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THE GROWL'S  
***NCC PLAYER AUCTION FORMGUIDE***  
***SATURDAY, 16 MAY 2009***



***“GIVING YOU THE GOOD OIL!”***

**WHERE:** *Nightcliff Sports Club*

**WHEN:** *Saturday, 16 May 2009 at 7.30pm*

**COST:** *\$5 (cocktail nibbles provided)*

## NCC 2009 PLAYER AUCTION FORM GUIDE!

*Everything you need to know...and some things you probably don't...*



**The BAYETTO family:** These kooky kids, **Leon (de Marinis)** and **Luke Bayetto** are just itching like a flea-ridden one-legged dog for some cricket action. Make a bid...please!

**MICHAEL BEST:** The pin-up boy of Nightcliff D-Grade, this quality athlete has already started imposing himself on 2009 with a half-century and a few early wickets. Looks like he will be on the money like Scrooge McDuck in 2009 and another who can consistently damage with both bat and ball and you would be awfully silly to overlook this man. One of the chances.

**MANISH BHATNAGER:** One of the gutsiest batsmen around the Club and many a bowler has perished under-estimating his true grit and ability. A fiery pocket-rocket who can put together big runs consistently enough to be an outside chance at finishing in the money.

**JASON BREMNER:** Has stepped up in 2009 as a wicket-keeper batsman in A-Grade and is showing up some larger reputations in the batting line-up by adding some real starch to the lower middle order. Rumoured to have appointed himself as his own personal coach for an undisclosed sum.

**MARC CALKIN:** As **Lionel Hutz**, lawyer from the *Simpsons* might say, *"He's good...he's gonna win!"* Get on him. Now. Start selling furniture and other stuff around the house and start bidding now! Big show and he's already chalking them up like a school teacher on Acid.



The *"Incredible Calk"* is breaking out in 2009...*"Just give me a reason, bro!"*

**DAN CLARK:** Metronomic medium pacer, who on his day can mesmerise a batting order with his bowling wares. Only needs some more game time to reignite his 2009 cricketing fire.

**JAKE COLLINS:** Former junior cricketer looking to cement a place in the top order of Tatie's Talismen in C-Grade. Tremendous competitor with bat and ball and will come to his own in the two-dayers when he can really look to build innings' and spend some quality time in the middle.

**JAMES DE TERTE:** A quality individual who played at NCC in 2008 with treacherous luck at times. Returned to the Land of the Long White cloud and immediately went about scoring a billion runs in a stellar season. Is back with a vengeance and ready to lock and load in 2009. "Married" life has not slowed this cat down or his hunger for big runs and he looks set for a big season.



**James De Terte** – training the house down at the minute!

**KURT EDWARDS:** Has the uncanny ability to influence a game with bat and ball and is a handy keeper as well. With many strings to his cricketing bow he can accumulate enough points to be a danger. If properly medicated he could be a huge chance.

**GEORDIE FERGUSON:** A real cult figure at Nightcliff now and pulled in some serious backing in 2008 after agreeing to perform nude, a performance the people of Nightcliff will *still* be talking and singing songs about in 50 years! Will be in the wickets & has shown glimpses of batting form in 2009. *Fergalicious* will give his backers tremendous entertainment for money!



**Geordie Ferguson (right)**... now also focusing on his batting as pictured striking out in an off-season hit-out!

**BRION FOLEY:**

All-rounder and 2<sup>nd</sup> place-getter in last year's Player of the Year (netting a giddy **Helen Smith** over \$300) after a glorious 2008 in which he clocked over 500 runs and a few wickets to boot. Treacherously unlucky to cop **Robbie Wheatley** on an absolute rampage in 2008, as he would have won the 2008 COY in many other years. Has kept himself in good shape and working on all aspects of his game. A favourite with the ladies (and some men) at Tigerland and is likely to be around the mark again.



**Helen Smith** looking pretty pleased with her family-pack bargain buy from the 2008 PA – **Brion Foley** (right) brought home the (Kevin) bacon by romping home for second place in the NCC Player of the Year.

