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*THE OFFICIAL NIGHTCLIFF CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER  
SENIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT EDITION – WELL DONE TIGERS!!  
5<sup>th</sup> edition (2009) – Friday, 25 September 2009*



***“THE CHAMPIONS!”***

HOLY GUACHAMOLE, *MORE* TESTIMONIALS!

*“It’s the Eye of the Tiger”*

**Hugh Auckram & Sonia Piccoli**

*“It’s the thrill of the fight!”*

**Barry Hall**

*“Rising up to the challenge of our rivals!”* **Doug Hardcastle & his NCC Black U13s Premiers!**

*“All this and a salad bar too...happy days!”* **Leon De Marinis**

## THE PREZ SAYS...

So here we are my pretties, at the end of the 2009 season. If you are reading this you are probably enjoying some happiness in a cool glass at the **Nightcliff Sports Club** with a roast dinner, or a curry dish (or possibly both) on Senior Presentation night, as you contemplate what to take away from the 2009 season and even perhaps what lies ahead for you in the 2010 season.

Congratulations to **Sean Kenny's B-Grade** for making the Grand Final, bad luck about the GF result but the Semi Final win over Tracy Village in a hard-fought battle, was a win for the Ages – great season! As that constellation of chance happenings would have it, Sean, the plight of the Bs closely mirrored that of the Colliwobbles – as **Hansie Cronje** would say, “*What are the odds of that?*”

A big thank you to my Committee – **Brion Foley, Alexander the Tate, Marky-Mark Hatton, Wade Hawkins, Anthony Snell, Hugh Auckram** and **Sam Gibson** – the Club no doubt joins me in thanking you for your efforts this year. Thanks to those senior cricketers and other people (including the invaluable assistance of parents) who helped out as junior coaches, scorers, team managers and coordinators and in a number of other volunteer roles including the ridiculously successful *In2Cricket* Program – your work is very much appreciated by the Club, thank you again.

And well done to the Nightcliff juniors for rocking Darwin junior cricket with **four sides in Grand Finals in 2009** and two premierships for **Doug Hardcastle's** indomitable **Nightcliff Black Under 13s** (winning a Grand Final over **Hugh Auckram's** well performed **Nightcliff Gold U13s** team) and **Bradley Hatton's Nightcliff Under 13s** side in the Red Shield competition.

Geez, we went to the Association Presentation Night the other night and congratulations to **Marc Calkin** (who left the place with more gold than a Greek rapper) for winning the NT Cricket Cricketer of the Year, as well as the One Day Cricketer of the Year, the Fieldsman of the Year and making the *NT News* Team of the Year. And well done to **Sean Kenny** as well, he won the B-Grade competition bowling (aggregate and average) as well as the competition B-Grade Cricketer of the Year.

On a personal note, I would like to wish **Matthew Lloyd** all the very best in AFL retirement – he was a hard and fair footballer and I have always been in awe of his achievements and abilities – sssshhh, this is not something I would ever want to get out as I have an image to uphold as a Hawthorn diehard, but ‘Lloyd’ for mine will go down as one of the greats of the game. Farewell, champ!

Eye of the Tiger my loyal subjects, **eye of the Tiger!**

**Alex Krepapas**  
**NCC President**



**Long live the Champ ...** one of my all-time favourite footballers, as you can see from my car upgrade.

# CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN BRADLEY HATTON!

ON YOUR TREMENDOUS A-GRADE CAREER AT NIGHTCLIFF!!



Newest NCC D-Grader Brad-man Hatton – has disturbed more furniture than a Baghdad looter!!

Well done Bradley, here's hoping we still see you around the place for many years to come!

### A-GRADE CAREER AT A GLANCE:

- Games:** *Millions!* Surely there was a sunscreen sponsor for the great man out there somewhere!!
- Wickets:** Over 450 – has made caused batsmen more pain than heat rash.
- Runs:** About 3,350 runs at about 20.50 – top score of 99!
- Premierships:** 1996 A-Grade, T-20 in 2008. Countless back yard titles.



**One for the Road!** Brad-Man and the other D.Walters standing on a pretty darn flat-looking Nightcliff wicket circa May 2009 (left) and **right – Brad-Man, you are a work of art!**

## GAME, THREAT & MATCH!

**Mike Tyson-in-a-mini-skirt Serena Williams** was recently fouled out of her US Open tennis Semi Final against Belgian waffle **Kim Clijsters**, after allegedly threatening to permanently harm a lineswoman who called her for a “foot fault” on match point. This was after Serena had been placed on a “warning” after smashing and breaking her racquet after losing the first set of the same game.

Serena said she did not really recall threatening the linesperson at all as she was “*lost in the moment*”. “*I swear to God I'm f---ing going to take this f---ing ball and shove it down your f---ing throat and kill you,*” Williams reportedly said after being foot-faulted serving at 15-40 facing Match point.

