



Editorial



Dear Member,

By the time this newsletter is published, almost each one of you would have replaced the calendar at home and at your workspace. The year 2017 is now history and all the events of the year gone by are relegated to being memories. As the new year - 2018 - begins, I am sure each one of you has a certain list of wishes and set for yourselves a certain number of goals to accomplish. I pray that 2018 turns out to be an immensely successful year in everything you do and wish you are able to accomplish all your goals. I further pray for your prosperity and good health in the year ahead.

In the context of cricket directly connected to most of us, the clock is ticking down to the start of the next league cricket season. It is almost certain that all tournaments conducted by the KSCA going forward will be played under the Laws of Cricket 2017 Code. There have been significant changes made to the Laws of cricket, and it is therefore important each one of us spends plenty of time reading through the laws - to understand and remember them.

While the reasoning and the wording of most of the laws have more or less remained unchanged, there has been reordering and restructuring of the Laws. In addition, certain laws have been merged, certain existing laws deleted, certain other laws altered,

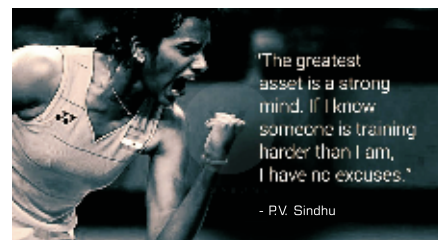
and few new laws have been introduced for the first time.

The KSCA, in co-ordination with ACUK, will conduct clinics in the coming weeks to educate Umpires on the changes made to the Laws. I appeal to all members to attend the workshops without fail, and also call upon all members to interact with senior Umpires frequently to clarify any doubts which may arise upon reading the new code of Laws.

One other aspect to which I would like to draw the attention of all Umpires is safety. While players generally take care of their own safety, it is about time that Umpires started taking safety measures for themselves. Very recently in New Zealand, the Otago fast bowler Warren Barnes wore a specially designed helmet even when he ran in to bowl. If a bowler feels threatened and is wary of injury – from a ball hit straight back – the Umpire is in the line of the ball too and has just as much reaction time. To minimize chances of injury, it is important that Umpires invest in a helmet or a Umpire Mask and cultivate the habit of wearing them. In a few years from now, it could become a requisite – even a stipulation in insurance contracts for match officials.

I'd like to remind members that the ACUK is a fantastic forum for learning. It is a platform where members can share their experiences or things they may have learnt from experiences on the field. However, there have been very

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few exchanges between members – particularly about incidents which have happened in matches conducted by the KSCA. I appeal to all members to share their experiences / learnings with either the Secretary (secretary.acuk@gmail.com) or the Chairman of the Newsletter committee. (editorial.acuk@gmail.com) so the same can be shared with all the members.

Before I sign off, I'd like to congratulate the Hon. Secretary, Sri BK Kumar, who was recently declared HAL's 'Best Sportsman' and felicitated on the occasion of the Karnataka Rajyotsava. Sri Kumar was honoured by the legendary Indian cricketer Gundappa Viswanath in an event held on 16 November 2017.



Wish you all the best for the upcoming cricket season.

- Arun Kumar G
Chairman - Newsletter Committee

Secretary's Column



Dear Member,

I am happy to share my thoughts with you through this newsletter. First up, let me extend my season's greetings to you; I hope the year 2018 showers you with plenty of happiness and prosperity, and wish that you will be able to achieve all the goals you have set for the next twelve months

Briefly reflecting on the past twelve months, a lot has happened. A new committee was appointed in the elections conducted during the AGM held on 26th June 2017. I thank the members for their show of confidence on individuals who have been elected to the various offices, and would like to assure them that this committee will do their best to serve the cause of the members and further enhance the reputation of the ACUK. Several of our members also worked closely with the KSCA and were engaged in conducting classes and examinations in the district centers.

During the year gone by, there was also reason to call for a Special General Meeting, during which members gave approval to amended bye-laws.

The amended and approved bye-laws were subsequently published and a CD containing the same, along with members directory, was released on the occasion of the 26th Umpires Day which was celebrated on 26th November 2017. I am happy to report that the Umpires Day celebrations were successful. While the event was well-attended, it was disappointing to miss out on the presence of our BCCI-panel Umpires, most of who were officiating in BCCI

postings in various parts of the country.



