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THE GROWL

THE OFFICIAL NIGHTCLIFF CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER

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“NO GUTS, NO GLORY!”

MORE TESTIMONIALS!

“There ain’t no second Prize!”

Jimmy Barnes (and St Kilda FC)

“Bound for Glory!”

Angry Anderson

“As Gutsy as it gets!”

Geordie Ferguson

“A Salad a day keeps the Medical Practitioner away!” **Leon De Marinis**

THE PREZ SAYS...

Welcome back to Tigerland my pretties for what promises to be a sensational 2010 Season for the Nightcliff Tigers!

There have been a few positive off field developments during the 'summer' that should immediately improve things around the place. We are firstly pleased to confirm the appointment of **Nigel Couzens** as NCC Senior Coach for 2010. Nigel has played and coached in regional Victoria and has also done a coaching and playing stint in England over the off-season. We warmly welcome Nigel to Nightcliff and encourage everyone to make him feel welcome and assist him in any way you can in 2010.

NCC is also pleased to announce that turf wizard **Bob Saunders** has also taken on the role of Head Curator at Tigerland and has already commenced work on ensuring a Nightcliff Oval of the highest standard throughout 2010. Senior players will be expected to assist him throughout 2010, but Bob will be available to take on the lion's share of curating for the Club.

On the playing front we can confirm that the *Incredible Calk* **Mark Calkin** is on his way back to Nightcliff (with his lovely family) to wreak havoc in 2010. We have also secured the services of two other quality NZ players in **Doug Bracewell** and **Jeremy Kuru** for the 2010 Season...two bowling all-rounders who are favoured to perform very well in Darwin – and go for *plenty* in the 2010 Player Auction! Nightcliff also welcomes back smooth operators **James de Terte** and mercurial glove man **James Needham** back into the Tigers' fray in 2010.

I also wish to thank Dan Clark for his efforts in conducting Pre Season training prior to Nigel's arrival as well as **Alex Tate**, **Jason Bremner** and all others who are stepping up and assisting in various ways. And congratulations to **Sammy Gibson** and his crack unit (**front page**) on their Epic Australia Day victory in the **Nightcliff Sports Club "Iron Guts"** competition!

Eye of the Tiger my loyal subjects, eye of the Tiger - for 2010 is the YEAR of the Tiger!

Alex Krepapas
NCC President



A massively relieved **Ricky Ponting** and a devastated **Shane Watson** after the public announcement of the 2009/10 Australian Cricket *Tool of the Summer*...

“THEY SAID IT” - QUOTABLE QUOTES

<i>“Pick number 1...Michael Cranmer”</i>	NCC President Alex Krepapas like a kid in a lolly shop at this week’s NT Cricket/SACA player draft for 2010. Most Clubs took at least one player (Darwin went back for seconds)...save for TV Dinners who seemed quite confident there are already enough stars glittering in their skies in 2010.
<i>“I have undergone almost two months of inpatient therapy and I am continuing my treatment ... I still have a lot of work to do in my personal life.”</i>	No not NCC journeyman Josh Smith after a long Sabbatical including an alleged stint in “Ireland” (yeah right!) but returning hound dog Tiger Woods , who is set to resume playing <i>on</i> the greens finally at Augusta soon.
<i>“I’m looking to train a lot more in 2010...because I don’t want to end up going the same way Brad [Hatton] did!”</i>	NCC champion finger spinner Mark Hatton getting fired up for 2010 with a greater presence at pre-season training in 2010 as he gears up for a big year with the ball and the bat.
<i>“So er...what do you think about Jason?”</i>	A <i>Growl</i> reporter again to Mark Hatton in a vain attempt to procure a fourth and final quote for this Edition of the <i>Growl</i> ...” No comment! ” was the firm response.

