

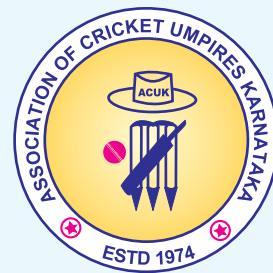
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"Those who are wise won't be busy, and those who are too busy can't be wise."

"When you win, say nothing, when you lose, say less."

It is always pleasant to think of fourth quarter of the year. 2016 is no exception. Cricket schedule includes plenty of bilateral series, on home and away basis, distributed over three different formats, intriguing fans around the World. The 2016 season has been pretty awesome with so many great story lines in all formats of cricket. . India's 3-0 win over New Zealand and against England 4-0 in the Test series saw India move up to first in the Test rankings. This tour also saw several milestones in Indian cricket with the first Test of the series being India's 500th Test match, the second Test of the series being India's 250th Test at home. Karnataka went into Ranji Season with lot of promise. Unfortunately it crashed in the knock out against Tamil Nadu. No brooding and team looking forward for next season.

Recently, MCC recommended a host of radical changes to existing laws of the game, standardizing the bat sizes by limiting its thickness, allowing catches off a fielder's worn helmet. Another

significant suggestion made is introduction of red cards to eject players from the field for instances of physical violence or abusive behaviour. The committee felt that "The Spirit of Cricket" states there is to be no violence on the field, yet there is nothing in the laws giving the umpires power to punish it during the match. When implemented on-field Umpires will have sweeping powers.

October, 2016, a special occasion for ACUK, Shivamogga Zonal Forum, completing 25 years of its existence, rolled out a grand meet at Shivamogga City. Large gathering from umpiring fraternity participated in two day grand function. A Souvenir released on this occasion. It was a moment to cherish, Congratulations to ACUK Zonal Forum Shivamogga!

I take this opportunity to thank ACUK Working Committee, in particular B.K.Kumar, Secretary, ACUK, for his continuous efforts to arrange sponsors for 2nd consecutive year. New Year begins, let us pray that it will be a year with peace, happiness and abundance of new friends, God bless us throughout the New Year 2017, Goodbye 2016 & Welcome to New Year 2017.

Hall of fame



Arani Velayudham Jayaprakash

Former Ranji Trophy Player, and umpire. A V Jayaprakash played 79 matches of first-class cricket, starting with 3 matches for Mysore during 1971 to 1973 and continued till 1984/85. He played in 6 Ranji

Trophy finals for Karnataka, winning in 1973/4, 1977/78 and 1982/3, A V Jayaprakash became an umpire after retiring from first-class cricket. He umpired 13 Test matches between 1997 and 2002.

He made his debut as a Test umpire in the 3rd Test between India and Sri Lanka at Mumbai in December 1997. In his second Test, the 2nd Test between India and Pakistan in Delhi in 1999, he stood at the bowler's end while Anil Kumble dismissed all 10 batsmen in Pakistan's 2nd innings. He was elevated to ICC panel. He has stood in four Tests outside India.

A V Jayaprakash also umpired 38 One-day Internationals between 1993 and 2006, mostly in India, apart from matches in the 2000 Asia Cup, two

pool matches in South Africa in the 2003 Cricket World Cup, and the Cherry Blossom Sharjah Cup in 2003. He umpired 7 matches in the Indian Premier League in 2007/08.

He was appointed as Development Manager of Umpires for ASIA for three years by ICC. He was appointed as a member of BCCI Umpires Examination Board, BCCI Umpires review committee and BCCI Umpires Sub-committee. He was elected as a Managing Committee (M. C) member of KSCA from 1998 to 2010. He is happily married to Dr. Padmaja Rani. MBBS, DGO, a practicing physician and blessed with two daughters who are talented dancers. ACUK salutes Shri A V Jayaprakash and wishes a long and happy retired life.



Late. P.A. Char

One of the life members of ACUK from Mysore. Qualified to BCCI All India Panel in the year 1958 from Delhi. Umpired many Ranji Trophy matches. Also officiated in prestigious BCCI Irani Trophy during his career as BCCI Umpire.

