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THE OFFICIAL NIGHTCLIFF CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER

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NCC ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT EDITION!



“THE CHAMPIONS!”

MORE TESTIMONIALS!

“Hard to beat!”

Sam Gibson...holding a frozen egg

“Rising to an even higher plain!”

Alberto Contador

“Salty!”

Adam Liaw (probable Master Chef 2010)

“Moving forward!”

Julia Gillard

“A salad a day keeps the Undertaker away!” **Leon de Marinis**

THE PREZ SAYS...

Well hand me a vuvuzela and watch me trumpet a blaring monotone of happiness! On the Queen's Birthday weekend, the Nightcliff Tigers Premier Grade side was again able to sip from the chalice of Premiership glory in 2010 after they won the **One Day Grand Final** against Palmerston in grand style! Well done to A-Grade Skipper **Sam Gibson** and his charges.

Well done lads and to the whole Club for contributing to the success of our Premier side so far in 2010. There is still plenty of cricket to be played in 2010 and much work to do, but with our A, B, C and D-Grade sides all in the finals mix for 2010 as well as a few Junior sides, the Tigers are gearing up for one mighty assault and battery upon the NT Cricket Finals.

Congratulations to NCC players **Mike Cranmer** (South Australia), **Jeremy Kuru & Doug Bracewell** (Central Districts Stags) for their selection in Squads for the global Champions' League Twenty-20 competition in **South Africa** in September. It would be a phenomenal achievement for any of them to play in this prestigious event and the Tigers to potentially have 3 players playing in such a tournament. I imagine there will still be tens of thousands of vuvuzelas laying around ready to be dusted off for this event.

Don't forget *In2Cricket* starts up again after the school holidays **this Friday** (30 July 210) at **5.30pm at Nightcliff Oval**. As many of you know, this is a wonderful chance for you to get involved with the upcoming kids of Nightcliff cricket, share a drink & a gloriously barbecued sausage and catch up with others around the Club.

Please note we will soon also be commencing our **Nightcliff training nets upgrade**. This will mean that once the new carpet is laid on the training nets, the nets will be out of commission for a few days. However the Committee considers this to be a priority task to complete and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and we will keep you all informed of progress.

Keep smiling, keep left and keep well my loyal subjects - **Eye of the Tiger!**

Alex Krepapas
NCC President



Vuvuzelas...annoying the living suitcase out of people since 1660.

UPCOMING DRAW & DATES –JULY/AUGUST 2010

A GRADE:

Sat 17 & 24 July 2010 vs **TV DINNERS** at THE DEN
 Sat 31 July & 7 August 2010 vs **PINTS OF BEER** at THE DEN
 Sat 14 & 21 August 2010 BYE (BYE LOVE...)
 Sat 28 Aug & 4 Sept 2010 vs **PALM PILOTS** at WOODROFFE

B GRADE:

Sat 17 & 24 July 2010 vs **TV DINNERS** at THE DEATH STAR (TAMBLING TCE)
 Sat 31 July & 7 August 2010 vs **PINTS OF BEER** at BENNY MITCH ARENA (KORMILDA)
 Sat 14 & 21 August 2010 BYE (BYE MISS AMERICAN PIE...)
 Sat 28 Aug & 4 Sept 2010 vs **PALM PILOTS** at THE DEN

C GRADE:

Sat 17 & 24 July 2010 vs **TV DINNERS** at TIWI CARPARK
 Sat 31 July & 7 August 2010 vs **PINTS OF BEER** at MARRARA #2
 Sat 14 & 21 August 2010 vs **SOUTHERN COMFORTS** at THE DEN
 Sat 28 Aug & 4 Sept 2010 vs **PALM READERS** at PALMY HIGH SCHOOL

D GRADE:

