

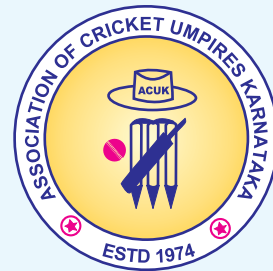


# ACUK NEWSLETTER

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## Editorial Desk

*“Do not fear to be eccentric in opinion, for every opinion now accepted was once eccentric. The moment you stop trying to become a better person, is the moment you start to become worse than what you already are. The only thing standing between you and your dreams is ...reluctance.”*

Umpiring any sport is a hard job, more so in cricket. A great decision is seen as doing one's job while a wrong call causes all hell to break loose. That was besides the onerous requirements of the job. Umpires are only one ball away from disaster and they don't get a chance to recover from a mistake or get recharged in the dressing room like a player. Stamina, focus, fitness, decision-making, match and man-management, technique, team work, mental strength, concentration, attitude and relationships of an umpire are all tested every now and then. In such a tough situation, there are men who are seen as the best among the lot and are admired by both players and administrators for their decision making qualities. Accolades to umpires are always far and few. The biggest

strength top umpires in business have, is their ability to gain respect from even the most hot-blooded cricketers. We have umpires, who can impress with their calm demeanor and friendly attitude.

Stump microphones remain live when players and umpires are conversing. We've have every modern technology in the game and the new technology that comes out every time is well absorbed in great enthusiasm and benefits viewers in a boundless manner. However, I wonder why the stump mikes need to be broadcast to the whole world. The increasing stress and fatigue due to extensive movement of players are often discussed upon. But these pressures may be even more tedious for umpires. Let's look at an example where members of the Elite Panel of ICC umpires virtually spends around 200 days a year on the road. This applies to many international cricketers who will be more time away from home and umpires' lives are lonelier. Be that as it may, Karnataka is cradle for upcoming umpires, any one in cricketing circuit will agree by looking our league, school or college matches. The credit of success goes to KSCA and ACUK who coordinate in tandem and bring the best of them.

## Hall of fame



### B R V Naidu

Mr. BRV Naidu is one of the earliest members of ACUK since 1974, popularly known as “BRV”. He was a fatherly figure for umpires who started their career in umpiring in early MSCA (Mysore State Cricket Association) days of 50's. Officiated in KSCA pentangular (SAS) tournaments, and many more matches of KSCA during his umpiring career, including KSCA league and YSR tournament. He worked in S J Polytechnic and retired as Instructor in Mechanical engineering department. He was happily married and shared a quiet life with wife his son is a retired HAL official. Mr. B R V Naidu left for a heavenly abode in early 90's ACUK salutes you sir!



### M G V Murthy

Mr. M G V Murthy took to umpiring in early 50's, and one of the founder members of ACUK. Mr. Murthy officiated at different levels including Inter-State juniors matches, inter-university and pentangular matches (SAS). Mr. M G V Murthy actively participated in ACUK formative years, a very senior umpire, has officiated many more matches and was a great asset for KSCA & ACUK respectively. His soft spoken and cheerful mannerisms won the hearts of many legendary players. Subsequent to his retirement from umpiring, Mr. Murthy became a qualified scorer in the first examination held for scorers and in this capacity, performed for many matches including Ranji and other BCCI matches. When the stadium came up in Bangalore,

MGV, ably assisted by M/s. Sampath Kumaran, P.Seshamurthy and Padmanabhan, organized manual score board with admirable efficiency. One may recall, there were no electronic score boards in those days and score boards operated manually including handling heavy number plates. Mr. M G V Murthy was honoured for his distinguished contribution during the platinum jubilee celebrations of KSCA held in August 2013 by KSCA. Mr. MGV Murthy is a qualified engineer worked in Mysore Electrical Industries. He is happily married and shares a quiet life with his wife; his son is a software engineer and his daughter is an industrialist. ACUK wishes a long and healthy life to you sir!



#### **B S Krishna Murthy**

Mr. B S Krishnamurthy, popularly known as BSK, and one of the earliest life members of ACUK actively participated in the initial years of the ACUK. Extremely popular, Mr.BSK umpired many KSCA matches. He worked in MEI (Mysore Electrical

Industries), a kind hearted person, helped many needy persons. He also sponsored school fees and text books for the poor neighborhood children. He sacrificed his personal life for the family. He was a very active participant in all ACUK meetings and functions. ACUK Salute you sir!



