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THE GROWL

THE OFFICIAL NIGHTCLIFF CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER

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“BREAKING THROUGH!”

MORE TESTIMONIALS!

“Don’t flee Australia without it!”

J.De Terte

“Unbeatable!”

J.Fryar

“Scandalously good!”

Mazhar Majeed*

**(Oh and the word ‘once’ will appear as the 4th word of the President’s Report...sshhh!)*

“Finals are like a roast pumpkin salad with a balsamic glaze!” **Leon de Marinis**

THE PREZ SAYS...

As **Gough Whitlam** once had uttered on his behalf, *“It’s Time!”*

Time to take out the trash! Nah, just kidding, just reminding myself of my own domestic obligations there. It is time to cash in on the great work of this whole Club in 2010, right from **Nigel Couzens** as Senior Coach, through to all sides who have competed so well in 2010.

We have **four senior sides** in the 2010 Finals this weekend (not to mention four junior sides as well! Oh sh*t...I mentioned it!) and each with their own destiny firmly placed in their own hands. Well done to our **two E-Grade Skippers Graham ‘G-Train’ Tribe** and **Colin ‘the Magazine’ Ralph** for all their hard work in 2010, which saw many juniors and returning seniors have a red-hot go playing for the Mighty Tigers in 2010.

Congratulations to **Sammy Gibson’s** A-Grade team, which won the Team of the Year at the recently held Nightcliff Sports Club 2010 Sports Awards. This was a fantastic gala evening at the Nightcliff Sports Club and the NSC crew ably led by **Sue Heenan** did a fantastic job setting up the place and coordinating the event.

Well in closing I would also like to wish my good buddy **Mark Hatton** all the very best, as this is his final A-Grade season, which will hopefully see him do a **‘Brett Kirk’** and playing in two pulsating Finals in 2010. Also grab a pencil, pen, crayon or even an old piece of charcoal and whack **Sunday, 19th September** 2010 in your diaries, as the whole Club will be getting together at the Nightcliff Sports Club, hopefully after witnessing many Grand Finals (and a fricken **Premiership!**), catching up with **Mark Hatton** and also with players like **Marc Calkin**, who has been quite fantastic for our Club for two seasons. Marc and his beautiful family will be moving on to windy Wellington shortly – so come and farewell him as well!

All the very best to all of us this weekend, look after yourselves and prepare physically and mentally for some exciting Finals action - **Eye of the Tiger, my loyal subjects!**

Alex Krepapas
NCC President



The coveted signature of **Michael “Les” Cranmer**...hey, I’m just getting in early before the kid becomes a dead-set Aussie superstar! **E-Bay here I come!**

UPCOMING DRAW & DATES –SEPTEMBER 2010

A GRADE:

Sat 11 & 12 September 2010 vs **PINTS OF BEER** at **MARRARA #1**
(SEMI FINAL)
Sat 18 & 19 September 2010 **GRAND FINAL WEEKEND!**

B GRADE:

Sat 11 & 12 September 2010 vs **(CHARLES) DARWIN** at **NIGHTCLIFF OVAL**
(SEMI FINAL)
Sat 18 & 19 September 2010 **GRAND FINAL WEEKEND!**

C GRADE:

Sat 11 & 12 September 2010 vs **PINTS OF VB GOLD** at **BENNY MITCH OVAL**
(KORMILDA) (SEMI FINAL)
Sat 18 & 19 September 2010 **GRAND FINAL WEEKEND!**

D GRADE:

Sunday 12 September 2010 vs **TAH-TAHS WHITE** at **M#2** - SEMI FINAL
Sunday 19 September 2010 **GRAND FINAL WEEKEND!**

