

Highlanders Take Over The Darwin Bowls Club

With the sun beating down the Clan of Palmerston gathered under the shady verandah of the Darwin Bowls Club in Fannie Bay.

In kilts, tartan, battle attire and even the odd sarong from our pacific highlander brother the elbow bending began early, or for some continued from the night before.

As we took to the green in our respective mini clans it didn't take long for the battle to begin. The best bowling effort with no doubt came from the individual effort of Mr McCox as he broke all possible records with not only the longest but most accurate bowl of the day. The talented Gerry Bree was our best onfielder and perhaps worst bowler of the day Mr McHoerty would have been better suited on the golfing green.

Bystanders were blinded as they observed a "traditional" check of our Scot's and despite everything we have been invited back!

Hope to see you all at the next upcoming event in Katherine.

See photos of the big day on the Palmerston website!



For all persons willing and wanting to have their say or perhaps write a brief note about someone they deem a Club Legend, please contact Kate (Mrs Caboose) Chandler at the games or e-mail:

ashkate@ozemail.com.au

The Croc Shop is OPEN for business

Display your love of the club proudly with our huge range of items available now from the CROC SHOP.

Bumper stickers from \$2.00 Stubby coolers and Key rings from \$10.00! Dress shirts, polo shirts, hats, jersey's, Junior shirts all available.

For all enquiries see Ash "Caboose" Eadie at the Clubhouse or at the Game or e-mail: ashkate@ozemail.com.au

After all, **NO SOFT CROCS** here!

A big warm Palmie Thankyou...

...is extended to our very kind friend Mr Nick Dondas (Patron of the NTRU) who was thoughtful enough to think of us with such a lovely gesture.

A plaque will be displayed in the PRUC Club House which was given to Mr Dondas by a touring Scottish National Team who were defeated by the Northern Territory in the early 1990's.

Have a look next time you are viewing our display in the bar.

PALMERSTON

RUGBY UNION CLUB

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A Frog captaining a bunch of Crocs?

Whoever thought it impossible was proved wrong when Jeremy "Bullfrog" Bree was elected as Palmerston Club Captain 2002/2003.

The election campaign was a close race between Bullfrog, Boulder and Frankie Mills. A mass vote from everyone after training was held in a true democratic and organised Palmie fashion. Even with an odd vote or two for oneself (you know who you are!!) we reached a well deserved decision in the end.

As a late bloomer to Rugby, the black sheep of the Bree clan, Bernie's heart skipped a beat as Jeremy first took to the field while in his late teens. Heading into his sixth year with the Club, he still shows great promise being a regular A grade player and is approaching his 50 game milestone shortly. However his mark on the Club was probably most felt after he took part in a very professional bare-bum model shoot for the PRUC 2001 Calendar!

Never shy to get involved with the club and its antics, Jeremy will be our host throughout the year for the majority of our social occasions. He is there as a support person for players and can be contacted at the games, at training and most calendar events. Be sure to introduce yourself next time you bump into him.



Dennis Bree XV VS Roger Rudduck Police XV

The Bree XV will take on the Police XV in Katherine on October 26th. All players new, old, good or bad are encouraged to attend.

The game is to be the curtain raiser to the ABC match of the day with Darwin XV showing Katherine XV what we are made of. The day will be topped off with Dennis and Roger both being awarded life membership to NTRU. Should be a great day and in old bus trip fashion it should be a rather memorable day for all. Have a chat with Garry Russell and get your bum on a seat, or...

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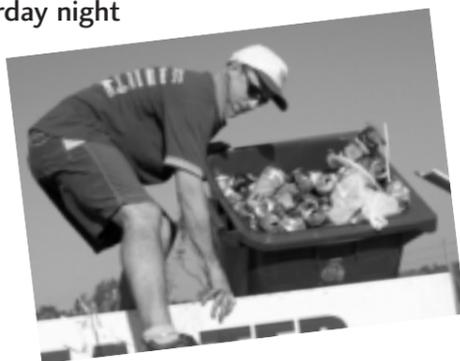
YES, THE CROCS WENT TO WORK AT THE SHOW.

We were responsible for keeping the area "reasonably clean" from 7.00am on Thursday through until 2.00am Sunday morning. This involved putting out the bins, collecting and emptying the full bins and picking up rubbish off the ground.

