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THE GROWL

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“NIGHTCLIFF GOLD!”

MORE TESTIMONIALS

“Radical!” **K.Marx**

“A real survivor!” **T.Wallace**

“Like wow!” **Hoodoo Gurus**

“Wipe out!” **Nathan “Mad Dog” Byrne**

“It’s like crazy man, I can’t believe just how so totally crazy it really is!” **Leon De Marinis**

THE PREZ SAYS...

We're at the end of the one-dayers now (with As and Bs having a Bye this weekend to contemplate their navels) and on **Brad-man Hatton's** maths (and he's usually been pretty good with figures) this puts us a third of the way through the season. So what have we learnt thus far in 2009?

I would say that we have learnt that many of the old cricketing adages and clichés' do ring true. How do you think they become old adages and clichés? You train as you play. Catches win matches. Batting in partnerships. Playing each ball on its merits. You reap what you sew. Every Rose has it's Thorn. Well, I just threw that last one in - I was a big "**Poison**" fan in the late 80s...but you know what I mean. Even our B-Grade, which is leading the way in terms of Tigers' 2009 senior ladder positions, can strive to do more for it's own team as well as the whole Club, with a number of B-Graders hopefully striving to test the premier Grade team for places in that side.

But let's not throw the baby out with the bathwater, firstly congratulations to **Sean Kenny** and his B-52s outfit on a fine start to the season which sees them equal 1st before the last-round Bye. **Kenny** himself has played out of his skin(ner) this season and has taken 18 wickets and clubbed like **George Michael** to amass over 240 runs as well! And Hawke's Bay hero **Marc Calkin** has also got the runs like a diner in a dodgy curry bar, with a Club-high tally of over 250 runs (+ his T-20 half-century).

Don't forget the NCC fundraising event the "**One for the Road**" Tour this **Friday, 29 May 2009** from 7.00pm for 7.30pm at the **Nightcliff Sports Club** – the more the merrier and we would like to see you all there to support your Club as well as to have a great night – it should be a fantastic night of entertainment and dining, so get your carcasses there!

On a personal note, I am looking forward to returning to the 'scene of the crime' this weekend to play for our D-Grade against **Jabiru at Jabiru**. I scored one of the most famous centuries of the modern Tiger era at this venue in 2007, smashing a six off the last ball of the innings to bring up my ton. The D-Mob need to lift like a honeymooner's proverbial for this game and I hope to provide a big spark as I hear the Big Birds have been scorching sides who have dared to venture out there!

Alex Krepapas
NCC President



Jabiru or Bust this weekend - I am ready to explode!

NCC RECOMMENDED HOLIDAY DESTINATION

HAWKE'S BAY, NEW ZEALAND

With three cracking cricketing Bro's having come over to Nightcliff CC from **Hawke's Bay, NZ**, in the form of **Marc "the Incredible Calk" Calkin**, left-handed lightning bat (and right-handed ripper) **Robbie Schaw** and sublimely talented run-machine **James "DT" De Terte**, we thought we'd better check out this fountain of cricketing talent and find out a little more about it.

Well, let's start with a **map!** Hawke's Bay is situated on the crescent bay (Hawke Bay) located on the eastern coast of the north Island of New Zealand with a population of just over 150,000 people, about a quarter of whom are Maori. The "Bay cities" of **Hastings** and **Napier** (only about 20kms apart) are the two major urban centres in this region, which has quite a "Mediterranean" dry and temperate climate which lends itself to growing grapes and making barrel-loads of wine! Nice work Hawkers!!



Hawke's Bay was given its name by "Cookie" (**Captain James Cook**) after Admiral Lord Hawke in 1769. One trivial fact about the Hawke's Bay region is that it has a hill in its southern region with the longest named place-name according to the 2009 (Alex) **Guinness Book of Records** – **Taumatawhakatangihakoauauotamateaturipukakapikimaungahoronukupokaiwhenuakitanatahu**. Memorise it people, as it could so easily become an NCC Quiz question or a drinking game!

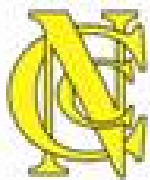


Left – an awesome view from the top of **Te Mata Peak** looking down **Tuki Tuki River** at Hawke's Bay.

