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# THE GROWL's NCC PLAYER AUCTION FORMGUIDE

*Sunday, 25 April 2010 @ 6.30pm.*



***“GIVING YOU THE GOOD OIL!”***

**WHERE:** *Nightcliff Sports Club*

**WHEN:** *Sunday, 25 April 2010 at 6.30pm*  
*Lest we Forget that Monday is a public holiday!*

**COST:** *\$5.00 (cocktail nibbles provided)*



## NCC 2010 PLAYER AUCTION FORM GUIDE!

*Everything you need to know and more (or less) ...*



In 2009 the Nightcliff Cricketer of the Year turned out to be an epic battle between NZ Maestro **Marc “the Incredible Calk” Calkin** and Sean “**Blowtorch**” **Kenny**, with a measly 4 points (less than half a catch!) separating them in the end, with Marc taking the chocolates.

All-rounder **Bryan “Thousand” Miles** had a stellar 2009 season to romp in for Third place. The **2009 Duck Award** (worth about \$150 last year) was shared between talented Nightcliff child prodigy **James Dix** and part-time philosopher **Brion Foley**, who both carded a phenomenal 7 ducks apiece.

The *Growl* correctly predicted at the start of last season that Sean Kenny would finish in 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and also tipped the *Incredible Calk* to finish 3<sup>rd</sup>. The *Growl*’s top pick **Robbie Shaw** was unfortunately injured early in 2009 (after showing quite a bit of promise) and was posted back to New Zealand shortly thereafter.

In 2010 we have already seen moves made in Round 1 with **Bobby Lavender** (60 runs, 2 catches, a stumping and a run-out) and **Marky-Mark Hatton** (5-18) surging towards the lead, with a couple of sneaky **Foleys** positioned right up at their flanks. **Tommy** bludgeoned a match-winning 58 not out to send Tah-Tahs into a tail-spin (and frantically off to E-Bay looking for a new side) and **Brion** travelled out to Jabiru and took a 3-for, chalking up 31 runs and taking two catches – one during the game and one on the bus trip home after copping a projectile from an unnamed Club President...

The **points format** for the Cricketer of the Year, as obviously designed by a batsman, is as follows:

1 run	= 1 point
1 (unassisted) wicket	= 15 points ( <i>should be 20 points</i> ) – bowled, LBW
1 (assisted) wicket	= 10 points ( <i>should be 15 points</i> ) – caught, stumped
A catch	= 10 points
Stumping	= 10 points
Run-out	= 10 points ( <i>points split if more than one involved in the run out</i> ).



**BRAD HATTON:**

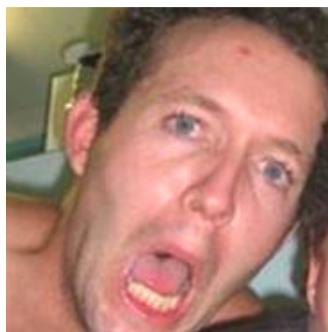
Freshened up after finishing up his stellar A-Grade career in 2009, Brad has already played the first of many D-Grade games in 2010. He'll be harder to hold out than Swine Flu in a Mexican Crèche. Possibly one of the buys of 2010 and on the proviso he plays most games this year. **Do your research first though**, as he may still be under House Arrest following the aftermath of the Jabiru trip in Round 1! If he can be freed in time, he is the *Growl's* each way bet of 2010.



**Brad Hatton** – a cricketing work of art, back with a vengeance playing in the NCC after party that is D-Grade!

**SAM GIBSON:**

Has trained the house down since January 2010 with one of the strongest pre-seasons at the Club (with the possible exception of **Maximilian Tippett**). He's faced about 50,000 balls from the bowling machine (some of them even blind-folded!) and has been engaging in other age-old training techniques such as dragging heavy furniture all around town. Ready to explode like an Icelandic volcano!



'Archie' **Gibson** - set to make some big noises in 2010!

**BOB LAVENDER:**

Reigning NCC '*Golden Gloves*' winner and probably already **leading** the NCC Cricketer of the Year after Round 1 with a solid 60 runs and 2 catches, a stumping and a run out. Already off and running like an Iraqi Dictator – catch him if you can!

**ALEX KREPAPAS:**

Our temperamental President has kicked off the Season opening the batting in D-Grade and is certainly hard to keep out of the game, so should give backers a good sight for their \$\$\$. A good clean hitter or the ball who can accumulate runs in a hurry and still holds the record for the highest Nightcliff cricket score (102 no) scored east of the Bark Hut!



Alex Krepapas – Matthew Lloyd has already placed an opening bid of \$10 on him!

