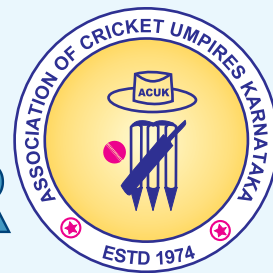


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*"When someone tells you it cannot be done
It is a more reflection of their limitations
Not Yours"*

"Don't worry when others are unable to understand you, Worry only when you are not able to understand yourself, May you all have a Happy New Year - 2016."

The fourth quarter of the year is always pleasant and scintillating, and for ACUK it is special. Well October with hectic domestic and India –South Africa series, November is the month always remembered by Umpires fraternity. ACUK Working Committee was on their toes right through ahead of Umpires Day. As usual our pro-active President and Secretary were always there to lead for the noble cause and quite successful too. Cycle Pure Agarbathi from M/s. N. Ranga Rao & Sons, Mysore, our sponsor for this Umpires Day, and working committee is indebted to them.

Umpires day is a major event in ACUK calendar of events. This year we decided to invite sports journalists, KSCA Administrators and former Ranji cricketers. Chief Guest – ShriVikramaRaju - expressed his happiness on the way present ACUK Working Committee has been functioning to the entire satisfaction and progressing very well. He especially admired the professionalism carried-on by the – Hon. President, & Hon. Secretary in ACUK activities.

Guest Speaker, ShriSudhakarRao stated that Karnataka umpires are the best in the country and highly rated ones who always carry a very high quality tag as he came across this appreciation many times whenever he was attending Umpires Sub-Committee meetings at BCCI. Wholeheartedly complimented the role of ACUK in achieving marked improvements in the umpiring standards

with lots of workshops and seminars conducted periodically for the benefit of upcoming young aspiring umpires

A panel discussion was held successfully on "Umpiring now and then", the brain behind this concept is our Secretary. It is a proud moment for ACUK as we are celebrating 25th Umpires Day.

The game of cricket has grown from strength to strength; the job of umpiring has also become more and more challenging. ACUK is making earnest efforts to induct young umpires into its fold. Yours truly is happy to inform that enrolling new members is in full swing. From last issue a column on "Hall of Fame" has been introduced to remind our readers the contributions of our seniors. BCCI panel umpires:- PashchimPathak, Saiyeedkhalid, Rajesh Deshpande, Abhijit Dattatray, Nitin Pandit Were the guest speakers / umpires for the December monthly meeting

Safety of Umpires has become talk of the year. While cricket is a relatively safe sport when compared with motor and contact sports, any elite sport carries significant risks. However, in recent times umpires are vulnerable to injuries. A standard cricket ball weighs 160 grams and can fly through the air at more than 130km/h or a throw from a fielder can have serious impact. Umpires in cricket, unlike some players, do not wear helmets. The safety of umpire's is the need of the hour. Special emphasis should be given to the protection of the back of the head. But, the most tragic incident in this regard was the death of an Israeli umpire after being struck by a ball, during a league game in Tel Aviv.

So, the question that is doing the rounds among cricket experts around the world is – how can the umpires be protected from these injuries on the cricket field? Let us hope for the best and continue our journey – adieu 2015 – WELCOME 2016.

HALL OF FAME

V. Vikrama Raju.



A senior Umpire with over 50 years of umpiring, Mr. VikramaRaju is a founder-member of the ACUK and served the body as its Vice President for one full term, during 1984-86. He had the distinction of being placed in the first batch of BCCI umpires panel and became a Test

Umpire in 1984, along with Mr. Dotiwala, he officiated a tied test match at Madras 1986. He worked for Deccan Herald the English daily from Bangalore.

M. G. Subramaniam:

Mr. Subramaniam took great deal of initiatives in the formation of ACUK. He was actively involved in ACUK and worked in various capacities, and became its President in 1988. He was very active in Karnataka Umpiring, an umpire belonging to the first batch of BCCI umpires, Umpired about 45 matches, officiated three One Day Internationals. Mr. Subramaniam made his Test Umpiring Debut - India vs. Pakistan at Nagpur in 1981-82.