Right - **James de Terte** apologising to passing by traffic after dispatching another boundary during a stellar season at Hawke's Bay CC over the 2008-09 summer, in which he scored about 10,000,000,000 runs.

THE "ONE FOR THE ROAD" TOUR!

Featuring Test Cricket legend **DOUG WALTERS** and supported by singer/comedian **DAVID PRIOR**.



NIGHTCLIFFSPORTSCLUB INC.



Come and have a laugh - tales from the Dressing Room, Song, Comedy, Sporting Memorabilia option.

WHEN: Friday, 29 May 2009 at 7.00pm for 7.30pm

WHERE: Nightcliff Sports Club, 15 Camphor Street, Nightcliff.

COST: \$50 per person, which includes full buffet meal. Bar available.

BUFFET MENU includes:

- *Rump Steak served with Pepper, Dianne or Mushroom Sauce.*
 - *Lasagna*
- *Jacket Potato served with Bolognese Sauce, Chilli Con Carne, sour cream & chives or Sweet Chilli*
 - *Masa Vegetariana – Vegetarian Pasta*
 - *Chicken Curry served with Rice*
 - *Salad Bar*

TICKETS can be purchased and collected from the **NIGHTCLIFF SPORTS CLUB** or from Alex Krepapas, NCC. To register your interest please contact **Alex Krepapas** on (0427) 147 015 or email info@nightcliffcc.org.au or call the **Nightcliff Sports Club** and ask for **Sue Heenan** on 8985 3121.



There will be plenty of entertainment at the Nightcliff Sports Club this Friday night from 7.00pm!!

NCC 2009 PLAYER AUCTION

Well the Player Auction was held at the Nightcliff Sports Club on Saturday, 16 May 2009 and a very successful night it was! Nearly **\$1,000** was raised for the Club on this Gala Evening as well as setting up a massive Prize Pool for the **NCC Cricketer of the Year**. A big thanks to the **Velvet Auctioneer's Hammer "Archie" Gibson** for lending his dulcet tones as Auctioneer and for all who assisted to make this night a fun night for all concerned. Below is a snapshot of the evening's wheeling and dealing!



Tigers for sale. Plenty of quality merchandise went under the Hammer at the recent **2009 Player Auction!**

2009 NCC COTY PRIZE POOL

1 st PRIZE:	\$600
2 ND PRIZE:	\$350
3 RD PRIZE:	\$200
DUCK AWARD:	\$150

TOP-DOLLAR PURCHASES:

Marc Calkin - \$400, Sean Kenny - \$375, Brad Hatton - \$110, Robbie Schaw - \$110.

*No surprises with the top two, who on exposed results had already accumulated more points than a High School Debating team on Acid and they sit comfortably at 1-2 in current standings, with Kenny leading by about 100 points. **Schaw** is also perched in the top-3 already and is poised to monster sides like **Dr Frankenstein** in the two-day stuff with his menacing spinners and after top-scoring with 45 on the weekend, he promises to provide his backer **Damien "Oh When the Saints go Marching In" Warner** with a tremendously valuable interest come the pointy end of the season!*



"Please don't sell my Daddy!"



Brad-man Hatton "Ice-ing" his own sale!"

THE BIG STEALS:

Mark Hatton - \$70, Michael Best - \$30, Robbie Schaw - \$110.

*Apart from rampaging **Robbie Schaw** (at \$110) who is looking an excellent acquisition at value, **Mark Hatton** is always a big show in this Award and 2009 is no exception as he finds himself in the top-5 scorers already. He certainly has the skipper's ear for a decent bowl in the two-dayers and he will just keep coming like the Taxman!*

*Meanwhile **Michael Best** is always a silky operator with both bat and ball and has already made a big play for the top-10 in 2009 with runs and wickets - he should prove harder to hold out than Swine Flu in a Mexican Crèche.*

PRETTY GOOD VALUE-AT THIS MINUTE...

Kimberley Wyles (\$31), Alexander the Tate (\$50), A.Snell (\$45), J.Fryar (\$30).

