



Editorial



Dear Member

By the time this news letter reaches you all of us would have dawned into the new year of 2019, having said good bye to the fond memories of 2018 and looking forward to welcome new ones in the new year. I pray that 2019 makes way for renewed vigour and zeal in your lives and you get well deserved opportunities to make your way towards success thereby blessing you with health, wealth, joy and happiness. I further pray for good health and good governance in an election year for the betterment of the nation and society.

As far as the Cricket is concerned, something that connects us and knits us together through our lives, Karnataka seniors had a reasonably good season but had to bow out in the Semi Finals to Saurashtra. Nonetheless, it was a commendable season with the new coaching staff at the helm and a few youngsters making their mark on the first class circuit being the major positives for Karnataka.

On the Umpiring front, it has been an extremely busy season for the Umpires from Karnataka on the BCCI panel and most of them have been away from home for close to 4 months serving the game like warhorses. Again in the next couple of months, the KSCA league season will begin in full swing and as always KSCA expects full support from its Umpiring fraternity in ensuring successful conduct of the matches. The time is also ripe for the Umpires to get in shape, begin their fitness regimes, where possible start attending net sessions and also refresh their knowledge of the laws and playing conditions.

Further, it is heartening to see the response to the quiz in the newsletter and we expect the members to continue their participation with the same enthusiasm. The objective of the quiz is two fold, it helps build interest in the newsletter by making it more participative and also helps members add to their knowledge of the laws of the game. Hence, more and more members are encouraged to participate in this activity and also attend the monthly meeting to share their experiences.

Until then, I invite you all to relish the festivities up ahead and make the most of the year 2019 by taking your success levels to new highs!

Secretary's Column

It is my privilege to place before you ACUK News Letter December 2018 which contains details of important events during the quarter.



On behalf of working committee, thank You all for attending "27th Umpires Day" during November 2018. Chief Guest Ms. Shanta Rangaswamy opined during her speech that ACUK Secretary's suggestion of Women cricketers to take up Umpiring is appreciable & she takes it up during her interaction with women cricketers in the coming days. Addition to this Guest Speaker Mr. Vinay Mruthynjay – Spokesperson of KSCA managing committee during his speech assured ACUK that he take it up with KSCA for giving pension to our retired state panel umpires which is really laudable & appreciable for KSCA when we need assistance as always ! As an initiative to strengthen cricketer & umpire partnership "on the field of play" a panel discussion was arranged representing Administrators (Mr. Santosh Menon - Assistant Secretary - KSCA), Coaches (Yere Goud & ,selectors (Shahvir K Tarapore & Fazel Khaleel) & umpires (Nandan & K Srinath) which was compeered by reputed & well-known cricket journalist Mr. Vedam Jaishankar with active participation from our members.

Pleased to share a proud moment that one of our ACUK life members Abhijeet Bengeri officiated in 2018 -2019 Ranji trophy matches starting as TV umpire from New Delhi & subsequently officiated as "On Field Umpire" ! Wish him the very best in all his BCCI assignments & bring laurels to KSCA & ACUK respectively. Apart, one more pleasant situation two of our members Keshav Kolle & Darshan Hurkadli qualified to BCCI panel of umpires in the recently concluded umpires Viva-Voce held at Nagpur. Please join me in congratulating both of them on this stupendous achievement by raising the flag of KSCA in general & ACUK in particular! Wish them all the best in their endeavor at BCCI. However, would have been happier, if remaining couple from Karnataka also succeeded, but am confident, in the coming days these two who missed the bus also would make it eventually!

The Proceedings of 27th Annual Umpires Day

After the initial Assembly and registration Sri Satish N S who was the MC started with pleasantries and greeted all of those present for the Occasion.

The function was graced by Ms. Shantha Rangaswamy, renowned Legend of Women's Cricket in India as Chief Guest of the day, Sri Vinay Mruthyunjaya, MC Member and Spokesperson of KSCA and Sri Raghavendra Ganapathi, Chief Sports Editor of Kannada Daily Vijaya Vani as Guest Speakers of the Day were called upon and accompanied to dias by the President and Secretary of ACUK.

As a token of respect to the departed souls in the recent past, namely Mr. Sadashiv Ghatge, our Member and Renowned Film & political personality Mr. Ambrish, a minute of silence was observed.