Mr. Sanjay Desai (President, KSCA) graced the Umpires Day celebrations as Chief Guest, while Ms. Manuja Veerappa (Asst. Editor, Sports, Times of India), who was the Guest Speaker, shared her thoughts with the members. As a part of the day's events, the ACUK honoured Mr. Sadanand Viswanath (Former India Test cricketer & recently retired BCCI panel Umpire) and Guest of Honour Ms. Veda Krishnamurthy (Member, Indian Women's cricket team).



As part of the day's events, the Working Committee had also



organized a health and eye screening camp. It is recommended that individuals, particularly those above the age of 35, undergo health checks regularly. It is towards helping members cultivate this habit that the ACUK signed up with the Lions Club of Bangalore (Vijayanagar), Naada World Welfare Trust, Divyadrishti Eye Hospital (RPC Layout) and Apollo Clinic (Indiranagar) to facilitate free health and eye screening as part of the Umpires Day celebrations.



On the occasion of the Umpires Day, mementoes were distributed to members. For this, the Working Committee was successful in roping in sponsorships from M/s Cycle Brand Agarbathies, M/s Ali Tours & Travels, and M/s Thirumala Constructions. The fact that sponsors were forthcoming to extend financial support confirms that the Working Committee has been able to develop good relationships with corporate bodies. I request members who are yet to collect their mementos to collect the same from the Joint Secretary Mr. Pradhan Kumar Urs.

The Shivamogga Zonal Forum held its Annual General Meeting recently, and elections to the various posts were held as part of the AGM proceedings. I would like to congratulate the Forum members for the successful

conduct of the AGM and would like to congratulate all the individuals elected to the various posts. I look forward to working closely with the Shivamogga Zonal Forum President Sri N Krishnamurthy, the Shivamogga Zonal Forum Secretary Sri H Ravindranath and the rest of their team.

I would also like to extend my hearty congratulations to the Mysuru Zonal Forum for the successful conduct of the KL Venkatasubbiah Memorial Inter-School Cricket tournament.

I am pleased to share with members that 12 Umpires from Karnataka, who attended the BCCI's Level I Qualifying examination, were declared successful. Congratulations to the successful candidates. I wish them all the best for their forthcoming examinations and hope this success spurs them to take more interest and devote more time to Umpiring.

Shahvir Tarapore and Sadanand Viswanath have reached the age of Retirement. I congratulate them on their successful careers & wish them best for life after retirement.

Finally, I request everyone to participate actively in the Association's affairs. In recent times, the Working Committee has been able to call-on experienced Match Officials - Umpires, Match Referees and Educators - to share their experience with our members during monthly meetings. I look forward to members attending the Monthly Meetings in large numbers going forward.

All the best!

BK Kumar,
Hon. Secretary.

Highlight of Changes incorporated in the Laws of Cricket 2017 Code

- Reordering and Reorganisation of the Laws
- The Handled the ball Law has been deleted, with its contents merged into Obstructing the field.
- The Lost ball Law has been deleted and is now covered under Dead ball.
- Limits placed on the thickness of the edges and the overall depth of the bat.
- Bowling of deliberate front foot No balls to be treated in same way as deliberate full-tosses.
- A new Law of the game, Players' conduct, is introduced, giving an in-match consequence for poor on-field behaviour.
- The Law regarding running out the non-striker has been altered.
- 'Bouncing bat' Law changed, substitutes now allowed to keep wicket and concept of penalty time amended.

ZONAL FORUM ACTIVITIES

Shivamogga

The Shivamogga zonal forum conducted its Annual General Meeting on 24 December 2017. Elections for the term 2017-2019 were held to the various posts as

part of the AGM, and the following individuals were elected:

President

Sri N. Krishnamurthy

Vice-President

Sri B. K. Nagaraj

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Mysuru

The Mysuru zonal forum, jointly with the KSCA's Mysore Zone office, recently conducted the KL Venkatasubbiah Memorial Inter-School Cricket tournament.



Marimallappa High School emerged champions after they defeated Excel Public School in the final which was played at the SDNR Wadiyar Stadium.

News

Sundaram Ravi appointed to MCC's Laws sub-committee

The Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) recently announced that it had appointed India's Sundaram Ravi to the Club's Laws sub-committee. The MCC is the Guardian of the Laws and Spirit of Cricket, and the Laws sub-committee undertake global consultation in order to govern the Laws.

