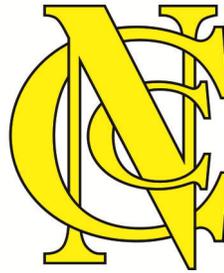


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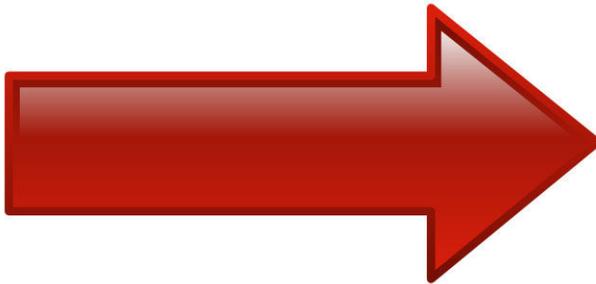
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# THE *GROWL*'s *NCC PLAYER AUCTION FORMGUIDE*

*Saturday, 14 April 2012 @ 7.30pm*



***“HELPING YOU TO FIND THE BUCKS!”***  
*(There he is!)*

***WHERE:*** *Nightcliff Sports Club*

***WHEN:*** *Saturday, 14 April 2012 from 7.30pm*  
*(in the Sporties Bar)*

***COST:*** *Gold Coin donation (cocktail nibbles provided)*



# NCC 2012 PLAYER AUCTION FORM GUIDE – ‘the Good Oil!’

Everything you need to know and less ...



In 2009 and 2010, he came from the Land of the Long White Cloud. He won the NCC Cricketer of the Year twice, made the DDCA Association Team of the Year twice and won the Association One Day Cricketer of the Year. And he played a not insignificant role in helping the Tigers swoop in and seize the ‘Triple Crown’ in 2010.

When we tearfully waved him off in 2010, we were pretty sure we would never see him again take the field in Black and Gold, as he pursued a new life in ‘windy Wellington’ back home. But luck’s a fortune for Nightcliff CC and Player Auction pundits alike, as **Marc “the Incredible Calk” Calkin** is back again and ready to rumble in his exciting role as NCC Senior Coach as part of the elite NCC Coaching team for 2012.



He’s back, and he’s not happy! Well he actually is quite happy...but also ready to score a sh\*tload of runs!

But he won’t have it *all* his own way in 2012, the Calk, as perennial chargers and 2011 place getters **Mark Hatton**, **Jason Hatton** and **Kurt Edwards** have all renewed their intentions for the 2012 season. Batting Maestro **Christopher Parker** has also been carving it up in the nets and looks set for a breakout season in 2012 with bat and ball and past masters such as **Sean Kenny**, **Bryan Miles**, **Mick Best**, **John Fryar** and **Michael Pearson**. And **Naveen Subbiah** has bulked up like a West Coast Eagles rookie over the Wet Season, so keep an eye on him.

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

- 1 run = 1 point
  - 1 (unassisted) wicket = 15 points (*should be 20 points*) – bowled, LBW
  - 1 (assisted) wicket = 10 points (*should be 15 points*) – caught, stumped
  - Catch/stumping = 10 points
  - Stumping = 10 points
  - Run-out = 10 points (*points split if more than one involved in the run out*).
- PRIZE POOL SPLITS:** 1<sup>st</sup> = 50%    2<sup>nd</sup> = 25%    3<sup>rd</sup> = 12.5% & Duck = 12.5%

## SO HERE WE GO PUNTERS – HAPPY SHOPPING!

### JASON HATTON:

The Dual D-Grade Premiership skipper will be saddling up again in 2012 and will look to impose himself early after his fast-finishing age-defying 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2012 behind his brother Mark. Too professional a competitor to write off completely.



**Jason Hatton**...looking to make a real name for himself in 2012.

### LUCAS KIEL

A recent 'blow in' at Tigerland, the '*Winged*' Kiel has shown immediate promise in the nets. From ACT, where Nightcliff superstar **Mark Hatton** also played with distinction (and where **Donald Bradman** visited a few times...and **Wasim Akram** Googled it once) and is living on Aralia Street, which has housed stars like past 'Golden Gloves' winner **James Needham** and '*Runaway Bride*' **James de Terte**. Make of all that what you will – market best guide!

### BOB LAVENDER:

A real crowd-pleaser since being saved like **Private Ryan** from the other side of the Berrimah line a few years back. An action hero with those **Billy Idol/Jason Akermanis** looks and his frenetic game, Lavender has given his backers a pretty decent sight in recent years. Reigning '*Golden Gloves*' winner and a most likely top-10 candidate particularly if he works to construct some big innings, he is every chance of snaring a Podium finish in 2012!

