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'NURTURING UMPIRES' HAS NO SUBSTITUTE.

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There are very many instances of complaints and jokes about Umpires. Just pause a minute. Think about what can be done. The enormous blunders committed by a few handful of Umpires are highlighted instead of treating them as inevitable aberrations. When the aberrations become too many, it is necessary to take notice and react promptly. How can Umpires be supported? Financially - Yes. But that may not result in quality improvement. Encouragement - Yes. Matches are posted for Umpires to stand in. A good number of matches do not produce good cricket. Good cricket and quality Umpiring are complimentary to one another. In this context, if I can make an observation please think whether Umpires enjoy confidence of management. Presently this is appallingly low. An Umpire is constantly under duress. In fact he is certain that in a face off with a player or a group of players or a team, the Umpire has to lose out in the discussion even when he is right. So many times Umpires are of the opinion that they are not given a fair deal by management anywhere. The

administrators can take a leading stride towards correcting this opinion/view. Management should display to all persons in general- players, teams, coaches, managers, secretaries and umpires in particular that Umpire and Umpires' decisions are respected and valued. Such a display of confidence in Umpires should be openly visible for all concerned. Any players' criticism of Umpires' decisions should be condemned loudly. Umpires also should gear themselves up properly and must be seen, as friendly and continuously updating personalities and players must be encouraged to pour out their disappointment on Umpires' shoulders.

Identify a few Umpires-young, fit and knowledgeable. Keep them in good humour now and then. Let it be seen that they are consulted regarding philosophies and attitudes of players and teams. These Umpires, when they err may be handled toughly, but with a healing touch. Let it be generally understood that management acknowledges Umpiring is a difficult and easily criticisable task and that when management does not tolerate fools, it

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also moves forward with good Umpires. In a match an Umpire is an officer of the Association on duty. If players question his actions, management should put it down strongly and this 'put down' should be seen and observed generally. Whenever there altercations on field, Umpires are asked to make a report, which is not always possible. Many times, it is beneath dignity of an Umpire to make a report of behavior of players. A player, due to frustration may be determined to create an impossible situation and thereby seek importance that has eluded him. He may be on the lookout for cheap publicity. Hence when the Umpire reports such happenings, trust him and talk to the player. Extension of such trust goes a long way in making the life of an Umpire more pleasant.

Umpires don't complain heat of the day, strains of 6-8 hours of standing in the middle and demands on their concentration continuously updating. In view of these and many more, it is very necessary to expect that they are handled with kindness and care. An Umpire is an officer on duty of the governing body. He is the official on field symbol of the Association. His stand should be accepted and supported by association without fail. Decision-making, whatever be the level is a very difficult exercise. All cricket related people – players, legislators, journalists, and spectators enjoy a common pastime -joke about Umpires and the associated faults. Included in the list are their brethren as well. These jokes should not affect the performance of Umpires. Yes, but Umpires are also human and hence are subject to reacting when these jokes are malicious. It is of course known that only faults are highlighted whereas correct decisions even if contested some times are not worthy of mention. For Umpires it is a very unfair world. Umpires are continuously needed. One infact calls for a few special qualities to be Umpires. Among this list of qualities, quite high up would be the one related to fairness and firmness in judgments.

Concluded
K.C. Shekar

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

My Greetings to all members. With great pleasure, I acknowledge the smooth conduct of our 32nd AGM, which was possible only with all your support and co-operation. I seek the same in future too. Our Annual Umpires' Day has been decided to be held on the 19th of November 2006 and I request members to be present in large numbers. Details of the same will be mailed to all in due course. Stating that all the activities of our Association are being conducted on time, I sign off. Rest in next.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

The President, Sri. Shahvir K Tarapore addressed the monthly meetings of the gone-by quarter. He advised all members to carry the laws and playing conditions to matches. He wished the members appearing for the examination for promotion to BCCI Panel the very best with a special appreciation for ones from mofussil centers. He expressed satisfaction over the fact that most of the league matches were played without any protests or complaints and said that the credit goes to the Umpires. He wished that the trend would continue. The meetings concluded with thanks to Sri.S.Rajeshwar & Sri.B.N.Chetan Kumar, all the candidates appearing for the Umpires' Examination of the BCCI and Sri.S.K.Nagraj who sponsored the evening tea for the meetings on 12th July, 09th August and 13th September respectively.