B. Nagaraja Rao:



Mr. B. Nagaraja Rao participated with great purpose in the formation of the ACUK and functioned as its first Joint Secretary. A soft spoken gentleman, B. Nagaraja Rao, "Burky" as he was popularly called, qualified to the BCCI Panel with high distinction and

within a year, was placed in the All India Panel in the late '70s and became ODI panel umpire. His untimely death snatched what was surly a very promising career both as an umpire and a professional scientist.

B. R. Keshava Murthy:

Encouraged by Late Mr. Chinnaswamy, Mr. Murthy took a great deal of interest with eager colleagues in organizing the "Dinner" for the victorious Karnataka team on their maiden Ranji Trophy victory in 1974. On



this historic occasion, the ACUK was born. Popularly called BRK, he was a Member of the Working Committee since its beginning and after holding several posts, he became its President during 1990-1992. It was during his term, the first- ever "Umpires Day" was organised and it is on this occasion, the only Souvenir was brought out. The Working Committee headed by him gave green signal for the formation of first Forum in Shimoga. Shimoga forum is celebrating its Silver jubilee next year. Mr. Murthy had a successful umpiring career, He became a State panel Umpire in 1956 and got qualified to the BCCI panel in 1974. He became ODI panel Umpire in 1985.

Achievements:-



Nagamani S. Rao wife of Our past President - B. Sathyaji Rao was awarded prestigious "Karnataka Rajyotsava" award for the Year 2014-15 has been bestowed for her contribution in print and electronic media

Obituary:-

Chief Patron of ACUK & Ex-President of KSCA, **Sri K. M. Ramprasad** left for heavenly abode. ACUK deeply mourns his untimely death and pays the almighty to give strength to bear the loss to his family members.



Photo Gallery



A glimps of 25th umpires' day ACUK working committee - a happy bunch

PANEL DISCUSSION "UMPIRING NOW AND THEN"



Shri. Vedam Jayashankar, Popular Sports Journalist conducted the Panel Discussion as Moderator. This programme part of Umpires Day kept the audience spell bound. Many of our members among audience did participate in deliberations. Opening up the discussions, Vedam placed before the panelists the general perception that umpiring is a thankless job, and changes in the game of cricket has gone through over the years, particularly its impact on umpires.

Umpires panel represented by Panel:-Nandan –BCCI & ICC Panel and K. Srinath - BCCI, respectively agreed that the game is being played in a competitive environment, and the umpires need to be alert, quicker and should accept the challenges in front of High Definition Cameras.

Players panel represented by Anand Katti and Nassiruddin, former State Cricketers suggested that first class cricketers should take up umpiring.

Media represented by Joseph Hoover and R. Kaushik, senior sports Journalist expressed that senior umpires should officiate school tournaments.

Administration Panel represented by Shri.Sanjay Desai, Hon. Vice President, KSCA, and Shri.Santosh Menon, Asst. Secretary, KSCA, opined that umpires are under tremendous pressure and they have to carry on and sustain challenges. Shri.Santosh Menon observed that umpires experience would be useful in spotting talents.

Mr. Vedam Jayashankar summed up the discussion that adaptability by umpires to new trend is necessary.

Section of audience



Felicitation to Sri. Nandan on his elevation to ICC International Panel



What's up?

Shahid Afridi was flown in to play for the Pakistan team from West Indies to Nairobi in 1996 and didn't have a proper bat. That's when Waqar Younis gave 'Young Afridi' Sachin Tendulkar's bat. Afridi hit 11 sixes and six boundaries with the bat and scored a 37-ball century against Sri Lanka which was the then fastest ODI century. The record, broken later by Corey Anderson (36 balls), now belongs to South Africa's AB de Villiers (31 balls)

Corporate Social Responsibility

Cricketers Way

by Prof. Satyanarayana

The **McGrath Foundation** was started following the much-publicized experience that Jane McGrath and three-time World Cup winner Glenn McGrath had with breast cancer. Its mission is to raise money to place McGrath Breast Care Nurses in communities across Australia as well as increase breast awareness in young Australian women. "Cricket is much more than what happens on the field," said McGrath. "It brings people together, is a real force for good in the community and has played a huge part in the McGrath Foundation's history. I'm delighted the ICC Cricket World Cup has chosen us as one of their official charity partners next year. As the biggest tournament in cricket it will help raise awareness of the work we do in helping families experiencing breast cancer."