As a customary, the ACUK formation and its growth over years were narrated for the information of Invitees and Guests of the day by MC.

ACUK Treasurer Sri P Sri Muralidhara did the welcome address and whole heartedly extended welcome to Guests, Founders, all ACUK Members which included from different forums and from across the state who were present.

Chief Guest of the day Ms. Shantha Rangaswamy addressed and lauded Umpires for their contribution in smooth conduct of matches and called for some more additional welfare measures from the authorities looking into dedicated and selfless works rendered by them, even at lower levels. She wished and called upon women players to take up Umpiring in more numbers, even after retiring from

playing to keep them in touch & continue with the Game.

Guest Speaker Sri Vinay Mruthyunjaya spoke and wondered on complex calculations maintained by the Umpires and still be attentive during the conduct of game. Applauded the efforts of Umpires in successful conduct of matches. He informs that there is thought process going on with the management to cover all Umpires with Medical Insurance scheme and the modalities are being worked out in this direction. He wished all Umpires on the occasion of Umpires Day.

Sri Raghavendra Ganapathi, Sports Editor of Leading Kannada Daily Vijaya Vani spoke on Gamesmanship demonstrated by Umpires on the field, commitment and match management skills in conducting the game without any issues. Being thankless job rendered by the Umpires which goes unnoticed, appreciated Umpires for their passion towards the Game.

On the eve of completing playing in 100 Ranji Games, Karnataka Team Captain Sri R Vinay Kumar was honored by ACUK and his tremendous achievements were recollected. In his acceptance address Sri Vinay Kumar thanked ACUK for their gesture recollected his good times with Umpires.

At the same time two of Karnataka state players and sons of our own ACUK members who made their Ranji debut successfully were also honored. Namely, Sri B R Sharath son of Sri B K Ravi and Sri Sidharth K V son of Sri S K Venkatesh.

Some of the ACUK Members who have been serving as Umpires for more than

25 years and Plus were honored on the occasion. Namely,

Sri M Sreenivasa Murthy*, Sri M Manjunath, Sri R Natarajan, Sri H N Harish, Sri A Anand, Sri M Jayaprakash*, Sri A Manohar, Sri M.G.Joshi & Sri R.V.Pradhan Kumar Urs

A Panel Discussion was arranged involving Cricket Coaches, Players, Umpires and Administrators.

Sri Yere Goud & Sri Deepak Chowgule represented coaches, Sri Fazal Khaleel & Sri Shavir Tarapore represented Players, Sri Nandan & Sri K Srinath represented Cricket Umpires and Sri Santhosh Menon as Administrator. Sri Vedam Jaishankar moderated the discussion.

The topic started with Fielding teams using all tricks to deface the ball and indirectly tamper with, Coaches & Players agreed that it has become integral part of the fielding team's strategy to do it however, Umpires felt that they keep a strict vigil on this and not allow unfair practices.

There was a interesting discussion on Bowler opting for strange action including 360 degree turn around before the delivery. Umpires feel that as long as it is bowled legitimately and no change in guard it may be allowed but unfair tactics to gain will not be entertained. Coaches felt that they will encourage bowlers to experiment, Player panel is of the opinion that it is not new and as long as fair it can be allowed and are comfortable to face them. When Batsman is allowed switch hits at will, Bowlers are also entitled to experiment to fool Batsman.



Administrators expected the Game should be conducted sportingly well with in stipulated frame work of BCCI and no room for any dispute later.

Moderator Sri Vedam Jaishankar handled the session very well, controlled and balanced the thoughts.

Over all the discussion attracted full house attention and many of the senior Umpires present have also participated. It was well received by the Umpiring fraternity present on the occasion.

Concluding on all the deliberations, ACUK President Sri Vivekanand Kini thanked Umpires for their commitment and meeting KSCA expectations. Congratulated four of our members who have been inducted into Board Panel & wished the good luck. He also congratulated all of those who qualified in the recent KSCA conducted examinations. Wished them for good umpiring career.

Sri Kini elaborated on ACUK's efforts in educating their members through workshops/monthly meetings where healthy discussions and exchange of thought process is happening. Urged young Umpires to take part and make use of it in full. Called upon Mofussil forums to take leaf out of parent body to propagate and contribute.

Congratulated ACUK Members Sri Md. Mustafa on obtaining PhD from Bangalore University, Sri K N Gopalakrishna who was honored by Davanagere Corporation for social work.