In all we had about 50 people who helped out over what turned out to be 4 days. At 11.00pm on Saturday night the Show Society realised they still had a huge mess in the other part of the grounds and asked us if we could come back on Sunday morning to clean it up. Its amazing what you can organise with a mobile phone late on Saturday night

when people are in a good frame of mind.

A great effort by everyone.



Other highlights of the weekend include an unnamed Palmie 2nd rower entering our Wastemaster ute in the Show Best Ute competition. Dallas Graetz negotiating a bottle of Bundy into the price for the extra Sunday work, the "Cattleman's Bar" work location of the Thursday night shift and the "super dogs" the Friday night shift had for dinner.

From all reports the Show Society were very happy with our efforts and we will be talking to them soon about the possibility of doing it again next year. Oh, and we made about \$5,000 for our efforts.

little crocs GOING STRONG

The Lightning season kicks off for the Palmie Juniors Friday October 11th and concludes December 6th.

We expect to do well with U8's, U10's and U12's, but are seeking an U14's coach. We need someone who will take this on and get out there and chase up some players.

We would also like to start getting an U16's team together again. The secret will be finding the right person to recruit, coach and manage this team. Are you that person? If so please contact Darrel Bishell: 8931 0507 after hours for further details.

Training starts Tuesday October 8th.

Coca-Cola Super 7's

Whether inspired by the sponsor or just sheer talent, Bundaberg Rum have yet again taken out the Coca-Cola Super 7's title with a 14 - 7 electrifying win!

With the likes of Francis "Frankie" Mills, John Sullivan, Rick "Stinkin'" Hoe, Tom Hurst, Craig "Squirter" Leach, Matt "Fang" Pheeney, Jamie Flemming and Brock Evans at the helm what were the competition thinking?!!

As a show of how keen the Crocs are when it comes to Rugby, a second 7's side finished in the finals also on Sunday. Jesse Leal, Jeremy "Bullfrog" Bree, Adrian Graham, Ben "Cube" Emmett, Nick Barlow, Sam Johnson, Matt "Major" Payne, Jamie Freeth and Gyrth Edgar made up the Top End team.

Any reason for celebratory drinks is a good reason!

CRAIG 'SQUIRTER' LEACH CLOCKS 250TH A GRADE GAME

ON 5TH OCTOBER CRAIG (SQUIRTER) LEACH LEAD HIS TEAM ONTO THE FIELD FOR HIS 250TH A GRADE GAME FOR THE PALMERSTON CROCS RUGBY UNION CLUB. BEING THE FIRST PLAYER TO ACHIEVE SUCH A MILESTONE, IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY RUGBY UNION (NTRU) COMPETITION, WE THOUGHT IT'D BEST TO BLOW HIS EGO AND SAY A FEW WORDS.

SQUIRTER JOINED PRUC AS AN 18 YO IN 1985 WHEN HE RETURNED TO THE NT AFTER FINISHING BOARDING SCHOOL IN BRISBANE. HE IMMEDIATELY DEMONSTRATED HIS RUGBY TALENTS AND SKILLS AND WAS QUICKLY SELECTED IN THE A GRADE TEAM.

APPROACHING HIS 17TH SEASON FOR PALMERSTON CRAIG HAS REMAINED A PROMINENT FIGURE IN THE A GRADE SIDE. AS WELL HE SHOWED LIGHTENING FORM PLAYING TWO SEASONS (1993-94) WITH THE EASTERN SUBURBS CLUB IN SYDNEY.

HE HAS CAPTAINED THE PALMIE A GRADE TEAM FOR A LOT OF HIS CAREER. AN HONOUR FIRST ACHIEVED IN 1989 AND HE HAS MAINTAINED THE HONOUR THROUGH TO THE PRESENT DAY. HE CAN ALSO ADD BEING OUR CLUB CAPTAIN FOR MANY YEARS TO HIS LIST OF ACHIEVEMENTS. CURRENTLY CRAIG HAS TAKEN ON ANOTHER ROLE AS SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND CAN ALSO TAKE THE BLAME FOR SUCH FANTASTIC PALMIE OUTINGS AS HIGHLAND BOWLS AND OTHER EVENTS SOON TO GRACE OUR CALENDARS.