Dates to remember

Monthly Meeting – 2016

January: 13th

February: 10th

March: 09th

Greetings:

January 15th Sankranti

January 26th Republic Day

March 07th Maha Shivivaratri

March 25th Good Friday

Secretary's Report:-

At the outset, let me wish the umpiring fraternity **"Happy New Year 2016"**. It has been a wonderful last quarter of 2015. A happy occasion to recall that many of our Young umpires were looking forward to make their debut in domestic as well as International Umpiring.

It is also time for us to focus attention to mofussil areas where we have planned to conduct workshops. In this direction entire committee is working out plans. The induction of new umpires into ACUK has been successful. The emphasis is on their active participation in various activities including monthly meetings. It is observed that despite requests / reminders the attendance is far from satisfactory. I am sure 2016 would usher a tremendous enthusiasm among our ACUK members to participate / collaborate / cooperate in large numbers to share their experience among young & upcoming umpires.

As my journey continues to achieve goals that have been set to infuse high standards among umpires, it is heartening to note the support of KSCA in my endeavor. I have decided to approach KSCA to conduct workshops start academy at various centers, need be with the involvement of ACUK team. Further, the Umpires day 2015 was a grand success & credit definitely goes to entire ACUK team & KSCA administration. Not to forget our event sponsors M/s. N. Ranga Rao & Sons – Mysore – manufacturer of Cycle Pure Agarbathi who magnanimously sponsored the Umpires day 29th November 2015. ACUK would take this opportunity to profusely thank their gesture & look forward to their continued patronage. Our gratitude to M/s. Players Choice – Bangalore, M/s. Pai International – Bangalore & Our own fraternity who generously contributed to make this event a grand success. I thank **"Team ACUK"** for their untiring efforts in making the Umpire's day a grand success. It is time for me to say **Big Thanks to KSCA and all others** for their continued support and am confident that this will go a long way in development of Umpiring fraternity.

Umpire/Player Relationships

by Vinayak Kulkarni

Things That Players Must Accept

- Umpires have an important leadership role along with their Captains in ensuring the Spirit of Cricket is upheld
- The Captains are responsible for the conduct of their team
- The nature of the role of the umpire will mean some decisions may create animosity
- The umpire does not try to ruin your day! Nor he is here to please all.
- Umpires will make mistakes and it is the mark of a player to be able to accept them
- Pressurizing umpires will cause more mistakes
- Abusing umpires will not advance your career but it will more than likely end up as a Code Of Conduct Report
- Pressure and constant abuse will not attract better umpires into the game

Things That Umpires Must Accept

- The umpire is not always right but that does not mean they should not expect criticism
- Respect is not gained automatically – it must be earned
- The need to practice and hone our skills
- The need to improve our attitude to players
- We must improve our communication skills
- We must be able to cope with and understand the competitive SCA scene

What players can do to help?

- Exchange pleasantries
- Accept a decision without showing dissent no matter how high the level of disappointment
- Work with the umpire when he is trying to help (no balls, pitch damage, over rates)
- Stop excessively pressuring the umpire
- Avoid hostile looks or verbal abuse

The umpire earning respect

- First and foremost, by good decisions as players trust someone who gets things mostly right
- By always being in position
- By never losing concentration
- By being approachable
- By being able to accept criticism

The elements of umpires earning respect

- "Negotiate" our position of authority
- Be authoritative rather than authoritarian
- Be firm rather than rigid
- Being relaxed rather than lazy
- Being moral rather than moralistic

With Best Compliments From

SHRI. B. SATHYAJI RAO

Founder Member and Former Test Umpire

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