Sunday, 25 July 2010 DARWIN SHOW WEEKEND. GO FISH!
 Sunday, 1 August 2010: vs **PINTS OF BEER - DRAVIDIANS** at M#2
 Sunday, 8 August 2010: vs **UNIVERSITY** at THE DEN
 Sunday, 15 August 2010: vs **(CHARLES) DARWIN** at THE DEN
 Sunday, 22 August 2010: vs **TV DINNERS** at THE DEATH STAR (TAMBLING TCE)
 Sunday, 29 August 2010: vs **SOUTHERN COMFORTS** at FREDERICK'S PASS

E GRADE:

Sunday, 25 July 2010 DARWIN SHOW WEEKEND. GO FISH!
 Sunday, 1 August 2010: vs **PALMISTRY** at THE DEN
 Sunday, 8 August 2010: vs **TAH-TAHS** at THE WINDSWEPT PLAINS OF WANGURI
 Sunday, 15 August 2010: vs **NIGHTCLIFF GOLD** at WULAGI PADDOCK
 Sunday, 22 August 2010: vs **SOUTHERN COMFORTS** at THE DEN
 Sunday, 29 August 2010: vs **(CHARLES) DARWIN** at THE DEN
 Sunday, 5 September 2010: vs **UNIVERSITY** at THE DEN

NIGHTCLIFF GOLD E-GRADE (“RALPHY’S REBELS”) - SEE NT CRICKET DRAW!



TIGERS' SCOLLAY ROARS INTO THE BIG TIME!

Nightcliff CC run machine and 2006 NCC Senior Cricketer of the Year **Tom Scollay** has made the cricketing 'big time' within the last month, making his **English County cricket debut for Middlesex** recently in A One-Day game against Bangladesh. Oh and did we mention the game was played at Lords?

Whilst **Scollay** does originally hail from Alice Springs, having spent his formative years playing for the RSL Works team, a series of medical tests conducted within the confines of the Donga a few years ago have since conclusively proven that 22-year-old Tom is a true Tiger and *does* in fact bleed 'Black and Gold'.

Anyway Scollay batted at number 5 and made a fairly inglorious 3 runs, before being given out LBW. One news article of the game described his innings as thus, "*Tom Scollay's first innings for Middlesex was an undistinguished affair which ended with a horrid swing to leg as the chase subsided with 10 overs to spare.*" Ah well, what would *they* know! Our "man on the ground" (man *at* the ground!) **John Tate** described the circumstances as justifying caution (and **Scollay's** bat!) being thrown into the wind, as he went in his side required about 7.3 runs per over at the time, with wickets in hand chasing the Bangers' 301.

Scollay, who captains a local side **Eastcote** (where he is also top run-scorer in 2010), rocketed into the side (as quickly as **Jason Akermanis** rocketed *out* of his!) on the back of a glorious innings of 179 off 186 balls playing for the Middlesex 2nd XI against the Gloucestershire 2nd 11 on June 30. We are sure this is just the beginning of Scollay's foray into cricket at the top level in England.

Scollay was Sired by an English-born fellow, which allows him to play professionally in the UK. Nightcliff currently have our 'best people' on the job to attempt to coax him back to Tigerland sometime later in this Millenium!



Left – Nightcliff's own shining star **Tom Scollay** now making it big in England!
Right – The Bangers' **Imral Kayes** batted like an *absolute madman* once he heard **Scollay** was going to be part of the run chase!

MOON RINGS AND CHICKEN WINGS...

Have you ever wondered why there is sometimes a bright halo or ring around the Moon? It looks a bit like a 'night rainbow' circling the moon.

No? Well I hope you get stumped on it during tonight's **NCC Annual Quiz Night** then!