PLAYER PROFILE – JOHN GREGORY TATE

*He’s really dedicated quite a deal of his time, effort, experience and wisdom to the Club this bloke, whether it be organizing equipment, coaching and/or marshalling within the junior ranks, offering sagely advice or just vigilantly guarding child prodigy **James Tate** from the clutches of Evil. It is an expression bandied about flippantly at times, but **JOHN TATE** truly has been an ornament to the Nightcliff CC. So we thought we’d take a little time to find out a little more about what makes him tick...*

FULL NAME: John Gregory Tate (after my father Greg “*Spudda*” Tate).

FIRST CRICKETING MEMORY: I was at the MCG and **John Gleeson** was bowling Iversons* to **Seymour Nurse** of the West Indies. Nurse smashed the ball into **Eric “Fritz” Freeman**’s unprotected head at short leg. The ball deflected to **Keith Stackpole** at deep fine leg, who caught it. **Barry Jarman**, Australia’s keeper yelled “*He’s out!*” Freeman, an AFL legend in SA, staggered to his feet and said “*No I’m not*”.

GREATEST/FAVOURITE PERSONAL SPORTING MEMORY? Making 112no chasing down 298 against Darwin (in 2008), proving you don’t have to drink during the game to really enjoy cricket.

FAVOURITE FOOD (BESIDES CHIPS & GRAVY)? Spaghetti marinara. Antipasto. Pesto & any pasta.

FAVOURITE DRINK? Was Chateau Lafite ’62...but since they sank the Rainbow Warrior, probably a Grange ’72.

MOST ADMIRED SPORTSMAN (& WHY)? **Allan Border.** I was at the MCG the day he was about to be dropped and he put on a record (10th wicket) stand with **Jeff Thomson.** I thought then he would become the greatest run scorer of all time for Australia. He didn't let me down.

WHO WILL WIN AFL FLAG IN 2010...BEATING WHO? Saint Kilda will beat Collingwood by a record margin and a Saint Kilda player will do something that has never been done before.

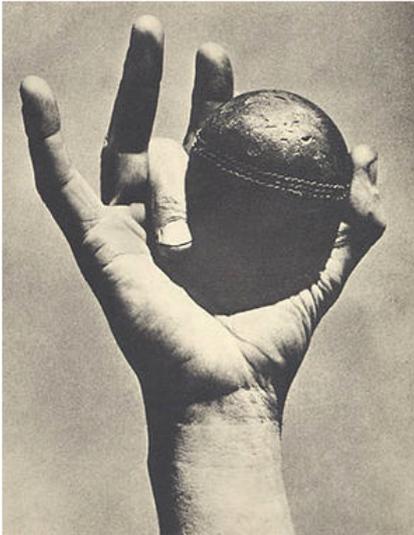
IF IT WASN'T THE LOVELY HELEN FOR YOU...JESSICA ALBA OR JENNIFER HAWKINS? **Jennifer Hawkins.** I like a woman with class who dresses well and has good legs. That's why I married Helen...Who's **Jessica Alba?**

5 PEOPLE YOU'D LIKE TO BE STRANDED ON A TROPICAL ISLAND WITH FOR A MONTH (FULL BAR FACILITIES): Warren Buffet, Emanuel Kamp, Plato, Aristotle, Brion Foley...they're all on the same wave length.

COMPLETE THIS SENTENCE..."I COULD NOT LIVE WITHOUT..." my Panasonic hard drive recorder. Along with the microwave and email the greatest piece of technology in the last 50 years.

* *We had to Google to ascertain who or what 'Iversons' actually were...An Iverson is a reference to an unorthodox off spinning grip used by former Test player **Jack Iverson** who played 5 tests and took 21 wickets in the 1950s. The modern cricketer might know these deliveries better as 'Skinners' named after former Nightcliff cricketer **Sean Kenny.***

***Seymour Nurse** sounds like the title for a "Carry On" movie or a porn. However he was a powerful West Indian Test batsman (1960 – 1969 ave. 47) who scored 258 in his final Test against NZ before retiring. During the 1968/69 Test Series against Australia he bludgeoned a ball into **Eric Freeman**, which rebounded off his (Freeman's) head and was caught at deep fine leg!*



John Tate (left) played an innings for the Ages in 2008– a knock his hero **AB** would have been proud of!