CRAIG HAS REPRESENTED DARWIN MOZZIES AND THE NT AT BOTH U/21 AND SENIOR LEVELS. HE HAS PLAYED A RECORD 55 REP GAMES FOR THE NTRU BETWEEN 1988-01 INCLUDING BEING CAPTAIN 1990-92 AND AGAIN 1995-00. HE WAS ALSO VC IN 2001. TO TOP THINGS OFF, HE WAS CAPTAIN OF THE NT TEAM THAT DEFEATED SCOTLAND 17-16 AT RUGBY PARK IN 1992.

CRAIG HAS PLAYED IN PALMIE'S THREE A GRADE PREMIERSHIP TRIUMPHS. HE KICKED THE WINNING PENALTY GOAL WHEN PALMERSTON WON THEIR FIRST A GRADE TITLE IN 1991 AND WAS CAPTAIN OF THE TEAM THAT REPEATED THE EFFORT IN 1999 AND MOST RECENTLY HE LEAD THE CROCS INTO A TRIUMPHANT BATTLE AGAINST SOUTHIS TO SECURE TO 2002 ABC CUP.

ALSO WELL KNOWN FOR HIS PROWESS IN THE SOCIAL SIDE OF RUGBY, HE IS A FINE SINGER AND LEADER OF SOCIAL ACTIVITIES. TAKING ON BOARD A HUGE TASK THIS YEAR, CRAIG IS HELPING WITH THE PRODUCTION OF OUR SECOND PRUC CALENDAR, WHICH BOASTS MANY PALMIE BOYS IN THEIR FAVOURITE COLOURS - NONE! SQUIRTER ALSO MAKES TIME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF RUGBY IN THE NT BY BEING A MEMBER OF THE NTRU BOARD.

BEING A FAMILY MAN, SQUIRTER HAS HELPED INVOLVE THE ENTIRE LEACH CLAN IN THE PALMIE ANTICS. MR AND MRS LEACH ARE ALWAYS THERE SHOWING SUPPORT FOR ALL GRADES AND HE AND WIFE, MALINDA, SHARED A LOT OF THEIR RECENT WEDDING JUBILATIONS WITH MANY A PALMIE BOY OR GIRL. WHO KNOWS, MAYBE SOON THERE WILL BE A LITTLE LEACH TO DON THE RED WHITE AND BLUE OF A PALMIE JERSEY.

SO WHAT EVER HAPPENED ON THAT WARM OCTOBER DAY AGAINST SOUTHIS? SQUIRTER WAS IN BLITZING FORM AS HE GUIDED THE CROCS TO A SLASHING VICTORY OVER THE RABBITHOHS, CONVERTING EVERYTHING THAT CAME HIS WAY AND SHOWING TO THE CROWD WHAT EVERYONE ALREADY KNEW. THAT THIS MAN HAS RUGBY IN HIS BLOOD AND WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE BACK MORE THAN HE TAKES TO NOT ONLY PALMIE, BUT RUGBY AS A WHOLE.

NOT ONLY IS CRAIG 'SQUIRTER' LEACH A CLUB LEGEND, HE IS A STAND OUT CLASS ACT AND LEGEND ALL ON HIS OWN. TO THE MAN HIMSELF, WE SAY THANK YOU FOR JUST BEING YOU AND BEING A PART OF THE PALMIE FAMILY.

CALENDAR

BIRTHDAYS

October 6 Jamie Fleming
 15 Andrew Thompson
 26 Gail Barlow
 30 Franscesca Bree
 Gyrth Edgar
 November 2 Rob Gray
 3 Brian Quakawoot
 8 Dan 'Tiny' Simmons
 9 Tommy Hurse
 19 Matthew 'Phang' Pheeney
 30 Alan Babbs
 December 2 Shane Cotton
 27 Adrian Graham

SPECIAL EVENTS

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October 5th
 Squirter played 250th A Grade game
 (see feature story)
 October 8th
 Junior training started
 October 19th
 ABC Cup Grand Final
 Nick Woodroffe played his last game
 October 26th
 Dennis Bree XV vs
 Roger Rudduck Police XV
 November 2nd
 Presentation Night

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