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EDITORIAL

This 'Grapevine' was started with an intention of sharing the knowledge in the field of Umpiring and other associated aspects, while it also served as news medium of the Association.

The newsletter carried articles thought to arouse emotions and provoke creation of critical participation from the members at large. The article in June issue is a moot point. But of no avail so far. Is it not a crime to spend money on anything which does not trigger involvement from the readers. We, at this moment, leave it to your goodsenses.

Elsewhere in this issue, a block with the courtesy of ACU, UK appears, which connects our own self with the game of Cricket and obviously umpiring. Hope this will certainly help improve, well you know what.

Learn to return love for hate

SECRETARY'S DESK

We are in the middle of a busy festival season. Even the cricket festival is on around the world in various forms. In the middle of all these hectic activities, we suddenly lost President of our Mysore Zonal forum Sri K.L.Venkatasubbiah due to a massive heart attack on 13th Aug 2009 at Mysore. Most of the working committee members along with few members and almost the entire Mysore umpires fraternity visited his family on the same day and offered our condolences.

August 30th 2009 goes down the history as another golden letter day for ACUK as another forum, 3rd in the state, was inaugurated at Mangalore. ACUK wishes the office bearers and members all the very best in all their activities.

Our major annual event, the Umpires day is round the corner. Again, like in the last couple of years, the working committee is striving very hard to make it a memorable event. I request every member to pitch in and support us in conducting the event successfully. The state level inter school quiz is being organized for the 3rd year. I also request members to look for sponsors for the event. Looking forward to your support.

Karnataka Premier League- Wither state panel Umpires?

The BCCI put the IPL in place to counter ICL, not long ago, but as late as April 2008, with no doubts over its success. Now, only two years since its inception, the IPL has turned out to be a huge success among the masses, a tremendous money spinner as well.

It is indeed a wonderful and novel idea to have T20 tournament involving the local players on the lines of IPL. The inaugural Karnataka Premier League has given an opportunity to many local players to rub shoulders with senior players including the retired international stars and also showcase their talent in front of their near and dear ones with lots of crowd and Live coverage. The other plus point of this tournament is that many individuals who were on the sidelines got an opportunity to be amongst the teams as managers trainers coaches etc. All these would have been only a dream but for KPL. It is nice to hear about those having got the opportunity but very surprising that the State Panel Umpires have cleanly been sidelined for what so ever reason.

This was a great opportunity for State Panel Umpires, who having lost the chances of climbing up the ladder to have officiated these matches and that too under lights whilst having the comfort of the third Umpire. The management could have made

use of this tournament to groom the umpires who took up the accreditation exams conducted by the BCCI recently, try and expose them to such big matches therein instilling the confidence to take up bigger tasks. A question to be asked is who are the Umpires who see the "A" division matches through? Who are they who see all the representative matches through? Definitely not only those who officiated in this tournament. The trust they have on the board umpires is not a subject to be discussed but definitely what motivation will the State Panel Umpires have to continue with Umpiring. Can the Management do away with the State Panel Umpires? This is one thing, where the people at the helm of affairs should put on their thinking cap and come out with a solution.

There is a faintest feeling though KPL being first of its kind, the authorities did not want to extend their faith beyond the Board Umpires. Equal opportunities in KPL need to have been provided to all the umpires officiating the higher division and representative matches all over the state. This act would not only have kept the umpires in the fold but also would have envisaged more enthusiasm in them, for their services were being recognised.

Remebering LATE K.L.VENKATASUBBIAH FOUNDER PRESIDENT ACUK MYSORE -FORUM



K L Venkatsubbiah was a rarity among Mysore umpires in that he had never played big league and had worked as a civil contractor. His Science and Mathematics background, knowledge of the game and vocabulary ensured

that few cricketers would dare utter dissent at his decisions in the middle. He stood in various grounds of the state between 1990 and 2009.