***Wyles** is flying at the minute and will destroy many more batsmen before the Season is out. Both **Snell** and **Tate** are up in the top-8 at the minute and both also have a Duck each, which they are sure to add to before the season is out! Both will be pouring the pressure on at both ends of the market! **Johnny Fryar** is also doing his best **Lawnmower Man** impersonation as he slices his way through the field!*

DUDE, WHERE'S MY PLAYER?

*Club Secretary **Anthony Snell** made a \$20 donation to the Club coffers when he purchased **Vani Morea**, as efforts are still being made to get him and **Jacob Mado** out of PNG "Rambo" style!*

THE "HAPPY SHOPPER" AWARD:

***Snell Dog Productions** (**Brion "Mad Dog I" Foley & Anthony Snell**) were quite industrious on the evening, spending a total of about \$610, including five of the current top-10, **Sean Kenny** (\$375), **Mark Hatton** (\$70), **Kimberley Wyles** (\$31), **Johnny Fryar** (\$30) and **Garry Stevens** (\$35). The lads also shelled out \$2 for E-Grade batsman **O'Neil Padilla** as a speculator, including for the Duck Award if his Season suddenly flies south!*



Snell Dog Productions were quietly chuffed with only having to shell out \$70 for 'Captain Araldite' **Mark Hatton**...but they both had to sell furniture to acquire **Sean Kenny**!

NCC 2009 CRICKETER OF THE YEAR STANDINGS AFTER ROUND 6:

	Player	Matches	Points
1	Kenny, Sean	6	486
2	Calkin, Marc	6	383
3	Schaw, Robbie	6	284
4	Wyles, Kim	5	249
5	Hatton, Mark	6	241
6	Miles, Bryan	6	227
7	Snell, Anthony	5	207
8	Tate, Alex	6	195
9	Fryar, John	5	186
10	Stevens, Garry	6	184

MOST 2009 DUCKS: James Dix (3), G.Tribe, K.Kardigamir, G.Stevens (2).

CRICKETING WISDOM

The first testicular guard was used in cricket in **1874** and the first helmet was used in **1974**.

It took **100 years** for men to realise that the brain is also important!



Geez, you would have thought the “Bodyline” series in the 1930s might have got *someone* thinking!?

NEW US PRESIDENT GETTING INTO THE SWING OF THINGS



New-ish Democrat President of USA **Barack Obama** was pictured above showing his form during and after a round of golf during a recent well-earned break in Hawaii. Obama is considered to be the 15th of the past 18 US presidents to be smitten with the game of golf. Yep, the hard working people from the *Growth* actually managed to stumble across people keeping a record of this...

Obama's first love is apparently basketball. However about a decade ago his wife became concerned about the frequency of injuries from his hard ball gets and requested him to take up something less dangerous, a challenge he attacked with relish. Obama is still apparently shooting in the mid to low 90s. "He'd be better if he could play more," **Marvin Nicholson**, national trip director for Obama's election campaign, helpfully told *Golf Digest*, which has run a thesis-length piece on the subject, including critiques of Obama's swing by legendary golf coaches **Butch Harmon** and **David Leadbetter** (dead-set the 'who are you' of golf!)

"He wants to play all the best courses: St Andrews, Pebble Beach, Bethpage Black," **Nicholson** reportedly said. "When he becomes an ex-president, he'd like to try to become a single-digit handicapper."

And apparently young **Barack** is not the first American President who has enjoyed playing a-round...



*Ex Prez Bill Clinton... 'pictured' on an outing with friends (left) and (right) chewing the fat with **Monica Lewinsky**.*

UPCOMING DRAW & DATES –MAY/JUNE 2009

A GRADE:

Saturday, 30 May 2009: **BYE BYE BABY, BABY, BYE, BYE!**
 Saturday 6 & 13 June 09: vs PALMERSTON at MCG (FROM 11.30AM)
Sunday, 14 June 2009: **T-20 vs SOUTHERN COMFORTS at FRED'S PASSAGE**
 Saturday 20 & 27 June 09: vs. TAH-TAHS at LITTLE MUMBAI (HOME)
 Saturday 4 & 11 July 2009 vs. CHARLES DARWIN at LITTLE MUMBAI

B GRADE:

Saturday, 30 May 2009: **BYE BYE BLACKBIRD**
 Saturday 6 & 13 June 09: vs. PALMERSTON at (I GOT THE) POWER PARK
 Saturday 20 & 27 June 09: vs. TAH-TAHS at THE SECRET GARDENS
 Saturday 4 & 11 July 2009 vs. CHARLES DARWIN at CULLEN BAY WEST (KAHLIN)

C GRADE:

Saturday, 30 May 2009: vs **UNIVERSITY** at THE INSTITUTE OF LEARNING
 Saturday 6 & 13 June 09: vs PALMERSTON at LITTLE MUMBAI (HOME)
 Saturday 20 & 27 June 09: vs. TAH-TAHS at WANGURI NUCLEAR TESTING SITE
 Saturday 4 & 11 July 2009 vs. CHARLES DARWIN at BENNY MITCH PARK (KORMILDA)

D GRADE:

Sunday, 31 May 2009: vs **JABIRU** at **KREPAPADOME!** WOO-HOO, BUS TRIP!!
 Sunday, 7 June 2009: **NO GAME – FESTIVAL OF THE QUEEN!**
 Sunday 14 June 2009 vs **PINTS DRAVIDIANS** at the MCG!
 Sunday 21 June 2009 **NO GAME – FESTIVAL OF THE FUME!**
 Sunday, 28 June 2009 vs. WARATAHS RED BARONS at GARDENS

E GRADE:

Sunday, 31 May 2009: vs **PINTS CRUSTY DEMONS** at LITTLE MUMBAI (HOME)
 Sunday, 7 June 2009: **NO GAME – FESTIVAL OF THE QUEEN!**
 Sunday 14 June 2009 vs **PINTS OF BEER** at LITTLE MUMBAI (HOME)
 Sunday 21 June 2009 **NO GAME – FESTIVAL OF THE FUME!**
 Sunday, 28 June 2009 vs. PALMERSTON CHEESE at LITTLE MUMBAI (HOME)



1. **FRIDAY, 29 MAY 2009 – “ONE FOR THE ROAD” SHOW** at the NIGHTCLIFF SPORTS CLUB AT 7.30pm starring **DOUG WALTERS & DAVID PRIOR.**

\$50 a ticket including full buffet Dinner!

MATCH REPORTS

A-GRADE

Heading into the “Bye” Round, the Tigers now have some time to come up with a formula to turn agonisingly close losses into victories in the two-day stuff. Hey, I know, score more runs!!

After winning the toss and batting on an improving Little Mumbai deck, the Tigers again were in early trouble, even before Kiwi pocket-rocket **Marc Calkin** departed for a quick fire 29 and fellow Hawke’s Bay-er **James De Terte** went for a patient 25. It finally took a steadying partnership between **Robbie “North” Schaw** (45) and maybe the best #9 in World Cricket **Jason “Supercoach” Bremner** (15) to right the rickety ship somewhat and post the still less-then-par score of 162.

PINTS of Beer were merrily sculling up the required runs at 1-70 off about 4 overs until some good Tiger team pressure and bowling from skipper **Marky-Mark Hatton** reined them right back in. Aply supported by **Schaw** and the **Apache Cat** of Nightcliff, baldy-faced superstar and part-time rapper **Brad-man Hatton** the Tigers rocketed back into the game with crucial wickets. But in the end PINTS of lager limped home like **Verbal Kint** in “*The Usual Suspects*” to scrape home by a solitary wicket, but no-one at the ground in black and gold was left in any doubt as to what will be a major key for the Tigers as it attempts to unlock the Shed of Success in the two-day stuff!

B-GRADE

The B-Majors hit another high note in their stellar 2009 season as they played some funky travellin’ music to eleven PINTS of Lemon squash batsmen, bowling them out for about 110 before trashing this score in a hurry, losing only 3 wickets off a handful of overs in the process. **Sean “Who Killed” Kenny** continued his Biblical season with a smashing **Michelle** (5-29) before chiming in like **Big Ben** for 30 runs as well, whilst **Tom “Nathan” Foley** proved the mainstay of the Tiger car chase with an unbeaten 40 to frog-march PINTS off the Mararra premises and right out of the game.