The ACUK congratulates Ravi on his appointment to the MCC's Laws sub-committee and wishes him all the best.



Hall of Fame

M. D. Ragupathi



MD Ragupathi is one of the senior life members of the ACUK. He took up Umpiring in the early 1970's & qualified to the state panel of the KSCA in 1986. In his umpiring career, Ragupathi has fond memories of officiating in the KSCA league, the YSR tournament, KSCA pentangular tournaments and in matches conducted by the National Cricket Academy. His involvement in cricket also extended to him trying his hand at Scoring.

Outside of cricket, Ragupathi worked in the NGEF from 1964 to 2001, and retired as Deputy Manager. He is happily married and these days shares a quiet life with his family.

ACUK wishes Ragupathi a happy, healthy & harmonious life!

R Ananth



R Ananth is a life member from the Mysore forum. Ananth started his Umpiring career in 1974 & qualified to the state panel in 1999. During his umpiring career, he officiated in the KSCA league, the YSR tournament, the KSCA pentangular tournaments, Inter University matches & tour warm-up matches involving the visiting Australia, New Zealand & Sri Lanka sides. He also took plenty of interest in Scoring.

On the profession front, R Ananth qualified as a Civil Engineer from the Mysore University in 1972 & practiced own consultancy. He is happily married to Ms. Mahalakshmi and these days leads a quiet life with his family.

ACUK wishes Ananth a happy, healthy & harmonious life!



T N Subramanyam

TN Subramanyam is a life member of the ACUK, who resides in Bangalore. TNS, as he is fondly called, started his career in umpiring in 1960 & thereafter qualified to state panel in 1984. During his Umpiring career, he has officiated in the KSCA league, YSR tournament matches, and the KSCA pentangular tournament. He also pursued Scoring actively. He was also in-charge of KSCA (B) ground for more than a decade.

Post-retirement from Umpiring, TNS continues to be associated with the KSCA and the game of cricket in the capacity of Match Observer and Match Referee.

On the academics front, TNS is a double graduate, holding degrees in Science & Commerce from Mysore University. He worked in the Madras Engineering Group (MEG) & retired as Local Audit Officer in 1973 to take care of family business.

ACUK wishes TNS a happy, healthy & harmonious life!



Kasturi Balakrishna Pai

Kasturi Balakrishna Pai has been a life member of ACUK, Mangalore Zonal forum, since 2005.

He started his career in Umpiring in New Delhi in 1977. After moving south, he had the opportunity to officiate in the various divisions of the KSCA league, the YSR tournament and the KSCA pentangular tournament. He served as Manager of the Dakshina Kannada Cricket Association between 1992 and 2015. He also served as a Convener for Inter Universities (South Zone) between 2005 – 2006 & 2008-2009.

He also pursued Scoring actively and scored officiated as Scorer in the first Ranji Trophy match held in Mangalore in the 1957-58 season. He also fondly recalls being involved as Scorer in the benefit matches held for Karnataka players, namely H Ramesh Rao, Raghuram Bhat & Dayanand Kamath.

Post retirement from Umpiring in 2015, he continues to be associated with KSCA; he is involved with managing ground infrastructure, overseeing pitch preparation, etc.

A graduate from the Mysore University, Kasturi BalaKrishna Pai worked in the Corporation Bank from 1972 until he opted for VRS in 1986.

ACUK wishes Kasturi Balakrishna Pai a happy, healthy & harmonious life!

Karnataka Cricket Engagements

Vijay Hazare Trophy (Group A League played in Bangalore)

v Baroda (Feb 16th)

v Assam (Feb 17th)

v Haryana (Feb 19th)

v Punjab (Feb 20th)

v Odisha (Feb 22nd)

v Railways (Feb 25th)

Dates to remember

Monthly Meeting:

Jan 10th

Feb 14th

Mar 14th

Public Holidays

January 15	:	Sankranti
January 26	:	Republic Day
February 13	:	Mahashivaratri
March 1	:	Holi
March 18	:	Ugadi
March 29	:	Mahaveer Jayanti
March 30	:	Good Friday

With Best Compliments From

SRI. B. SATHYAJI RAO

Founder Member and Former Test Umpire

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