KLV or Laxmipuram Cricket Club Subba as popularly known, was born and educated in Mysore. He was a club cricketer in the city of Mysore representing Sharadavilas College, National Institute of Engineering and Fucc. Having started his umpiring career during early 1980's, did progress from standing in Tennis Ball cricket to league cricket during which he experienced the nuances of the game and umpiring. He is one person who was

critical of all misdoings of any one in the world and more so on any one in the umpiring fraternity.

KLV served in the State panel from 1990-2009. He gained a reputation for giving a batsman the benefit of the doubt rather than putting his finger up straight away. His appearance was distinctive, for apart from his considerable height and his own mannerisms.

He had read the Blue Book at least few hundred times and was the lone teacher who without any payback had trained many upcoming umpires of many districts. He was always there in any workshops and seminars and became the first President of ACUK Mysore Zone. His untiring efforts brought laurels to the ACUK Mysore when he successfully conducted the School boys tournament.

He is survived by father, his wife and a daughter.

Let us all pray for his soul to rest in peace.

THE CULTURE OF CRICKET

Cricket is a life, starting with an early apprenticeship and a continuing learning curve with never ending interest for players and spectators, and giving endless pleasure to all involved.

It is a team game of many skills and variations, which allows the individual to show a recorded performance.

It develops body and mind by demanding high standards of sports man ship and personal integrity. Whilst requiring high standards in many skills, it also provides the opportunity to develop ability to devise strategy and tactics under a variety of widely changing conditions. The game brings together like sporting minds and cultures with mutual respect and an acknowledgement of each other's success, at the same time maintaining intense competition.

The sound basic principals and skills, whilst being retained, allow the game to be played in different formats that meet the requirements of social change and the sporting public.

Its significant that the game is played "laws" which are considered to be more authoritative than "rules", and again is indicative of the games high principals. The "laws" were first formalized in the booklet "the game of cricket" at the star and garter in Pall Mall, London on the 25th February 1774. There appears to be no conclusive opinion as to how " Laws " evolved.

The game's basic principals of skills, good will and sportsman ship are admirable characteristics to be developed in life,

Jack Scholes

Learn to accept 'I was wrong'

FROM THE ZONAL FORUMS

MYSORE FORUM

The Third ACUK Inter- Schools Tournament was started on 15.07.2009, The tournament was jointly inaugurated by Sri. S.Vijaya Prakash Former Ranji Trophy Player and Sr.M.S.Ravindra , State Selector U-22 age group at Manasaganthri cricket grounds. Twenty one teams took part in the event. Three teams from Mandya, one team from Nanjangud & seventeen teams from Mysore took part in this event.



The grand final match between Mahabodhi High School, Mysore & Abhinava Bharathi Vidyalaya, Mandya was inaugurated on 30th July 2009, by three elderly persons who have contributed to the growth of Mysore cricket, namely Sri.Bhagath Simha, Secretary Jai Hind CC , Sri.Subba Rao and Senior administrator of RBNCC, Sri. Anantharamiah, Secretary, Mysore Cricket Club. Ultimately Abhinava Bharathi Vidyalaya Mandya lifted the Trophy.

Dr.C.Krishna, Director of Physical Education, University of Mysore, Sri.Ravi Subramanyam, President ACUK and Sri.S.Muralidhara, Vice President ACUK, were the Chief guests.

MANGALORE FORUM



The launching of the ACUK Mangalore Forum was held on 30th August 2009 at Boat Club, Sultan Battery, Mangalore. Sri.Moideen Bawa, Co-Franchisee Mangalore United, KPL was the Chief Guest while Sri.Manohar Amin, Convenor, KSCA, Mangalore Zone and Dr.Srikanth Rai, President, Dakshina Kannada Cricket Association were the Guests of Honour.

After the invocation, Sri S.Muralidhara, Vice President, ACUK, welcomed the guests of honour and the gathering. Sri Ravi Subramanyam, President, ACUK stressed the importance of ACUK Forum and highlighted briefly about the activities of ACUK.

