













THE GROWL

THE OFFICIAL NIGHTCLIFF CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER
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"STILL BOXING ON!"

MORE GROWL TESTIMONIALS!

"Saucy!"

Nigella Lawson

"They could be playing cricket here at Nightcliff in 500 years time and not have read a publication as profoundly original and thought-provoking as this."

NCC batsman Sam Gibson.

"As explosive as a land mine strapped to C4 stapled to **Steve Gilmour**...a real favourite of mine."

Darwin socialite **Sam Gibson**

"Growl Magazine...you complete me."

NCC Committee member Sam Gibson

"You've got to know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em...!"

Former NCC Furniture Removalist Alexandros Krepapas













THE PREZ SAYS...

So after a few 'false starts' in 2011 due to meteorological interruption, the Dry Season is now officially upon us, with dragonflies embracing Nightcliff Oval, *Wicked* vans arriving in Darwin *en masse* and the sweet smells of the **Mindil Beach markets**...and Nightcliff Oval (at *In2Cricket*) ...engaging our senses once again!

Thank you to *In2Cricket* Coordinator **Chris Spurr** and those of you helping out **Friday afternoons from 5.30pm**. It is a great scene down at Nightcliff Oval Friday afternoons and we'd like to see more Seniors putting their hand up to help out either with on-field activities or in the Donga/on the BBQ. The kids just love seeing the Seniors down there on Fridays.

Don't forget the "Caught Hogg Bowled Hughes" Show on at the Nightcliff Sports Club from 7.00pm this Saturday night – if you have not already done so, please purchase your tickets from the Nightcliff Sports Club Front Counter after Thursday's training. Nightcliff CC is supporting and assisting with this event as well and we'd like to see as many Senior and Junior Nightcliff cricket people attend this event as possible!

Another event on the Social horizon is the **Nightcliff Fancy Dress Party**, which is set for **Saturday, 28 May 2011** at Nightcliff Sports Club! There will be a number of prizes, an **absolutely scorching DJ** and nibbles as well and plenty of fun to be had...and savings if you come dressed in Theme, which is of course '**Disney**' in 2011, so undoubtedly something for everyone out there.

Things seem to be slowly getting on track on the cricket pitch, although Club-wide it appears that our application to batting with discipline and patience is something we can all strive to improve, from A-Grade down to E-Grade. And catches win matches still (as they did back in 1837)...as Yours Truly can well attest, dropping an opening bat in a caught & bowled chance 2^{nd} over...who went on to bludgeon a half century!

Well my faithful minions, keep smiling & enjoying your cricket. 'Happy Days' to one and all!

Anthony Snell NCC President



Equine sensation **Black Caviar**...the only thing going out faster than the *Growl* at the minute!













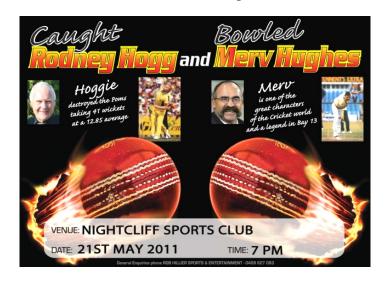
"CAUGHT HOGG BOWLED HUGHES"

This is an event of palpable awesomeness for Nightcliff Cricket Club Supporters, Players, and other people who simply love the game of cricket...and the tall tales that come with our fabulous game. Don't let *this* one through to the 'Keeper!

WHERE: **Nightcliff Sports Club**, Camphor Street, Nightcliff

WHEN: Saturday, 21 May 2011 at 7.00pm

COST: \$35.00 a head...includes a sumptuous buffet meal!



This is an event not to be missed! A great opportunity to meet two Australian Cricketing greats, **Rodney Hogg** and **Merv Hughes** in a wonderful night of story telling and shenanigans over some good food and drinks!

Drop into the Nightcliff Sports Club now to make sure you don't miss out! You can contact the **Nightcliff Sports Club** for further information on 08 8985 3121 or email info@nightcliffsportsclub.com.au.