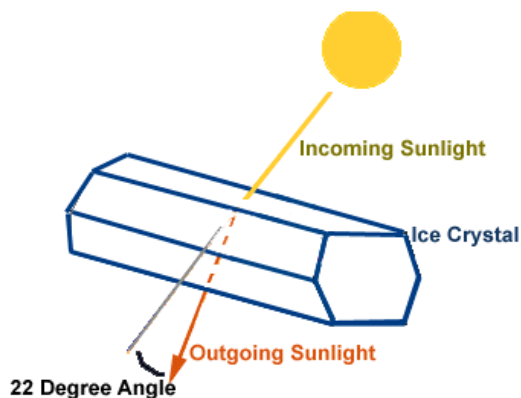
For those who *are* a tiny bit interested, the ring around the moon is caused by the refraction of Moonlight (which is really sunlight) through ice crystals suspended in the upper atmosphere. These ice crystals always have a hexagonal shape, so they always refract light at the same angle. Of course, the atmosphere is filled with crystals, all refracting moonlight off in different directions. But at any moment, a huge number happen to be in just the right position to be refracting light towards your eyes. You just aren't in a position to see all the other refracted light. This is what causes the **Moon halo**.

We see a 'rainbow' because the different colours are refracted at slightly different angles. This is exactly what happens with a rainbow. The moonlight is broken up into its separate colours because they all refract at different angles, and so you see the colours split up like a rainbow.

A moon ring or moon halo will always be roughly the same size – **22-degrees across the sky**. The full moon is half a degree, so the ring around the Moon will encompass an area 44 times bigger than the Moon. This is because the crystals bend the light at a 22-degree angle from their original path.

This is the same principle of why we sometimes see a ring around the Sun. Light is refracted as it passes through the hexagonal prisms of ice crystals associated with thin high-level *cirrus* clouds floating about at about 20,000 feet or more at that precise 22 degrees angle.

These ice crystals refract, or bend, light in the same manner that a camera lens bends light and 'behave' like jewels refracting and reflecting in different directions. The two refractions bend the light by 22 degrees from its original direction, producing a ring of light observed at 22 degrees from the sun or moon.



The moon is beautiful! The beauty and a small part of the science behind moon haloes.



*Moon haloes. Folklore says that the number of stars within a moon halo indicate the number of days before bad weather will arrive. Geez, wonder what the **Darwin Dry season record** of stars within a moon halo is!?*

So what has this stuff got to do with **chicken wings**? Sweet FA Cup to tell the honest truth (like there is there any other kind?), we just liked the headline.

However now we have raised it, below is a handy recipe for a **basic BBQ chicken wings + yummy marinade**, which can be made and stored in the fridge overnight (or for as much time beforehand as possible to allow your ingredients to spiritually bond with each other) to then barbecue or oven bake these babies at your leisure!

MARINATED BBQ CHICKEN WINGS*

* *You can also marinate cut chicken pieces (thigh) in this for chicken satays – remember to soak those satay sticks in cold water for a good few hours before using.*

***12/or 1.2kgs of chicken wings**
2 tablespoons soy sauce, 3 tablespoons barbecue sauce
1/3 cup tomato sauce, 1 tablespoon of honey, 1 tblesppon soft brown sugar
1 tblesppon white vinegar, 1 tblespoon olive oil
1 tblespoon crushed garlic, 1/4 teaspoon Chinese five-spice powder +
a smidgeon of salt and pepper.*

1. Wipe **chicken wings** and pat down with paper towels. Tuck in wings to the underside. Combine all the remaining ingredients in a lrg e bowl and mix well.
2. Add wings to the mix and coat these babies well, Store in the refrigerator for 2 hours or overnight, turning occasionally. Drain chicken and reserve marinade.
3. Pre heat the grill or BBQ. Place wings on a cold lightly-oiled tray. Cook chicken under medium high heat, 6 minutes on each side or until tender and cooked through (no pinky stuff), brushing with reserved marinade several times during cooking.

Serve hot or cold as an appertiser. Yummy! You can also cook in the oven, but preferable to sear on each side first for a 2-3 minutes. Can reheat in the oven, or for 2-3 minutes in a microwave.

