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FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD

The President of Karnataka State Cricket Association was in full vigor and bubbling with enthusiasm while taking charge of KSCA for a second term. It was only his dream to complete all those promises made during his first term, but it was a shock to every one of us to hear the sad demise of Sri Srikanta Datta Narasimharaja Wadiyar just a couple of days after he ascended the President's throne. A visionary, voracious reader, sportsman himself, Captained the Mysore University team, and kind hearted man was the apt Gentleman to lead the Association. His absence will definitely leave a big void in all of us. This is the time, we the members stand together to work towards the goal he had set for us and stand by elected Members of KSCA to keep his dreams alive. ACUK salutes this great Scion and condoles his untimely demise.

Umpires day, been a wonderful practice started by our predecessors and followed religiously till now by the ACUK, the most recent function was one of the best programme anybody would have witnessed. The quiz competition which started 6 years back is now playing a major part in our Umpires day. For the first time we witnessed the Semifinal and it took nearly 7 rounds of quizzing to arrive at the winner, as top two schools were equal on points and the quiz masters had a good lot of work in finalizing the winner.

It's really sad that the programme of such magnitude is always without the presence of the BCCI umpires

due to their Board duties, who are very much an integral part of this organisation. The dates if deviated a little bit shall see lot more umpires and also their involvement. It's up to the Working Committee to take a call on this issue.

This news letter reaches you at a time when there is a change in the Managing Committee of KSCA. We congratulate the new committee ushering the office and also wish, that they give us all the support that we have been enjoying all these years.

The editorial committee wishes all a very happy and a prosperous NEW Year 2014.

SECRETARY SPEAKS

Dear members,

The New Year will dawn in a few days and I am sure will throw new challenges. Expectations from the new managing committee of KSCA from us will be high. Relaxing on past laurels will mean living in a fools' paradise. The number of matches and the format in which they are being played is continuously changing and umpires need to keep updating with times. High level of competitiveness is ushering in. One may feel that it is his right to get matches to officiate after having qualified, but conveniently forgets that he and his performance is silently being monitored and will be rewarded or ignored accordingly. Now or never is the time to deliver and also push our future generation umpires to the fore front. I vividly remember how the office bearers of the late 80s and early 90s worked on this aspect and the fruits of their efforts are now being reaped by today's cricket. Elderly umpires who

have gone past a certain age while imparting their expertise to youngsters should slowly make way for them. After all cricket is immortal and alas! men are not. Saying this I may sound bitter, but it is today's reality.

May the New Year bring happiness and prosperity to one and all. May our profession reach new heights. Thanks and regards.

UMPIRES DAY

23rd Umpires' Day was celebrated on 24th November 2013 at the J-Corporate Box of Chinnaswamy stadium. We celebrate Umpires Day every year during the month of November to commemorate the entry of the first Karnataka umpire late Capt. M.G.VIJAYA SARATHI into the TEST MATCH ARENA, who made his test debut in November 1948 in a match between India and the West Indies. This tradition of celebrating Umpires' Day is in place since the year 1991.

The function was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Mr. B.R. Keshavamurthy-former ODI umpire, ex-President and one of the founding members of ACUK and Guest Speaker Mr. B.S Vishwanath- ex Karnataka Ranji player and other dignitaries.

The function also marked the felicitation of Mr. S.M Yusuf- former BCCI panel umpire from Karnataka for his services spanning over two decades as a board umpire. Mr. Yusuf retired from first class umpiring in 2012 having officiated 29 first class matches. He was presented with a memento and shawl on this occasion by the Chief Guest and Guest Speaker.

The 7th state level inter-school cricket quiz competition was held as part of Umpires day celebration.

The preliminaries were held all over Karnataka, first in Bangalore on 8th November followed by Mysore and Shivamogga on 11th and 12th of November, Hubli on 16th and Raichur on 17th of November. 189 schools participated. To accommodate more schools, the Semifinal format was introduced where in 14 schools, 6 from Bangalore, two each from Shivamogga, Hubli, Mangalore and one each from Mysore and Raichur participated. Out of the 14 schools 4 top schools got into the finals conducted as part of Umpires Day. Madhava Kripa Higher Primary School-Manipal secured first position with National Centre for Excellence-Bangalore finishing runners-up. KE Boards High School-Dharwad finished 3rd and St.Joseph's Boy's High School-Bangalore finished 4th in a high voltage contest.

CIM Tools were the main sponsor for the event. Members from Bangalore and across the state zonal forums attended the event in large numbers. The function concluded with the vote of thanks. KSCA support in the form of providing the required infrastructure and lunch etc is to be highly appreciated.