Swervin' **Mervyn Hughes** promises to come out swinging at the "Caught Hogg bowled Hughes" Show on at the Nightcliff Sports Club on Saturday, 21 May 2011 from 7.00pm!













"THEY SAID IT" - QUOTABLE QUOTES

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"Yeahso do rotten eggs, don't they!"	A quick retort from an unnamed dual NCC D-Grade Premiership winning captain, after the comment had been made by another cockified Collingwood fan during their ANZAC Day win, that the 'cream does rise to the top'.
"I've played over 450 senior games of cricket and I've never seen a worse first-baller than that!"	NCC elder statesman John Tate to batting (energizer) bunny Nathan " Yum Cha " Jury , after witnessing first-hand Jury 's putrid slog that cost him his wicket on the first ball he faced in 2011. Lucky he did not see the <i>second</i> golden ducker of a ball Jury faced in D-Grade the following weekwell, don't worry John, neither did Jury!
"He is all tip and no iceberg!"	Nothing to do with cricketbut this remains one of our favourite quotes of all time, from the Australian political arena, from the occasionally venomous former Labor PM Paul Keating describing political opponent Peter Costello.
"How did DCC get their fridge back. Could we maybe ask them for some mentoring?"	This comment was made amidst a collective pondering as to how to locate and recover a washing machine from an unnamed ex-NCC President who now resides interstate Disgraced former Darwin Lord Mayor Peter Adamson"I am not a criminal! Oh hang onwait a secoh yeahI am actually (*sh*t!*)."
"Who the \$#@ & Is Huey Lewis?"	This call from new (Y-Gen?) Tiger sensation Huw Spring after taking his 2 nd D-Grade catch in the deep, amidst hearing some strange congratulatory calls from some of his 80s-rocking teammates. 'Jerry' Spring (er) was more perplexed when it was suggested to him that it was "Hip to be (deep backward) square". Huw Spring & his little mate Ian Botham at Lords 'Jerry' hardly needs Huey Lewis' to help him make the news!













MATCH REPORTS

A-GRADE

After a few weeks standing around like Darwin Council Workers on Prozac, the A-Team finally got away in a competition game, against **Southern & Dry** down at Frederick's Pass. The Tigers were jumped early like a Video store attendant in Karama as the Southern Comforts clocked them like **Big Ben** for an imposing total of 156 in their opening T20. But the Tigers chased it down like a Golden Retriever on Red Bull to card 4/156 off 18 overs, with New South Welshman **Brad Rasool** (61, 45 balls) leading the charge, with some almighty sixes into neighboring post codes.

The Tigers were smeared all over Nightcliff Oval by PINTS of Beer in their opening 50-over match (**Tigers 141 B.Rasool** 32, **S.Devoy** 34 to **3/144** off 25.1) and now need to win their last two (against **Palmerston + Tah-Tahs**) and have some other results go their way to make the OD Final.

B-GRADE

Well B-52s wicket-keeper batsman **Josh Smith** could not have timed his holiday to the Land of the Long White Cloud any better, as he returned over the Easter break to discover he had not missed a ball of cricket!

The Bs have had a mixed bag of lollies since then, beating Southern Comforts by 6 wickets in a T20 in the last over (**M.Hatton** 32, **J.Bremner** 28, **S.Singh** 3/15, **M.Hatton** 2/22), before being routed for a Scrabble score against PINTS of lager (**Nightcliff** 47) and losing by 8 wickets. Last week the B-52s carded a spirited and exciting victory against **PINTS Crusty Demons** by 2 wickets, with **Brion Foley** starring with 2-13 and 13no, including in the match-winning 9th wicket partnership of 40 with **Huw** 'Howard' **Spring**(s) who scored 27no (and took 2/35). **Gupreet Bhatti** snared 2/21 and **Matty** 'Smooth Operator' Neave scored 26.

