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FROM THE DESK OF EDITORIAL BOARD

We are approaching the end of 2011 and all of us are eagerly waiting to usher 2012. Dear members, we have just concluded our Umpires' Day which was a special event for all of us. The highlight of the event was the Finals of the 5th State level Inter School quiz competition which was a competitive event. Hope this will be carried on in the future by the young and upcoming members. Starting from this issue, we have added one more feature in this newsletter, 'Guest Column'. This issue is carrying a column by one of the towering personalities of this glorious game, Sri Anil Kumble, President of KSCA. Henceforth, our Newsletter will carry a column written by luminaries of the game.

The new ICC Playing conditions had been discussed in our monthly meeting. The details of the same will be carried in our next issue. Wishing all the members a very Happy Umpiring 2012.

SECRETARY SPEAKS

Greetings to you all. Yet another Umpires' Day has passed away into history on the 27th of November 2011. My personal regards to all members who made it to the function and humble request with others to make it to it in future. The celebrations were successful with the quiz finals drawing the attention of one and all. Most of the members are officiating matches on a regular basis and they should approach their respective group head frequently to stay updated and perform better. The next big bash of KSCA may be the Karnataka Premier League somewhere during the month of February 2012. Many of our members would be provided with an opportunity in the tournament and their performance will be monitored and my best wishes always goes with them. I wish all our members a very happy and prosperous new year 2012.

GUEST COLUMN

Like a good wicket-keeper, it is generally believed that a good umpire is one who goes through a game unnoticed.

To me, an umpire plays a big role that extends beyond just decision-making on the field of play. Given that he is on the field for the entire duration of a match, he is in the best position to assess the quality and attitude of players, especially youngsters, that not many selectors may be able to pick up watching from the outside. He can provide quality information and excellent feedback.

Umpiring is not just about knowing the rules. It involves several subtleties that include making sure there exists a good relationship with players. A good umpire is generally a very good man-manager who can understand, adapt to and deal with whatever situations that might arise during a match.

As an umpire, you have to gain the respect of the players and for that, how you deal with people and with situations becomes extremely crucial. It's only when players feel comfortable with and around an umpire that they open up and accept you, as well as your decisions, in the correct spirit.

All umpires are required to be neutral, but that should not prevent them from getting to know players on a personal basis. Among the umpire's responsibilities are ensuring harmony on the field and maintaining cordial relationships with all players involved which, however, doesn't mean he is favouring anyone!

Most crucially, the umpire needs to be true to his job and ensure that the game is played in the right spirit. At the end of the day, cricket is just a sport and must be approached as such. There must be competitiveness and the urge to win, but that should not come through cutting corners, or at the expense of good behaviour. In their privileged position, the umpires are well placed to weed out petulant behaviour at the earliest level, among young cricketers, and to report repeat offenders to authorities concerned because at the end of the day, it's crucial to look at the larger good of the game.

ANIL KUMBLE

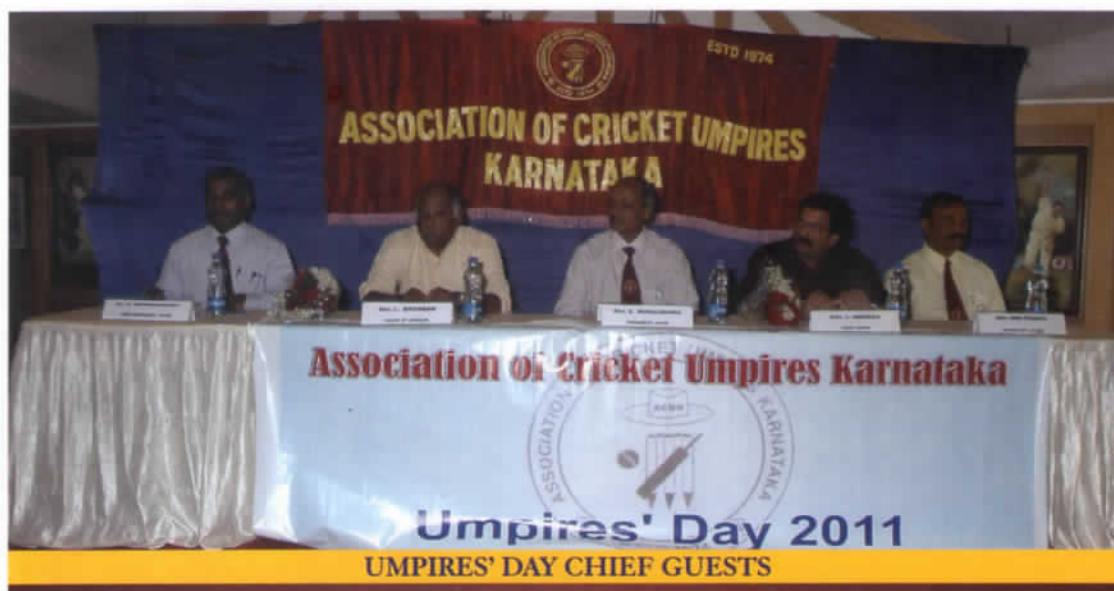
Umpires' Day.

