



# Eagle Eye

Newsletter of the North Canberra Gungahlin Cricket Club

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Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2008

## Upcoming Events

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| Matches  |  |
| Saturday 11/10/08<br>Twenty-20<br>Round 1      | 1sts v Ginn @ Stirling<br>2nds v Ginn @ KT Park<br>3rds v Ginn @ Chisholm 2<br>4ths v Ginn @ Phillip<br>5ths v Ginn @ Kippax 2 |
| Sunday 12/10/08<br>Womens Twenty-20<br>Round 1 | Womens 1sts v ANU @ O'Connor   |
| Sunday 12/10/08<br>Twenty-20<br>Semi finals    | 1sts v TBA @ Stirling<br>2nds v TBA @ KT Park<br>3rds v TBA @ Chisholm 2<br>4ths v TBA @ Phillip<br>5ths v TBA @ Kippax 2      |
| Sunday 12/10/08<br>Twenty-20<br>Grand Final    | 1sts v TBA @ Stirling<br>2nds v TBA @ KT Park<br>3rds v TBA @ Chisholm 1<br>4ths v TBA @ Phillip<br>5ths v TBA @ Kippax 2      |





## A Message from EI Presidente

After much hard work by the Committee in the off season and very strong preseason training NCGCC is ready to shine this season. The Club's first preseason hit out saw a comprehensive win recorded by our 1st Grade side over Wests - last year's premiers. Whilst we need to be careful about over estimating preseason form the signs from this game are very encouraging. Seb, Pete, Albert and Trev all batted well and Sammy bowled beautifully including capturing Ryan Carters' wicket - who undoubtedly is a rising star in local and Australian U19 cricket.

As mentioned in the annual report the club's financial position is sound which has allowed us to invest in better preparation of our grounds. Notably for the first time the Reid wicket table has been cross rolled and we can expect further bounce and carry from the wicket this year. KT Memorial oval and wicket are now better than ever. The quality of the KT wicket for the preseason game against Wests was nothing short of superb.

Pete Radford has already had an outstanding impact upon the club and the response from all players to his leadership and coaching has been tremendous. The Club's newly appointed management committee has been tireless in its work and left no stone unturned in preparing for this season.

This season I see as a turning point for NCGCC and I believe we are ready to return to our position as one of Canberra's leading cricket clubs. However, for this to happen everyone in the Club must continue to work and train hard.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the Club's new players and I wish all players the best of luck for the season.

Rob Docker  
NCGCC President

## Northies Trivia

How many games has Rob Docker played for Northies?





## Club Captain Welcome

I'd like to welcome everyone to the 2008/ 2009 cricket season. This will prove to be a testing and exciting one for the North Canberra Gungahlin Cricket Club as we strive to be the best cricketers, team, and club that we can be.

The club has seen some changes in the off season with a number of new recruits and returning players. As one of these new players I have been impressed by the energy and enthusiasm of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade squads in the preseason so far. We've had very focused and effective training sessions at the Lyneham indoor cricket centre, and have run around Lake Burley Griffin at 6:30 every Tuesday morning (these runs are open to the whole club, if you want to know how enjoyable they are just ask Hally or Albert!). We've also played a 40 over game against Wests. In a tight game we were able to defeat last year's premiers thanks to some excellent batting and spin bowling. A positive start to the season.

Trainings are again Tuesdays and Thursdays with the 1<sup>st</sup> grade squad training on Wednesdays also. The 1<sup>st</sup> grade squad has been getting in good training habits of training with a purpose and using their time effectively. I'm hoping that their example and leadership will filter down the grades to improve the overall standard of training at the club, leading to improve performances on the weekends. However the one person who has the most say over how you train and play is you, so if you want to improve the opportunity is there.

Good luck for the season ahead and please don't hesitate to ask for mine or any other senior player's opinion or advice, we'll happily give it no matter what grade you're in.

Peter Radford.  
NCGCC Club Captain and Coach

## Northies Brain Teaser:

If John Eichholzer was to have another son, would he be more likely named Walter, Frederico, or Eugene?





## Treasurer's Tirade

Like many of you I am looking forward to the 2008-09 season, in part to erase the memories from last year, but more importantly due to the exciting times that lay ahead. The previous committee took stock of what happened last year, like many of you, we weren't happy.