C-GRADES

Nightcliff's 2 C-Grades got off to a pulsating start in 2011, with **Kurt 'Anthony' Edwards'** Gold Black Gold and **Hayden 'Langer' Whitty**'s Black Gold Black facing off like **Travolta** and **Cage** in a R1 Derby classic. Whitty's Warriors triumphed by a mere 10 runs & **James Tate** won the Inaugural **Currington/Nicholls Medal** (BOG in an C-Grade Derby) with 48 & 1/9 to steer his **Black Beauties** home.

These two sides have taken differing paths since then. **Whitty's Black Caviars** have taken all before them and are currently sitting second on 4-1 after a few handsome victories, ably led by new batting hero **Alexander the Tate**, who has come out swinging like a Mitchell Street Bouncer in 2011 including a powerful 32 to steer his side home against PINTS of lager in a gripping 1-wicket victory. **Coen "Blocker" McKinnon** also starred in that game with 9no in an unbeaten 17 run partnership and 3/23 with the ball.

In contrast, the **Golden Rough**'s 0-5 season start does not paint the full picture, with the Goldies being highly competitive in most matches, losing in a few thrillers, one by a single run. Part-time Skipper **Kurt** "*I Think I Can!*" **Edwards** has led with bat and ball (82 runs + 7 wickets), ably supported by **Mark Dickens** (37 runs/7 wkts), **Aaron Griffin** (45 runs/8wks) and **Geordie Ferguson** (6 wickets for the season to date).













D-GRADE

Well it was 'business as usual' for the D-Generates in their opening game for 2011, with new skipper **J.Hatton** winning the toss and electing to bat against PINTS of lager on a sun-kissed Nightcliff wicket. After a few cheap wickets fell, skipper **Hatton** (45) knuckled down with batting cat-on-a-hot-tin-roof-er jumping **Johnny Fryar** for a 100-run partnership that formed the plinth upon which the innings total of 201 all out was built. Wickets were shared between almost all of the bowlers, with **Michael 'Simply the' Best** probably the pick of the bowlers with a tidy 2-11 (6 overs) and the innings was otherwise highlighted by a few smart catches snaffled by **Huw 'Howard Springs' Spring**, as the Tigers eventually triumphed by 78 runs.

The Ds have since copped a serious reality check in the first of their T20 games at the Palmerston Nuclear Testing site out at Woodroffe, as **Palmerston Marooned** bludgeoned them for 4/179 (**M.Hatton** 1/15 - 4 overs). Our heroes, suffering a slight Premiership hangover (and an almighty actual hangover after a certain man's 40th), fell short with 121 all out in reply (**C.Parker** 29, **J.Hatton** 22).

E-GRADE

By skipper Graham Tribe...mostly!

Round 1 - After scouring the plains of Darwin and surrounds high and low for the elusive 11th player, Giles Collings secured the services of one of his mates (James Brown) and we had a full team. Play commenced on time on a hard flat deck at the postage-stamp that is Dinah Beach, with Darwin winning the toss and electing to bat. Young Tiger guns Joe Sheehan and Sam Gardiner struck early and removed the top order (including 2 excellent running catches by newcomers Jay Hibberd and Ryan 'Hunk of Burning Love' Presley) and we quickly had them at 4/36 after the 8th over. Following a couple of bowling changes, Sean Pardy and myself cleaned up the middle order & tail like a Mafia crime scene to have them all out for 81 off 20 overs. First time in a long time that E grade have managed to dismiss a side before drinks (something D-Grade has never achieved!). Gardiner 2/9, Sheehan 2/30, Sean Pardy 1/27, Graham Tribe a bedazzling 5/5.

We settled in to bat with the aim of building an innings and, after a couple of early wickets (my duck included), we cruised to a comfortable win at 5/84 after 33 overs. Rick Vaughan was the anchor for the innings with a solid 36 not out and ably supported by Giles Collings with 14 and a number of other single digit scores from the team. Thanks to Kerry Gardiner for umpiring all of our innings for us. (Note – Skipper Tribe (26) took out the PTA from Rick Vaughan with 21).