The launching of the ACUK Mangalore Forum was inaugurated with lighting of the lamp by Sri.Manohar Amin. He spoke on the importance of the role of cricket umpires in contemporary cricket and praised their commitments in the matches and urged the umpires to keep themselves enthusiastic with updating their knowledge and wished the Forum a grand success. Dr.Srikanth Rai spoke on the facilities available for the umpires in the DKCA and assured his co-operation and help and wished the Forum for the best achievement in the times to come.

Sri.Ravi Subramanyam, President, ACUK installed the new Office Bearers of the

Learn to smile when facing troubles



Mangalore Forum with Sri.Sujith Kumar as Treasurer, Sri.Vijay Alva as Joint Secretary, Sri.Y. Shyam Sundar Rao as Vice President, Sri.Kishore D'Silva as Honorary Secretary and Dr.Ranjan R K as Honorary President.

Dr.Ranjan R K in his acceptance speech thanked the President and all members of ACUK for their keenness and support in launching the Mangalore Forum and desired the co-operation of them, whenever needed. He also thanked the fellow umpires of Mangalore Forum for their dedication, support and co-operation to the Forum and hoped, it will strive hard to meet the expectations of its members.

Sri.Moideen Bawa, in his address congratulated the new office bearers and stressed the need for better development among the local boys to represent at higher levels and also hoped the umpires of Mangalore Forum reach the highest standards and elevate to higher grade and represent at national and international matches.

The President acknowledged all the umpires of Bangalore, Mysore and Shimoga with a memento to cherish their presence at Mangalore.

Sri.Kishore D'Silva, Secretary, delivered the vote of thanks and the programme signed off with national anthem followed by dinner.

SHIMOGA FORUM

The annual general body meeting of the forum is being held on 31st October- 1st November at Shimoga. On this occasion a quadrangle cricket tournament for the all the forums will be held. The president of the Shimoga forum invites all the members of ACUK to participate.

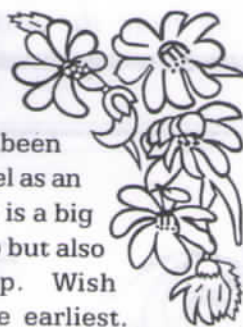
MONTHLY MEETINGS

July 8th : Members observed a minute of silence to pray for the departed soul of our Sri G. Krishnamurthy, who died while umpiring in England after he was hit by a ball.

The president, during the meeting, that the present monthly meetings would have to be converted into a bi-monthly one, if the attendance continues to be good.

Aug 12th : This monthly meeting was converted as a **Special General Body** meeting with due notice to the members. The single point agenda was to procure a laptop computer for ACUK. **Special General Body** approved the procurement.

Accolades



Sri Shahvir Tarapore has been nominated to the ICC Panel as an International Umpire. It is a big feather not only in his cap but also in the Association's cap. Wish others follow suit at the earliest. Hearty congratulations and wish Sri Tarapore many more laurels.

Sri A.V Jayaprakash has been nominated as member of Umpires Sub committee of BCCI. He has also been nominated as umpires coach. ACUK wishes him all the best in his new Endeavour.

Greetings

Gandhi Jayanthi - October 2nd

Deepavali - October 17th

Kannada Rajyothsava - November 1st

Bakrid - November 28th

Christmas - December 25th

CONDOLENCE

Sri Raj Singh Dungarpur, former cricketer and former President of BCCI, Sri K.L. Venkatasubbiah, President, ACUK Mysore Zonal Forum and Sri G. Krishnamurthy, member, ACUK. We pray for their soul to rest in peace and give their families the strength to bear the loss.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monthly Meetings

14th October 2009

11th November 2009

9th December 2009

Umpires' Day

29th November 2009

AGM & Annual Cricket Tournament

@ Shimoga 31st October 2009 &

1st November 2009

With Best Compliments from

SHRI. B. SATHYAJI RAO

(Founder Member and Former Test Umpire)

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