“THEY SAID IT” - QUOTABLE QUOTES

<p><i>“I hope it’s not me!”</i></p>	<p>This gem from Tah-Tahs tailender Luke Capper to the NCC ‘keeper (the Incredible Calk) moments before he became forever etched in Nightcliff cricketing history and folklore (and probably 2010 Quiz question) when he became Mark Hatton’s 400th A-Grade wicket for Nightcliff at Gardens Oval in early June 2010.</p>
<p><i>“I felt like Kevin Rudd ... POW! ... and I’m gone.”</i></p>	<p>This from former Bulldog Jason “Bobby Lavender” Akermanis after being sacked by the Western Bulldogs this week for apparent ‘breaches of trust’ that broke the camel’s back. Hope his old mate Sammy “Loose Lips” Newman can spot Aker a small loan until he signs his Gold Coast contract in 2011!</p> <div data-bbox="1003 705 1235 869" data-label="Image"> </div> <p><i>Kevin Rudd did not seem too happy to lose his flash office and car park at Parliament House...</i></p>
<p><i>“We all lose our heads in the heat of the moment...but I don't think he meant to cause the damage that he did. He just lost control of the bat.”</i></p>	<p>Palmerston A-Grade Skipper Alex Bleakley after his fiery all rounder Te Ahu Davis had swung and buried his bat deep into the Kahlin wicket after bludgeoning 86 off 40 balls before being dismissed. The resultant divot actually caused the suspension of play on the first day’s against Darwin! Davis was given a 1 match wholly suspended sentence for his misdeeds, a penalty even more astounding than the act itself!</p>
<p><i>"I feel like Boris Becker."</i></p>	<p>Portugal’s World Cup flop and new father Christiano Ronaldo’s apparent statement to a friend. Story goes our boy had a romp with a penniless US waitress who fell pregnant and Ronaldo has coughed up \$20M and taken the child into his family’s care. A friend of the star said, <i>“They are a traditional Roman Catholic family and the minute paternity was established, there was no doubt he would do the right thing.”</i> What the star’s local priest may have to say about the one-night stand, the contact with the mother through his agent, the DNA test and the \$20 million paid to take a child away from his mother has not yet been documented...</p> <div data-bbox="1008 1495 1230 1671" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Cristiano Ronaldo pointing to the head he perhaps <i>should</i> have been principally thinking with!</p>
<p><i>“Is that a vuvuzela in your pocket, or are you just pleased to see me?”</i></p>	<p>This from Heidi Snell, bride of D-Grade all rounder Anthony Snell to her Beau upon his return from his wacky travels around South Africa & the soccer World Cup.</p>

AROUND TIGERLAND

GRADE REPORTS

BILL PASSMORE & ASSOCIATES - SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

	A	B	C	D	E	W	TOTAL
Nightcliff	330	250	193	92	12	0	877
Tracy Village	242	150	112	28	46	40	619
Palmerston	274	123	132	54	13	0	596
Sthn Districts	210	79	197	28	40	30	584
Darwin	230	139	151	36	24	0	579
Pint	160	123	134	46	37	0	500
Waratah	80	72	91	56	4	30	333
University	0	0	176	24	14	0	214
Jabiru	0	0	0	40	0	0	40

The Tigers currently lead the Club Championships and are a sneaky, sneaky chance to win it for the first time since about **1983**...the year when **Bob Hawke** became Prime Minister of Australia, **Essendon FC** was a *VFL* superpower, Nintendo first went on sale in Japan, Australia won the America's Cup (remember John Bertrand, 'Bondy' and the Men At Work hit song (well 95% of it anyway) *Down Under*...and being 'gay' just meant you were extremely happy!

A-GRADE

Well what a month of cricket for these guys! Since the start of June 2010 Sam Gibson's A-Team has won the One Day Grand Final against Palmerston (**Doug Bracewell** starring in the final), they have regained the **Norm Yeend Cup** by cleaning up Tah-Tahs like a Mob crime scene and they have taken first place on the DDCA Ladder with three rounds to go.