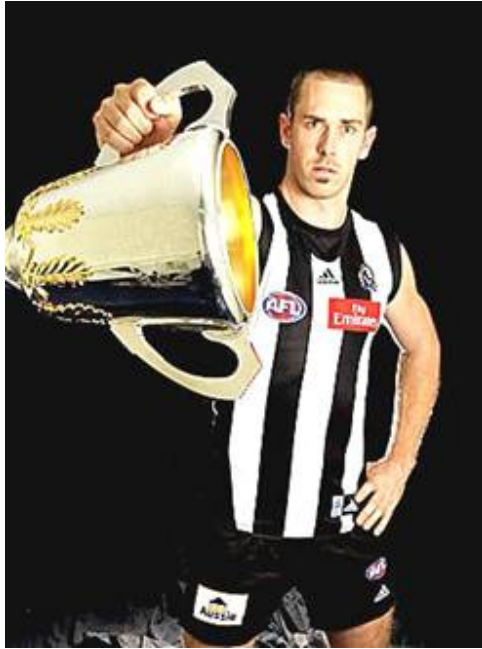


OTHER KEY EVENT DATES

1. **Wednesday, 15 September 2010 – DDCA Senior Presentation Night** at the PINT Club, \$20.00 a head. Wear your **Club shirt and pants, jeans or dress shorts.**
2. **Sunday, 19 September 2010** from about 7pm – **NCC 2010 SEASON AFTER PARTY – NIGHTCLIFF SPORTS CLUB** – come and celebrate and/or commiserate with your teammates and also “send off” *‘the Incredible Calk’* **Marc Calkin** back to NZ and celebrate the stellar Tigers’ A-Grade career of **Mark Hatton.**
3. **Monday, 20 September 2010 – MORE MADNESS** at the **NIGHTCLIFF SPORTS CLUB.** Plus help out for up to an hour with some pitch works with Bobby Saunders. Then back to the Pub!
4. **Friday, 1 October 2010** from (say) **7.30pm – SENIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT** – at the **NIGHTCLIFF SPORTS CLUB.** Come one come all and help the Tigers celebrate what has been a fantastic 2010 Season!

We pause for this urgent *Growl* and Crime stoppers announcement...

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN?



Collingwood's Nick Maxwell with the AFL Premiership Cup...no ransom demands have been received by Police yet, but if anyone has seen this man and the cherished Cup, *do not approach him* in his clearly unstable state of desperation, but please instead contact **Crime stoppers on 1800 333 000**.

(THE OTHER) CUZ FAREWELLED



"Hands up if you're ready to party?" Ben Cousins after his last AFL game on Sunday, 29 August 2010...apparently the farewell party is still going as at the time of printing!

COME IN SPINNER!

How's the view from that glass house, Warney?

Aussie cricketing legend **Shane Warne** has gone onto the front foot and implored cricketing governing body the ICC to act decisively and ban any cricketer (Pakistani or otherwise) '*for life*' who has taken money to fix a cricket match.

Well that's all well and good, and as a basic premise the *Growth* does not oppose this stance, after due consideration of the seriousness of any proved offence(s).

However Shane Warne, weren't you (and equally dumb bunny **Mark Waugh**) the two who were found guilty of actually accepting money from "**John the Bookmaker**" (any relation to '**Joe the Cameraman**', Warney?) to provide information to him over a period of about a year on the 'weather and the pitch' of cricket games you played in around 1994-95 for his book making practice? And you guys once found out and penalised received as a penalty....*a fine* wasn't it?

Let's for a moment put aside any issues of proportionality in sentencing and the sizeable lack of credibility generally about your account given about what *actually* happened. And let's also duly note your insistence that you only gave information about the pitch and weather and not about other team-related matters and that you never took money to fix any cricket games.


But even considering all that, do you *really* think you are the best bloke on the face of our Earth to be passing comment on this issue? **No, we don't either.** Next thing we know you'll be publicly handing out marital advice or tips on how to age gracefully!

As an aside, former Aussie PM **Bob Hawke** has since come out and said that Warne should focus on doing whatever job he's doing, instead of drinking beer and womanising...and former English skipper **Kevin Peterson** has said Warney should really take the time to think before making any public comment...



Shane Warne...happy to catch up for a chat about cricket (or hair growth and/or teeth-whitening products), or just talk about the weather...if the price is right!