Sri Raghotham B S Vice President rendered Vote of thanks, he thanked KSCA Management for their continued support, donors & all of those contributed directly & indirectly towards successful conduct of Umpires Day 2019.

In all there were about 126 members had participated from across the state & outside.

A health camp was organized in association with NadaFoundation Group, for the benefit of Members.

Memorabilia was distributed to all ACUK Members for Umpires Day 2018.

The Function ended with National Anthem.

Hall of Fame



M Nagaraj

M Nagaraj, one of life members of ACUK in 1985. M. Nagaraj, qualified to state panel in 1985. Officiated in

KSCA tournaments, school matches including KSCA league, State juniors match - Karnataka and Kerala in 1995 along with Mr Raghuram Bhatt. SAS, Dr. K. Thimmappaiah Trophy matches. Apart from umpiring, M Nagaraj is also a qualified BCCI scorer from 1997 till date. Served the ACUK as Working committee member and Treasurer from 1991 to 1999. Officiated as a BCCI Scorer in all tournaments - U-16, U-19, U-23, Ranji, All India women's matches, Tests (Men and Women), ODI (men and Women), T20 (men and women) Highlight being officiated in 1994 India and Sri Lanka TEST match where Mr. Kapil Dev equaled Mr. Richard Hadlee's wickets taken in tests. Born in March 1952, M Nagaraj obtained a degree in Science, B.Sc from Bangalore University in 1972. Played for University during 1969-70

Happily married, have one son – who is married & well settled in his life.

ACUK wishes a happy, healthy & harmonious life to M Nagaraj & family



M. Muniraju

M. Muniraju, one of life members of ACUK in 2015. M. Muniraju, qualified to state panel in 1999. Officiated in

KSCA tournaments, school matches including KSCA league, SAS Trophy matches. Highlight being officiated for visiting Australian University team during 2006 – 2007 season. Post retirement in 2011 associated with KSCA as a match observer & match referee till date. Muniraju born in January 1953 obtained a Pre degree in 1978 & worked with ITI & retired as Senior Technical Assistant in 2011. Played for ITI from 1995 to 2011

Happily married to Saroja, have two sons – who are married & well settled in their life.

ACUK wishes a happy, healthy & harmonious life to M Muniraju & family



K. Sethumadhav Rao

K. Sethumadhav Rao, one of life members of ACUK in 1980 from Raichur Zone, K Sethumadhava Rao,

though, started his career in umpiring in 1976 & qualified to state panel in 1999. Officiated in KSCA tournaments, school matches including KSCA league & interstate matches. Highlight being officiated in Jhansi Rani All India Womens university tournament in 1993 @ Bijapur Post retirement from active umpiring in 2010, involved with the game as Convener of Raichur Zone representing KSCA

Born in December 1950, K. Sethumadhav Rao obtained a graduate degree in B.Com in 1974 from BRB College Raichur. Joined M/s Syndicate Bank in 1972 & retired as Special Assistant in 2010. Post retirement involved in spiritual activities till date

Happily married to Renuka have two children – who are married & well settled in their life.

ACUK wishes a happy, healthy & harmonious life to K. Sethumadhav Rao & family.



N. S. Raguprasad

N S Raguprasad, one of life members of ACUK in 1987 from Shivamogga Zone, N S Raguprasad, though,

started his career in umpiring in 1980 & qualified to state panel in 1985. Officiated in KSCA tournaments, school matches including KSCA league & state juniors. Highlight being officiated in All India inter university tournament in 1995 @ Dharwad & Gulbarga respectively. Post retirement from active umpiring in 2014, involved with the game as chairman of Umpires posting committee Shivamogga Zone from 2014 to 2016.

Born in November 1954, N S Raguprasad Rao obtained a post graduate degree in statistics - M.Sc in 1976 from Mysore University. Joined M/s Indian Bank Bank in 1977 & retired as Assistant Manager in 2011.

Happily married to Rama, have two sons – who are married & well settled in their life.

ACUK wishes a happy, healthy & harmonious life to N S Raguprasad & family.