“*I used to have a real temper, but I've gotten a lot better*” Williams said during her post-match interview. A serener Serena...good to see you didn't lose your cool or anything sister, now *that* would have been really embarrassing on international television!



**Serena shocker...**“*I'll give YOU a foot fault, sister!*”

## 'D' IS FOR DREAM...



**D-Dream Believer...**a possible D-Grade line-up in 2010??

## AFL - HARDWICK TAKES CHARGE

Within minutes of being named Richmond Senior Coach, **Damien Hardwick** told the entire Richmond FC squad that it was his expectation the side would simply toughen the fire truck up...and that any player not meeting the standards set by him would be immediately “shown the door”.

Richmond players unable to live up to Damien Hardwick's desire for relentless attacks on the football will "*find themselves very quickly out the door*", the rookie coach warned on his first day at the club.

Here's a picture from **Punt Road Oval below** taken of those Richmond players who fulfill that criteria and hence are staying on at Tigerland for the 2010 AFL Season....



## STUDENT REBELLION!!



**University C-Grade warhorse Matty Phillips with the coveted “Ashes” Urn...**

Yeah, well done to the Students on winning back “the Ashes” against the Nightcliff C-Sections at Nightcliff in August 2009. But seriously man, you didn't have to graffiti all over the wall behind you!

(note “**Exhibit A**” the offending pen being brandished in right hand...)

## GRAND FINAL MATCH SCORES B-GRADE

Well it was the best of seasons, it was the worst of days for the B-52s. After performing so admirably in the Semi Final to microwave the TV Dinners in front of a feral home crowd packed full of natives, Orcs and assorted local trolls, the Grand (Final) Plan was also on track after Kenny's mob had dismissed Palmerston for 202 at the "turn" with just the one day of cricket remaining for the Season.

But in a surreal and somewhat deflating conclusion to the season the B-52s bombed out for 78, with only a handful of starts but plenty of finishes as the innings internally combusted before 4.00pm.

All in all though the Club is very proud of the B-52s and their achievements in 2009 in making the Finals and notching a famous Semi Final victory despite a less than ideal last day at the office.

### SEMI FINAL

<b>NIGHTCLIFF</b>	<b>4/226</b>	T.Foley 66, S.Kenny 56, R.Freijah 49, B.Mitchell 26.
Def		
<b>TV DINNERS</b>	<b>225</b>	S.Kenny 4/66, D.Walters 2/47

### GRAND FINAL

<b>PALM PILOTS:</b>	<b>203</b>	S.Kenny 6/46, D.Walters 2/40
def		
<b>NIGHTCLIFF:</b>	<b>78</b>	K.McKenzie 16

## JUNIOR RESULTS

Well the Nightcliff juniors were rapt with a season that saw four sides make the Grand Final, each of them progressing through with Semi Final victories.

And congratulations to **Doug Hardcastle's Nightcliff Black Under 13s** (winning a high-scoring Grand Final over **Hugh Auckram's Nightcliff Gold U13s** team) and **Bradley Hatton's Nightcliff Under 13s** side in the Red Shield competition, for winning the 2009 Premiership in those Grades.

### U15 Grade

#### **Red Shield**

Sth Districts	7/159	
def		
<b>Nightcliff</b>	<b>10/82</b>	<b>C Wilkinson 27, J Parry 14, R Knowler 2/21, E Munasinghe 2/28</b>

**U13 Grade**

**Red Shield**

<b>Nightcliff Black</b>	6/176	J Dalton 45 no, J Price 28, M Mougoulias 21, T Holdsworthy 17
def		
<b>Nightcliff Gold</b>	4/141	N McKee 28 no, G Spadaccini 39, Ryan 19

**U13s Blue Shield**

<b>Nightcliff</b>	11/159	N Gueson 23 & 2/11, A Papazoglou 40, N York-Morris 12, K Hatton 3/9, C Langley 3/8
def		
SDCC Freshies	11/138	

**THE REAL CAPTAIN BLOWTORCH?**

Forget the original “*Captain Blowtorch*” **Sean Kenny** and the 1,027 overs he bowled in 2009 or the fact he had to be cryogenically frozen between the Semi Final and the Grand Final to ensure he’s make it through without having to put any more pressure on his right shoulder!

How about the skipper who goes further than just keeping other bowlers from the bowling crease, he leaves them out of the entire side! After having his teeth re-arranged a few weeks before, left-armed pace man **Shane Yates**, who showed tremendous courage to bat on after suffering a blow that had bent his front teeth back, and reported to his skipper that he was ready and willing to go in a quest to help retain the coveted “Ashes” match vs University. Alas he was not selected for the game and was left cooling his heels on the sidelines as the Tigers went down narrowly to the Students, relinquishing the Urn in the process.