#### **B V Venkatesh**

Mr.B.V.Venkatesh became qualified umpire in 1978; he is also life member of ACUK. Mr. B V Venkatesh had a long innings with ACUK, been a committee member of ACUK from 1981 to 1991, Joint Secretary of ACUK from 1991 to 1995, and Chairman of ACUK

Newsletter from 1995 to 1999. Mr.Venkatesh officiated at different levels, Inter-State Juniors, Inter-University finals at Gulbarga and Manipal during 90's. Apart from umpiring, qualified as BCCI Panel scorer in the examination conducted for the first time in the year 1995. Mr. Venkatesh enhanced his skill as a scorer, by officiating

as scorer in Test, ODI, IPL matches and prestigious KSCA Tournaments, KPL, Dr. K. Thimmappaiah Memorial etc. Born in Mysore, completed his Graduation in 1968 from Bangalore University, worked in income tax department and retired as a faculty member from National Academy of Direct Taxes in 2010. Mr.Venkatesh is with KSCA as a scorer's committee member since 2010 till date. ACUK salute you sir!

#### **Prabhakar S**



Prabhakar is one of the earliest members of ACUK. Committee member of ACUK from 1975 to 1979. Qualified to KSCA state panel in 1972. Umpired many KSCA matches including SAS, inter university matches and KSCA recognized Corporate tournaments. Apart from umpiring, passed KSCA scorers examination in 2009. Post umpiring in 2010, associated with KSCA as match observer since 2015. Prabhakar, academically, is a Diploma in Mechanical engineering, worked in HAL and retired as Manager in 2002. Happily married with a son & a daughter. ACUK wishes a healthy long life to Prabhakar!



#### **K R Raghavendra**

Raghavendra is life member of ACUK. He served as Committee Member of ACUK for two years. Qualified to state panel in 1996, though started umpiring from 1982. Umpired many KSCA matches including SAS, NCA and KSCA sponsored corporate tournaments.

Umpired ladies visiting team from Srilanka. Post umpiring in 2012, associated with KSCA as match observer since 2015 till date. Academically a B.Sc graduate from Bangalore University in 1970, worked with State Bank of Mysore from 1972 to 1995 and retired as Manager. He is happily married with a son, who is also a state panel Umpire and ACUK life member. ACUK wishes a healthy & long life to Raghavendra!

## Achievements





Former International Umpire Vikramraju (one of the on field umpires) felicitated by Umpires and KSCA officials at Hubballi to mark 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the epic Test, second ever tied Test match in the cricketing history at M. A. Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai (Then Madras), between India and Australia, from 18-22 September 1986.

Our own, **Shahvir K Tarporé** chosen among all Time best 5 Indian Umpire by Yahoo on September 9 2016.  
Congratulations Shahvir!



## Secretary's Column

A revolution is sweeping the cricket world. Board of Cricket Control in India introduces a great concept. It is round pink ball and is apparently difficult for some people to see at night. It's not always that journalists make a beeline for the practice session on the eve of a local cricket league decider. But the Cricket Association of Bengal-organised Super League between Mohan Bagan and Bhawanipore Club is not just another final. The four-day match, played at Eden Gardens will go into the record books as the country's first game to be played with the pink ball under lights. Lot of changes have taken to the ball that was used in the first-ever pink ball in Adelaide Test last November. Previously, the seam used was green in colour. However, Aussie captain Steve Smith found it difficult to follow the seam under lights, hence, it has been changed to black colour now to make it more prominent.

The finals of the ongoing KPL is slated for 2<sup>nd</sup> October and am very happy that there is all-round applause for the performance of the Umpires and Match referees specifically expressed by the KSCA officials. On behalf of the ACUK I extended my congratulations to all those involved.

There is a marked improvement of participants in monthly meeting. Quality of discussion is an indicator to the performance of many umpires in league and other matches. As in the past, I once again appeal umpires to attend monthly meeting in large numbers. Another point that brings cheer is that assignments posted by KSCA were confirmed by umpires well in advance. ACUK working committee is in the process of updating profile of members. Through this column, I request you to update your profile by providing details through mail or in person. November is not far away, looking forward for member's inputs/suggestion towards conducting Umpires Day.

## Shimogga Forum

FREE HEALTH CHECKUP CAMP was organised on 11th September 2016 at Nehru Stadium, Shimogga, as part of its Silver Jubilee Celebrations to be held in October 2016. It was a great success. About 300 people benefitted from the camp and 44 units of blood were collected. MLA Sri. Prasanna Kumar, Sri.Kashi Viswanath, Corporator, Sri.Kanthesh, Zilla Panchayath graced the occasion.