Middle pic – the unorthodox "Iverson" or "Skinner" bowling grip.

Jessica Alba (right) stormed out of a press conference this week screeching like a Banshee "Who the &*&#! is **John Tate**?" after being quizzed about Tate's snub in the *Growl*.

AROUND TIGERLAND



White Phase, Bengal Tigers

2010 – The Year of the Tiger

CLUB ESTABLISHED: In 1968, formed from the old Commonwealth Department of Works CC.

SENIOR PREMIERSHIPS: We didn't want to say too much, but...LOTS!

IN 2010

TRAININGS: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 5.30pm.

FEES: \$240.00 if paid by 15 May 2010 (otherwise \$270) includes a One Day playing shirt, Club cap & Membership with the Nightcliff Sports Club.

SEASON COMMENCES: Sat 17 April 2010 (A,B & C Grades) & Sun 18 April 2010 (Ds & Es).

SENIOR CLUB COACH: Nigel Couzens



New Club Coach **Nigel Couzens**...reportedly fired up like a chain smoker for the 2010 Season.

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

Never attempt to pick pocket a Ninja.

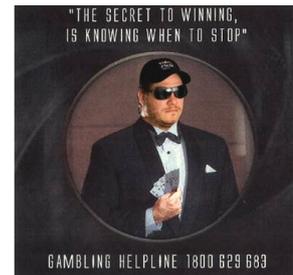
Avoid lending your credit card to a person with 7 or more aliases.

*Do not make a personal bet with **Dane Miglerina** without at least 3 witnesses present and/or a recording device.*

**ON THE REX HUNT**

"I Punt therefore I Am"

(*Conditions apply and **GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY** kids! If you have to sell other people's stuff to place a bet, then find another hobby!)



\$50 on Richmond NOT to win vs Carlton (\$1.45) = \$72.50 return.

\$50 on Typhoon Tracy to win the Queen of the Turf Stks (3/4/10 \$E2.50) = \$125.00.

Welcome back for the 2010 Cricket season fellow speculative venturers! We hope that the Melbourne Spring Carnival and the many offerings in between have kept you and your wallets warm over 'summer' and ready to fire up again in 2010.

To kick us off in 2010 we are going straight to the footy, and the grand opening of the AFL Season at the Home of Sport Thursday night. It's a cheap shot we know but it is a week out from the Season and **Richmond** already looks ripe already for some early season pain - and more importantly, *profit!*

The Tigers' defence has already submitted claims for overtime worked during the pre-season and now the news emerges that **Ben Cousins** is a risk for Round 1 after recently being hospitalised with a "mystery stomach illness". This man should really come with his own warning label! This could be the start of a harsh season for them. New coach **Damien Hardwick** should begin to set them on the right path during 2010, but like the boy pushing the barrow, the job is certainly in front of him.

The focus of the Autumn Racing Carnival has moved to sunny Sydney and uber-mare **Typhoon Tracy** is being set for the Doncaster Handicap (1600m) on 17 April. However two weeks prior to that, she is set to race in the **Queen of the Turf** (1500m WFA) against the best mares in Sydney. And she will brain them. She arguably has no peer up to a Mile (male or female) and has already taken out two Group 1s in Melbourne in the Orr (1400m) and the Futurity (1600m) before a short spell on her way to Sydney. She looks spectacularly placed at set weights to take out this Mares' race a fortnight out from her own 'Grand Final' and we will be cheering her all the way home!

JOKE**MAORI LESSON**

Three Australians and three Maoris are travelling by train to a Rugby match at the World Cup in England.

At the station, the three Aussies each buy a ticket and watch as the three Maori's buy just one ticket between them. "*How are the three of you going to travel on only one ticket?*" asks one of the Aussies. "*Watch and learn bro!*" answers one of the Maoris.

They all board the train. The Aussies take their respective seats but all three Maoris cram into a toilet and close the door behind them. Shortly after the train has departed, the conductor comes around collecting tickets. He knocks on the toilet door and says, "*Ticket please.*"

The door opens just a crack and a single arm emerges with a ticket in hand. The conductor takes it and moves on. The Aussies see this and agree it was quite a clever idea. So after the game, they decide to copy the Maoris on the return trip and save some money (being clever with money, and all that).

When they get to the station, they buy a single ticket for the return trip. To their astonishment, the Maoris don't buy a ticket at all!

"*How are you going to travel without a ticket?*" says one perplexed Aussie.
"*Watch and learn bro!*" answers one of the Maoris.

When they board the train the three Aussies cram into a toilet and soon after the three Maoris cram into another nearby. The train departs. Shortly afterwards, one of the Maoris leaves the toilet and walks over to the toilet where the Aussies are hiding.

He knocks on the door and says, "*Ticket please.*"



AFL 2010 – SEASON PREDICTIONS

2010 PREMIERS: WESTERN BULLDOGS. In a ‘Cinderella’ Grand Final we predict the Canines will meet and beat up on the **SAINTS**, who will remain the ‘team to beat’ for most of the season. Saints already have the premier forward in 2010 in **St Nick Riewoldt** but the Doggies have a few more running and attacking options and the inclusion of the gorilla-esque **Big Bad Bustling Barry Hall** will add the icing on the cake to a forward line brimming with the smarts of Messrs. **Johnston, Akermanis, Murphy and Giaciracusa.**



Whilst it was only the ‘*Fat Rat Clacker’s*’ Cup they won, the Bulldogs showed that the addition of **BBB** (Big Bad Bustling) **Hall** to their already impressive structure may make the world of difference in 2010.

PREMIERSHIP LADDER: The *Growl* predicts that after all is said and done after 22 Rounds of pulsating oval-balled mayhem, the AFL Ladder will look a little something like this...

Top-8: ST. KILDA- WESTERN BULLDOGS – GEELONG – COLLINGWOOD – BRISBANE - HAWTHORN – ADELAIDE & ESSENDON.

The Rest: West Coast – Carlton - Sydney Swans - North Melbourne - Port Adelaide – Fremantle – Melbourne & Richmond.

BROWNLOW MEDALLIST: ADAM COONEY. The Bulldogs have a plethora of midfield talent but **Cooney** has put together a very strong pre-season, which puts him way ahead of where he was in 2009. **Ryan Griffen**, a midfielder seemingly with talent on tap is due for a real break-out season in 2010. **Lenny Hayes** is a sublime footballer who does not always catch the umps’ eye, but he is the pivotal midfielder for the Saints and he should lead them deep into the 2010 Finals.

WOODEN SPOONERS: Ah **RICHMOND.** A Shakespearian tragedy of a sporting unit! Apologies to **Melbourne** and **Fremantle**, who on their days are as sh*tty as anyone, but the well-honed skills of consistent underachieving added to a liberal dose of inevitably cruel luck that just seems to follow Richmond around has made the AFL Tigers the irresistible choice here.

ENGLISH WORLD CUP SOCCER PREPS IN DISARRAY!

With the Soccer World Cup in South Africa a mere 3 months away, any subscriber to *New Idea* or publications of that ilk would be able to tell you that there has been a fraction too much friction within the Poms' soccer ranks over the last few months. This could possibly benefit our Aussies, who could meet the English Patients in a Round of 16 match if they can finish top-2 in their own Group.

England has already lost their captain after English and Chelsea skipper **John "Wayne Carey" Terry** was caught offside in his mate **Wayne Bridge's** bedroom after having brought down Bridge's wife in an illegal tackle. Terry has since been stripped of the National captaincy and tensions still remain within the side, with Bridge recently having refused to play for the National side alongside Terry. More recently English defender **Ashley Cole** has also been found to have been scoring freely during away games (including within teammates houses). In a recent match EPL Wayne Bridge snubbed his former buddy and lunch-cutter pre-match before Bridge's Man City, who then belted the living suitcase out of Terry's Chelsea 4-2.