The Tigers met the Evildoers' B/D-Grade side masquerading as an E-Grade side in R2 & were rubbished like Mindil Beach on New Year's Eve, despite some gallant efforts with bat and ball.





Left – E Grade were feeling downright funky & were ready to rock after **James Brown** checked in as a late R1 inclusion! *Right* – Skipper **Graham Tribe** had an explosive start to the year, decimating Darwin CC with 5/5!













PLAYER PROFILE - JOHN FRYAR

Born and raised in Bordertown – where **Bob Hawke** was born (and where **Allan Border** went during the off seasons to soil his oats) - busy "**Sunday A-Grade**" batsman **Johnny Fryar** has left his indelible mark at Nightcliff as a champion batsman & dual premiership skipper in 2007 & 2010. All that without even entering into discussion about his bowling & catching exploits...and the meaning & genesis of the "starter's carton"!

FULL NAME: **John Fryar**. *No middle name as I am a 'Twin' (sister Julie) and the folks had enough trouble thinking of two names!*

FIRST CRICKETING MEMORY: Pinching one of mum's stockings as a kid so I could put a cricket ball in it and tie it to the clothesline and practice. No I was not practicing my bowling!

GREATEST/FAVOURITE PERSONAL SPORTING MEMORY? Any team premiership...and there's been a few! Last year's celebrations were 'one of a kind' though!

FAVOURITE FOOD (BESIDES CHIPS & GRAVY)? Hold the Chips! Roast lamb!

FAVOURITE DRINK? *The (ex) captain drinks Melbourne.*

MOST ADMIRED SPORTSPERSON (& WHY)? Hmm, tough one. Having read his Autobiography, maybe Adam Gilchrist, who did the hard yards early then absolutely starred for Oz.

WHO IS THE BEST CRICKETER YOU HAVE PLAYED WITH? AND AGAINST? Probably, going back a bit, but Greg Williams (no, not the Hobbit Blues/Swans footballer)...I was an impressionable 14yo getting into senior cricket and he was a big left-arm quick who chopped them up a bit (cop that, Mark Hatton!). Against? I don't care. Maybe that wily Dean Wilson?

JESSICA ALBA OR JENNIFER HAWKINS? Geez, now you're coming out with the tough ones! Jennifer, she's definitely a babe. Not that the other one isn't of course!

5 PEOPLE YOU'D LIKE TO BE STRANDED ON A TROPICAL ISLAND WITH FOR A MONTH (FULL BAR FACILITIES): Um, my wife Jane, because she's the 'Survivor' Queen (ha ha she's actually pretty much scared of everything!). Nigella Lawson (to cook...did I mention 'curvaceous'). Jane and I would be King and Queen of course! One of those chicks off 'Backyard Blitz' maybe. Who else can I add to my Harem? We'd need someone to serve us...maybe Jessica Alba if she's not too cut up about my last answer! I need one more? Do you know any good female beer brewers?

COMPLETE THIS SENTENCE..."I COULD NOT LIVE WITHOUT..." Melbourne Bitter (and of course my beautiful family)!



Left – **Johnny Fryar** (*um*, *right*), yep, he's speecial! *Middle* – especially when teeing off! Right – **Jessica Alba** said the only thing she would be serving up to the Fryars would be a "knuckle sandwich"!













AROUND TIGERLAND



2011 is Year of the Bunny. Can't quite see them here...they are already inside these marvelous Tigers!

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

Works CC.

SENIOR PREMIERSHIPS: Plenty! And three more added in 2010 - A + D-Grades and an

Under 13s Blue Flag for good measure!

IN 2011

TRAININGS: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 5.30pm.

FEES: \$250.00 if paid by 15 19 May 2011 (otherwise \$290.00) includes a

One Day playing shirt, Club cap & Membership with the Nightcliff

Sports Club.

SENIOR CLUB COACH: Nigel Couzens, returning after coaching Nightcliff CC seniors to

four Grand Finals in 2010, in As, Bs, Cs and Ds.





Premiership-winning Club Coach Nigel Couzens...fired up like Guy Fawkes for a cracker of a 2011!

