

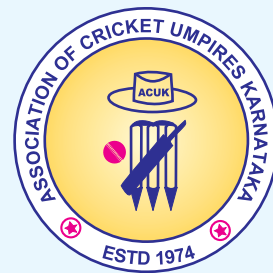


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"No man will ever make a great leader who wants to do it all by himself or to get all the credit for doing it"
"The Secret of genius is to carry the spirit of the child into old age, which means never losing your enthusiasm"

The month of April and May 2016 brought cheers to cricket crazy fans of Bangalore, who witnessed the IPL 2016. The crowd witnessed nail biting finishes, and Royal Challengers Bangalore provided all excitement, only to be defeated by Sunrisers Hyderabad in the final.

M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bangalore is one of the country's best-known and the world's first solar-powered cricket stadium. I am effusive in my praise for Brijesh Patel, the KSCA Hon. Secretary and his team. The ground staff used several innovative techniques, during rain-hit games and did a wonderful job to get the conditions ready for play within an hour after heavy rains stopped. Hats off to them for their efforts which ensured spectators got their money's worth. For the second year in a row, the Karnataka State Cricket Association was declared the venue with best ground and pitch in the Indian Premier League. What an achievement!

Fitness of umpires is a subject coming under close scrutiny. Umpires are there all the time without a break, unlike a team or a player. During the May 2016 ACUK monthly meeting, the subject of discussion was, "how to cope with extreme heat" and senior umpires shared their thoughts. It is extremely challenging and not something everybody can cope with. It also tests you emotionally. Bangalore and other parts of Karnataka witnessed an unprecedented summer this year. Physical fitness gets plenty of attention - and for good reason too. Mental fitness is just as important as physical health and shouldn't be neglected. Incorporating mental dexterity exercises into your life can help you reap the benefits of a sharper mind and a healthier body for years to come. But the ability to be mentally tough, and be able to focus, deal with the scrutiny that you are under to stay strong at important times is something challenging.

On May 22nd, the ACUK conducted its Annual General Meeting at the Golden Palms Hotel and Spa Resorts in Alur. The AGM day presented members an opportunity to spend the entire day with their family at the resort; family members also took part actively in the sports and cultural events. I congratulate the Working Committee for organising this memorable event. It is a matter of great pride that ACUK's membership has crossed the 400 members mark spread across Karnataka State. The journey continues. Let us all engage ourselves to work with enhanced confidence to help budding umpires.

Hall of fame



S R Cavale

One of the founder life members of ACUK in 1974, Mr. SR Cavale served as ACUK's Joint Secretary during the 1980's. He qualified to KSCA State Panel of Umpires in 1963. He officiated in representative games conducted by KSCA - State Juniors - Andhra vs.

Mysore in 1974 - 75. He also officiated in Women's One Day cricket match between England Women's XI Vs. India South Zone Women's XI during 1977 -1978 at KSCA. He also officiated with Board panel & International Umpires like B Satyajit Rao, Late M V Nagendra, Late M G Subramanyam, Late B Nagaraja Rao & Late BRV Naidu. Further, he is also a qualified scorer of

BCCI and has officiated as Scorer for 1987 & 1996 World Cups held in India. He is a qualified Diploma Engineer by profession & retired from MICO (present BOSCH) in 2004.



A. R. Prahalada Rao

One of the founder members of ACUK, AR Prahalada Rao was a member of ACUK's Working Committee during 1974. He qualified for the State Umpire's Panel during 1960. He officiated in the Inter

Railway cricket tournament from 1965 to 1991 along with BCCI Umpires. He also



officialiated the first-ever Women's Test match played between India vs. West Indies, played at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium from 31st Oct. to 2nd Nov. 1976. He retired from Southern Railway as Office Superintendent.



K C Sekhar

One of the earliest life members of ACUK, KC Sekhar has been a Committee member for two terms and was Editorial Secretary of the Newsletter between 1991 and 1993.