“THEY SAID IT” - QUOTABLE QUOTES

<p><i>“Am I there yet?”</i></p>	<p>D-Mob superstar Chris ‘Birdman’ Parker batting in the last round match against Southern & Coke. He scored 77, needing only 47 to take out the D-Grade batting Award after Messrs Krepapas and J.Hatton had not taken their chances to sew up the Award earlier.</p> <p>As it turned out his greatest danger became the batting ‘hurricane’ up the other end in Johnny Fryar, who bludgeoned 111 off about 70 balls, falling 25 runs shy of Parker in the end as they combined for a 170-odd run partnership!</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Johnny Fryar (111) was in a very destructive mood last game!</p>
<p><i>“That’s an advantage for us, him working for England.”</i></p>	<p>A bit rough...but this from Shane Warne taking another pot shot at his old mate John Buchanan after the latter’s defection to the Old Enemy ahead of the upcoming Ashes series in Oz! Should be quite a spicy Ashes series!</p>
<p><i>“Who’s coming with me?”</i></p>	<p>David ‘Jerry Maguire’ Tollner was rolled like a joint at a Jamaican tea party last week after challenging Terry Mills for leadership of the CLP. Tollner fell <i>slightly</i> short in his takeover bid...er, only one CLP-er other than himself actually voted for him! And <i>then</i> he got his tail soundly whipped and was grabbed by the ear and herded off to the back benches!</p>
<p><i>“So had a good day, have we?”</i></p>	<p>These words were uttered to Palmy fireball Te Ahu Davis amidst his physical & verbal tirade directed at anyone wearing a Tigers’ shirt, as the Tigers took control on Day 1. Davis even came into contention for the 2010 <i>Tool of the Year</i> Award, after a classic display of petulance and dummy-spitting throughout the day. Davis gave the Umpire a spray that would have made a Hell’s Angels bokie cry after being given out. He then proceeded to hurl bouncers & abuse at everyone and chalked up 20 no-balls to assist the Tigers to 3-160 overnight in pursuit of Palmy’s 162.</p> <p>It is unknown whether Mazhar Majeed had any ‘interest’ in this game at all... (“...Davis will bowl a no-ball with his 2nd ball of his 2nd over...and the 3rd ball...and 5th ball...and 6th ball...”).</p>
<p><i>“You just lost us the game!”</i></p>	<p>This one from the ‘Big Hairy Cat’ Cameron Mooney to the Umpire, after a last-minute goal by Geelong was disallowed after Mooney had driven a St Kilda player firmly into the Earth. Move on Cats and thump the Pies in a Prelim! <i>Pretty Please!</i></p>

AROUND TIGERLAND

GRADE REPORTS

With four senior teams and four junior teams in the 2010 DDCA finals, it has been a fantastic Season for the Tigers and a credit to all players at the Club as well as Senior Coach **Nigel Couzens**. But it was our two E-Grade sides (Don't we just love saying that!) which took the limelight last weekend with all other Nightcliff games washed out, with two very encouraging efforts from Ralphy's Rebels (**Nightcliff Gold**) and Tribe Mob (**Es Original crisps**) to finish off their seasons.

E-GRADE ORIGINAL

After snow was visible on the Nightcliff wicket at about 10.00am, the game was hastily moved to the picturesque Wanguri Oval...rumour has it the whole move was staged and a home game was sacrificed so that skipper **Tribe** would be so busy organizing his troops to move grounds that he would not be present for the toss! The move worked a treat and the 'Galloping Gaz-manian' **Garry Stevens** stepped up to spin the coin, actually won the toss and the E-Streeters batted. Batting around sound efforts from **Matt Vaughan** early and a cameo from father-of-the-Year nominee **Kurt Edwards**, **Adam 'Danny' Glover** relished the opportunity for some time in Middle Earth and blazed a stylish unbeaten 109 to anchor the innings. **Garry 'Come in Spinner!' Stevens** came back to bludgeon 24 quick fire runs as the side carded a respectable 6/210.

The other guys did not reach this total (7/183) largely due to the efforts of our glittering stars (**K.Edwards** 2/16, **A.Glover** 2/31, **Gazman**, **Stuart Kenny** and **Steve McAleer** a scalp each) and there was great rejoicing, with a fine win to end the season and the prized scalp of a 2010 finals side to take with them, well done lads!

E-GRADE – NIGHTCLIFF GOLD

A new look Nightcliff Gold outfit ventured to the Death Star on Sunday to taken on the top side. After identifying the importance of the toss, skipper **Ralph** promptly lost it and Gold took to the field. Despite some gallant efforts from Messrs **Ward**, **Sheehan** (who snared an LBW first ball), **James**, **Auckram**, **Bhatti** (who took 4/57 of 8 action-packed overs!) and co, the TV Dinners got the better of the bowling attack for 338 runs, with some flat-track bully called J.Conroy finishing on 147no.