**TOM FOLEY:**

A high caliber batsman and hard-hitting seam up medium pacer, the glamour cricketer of the Foley clan was relegated to the status of “other Foley” as his brother **Brion** cut sick in 2008 in a stellar year for him. Was a star of the T-20 Grand Final team of 2008 and can do some serious damage in a big hurry, as shown last year when he brutalised the Palmerston cheeses attack for a majestic 196. Dismiss him at your own peril!

**RICHARD FREIJAH:**

Quality top order batsman with a penchant for big runs – he's harder to remove than a fart in a spacesuit when set! Could really turn up at the pointy end of the leader board if the skipper could also throw him the ball occasionally but his batting alone could get him there.

**JOHN FRYAR:**

Was one of the bargain buys of 2008, this indomitable tiger is primed to make a mountain of runs in the top order of the D-Grade. Has already taken a few catches as well and may even get a bowl if the skipper ever forgives him for sleeping with his sister!

**SAM GIBSON:**

‘*Archie*’ has already put some runs on the board and will really come into his own in the two-day stuff, where he can build a long sustained innings and really work on his tan. A crowd favourite.

**ADAM GLOVER:**

“*Danny*” Glover has had an immediate impact in D-Grade in 2009 with both bat and ball, as a solid top-order bat and wily leg spinner. Will get amongst the runs and wickets and could sneak under the radar of many.

**AARON GRIFFIN:**

Could be a smoky in 2009, “Griffo” has already opened the bowling in the Bs and has been let loose in C-Grade as well, despite the protests of parents and loved ones of opposition players not wanting to see them injured or worse...can change the course of a game with bat or ball.



Nightcliff All-Rounder **Aaron Griffin (centre)** – maybe not the best NCC cricketer but certainly one of the coolest!

**ROB HALL:**

Another sneaky all-rounder in the **Nathan Jury** mould, this fellow is waiting to ‘break free’ like **Queen** and put some serious numbers up on the leader board. Has the talent to have an impact, just needs some galloping room!

**BRAD HATTON:**

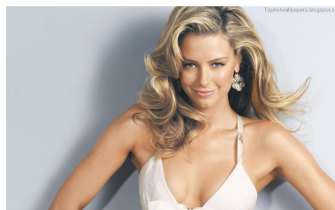
The **Takeover Target** of Nightcliff cricket! Past multiple winner and just when punters and critics are ready to write him off or lead him up to the back paddock, he keeps producing like the champion player he has been over several seasons at Tigerland. With more victims than the Vietnam War, he is a *bona fide* star and the **reigning Ralph Weise Medalist** for the entire fricken competition! Has already devastated Palmerston this season and is heading up towards his natural place at the top of the NCC Cricketer of the Year leader board.

**MARK HATTON:**

The **Wile E Coyote** of Nightcliff Cricket, missing out on the NCC Cricketer of the Year by not much and on “*the Ralph*” by one single vote to his indomitable brother Brad. Is rumoured to be intensively training his son Brendon to beat up on James Hatton in backyard cricket! Still a quality player and another who has notched up some good early points - ignore him at your own peril!

**WADE HAWKINS:**

Sublime fast medium bowler and a valuable asset to the A-Grade team as well as a vital cog in the 2008 Premiership winning T-20 machine, “*Jennifer*” Hawkins has already had an impact in 2009. If he keeps fit he is far too good to leave out of calculations.



Jennifer Hawkins – looking the goods in 2009. Wade’s not traveling too badly either...

**SEAN KENNY:**

An old punter’s (and skipper’s) favourite, this solid citizen of an all-rounder and B-Grade Skipper romped to victory in 2006 and seems to have lost none of his guile, already racing up the leader board early in 2009. Is capable of big bags of wickets and of scoring like **Mark Waugh** on Bingo night. Will be harder to hold out than Swine Flu in a Mexican crèche! **The Growl’s each-way special for 2009.**



**B-Grade captain and talisman Sean Kenny** – is there any mountain he can’t climb?

**ALEX KREPAPAS:**

A real player on and off the park, the “*Jabiru Centurion*” from 2007 can accumulate runs in a hurry when the winds are right. With safe hands in the field and occasional glove man, he has the potential to rack up the stats in 2009. Market best guide.



Club President and handy batsman **Alex Krepapas** – might pay to have him checked over before purchasing...