**Yates** had snared **11 wickets** in two games and heading into the final game he was only 5 wickets off the C-Grade leading wicket-taker...his captain!!



**(Left) Shane Yates on the surgeon’s table...**was only too ready to play in the C-Sections’s last round clash vs Uni!  
**(Right) C-Sections Skipper Alexander the Tate...**Kept plugging away like **Greg Matthews’** hairdresser in 2009...but what was the real reason behind Yates’ omission for the Ashes clash?

**RED CENTRE HEADS EAST!**

There were some *amazing* photographs of the stunning dust storms that hit Sydney and Brisbane earlier this week (hoping to get these printed in colour, c'mon **Benny Mitch** you good thing!) – apparently this was caused by red soil from central Australia being lifted some 600+kms and to the east coast of our sun burnt country!



The stunning colour of the dust storms is the most striking feature for mine – apart from the standstill the dust storms brought to many towns and the cities of Brisbane and Sydney and any air flights to and from either of these cities.

Regional centres like **Broken Hill** in South Australia experienced “black outs” (“red outs”) as the red dust descended upon it, under the force of up to 100km/ph winds. People all over the region were stranded in their cars and homes as the dust storm raged through that town and State Emergency Services were kept busy all day.

It was as if the surface of the planet Mars had been dissipated across the Australian east coast, or if the mighty **Ayers Rock** had been reduced to dust and then blown right across our great land.



**Ayres Rock...before and after** the great red dust storms of earlier this week?



**MAX'S HEADROOM**



Just quickly, for the benefit of ABC (Learning Centres) Radio, the above heading is not implying any link between the subject and an animated 80s cult figure.

But *the Growl* had the rare chance to catch up for a chat with Nightcliff cricketer **Max Tippett**, as he presently cools his heels at Her Majesty's Pleasure. He says he is doing 'alright', but that life on the inside is quite "intense" and it is a challenge to keep positive and keeping the mind and body active as much as he can, with various possible study and (limited) exercise options.

Max passes on his congratulations to all Tigers players for the Tigers' coming Senior Presentation Night, and particularly to **Marc Calkin** (2009 NT Cricket Player of the Year), who was apparently pulled up by Police on Monday week ago as he was leaving the DDCA Presentation Night at the **Casuarina Club**, as they initially thought he was looting the place! Max said he wished he could be there tonight and he hopes everyone has a great night, even **Dane Miglerina**.

He said he had bumped into another cricket tragic during his stay – names are withheld of course in the interests of national security but Maxy did say he enjoyed being able to have a yarn with someone else about the great game...



**Marc Calkin**...people just stopped parking their cars too close by when the Kiwi bro was going with the flow.

## “THEY SAID IT” - QUOTABLE QUOTES

<p><i>“Harness the Squid!”</i></p>	<p>This snippet of surreality from <b>Alexander the Tate</b> to “<i>Captain Blowtorch</i>” <b>Sean Kenny</b>, as he prepared to bowl his 117<sup>th</sup> over of the 2009 B-Grade Finals series in the GF against the Palm Pilots. “<i>Squid</i>” was apparently the nickname of former B-Grade skipper and Irish timer <b>Joshua Smith</b>. Dunno, it all just sounds fishy to me – perhaps some truths will be revealed when official records of what transpired at Master Kenny’s Buck’s night are released in about 35 years...</p>
<p><i>“Do as we say, not as we do!”</i></p>	<p>PINTS skipper <b>Simon Lavers’</b> rumoured message to <b>Gary Ablett Jr</b> and the <b>Geelong Football Club</b>, which is <i>also</i> in their second Grand Final two years running...after PINTS were <b>Tah-Tah</b>-ed and feathered in their GF by a massive 8 wickets last weekend.</p>
<p><i>“If it was me I would have just fricken jumped out of the way!”</i></p>	<p>Nightcliff legend <b>Brad Hatton</b> on A-Grade bowler <b>Robbie Wheatley’s</b> split-second decision to stick his foot out to stop a shot rocketed back at him when he was bowling against Darwin A-Grade, which unfortunately left him with a broken ankle.</p>
<p><i>“I could make 20-30 runs each week in C-Grade batting left-handed!”</i></p>	<p>This haughty call from NCC’s own...<i>[insert muffled sounds as NCC Club lawyers veto publication]</i>...well, lets just say we hope he’s right up there in contention for the B-Grade batting trophy after <i>that</i> call! And no, it is not <b>Ben Mitchell!</b></p>
<p><i>“We’re gonna have to stop running so much mate, we’ve got 40 overs to bat!”</i></p>	<p>This early-season call from glove man <b>Bobby (Dazzler) Lavender</b> to his batting partner early in a C-Grade one dayer innings against TV Dinners back in May 2009.</p>

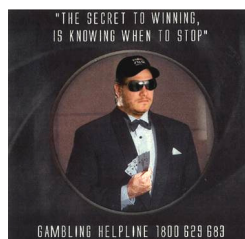


**Cold Pies** – downcast and devastated players after being informed they have actually been *retained* by their Club for 2010.

