday, 2 August 2008 after yet another Pies shellacking and a weekend drinking binge.

I love it, who could script this stuff! But **then** they both decided it would be a fabulous idea to lie to Police, the public and even (Gary Ablett forbid) to Club President **Eddie Everywhere** about *the Gangsta* even having been with him in the car at the time, despite there being several eyewitnesses at the scene. Are we Shaw he was even driving?

Rumor has it that after his latest display **Didak** is right in the mix for the **Fremantle** captaincy in 2009!

ODD SOCKS

THE NCC COMMITTEE FINANCIAL TIP OF THE WEEK

Try to keep a separate collection of fake watches and jewellery handy, to wear on those overseas trips to potential ‘hot spots’ or if dining at the **Tracy Village** Sports Club.

THE GROWL WORD OF THE MONTH

<p>Repechage</p>	<p>A French word basically meaning the “<i>second chance draw</i>” in various sporting events, oft used at the Olympics for the “next best” athletes beaten up like a nosy journo first time round and get a second crack... The word itself means “<i>re-fishing</i>” or something like that.</p>
<p><i>Rep-eh-cha-g</i></p>	

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

Ingredients	Beer and your friendly NSC bar staffer. Don't forget to swipe that card, champ.
Method	Pull the best draw possible in the T-20 2008 Series and scrape through to the Final by a Bee's nostril hair despite best attempts not to actually make it. However once in the Final (particularly if pitted against an arch-nemesis), rise to the occasion like a sponge cake in a pizza oven and conquer all, to enable the holding aloft of a new funky piece of silverware and then drink and be ridiculously merry! Happy days indeed!!

TENNIS ACE CHEATS DEATH



Scud in duds. When we first read the above news headline a month or so ago, we were quite surprised to read that the article was actually about **Mark Philippoussis!**

But apparently from reports the Scud has now become quite a...*crack* surfer in his old age.

Yep. Apparently he was surfing at Bells beach in sunny Victoria, paddled into “wild seas” (despite a warning given to him by a local surfing expert), heavy waves snapped his board and he was then sucked into a cave, where he spent a few hours awaiting the end of the stormy seas and weather. Surfing was apparently part of the Scud’s rehabilitation program!

The latest report *the Growl* has received is that the Scud-man has decided that surfing is too dangerous and he will now be taking up blind-folded skydiving instead.

ON THE REX HUNT

“I Punt therefore I Am”

Ah the Grawl is now chalking them up like a school teacher on Acid, saluting with the Bombers (Dees) and Hawks (Pies) margin double (\$110 return from \$50 outlay = + \$120 profit in 2008 thus far).

Although there are zillions of dollars being torched on various Olympic events, we might just stick closer to home (or back **Australia** to clock up the most medals by a country starting with the letter “A” at \$1.00000001 – hey, **Azerbaijan** is second at the minute!), and stay with the good old trusty AFL thanks!!

And although they have just discovered they are too sh*tty to make the Final-8, and are playing a reasonably handy side currently *in* the Eight, we think that the **Essendon Bombers (at \$2.10 the win)** will belt the **Adelaide Froot-Loops** at Thunderdome in Melbourne, particularly as the Froot Loop playing stocks are starting to seriously run low.

Track and distance against this foe I think you will find that the **Dons** have not lost to the **Crows** for a seriously long time and with more injuries to key Crows, the Dons will be able to chalk up another win here, despite dropping a game to the Michael Jackson-Bad **West Coast Coolers** in Perth last week.

NO NEED TO ASK...

He's a ...



Photo shopperly performed by former Nightcliff cricketer Kimberley Wyles

...incidentally if you *do* need to ask, don't ask us, ask the **Crazy Canine!**

LOOK-ALIKES

Can you spot the difference?



THE END. SIX LEGITIMATE DELIVERIES (OVER).