Obtained degree in physical education and masters in physical education from US University. He worked as Director of Regional College of Education Mysore. Passed away during his early 90's. ACUK salutes you Sir



G. Shivaram

One of the earliest life members of ACUK. Took to cricket umpiring, after getting qualified from KSCA. In 1985, G. Shivaram had a long innings with ACUK, treasurer of ACUK from 1992 to 1994. Apart from umpiring KSCA league

Tournaments, have umpired at different levels

including Inter-university matches. Born on 15/03/1958 in Bangalore.

Graduated in 1979 from Bangalore University. Working in State Bank of Mysore since 1980. Happily married & blessed with a daughter and a Son. ACUK wishes a long and healthy life to G Shivaram



C.A. Krishna Murthy

One of the senior life member of ACUK and seasoned umpire. He represented state U-16 (then Mysore State) under the captaincy of Late L.P. Shyam. He also represented HAL Cricket Team from 1964 to 1978. He officiated umpiring for 35

long years. His umpiring included KSCA League Tournaments, YSR tournaments, All India Advocate Tournament, State University Tournaments. After retiring from umpiring, He is elevated as Observer by KSCA and continues his KSCA activity. Graduated from Mysore University in 1961, represented R.C. College, Bangalore. Happily married and blessed with a daughter.

ACUK wishes a long and healthy life to CAK.



Ananthakrishna S. M.

One of the senior life member of ACUK and seasoned umpire. He served ACUK as Internal auditor in 1992. He represented HAL Cricket Team from 1956 to 1968 as opening batsman and off spinner. Took to umpiring in the year 1968, and was

qualified in the year 1985. His umpiring assignments included KSCA League and SAS Zonal matches. Since 2012, he has been elevated as Observer by KSCA and continues to be active in cricket field.

ACUK wishes a long and healthy life to SMAK!

Achievements



Shahvir K Tarapore Scores Century

- Shahvir Tarapore is third umpire to officiate 100 first class matches
- Shahvir was honoured at Trivandrum by BCCI, KCA and BCCI Umpires and match referees during Ranji Trophy



Nandan's ODI Debut

One of our senior umpires Nandan presently on ICC National Panel made his debut in a ODI Match (India v/s Newzealand) at Vizag On 5th October 2017.



Shri B. Sathyaji Rao – recipient of prestigious Karnataka Rajyotsava awardee was honoured by Brijesh Patel, Hon. Secretary, KSCA

Prof. R. Sathyanarayana ◀

Chairman,
ACUK News Letter was
recently honoured by
Dr. Parameshwar,
Home Minister,
and Govt. of Karnataka,
recognizing contribution
in field of education
and Cricket



25th Umpires day 2016

Chief Guest Mr. Brijesh Patel in his address profusely congratulated ACUK for completing 42 years of existence and 25th Umpires day celebrations. Recalled his younger days of cricketing life of association with umpires like SK Raghunath Rao and others who encouraged cricketers & also a lovable human being. Recalled what famous Dickie Bird used to say “Enjoy what you do “. Advised to practice and follow 6 C's to Umpires: - Consistency,

Concentration, Control, Confidence, Commonsense and Conduct of the match. The anecdotes and his experiences and incidents to remember from his playing days not only regaled the audience but also taught a lesson or two to the present generation of umpires. He assured KSCAs continued support in all the activities of ACUK.



Mr. Santosh Menon the guest speaker in his address, congratulated ACUK for the wonderful work being done to educate the umpires all over Karnataka & achieving a milestone. Mentioned honorary work requires lot of sacrifice of time / effort / money and social commitments. Complimented ACUK for working closely with KSCA. Assured ACUK all the assistance in its endeavour for conducting refresher course for educating umpires and said that KSCA is would be always with ACUK for such activities. Mr. Suresh Menon another Guest Speaker – senior Sports journalist, Editor Wisden India, contributing editor of The Hindu shared his experiences laced with funny and serious incidents of yester years. He added that evolution of Umpires has changed from full powers on the field to technology nowadays. Added 7th C in addition to 6 C's mentioned by the Chief Guest Mr. Brijesh Patel – Compensation to be avoided by Umpires during umpiring on the field.

