



# News Letter

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#### FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD

Ambience at the KSCA with the new committee appears to be very conducive, particularly for our fraternity. Members forming different committees of KSCA are seemed to be enthusiastic and are eager to go with new ideas.

After a long gap, the Y.S Ramaswamy Memorial tournament was finally conducted in a new format. This “knock out cum League Format” offered ample opportunities to many cricketers aspiring for a place in the State team, as well as to our fraternity, particularly to many youngsters in officiating the competitive tournament actually, a fore runner for picking up the umpires for gradation in place, which has been a long pending one.

Pull up your socks and gear up for the task ahead fellows, lest you will be “left out”

Reminiscing over the past, the very event which resulted in the forming of ACUK, we heart fully rejoice the achievement of our young Karnataka team in coveting the Ranji Trophy along with the Irani Trophy. Kudos to J Arun Kumar and Mansur Ali Khan. ACUK has all plans to honor the Karnataka team at a grand function.

#### SECRETARY SPEAKS

My greetings to all members. Cricket umpiring in Karnataka is taking a different curve today. Gradingumpires is a thought that has crept into the minds of KSCA administrators and they are initiating steps for the same. They are, no doubt, trying to fall in line with the BCCI, but will such gradation in Karnataka deliver as it has in the BCCI.? The ladder for umpires in the BCCI is an open one, unlike in KSCA. Can an umpire, after being graded as a top one in Karnataka, expect to reach the pinnacle? Is the path in KSCA smooth enough for him to do so? Does he enjoy the required support? The answer to all these questions is an obvious NO. Then, where will such a graded umpire stand? What would be his way further?

Also, all the former and current first class umpires are being graded and listed on the top Panel. They are being assured of being given the top matches of KSCA, viz., the first division, Safi Darashah etc. But the bitter truth is whether these first class umpires crave for these matches? Obviously No, because they have been umpiring in first class matches for years now. As such, a different picture, in fact, a rosy one has to be painted and projected for these first class umpires, least they should fall apart - at least mentally.

**Gradation will see the light of the day, only if  
different grades are differently placed.**

None the less, the idea of grading umpires in Karnataka is seen as a welcome move that would bring in competition and the will to perform and deliver among our umpires.

**Thanks**

**ACUK Annual Workshop**

The annual workshop on umpiring was held at Manipal on 15.3.2014 and 16.3.2014 and about 30 umpires took part. Sriyuths S.Muralidhara, N.R.S Prabhu, P Chandrashekar, Gopal Nuggehalli and Vivekanand kini were the faculty. Sri BallaL Pro-chancellor, Manipal University was the Chief Guest and he set the ball rolling with the inauguration ceremony. While delivering his address, he touched upon as to how the human error of the umpire can impact on the result. Following were his words. Any minor human error committed by an umpire can impact the result of the match adversely.. Now a days, we can overcome this by utilizing modern technologies, which are being successfully used in the major cricket playing countries. Hence, we should not hang on to old systems and be open for changes.

The final session of the workshop was meant for practicals at Manipal University Cricket Ground, End-Point. During the practicals, the participants enthusiastically asked interesting questions to the resourceful persons and got them clarified.

The valedictory ceremony was held at the Manipal Univrsity Cricket Ground. Mr. Shashidhar Kidiyoor, Vice President of Udupi District Cricket Association was the chief guest. During the occasion, Mr. Manohar Amin, Convener, KSCA, Mangalore Zone gave away the certificates of participation to the participants. He said, KSCA will arrange the umpires examination at Udupi and Mangalore. Mr. Balakrishna Parkala welcomed the guests and the gathering. Umpire Vijay Alva proposed vote of thanks.

The workshop was organized jointly with A.C.U.K, Mangalore Forum, Manipal University, Udupi District Cricket Association, Nethaji Sports Club Parkala and Brahmavara Sports Club.

**Monthly Meeting - January 2014**

The President while addressing the gathering wished all the members a happy New Year and Shankranthi. He welcomed the guests Sri Amish Saheba and Rajesh Deshpande, the BCCI umpires who were here to officiate the Ranji Q/F match along with Sri. Sharath the match referee. Shri Sharath in his address thanked the ACUK for inviting them and shared some of his experiences. He said that umpiring was a different ball game and really difficult to sustain for many years, congratulated all of them who had been in this field for so many years. He gave a few tips on how umpires can improve upon by not being very bookish while at the same time using common sense to come out of complex situations. Quoting his words “umpires should not pressurize themselves rather take pleasure to prove themselves”

Sri Rajesh Deshpande expressed happiness over being here. Suggested to all the umpires not to ignore league cricket, he also said that whatever is given to cricket will come back and this game is a great leveler. He also asked everyone to have the never say die attitude to achieve greater heights in umpiring.

Amish Saheba, beaming with enthusiasm said that it was the second time he had visited this forum and he was always happy to do so. Going by his experience he said that there were no law books available when he started his career as an umpire but now the scenario has changed a lot. Umpiring is also like addiction and more you get into this, the more you drown deeper. He advised the umpires to have more team work and get the best in the available circumstances.

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**A wound on the tounge heals the fastest - Medical science**

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## Question and Answers

- Q) A fair delivery played by the batsmen is picked up in front of the wicket by the keeper and has put down the wicket with the batsman out of the ground. Is it out stumped or run out?
- A) Since the wicketkeeper has put down the wicket without the help of any other fielders, it is out stumped.

## Achievements

Sri Sridhar Gupta won the badminton championship conducted by Munjane balaga sports association for the 40 plus category.

## Dates to Remember

### Monthly meetings 2014

April - 9th

May - 14th

June - 11th

May - Annual General Body Meeting

## GREETINGS

April - 18th Good Friday

May - 1st May Day

## A Glimpse of the Annual Workshop



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