**MARC CALKIN:**

The ‘*Incredible Calk*’ was a dead-set danger to society in 2009, particularly those living in surrounding houses whenever he went out to bat. He is keener than Jennifer Hawkins’ Masseur in 2010 and will defend his 2009 NCC Cricketer of the Year trophy as if it was made of beer. The one they all have to catch!



Nightcliff residents won’t leave their houses without helmets on when Marc is on the park!

**JEREMY KURU:**

A real speed merchant (with the ball man, he doesn’t do that kind of sh\*t!) who will rack up quite a body count as he settles into his rhythm, particularly when this part of the Earth begins to cool. Very handy lower order slapper as well and should rack up the points in a hurry in 2010.



Jeremy Kuru – tipped to go faster than last week’s pay in 2010!

**MICHAEL BEST:**

Money cannot buy you the wealth of cricketing smarts this supreme athlete still possesses. Canny with both bat & ball and in pristine condition. Ignore him at your own peril. A perennial top-10 chance, Besty will be right on the money like **Scrooge McDuck** in 2010.

**KYLE MACKENZIE:**

Could be a real breakthrough year for this prodigious young talent. He's as cool as a (frozen) cucumber and as long as he eats his greens & keeps left, he is sure to figure prominently in the Tigers' 2010 campaign. Was almost charged with 'Loitering with Intent' after spending so much time at the crease in both senior and junior cricket in 2009!

**JAMES DE TERTE:**

Looking to plunder Darwin's shores in 2010 on the back of another very consistent year in NZ. 'DT' showed he had brought this solid form back over in his hand luggage with a sublime 56 in Round 1. Hey man, if we Aussies can claim **Phar Lap** & **Russell Crowe** (that is *before* he started whacking people with phones!), then **de Terte** is already ours!



**Local hope James de Terte** – primed like an **Outback Jack**'s porterhouse steak for a very large 2010!

**MANISH BHATNAGER:**

Feisty pocket-rocket who can put together big runs consistently enough that when coupled with a few catches snaffled in those pretty-in-pink keeper's gloves, he's surely an outside chance at finishing in the money.



**Manish Bhatnager** – has reportedly turned down Bollywood *millions* to take the field for Nightcliff in 2010.

**BRYAN MILES:**

"*Thousand*" Miles hit the ground running like **Usain Bolt** in 2009 and scorched the field to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2009. He is reportedly looking just as good in 2010 and is ready to fire like a Victorian Policeman! Always a dangerous customer, he looked a million bucks in the Pre-Season *Ashes* match and is another who can cause collateral damage with both bat and ball – is every chance to finish on the Podium again.

**JASON BREMNER:**

Rumoured to have appointed himself as his own personal coach for an undisclosed cash sum, *Supercoach* is a sublime batting and keeping talent who simply cannot be kept out of the action. Master of his own destiny in 2010 with the ability to truly enslave the opposition. Watch for shifty men in overcoats and large briefcases when the bidding starts!



**Jason Bremner**...many a bowler in 2010 will be pretty darn relieved to see the back of him!

**BEN MITCHELL:**

Nightcliff's own **Harry Potter** is capable of influencing a game with his wizardry with bat or ball. Could easily forge his way towards the pointy end of the leaderboard in 2010. Has the B-Grade skip on speed dial - if he knows a good surgeon to remove the ball from the skipper's hands during pivotal stages, he's certainly a sneaky place chance.

**BRION FOLEY:**

All-rounder and 2<sup>nd</sup> place-getter in 2008 NCC Cricketer of the Year. Already in the leading pack with a handy three-for, 31 runs and two catches (one on the bus back involving a full coke can!) in Nightcliff D-Grade's emphatic win against the Big Birds at Jabiru. Sure to be right around the mark in 2010.



**Brion Foley** – don't be expecting him to go for a song after a stellar Round 1!

**SIVANDHER SINGH:**

Has already started to bankroll his 2010 season with some early wickets runs, Singh is another who can post some good numbers with bat and ball. Certainly one to watch and he will give a good sight. Will be harder to hold out than **King Kong** at the business end of the season. Not the worst thing you will spend money on tonight by a long shot!

**TOM FOLEY:**

A classy unit looking for big runs in 2010, whetting his appetite with a match-winning unbeaten 58 in Round 1 against the **Tah-Tah Lizards**. Can do some serious damage in a big hurry, as evidenced by his brutal 196 against Palmerston Cs in 2008. Dismiss him at your own peril!