The latest English soccer news is that star player **David Beckham** has suffered a serious leg injury that has also ruled him out of the 2010 World Cup. Beckham ruptured an Achilles tendon whilst playing for AC Milan recently, an injury which will require surgery and has almost certainly ruled him out of a record-equalling fourth World Cup campaign for England.

With the World Cup fast approaching and the entire English nation still also processing the fact the **Aussies actually beat them in the Vancouver Winter Olympics**, is there enough time to get their rickety bobsled of World Cup aspirations back on course by June?



Left -Wayne "Burning" Bridge snubs the outstretched hand of lunch-cutter **John Terry** in a recent EPL game between Chelsea and Bridge's Manchester City.

Right – David Beckham – bloodied and bowed and now out of the 2010 World Cup. Several South African retail agencies are already calling Insurers to lodge massive loss claims following the news that Posh Beckham may **not** be in SA for the World Cup!

FEVOLA IN NEW LEGAL BINGLE

Yeah we know, it *is* rubbish news – but if other reputable competitors (and the *NT News*) are going to cover this story, we thought we may as well too!

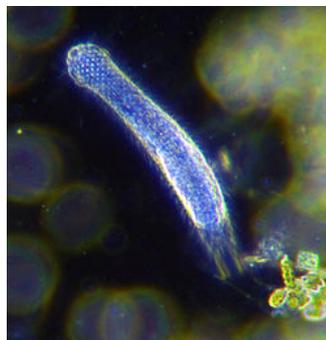
In a nutshell, model **Lara Bingle** may be suing the **big Fev** for breach of privacy following the public release of the below (middle) photo, taken during their 27-minute affair in 2006 whilst Fevola was still married, which ended up in the clutches of a sh*tty magazine. Rumour has it that Fevola’s in-laws actually released the photograph recently as ‘proof’ of the affair. However that would suggest that the dumb bunny Fevola had forwarded the picture to them in the first place.

Well actually, that’s probably the whole story. Save for some unsavory crevasses the merciless jackals that are the Media are still burrowing into. Oh and **Michael Clarke** left a national cricket tour in NZ just to come back and dump Bingle before flying out again. Nice one Mick!

The *Growl* does however in this instance find ourselves in heated agreement with the Nation’s latest moral crusader **Julia Gillard** on the whole taking-nude-photos-of-mistresses-on-your-phone issue – it’s just not cricket man!



Brendon Fevola – controversy...and *dandruff* (left)...have seemingly continued to plague him in the early stages of his Brisbane Lions career.



A picture of a Gastrotrich...a minute aquatic animal with a life span of about 3 days... longer we say than the newsworthiness of the above story!

BINGLE BELLE

*Bingle Belle
 Story smells,
 Clarkey's flown away.
 Oh what fun,
 The Media's begun,
 Since she sold to Woman's Day, HEY!*



Even Rent-an-Opinion **Dermott Brereton** has publicly bought into the murky quagmire that is *Binglegate*...probably to distract viewers from the compelling evidence that he had a *fricken cow* executed for his latest personal wardrobe piece!

LOOK-ALIKES

Can you spot the difference?



A-Grade skipper **Sammy Gibson** seemingly entering his own Time Warp...
"It's just a jump to the left" ...no, the OTHER left, Archie!

LOOK-ALIKES (cont)



English soccer player and lunch-cutter **John Terry** (never trust a man with two first names) and actor **Kevin Spacey**.



Dane Miglerina & Shane Warne – Two “Kings of Spin” – one with a cricket ball, one with a car!



Former Test cricketer **Ian Healy** and shamed and arrested (and quite spooky!) WA cycling coach **Rick Lee**.

THE END. SIX LEGITIMATE DELIVERIES (OVER).