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Dr. K. THIMMAPPAIAH
(1917 - 2008)

Dr. K. Thimmappaiah expired on Sunday the 27th day of July 2008 at the ripe old age of 92. In his death, the cricketing fraternity in Karnataka as a whole and K.S.C.A in particular has lost a very great visionary and administrator. Incidentally, Dr. Thimmappaiah was the Founder Patron of our A.C.U.K when it was formed in the year 1974.

Dr. Thimmappaiah, a Doctor by profession served in the Army Medical Corps during the II World War and rose to the rank of Captain. In his lifetime, he headed various service oriented organizations like

I.M.A, St. John's Ambulance Association, Indian Red Cross Society etc.; He also started a school by name Mano Vikas Kendra for the mentally challenged children.

He was a very ardent fan of cricket and played cricket for Karnataka (then Mysore State) and holds the record for scoring the 1st Ranji Trophy century for Mysore State.

As the 1st Patron of A.C.U.K, he was very keen and always supported our activities. It was during his time as Patron that Karnataka boasted of having the maximum number of B.C.C.I umpires as compared to any other state.

Dr. K. Thimmappaiah - A great inspiration

by B.R. Keshavamurthy (Retd. ODI Umpire)

Dr. K. Thimmappaiah was indeed a great gift to this sports loving people of Karnataka. With his extraordinary pleasing manners, he was a popular figure in both arts, music & sports. He learnt veena when very young and played amongst the legends in his early life. He was outstanding in Athletics and Cricket in particular.

Dr. Thimmappaiah had a memorable tenure as a player, selector, manager and administrator. During his tenure he played a significant role in KSCA Administration, occupying important positions as Vice President, President, Chairman of the Selection Committee, Member of the BCCI Umpires Sub-Committee. His moment of

glory came in 1961 when he was appointed as a Manager of Indian Test Team for all the five tests, with India winning four and drawing one.

Along with the great M. Chinnaswamy he was instrumental in convincing the Army Authorities and finally obtaining the land for the present day stadium. The collective and noble efforts he played in mobilising funds for the construction of the stadium is memorable.

He was so sincere in his profession, not a single day went without attending his modest clinic, where 75% of his patients were treated free of costs.

I bid farewell to this great gentleman.

Secretary's Desk

It was an unfortunate and sad quarter for the umpires' fraternity in Karnataka. In the month of August we lost our first patron Dr.K. Thimmappaiah, who was fatherly figure in cricketing circles. He was a tower of encouragement for young and aspiring umpires. He always stood behind the umpires at all the times.

Another very elderly personality Sri M.V Sheshachala Setty, a senior umpire and a very able administrator from Shimoga reached heavenly abode after a freak incident. He was part and parcel of every cricketing activity in Shimoga Zone. Both Dr. Thimmappaiah and Sri Sheshachala Setty have left a big void in the umpiring arena. May their Souls Rest in Peace.

As the festival of lights- Deepavali is fast approaching, ACUK is gearing up towards Umpires' Day 2008. It is tentatively fixed to be celebrated on 23rd November 2008. As a part of this event the 2nd State level Inter School Cricket Quiz Competition will be held at Bangalore, Mysore and Shimoga.

This is planned for end of October or early November depending on school Vacations. The exact dates will be notified shortly. The finals of the quiz along with Blood Donation Camp will be held on the umpires' day. All our members are hereby requested to take active part in all the events. I also request more umpires to come forward for blood donation to help the needy and save lives.

Two of our members Sri Shahvir K Tarapore and Sri V.N Kulkarni have been appointed as Umpires Educators by BCCI. ACUK wishes them all the very best in their new innings.

The long awaited remuneration issue has been favourable addressed by K.S.C.A. Now, it is for every one of us to pull up our socks and stand tall to prove our worth. It does not happen automatically. It requires lot of effort and commitment.

I sign off by wishing every one of our members and their families happiness and good health

MYSORE FORUM

Mysore Forum conducted its 2nd Annual School Cricket Tournament with 18 Teams participating in the event. The teams were divided into 4 groups with 2 groups comprising of 4 teams each & 2 groups with 5 teams each. This year quarter finals was also introduced with 2 teams from each group qualified for the knock out stage.

The tournament was inaugurated jointly by Three Senior Administrators, Sri Subba Rao (RBNCC), Sri Ananth Ramaiah (MCC), Sri Bhagath Simha (Jaihind CC) on 07.07.2008 @ Gangothri Glades.

The final was held at Gangothri Glades on 19.07.2008 between Marimallapa's High School & St. Joseph's High School and ultimately Marimallapa's High School lifted the trophy. Special Prizes like, Player of the Finals, Man of the series, Best Batsman and Best Bowler were also given. Dr.C. Krishna, Director of Physical Education, University of Mysore, Sri Harikrishna Kumar, Convener KSCA Mysore, Sri Sunand Raghuram Chairman KSCA, Mysore, Sri Ravi Subramanyam, President ACUK, Sri S.Muralidhara, Vice-President ACUK and Sri M. Srinivasa Murthy, Secretary ACUK were the Guests of Honour. Senior cricketers, Officials of various cricket clubs of Mysore & School authorities participated in the prize distribution function.

Sri M.R.Suresh, Vice-President, ACUK Mysore Forum welcomed the guests. Speaking on the occasion the guests appreciated the Forum for conducting this annual event successfully. The programme concluded with Vote of thanks by Sri Guruprasad, Secretary, and ACUK Mysore Forum.

SHIMOGA FORUM

Shimoga Forum is conducting their A.G.M on 5th October at Honnemardu, near Sagar.

Achievements

Shri Shahvir K Tarapore has been nominated to the I.C.C. Panel of Umpires.

Shri Shahvir K Tarapore and Shri V.N. Kulkarni have been appointed Umpires' Educators by B.C.C.I.

Shri M Srinivas Murthy has been promoted as Chief Manager in H.A.L.

A.C.U.K. congratulates all of them and wishes them success in their new endeavour.

II Inter school quiz competition

ACUK is conducting second inter school Quiz competition on the occasion of the Umpires day. The preliminary rounds will be held on 2nd November at St. Marks Convent, 3rd Block Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010 from 10am to 5pm. All the members are requested to kindly attend this programme.

Greetings

Acuk wishes all its members
a Very Happy

Dassara

Deepavali

Kannada Rajyothsava

Christmas

New year-2009

Condolence

Shri M.V. Seshachala Setty, a member of ACUK Shimoga forum and Life Member ACUK, died on 13th August, 2008. We pray God to give his family the strength to bear his loss.



Shri M.V. Seshachala Setty
1927-2008

Days to remember

Quiz prelimeries : At Bangalore 2nd November 2008

Umpires day : 30th November 2008

Monthly meetings : 15th October, 12th November & 10th December

With Best Compliments from



SHRI. B. SATHYAJI RAO

(Founder Member and Former Test Umpire)

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