He qualified to the State panel of Umpires in the year 1978. He officiated in the SAS inter-zonal match in the year 1979 at Tumkur between Tumkur Zone and Mysore Zone. In 1986 he officiated in the Inter-University matches (All India Inter-University tournament for Rohinton Baria Trophy). He also officiated in Inter-university matches at Gulbarga in 1992 (Gulbarga University) and Udupi in 1993 (Mangalore University). He has officiated in two Inter-Association matches - Karnataka Vs. Kerala in 1986 and Karnataka Vs. Tamil Nadu in 1988. He has also umpired in Subbiah Pillai memorial limited overs championship match between Karnataka and Kerala, played at Hassan in 1987. He retired from umpiring in 2008. Since 2011, he is serving KSCA as Umpires' Mentor/Match Observer. He worked in the defense research lab LRDE.



K Amarnath

K Amarnath was one of the earliest life members of the ACUK. He qualified to the State panel in 1980. He officiated in the Subbiah Pillai tournament match between Karnataka and Hyderabad at Hubli

in 1988. He had the privilege of part-nering with all the Senior Umpires of Karnataka from International and Board Panels. Post retirement from active umpiring in 2005, he was inducted to KSCA Umpire's Committee. He has officiated as Match Referee in the KPL, Capt. Thimmappaiah Memorial

Trophy tournament and SA Srinivasan Memorial Tournament. Amarnath is a Science graduate from the Mysore University (now Bangalore University) who qualified in 1960. He worked in the defense research lab LRDE & retired in 2000.



Secretary's Column

The new season was started off with all cheer and enthusiasm. It gives me immense pleasure to wish all members the very best.

This past quarter has been a very lively and absorbing one as the most important event for ACUK i.e., 42nd AGM was on the cards. I must congratulate the present working committee for the excellent conduct of 42nd AGM of ACUK at Golden Palms Hotel & Spa on Sunday, the 22nd May 2016.

The event was well attended by many members with their family and close relatives. There were recreational activities like sports, games for children and ladies of all ages, right from morning to evening, and many prizes were distributed to the winners. The AGM was conducted between at 2.30 PM and 4.00 PM, right as per schedule. The smooth conduct of the AGM was because of the dedicated efforts of all the members involved, who accomplished the tasks assigned to them on time. It was done meticulously and satisfactorily, with high precision. It is an added feather in the cap for ACUK that its membership is steadily increasing. 29 new members have been inducted and 26 existing memberships were upgraded. The monthly meetings are well attended by young and aspiring Umpires, who are showing remarkable improvement. I take this opportunity to congratulate all the 24 Umpires who were declared successful in the BCCI Level I Umpiring Examination conducted recently.

The Shimoga Zonal Forum of the ACUK is gearing up to celebrate its Silver Jubilee during November 2016. I would like to take this opportunity to wish them all success.

While I conclude my report, I wish all the Umpires have a successful season ahead.

Photo Gallery of General Body Meeting

ACUK Working Committee



Audience



Family members relaxing



Pre meeting discussions



Seniors watching activities



Prize distribution



Achievements



Our Member from Mysore Forum, **Mr. H. S. Krishnakumar** has been awarded Ph.D by University of Mysore. ACUK congratulates him and wishes him a bright future.

What's Up

Uttar Pradesh's Mohammad Kaif

was the first Indian cricketer to play in the final match of 3 different age-group cricket World Cups. He was in the Under-15 team that won the 1996 World Cup under Reetinder Singh Sodhi. Kaif then went on to lead the Under-19 team in the 2000 World Cup and aided by some fantastic knocks from Yuvraj Singh, lifted the Cup. Kaif's most memorable knock in cricket remains the 2002 Natwest Trophy final, where he combined with Yuvraj Singh (again) to help India to a remarkable win. That match is also known for Sourav Ganguly's chest-baring act on the player's room balcony at the Lord's Cricket Ground. Kaif's career went downhill after that, though he made a few appearances in national colours, including playing in the 2003 World Cup where India lost in the final. Though he continued to play in domestic cricket and in the IPL, he was never the same cricketer again.