This round the Tigers were in a Titanic struggle with TV Dinners for the **Graeme Flesfladar Cup** and were well defending their 326 made Saturday week ago with the heat really being applied to TV Dinners, who were 5-90 early on Day 2. Taslisman Jono Devine has been the wrecker in the second week to date with 4 wickets, with fastman **Jeremy Kuru** claiming an early scalp in what may well be his last game for the Tigers in 2010 as he soon departs in his quest to make the Central Districts Stags touring squad for the Champions' League in South Africa.

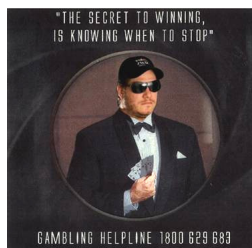
In the first innings, '*the Incredible Calk*' **Marc Calkin** continued his 2010 renaissance with a powerful century, ably supported by that man **Jeremy Kuru** with a free-wheeling 50 and Tigers champion **Mark Hatton** with an equally impressive 40 to assist the Tigers to post a competitive score. Go you good things, bring home the (Kevin) bacon!



ODD SOCKS

THE NCC COMMITTEE FINANCIAL TIP OF THE WEEK

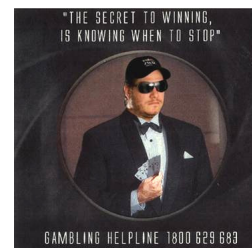
Never lend your car to a Formula One driver...particularly one sponsored by Red Bull.



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!)



\$50.00 on Wstrn Bulldogs at 16pts+ (\$1.65) v Freo and Adelaide (v Port)(\$1.28) (at \$2.11) = \$105.50

GROWL 2010 BALANCE TO DATE: +\$205.50

Well the *Growl* almost pulled off the World Cup trifecta with Group toppers **Argentina** and **Spain** doing their bit, but a stuttering **England** missed out oh-so-narrowly on top when the USA goaled in about the 92nd minute of their final group match against Slovenia. **Spain** did win the whole thing amidst great rejoicing from *Growl* staffers who backed them, to mark a new golden age of World soccer. The **Spaniards** not only became only the eighth winner of the World Cup, but also the dual holders of the World Cup and the Euro Cup, having triumphed in that as well in 2008.

And so back in the Land of Oz, we might head right back to our own brilliant national game, Australian Rules. Plus we were way too afraid to put money on **Pakistan** to win the 2nd Test, even at ridiculously attractive odds of **\$1.52** when they were seemingly in total control of the Test on 3-148 in reply to Australia's Bingo score of 88. Those Pakis are as dodgy as a home-brand space shuttle!

The AFL landscape has certainly changed over the last month, with **Richmond** actually kicking sand into other team's faces, **Carlton** falling away drastically (*sniff*) and the **Bombers** nose-diving so badly that they are now almost favourites for the Wooden Spoon! So sifting through the pickings for Round 17, we have plucked out an **Aker-less Western Bulldogs to win over Fremantle** to momentarily secure a top-4 spot, and for a confident **Adelaide** to continue **Port Adelaide's** misery in Showdown DCLXXVIII (or whatever) this weekend in Adelaide, the city that never sleeps over...



*The **Essendon Bombers'** season has nose-dived after pockets of promise were offered earlier in 2010. Thank Hird for **Port Adelaide** and the **West Coast Coolers!***

CONGRATULATIONS MARK HATTON ON 400 WICKETS IN NT CRICKET A-GRADE FOR THE MIGHTY TIGERS!



Mark Hatton –a dead-set ornament of Nightcliff cricket!

Left – Mark bowling his way to 6-70 in the Tigers’ 2008 Semi Final loss to PINTS of beer.

Middle (and on the left) – Yep, we reckon he is pretty Speeeecial!

Right – The Brothers three...Tigers’ Marky-Mark, with Jason & Brad Hatton. More A-Grade scalps between them than an Apache Indian and more runs than a homebrand stocking!