To turn the fortunes of the club around, the committee has invested in an experienced proven first grade player in Peter Radford as coach, sweet talked Trevor Power and Scott Smith out of premature retirements and sourced a player or two from overseas. Work has been completed on improving the centre wicket at Reid to provide a more consistent playing surface.

All these initiatives take time and of course money, this is where YOU come into play. It is important for each player to contribute to the rise of this great club by ensuring that fees are paid and paid early.

Based on the numbers at training we will be in a position to pick players who are fully paid and leave those who haven't paid on the sidelines.

The committee had discussions through the ACTCA which show our fees are amongst the lowest in the competition, some being as high as \$560. Our fees of \$400 for men, \$270 for concession and \$200 for the women are value for money.

The committee has done its part in the rival, now it's your turn. It's as easy as this:

- Pay your fees before 31 October
- Attend Social functions and bring your partner or parents
- Be available when assistance is needed

Finally should you have any difficulty in paying your fees in full before 31 October, please see Andrew Blackman (Haurrie) or myself (Thommo). There are no excuses if we don't hear from you before 31 October 08.

Good luck this season.

Rowan Thompson  
NCGCC Treasurer





**Fees 2008-09**

- Senior Mens: \$400
- Students/Unemployed: \$270
- Women: \$200

**Eagle Rock (Club Song)**

Ooooh!!!!!!

The Northies boys fly high,  
 Like an eagle in the sky,  
 Full of courage,  
 And will to win the game,  
 We will win!  
 And wherever we will go,  
 We'll let everybody know,  
 That we are Northies!  
 And proud of our name.

Ooooh!!!!!!

Northies oh Northies you beauty,  
 The honour the glory the bliss,  
 By day-time we go out and dominate,  
 By night-time we suck on the p\*ss!

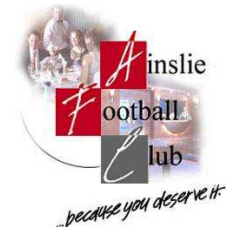
**Eagle Rock Competition Time**

While the club song is steeped in tradition, the times are a-changing. So too are the words to the mighty Eagles anthem. For your chance to be a part of the evolution of the song, email [allan.t.hall@verizonbusiness.com](mailto:allan.t.hall@verizonbusiness.com) with your suggestions:

Northies oh Northies you beauty,  
 .....  
 By day-time we go out and dominate,  
 .....!

The winner for best entry will receive, ironically, a free beer. Get to it!





## Juniors Report

The Junior season is about to start after a difficult approach to the season. Ground closures reducing our ability to train and the season for most Div 1 sides starting at the end of School Holidays is giving an advantage to the Private Schools.

This season follows a very successful 2007 / 08 for NCGCC Juniors. Hopefully we can follow this success with an even better year. All of the graded teams have been chosen and the standard was very high at grading and the selection process very competitive for most years.

I would like to thank the Junior Committee for getting the season going under difficult circumstances. The process was not helped by the early resignation of the Registrar. However, others pitched in to help carry the load, in particular the Secretary, Mark Duggan.

Numbers to date are down slightly on last year, however, this has meant that some teams are not overfull which is something that created difficulties in 2007 / 08.

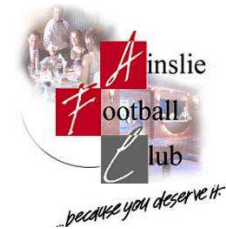
I would like to wish the 'old boys' of NCGCC Juniors who are moving on to Seniors Grade this year lots of success, wickets and runs. We will watch for the results with interest.

The Juniors look forward to closer relations with the Seniors in the coming season. We hope that this will ease the way for our Juniors to transition to Seniors as well as providing some Senior input into coaching / mentoring the Junior players.

On behalf of the Juniors I wish the Seniors a great year, and hope that the recruiting of new players and staff will give a great boost to chances and results.

