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THE GROWL's NCC PLAYER AUCTION FORMGUIDE

Saturday, 16 April 2011 @ 7.00pm.

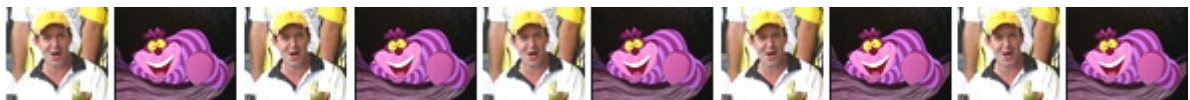


“SPOTTING UP THE WINNERS FOR YOU!”

WHERE: *Nightcliff Sports Club*

WHEN: *Saturday, 16 April 2011 from 7.00pm
(Sporties Bar)*

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



NCC 2011 PLAYER AUCTION FORM GUIDE!

Everything you need to know and less ...



SO HERE'S THE GOOD OIL!

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.

In 2010 the '*Incredible Calk*' went back-to-back in the Cricketer of the Year on the back of another stellar 500+ run season, this time to narrowly edge out the gallant **Brion Foley**, who ended up with more victims than Jack the Ripper in a fantastic season after terrorizing both the B and C-grades in 2010 and remarkably winning the 2010 Bowling trophies in **both** Grades!

The early part of 2011 has been awash with expectation...and rain, with only the C-Grade and the E-Grade 2011 campaigns getting away as scheduled last weekend, both recording victories...

Two early bolters have shot out of the gates however, with diminutive star **James 'BOA' Tate** (Brother of Alexander) blasting 45 runs and taking a wicket or two, and wily E-Grade Skipper **Graham 'the Wrecker' Tribe** devastating Darwin like a Japanese pilot with a mesmerising spell of 5/5.

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
Catch/stumping	= 10 points
Stumping	= 10 points
Run-out	= 10 points (<i>points split if more than one involved in the run out</i>).

PRIZE POOL: 1st = 45% 2nd = 25% 3rd = 15% & Duck = 15%

SO HERE WE GO...

JAMES TATE:

The '*Golden Child*' has hit the ground running like **Osama Bin Laden** on the back of a Best on Ground performance in the NCC C-Grade Derby, with 45 runs and a wicket or two, whilst many others spent the weekend watching grass dry. Will be batting and bowling plenty in 2011 and is a sneaky outside place chance as he continues his cricketing apprenticeship at the Den!

DANIEL SALPIETRO

The 'Italian Stallion' is due to land in Nightcliff town around Easter and this classy all-rounder could be one of the most sought after players in the Auction! Has been carving up the Future's League like **OJ Simpson** on the dating scene and he could fill his bag to the absolute brim with both wickets from his wily orthodox spinners as well as runs with his more-than-capable bat. Will be all over it like **Elton John** at a Manpower concert and expected to be very popular before the Auctioneer's hammer falls.



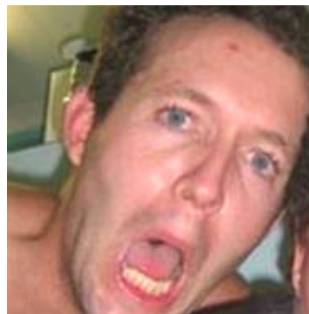
Daniel Salpietro...with his estimated price tag (*left*)...and (*right*) the queue to get on board this star!

BOB LAVENDER:

If his batting is anywhere near as powerful as his car, this bloke will be on an Aussie contract before the season is out! Will be right in the mix with his consistent batting & more-than-handy glovework (past Golden Gloves winner). Could prove harder to hold out than Swine Flu in a Mexican crèche.

SAM GIBSON:

If he does not dead-set suffer a heart attack watching his beloved **Demons** inch home against bottom-2 sides, Sam is primed like a 3kg rump steak for a great year. Rumored to have been jogging to and from work (at the **Territory Wildlife Park**) for that fitness edge and a crazy chance of getting a bowl. Ready to take off like an Iraqi Dictator!



Gibson – seriously needs the Demons to win (or lose) some games easily to reduce his anxiety levels!

NAVEEN SUBBIAH

Has been working harder on his cricket than **Ricky Nixon**'s lawyers over the last 12 months and is looking a treat with either bat or ball in his hands. Could add a valuable new string to his bow in 2011 with some wily swing bowling and is too silky an athlete to leave out of calculations.

