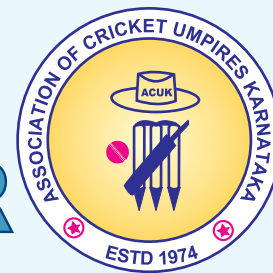




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Season's Greetings!

**"Grant me serenity to accept things I cannot change,
courage to change the things I can, and
wisdom to know the difference"**

ACUK News Letter from December 2014 to March 2015 could not be published due to unavoidable circumstances. We regret for the same.

With a view to make this News Letter more interesting, we look forward to fellow members to share their knowledge on several aspects of umpiring through valuable suggestions and comments.

Umpiring is more of an art than a ritual. The Royal Game of Cricket has now become more professional and accepted all over the globe in large scale and it does not remain anymore just a game of pleasure,

Though the physical stamina is important, it is more important to possess thorough knowledge on both, the laws of cricket and practical aspects of the game. Undoubtedly, the respect to be given to umpires by the players is an essential and integral part of the game in its own spirit. On the contrary, an umpire also requires to earn his own respect entirely through his competencies and not otherwise.

We are pleased to mention here that KSCA is putting all-out effort in encouraging impending umpires in and around Bengaluru as well as from Mofussil areas. Perhaps, ACUK can boost that

support and encouragement from KSCA as it is vibrant and motivational.

We stress upon the speed and accuracy which is the essence of success. Hence, it is necessary to adopt new technologies and move on with the time in order to survive and thrive; otherwise those inept would perish or left behind.

Secretary's Column

I thank each and every one for electing me to serve ACUK as Hon. Secretary for the 2015-17 term. At the outset, I would like to thank the previous committee who had put in their hard work and dedicated efforts in bringing the ACUK to this present stature.

I look forward to you to share your rich experience with ACUK, which I suppose, paves the way to make us work more productively. ACUK may approach you whenever required and you are welcome to contact ACUK on any point of interest.

I feel proud to state that ACUK is one of the reputed Umpire's Association in India vigorously setting up various programs for maintaining and improving Umpiring to the international standards. Certainly, the credit should go to all of you in general and KSCA Management in particular.

KSCA have been producing quality umpires and ACUK is acting as a feeder line to KSCA and BCCI. Our umpires have excelled on and off the field. I am confident, that this Committee will continue to conduct the activities planned by previous committee with certain improvisation, wherever necessary besides introducing few



more, if need be. I once again stress upon here that, ACUK will give more emphasis in improving umpiring standards through periodical work-shops and interactions.

I have set my vision with few benchmarks and parameters for ACUK, mainly to encourage young umpires from local and zonal forums all over the Karnataka. I look forward to our senior members and seek their generous support and co-operation to help ACUK in pursuit of achieving excellence in its activities and also in meeting the challenges ahead. I wish all the Umpires who are posted to officiate in various tournaments conducted by KSCA a grand success.

B.K. Kumar

Education :

Conflict situations and coping with them

- Conflict stems from pressure
- The handling of conflict situations requires special personnel management skills
- Poor handling of these conflict situations creates the basis for a difficult game and will place undue pressure on the umpires
- Animosity arises from two main sources ;
 - Player versus Player
 - Player versus Umpire
- **Player versus Player:**
 - Don't intervene too quickly
 - Allow Players to have their say
 - After a short time, defuse the situation with a suitable comment
 - Some umpires have a dislike for getting involved whilst others step in too quickly
 - Either of these paths can cause the loss of respect of the Players
 - Approach Captains and ask them to take suitable action to control Players
- **Player versus Umpire:**
 - Stand by decision and reject guilt feelings
 - Understand and recognise that you will not please everyone. At all times be consistent
 - Never even up an error
- Show control and dispassionately explain your decision if asked
- Due to the nature of their decision making role, Umpires must expect that dissent may occur from time to time
- Each event which may lead to dissent should be assessed on its merit and dealt with appropriately (be consistent)
- Never lose your cool or else you will lose respect from everyone
- Never walk towards a Player in an aggressive manner or point a finger (body language)
- Any necessary reports must involve your Colleague/s, and the Captains should be informed at the earliest
- An umpire should be pleasant towards players, but always firm and exercise control in an unassuming manner
- An umpire should never ask a Player for his opinion on a decision. This attracts disrespect and a perception of lack of confidence
- An umpire must not talk too much. Nothing irritates the Players more than this
- Chattering affects concentration significantly (often that of the Umpire)
- Never call a Player for discussion, stand your ground and allow the Player to approach
- If you need to speak to a Player, wait until he comes close to you
- Knowing Players and Captains can influence attitude to be taken
- Let the players play the game
- Apply the laws with common sense
- Don't constantly lookout for minor technical violations to show off your knowledge of law
- Use laws as a deterrent ; not a solution
- Know how to integrate laws
- Try to anticipate problems and solve them before they occur (read the game)
- Be Complimentary

- If Wicket-keeper replaces bails ;
say thank you !
- If you speak to a Captain about a Player's behaviour, finish the request with Please !
- After he speaks to a Player, say thank you !
- FINALLY use phrases like
 - Cool down
 - You had your say, now let us get on
 - Let's discuss later
 - You are there to facilitate good Cricket.