The finals of 5th State level Inter School Cricket Quiz competition was held on the occasion of our Umpires' Day programme at 8.30 am. Seven schools from all over the state, K.V School Bangalore, Jyothi Vidyalaya Kendra Bangalore, Delhi Public School, MRPL, Mangalore, Pavan English School, Hubli, Cauvery High School, Mysore, Sri Mahaveer School, Shivamogga and Mother Education Trust, Raichur, took part in this competition. The programme was well accepted by one and all.

As a commitment on our part towards the betterment of this society, a blood donation programme was conducted in association with Giants Group of Garden City, Bangalore, at the same premises. The programme which was inaugurated by Sri. I. Shivaram, was a grand success and went up to 2 P.M. Nearly 72 units of blood were collected and thanks mainly to the members, KSCA staff and security personnel who donated and also brought in many donors.

The Umpires day programme was conducted on 27th November 2011 at Karnataka State Cricket Association with great pomp and Show. Sri. J. Abhiram Asst. Secretary, Tournaments, KSCA was kind enough to accept our invitation to be the Chief Guest and Sri. I Shivaram, former ICC ODI Umpire and presently BCCI Umpires Coach, was the Guest of Honour for the day. Many stalwarts of KSCA Managing Committee were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Sri. I. Shivaram, gave some tips to the umpires on certain issues like ball counting without counter, so that umpires will always be in the game, a practice which he was following during his umpiring days. Interpersonal relationship with the fellow umpires had to be given utmost priority thereby giving no room for any complacency. Carrying frustrations to the match was one of the worst thing that an umpire can do, which can hamper the match and himself, speaking further on this issue he touched upon the common grouse an umpire would have is about his match postings. He finally concluded his speech by appreciating ACUK for having been involved in the social activities and there by taking care of this society.



Shri. Abhiram was open in stating the umpires as a part of the State Association and called upon umpires to be free enough in giving their suggestions and also any grievances. He was happy regarding the work done by the umpires and also regarding the complaints from the team which has drastically reduced. He stressed upon those pending issues which would be taken up in the coming years.

Shri. Muralidhara. S, in his Presidential speech was nostalgic of how he had come into the ranks of ACUK, over the years and finally becoming the President. He thanked all of those who supported him during his earlier days. He opined that members should take active part in the activities of the Association.

5th State Level Inter-School Cricket Quiz Competition.

Association of Cricket Umpires' Karnataka conducted its annual quiz competition preliminaries on 3rd November 2011 at Karnataka State Cricket Association. Thirtyeight schools took part in this competition. Eliminary round was conducted for these 38 schools and out of these 20 top schools were selected. These 20 schools were divided into four batches, each batch consisting of five schools. Each batch contained four rounds and one top school was selected for the pre-finals. Four schools took part in the pre-finals out of these two top teams were selected for the finals.

The quiz was conducted by our zonal forums, Mysore, Mangalore and Shivamogga. In each forums the same pattern of quizzing the participants were repeated.

For the first time in the history of ACUK this quiz competition went beyond its zonal forums and covered two new KSCA Zonal Associations, Hubli and Raichur. Both these places saw over whelming response from the schools.

Over all 120 schools took part in this competition, out of these 7 top teams, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Bangalore, Jyothi Kendriya Vidyalaya, Bangalore, Mother Education Trust, Raichur, Mahaveera High School Shivamogga, Pawan English School, Hubli, Cauvery English School, Mysore, Delhi Public School, MRPL Mangalore, participated in the State level final quiz competition.

Every year this quiz competition has been picking up with the schools and participants have definitely been very competitive amongst each other. The goal of ACUK in bringing awareness amongst the cricket playing youngsters and also to those ardent followers of cricket have been achieved.

Zonal Forums

Shivamogga, Mysore and Mangalore Zonal forums conducted the preliminaries of the annual Cricket Quiz competition at their respective centers.



ACCOLADES

Sri. Nandan made his debut as a onfield Umpire in the Challengers Trophy 2011, and also officiated as the fourth umpire for two ODI matches between India and West Indies 2011

Sri. Abhijit Bengeri was honored on the Umpires' Day for having qualified as Board umpire
Smt. Revathi, daughter of our member Sri R. Natarajan was honored during the Umpires day for being the only lady umpire from the state to qualify for level I BCCI Exam

Sri. Raghavendra Prabhu was felicitated for attending most number of monthly meetings.