GRAHAM TRIBE:

Commands a place at the Auction table after hitting the ground running like **Ben Cousins** near a breathalyzer. Carved it up with a devastating spell of 5/5 in R1 and then ducked up in a great Player Auction all round performance! Remember the Duck Award paid out \$150.00 last Season, and this cat scored **six of them** in 2008! A Player Auction ‘must-have’ in 2011!



Graham Tribe –already burning the candle at both ends, with 5 wickets and a duck in R1!

STEVE GILMOUR:

Has some serious pace to burn & will swat quite a few handy runs as well as a dangerous middle/lower order bat. This highly regarded Victorian state cricketing prospect is here for a good time (until July at least) and will do some serious collateral damage before he departs. Could well even be returning to Tigerland nearer the Season’s end if finals beckon.



Steve ‘Gary’ Gilmour – tipped to go faster than last week’s pay in 2011 with both ball and bat!

MICHAEL PEARSON

One of Nightcliff’s prodigal sons, ‘*Big Red*’ has returned in 2011 after torching it up around the Globe both on and off the field! Will be prominent with both bat and ball, so is sure to give a great sight to backers. Capable of scoring hundreds and snaring bags of wickets and must be considered!



Michael Pearson...back in town and set for a scorcher in 2011!

BRAD RASOOL

A smooth operator fresh off another fantastic season in NSW First Grade. Plans to spend so much time in the middle of Nightcliff Oval that he will at times walk out to bat with a tent & back pack! A very handy keeping option as well and sure to be right in the thick of it in 2011. Encountered our own **Josh Smith** whilst playing in Ireland, so would pay to closely monitor the **Kawaljenko/Smith** bidding patterns!



Brad Rasool – capable of more runs than a Giraffe on Acid!

MICHAEL BEST:

As cagey as **Nicholas Cage** locked in a Zoo and has turned himself out in great order again in 2011. Canny with both bat & ball and a perennial top-10 chance, this tremendous athlete should keep his backers very interested all season!

SHANE DEVOY

Another stellar recruit to Tigerland in 2011 from ACT (Tuggeranong CC), this ultra-talented left arm orthodox spinner has settled in well and has fully embraced the Darwin landscape from day one! Exceptionally promising athlete looking to take his cricket (and human biology) to the next level and is sure to be right in the thick of it on and off the field.



Shane Devoy...could he prove to be the most resourceful of all Nightcliff's 2011 recruits?

JOSH SMITH

Once described by **Brad Rasool** as the '*simply the best Nightcliff cricketer he's ever seen play*' and is due for a massive year after basking in the aura of marital bliss for the year. Market best guide, but don't let him under your guard!

KYLE MACKENZIE: Prodigious young talent looking to get amongst it again after being part of the all-singing, all-dancing A-Grade Premiership winning side in 2010. Needs to immediately review his relationship with Domino's Pizza but he is a cool and confident batsman, as well as a handy bowler & keeper as well, and is expected to be quite prominent in 2011.

AARON AYRE This unassuming but very accomplished left-hander mauled them like a T-Rex in a Petting zoo whilst playing for Queanbeyan (ACT) last season. Carved himself up a 750+ run season, including a match winning 154 in the 2-day Grand Final. In absolutely phenomenal nick and will get his chance with the gloves as well and is the *Growth's* tip for #1 with a bullet in 2011!



Aaron Ayre – this class act (no, the one on the left!) is flying and will certainly *not* go for a song!

MANISH BHATNAGAR: Coming off a bumper year with the bat and the gloves as a vital part of the victorious D-Grade Premiership outfit in 2010, he simply does not know how to keep out of the game! Will accumulate points with his bat and his pretty-in-pink gloves and is well worth the investment!



Bhatnagar – yet to take his pads off since the Grand Final win last September!

BRYAN MILES: Silky all-rounder seemingly 'banished' to 'Sunday A-Grade' due to a ~~disturbing and escalating series of off field/late night misdemeanors~~ work commitments on Saturdays with his new business venture. Sure to run amok in that class of athlete - they are already preparing for a Podium finish for him and it is just a question of which level. **Ridiculously massive show!**

JASON BREMNER:

Has discovered a new ~~leash~~ lease of life in 2011 coupled with his interests in all things ~~paralytic~~ paralympic and has his mind firmly planted on scoring a Biblical amount of runs. 'Supercoach' is well known for carding big scores as well as a smattering of ducks (is a past winner of the Duck Award) so is a wonderful investment for those playing both ends of the markets.



Jason Bremner...is it his time to shine in 2011?