DATES TO REMEMBER

11th October 2006
08th November 2006
13th December 2006

GREETINGS

The A C U K wishes all its members a happy Vijaya Dashami, Deepavali, Ramzan and Christmas festivals.

Man must give an account of every good deed he fails to perform.

PROMOTIONS

Sriyuths B.N.Chetan Kumar, N.R.Gopal, S.Rajeshwar and Subramanya-Associate Members of our Association have been promoted to the State Panel of Umpires by the KSCA after they were successful in the Umpires Examination conducted during the month of April 2006. ACUK congratulates and wishes them a pleasant Umpiring future.

ACCOLADES

Sri.Shahvir.K.Tarapore and Sri.Ravi Subramanyam of our Association have been appointed as Umpires for the N.K.P.Salve Challenger Series Tournament to be held at Chennai from 01st October 2006 to 04th October 2006 by the BCCI. Wishing them a good series, ACUK congratulates them and hopes that many more such opportunities will come by their way and to other members too.

It was for the first time in the history of Ranji Trophy cricket that its Final Match of the Elite Group was officiated by both Umpires from Karnataka during Jan-Feb.2006. This rare honour and credit goes to Sri.A.V. Jayprakash and Sri. Ravi Subramanyam. The match was between UPCA and Cricket Association of Bengal at Lucknow.

OMMISSION

Sri.M.Sreenivasa Murthy was also a member of the faculty during our Annual Workshop 2006. His name has erroneously been omitted from the workshop column of our June 2006 Newsletter. The error is deeply regretted.

OBITUARY

Sri.K.R.Krishna Murthy, a founder member of ACUK passed away on 05th August 2006. ACUK deeply condoles his death and sincerely prays for his soul to rest in peace.

UMPIRES' WORKSHOP MYSORE FORUM

The Mysore Forum of ACUK conducted its maiden workshop on Sunday the 30th July 2006 at the Gangothri Glades, Mysore. About 35 Umpires attended the workshop. Mr. Ananthswamy Rau and Mr. P. Alasingachar former Umpires of the BCCI Panel were present on the occasion. Mr. S Balachandar-Convenor, KSCA Mysore Zone was the chief guest. Sri Shahvir Tarapore and Sri Ravi Subramanyam, interacted with the Umpires and clarified various points on the laws of cricket and playing conditions of KSCA followed by a questions and answers session. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks by Sri. Vijayprakash.

The Working Committee congratulates the Mysore Forum for the successful conduct of its maiden workshop and is hopeful that it will henceforth be an annual affair.

AGM 2006

The 32nd Annual General Body Meeting of our Association was held on Sunday the 25th June 2006 at Clifton Park, Doddaballapur Road, Nelamangala. The Hon. President, Sri. Shahvir.K.Tarapore was in the chair and addressed the members. All the items on the agenda of the AGM went off smoothly. Many of our members donated a considerable amount towards expenses of the AGM and for distributing sweets on the occasion. The meeting concluded with vote of thanks by the Hon. Joint Secretary. The Working Committee thanks all the dignitaries of the AGM for its successful conduct.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q) A fair delivery hits the striker's person and before it touches the ground he again hits it with his bat in order to guard his wicket and a fielder holds a catch. Is the striker out?

A) Yes, the striker is out because the ball, before being caught, has not touched the ground since being first struck.

Q) The striker misses a fair delivery and it hits the wicket keeper's helmet, rebounds and directly breaks the wicket with the striker out of his ground. Is he out?

A) No, the striker is not out since the ball has neither been touched by any fielder nor by the wicket keeper himself after it hit his helmet and before putting the wicket down.

To the whole world you are somebody, but to somebody you are the whole world.

With Best Compliments from



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(Founder Member and Former Test Umpire)

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