### SAM GIBSON:

Determined to do what his dysfunctional AFL side could not do and give AFL legend **Jimmy Stynes** a winning send-off in 2012. Gibson controversially forewent his place in the '*Iron Guts*' Competition at Easter to spend additional time with his batting coach as he prepares for a watershed 2012 season. Is striving to be the best batsman in his family as his first 2012 goal. Baby steps!



**Tara Harrison (left)**...could get her man for an absolute 'steal' if punters do not remain alert!

**RUSSELL GIBSON**

“BOS” (Brother of Sammy) is headed up to Darwin from Albury Wodonga for the 2012 season after an unspectacular cameo appearance in Tribe’s Es back in 2010 during the Darwin Cup Carnival. Rumoured to be primed for a serious tilt with the bat in the higher grades in 2012. It is recommended that you make some discreet family inquiries before investing.

**NAVEEN SUBBIAH**

Has bulked up in a hurry like **Lance Armstrong** locked in a Pharmacy for a year. Not only is he determined to flog his arch-nemesis **Sammy Gibson** on the running track, but also on-field as he looks to break into and cement a place in the Premier grade side. Look for him flying home late, particularly if he learns how to catch!



The Annual ‘Subbiah v Gibson’ match sprint could surpass the Olympic 100m for sheer excitement in years to come!

**MICHAEL BEST:**

Evergreen all-round champion, mercurial at times with bat and ball. This sublime athlete will keep coming like the Taxman and is no stranger to the top-10 in the Tigers’ COY. Will bowl spin and seam-up in 2012 (sometimes in the same delivery) and commands a leading place at the Auction table. Too cool for School.

**GRAHAM TRIBE:**

The E-Grade Skipper certainly burnt the candle at both ends in 2011, with a 5-for to kick off his season but also collected a gaggle of ducks by September. Can take plenty of wickets and is one of the favourites for the Duck award as well, which scored someone \$200 last year. Cannot be ignored.



**Tribe** – Many strings to his bow – his backers will not know where to look when the whips are cracking!

**BEN MCADAM**

Solid left-handed batsman from Queensland, who is one player making his A-Grade debut this weekend. Looks the **Adam Goodes** as an accomplished batsman, who could prove harder to remove than an Iraqi Dictator in hiding once he acclimatises. You will spend your money on much, much worse investments this evening!

**THE 'JAY' TEAM!**

Either one of NZ Test Cricketer **Jesse Ryder**, who is an outside chance of coming to Tigerland from May, or 2010 Premiership player **Jono Devine**, who may be here sooner than that for the 2012 Season. Devine is the more likely of the two to come over and is a genuine match-winner with bat and ball. But **Ryder's** Goddaughter *is* currently living in Darwin – at Calkingham Palace! If they **both** come to Darwin you can have both of them!



**Jesse & Jono** – aka. 'The Jay-Team' – could be a massive bonus to one lucky bidder if **both** lob at Tigerland in 2012!

**JOSH SMITH**

Was once described by **Brad Rasool** as the '*the best Nightcliff cricketer he's ever seen play*'. Before he arrived in Darwin. Josh is looking to recapture his glorious form of 2006 when he nearly single-handedly won NCC an A-Grade Flag. A solid wicket-keeper and batsman and will have many opportunities to accumulate bulk points in 2012. Don't let him slip under your guard!

**MICHAEL PEARSON**

'Big Red' fired a few masterful shots in 2011, which culminated in a big 100 during the Semi Finals that helped propel the B-52s to 2011 Flag Glory. A genuine match-winner with the bat who can also bowl more-than-handly mediums when required. May pay to source a pre-Auction medical report on those 'hammys' though, but is too good to ignore.



**Pearson...**looking to show the courage of his convictions in 2012.

**SHANE YATES**

Well shake the tree and look what falls out! An evergreen but genuinely outstanding Tigers seam bowler from yesteryear! *'Left Handed Lightning'* has been keeping himself in top form by terrorising and sledging batsmen at various Indoor cricket centres and is lining up in R1 in C-Grade for the Tigers, which could see him fill up his boots with wickets early!



**Yates** – will sure to be hunting for early scalps in 2012!

**KYLE MCKENZIE**

Once likened to **Sir Donald Bradman** during his under 17s days, Kyle seems to have beaten his rampant pizza addiction and is back into the (pastry) fold in 2012. A very promising batsman and a part of the all-singing, all-dancing, all-conquering Premiership side of 2010, Kyle is a cool customer capable of making frequent big scores as well as being a more-than-handy keeper and part time bowler. Could figure prominently.