By Prof. R. Sathyanarayana

Dates to remember

Monthly Meeting: July 13th August 10th September 14th

- 6th July, Wednesday - Kutub-E-Ramzan
- 15th August, Monday - Independence Day
- 5th Sept. Monday - Varasiddhi Vinayaka Vrata
- 12th Sept. Monday - Bakrid
- 30th Sept. Friday - Mahalaya Amavasye

Obituary

ACUK deeply mourns the sad demise of **Mr. S. ARUN KUMAR**. May the almighty give strength to the bereaved family to bear this untimely loss.

Did You Know

Alcwyn Jenkins, 72, a well-known umpire in Welsh Cricket, collapsed after a ball thrown by a fielder hit him on the side of the head. The players tried to resuscitate him but he remained unconscious and was airlifted to the hospital immediately after, but never regained consciousness. The South Wales Cricket Association division one match was abandoned. 'He was well respected and everyone knew him. Umpires do get hit by the ball occasionally, but the chances of a fatality must be less than one in a million. No one can believe it. He was among the oldest Umpires officiating in the circuit and had been around for 25 years.



By Prof. R. Sathyanarayana

SUB-CONSCIOUS ELEMENTS IN UMPIRING

Cricket Umpiring has two aspects to it largely. On the one side, Umpires have to be alert to all proceedings on the field and be prepared to make on the spot decisions whenever they are called upon to make a decision or when they are required to intervene in proceedings. Then there are things Umpires do sub-consciously; just like humans aren't too conscious about breathing as an activity, so too there are certain things Umpires do which become second nature of their personality. Over a period of time, Umpires imbibe into their personality several traits which they call upon to use while discharging their duties on the field. It is very important that Umpires cultivate good habits from a very early stage in their careers so it becomes a part of their sub-conscious decision making. Here's an attempt to list down a few good practices Umpires would do well to absorb into their sub-conscious processes, which one hopes will hold them in good stead in their Umpiring career:

1. Develop a good rapport with all stake holders & maintain respect for all individuals
Each and every individual associated with the conduct of the game – be it Players, Umpires, Scorers, Match Referees, Match Observers, Ground Staff, etc. - is like a pillar of a building. Take one pillar out, and the system would most likely collapse. Similarly, take one role out of the game, and it could affect the entire eco-system of cricket. It is therefore important for Umpires to appreciate every role and develop a rapport with all the individuals involved.
2. Maintain a positive body language at all times without coming across as rude or arrogant
3. Walk in with your partner at all times
It is a good practice that both umpires walk in to the field together. Therefore cultivate the habit of walking in to the field together at the start of each session and on all other occasions when Umpires have the occasion to take the field. Doing that sends out a small message to everyone watching

proceedings that both Umpires are extremely professional and are working together as one unit.

4. Follow the ball
It is considered a good practice, and has been found useful, to follow the ball – particularly at the start of the day – so your eyes get accustomed to the background, the prevailing light and the colour of the ball. So track the ball as the ball is being passed from fielder to fielder until it reaches the bowler at least early on in the day.
5. Cultivate the habit of recording precise times-if possible record in the format of hour: minute: second.
6. Take possession of the ball whenever there is a pause in play. This will give you a chance to assess the condition of the ball frequently and also reduce chances of the condition of the ball being changed by unfair methods.
7. Learn techniques to assist your partner Umpires need to appreciate that they are one of two teams on the field – the other team being that of players competing in the match. It is very important that the two Umpires are seen working as a team and stand by with each other at all times. Umpires must understand that the support of their partner Umpire is not needed only in situations of tension. Remember, this process of helping is reciprocal; there might be times when the information provided by your partner could come to your aid in making a decision.
8. Walk out with your partner and be the last to leave the field of play
9. Make mental markers early on in the game which will help you establish the line of off stump, line of leg stump, shoulder height of each of the strikers, etc.
10. Develop various answers which are brief yet precise, and convey to the various stake-holders that you are absolutely sure about your decision. Avoid using phrases like “too much doubt”, “not sure if it swung enough”, “50-50”, etc.

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Founder Member and Former Test Umpire

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