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Manish Bhatnagar & Sam Gibson.

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ODD SOCKS

THE NCC COMMITTEE FINANCIAL TIPS OF THE WEEK

Never email your bank account details to a Nigerian freedom fighter (or a Uni student)...no matter how politely they ask!



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 Essendon (\$1.45) + St Kilda (\$1.50) at $$\underline{$2.18}$ = $\underline{$109.00}$ return

Well the *Growl* scored a steal of a wager with **Essendon** well on target to make the top-10 in 2011, but missed out with North against Richmond, in a Titanic struggle that left *both* sides' fans with the sinking feeling. North's 2.8 in the last quarter (to the paper Tigers' 7.0) consigned them to a narrow defeat and anchored them well and truly to the base camp of the AFL's 2011 Everest. If North were on the Share Market they would be the **All Ordinaries**!

So the *Growl* really needs to dust off and actually find itself a winner this week if it wants to match the **\$300 profit** made in 2010! We'll stick with the nuances of the bouncing oval ball for now and back the resurgent **Bombers** (Richmond) and the desperate and dateless **St Kilda** (Melbourne) to **both win** well this week.

We suspect that **Richmond** – who we remain determined to make \$\$ off in 2011 – are still be suffering from delusions of adequacy as they go into the Indigenous Round & '**Dreamtime at the G**' with a wonderful new strip for the occasion...but without a single Indigenous player in their side! *Surely* they could have found *someone* in their playing List, Reserves, cleaning staff or supporter base to suit up for this game!? Anyway, we applaud them for their fantastic 'strip'...and hope they get the living suitcase belted out of them!

Melbourne in the meantime are up on serious charges of **Impersonating an AFL Side** after a nonsense 40-point caning against North after leading by up to 5 goals. We predict that the **Saints** will be making a Citizen's Arrest this weekend, as they look to turn around their own season of considerable sh*ttiness.



Richmond's new 'sash' for **Dreamtime at the 'G'** ... will it turn out to be just another **Tigers'** nightmare?















CLOCKS IN HEAVEN

A man died and went to Heaven. As he stood in front of the Pearly Gates, he saw a huge wall of **clocks** behind him. He asked, "What are all those clocks?"

St. Peter answered, "Those are Lie-Clocks. Everyone who has ever been on earth has a Lie-Clock. Every time you lie, the hands on your clock move."



"Oh", said the man. "Whose clock is that?"

"That's Mother Teresa's", replied St. Peter. "The hands have never moved, indicating that she never told a lie."

"Incredible", said the man. "And whose clock is that one?" St. Peter responded, "That's Abraham Lincoln's clock. The hands have moved twice, telling us that Abraham told only two lies in his entire life."

"Where's Tony Abbott's clock?" asked the man.

St Peter replied..."Oh Jesus actually has that one in his office. He uses it as a ceiling fan!"







Tony Abbott...no he's the one in the *middle*! Has told so many 'porkies' he can hardly move his lips!













STAR WARS

In a crude 'ratings' grab, 'Dancing with the Stars' judge **Josh Horner** publicly rubbished Aged Care worker **Brynne Edelsten** like Bondi Beach on New Year's Eve in a vitriolic on-air attack.

So just a quick recap on the background of the classic fairytale of wrinkly old rich Muppet meets opportunistic publicity-fiend...**Geoffrey Edelsten** is 68 years old, **Brynne Edelsten** (nee Gordon) is 27 or 28. He is a millionaire, she has large mammaries. Edelsten was publicly known a flamboyant Sydney-based entrepreneur during the 1980s, he bought the **Sydney Swans FC** in 1985 (when Brynne was about 1) and had a medical practice that featured a grand piano, chandeliers and opened for 24 hours as one of the forerunners to corporate medical practice. The couple wed in **November 2009** and paid some F-List celebrities who had never met the couple to address the wedding crowd.