Mark Brown  
Chair  
North Canberra Gungahlin Cricket Club Juniors

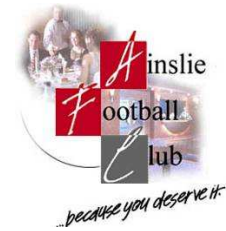




## Meet Your Skippers

- **Name: Peter Radford**
- **Grade: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**
- Season's at Northies: 1st
- Favourite Northies moment: Getting Hally out bowling offies
- Who to watch in your grade: Seb Blaszczyk
- Stinkiest day on the field: When I was bowling vs Wests
- Best day on the field: Same day vs Wests when I wasn't bowling
  
- **Name: Caitlin Rawstron**
- **Grade: Womens**
- Season's at Northies: 7
- Favourite Northies moment: Renaming Majura oval in memory of KT
- Who to watch in your grade: Vanessa Jackson, she's due for some big runs!
- Stinkiest day on the field: Being belted around the park by Eastlake
- Best day on the field: When we have beaten sides with 7 players!
  
- **Name: Paul Stephens**
- **Grade: 2<sup>nd</sup>**
- Seasons at Northies: First played 1984; missed over 10 seasons since then through being interstate and overseas; count 'em up if you can - I can't.
- Favourite Northies moment: 1st grade Norths v City 1988; won outright after losing first innings. I got a few in the second dig to help us home. The two clubs combined the next season.
- Who to watch in your grade: Matt Cooper
- Stinkiest day on the field: Twos v Tuggeranong a couple of years ago they made over 400 in a day and I put down a sitter off some guy on 20 who went on to make 150.
- Best day on the field: Still to come this season.
  
- **Name: Rowan Thompson**
- **Grade: 3rd**
- Season's at Northies: 10th season
- Favourite Northies moment: when the club made 4 2-day grand finals and won 3 of them





- Who to watch in your grade: Joel Rivers, looks ready to explode, beefed up over summer, now tipping the scales at 42 kilos. Looking good in the preseason so far.
- Stinkiest day on the field: dropping a big hitter 3 times while watching him put Denis over the trees at Reid at least 10 times
- Best day on the field: the above in retrospect (gee it was funny Denis still has not forgotten about it), but winning the two day premierships has been the greatest day and then night, and then sometimes the next day again.
  
- **Name: Denis Axelby**
- **Grade: 4th**
- Season's at Northies: To many to count
- Favourite Northies moment: Winning one day final against Tuggers several seasons ago
- Who to watch in your grade: Peter Nelson (he is always worth a look, but this year he is on one leg)
- Stinkiest day on the field: Bowling against Tuggers last season with a two piece 142 gm women's ball
- Best day on the field: Beating ANU outright in last game last season
  
- **Name: Steve (Clarrie, Porn Star\*) Grimmatt**
- **Grade: 5**
- Season's at Northies: 4
- Favourite Northies moment: 4th Grade 1 & 2 day semi's in 04/05 (?) season - come from behind wins against Wests
- Who to watch in your grade: Salvo "The Lip" DiLorenzo - the pocket sized Dean Martin, smoother than a 15yo Single Malt, and cooler than a penguin in budgie smugglers, watch him keep his head in a crisis. One for the young guns to emulate.
- Stinkiest day on the field: Any day the catches don't stick
- Best day on the field: Season 2003 in Vancouver patrolling mid wicket boundary - couldn't drop 'em if I tried.

\*Thanks to the inventive wit of one M.Groenhout

## Northies T or F?

Michael "Snout" Groenhout is the hairiest cricketer in the history of Norths.

For a bonus point, how many wickets has Snout taken for Northies?





## Social Events

I've taken a step back from the Secretary role this year and will be concentrating more on the social goings on of the club as the Social Coordinator. I'm excited about the prospects for the club on the field this season and I'm hoping that the social side of things will be as exciting. I have thought about some events this season. The dates are still to be finalised at this stage but here are a list of ideas:

| Date                       | Event  | Where                        |
|----------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Thursday 09 October        | Season Opener  | Ainslie Football Club        |
| Saturday 15 November       | Hawaiian Night   | KT Oval                      |
| Sunday 30 November         | Konica Norths v Riverina                                       | KT Oval                      |
| Saturday 13 December       | Xmas Party - Sausage Sizzle                                    | KT Oval                      |
| Saturday 10 Jan            | Pipe Night   | TBC - Indoor Centre, Lyneham |
| Sunday XX Feb              | KT Day - Interclub 20twenty matches to remember Keith Tournier | KT Oval                      |
| Saturday 07 March          | Sportsman Night  | TBC                          |
| Saturday 04 April          | Presentation Night   | TBC                          |
| TBC                        | Wii Night - For the Family and Friends                         | TBC - Indoor Centre, Lyneham |
| Saturday 19 September 2009 | Pirate Pub Run   | TBC                          |

If you have any ideas for events, you are willing to help out with some of the organising this year or have anything else you want to discuss please feel free to drop me an email to [mattjeppo@gmail.com](mailto:mattjeppo@gmail.com). We will be updating the Events tab on the website with this information once it is finalised.