ACUK thanks all the sponsors for the success of this event.

NEWS FROM OUR FORUMS

Shivamogga Zone

Annual Quiz was conducted successfully under the team leadership of Sri E V Sanjay kumar at Bharathiya Vidya Bhavan, Vidya Nagar, Shivamogga on 12-11-2013. Short inaugural function was held at 1.45 p m. One of the directors of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Sri Deepak inaugurated the Quiz 2013 by opening the cover of question paper. ACUK Shivamogga Forum President, N S Raghuprasad, Pradhan Kumar Urs, treasurer of ACUK Bangalore, KSCA Shivamogga convener D R Nagaraj and Smt. Indu, Principal of the Institution were present on the dais. Our senior members B K Nagaraj, N Krishna murthy, K L Subramanya, Dr. S K Kiran, Y K Nayak and others were responsible for the smooth conduct of the Quiz. Gopal Nuggehalli along with Urs were of much help to the forum and their services have been profusely thanked.

33 schools gave entries. 29 schools participated in the Quiz. Out of 29, 12 schools were from different towns and villages of the district. They were grouped into 6 batches consisting of five schools each. E V Sanjay kumar and M Raghavendra handled the groups and conducted the quiz. N Krishna murthy and Dr. S K Kiran assisted them as scorers.

We are grateful to the management and staff of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan for their spontaneous gesture in helping in the success of the event.

In the final round, two schools of Sagar came out successful.

First : Pragathi Composite School,

Second : Pragathi High School, (Kannada Madhyama), SAGAR

Each participant was given a memento for participating.

The 22nd Annual General Body Meeting of the Association was held at Country Club, Shivamogga. 70 members attended the meeting. Members from our apex body, Mysore forum and Mangalore forum

were also present. Our Zonal convener Sri. D.R. Nagaraj graced the occasion. President Sri N.S.Raghuprasad presided over the meeting. Vice-president Sri N.Krishnamurthy, Secretary Sri M.K.Ravishankar, Treasurer Sri Dinesh and ACUK President Sri S.Muralidhara and Sri Ravi Subramanyam – Immediate Past President ACUK were seated on the dais. Two minutes silence was observed to pay tributes to departed souls.

Sri N.S.Raghuprasad thanked Sri S.Muralidhara, Sri Ravi Subramanyam, the executive committee members of ACUK, Bangalore, Shivamogga Zonal Forum and the members from Mysore, Bangalore and Mangalore for attending the AGM. He wished success to Sri E.V.Sanjaykumar and Sri Kishore D'Silva who are appearing in BCCI Level - II umpires viva-voce and practical examination. He expressed happiness for correcting the mistakes / omissions in Secretary's report and Accounts submitted and assured the members that such things will not be repeated. . He was also happy about the young umpires attending the monthly meetings and requested the other members also to attend the same. He informed about having monthly meetings on 2nd Saturday instead 2nd Sunday as was in the past. He also requested the young umpires to grab the opportunities given by KSCA / BCCI. He was also happy that more than 20 members from our forum officiated in matches apart from regular league matches. He thanked KSCA for providing the opportunity to our members.

He was proud about our members for their achievements in the fields other than Cricket umpiring of Sri L.Anandaraman - for his appointment as the coach of RC-KSCA Academy, Shivamogga, Sri K.L.Subramanya - giving an interview about Panchayat Raj Administartion in Karnataka in Spandana TV and Dr.Kiran - who was selected as one of the 12 candidates from Govt. of Karnataka for higher studies at Chennai.

He thanked the parent body, for guiding and encouraging all our activities. He also thanked the President and the members for their continued support. He requested the charter members and all other members of forum to come together in chalking out the programs on the occasion of 2015 being their Silver Jubilee year of our forum and requested the parent body guidance in this regard.

He talked about the experience of guiding the umpires on finer aspects along with Sri B.K.Nagaraj after watching them during KSCA U-19 inter-zonal matches at Shivamogga. As many of our members

are approaching 60 years, he advised the younger umpires to officiate more matches. He also thanked one and all for the support.

Elections for the Working Committee 2013-2015: As the nominations received for the posts of Vice-President by Sri H.K.Srinivasa Murthy and Secretary by Sri H.V.Ravindranath were withdrawn, leaving one valid nomination for each of the posts, the following members were declared elected unanimously.