**NATHAN JURY:**

Some very astute money has been flowing into Bookie’s bags already for this cagey fellow – he was batting #3 and sharing the new rock in the G-Train’s new and exciting E-Grade and has had some D-grade games as well. A seam-up swing bowler and handy bat, he could turn up in 2009 as a sneaky, sneaky place chance.

**BOB LAVENDER:**

Super Keeper-batsman in his debut season for the Tigers after a stellar career with the Southern Comforts. Is starting to get a taste for scoring runs at the top of the C-Grade batting order and his glove work is first rate, needs to (Johnny) cash in on a few good starts to *really* get amongst it all. Could turn up with a bold showing.

**KYLE MCKENZIE**

An Under 17s playing Senior cricket in 2008 and has already made an impact in both! Recently likened to a young **Don Bradman** in the imperious manner he has been dealing with more senior bowlers – a handy left arm orthodox himself (has posters of **Marky-Mark Hatton** on his wall) – this kid could be anything!!

**DUSTIN MACK:**

“*Le Big*” Mack has already notched up a 23 in E-Grade and is another who is looking for the opportunity to get more involved in 2009 – part of the “**Team Jury**” brat-pack and could be another surprise packet in 2009.

**JACOB MADDO:**

PNG’s “*Left-handed Lightning*” will also soon be back on the block in 2009 and ready to cash in on his 2008 experiences at Tigerland, where he became a bit of a cult hero around the place. Will have some work to do when he gets here, but is certainly up to the challenge.



**Jacob Mado & Vani Morea** – a couple of gun PNG cricketers on their way and ready to fire!

**ZAC METCALFE:**

Another Nightcliff CC child prodigy looking to forge a senior cricketing career, Metcalfe appears destined for great things for Nightcliff, with a fabulous work ethic and truck loads of talent to burn, with bat, ball and keeping gloves. A real dark horse in 2009!

**DANE MIGLERINA:**

The ‘*Great Dane*’ has made a steady start in 2009, but is a prodigious talent who can skyrocket up the leader board with runs and wickets. Keep him away from the footy – and his own car – and he could really come into his own in 2009.

**BEN MITCHELL:**

Like a good red wine he keeps improving with age. Emboldened by some big runs over the last few years, Benny Mitch is ready to take another step as a cornerstone of an improving B-Grade side. Real dark horse in 2009 and another who can also do damage with bat and ball.

**ANDREW MULHOLLAND:**

Pugnacious top-order batsman who is stays like your mother-in-law, “*the Chief*” is currently averaging 62.00 in Darwin cricket in 2009! Pity this is only from the one innings, but if he shows up again, you could do far worse than to throw a few dollars on him!

**BRYAN MILES:**

“*Thousand*” Miles is threatening to make a mockery of the 2009 Player of the Year competition, and would be in the top handful right now with **133 runs**, and wickets as well. Catch him if you can, he is one of the early bolters and one they will all have to run down!

**VANI VAGI MOREA:**

A bit of a “*Johnny come lately*” who will miss the first few rounds along with PNG teammate **Jacob Mado**, but the PNG gun batsman was the highest run-scorer of the entire ICC Division III World Cup Qualifiers tournament held in Argentina in January, and could compile some *big, big runs* in a hurry! 500+ runs in a shortened season is certainly not beyond him!

**MATTY NEAVE:**

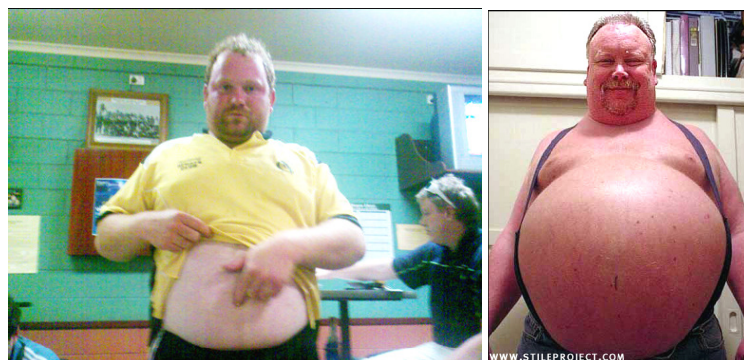
He *is* a smooth operator, a professional athlete who played with aplomb for the Nightcliff Tigers footy side in preparation for a big year of cricket. Yet to hit his straps but is tricky with bat and ball and can race up the leader board in a hurry. Market best guide.