But these gallant Golden Eyes would not be denied and within the air conditioned walls of their four-bed roomed apartment change room, our heroes were determined to bat out their 40 overs to end the Season on a high note. And aided by **Cameron James** (27 runs) and a handy knock from the Skipper **Ralph** (26 runs and an opening partnership with **Bhatti** lasting 18 overs), young **James Tate** starred with the bat with a polished **48 not out**, to ensure 40 overs were batted (and bowled and fielded) as the Tigers reached 8/138 at the close of their innings. Well done you lads and congratulations on a fighting season 2010!



Colin Ralph (left) and **Graham Tribe**...two Skippers who can both be well proud of their efforts in 2010!

NEW WORDS

The *Growl* staff was recently musing to ourselves (as we often do) about how much fun one can have with the English language. We decided that too much was not enough (whatever *that* means) and that it was time to add *even more* words to the bag of magic tricks that is the English language by making up some of our own words...

“*Cam-plaign*”

A hopefully now much less popular Australian political election tactic, where the sole purpose is to pull a veil over your own woefully inadequate policies by publically pouring as much vitriol, scorn, ridicule and vilification upon the opposing political party instead!

‘Hey, if you think I’m pretty awful, he/she will be much worse!’



Gillard and Abbott...does anyone even remember their *own* campaigns from the 2010 Federal Election?

“*Mon-daze*”

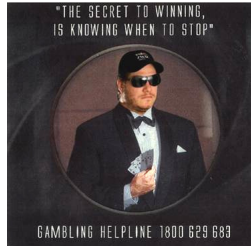
That numbing sensation a Nightcliff cricketer may experience the day immediately after celebrations and/or commiserations undertaken on **Sunday, 19 September 2010**, (starting) at the **Nightcliff Sports Club** which are expected to go long into the night!



Sunday, 19 September 2010 at the **Nightcliff Sports Club**. Yep...it’s gonna be big!

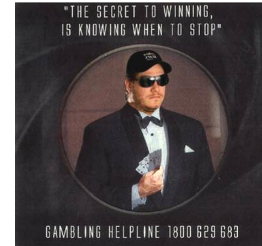
ODD SOCKS**THE NCC COMMITTEE FINANCIAL TIP OF THE WEEK**

Avoid lending your Gold card or your vehicle to a freedom fighter.

**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!)



\$100 on Geelong to sink the Dockers by +24 pts (\$1.50) = \$150.00

GROWL 2010 PROFIT/LOSS TO DATE:

+\$201.00

Phew, well *that* was possibly the hardest-earned \$55.00 profit in punting history! After two excruciatingly long weeks of discussions between the two major parties and the three Independents who held the political world in their hands, **Julia Gillard** has finally been able to strut up to the GG's residence and ask her permission to form a Government. Great work!

So after such a lengthy convoluted process, we have decided to simplify this month's punt and go back to the kaleidoscopic vagaries of the oval balled game we all know and love as AFL. We are now into the second week of the Finals, with **Geelong** and **Fremantle** to do battle at Jihad Stadium Friday Night and the battle-weary **Western Bulldogs** to confront a resurgent **Sydney Swans** at the MCG on Saturday night.

Hmm, tough. Maybe we will head back to politics...nah just kidding folks! Whilst we think the **Bulldogs** will lift themselves off the canvas and beat **Sydney**, we would not place money on that. However we *are* quite bullish that the mighty **Geelong** Cats will be able to sufficiently tear into a gallant **Fremantle** outfit and assert themselves as a genuine premiership threat once again. Plus we *really* want to see what they do to a now ridiculously cocky **Collywobbles** outfit in a Prelim Final the week after! So whilst we would usually be reluctant to place a margin wager in an AFL Final, we will take our Election \$\$ and place \$100 on **Geelong winning this game by more than 24 points**.



Tony Abbott listening to the lengthy speech of pivotal Independent **Rob Oakeshott** to announce his decision... the poor guy could barely move his lips after two solid weeks of arse kissing!

JOKE

Two Nuns, **Sister Catherine** and **Sister Helen**, are travelling through Europe in their car. They get to **Transylvania** and are stopped at a traffic light. Suddenly, out of nowhere, a tiny little **Dracula** jumps onto the bonnet of the car and hisses through the windshield!