**Family Business - Tom & Brion** (right) – both are already atop of the Cricketer of the Year charts for 2010!

**DOUG BRACEWELL:**

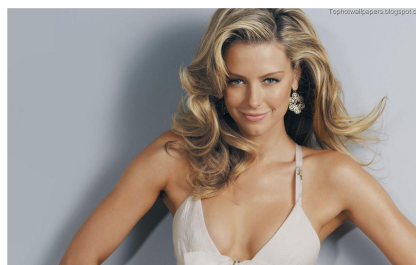
A bowling all-rounder, he is set to monster the competition like **Dr Frankenstein** with both bat and ball. Numerous people have already visited ‘Crime Converters’ and other local pawn shops in readiness to bid for him. He’ll be harder to catch than **Osama Bin Laden** once he really gets going and is **the Growl’s top pick in 2010**.



**Doug Bracewell** – poised to dismantle the Darwin competition like a Mercedes left overnight at Karama shops!  
**Right...**best to get your bids in early, as there’s already a few people queuing up to buy him!

**WADE HAWKINS:**

Silky speedster looking to cash in like **Joe Hasham** in 2010. “**Jennifer**” Hawkins has already looked the (Adam) goods around the training nets and if he converts that onto the park during competition, he is far too good to leave out of calculations!



**Wade “Jennifer” Hawkins** – looking good again in 2010!

**MARK HATTON:**

Will keep coming after them like the Terminator and has already shown he is back with a vengeance in 2010. NCC's most famous export, former Shield Cricketer Hatton will be right in the thick of things again with more victims than a tsunami and handy lower order runs. Has already snared 5 wickets in the first game and with **Bobby (Dazzler) Lavender** he is currently leading this vintage field out of the straight!



Mark Hatton - already looking unstoppable & a few more days out like R1 & it could be *H'asta la Vista babies!*

**AARON GRIFFIN:**

'Griffo' is still quite the handful with his wily metronomic bowling and will do more damage in 2010. Bookies have reported big money flowing in for him to win the **NCC Duck Award** in 2010 after rumours that he flatly refuses to bat wearing his glasses. Unless they start putting a bell in the ball, he's a *huge* show - last year that meant about **\$150!**



Nightcliff swingman Aaron Griffin (centre) – let's face it, he's just *cooler* than the other kids!

**SEAN KENNY:**

An old punter's favourite, he is **David Copperfield** with a ball with his 'Iverson' style spinners. A perennial chance due to his cricketing smarts and ability with bat & ball. Is capable of scoring like **Sachin Tendulkar** in an Indian bar and could easily finish in the placings once again.



Tigers' 'x-factor' Sean Kenny – is there any mountain he can't climb?



**NATHAN JURY:**

This Kiwi all-rounder is as cagey as **Nicolas Cage** *locked* in a cage. Swings the ball like **Terry Alderman** on Acid and will make plenty of runs in 2010. There is already a whisper following his few wickets in R1 that he is a big show to crash the whole party! He and his wily talents will see more than enough action with both bat and ball this year. Big show for a Podium finish!



**Nathan Jury** (right) – punters will be left red-faced if they don't snap up this gem!  
Could turn out to be the best Nightcliff CC Kiwi of them all!

**JONO DEVINE:**

Classy Kiwi batsman who is also more than useful with a kookaburra as well (that is the red ball, not the native Australian bird). Could well be the “dark horse” of the field. Apparently has NZ Test cricketer **Matthew Sinclair** on speed dial for any tips for batting in Darwin and could be one of the bargain buys of the Auction!



**Jono Devine**...top class bat who may also put his hand up for a bowl in 2010!

**MAXY TIPPETT:**

Had some time out over the off-season to contemplate his naval and has come back in 2010 as fit as ever and itching like a no-legged cattle dog to score runs! Far too talented to leave out of calculations, he'll be coming like Christmas when the whips are cracking. Big show!

**GRAEME TRIBE:**

Commands a place at the Auction table after a devastating season in 2008 – **six ducks setting a then Nightcliff CC record**, with his batting chart reading like a binary code! Has also shown himself to be a regular multiple wicket taker in E-Grade and could figure prominently at either or *both* ends of the market!

**MICHAEL CRANMER:**

Dynamic South Australian all-rounder, quite handy with bat and ball. A player with his all-round ability is a genuine winning chance. Has been dubbed “*Les*” by house mate & turf wizard **Robert Saunders**, who rates our MC (Hammer) comparably with late former Australian and South Australian cricketer **Les Favell**. Favell incidentally was an attacking opening batsman who played a handful of Tests in the late 1950s and generally kicked the living suitcase out of many a bowler at Shield level for about 20 years between 1951 and 1970.



**Cranmer** (left) will give his backers a great sight in 2010...but he is still wondering who the %\$#! is **Les Favell**?