Cricket Law Quiz

Long Shot Tall Handle

Questions:

1. The fielding team took a new ball during the 7th ball of the 92nd over. 7th ball was a No Ball and over was called after that. Minimum for new ball is 80 overs. When is the next new ball due?
2. Lunch is scheduled at 12 noon. At 11:59 AM when 3 ball of the over in progress remain to be bowled a batsman is hit and seeks medical attention. By the time he finished taking medical attention, it is 12:03 PM. Will you complete the over before taking lunch?
3. Last hour is scheduled from 3 PM to 4 PM. At 3:20 PM and innings ends when 7 overs have been bowled in the last hour. It starts raining at 3:28 PM and the rain stops at 3:34 PM. How many overs remain to be bowled in the last hour?
4. One ball remains to be bowled in the last over of the last hour of the match. The side batting last is 9 down with the scores level and with one batsman injured and unable to bat. What is the result of the match?
5. On day 1 of a 4 day match, after the call of play the first over has started but before the bowler could deliver the ball he twists his ankle and falls during his delivery stride. It starts raining and the day 1 was washed. How many runs are needed to enforce follow on Day 3 of the match?
6. 2 runs are needed to win and on the last ball of the match the bowler bowls a no ball of which the batsman is bowled and the ball runs away to the boundary without making any contact with the batsman's bat or person. What is the result of the match?
7. State if the following statement is correct or incorrect. "A batsman tries to loft a full toss which is called a No ball by the strikers end Umpire and in the process drops his bat on the wicket and is out Hit Wicket".
8. In the below scenario how many balls remain to be bowled in the over

in progress. "On the 6th ball of the over in progress, a player who had gone out comes in without the Umpires permission and fields the ball at third man and throws it to the wicket keeper".

9. The batsmen at the wicket have completed the first run and have turned for the second. While running the second run the non striker slips and is sitting down near the 5 feet protected area marking. He is joined there by the striker who forgets to run and sits down exactly at the same position to enquire about the non striker. Meanwhile the wicket is put down by the wicket keeper with both batsman outside their ground. Which batsman is out?
10. The striker jumps down the wicket and plays at the ball and misses. He soon realizes that he may be stumped and in the process dives back and ends up breaking the wicket with his bat, but makes good his ground before the wicket keeper could attempt the stumping. There is a loud appeal. Is the batsman out, if so how?

Soft Skills

Onside off the field (Column on soft skill and off field activities)

As we near the beginning of the new season, it's a good time to do things that help us prepare for it. This quarter we are going to have a look at Umpire fitness and its aspects. The game has evolved not just in its character in terms of speed but also in its form by the way it is covered on cameras which stress the need for aesthetic values to be exhibited apart from professional skills. Gone are the days of the voluptuous kind who have made way for the well-toned torsos standing upright chest open nodding in a near robotic manner to every question asked. Fitness is a focus area as it keeps one not only physically but also mentally fit. A positive body language is the need of the hour for anyone looking to make a mark in this profession. It is imperative to have a fitness schedule focusing on strength, form, endurance and overall grooming. One should have a routine focusing on aspects of fitness pre-season, season, pre match, during the match, post-match. Basic cardio activity and some

stretches is the least one can do to keep a bare minimum level of fitness. Core muscles and leg muscles are the key focus areas and one should prepare an exercise routine accordingly to work on the weaker sections of muscles and strengthening the muscles most used while performing the job. The most important thing here is exercise form, one should always have an arch in the back while standing and should not slouch. Iron man(plank), squats, lunges, calf raises, Russian twists, wall sitting, sit ups, and Sorenson holds are some of the exercises that one must programme their fitness regimen upon. Not to be forgotten is the need to walk or jog to ones comfort on a regular basis. Doing this will not only improve the ability to stand long hours but also mental focus and concentration. In all your exercise regimes never forget to warm up before and cool down after the session to prevent injuries and burn outs.

Dates to Remember

Monthly Meeting:

January 11, February 15 March 8

General Holidays: January

- 1st : New Years Day
- 14th : Pongal
- 15th : Makarasankranti
- 26th : Republic Day

March

- 04th : Mahashivarathri
- 21st : Holi



Obituary



We are sorry to inform you about the sad demise of Sri Sadashiv Ghatge on 02.08.2018.

Sri Sadashiv Ghatge

He was an active member of ACUK and umpired many league matches at Raichur Zone. ACUK pray to the almighty for his soul rest in peace and our heartfelt condolence to his family.

With Best Compliments From

SRI. B. SATHYAJI RAO

Founder Member
and Former Test Umpire

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