THE 2010 FIFA WORLD CUP AT A GLANCE



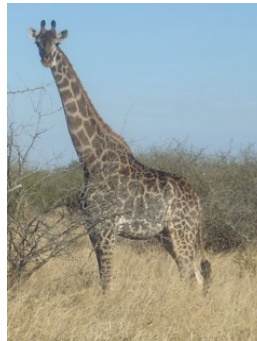
*In the end, a gloriously talented **Spain** ensured their new reign would ignite celebrations in the centre of **Madrid**, which became a sea of red and gold as huge crowds poured on to the streets to celebrate **Spain's** World Cup final nail-biting 1-0 extra-time win over the **Netherlands**. In doing so Spain became only the eighth winner of the World Cup, joining the illustrious ranks of Brazil, Argentina, Italy, Germany (West Germany), Uruguay, France and of course England. But the Cup was a tremendous deal more than just the Final result, with many nations transcending upon and immersing themselves in their proud and accommodating host **South Africa's** fine culture and country. Here are some of the bits and bobs' from a tremendous World Cup, African style!*

1. Our ANZAC brothers **New Zealand** – the **only** one of 32 World Cup team who went through undefeated. Well done to the All Whites!
2. **It was compelling viewing to watch Italy losing 3-2 to Slovakia and getting knocked out in the first phase of the World Cup.** Pure Gold! And **France** completely “eating its own head” and in the process were trashed in Group A without a win. In 2006 Italy and France met in the World Cup Final...in 2010 in South Africa, they met at the airport!
3. **Vuvuzelas** – amusing for a brief few minutes, then bleeding annoying for the rest of eternity. Apologies to **Barbara Hatton**, as a vuvuzela was brought back from South Africa for her hubby **Jason Hatton**, but 3 year old daughter **Charlotte Hatton** has already taken quite a liking to it.



4. **Ah Mother England!** Another Shakespearean tragedy of a World Cup for them, with the bitterest of pills to swallow in the Round 16 game, where the rampant Germans sliced them up like a **Master Chef** entrée to the tune of 4-1. At least they copped a ‘howler’ of a refereeing decision with a disallowed goal to **Frank Lampard** in the first half (when trailing 2-1) to whinge about and speculate ‘*what if*’ for 4 more years! For the rest of us, this only adds to the humour of their demise. Unfortunately for **Andy Murray**, the Poms were jettisoned from the Cup well before he was ejected from **Wimbledon**, so the Media had time to turn on him and vilify him upon his exit!

5. **Siphiwe Tshabalala's goal against Mexico.** Can you imagine the suspense? South Africa was awarded the World Cup in 2010, had it "taken away" more times than anyone cares to remember, then a goal six years in the making flew off the left boot of the dreadlocked Tshabalala, who comes from down the road in Soweto. Priceless.
6. **The African Dream!** Wonderful dream come true with South Africa hosting, draw first game, then the *Bafana Bafana* was smashed by Uruguay 3-0 after a thrilling draw with Mexico in the Cup opener, unified African support (black and white) shifts to Ghana, who tragically bowed out at the Quarter Final stage against Uruguay (again!) after star player Agyemang Adoo missed a penalty in the last minute of extra time (the 120th minute of the game) to break the deadlock and win the game before Ghana imploded in the ensuing penalty shootout. "Waka Waka" indeed!



Spain v Portugal Round 16 clash. There's **Christiano Ronaldo** in the bottom right corner of the **left picture** (#7 in white) getting *really* involved in the game with Spain about to take a corner... and **right, Ronaldo again** partying with some Spain fans afterwards!

LOOK-ALIKES

Can you spot the difference?



2010 World Cuppers Spain skipper & Barcelona star **Carlos Puyol** & Queen rocker/guitarist **Brian May**.



Netherlands striker **Dirk “Go fly your” Kuyt** had a good old sook after the World Cup final loss to **Spain** when he said, *”We are angry because we were so close. The referee was slightly more for them than for us. That ultimately cost us the cup.”*



Jason Akermanis = old news! His gosling was cooked 6 weeks ago when the Bulldogs first stood him down.

THE END. SIX LEGITIMATE DELIVERIES (OVER!).