**ALEXANDER THE TATE:**

Fiery wicket-taking C-Grade medium rare bowler, who can produce anything in a given ball. One of the perennial favourites for the Duck Award so also cannot be left out of calculations at either end of the burning candle of potential monetary gain!

**NIGEL COUZENS:**

Technically correct run-merchant and a metronomic seamer with quite a few tricks in his bag. Brings a bucketload of cricketing experience and nous and could be all over this Cricketer of the Year competition like George Michael at a Manpower concert. Doesn't smoke or drink at all, so should be in immaculate condition to give the title a huge shake!



Club Coach **Nigel Couzens**...when it comes to cricketing intent, his traffic lights are always green!

**JOSH SMITH:**

Another ‘*Captain Araldite*’ who might require surgical intervention to remove him from the bowling crease...unless he elects to take the field with wicket keeping gloves! Bats in the top order and has returned with a few tricks up his sleeves from his Dublin adventures, so could certainly figure prominently in 2010.

**ROBBIE WHEATLEY:**

Slashed up this competition like **OJ Simpson**’s ex girlfriend in 2008 with a runaway victory. A mercurial cricketer with bat, ball and even in the field and has an uncanny knack of making things happen. *Bona fide* superstar and sure to be in the running for a long time in 2010.

**HAYDN WHITTY:**

Solid left-handed top-order batsman very much in the **Justin Langer** mould. Bowls handy spinners as well, and is expected to carve up in C-Grade whilst seeking higher honours. Sneaky outside place chance.

**JOHNNY FRYAR:**

Busy D-Grade skipper, with the bat and in the field, where he also snares his fair share of catches. Capable of big runs in a hurry and a wily spin bowler, who simply cannot be dismissed as a genuine chance.



**Jumpin’ Johnny Fryar** – don’t be fooled by the flower pot sitting on his head, he is a serious contender in 2010!  
Rocketed into early calculations with a scintillating 44 in Round 1.

**JASON HATTON:**

Nightcliff’s own version of “*The Wall*” (of the **Raul Dravid** mould, not the epic **Pink Floyd** album) who just doesn’t know how to bat badly. A consummate professional, he is the leading all-time A-Grade run scorer in Tigers cricketing history. The fact that on the field last weekend he asked whether he could buy *himself* at the Auction is a handy guide!



**Jason Hatton**...sure to prove very difficult to contain in 2010!

**ANDREW MOORE:**

This pocket-rocket kicked off his 2010 campaign with a bang in his debut game for the Tigers in R1. Mature age ‘rookie’ who could well turn out to be the **James Podsiadly** of Nightcliff CC!



**Andrew “Roger” Moore** – “Licensed to Thrill” in 2010!

**JAMES DIX:**

Left armed Lightning bowler, James looks to be an exciting future Tigers prospect and a potential future leader at the Club over the next Decade. Has absolutely terrorized junior cricket for many years and looks more than capable of converting that form into Senior cricket with both bat and ball. Has also been awarded an **NTIS cap for 2010**. A wise investment for 2010 as well as for the future!

**JOHN TATE:**

A true cricketing Gladiator and cannot be overlooked in any competition of this kind. He is harder to remove than a fart in a space suit once he gets going and is very much still capable of big runs in C-Grade in 2010. Despite an expected absence from the Land of Oz for about 5 weeks or so, punters will ignore him at their own peril.



**John Tate** – he’s carried C-Grade on enough occasions to deserve the favour being returned! Rumoured NCC Committee plans to cryogenically freeze him after this cricket season until there is sufficient funding and advancement in Science to start cloning him!



**END OF PLAYERS' LIST, HOWEVER...**

**NOTE:**

The above NCC Players' list above is *not exhaustive* and any NCC (or other) may be sold at the conclusion of the nominated players above.

Any other cricketer, living or dead, 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 2010* and for the *Duck Award*, so keep your eyes peeled at BOTH ends of the market.

**THE GROWL'S 2010 NCC CRICKETER OF THE YEAR TIPS:**

1. DOUG BRACEWELL
2. BRAD HATTON
3. MARC CALKIN
4. MARK HATTON/NATHAN JURY

**MOTHER DUCKER TIP:**

**AARON GRIFFIN**



**Winners & grinners, saints & sinners – NCC has them all in 2010, so happy shopping!**



# ANZAC DAY 2010

*“LEST WE FORGET...”*



*...Those brave service men and women who fought for our country to ensure it remained the great Nation we freely enjoy today.  
Take a quiet moment on **Anzac Day** to think about what that means to you, your family and loved ones.*

*They went with songs to the battle, they were young.  
Straight of limb, true of eyes, steady and aglow.  
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,  
They fell with their faces to the foe.  
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them.*