The memento for the occasion a wrist watch sponsored by Cycle Pure Agarbathi was released by Mr. Suresh M R, director, cycle Pure Agarbathi and handed over the same to Chief Guest, President and



Secretary of ACUK presented mementos to Guest speakers Mr. Suresh Menon & Mr. Santosh Menon respectively.

President while addressing assured KSCA, that ACUK would live up to KSCA expectations and beyond. He requested KSCA to make available some space on their website to disseminate information on umpiring and umpire, further, he called upon the present generation of umpire accept their mistakes and explore way and means to overcome those, rather than finding excuses.

The 1991 Working Committee was honoured on the occasion for having thought off and starting UMPIRES day in 1991 with a memento handed over by the Chief Guest and guest speakers. The then WC consisted of B R Keshava Murthy, A L Narasimhan, V N Kulkarni, B V Venkatesh, S Shivaram, V B Mouli, S K Tarapore, M Nagaraj & K C Shekar Late Mr. Nagendra Nath C V.

Our fraternity members who have been members for 25 years and for having completed 25 years of successful active umpiring from the year of qualifying to state panel of umpires of KSCA by the President, Hon. Secretary and senior members present. The recipients of the honour are;

Mr. Vinayaka Kulkarni, Mr. Shahvir K Tarapore, Mr. Ravi Subramanyam, Mr. Venkatesh B V. Mr. Prabhu N R S, Mr. Ravi B K, Mr. Murulidhara S, Mr. Suresh M R. Mr. Nagaraj M, Mr. Murulidhara P, Mr. Nagaraj J and Mr. Sathish N S.

An exhibition of umpiring equipment's used by our members over the year and memorabilia's and umpiring literature and books written by them were arranged. This was appreciated by one and all. This not only took the members down the memory lane, but, gave an insight of progress of umpiring to the present generation. An open quiz on Cricket and cricket laws was organised. The response from the gathering was overwhelming. Prizes were given to the 1st person giving the correct answers. One of the affectionate founding father of ACUK, nonagenarian Shri B, Satyaji Rao – recipient of prestigious Karnataka Rajyotsava awardee was honoured by Chief guest, guest, President of ACUK.



BCCI Panel Umpires from Karnataka



ACUK Working Committee 2015-2017



Secretary's Column

At the outset, I thank ACUK working committee and members for their continued cooperation, collaboration and communication during the year 2016, in all activities of ACUK. The founding members ignited a sense of team spirit among Team ACUK. And ACUK will carry the tradition with the determination in future also. I recall few achievements during 2016. Updating communication address, mobile number and mail id of members taken on priority basis, involving senior members to advice in our activities, enrolling upcoming umpire as members of ACUK, nominating committee to suggest amendments in ACUK bye-law and redesigning website are some of the initiatives successfully achieved.

Umpires from Karnataka are in for great moments. Nandan in limelight MAKING HIS DEBUT IN ODI matches and Shahvir Tarapore achieving milestone of umpiring 100 first class matches. Sooner, Ravi Subramanyam is also close to officiating 100th first class match. Let us all cherish this happy moments, am sure many more to come in future too. It is here the importance of ACUK activities, be it seminars or monthly meeting. Not to forget the kind of support ACUK getting from KSCA Management. Many upcoming umpires are missing monthly meeting, this message is specifically for them to participate and refresh their knowledge.

ACUK Shivamogga Zonal Forum celebrated Silver Jubilee Year in October, 2016. ACUK working Committee in full strength participated in two day event. Nearly 100 member/umpires from Shivamogga Zonal Forum comprising Chcikamagaluru, Hassan and Shivamogga District participated and graced he occasion. I request members to visit ACUK website for updates and other photographs of umpire's day.