**PENNY WIGGINS:**

NCC's premier female cricketer, with a wicked out-swing and a single-minded determination to succeed, Penny will give her backers a tremendous sight – particularly if she can avoid being run out by that **Shane Watson** with a lemon rinse, **Robert Lavender!**

**OMAR QASIR:**

Has been spinning them like a Whirling Dervish in the nets thus far and look set to claim more scalps than an Apache Indian once he masters his consistency at the top level. A reportedly capable batsman as well, who may well surprise with many 2012 victims. Ignore at your own considerable peril.

**BRYAN MILES**

A super competitor and a major contributor to the 2011 D-Grade Premiership, continues to be hounded to play Saturday cricket, which regrettably is dogged by ongoing business commitments. Will carve up like **OJ Simpson** on 'Date night' with both bat and ball wherever he plays. Genuine winning hope. Superstar.



**Bryan 'Thousand' Miles...** will be simply irresistible like **Robert Palmer** at the 2012 Auction!



**MANISH BHATNAGAR:** Dual Premiership D-Grade glove man, run merchant, joker, smoker and midnight toker, this enterprising competitor will sure to be in the thick of the action in 2012. Is a legitimate 'Golden Gloves' contender in 2012 and if he can cobble together 300+ runs, he will be sure to give his supporters a tremendous sight. Potential Podium finisher for sure.



**Bhatnagar** – The D's Gloveman will be harder to hold out than Swine Flu in a Mexican Creche in 2012.

**JASON BREMNER:** As cagey as **Nicholas Cage** locked in a Zoo, a hard-working yet innovative Bremner is a constant in a world of variables with the bat and can take the wicket-keeping gloves as well if needed. Will be absent for a few weeks during the Paralympics Games, but may have already consolidated a top-10 spot by then! Watch the early market...and for any sly bidders with prosthetic limbs and/or in chairs...can we even say that?



**Yep, Bremner's back!**

**BRION FOLEY:** Uber-talented all-rounder and **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2012 to try and snare that elusive COY title. Ignore at your own considerable peril! Best cricketer in his family at the minute...which is more than we can say for **Sam Gibson**!



**Brion Foley (left)** – really motivated to not finish second yet *again!*

**ALEXANDER THE TATE:**

He is **John Tate**'s kid, so he must be pretty darn talented. Has stepped back into the Skipper's role in the Cs. Gave them some stick with the bat in 2011, may take some wicket as well with his enterprising seam bowling...and is a monstrous chance in the Duck Award. We are talking **Frankenstein** monstrous. Get on board!

**HUW SPRING:**

Talented and entertaining all-rounder fresh off a stellar season with the Nightcliff Tigers NTFL side, Huw is fired up like **Guy Fawkes** to rip into the cricket season and impose himself in whichever Grade he is chosen in – can cause collateral damage in games with bat and ball, so far from the worst.



Spring...helping affirm the Mother Country's decision to send convicts to Australia 220 years ago!

**MARC CALKIN:**

If runs were buns, he would be **Brumby's** Nightcliff, Karama *and* Casuarina! Clocked them like **Big Ben** over two stellar seasons at Tigerland in 2009 and 2010, culminating in a Grand Final victory in 2010, two **Nightcliff Cricketer of the Year Awards** and a plethora of Association accolades along the way. Is here to focus on his coaching, but once he gets a willow or a red rock in his hands, he could devastate Darwin cricket like Cyclone Tracy. Short-priced favourite and deservedly so. Sell your teammates gear to get on!



'The Incredible Calk' ...if you do not bid on him, you are just not taking this Auction seriously!

**CABLE MILLS**

Another Albury Wodonga cricketing prodigy recently arriving to Darwin, Mills is reported to be a wily all-rounder who will be on display in his debut in B-Grade this Saturday. Will need a blowtorch to get the ball out of his skipper's hand but if he gets a look in, he could well prove one to watch in the Market.



**SUKHVINDER SINGH:** Devastating all-rounder and a genuine match-winner who seems to be improving with age. Had a breakthrough season in 2010 and continues to accumulate wickets and runs in a whirlwind fashion. Too good to leave out of calculations and is a genuine Podium-finishing hope.