**Leon Davis** (centre) could not even get a touch in the change rooms after their Prelim final slaying against the Cats.

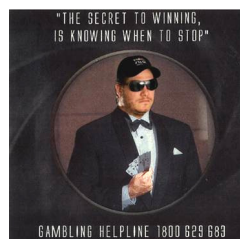
**ODD SOCKS****THE NCC COMMITTEE FINANCIAL TIP OF THE WEEK**

*Never use your own credit card when purchasing weapons of mass destruction.*

**ON THE REX HUNT**

*"I Punt therefore I Am"*

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"You crazy man?" we hear you think as you read this. "Proof readers go on strike?" we hear you jest. We accept *the Growl* is but a tiny punting salmon swimming upstream, when the clear flow (tsunami) of cash has been all for the Cattery this week to win their second flag in three years.

But there is method in our madness. Or so we hope! We do not think it is necessarily a coincidence that in every single AFL finals game played in 2009 to date the higher rank side has triumphed. **Geelong** look to have more guns than a Columbian drug operation. **St Kilda** may look heavily reliant upon champion skipper **St Nick Riewoldt**, but a few wet and windy days in "sunny" Melbourne over the last week will ensure this will be one helluva physical slog, which will suit these gritty and determined Sinters down to the (muddy) ground. And hey, these kids have only lost **two games** for the entire season! Sure the Cats have also excelled this year (losing only 4 games) but the Saints' defence has by far been the most dominant defensive or offensive unit of any team this season.

It is a concern that the Saints did have the harder Prelim against those mangy Dogs, but they also had an extra day to recover from it, and Geelong players did have the arduous shuttle all the way home after their MCG final on Saturday night. Okay the last one's a dodgy point, but on the near-anniversary of **Barry Breen's** dodgy point in time on some 43 years ago to lift **St Kilda's** to it's only flag to date in 1966, this is our story (hey, this whole publication is ours!) and we are sticking to it. Good luck to you, may all your balls bounce favorably and may those Spring Carnival photo finishes go your way!



**No pressure!** Saints talisman **Nick Riewoldt** at training this week, being watched carefully by a handful of fans.... if the Saints do let us down, **Racing to Win** won't (\$1.90 George Main Stks on Sat, 1600m, Randwick) – he just wins!

## BROWNLOW FORM!

Putting aside the whacked-out antics of Carlton trade-bait **Brendon** “*Dude, where’s my Channel 9 contract?*” **Fevola**, there was some good (and bad) form on display at the 2009 Brownlow, including in the medal count! It was also great to see **Gazza Jr** finally win a ‘Charlie’ after a few stellar seasons chasing the pigskin and ensuring its safe and expedient delivery to another person dressed just like him!

For one night Australian football on Brownlow night gets to pretend it is the Oscars (or is it the other way round?), basking in a glitzy evening of fashion and drama (and No-doze) as the counters count and a Shakespearian comedy of an evening unfolds...



**Top Cat**...Gazza Jr called his dad and jokingly said to him that he had now got something his father did not have...**Gazza Snr** is reported to have replied...*“Kick 9 goals in a Grand Final, win the Norm Smith Medal, change religions and kill someone and **then** get back to me, son!”*

**Mr Rebecca Twigley (right pic)**...managed to finish second in the Brownlow count. Like he cares!



**Geoffrey Edelstone and Brynne Gordon** *totally* misread their Invitation...they thought the 2009 Brownlow was being held at **Throb Nightclub**.

**LOOK-ALIKES- INCLUDING SOME FAVES FROM 2009**

Can you spot the difference?



**Baaad Santa...** Nightcliff all-rounder **Trevor Williams** (left), currently on “loan” to University CC for an undisclosed sum, is still out there looking for any other work he can find!



**The Village People** are rumored to be soon reforming...in **Tennant Creek** of all places!



**Bulldogs coach Rodney Eade** giving his players a rocket and **Mr Garrison** from South Park.



A special one for Hawthorn FC fans from August 2009...two pictures of a 'suspended star'!



Shoab Akhtar moments after receiving some *really, really* bad news from his Doctor (“*please tell me you said gentle sports, Doc!?*”) and a **Klingon**.



Dude, Where’s My Car-eer? Kyle Sandilands and Jackie O - giving ‘trash’ a bad name!

**THE END. SIX LEGITIMATE DELIVERIES (OVER).**