Achievements Column

ACUK congratulates the Karnataka State Cricket Team for winning back to back three national titles. the Ranji Trophy, the Irani Trophy and the Vijay Hazare Trophy for the year 2014-15 for a second consecutive year ; is a unique national record! led by our pride, Shri B. Vinay Kumar, Captain of Karnataka Ranji Team. Three cheers to the team and its members. ACUK wishes KSCA many more such laurels.

Shri. Nandan, one of our umpire on the BCCI Elite Panel has been chosen by the BCCI under the "Umpire Exchange" Programme to officiate matches in United Kingdom. ACUK wishes Shri. Nandan all the very best in his assignment.

Shri B.K. Ravi, one of our senior Life Member has been nominated as Managing Committee Member of KSCA for the second successive time. ACUK take this opportunity to congratulate Shri B.K. Ravi on his new assignment and wish him all success in his endeavor. ACUK expresses its heartfelt thanks to KSCA Managing Committee for recognizing Shri Ravi's services.

Shri Mohan Ram M ; Member from Mysore Zone and **Shri Ravishankar M.K** ; Member from Shimoga Zone were awarded Doctorate for their academic brilliance from IIT Mumbai and IIT Madras respectively. ACUK is honoured to have both of them on our fraternity and whole heartedly wish them both on their great achievement.

Shri Mohit Krishna Das, has successfully cleared the level-2 examination to be on the BCCI panel. While congratulating, ACUK wishes him a long, exciting, enriching and entertaining umpiring career.

Shri Gopalakrishna H. R. was nominated by Our KSCA to represent Karnataka in the BCCI first ever Seminar on - "Historical Evolution of the Game of Cricket vis-a-vis statistics" on 18-19 June at Nagpur. He presented a paper on this occasion as well.

Shri S. Muralidhara, one of our senior umpire officiated as many as 8 matches in the World Cup for Blind held at South Africa during Nov-Dec 2014. ACUK congratulates and wishes him many more such opportunities.

Information

Changes To ICC Playing Conditions Effective 5th July 2015

The main amendments to the playing conditions are:

ODI- Fielding Restrictions

No more compulsory catchers required in Overs 1-10. No more batting Power play. 5 fielders allowed outside the circle in overs 41-50.

ODI – Interval

If Team 2 is batting and a match is close to conclusion at the time the scheduled interval is reached, either captain can make a request to the umpires to extend play by an extra 15 minutes / minimum 4 overs to obtain a result.

Once the interval is taken, the referee has also been given discretion to reduce the interval time if he feels a result is imminent.

ODI & T20I-Free Hit from All No Ball

A Free Hit is to be awarded after all modes of No ball called. If the No ball was called for having too many fielders outside the circle, the field can be changed for the Free Hit even if there is no change in Striker, but only to the extent of correcting the breach.

Test, ODI & T20I - Significant movement by a Fielder or Wicketkeeper

The Law relating to defining significant movement of a fielder or a wicket keeper has been amended to allow movement before the batsman has played the

ball, as long as it is in response to a movement by the Striker to play the ball.

Test, ODI & T20I - Attempting to run out the Non-Striker

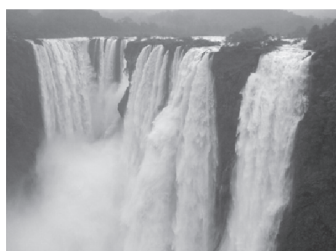
The bowler is permitted, before releasing the ball and provided he has not completed his usual delivery swing, to deliberately attempt to run out the Non-Striker.

Test & ODI - DRS – Requesting a Player Review Change to Clause 3.2 of the DRS Playing Conditions

- a) Teams must request a Player Review within 15 seconds of the ball becoming dead, but one exception has now been added.
- If the umpires use an Umpire Review to answer an appeal for a Caught decision, for either a fair catch or a bump ball, the request for a Player Review of that Caught decision may be made by either team within 15 seconds of the result of the Umpire Review being communicated.