**Singh** celebrating a blistering century in 2010...well poised for a solid 2012!

**BEN MITCHELL:** A quality spinner who has taken 74 A-Grade wickets (to be 7<sup>th</sup> on the current NCC all time bowling list) and was a part of the B-52s breakthrough Flag in 2011 after a few heartbreaking GF losses. If his cricket is anywhere near as polished and professional as the NCC Club website he runs and maintains, he will win for sure! [www.nightcliffcc.org.au](http://www.nightcliffcc.org.au) if you have not already visited it!

**GARRY STEVENS:** A multiple NCC premiership spinner who seems to be improving with age. Rumoured to be angling like **Pythagoras** for a Saturday cricketing gig in 2012, which will most likely see him bowl plenty of long spells and provide an opportunity to get right amongst the wickets. Clubs them like a Mitchell Street bouncer with the bat too and is a sneaky place chance!

**SUNNY SINGH** Wily attacking spinner capable of taking bags of wickets. Handy contributor with the bat as well, but has shown a penchant for ducking up as well – could well be an interesting player in all markets in 2012! An interesting acquisition for the discerning Auction bidder.

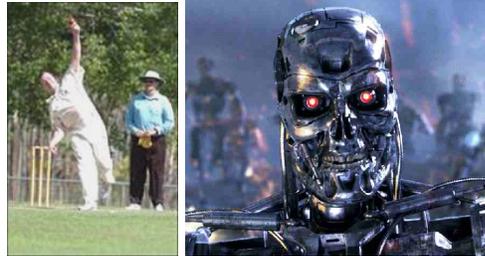


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**Sunny Singh...**a magician at his best, can his wiles take him all the way to a Podium finish in 2012?

**MARK HATTON:**

Tricked us all in 2011 when he retired from A-Grade cricket the year before, faked his own death in the off-season and turned up to the first training session in a wheelchair. Carved it up like **Jack the Ripper** out on an evening stroll, took a monstrous 40+ wickets and played a pivotal role in the 2011 B-Grade Grand Final-winning effort, winning the **2011 NCC Cricketer of the Year** in the process. Still as devastating as ever on his day and simply cannot be left out of calculations. Genuine winning hope again.



**Mark Hatton** – terminated plenty of batsmen's hopes and dreams in 2011!

**JAMES DIX:**

One of the brightest shining lights of the Club, James was part of the 2010 T-20 Grand Final winning side before injuring his back. An uber-talented cricketer with both bat and ball, he seems poised to realise his potential in the Premier Grade in 2012 as part of a Tigers outfit determined to see some Finals cricket in 2012. Leave him out at your own peril.

**GEORDIE FERGUSON & DAVE SANDERSON:**

**The "Dad & Dave" Pack.** The Big man who travels by moped will lead a C-Grade outfit in 2012 so he will get to have the red rock in his mitts often enough. Must also be a sneaky chance for the Duck Award if he sees the middle of the Oval enough times with opposition fielders around him! **Sando** has been an excellent wicket-keeper and is more than capable batsman – with the two strings to his bow, look for him to make his move early in the season!

**DYLAN JONES:**

Hails from Goondiwindi, Queensland, just above the NSW border - home of **Gunsynd** a legendary racehorse known as the '**Goondiwindi Grey**'. He was a grey. From Goondiwindi. And every fricken time 'DJ' tells anyone where he is from they mention that fricken horse! Outstanding racehorse though. But back to **Dylan** – he is six foot plenty, delivers more bounce than **Christopher Skase**'s cheque book and has already developed a healthy disdain for the Death Star and its Tambling Terrace minions and what they stand for, so we think he will fit in quite nicely here!



**Dylan Jones.** Just don't mention that fricken horse (or Tracy Village) to him again!

**SEAN KENNY:**

Back at the helm of the B-52s after leading them to a thrilling watershed Flag win in 2011. A perennial massive show in this event each year and will bowl more overs than the other kids. If he can fire with the bat as he is well capable of doing, he is a genuine winning hope – snaffling a catch or three in 2012 would not hurt his chances at all!



**Sean Kenny** – may bowl more overs in 2012 than the entire NCC D-Grade side!

**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 three solid days partying after a Grand Final victory! If he stays out of Prison he is a genuinely menacing swing bowler who looks ready to take a commercial quantity of wickets in 2012.



**Nathan Jury** (right) – punters will be left red-faced if they don't snap up this swingman!

**ANTHONY SNELL**

Well what can we say about the Snell kid? Not a lot really. Will bowl each week, may bat and may catch. An outside Duck award show if he strides into the middle of an Oval with the willow enough times.