So Horner then (in front of a studio audience and a lazy 1.5m TV viewers), described her Cha-Cha dance routine as "frightening", saying she looked like she was, "vomiting up something" and branded her dance as "shocking". He then capped it off by saying to her that she, "looked like a bedazzled sack of potatoes rolling down on the floor." Pretty harsh stuff, even for a wannabe celebrity splashing around harmlessly in the shallow end of the talent pool. And this was enough on it's own to fire up young Geoffrey, who took umbrage with the DWTS judge on set.

But then in an even more cringe-worthy television moment, DWTS Co-host **Sonia Kruger** achieved the unthinkable by managing to come off looking ridiculous than Mrs E, by saying to her that she thought it was "nice that (she) got on so well with her dad" in a lame reference to her slightly older husband in her post-dance interview with her in a scene that probably would have even left **Charlie Sheen** cringing. Well as a side effect, Mrs E seems to be now getting plenty of public support now from those out there who really put the 'Twit' in Twitter!

All in all, sounds like exceptionally ordinary television and all the more reason to switch off the set and get out and enjoy **Darwin**'s many beautiful dry season events and places and lead your senses on a wondrous dance underneath the *actual* stars!



Left - Fossil fuelled...Geoffrey 'Woody Allen' Edelsten & his wife Brynne (right) with 'Dancing with the Stars' Co host Sonia Kruger (left).

And right – The 'costume' in question...she was perhaps fortunate to have gotten away with the 'spray' she copped...













IN THE LINE OF...PEACE?

It all sounds a bit "Berlin Wall"-esque to us, but we discovered only recently (thanks Maximilian Tippett) that there are these massive divisive Walls built in Ireland in the late 1960s separating communities. Many of you smarter cookies may have known about this, but we were gob smacked!

Anyway, these so-called 'peace lines' or 'peace walls' are a series of separation barriers in Northern Ireland that separate Catholic and Protestant neighborhoods. They were built in 1969 in urban "interface areas" in Belfast, Derry, Portadown and elsewhere. The stated purpose of the barriers is to minimize inter-communal violence between Catholics (who mainly self-identify as Irish) and Protestants (who mainly self-identify as British), and between nationalists and unionists.

The barriers range in length from a few hundred yards to over three miles (5 km). They are made of iron, brick, and/or steel and stand up to 25 feet (7.6 m) high. Some have gates in them (sometimes manned by police) that allow passage during daylight but are closed at night. Apparently **Tracy Village** have recently ordered some similar fencing to divide themselves from...everybody else!

In 1969 the 'Nothern Ireland Riots' triggered the building of these walls as 'temporary' structures. They have even increased in number from 18 in the early 1990s to 40+ of them today and they stretch over 21 kms of Ireland in total, mostly in Belfast.

In recent years, they have become **tourist attractions**, with some funky murals being painted on them (see below...why can't Nightcliff's vandals be this creative!) with Black taxis even taking tourists on trips around Belfast's 'Peace lines', trouble spots and famous murals.

In 2008 a public discussion began about how and when the barriers could be removed. Many of the residents who live in the communities beside the peace lines have expressed their anger at any suggestion that they will be taken out down.





Left - A so-called "**Peace Line**" in Belfast, separating a Protestant and Catholic neighborhood from each other. The wall runs the length of the Springmartin Road and is about 18 feet high. The compound at the top of the wall is a police station. *Right* - Gates in a peace line, Lanark Way, West Belfast.













LOOK-ALIKES

Can you spot the difference?





Real Madrid's *Million Dollar Baby* **Cristiano Ronaldo** had a good old cry about the Umps in the recent Champions' League Semi Final Draw against **Barcelona**...which saw the Mighty Barca progress to the Final.



Sean Kenny warming up for the 2011 Season...with his own little **teapot dance**! *Spotter's fee = Benjamin Mitchell*.



2011 "Sunday A-Grade" skipper **Jason Hatton**...and one Pommy bat we saw far too much of in the 2010-2011 Ashes Series, **Jonathan** 'Fox' Trott!

THE END. SIX LEGITIMATE DELIVERIES (OVER).