Our great moment was Umpires Day in November. Members participated in large numbers from Bangalore, Shivamogga, Mysore, Mangalore, Hubballi and Raichur. Shri.Brijesh Patel, Hon.Secretary, KSCA, Mr. Santosh Menon, Asst. Secretary, KSCA along with Mr. Suresh Menon graced the occasion. I profusely thank N.Ranga Rao & Sons, Mysore, for sponsoring the event and Mementos for second consecutive year. I also thank KSCA for unstinted support in all our endeavours. I wish one and all Happy New year 2017

Shivamogga Zonal Forum

Silver Jubilee Year – 2016 – ACUK Shivamogga Zonal Forum on 22nd and 23rd October 2016 at country club, Shivamogga

ACUK Shivamogga Zonal Forum celebrated Silver Jubilee Year in October, 2016. Shri. D.H. Shankara Murthy, Chairman of Karnataka Legislative Council, Presided over and released Souvenir part of this great occasion. Galaxy of people from all walks of life attended meet. The Executive Committee led from front made the event a memorable one. D.R.Nagaraj, MC Member of KSCA and Convenor of ACUK, Shivamogga Forum coordinated activities.

Sanjay Kumar took up BCCI Level One Exam, two more umpires cleared recently held BCCI level one exam. Long standing effort of this forum yielding results now.



Dates to remember

Monthly Meeting: January 11th February 8th March 8th

8th January, Sunday - Vaikunta Ekadasi
 14th January, Saturday - Makara Sankranti
 26th January, Thursday - Republic Day
 24th February, Friday - Maha Sivaratri
 12th March, Sunday - Holi
 29th March, Wednesday - Ugadhi



Unheard Anecdotes

The Great Sir Vivian Richards

It was a county match in England between Somerset and Glamorgan. An unknown batsman with unknown talent, named Vivian Richards was at the crease. Greg Thomas, the Glamorgan fast bowler thundered in and beat the great man's bat. 'It's red and its round. Can't you see it?' the bowler taunted Richards.

The next ball was an action replay. The ball pitched three quarters of length on middle and off, seamed away, and once again Richards was all at sea and comprehensively beaten. 'It's red and its round and it weighs four-and-a-half ounces. Can't you see it?' Greg Thomas quipped.

Richards took a stroll, summoned his powers of concentration, swung his arms around, took a fresh guard and got ready for the next ball. Greg Thomas came running in. The delivery was right in the slot, and Viv launched into one of his trademark shots and smashed the ball out of the ground and straight into the river that flowed around it.

The maestro told the hapless bowler who almost died watching the ball go, 'You know what it looks like... now go and get it!'

Prof. R. Sathyanarayana



CRICKET SUPERSTITIONS

Michael Clarke of Australia use to listen to loud music before going to bat. Steve Waugh use to carry a red handkerchief in his left pocket which was given to him by his late grandfather. Phil Simmons of West Indies use to have a cross attached to his sweater. Roshan Mahanama use to muster some mantra and kiss the tip of his bat's handle before every ball. Jonty Rhodes of South Africa used to keep himself neat and tidy while padded up. The great England cricketer Sir Leonard Hutton always use to carry a five shilling coin given to him by his grandfather's friend with an advice never to part with it. Bill Edrich and Sir Jack Hobbs use to put on the left pad first. The left-arm Indian paceman Zaheer Khan made it a point to carry a lucky yellow handkerchief during every crucial match. He has come through for India with some amazing spells and has had a successful career as well. All thanks to that handkerchief!

Prof. R.Sathyanarayana



Curator vs. Umpire

First time in the history of ACUK monthly meetings, an eminent curator of BCCI who is from Our Own state of Karnataka Mr. L. Prashanth - invited to grace the gathering. Prashanth gave insights to umpires nuances of pitches, preparation of wickets, upkeep, implements used in making of pitches with modern methods and techniques using technology. It was indeed educative, informative & enlightening umpires thought process on important aspect ground matters! Saw dust should be used barest minimum as it hampers the growth of turf /grass both on out field as well as on the pitch. In inclement weather conditions, to facilitate faster drying of the outfield, instead of using Roller over cloth or sponge, it is advisable pock the outfield for more aeration

Obituary



S. G. Srinivas

DOB-10/06/1972 DOD-28/12/2016

ACUK Mourns the death of an
Eminent Umpire & a Scorer

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