**Snell** – Now ticking the 'over 40' box on forms...and is apparently is now even getting his post sent to Melbourne!

**NIGEL COUZENS:**

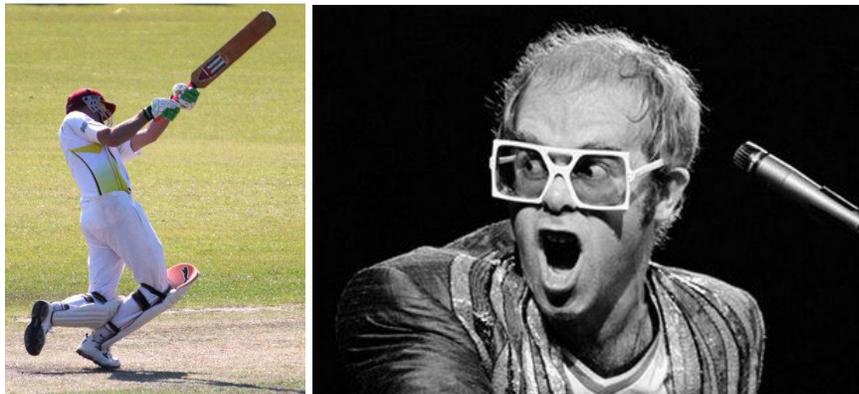
A solid citizen of an all-rounder who has combined his metronomic seam bowling with some very gutsy innings at crucial times, including a match-winning 40-odd (out of about 120) in the B-Grade Grand Final in 2011 to help steer his side to Glory. As consistent as Darwin weather in July and should at the very least challenge for a top-10 finish.



**Couzens**...has been given the 'green light' to carve it up in 2012!

**CHRIS PARKER:**

Is threatening to have a serious 'break-out' season after a solid pre-season and a 'BOG' performance in the internal trial game on Easter Monday. A seriously destructive batsman and if he humbugs his skipper for enough of a bowl in 2012, he could well tear this competition apart like a Doberman locked overnight in a Butcher's. Big Show.



**Parker** – a danger to fielders, bowlers & pedestrians alike. Could be all over the COY like **Elton John** at Choir practice!

**JOEL ABRAHAM:**

A crack NZ opening batsman who will be at the Den in a few weeks. From all accounts he is a very handy top order batsman who will notch up quite a lot of runs in his time in Darwin and he has committed to being here for the entire Season. Is reportedly already out looking for a personal sunscreen sponsor he expects to be out in the middle that much! Don't let him under your guard.



**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** - looking to absolutely tee off in 2012!

**AARON SMITH:**

Has spent a considerable amount of the pre-season working on his driving – between Darwin and Adelaide mainly. Sneaking suspicion he is set for a big season in Darwin in 2012 and may even add some of his handy seam bowling to his repertoire this season – a smoky for a Podium finish if his stars align in 2012.



**Mr & Mrs Smith**...he was looking alright right up until she kissed him...and he turned into a cane toad!

**KURT EDWARDS:**

Started the 2011 as a C-Grade Skipper, left due to work commitments, came back and absolutely motored home like **Sebastian Vettel** to claim equal 3<sup>rd</sup> in the NCC Cricketer of the Year. Given his head for a full season, this kid could be anything! Could take you on a cricketing ‘Magic Carpet ride’ in 2012!



**Edwards...**they tried to *knock* him out in 2011 after failing to bowl him out!

**JOHN TATE & JAMES TATE:**

A doyen of longevity and consistency with the temperament of a monk blended with the tenacity of a Jack Russell at dinnertime. Still providing weekly tutorials on the art of crafting an innings and if his skipper is brave enough to give him a bowl every now and again, he will certainly be right in the mix.

As for **James Tate**, he is an up and coming young star of the Club and will be prominent with both bat and ball – may not bowl as much as he would like in 2012, but is too classy to leave out of calculations.



**John Tate** – A superstar still capable of batting for long periods. Even though he is now the shortest bloke in his family!

**THE END OF THE BEGINNING...**



**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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the **Cricketer of the Year 2012** and for the **Duck Award**, so keep your eyes peeled at BOTH ends of the market.*

**THE GROWL'S 2012 NCC CRICKETER OF THE YEAR TIPS:**

1. **MARC CALKIN**
2. **CHRISTOPHER PARKER**
3. **MARK HATTON**
4. **SEAN KENNY**

**MOTHER DUCKER TIP: ALEXANDER TATE**



**Winners & gridders, saints & sinners – NCC has them all in 2012, so happy shopping punters!**