Matty Neave...Working overtime on his fitness and diet to get himself right for a big 2009.

**MICHAEL PEARSON:**

Gone to England chokka-block full of confidence after a single-digit score in Round 1. He *may* be back in 2009...we will probably be giving him away for a gold coin donation!



Michael Pearson – our gift to you, the people of Nightcliff!



- DAVID SANDERSON:** “*Sandman*” has opened up his 2009 campaign with *some* runs, but is threatening to make a really big score. Better news for his backers is that he has graced the bowling crease again, where he is under-utilised. Possible trip to the Land of the Pom-Pom to take in some Ashes cricket in 2009 might undermine his true market value...
- ROBBIE SCHAW:** Looks tremendously silky early and rumoured to be capable of turning the cricket ball on ice! One of the Bookies’ favourites and this NZ all-rounder will attract a deal of smart money from shady people in dark corners. On the NCC website this fellow has had *thousands* hits from known Indian betting agencies in anticipation of this Auction!
- Get on board this gravy train whilst you can - raid that piggy bank, cash in that Life Insurance policy, hock your housemates’ CDs and DVDs to *Crime Converters*, borrow some funds off Grandma, whatever it takes!  
**The Grawl’s first pick for the Big One in 2009!**
- SIVANDHER SINGH:** Has already started to bankroll his 2009 season with some handy runs, Singh is another who can post some good numbers with bat and ball. One to watch.
- AARON SMITH:** Young star up from South Australia who has already shown an appetite for destruction (and runs) at the top of the A-Grade batting order and he is another who may come into his own when the two-day stuff kicks off. Rumoured to have taken on an intensive power-lifting and stretching role within the Nightcliff Sports Club to build on his core strength!
- SAM SMITH:** Copped nosebleed after a meteoric rise from E-Grade to B-Grade already in the 2009 season, this solid citizen will give his fans a sight. Hard to keep out of the game. Aiming to play a game in all five grades!
- ANTHONY SNELL:** Should take some wickets (8-40 from 3 games already) but with bat in hand he could not score in King’s Cross with a wheelbarrow of money! Outside chance for the Duck Award (\$\$) and he already has one on the board. Has been stumped twice but is now playing with crazy glue on the soles of his shoes.
- GARRY STEVENS:** The **Nicholas Cage** of caginess and new D-Grade skipper as well as reigning leading D-Grade wicket-taker, the ageless Stevens looks set for yet another stellar year with ball and bat. He’ll be harder to hold out than **King Kong** when the whips are cracking towards the end of the season. Took **6-27 last weekend** so is moving and shaking his way up the leader board already!

**ALEXANDER THE TATE:** A real smoky for the 2009 Cricketer of the Year. Nah, we can't really back that up! But the C-Grade skipper is a tremendous competitor who will get amongst the wickets as he did in 2008. But he did give the 2008 "Duck Award" a real shake and he is a perennial favourite with the bagmen for this Award. **This equals money \$\$\$** if he can consistently quack it up in 2009 (has one duck in the bank)!

**JOHN TATE:** An inspiration to his cricket Club and to his nation! Has again stepped up to the plate like Geordie Ferguson at an all-u-can-eat restaurant and has nearly 100 runs already in 2009. Will keep coming like Christmas!

**WING HO TAM:** As devastating a batsman as he is a bowler at the minute. If you purchase him, he is a big show for the Duck Award...and you will have to pull him aside to talk him into having more of a bowl as he can rip his leg spinners.

**MAXY TIPPETT:** Left-handed batsman oozing class with talent to burn - can show up for a big year if his head is right. Possibly a really good therapist away from breaking loose in Darwin cricket, this child prodigy has already shown he can make big runs in the past and can easily do so again!

**GRAEME TRIBE:** Commands a place at the Auction table after a devastating season in 2008 – **six ducks setting an all-time Nightcliff CC record**, with his batting chart reading like a binary code! Has been handy with the ball as well so will be in the mix somewhere! Has **two ducks already in 2009** and has a long-term goal of becoming the **Makybe Diva** of that Award!