BEN MITCHELL:

Wily spin bowler and crafty top-order bat, who will really come into his own in the two-day stuff and is too good to leave out of calculations. Definite top-10 show and in peak form will challenge at the top end of the leaderboard. Biggest challenge in 2011 may be finding the surgical assistance necessary to extract the red ball from his Skipper's little hands!

BRION FOLEY:

Seriously cagey all-rounder and **2nd place-getter in both 2008 and 2010 NCC Cricketer of the Year**. Missed out by an agonizing 4 points in 2010 to the 'Incredible Calk' **Calkin** but he is back better than ever and determined to go one step further in 2011. Ignore at your own considerable peril!



Brion Foley (left) – there is still plenty of fight in this Mad Dog... and (right) he is ultra keen to shed the NCC COY bridesmaid's outfit!

**ALEXANDER THE
TATE:**

Feisty wicket-taking C-Grade medium rare bowler, who can produce *anything* in a given ball. A poor man's **Steve Harmison**! One of the perennial favourites for the Duck Award as well so also cannot be left out of calculations at either end of the ever-burning candle of potential monetary gain. **John Tate's** kid, so he must be pretty cool.

SUKHVINDER SINGH: Pulsating all-rounder, who can make things happen in a hurry on a cricket field! This excitement machine is reportedly not returning calls from prospective IPL bidders, so will be available to carve it up again in 2011. Scored heavily in 2010 and almost pinched a Place in the end. Will give backers a tremendous sight and will not be the worst thing you will spend money on tonight by a long, long, long, long way!



Singh celebrating a blistering century in 2010...well poised for another top-5 finish in 2011!

TOM FOLEY: Market best guide on this classy top-order batsman, as his work commitments might limit his opportunities. Would also pay to see how he ‘parades’ and to have a quiet chat to his girlfriend. But if he deals in and is on his game, he is capable of some gigantic numbers in 2011...as Palmerston C-Grade can attest from when they chased the pill all over the suburb of Gray during his superb innings of 196 a season or so ago.

SUNNY SINGH Straight from the mould of sub continent spinners, Sunny has naturally taken to this art form. A huge turner of the ball with developing variety, this cat will feature amongst the higher wicket takers for 2011. A handy all round player who also took on the opening batting position in the latter half of 2010, so should give the happy buyer the option of points with bat and ball...and a sneaky chance for the Duck award!



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Sunny Singh...seriously tricky operator, harder to read than a microfiche down a well.

MARK HATTON:

Has he retired or hasn't he? Rumored to now be playing *at least* half a season in C-Grade...which may well be enough for him to record a 1,000 run/50 wicket season & win the Cricketer of the Year by the length of the Stuart Highway! Almost won the COY on the back of a sublime A-Grade season last year where he averaged 100 with the bat, so don't let this one slip through your fingers!



Mark Hatton – could yet set modern-day NCC senior cricketing records in 2011 that may stand for 1,000s of years!

AARON GRIFFIN:

Wily metronomic bowler who also stood up with the bat in 2010 and made a mockery of the *Growl's* prediction for him to win the Duck Award! Still has got plenty of tricks in his kit bag and capable of winning a game with bat or ball. Handy athlete well worth a speculative venture on!



Aaron Griffin (centre) – still just *cooler* than the other kids!

SEAN KENNY:

An old punter's favourite and back in the Skipper's chair, from where he last led the Bs into the 2009 Grand Final, on the back of the 1,050 overs he bravely sent down that season! Massive show again and capable of scoring like **Sachin Tendulkar** in an Indian bar and could easily finish in the placings once again.



Sean Kenny – expect to see *plenty* of hand grenades from 'Captain Araldite' in 2011!

NATHAN JURY:

More swing than **Bing (Crosby!)** with the ball and is rumored to be quite handy with the bat as well...when he doesn't lose it after 2-3 days partying after a Grand Final victory!



Nathan Jury (right) – punters will be left red-faced if they don't snap up this gem. Some serious coin is already on him being the best Kiwi at Nightcliff CC in 2011!

ANTHONY SNELL

Sublime medium pace bowler improving with age. Geez, you can tell he wrote this himself! Handy at best and is robbed like a Video Store in Moulden by the points allocations as he hardly ever gets a bat. Throw a couple of bucks at him if you have to.



Snell (middle) – Don't buy him! He's ordinary and will probably spend most of his weekends in Melbourne anyway.