“*Quick, quick!*” shouts Sister Catherine. “*What shall we do?*” “*Turn the windshield wipers on. That will get rid of the abomination,*” says Sister Helen. Sister Catherine switches them on, knocking Dracula about, but he clings on and continues hissing at the nuns.

“*What shall I do now?*” she shouts. “*Switch on the windshield washer. I filled it up with Holy Water at the Vatican.*” says Sister Helen. Sister Catherine turns on the windshield washer. Dracula screams as the water burns his skin, but he clings on and continues hissing at the nuns.

“*Now what?*” shouts Sister Catherine. “*Show him your cross,*” says Sister Helen.

“*NOW you're talking!*” says Sister Catherine.

So she opens the window and shouts out, “*GET THE F*CK OFF THE WINDSHIELD, YOU BLOODSUCKING F*CK!*”



MUST LOVE (BULL)DOGS



We're not quite sure which is the bigger story...Bulldogs star **Brad Johnston** announcing his retirement days after the **Bulldogs** were deep fried by the **Collywobbles**...
 ...or **Ryan Griffin** (*far left*) spotted walking off the MCG with some kind of poodle strapped to his injured leg by Medical staff. Animal activists will surely be outraged!

GROWL 2010 TOOL OF THE YEAR CLASSIC FINALE!

Well it was a thrilling conclusion to this award, which went down to the very last minute of the last Round of Darwin cricket in 2010.

And that was amidst the story breaking of Granny-lover **Wayne Rooney** hiring prostitutes whilst his childhood sweetheart, now wife was pregnant with their first child. Nice one Wayne!

First we had **Mark Latham** (*Public stalking of PM*), **Te Ahu Davis** (*Pitch destruction without a Mining lease and half-day tantrum/no-ball frenzy*) and **Kym Lawrence** (*mummified NT News appearance*) each put in strong bids for the 2010 title. Then Lawrence (as the alleged puppeteer of the stand-in Tah-Tahs skipper **Ryan Green**) topped up his 2010 bid with a bizarre declaration against PINTS of Lager, when with youngster **Brad Schmullion** 50 not out, he attempted to prematurely self-ethanized Tah-Tahs wretched 2010 Season by declaring 4-down in the 2nd innings whilst only 39 runs ahead. Luckily the heavens immediately opened, cleansing Tah-Tahs misery and bringing the game to an end.

And finally TV Dinners' **Matt Cavenagh** swooped like Kiwi in the 1983 Melbourne Cup to make a final desperate lunge at the line with his efforts over the last week by:

1. Using up a plethora of spare time to go over all the 2010 statistics to double check their accuracy (feel free to subscribe to www.getafrickenlifeman.com man!) before he then;
2. Exerted his considerable influence at the Death Star on the Saturday to at the very least persuade the officiating Umpire at TV Dinners' B-Grade game to *not* abandon the day's play, which the Umpire and both skippers had apparently been minded to do at that time.



“**Join me!**” Amidst black clouds and a damp outfield, TV Dinners President **Matt Cavenagh** reportedly ‘strongly encouraged’ his own B-Grade side and the Umpire back out onto the field to finish off their game. Reports from the ground were that the TV Dinners’ opening bats actually took to the field in gum boots!

And the winner is...

Despite the best efforts of Messrs. **Latham**, **Lawrence** and **Davis** - for exercising Jedi mind powers over an NT Cricket Official (not to mention Southern & Cokes + his own team’s skippers) for his own Evil motives, **Matthew Cavenagh**, you are the **2010 Growl Tool of the Year!**

LOOK-ALIKES

Can you spot the difference?



Wrecker! Test Cricket-bound NCC cult hero **Mikey Cranmer** totally *destroyed* the Palmy CC's line up last round!



This one was provided by outgoing Tigers' A-Grade legend **Mark Hatton** - D-Grade bowling merchant (and his brother) **Brad Hatton** (left) and Federal Minister **Christopher Pyne**...



Well...after seeing the above, the *Growl* thought they'd have a go as well!
Christopher Pyne again (*left*) and 'Shooter' **McGavin** from cult movie *Happy Gilmore*.

THE END. SIX LEGITIMATE DELIVERIES (OVER!).