I welcome you all to the 2008/09 season and can't wait to get everyone more involved in the lighter side of being part of Northies.

Cheers,

Matt Jeppesen  
NCGCC Social Officer





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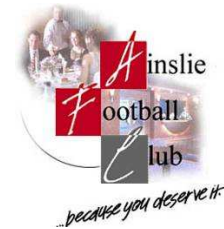
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## Northies Trivia

Alastair "Carp" Atkinson, Simon "Zoolander" Gowing, and Steve "Magictones" Murphy have all played the same number of innings for Northies. How many innings have they had?





## NCGCC Selection Criteria

Overall responsibility for the selection of teams rests with the Selection Committee consisting of three members. These are appointed by the Club for the specific purpose of selecting competitive teams to represent the Club in all grades each week. The Selection Committee for the coming season is:

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Team selection is a difficult task that can be made more challenging by poor communication between players and the Selection Committee regarding availability. In this regard, it is essential that you advise the selectors if you are unavailable for any reason as soon as possible but no later than the Tuesday prior to the commencement of the game.

While team selection will primarily be based on form the selectors will also take into account the following:

- Financial status
- Balance of the team
- Status of a younger player who may have potential to develop greater skills by playing in a higher grade than form warrants.
- Attendance at and participation in training sessions.
- Commitment to the team, such as attending matches on time.

As part of their deliberations the Selection Committee will also consult with the Club Coach and team Captains as necessary but the final decision will rest with the Committee.

Team selections will be announced at training on Thursdays and posted on the club's website [www.ncgcc.org.au](http://www.ncgcc.org.au) on Friday afternoon. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are aware of what team you have been selected in and what





ground and time you are playing. If you do not have access to the Internet or if you become unavailable after teams have been selected you must contact the Chairman of selectors in the first instance or your team captain as soon as possible.

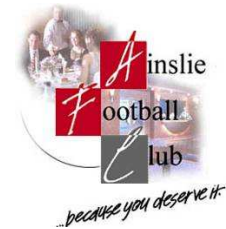
Failure to observe these requirements creates unnecessary problems for the selectors and team captains and may have an adverse impact on your selection for future games.

It is important to note that if you have any issues in relation to where you have been selected to play or with the selection process generally please raise them with the Chairman of Selectors.

### Northies Trivia

What is Neil Dixon's highest score for Northies?





## Code of Conduct

North Canberra Gungahlin Cricket Club has a commitment to promote cricket in a dignified manner, maintaining a competitive spirit within the bounds of sportsmanship and always with respect for teammates, opponents and officials. The following is to make all Club Members aware of their responsibilities in relation to behaviour and conduct.

All members of the Club should be aware of Law 42.1 as it relates to the Captain being responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of the game, and Law 42.10 as it relates to players' conduct.

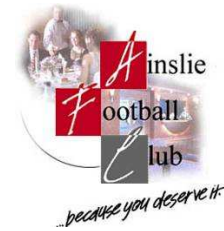
The ACTCA Competition Rules (in the handbook given to all players) include rules on conduct. All Members should make themselves aware of the Competition Rules, but ignorance of the Rules will not, of itself be a defence if charges are laid.