NIGEL COUZENS:

Technically correct accumulator and metronomic seamer who stepped up like an Aerobics Instructor on Red Bull to form part of the Premiership winning A-Grade in 2010. Showed great versatility with both bat & ball and given half a chance with either/both, will surely be thereabouts!



Club Coach **Nigel Couzens**...could possibly run a few red lights in 2011 just to get a crack at them!

CHRIS PARKER:

Mercurial batsman who had a watershed 2010 as one of the lynchpins behind the D-Grade emphatic Premiership win, capped off with a **Gary Ablett** Sr-esque final series where he averaged about 177! If he gets going at all in 2011...and has been threatening to get a bowl as well...he could be right on the money like **Scrooge McDuck** in 2011!



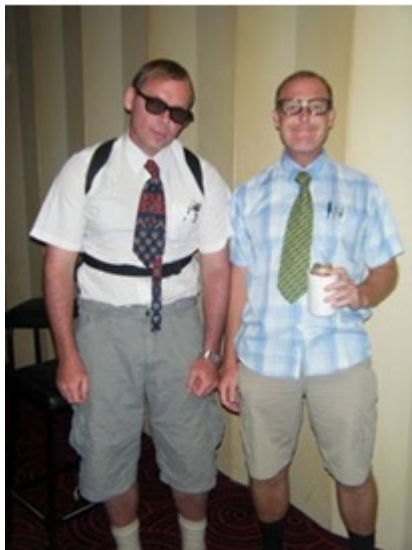
Parker – a danger to fielders, bowlers & pedestrians alike...& the smart money is really starting to trickle in for him!

HAYDN WHITTY:

Solid left-handed top-order batsman in the **Justin Langer** mould. Bowls handy spinners as well, and is expected to carve it up in C-Grade, where he is now on tremendous terms with the new Nightcliff ~~Black Gold~~ Black Skipper! Great top-10 show and sneaky place chance.

JOHNNY FRYAR:

Bustling D-Grade top-order batsman who is never far from the action either with bat or ball. Topped 400 runs in 2010 and is looking the **Adam Goodes** again in 2011. Always itching like a no-legged cattle dog for a bowl, which he should get in 2011 and in the field he finds the ball like **George Michael** at a slumber party. Always worth a flutter and will give you a great sight.



Johnny Fryar (*right*) – don't be fooled by the kooky glasses, he's a serious contender in 2011!

JASON HATTON:

Evergreen Premiershlp D-Grade player from 2010 (and A-Grade from 1996...and C-Grade from 2005!) coming off a 400+ run season. Will have a similar output in 2011 and will probably get more of a bowl from the 2011 skipper and is sure to be right in the mix for a long, long time!



Jason Hatton could well be *anything* in 2011...but a Pom?

KURT EDWARDS:

New Skipper of the Nightcliff ~~Gold Black~~ Gold C-Grade side and potentially a mercurial all-rounder on his day. Big hitter of the ball and handy swing bowler, sure to give backers a reasonable sight. Not unknown to card a few ducks along the way too!



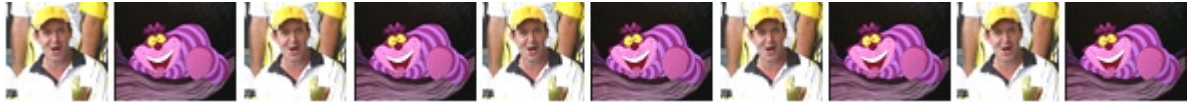
Edwards...bowlers eventually resorted to firing them out of cannons (*ball top left!*) to try and get him out in 2010!

JOHN TATE:

If longevity in sport was a COY criterion, just go and stand in the queue now to collect your winnings! Still capable of putting on a batting master class or two, as demonstrated with centuries in recent seasons and his 2010 batting endeavors and will certainly give his backers something to cheer for!



John Tate – Just clone the man now! Superstar still capable of batting for long, long periods.



END OF AUCTION 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 Auctioneers or the Club President!

REMEMBER:

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the **Cricketer of the Year 2011** and for the **Duck Award**, so keep your eyes peeled at BOTH ends of the market.

THE GROWL'S 2011 NCC CRICKETER OF THE YEAR TIPS:

1. AARON AYRE
2. BRYAN MILES
3. DANIEL SALPIETRO
4. BRAD RASOOL/ M.PEARSON / S.KENNY

MOTHER DUCKER TIP:

GRAHAM TRIBE!



Winners & grinners, saints & sinners – NCC has them all in 2011, so happy shopping punters!