Serial batsman killer **Kim Wyles** took 3-12 with the ball as well whilst **Damien “Sainters” Warner** performed his best Maxi-pad impersonation taking 1-6 of 6 miserly overs. All in all a comprehensive win for the lads to put them in great stead for an assault on a finals position in the two-day stuff. And all this without tremendous all-rounder **Ben Mitchell** even getting a bowl! Benjamin, perhaps you might want to call **Anthony Snell** on (0414) 321 358 or the Galloping Gazmanian **Garry Stevens** on (0411) 787 886 and free up your Sunday afternoons for some serious match-day bowling!



Benny Mitch (background) – has had a whole Darwin cricket ground named after him in recent years for his batting exploits, but is finding it hard to get noticed for a bowl in 2009!

C-GRADE

Despite getting pumped like **Forrest Gump**, Tatie's Terrifics are still looking towards taking a settled and confident line-up into the two-day games, after hopefully giving arch-rivals **University** a lesson not to forget this coming weekend.

PINTS of Lager amassed 6/215 at **Benny Mitchell** Oval last match, with Nightcliff's own Duke of Hazard (Great) **Dane Miglerina** filling his bag with a highly entertaining 4-40 off 8 overs. The C-Sections could only register 113 in response, with **Kurt Edwards** notching a sweet 16, **Singh** playing an innings of note with 29 and the evergreen **Aaron Griffin** chipping in like **Tiger Woods** with 24 runs, to go with his 1-20 off 6 overs.

The C-No-Evils are certainly one side which will benefit from the injection of a few players into the higher grades and will look to mount a big challenge on the final Four when the two-day cricketing whips start cracking.



Alexander the Tate (far right) is leading by example with the ball with a bag of wickets in 2009.

D-GRADE

The D-Generation recorded their second best victory of the season also against Southern & Dry, after a concerted effort to lose a game they'd spent most of the day setting up!



After the Galloping Gazmanian finally decided to win a coin toss and elected to bat, the Tigers did just that and batted out their 40 overs for the first time in 2009. Jumpin' **Johnny Fryar** had a welcome return to form with his batting Blitzkrieg yielding 53 runs, with able (Finance) support from **Mick Best** (20-odd), the Prez **Krepapas** (29) and 'the Chieftain' **Mulholland** (26). This laid the foundations for a late fireworks display from **Adam "Danny" Glover** (26) which had several lawn bowlers and local residents soon scurrying indoors. With a total of 200 to defend, the Tigers eventually did this with 22 runs to spare after a late Southern crossing gave the Tigers a fright. **Snell** cupped up with 5-30 and there was great rejoicing, with a cool side-serving of relief after the win!

E-GRADE

G-Train mob did very well to restrict the much vaunted **Flashnikov XI** (Evildoers' D-Grade side impersonating an E-Grade side) to 164 and were right in the game...until they were routed for a Scrabble score (47) themselves. **Xavier Tras** top-scored with 13.

But it would have been the impressive bowling efforts of **Team Jury** including the Tigers' own **D-Mac (Dustin Mack)** snaring 4-39, **Jury's** impressive 1-14 off 8 overs and his own bag of 3-23 that kept Skipper **G-Train** reasonably warm well into Sunday night.

