

## Senior Competition

The make-up of the senior season has just had a major upheaval. **Katherine** has chosen **NOT to compete** this season in the Tooheys New Cup.

We will therefore not be travelling to Katherine for the first game of the season. There goes the Pine Creek Cheer Squad.

**Jabiru**, who did look a bit shaky for a while, is back for another season of B Grade.

## Upcoming Games

**SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> March**

**Warren Park**

South Darwin 10s

**SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**Austar Rugby Park 1**

**Round 1**

5.30 **B** v Casuarina

7.00 **A** v Casuarina

**SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> April**

**Austar Rugby Park 1**

**Round 2**

4.00 **B** v Jabiru

## Support Staff

Last week I mentioned the senior coaching team but I failed to mention other important people who are working with them to ensure our senior teams perform to their maximum.

**Physiotherapist Cat Waite**

is back again for another season with the club, welcome back Cat. Plus we have a new comer (or is he?) to the club on board as the **A Grade Manager, Greg**

## Somers aka 'Fruit & Veg'.

Welcome Greg.

I think we are still in the market for a **B Grade Manager** if anyone is interested.

## Major Sponsor - Top End Hotel

The club has again secured the **Top End Hotel** including **Lizards Bar & Grill** as major sponsors of the club.

# LIZARDS OUTDOOR BAR & GRILL

Besides exposure on the front of our A Grade jumpers they have provided us the opportunity to run the Friday night **Goose Club** in **Lizards Bar & Grill**. This is great exposure for the club plus an additional opportunity to raise much needed funds.

Manager **Rick Cullen**, Duty Manager **Brock Evans** and the rest of the crew are keen to see lots of Crocs players and supporters dropping by for a drink.

## Goose Club

Some of you might, like me, be wondering what a **Goose Club** is. Well, basically it is a flash raffle. It has a list of prizes and they are all drawn at the same time from the one ticket sale, a **multi-chance raffle**.

Players **gather from about 5.00pm** (make sure you have

a club shirt on), sell tickets from 6.00pm and the **draw happens at 8.00pm**.

An added bonus is that tickets can be **sold during the week** leading up to the draw. Bar staff at Lizards have tickets on sale all week plus you could take some to your work etc. See Dan if you want tickets to sell during the week.

It is **critical we get plenty of volunteers along to help** make the Goose Club a success. If we don't **Pres Dan** is afraid he will have to resort to a roster system.

## New Life Member

At last season's senior presentation night, **life membership** of the club was bestowed upon **Colin 'Snogga' Snowden**. He becomes only the 11<sup>th</sup> Life Member of the club.

**Congratulations Snogga and thanks for all of your efforts to date.**

Snogga started with the club in the 1989-90 season when we lost the Grand Final to University. He left in April 1990 and played the southern season on the NSW South Coast. He returned to Darwin in September 1990 and went on to play **A Grade from 1990-91 through till 1995-96**, playing over 100 A Grade games. He captained our 1<sup>st</sup> Grade from 1991-92 to 1994-95. He played **20 times for the NT** between 1990 & 1996 including against Scotland in 1992, Italy in 1994, Hong



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Kong in 1994, Singapore in 1994 and captained the NT on a number of occasions.

Along the way he won a **number of awards** including:

- A Grade Best & Fairest in 1990-91 and 1993-94;
- NTRU Best & Fairest in 1990-91 and 1993-94;
- NTRU Representative Player of the Year in 1994-95; and
- NTRU Coach of the Year in 1997-98

Snogga has also had a **distinguished coaching career** including:

- 1990-91 - Palmerston U16
- 1994-95 – B Grade
- 1997-98 – 1999-00 – Litchfield A Grade
- 2001-02, 2002, 2003 – A Grade
- 2004 & 2005 – U16
- 2003, 2004, 2005 – NT U16
- 2005 – successfully completed his ARU Level 3 coaching course

Snogga has made a big difference at our club in many ways including:

- his skilful forward play
- his passion to perform well & to succeed
- leading by example on the field and imploring his team mates to follow
- by coaching - he has developed both the skills and the passion for the game into his players.

### Croc Jottings

I have picked up all sorts of interesting bits and pieces over the last couple of months so here is what I can remember.

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**Jeremy 'Bullfrog' Bree** married **Nicky Hall** on a beach at Mangawhai, New Zealand a few weeks ago. All at Palmerston Rugby Union Club **wish you both the very**



### best for your future together.

Now, who are their children going to be playing for? The Wallabies or the All Blacks?

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On the togetherness front, **Matt 'Major' Payne**, now training to be sailor at Cerubus in Victoria, (after a previous life as a soldier), sent through some important news last October. He tells me that he has **found the women of his dreams**, has asked her to **marry him** and she said **yes**.

**Congratulations Matt**, you were right when you said it

would be a 'shock'.

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Word has also filtered through that **Nick 'Squirrel' Woodroff** has also found the lady of his dreams and **announced his engagement** late last year. **Congratulations Nick**.

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Having to go to a wedding in **New Zealand** gave **Bernie Bree** the perfect excuse to organise a little **reunion** of those past Palmerston players now residing there. To date I know that a few guys from the club's very early years made it along.



Eddie Somersan, Trevor Ryder, Lloyd Wardrop, Bernie Bree, Nickel Bree, Rodger Willis, Dave Lay, Glen Kenneally