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| a. Sri N.S.Raghuprasad | : Hon. President |
| b. Sri M.K.Ravishankar | : Hon. Secretary |
| c. Sri N.Krishnamurthy | : Hon. Vice-President |
| d. Sri H.Ravindranath | : Hon Joint Secretary |
| e. Sri M.V. Deepak | : Hon Joint Secretary |
| f. Sri S.Dinesh | : Hon. Treasurer |

EC Members

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| g. Sri H.K.Srinivasa Murthy | |
| h. Sri E.V.Sanjay Kumar | |
| i. Sri L.Anandaraman | |
| j. Sri Raghavendra | |
| k. Sri B.T.Muralidhara | |
| l. [Vacant: As there was no nomination: New committee was authorised to nominate] | |
| m. Sri K.L.Subramanya | : Ex-officio member |
| f. Sri S.Dinesh | : Hon. Treasurer |

Sri S.Muralidhara, President ACUK expressed happiness over the increase in the number of participants in the AGM and also requested the members to attend the monthly meetings and make good use of the oppurtunities by participating in the discussions. He stressed upon the need for being at the ground one hour before the start of the match. He congratulated all the 5 members from Karnataka who have passed the BCCI Level-II written examination and preparing for viva-voce and practicals, of which Sri E.V. Sanjaykumar and Sri Kishore D'Silva are from moffussil centers. He also suggested to revive the forum's News Letter and asked the members to visit the ACUK website frequently. He also appreciated the gesture of our members for contributing Rs. 50/- per match to the forum and requested the members to plan for the Silver Jubilee celebrations which are 18 months away.

Sri Ravi Subramanyam - who has been appointed as

the 4th umpire for the India - Australia 1-day match at Bangalore said that, he was the Secretary of ACUK when our Forum celebrated its completion of 10 years and suggested to come out with a Souvenir on the occasion of 25 years along with a website. He also suggested our members to educate the school children about laws of cricket as is being done at Bangalore.

Sri D.R.Nagaraj - Convener thanked all the ACUK Shivamogga forum members for supporting in various capacities in successfully organising BCCI U-19, South-zone T20, Ranji and India 'A' v/s West Indies "A" matches at Shivamogga.

Sri E.V.Sanjaykumar proposed the vote of thanks. He thanked the Management of Country Club, Shivamogga for providing the premises along with the logistics. He also immensely thanked the President and members from ACUK Bangalore, Mysore, Mangalore forum and our members who attended the AGM. He also thanked one and all who have helped us in successful conduction of the AGM.

Mysore Zone

The 7th Annual General body meeting of ACUK Mysore forum was held at Gangothri glades on 2nd October 2013. Around 40 members including working committee members and members of Parent body and working committee members of Mangalore forum attended. The programme was inaugurated through invocation by Mr. Bakthavathsala. Mr. Suresh welcomed all the members. Hon. secretary Mr. Venkateshprasad presented secretaries report which was proposed by Mr. Ravi Subramanyam and seconded by Mr. NGopal Nuggehalli. Hon. Treasurer Mr. Shantharaju presented the auditor's report which was proposed by Mr. Guruprasad and seconded by Mr. Kishore D silva. Mr. Suresh suggested conducting physical fitness classes for the umpires. Mr. Ravisubramanyam suggested the interaction classes with visiting Board and Senior Umpires whenever they visit the Mysore zone. Mr. NRS Prabhu Secretary ACUK Bangalore in his address thanked the Forum for having conducted the AGM at a time when he was available and also appreciated the little work that had been done by the Forum. He congratulated the Forum for having won the Quiz Last year and at the same time requested them to mobilise more schools in the annual Quiz competition.

The meeting was concluded through National anthem.

Dates to Remember

Monthly meetings

January 2014 - 8th
February - 12th
March - 12th

GREETINGS

January - 1st New year's day
14th Eid Milad
15th Makara Sankranthi
February - 27th Shivarathri
March - 16th Holi
31st Chandramana Ugadi

CONDOLENCE

ACUK deeply mourns the sad demise **Sri Srikanta Datta Narasimharaja Wadiyar** - President of KSCA . We pray God to give the family the strength to bear the loss.

With Best Compliments From

SHRI. B. SATHYAJI RAO

Founder Member and Former Test Umpire

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Shri N.R.S. Prabhu

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President Welcomes the Chief Guest



Chief Guest Congratulating Sponsor on the occasion



Lighting of the Lamp



Participants of the Quiz Programme



Winners of the Quiz Programme



Runners of the Quiz Programme



Cross Section of the Members



Chief Guest Addressing the Members



Chief Guest releasing the Memento



Sponsor Makes a Point



S.M. Yusuf Honored after retirement from Board Umpiring



Quiz Team



Speaker of the Day



Quiz in Progress