**DAMIEN WARNER:** Hard to hold out than the Terminator with his wily seam bowling. The ultimate competitor whenever he togs up in Nightcliff Gold, Damo will give his backers a tremendous sight. Might look to buy himself to try and pay off his 2009 gambling debts!

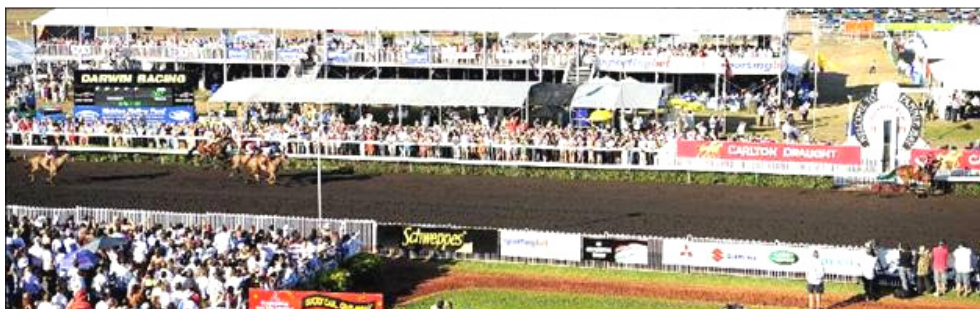
**KYM WEBB:** Notched a stylish 33 in E-Grade last weekend to get his season rock-n-rolling, "*Spider*" will be doing it with both bat and ball and should give his investors a good ride in 2009.



**Webb** - looking to trap a few in 2009!

**ROBBIE WHEATLEY:**

The reigning **NCC CRICKETER OF THE YEAR** who monstered this competition like **Dr Frankenstein** with a runaway victory in 2008 on the back of over 400 runs and 25 wickets. You simply cannot keep this fellow out of the game and he is sure to be right back in the thick of things again in 2009. *Bona fide* superstar!



**Robbie Wheatley bolts in!** A re-enactment of the 2008 NCC Cricketer of the Year using horses...

**KIM WYLES:**

NCC glamour boy and part-time fitness instructor, has already destroyed a few teams in 2009 with bat and ball, taking 7 wickets in 2 games and scorching the earth with his top score of 58no with the bat. Must be already sitting up there in the 2009 COY already. Too classy to leave out.

**NAT ROBERTSON:**

A wily swingman in Tatie's C-Section who will chalk up a few scalps. Rumoured to be set in concrete as the team's number 11 batsman, a massive achievement in any side Alexander the Tate also plays in!

**O'NEIL PADILLA**

If you can find him, then buy him! He is out there and had threatened to come to training many times, if he gets into it he could cause some damage in Sunday cricket. All donations are appreciated.

**TIM O'HAGAN**

Classy left handed top order bat and wicket-keeper who has had an immediate impact in D-Grade and is looking to forge a permanent spot. He has been a quality addition to the ranks and will certainly give you some pluck for your buck!

**KENNETH KARDIGAMIR**

Funky all-rounder who has also bolstered the D-Grade ranks with his enthusiasm and application with the bat, whilst providing a handy seam option as well. Could be the cat right amongst the **Glenn McGraths** (pigeons) and figure prominently in COY calculations.

**SIMON RYAN**

Initially thought to be a figment of the President's active imagination, "Private" Ryan has pulled into town and has looked the goods immediately. May need a game or two to get really warmed up, but looks a genuine prospect and can figure prominently.

**NOTE:**

*The List above might not be exhaustive and any NCC (or other) cricketer may be sold without notice at the discretion of the Auctioneer or the Club President!*

**REMEMBER:**

*Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Cricketer of the Year 2009 AND for the Duck Award, so keep your eyes peeled at BOTH ends of the market.*

**THE GROWL'S 2009 COY TIPS:**

- 1. ROBBIE SCHAW**
- 2. SEAN KENNY**
- 3. MARK CULKIN**
- 4. MARK HATTON**

**MOTHER DUCKER:**

**ALEXANDER THE TATE**



**Tigers off the leash!** There is tremendous value wherever you look in the 2009 NCC Player Auction, so good luck and happy shopping!