“THEY SAID IT” - QUOTABLE QUOTES

<p><i>”Does the run still count?”</i></p>	<p>Young Tigers space cowboy Tim O’Hagan whilst umpiring at square leg in a D-Grade game after Nightcliff lower order batsman (Rogan) Josh Hindle was run out after a direct hit caught him short.</p> <p>Despite the closeness of the game, which PINTS of lager won by 10 runs, play was stopped for a good minute to allow everyone in the vicinity to properly take in what had actually just been said..!</p>
<p><i>“I have a full house of weapons and I have a license to have them... I don't have a bazooka, but it is not a problem for me to get a bazooka. It is enough for me to snap my fingers and a lot of people are going to leave a bazooka in front of my gate.”</i></p>	<p>These gems were from loose-as-a-boot tennis dad Damir Dokic, after public revelations made by his daughter and now Australian tennis starlet Jelena that he used to ‘beat’ her, <i>“for her own good.”</i></p> <p>Not surprisingly he was thrown into a Serbian prison cell thirteen minutes later!</p>  <p>Damir Dokic is bringin’ crazy back – lawyers have recommended to him to have his mouth completely sewn up.</p>
<p><i>“There is no issue with Bucks”</i></p>	<p>No, this is not a personal financial report, but Collywobbles current coach (<i>check local guides</i>) Mick Malthouse allaying rumors that there was a rift forming between himself and the guy who everyone wants to steal his job next year, Nathan “Owen” Buckley.</p>
<p><i>“Two weeks!”</i></p>	<p>This is not a quote from the Arnie Schwarzenegger cult movie Total Recall, but rather the NT Cricket penalty ban handed to Evildoers’ cheetoe-eating, tool-of-the-year Darren Truemer after his abominable on-field display against Nightcliff B-Grade at the Death Star. It is not yet known what his own Club thought about his conduct, but word has it he was severely high-fived around Tambling Terrace during the following week...</p>  <p>“Two weeks!” - Darren Truemer copped this arguably lenient penalty after seemingly completely losing his head!</p>

ODD SOCKS

THE NCC COMMITTEE FINANCIAL TIP OF THE WEEK

Man who leaves **Nightcliff Sports Club** with many coins in pocket going to **Jingili**.

ON THE REX HUNT

"I Punt therefore I Am"

\$50 on the (Still got the) Blues to beat up on West Coast by more than 15 points
(at \$1.50 for a \$75.00 return)

Well after driving into deep water off the first tee, the *Growl* found the financial fairway on the second tee, with the (still got the) **Blues** tarring and feathering the **Collywobbles** and **Port Adelaide** doing the footballing and comedy world a favour by edging out an unlucky **Richmond**. So now we're back in the black like a bottle of Jacks!

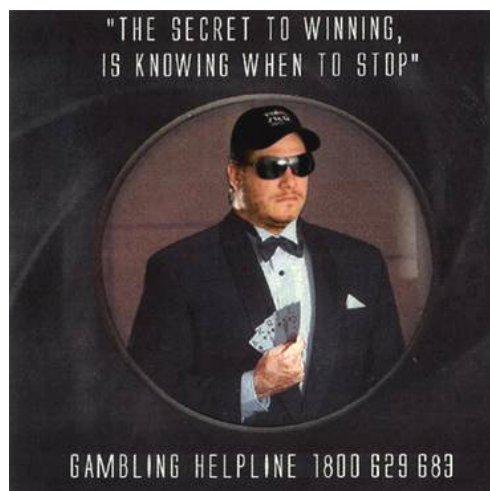
And emboldened by our successes with the Sherrin, we're off to the football once again! This time we're going to kick off with **West Coast** playing at Docklands in Melbourne on Friday night against the **Blue-baggers**, fresh off an old-fashioned belting against the **Froot Loops** at Alcatraz.

The Coast...is toast, quite frankly and whilst we are pitching a reasonably conservative tent here, we will back them to lose by a fair bit! After suffering from delusions of adequacy earlier this Season after a couple of wins, we foresee the wheels falling off the Coaster bandwagon in a hurry and they will be slammed like a can of Solo in the middle of the Simpson Desert in late January!

And we think that the time is nigh to start investing on the Australians (**best odds \$1.70**) to **win** the Ashes series, starting on **8 July 2009**. There is an outside chance new Aussie dasher **Phillip Hughes** could out-score England this series and a potentially **Flintoff**-less English side featuring the "*Who are you?*" of English cricket should eventually fall short of the expected Aussie output this series.

The *Growl* 2009 record to date: +\$ 3.00

Remember kids...keep it real and GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY!



LOOK-ALIKES

Can you spot the difference?



NCC all-rounder Brion Foley had a screamer of 2008 season and the trip to Jabiru saw some of his finest work!



The Fast & the Furious - new Nightcliff cult hero "Crittter" shaping up for his D-Grade debut and Vin Diesel.



Shoab Akhtar after receiving some *really, really* bad news from his Doctor ("please tell me you said gentle sports!?!") & a Klingon.

THE END. SIX LEGITIMATE DELIVERIES (OVER).