### Dates to remember

Monthly Meeting: **October 12<sup>th</sup>** **November 9<sup>th</sup>** **December 14<sup>th</sup>**

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> October, Sunday     | - | Gandhi Jayanthi      |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> October, Monday    | - | Ayudhapooja          |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> October, Tuesday   | - | Vijayadashami        |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> October, Wednesday | - | Last day of Muharam  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> October, Saturday  | - | Valmiki Jayanthi     |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> October, Saturday  | - | Naraka Chaturdasi    |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> October, Monday    | - | Balipadyami          |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> November, Tuesday   | - | Karnataka Rajyotsava |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> December, Sunday   | - | Christmas            |

### What's Up

#### A special rivalry

One of the notorious aspects of the Ashes is the 'sledging' that will go on between players, aimed at provoking a poor decision or a loss of emotional control. Competing for the Ashes Urn dates back to August 1882, and England's infamous defeat to Australia at The Oval. The Sporting Times ran a mock obituary outlining the 'Death of English Cricket', finishing with 'the body will be cremated and the ashes taken to Australia'. England set sail to Australia several weeks later, with Captain Ivo Bligh given the responsibility of leading England. While he was playing at a social match at Rupert Wood Estate, a group of ladies presented him with the four-inch urn, believed to have a burned bail inside, as a symbol of the Ashes of English cricket. To this day The Ashes test series remains one of the most prestigious competitions in cricket. The ferocity and intensity of the rivalry is unique, with many cultural and sporting differences contributing. Although the game was invented in England, Development of the Australian National Cricket Academy and the quality of the domestic league has been a breeding ground for elite talent.

-Prof. R. Sathyanarayana

### Did You Know

Brian Lara, the West Indian skipper, is known to be one of the best left-handed batsmen the cricket world has ever witnessed. He took the bowlers away by storm with his

shot making and aggressive intent during the 1990's. In 2002, Lara's future as a cricketer was somewhat known to be uncertain by medical practitioners when he was diagnosed with Hepatitis B. Lara was dropped from the ICC Champions Trophy and subsequent tour. The actual nature of Lara's illness was kept surreptitious when the West Indian team management had refused to disclose the problems. Lara was rushed to the hospital after scoring a century in a pool game where the illness was discovered. Hepatitis B is considered curable but numerous cases end up with major malfunctioning of the liver. But all this didn't keep Lara out of the hunt for glory. Lara scored test cricket's first ever, and so far the only 400, in 2004 against England, regaining his world record back from Mathew Hayden. Critics say, only Lara could have recovered and done that – Prof. R.Sathyanarayana



### Pink Ball Cricket

In the mid 1970s when the Australian business mogul Kerry Packer introduced limited overs cricket played with coloured clothing, there was initially a huge uproar. There was criticism all round that the game would be lost for good. On the contrary it gained lot of attention and enriched itself to a new level.

Likewise playing Test or Ranji Trophy with the pink ball and under lights will add a new dimension to the longer format. I recall that the Day and Night Test match between Australia and New Zealand held last year was a big hit.

BCCI has made a start by having the Duleep Trophy played with the pink ball and under lights. There was turn and bounce for the spinners, and a little movement for the quick bowlers. With so much experiment happening and manufacturers consistently taking feedback from players, I am sure the quality of the balls would improve by the day and there would be a good contest between bat and ball in the days to come.

The basic idea is to play the longer format with players donning the traditional white flannels under lights and the pink ball is the perfect answer. By and large, the Players, the Umpires, the crowd and the television viewers enjoyed the tournament.

A lot of effort is being put by the manufacturer in retaining the colour of the ball for at least 80 or 100 overs. Once that is achieved, this will go a long way in strengthening the belief that cricket could be played with the pink ball and under lights as well.

I am a firm believer that crowds would come to watch day and night cricket as that gives them an opportunity to manage their work in the first half of the day. Playing in front of empty stands is a boring affair for all stake holders. There is nothing like performing in front of packed stadium, and day and night cricket with pink ball holds the key for the future.

Nandan

### Monthly Meeting

Mr. Shahvir Tarapore while emphasizing on finer aspects of the game, especially decision on a suspect action, match officials should act carefully to avoid creating repulsive situation and not to demonstrate actions instead they should communicate with each other at an appropriate time. Further, he requested members to submit their match report immediately to enable KSCA take necessary action as may be required.

### Question & Answer

Question 1 : When a player permitted to go out of the field to change his shoe, what action an umpire should take in the following situation.

- The player does return to field of play within 10 or 15 minutes. The substitute fielder to be allowed or not ?
- The player does not return even after 10 or 15 minutes. Should the substitute fielder be send back and the player carry penalty for the duration of his absence. ?

Answer 1 :

- To allow substitute for a maximum of two over's only in cases of torn shoes or dress not if it is comfort break.  
Ask the captain to send back the substitute fielder if the player does not return within two overs and inform fielding side Captain that the player will carry penalty for the duration of his absence.

Question 2 : Can a fielding Captain make an objection to a batsman using bat abnormal in size and made of two pieces and can batsman be permitted to bat as was the case in a tourna-ment like KPL. ?

Answer 2 : Players should not be permitted to use any unconventional playing materials and should not compare such occurrences elsewhere noticed. The umpires should orientate themselves towards carrying out KSCA matches according to the guidelines issued by the KSCA from time to time and stick to MCC Laws of Cricket read in conjunction with applicable Playing conditions.

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