### Improper Conduct

Disorderly or improper conduct, or conduct which could bring the game into disrepute includes but is not restricted to -

- Intimidating, assaulting or abusing, or attempting to intimidate, assault or abuse, an umpire, player, official or spectator;
- Not accepting an umpire's decision;
- Disputing an umpire's decision, showing dissent or acting in a provocative manner towards an umpire;
- Using crude or abusive language or making offensive gestures or signals;
- Prolonged appeals, and/or rushing towards an umpire when making an appeal;
- Making frivolous or ridiculous appeals in the hope of pressuring umpires;
- Seeking to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side;
- Engaging in any conduct towards any other player or official in a manner which offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or





vilifies the other player or official on the basis of that player's or official's race, religion, creed, descent, nationality, ethnic origin or gender

- A fielder directing a dismissed batter off the field;
- A batter disputing an umpire's decision by remaining at the crease after being given out, or by taking an inordinate amount of time to leave the field.
- A dismissed batter banging the bat on the ground, hitting or kicking the stumps, swearing or throwing the bat or other equipment, whether on or off the field.
- Any player uttering a profanity or obscenity that is clearly audible off the field of play.
- Blatant time wasting.

Note: 'Umpire' includes a person acting as an umpire.

This Code is not restricted to the conduct of matches. All Club Members have a responsibility to conduct themselves in a proper manner at all times. Any allegation that arises out of an incident where a person could reasonably be considered to be identified as a Club Member can be addressed under this Code. That includes social functions, interaction with the ACTCA or members of other clubs, or public comment.

Members should also be conscious of their behaviour and image when wearing Club apparel in public.

Club members are also expected to show consideration, respect, responsibility and courtesy in their preparation for matches. That includes –

- Being on time for their match, at the time instructed by the captain, and remaining with the team for the duration of the day's play and any tasks that should be performed once play has concluded.
  - A player should not leave the ground – including during breaks – without the permission of the captain.
- Ensuring that extraneous pursuits such as physical or social activities do not detract from their ability to perform in a match e.g. being affected by alcohol when playing.
- Advising the selectors and their captain of their availability and unavailability between matches.





- Attending training sessions at every opportunity.
- Taking proper care of Club equipment and facilities.

### **Dress of Players on the field of Play**

All players must wear correct cricket attire, consisting of -

- long white or cream trousers;
- white or cream cricket shirt with collar;
- predominantly white spiked cricket shoes or boots (rubber soles are acceptable in circumstances where specific approval is given by the ACTCA Cricket Committee);
- white or cream sweaters with or without a coloured band on the collar, cuffs or basque (waistband);
- White or cream socks - dark coloured socks are not acceptable.

Trousers should not be tucked into socks (except for the wicketkeeper and batters).

Thigh pads and other protective equipment (other than pads, gloves and helmets) are to be worn under clothing.

Acceptable headwear is limited to the authorised official club cap or white hats, unemblazoned except for a club badge. This does not include helmets emblazoned with the ACTCA logo. Other logos should be obliterated with tape.

- Sun visors, baseball caps, representative caps and caps from another club are not acceptable.

### **Alleged Breaches of Competition Rules**

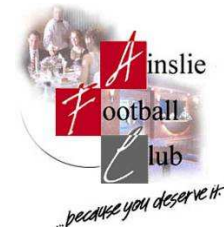
If a Club Member is reported for alleged breach of the Competition Rules relating to conduct, he/she will be required to appear before the ACTCA Discipline Committee. In such a case, the Club will offer to have a Committee Member accompany the Member.

In the event that the player is found to have breached the Competition Rules, he/she can expect to have some sanction applied - e.g. warning, reprimand, suspension.

### **Mentions**

The Competition Rules provide for umpires to mention incidents that may be considered unacceptable but do not warrant a report. A player who attracts three





mentions may be called before the ACTCA Grade Cricket Committee to explain their behaviour and demonstrate why charges should not be made.

### **NCGCC Constitution**

The Club Constitution provides for the appointment of a Disciplinary Sub-Committee to inquire into any allegations of misconduct, regardless of any simultaneous action taken by the ACTCA. The Sub-Committee can impose penalties such as reprimand, fine and/or suspension. Such penalty may be in addition to any imposed by the ACTCA.

October 2005

### **Super Northies Super Trivia**

If you take the average of:

- The number of matches played for Northies by Rob Docker;
- The number of innings played for Northies by Alastair Atkinson;
- The number of wickets taken for Northies by Michael Groenhout;
- The number of innings played for Northies by Simon Gowing;
- The highest score by Neil Dixon for Northies; and
- The number of innings played for Northies by Steve Murphy;

What do you get?