Sri. P.S. Vishwanath, a well known cricketer and Coach was honored for his services, **LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT FOR COACHING**, given by Government of Karnataka on the 29th Aug 2011

Sri, B.R. KESHAHA MURTHY, former ODI Umpire, also former President of ACUK, along with our members Mr. S.M. Yousuf, Mr. S.P. Mehaboob, were honored **FOR PERFORMING MATCH OFFICIALS' LIAISON DUTIES TO A HIGH STANDARD AT THE ICC CRICKET WORLD CUP 2011.**

ACUK Congratulates all the above achievers



Lighting the lamp by the dignitaries

VP ACUK, felicitating Sri I Shivaram

Shri. Abhiram, Chief Guest, addressing the gathering

Mangalore Forum held its second AGM at Hotel Utsava, Mangalore on 17th December. Members from all Zonal Forums attended the same. The following members were elected for the term 2011-2013:

Dr. Ranjan Rao - President, **Sri Shivaram.A** - Vice-President, **Sri Samuel Jayaraj Muthu** - Secretary

Sri Roland Pinto - Jt. Secretary, **Sri Kishore D'Silva** - Committee Member, **Sri Vasant Raj Prakash** - Committee Member

MONTHLY MEETINGS.

October- Sri. Ravi Subramaniam, spoke on the changes in ICC playing conditions in brief and stressed upon the umpires to take note of it and also not to implement it in the local matches until KSCA gives its consent in writing.

The president speaking on the issue of Coaches getting involved and hampering the umpire's duty said that the umpires should be more firm on these issues and try and keep them at bay when it comes to taking decision on the conditions of the pitch and out field.



IPP ACUK presenting bouquet to Sri M R Krishna



Inauguration of Blood donation Programme



Blood donation programme



Debut of Shavir In tests. Honoring programme.



winners of finals-quiz 2011



Second Place-Quiz Finals



Third Place-Quiz finals



Participation memento to School - 13



Pre finals of Bangalore quiz 2011



Preliminaries of bangalore quiz 2011



Shivamogga Quiz



Winners of Hubli quiz along with the team



Quiz, Mysore forum



Raichur quiz



Raichur-quiz



President felicitating J Abhiram



Section of the Audience



Sri. Abhijit Bengeri being honoured by I Shivaram



Smt Revathi being honoured by I Shivaram



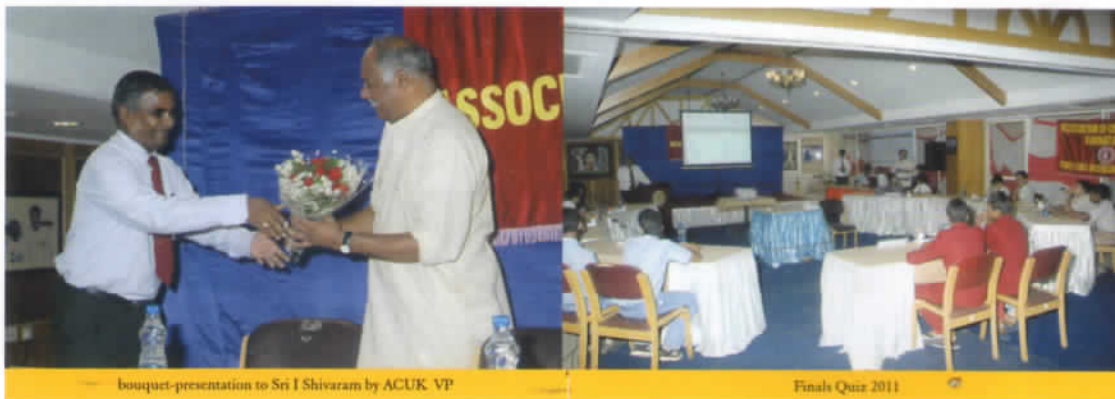
Most no. of monthly meetings- award to Sri Raghavendra Prabhu



Sri. I. Shivaram, Speaking on the occasion



President felicitating Sri M R Krishna, during quiz prelims



bouquet-presentation to Sri I Shivaram by ACUK VP

Finals Quiz 2011



Participation Memento to school

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Dates to remember

Monthly Meetings - 2012

January - 11th
February - 8th
March - 14th

Greetings

January - 1st NewYears Day 15th Makara Sankaranthi
26th Republic Day
February - 4th Id Milad
20th Maha Shivarathri
March - 8th Holi
23rd Ugadi

With Best Compliments from

SHRI. B. SATHYAJI RAO
(Founder Member and Former Test Umpire)

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Tradition : Before the start of a game, Bails placed on a tray, would be handed over to the onfield Umpires',
by the Chief Grounds man, so as to indicate the control over Ground is handed over.