Shimoga Zonal Forum

The 23rd Annual General Body Meeting of ACUK, Shimoga Forum was held on the 12.10.2014 at the Rotary Suvarna



Bhavan, Hassan. 37 members were present and few members from Mysore and Mangalore Forum were also present. President, Sri N.S. Raghu Prasad presided over the meeting. Sri N Krishnamurthy, Vice-President, Dr.M.K.Ravishankar, Hon. Secretary, Sri S.Dinesh, Hon. Treasurer were present. Sri.S.Muralidhara, ACUK President graced the occasion and expressed happiness over 23rd AGM. He congratulated Dr.M.K.Ravishankar being awarded Ph.D by IIT Madras. Shri R Shreedhara proposed vote of thanks.

Mysore Zonal Forum

The Annual General Body meeting of ACUK, Mysore Forum was held on 2.11.2014, at Gangothri Glades, Mysore. 35 members were present. Sri Muralidhara along with Working Committee members from Bangalore was present. Following members were elected unopposed for the Working Committee of ACUK, Mysore Zone for the term 2014-16.



President	: Sri M R Suresh
Vice-President	: Sri R Ananth
Hon. Secretary	: Sri T.R. Guruprasad
Hon.Asst. Secretary	: Sri Srikanth Sharma
Hon. Treasurer	: Sri A.R.Venkatesh Prasad
Committee Members	: Sri S Bhakthavatsala Sri R Madhusudan

Strangest Facts:

Bapu Nadkarni, former Indian Cricketer achieved a rare feat in the Madras Test against England in 1963-64, his figures at the end of third day of the match was 32-27-5-0. At one time, it read, 29 Overs, 26 Maidens, and no Wickets for three Runs, bowling mostly against Brian Bolus and Ken Barrington.

In the process, he bowled a record twenty one consecutive maiden overs (131 dot balls in a row) in a 114 minute bowling spell.

“A match between Barbados and British Guyana in 1946 saw an over with 14 balls in which there were no Wide Balls or No Balls! The 8 ball over was in force and the extra six deliveries were due to umpire miscounting.”

Dates to Remember

Monthly Meeting - 2015

July	: 8th
August	: 12th
September	: 9th

Greetings

July 18th	: Ramzan
August 15th	: Independence Day
August 18th	: Naga Panchami
September 17th	: Ganesha Chaturthi
September 24th	: Bakrid

Umpires Day 2014



24th Umpires Day was celebrated on the 30.11.2014 at KSCA premises and about 150 umpires were attended the same, including umpires from different parts of Karnataka. The Chief Guest was Sri A.L. Narasimhan, a former Test Umpire and



senior member of ACUK. Guest of Honour was Sri. Vedam Jayashankar, Sports Editor, Times of India. Our Sponsor Sri Srikanth from CIM Tools Pvt. Ltd., was the Guest Speaker.

Sri.Narasimhan spoke on interpersonal relation and better understanding amongst umpires. He also recollected the support by KSCA for betterment of umpires in various programmes.

Vice-President Sri M. Sreenivasa Murthy presided in



the absence of President who was away on an assignment. In his address, he thanked the Working Committee for making Umpire's Day a success. The 8th All Karnataka State Level Inter School/PU College Cricket Quiz competition was conducted on the eve of Umpires Day. The preliminaries were conducted at Hubli, Shivamogga, Mysore and Mangalore as well. 13 schools from different parts of the State entered semi-final, out of which 4 schools were entered the Finals viz. St.Joseph's Indian High School, Bangalore, Koutilya Vidyalaya PU College, Mysore, Madhava Kripa College, Mangalore and Vidya Ashram PU College, Mysore. Madhava Kripa College, were the winners and Vidya Ashram PU College were Runners. All the participants were handed over a Memento along with Certificates.

ACUK felicitated Sri Srikanth, the Sponsor with a Silver Plaque and expressed heartfelt thanks for sponsoring Quiz since 4 years. The Working Committee thanked KSCA for providing venue and lunch. Sri Sharun Varghese was the Master of Ceremonies and vote of thanks was proposed by Sri R.V.Pradhan Kumar Urs, the Hon. Treasurer.



Elections :

**41st Annual General Meeting of ACUK was held on 16-06-2015 at KSCA.
Following Office-Bearers and Working Committee Members are elected for the term 2015-17**

**President
Shri Vinayak N Kulkarni**

**Vice-President
Shri Arun Kumar G**

**Hon. Secretary
Shri Kumar B K**

**Hon. Joint Secretary
Shri Pradhan Kumar Urs RV**

**Hon. Treasurer
Shri Muralidhara P**

Working Committee Members:

Shri Jayaprakash M Shri Murugasundaram K Shri Raghavendra Prabhu Shri Raghotham BS

**Immediate Past President
Shri S. Muralidhara**

Obituary :

Shri Vasanth Kumar

State Panel Umpire and also ACUK Life Associate

Passed away recently

Shri M.S. Keshava Murthy

BCCI Panel Umpire

Passed away recently



With Best Compliments From

SHRI. B. SATHYAJI RAO

Founder Member and Former Test Umpire

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