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The Sliding Traditions

Cricket is a great game which has traditional values and natural charm for more than 150 years. By the introduction of technology, this great sport I am afraid, is losing its natural charm and traditional values.

There are many arguments from different corners. Some argue that with the use of this technology the pressure on the on-field umpires will be less and there is no fear of jeopardising the career of a player.

The use of technology should be limited to only line decisions and fair catches otherwise the role of the on field umpires will be just to call play, over or time.

Keeping in mind that umpires are also as good as any player and genuine mistakes do happen, the system of 'Referral' should be totally scrapped.

Friends let us all make an effort to uphold the traditions of this game and prove that we are better off without the present technology. If we do not raise our concern now, then we will be mere ball counting machines on the field.

- Sadiqulla Beig

Giving love is the greatest pleasure of life.

Secretary's Desk

As the year draws to a close, I wish all our Members a very Happy and Prosperous New Year 2009. The Year 2008 has been very eventful in the sense that the long standing demand of the increase in Umpires Match allowance has been accepted and has been substantially increased by KSCA. Friends this has put the onus on us to prove ourselves worthy of the tasks entrusted to us. I request all our members to rise to the occasion and bring laurels to

ACUK. We hope, with this increase, more people take Umpiring as a serious profession and raise the standard of Umpiring. This years Umpires day was celebrated on 30th November and was as grand a scale as in the previous year. More number of umpires participated compared to the previous year. Unfortunately, this did not result more number of blood units collected. This has seriously made us to rethink on such ventures in future.

Umpires Day 2008

The registration started at 2.30 pm along with tea and biscuits. As usual, a large contingent of Mofussil Umpires could be seen. Non ACUK Umpires were also present. The Blood donation camp organized by ACUK in association with Giants Group of Silicon City was the first programme of the day. The response was very poor as compared to earlier blood donation camps conducted by us. Since blood donation is a very noble gesture and there is no alternative for human blood we hope that Umpires will be more forthcoming during such camps in future.

The second all Karnataka School Quiz Competiton finals was the most attractive programme. Members were present in large numbers and the hall was jam packed.

Four Teams, one each from Mysore & Shimoga and two teams from Bangalore participated in this Finals. The Quiz was conducted by Sri M. Srinivas Murthy and assisted by Sri Gopal Nuggehalli while Sri T.K Balaji was the scorer. Some questions were also directed to the audience and

many of them won prizes. The Winner of this quiz was Swami Vivekananda High School, Shimoga and the runners up were Amritha Vidyalaya, Mysore and the last two teams were Vijaya High School and St. Marks Convent, both from Bangalore. The quiz finals concluded by 5.45 pm.

The second session started after a break for light refreshments. The invited Guests Shri Rahul Dravid and Shri Satish Vishwanath arrived on time and the programme started as scheduled at 6.30 pm. After the invocation by our Member Shri Sethumadhava Rao, the Umpires Day was symbolically inaugurated by Lighting of the lamp by all the dignitaries on the Dias. Shri S. Muralidhara, Vice President, welcomed the gathering. Shri Rahul Dravid gave away the prizes and certificate to all the quiz participants.

As per the traditions of ACUK four retired International Umpires Shriyuths P. A. Char, B.R. Keshavamurthy, N.S. Ramanna and K.N Narasimha Murthy were felicitated for

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there contribution to the Umpiring field and bringing laurels to Karnataka and in particular, ACUK.

Five senior umpires Shriyuths C.K. Gururaja Rao and P.S. Nagarajan from Bangalore, S. Vijaya Prakash from Mysore, N. Krishnamurthy from Shivamogga and

Bheemacharya K. from Raichur were also honoured for their contribution to the Umpiring fraternity.

Sri Shahvir K. Tarapore was presented with a silver salver by ACUK on his being elevated to the ICC panel of Umpires.

The Meeting ended with a grand dinner.

MYSORE FORUM

The Second ACUK Inter-school cricket quiz for Mysore centre was conducted by ACUK Mysore Forum on 23.11.2008 at Kaveri Educational Institutions, Mysore.

A total of Eight teams participated in the event and finally Sri Matha Amrutha Vidyalaya, Mysore, represented by Master Pradyumnya & Master Vigneshwar ended up as Winner's and Baden Powel Public School represented by Master Kaushik Ranganath & Master Annirudh ended up as runner's. Sri Matha Amrutha Vidyalaya qualified to participate in the Finals which was held on 30.11.2008 on Umpire's day at M.Chinnaswamy Stadium Bangalore.

Shri Gopal Nuggehalli was the quiz master and was supported by Shri Rajgopal. Mementoes were sponsored by ACUK Bangalore to all the participants, which were distributed by Sri.K.L.Venkatsubbaiah, President, ACUK Mysore Forum.

Finally, ACUK Mysore Forum thanked the management of Kaveri Educational Institutions for providing their premises to conduct the event and all the participated schools who took part in the event. ACUK members of both Bangalore & Mysore who were instrumental in smooth conduct of this event were also thanked.

SHIVAMOGGA FORUM

ACUK Shivamogga Forum held its AGM on 3rd October 2008 at Honnemaradu Village, Sagar Taluk, Shivamogga District. Thirty five Members from all over Karnataka were present.

The 2nd state level school quiz of AUCK at Shivamogga centre was held on 20th November 2008 at Vasavi Vidyalaya Auditorium, Kote Road Shivamogga. A total of 12 teams participated. Sri D Nagaraj, Convener, KSCA Shimoga Zone and Smt. Veena (Head Mistress of Vasavi Vidyalaya Shimoga inaugurated the competition. Sri N.R. Gopal and Sri K. Amarnath conducted the quiz. Shri. Chetan Kumar B.N Ayyappa High school Shivamogga were the runners up. The winner of the quiz was Swamy Vivekananda High school, Shivamogga and qualified for the finals to be held at Bangalore on 30th November 2008. They ultimately won the finals and brought Laurels to their school and Shivamogga Forum



Light up your own life by lighting up another's

Condolence

Our Member Sri S. Mohan passed away on 22nd December 2008. We pray God to give the family the strength to bear the loss.

Days to Remember

Monthly meetings

21st January

11th February

11th March



ACUK wishes all its members
a happy

Last Day of Muharram,

Makara Sankranti,

Republic Day,

Maha Shivarathri,

Id Milad,

Holi,

Chandramana Ugadi

With Best Compliments from



SHRI. B. SATHYAJI RAO

(Founder Member and Former Test Umpire)

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Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal