

Editorial



Dear Member,

It would have been more than three months since the previous edition of the newsletter was delivered to your doorsteps, handed to you in person or delivered to your mailbox. A lot has happened in these last three months

and that time has provided each one of us an opportunity to, among other things, lead our daily lives, introspect, collect and process information, ponder over certain incidents or chart a course towards a certain goal.

In the last few weeks, the Editorial Committee and a few of the Office Bearers of the ACUK met to discuss if the ACUK Newsletter had been able to establish an identity of its own and deliberated upon the purpose of the publication. Was the Newsletter a mouthpiece for the ACUK? Was it a Message board for the organization and its members? Was it meant to be a knowledge sharing platform? Was it only a tradition being kept alive?

Every individual present at the meeting was unanimous in agreement that the Newsletter was all of the above and much more. The one common sentiment expressed by every individual who attended that meeting was the lack of participation from the members at large and that the newsletter currently appeared to be a one-way means of communication.

When the Editorial Committee was revamped a few months ago, the intention of the new members was to make the Newsletter an interactive medium. In each of the recent editions, members have been called on to share their thoughts on major events from the cricket world, share their opinions on handling of certain situations one had witnessed, heard or read about, and had also been called on to contribute to the newsletter. Upon deliberation, one of the common observations that emerged was that perhaps the content published in the newsletter was not interesting enough, not enticing enough for members to respond.

And therefore, in a bid effort to make the Newsletter the interactive medium we desire it to be, the Editorial Committee intends to revamp the Newsletter and will be introducing several new segments going forward. For starters, this edition of the newsletter will feature a quiz competition – open to members* only, with a reward for the individual submitting the most correct answers to be presented at the August monthly meeting. I look forward to members actively participating in the quiz contests. I also call on members to contribute quiz contests of their own – for which the Editorial Committee reserves the right to publish at any time in the future.

Among other things, the Editorial committee has decided to print one Case Study in every edition – this way, educating members on practical aspects of Umpiring. The same is also being reproduced in Kannada.

At the ground level, ball tampering raised its ugly hood once again – this time in the Caribbean. In a Test match between the Windies and Sri Lanka, the Sri Lankan captain Dinesh Chandimal was charged with and found 'guilty of changing the condition of the ball'. Yet again, it was the television cameras who caught Chandimal popping a foreign substance into his mouth and soon after applying saliva to shine the ball.



Image credit: www.revj.com / live broadcast.

According to reports from reputed journalists, the two on-field Umpires – Aleem Dar and Ian Gould – along with TV Umpire Richard Kettleborough, were suspicious of some unlawful means being used to maintain the ball and sought the support of the television crew to investigate if they had seen anything suspicious.

The incident in St. Lucia, which comes at the back of a similar incident in Cape Town involving the Australian team, begs the following questions to be asked:

- Are the Umpires at the highest level vigilant enough?
- Can Umpires ever be vigilant enough to everything that is happening on the cricket field?
- What techniques should Umpires employ, or in simple language, what should Umpires do, to stop players from using unlawful means to gain advantage over an opponent?
- Should ball-tampering be legalized altogether?

Not that what Chandimal did was the smartest of things – he did what he did in broad daylight – but generally, players are extremely smart these days. Some players develop the cricket smarts naturally, while others learn smarts from their teammates or coaches. Perhaps, it is time the 'Players' Cricket smarts' are documented – solely for the benefit of the

Umpires fraternity. It would be helpful to have a document listing out all known unlawful means being used by players to gain an unfair advantage over an opponent. I call on members to share any acts of smartness they may have picked up during their matches (or while watching cricket) and share it for the betterment of the fraternity. Please write to editorial.acuk@gmail.com.

Recently, ICC's Cricket Committee was made aware of some of the tactics that teams are prepared to use to change the condition of the ball involving finger tape, sand paper and the various ways to add extra shine to the ball. Subsequently, the

ICC advised all Match Officials on its panel to closely monitor fielders who wear tape to protect their fingers. Umpires were also advised to increase the frequency of their random checks of the ball – not only at the fall of a wicket and schedule breaks.

I look forward to you sharing your thoughts on the contents of this newsletter, participate in the quiz and welcome you to contribute on any topic related to Umpiring.

Until next time . . .

My best wishes.

Arun Kumar G

(Editor, ACUK Newsletter)

Secretary's Column



Greetings!

I am happy to connect with you through this edition of ACUK Newsletter. The Newsletter has undergone a change, comes with plenty more inputs and has interesting information for the benefit of our dear members.

Upgradation of Membership:

The Working Committee received applications from several members for upgradation of their Membership. After due scrutiny and elaborate discussions, the Working Committee granted upgrades to memberships of such of those deserving members.

Umpires Examination:

It is good news that 52 out of 112 aspirants among young players from various league playing clubs in the state who took umpiring examination recently conducted KSCA, successfully cleared the theory part. However, these aspirants would be given school matches to evaluate before inducting them into the State Panel of Umpires.

44th AGM 2018:

It gives me immense pleasure to announce that with all enthusiasm and dedication, the Working Committee is gearing up for the ensuing 44th AGM of ACUK, scheduled to be held on 8th July 2018 at the Campfire Resorts, Ramanagara (situated on Mysore-Bengaluru Highway). Elaborate arrangements are being made for smooth and successful conduct of the annual mega event wherein variety of cultural and entertainment events have also been planned.

New Membership:

There were few applications received from umpires seeking membership of ACUK. The Working Committee, after scrutiny, has approved their applications as per the bye-law.

Financials:

I am happy to say that the financial position of ACUK stands quite stable with income from Subscriptions, Membership fees etc., paid by the members on time. Apart from these incomes, interest also earned against various fixed deposits has added to the Association's income. All details are presented in the 44th AGM Notice with Balance Sheet, Income & Expenditure statement for the information of the members.

Participation In National Cricket Academy Tournament:

I congratulate those umpires who are posted to officiate in the Under-16 tournament being conducted by **National Cricket Academy** at Mysuru and wish them good luck.

KSCA League

The first three divisions of the KSCA League tournament in Bangalore for the season 2018-19 have been completed. The timely completion of the league would not have been possible without the commitment of all the Match Officials involved. The KSCA has expressed its appreciation for the commitment of all the Umpires and Match Observers who were involved in the league.

Finally, I call on members to attend the 44th AGM and make the event a successful one.

Achievements

On behalf of all our members, I would like to congratulate Vinayak Kulkarni and HR Gopala Krishna for their recent accomplishments.

Vinayak Kulkarni has single-handedly translated the entire Laws of Cricket - 2017 Code in Kannada, which is now available for download on the MCC website (<https://www.lords.org/mcc/laws-of-cricket/laws-in-other-languages/>). The India-Afghanistan Test match played in Bengaluru was the 100th international match HR Gopala Krishna had worked on in the capacity of Scorer-cum-Statistician.

B. K. Kumar

Best wishes to all.

Hon. Secretary, ACUK

Case Study

Practical Handling

The striker is persistently asking the Umpire for guard before he faces every ball. As an Umpire how will you handle this situation?

This is one area of the game where the Umpire needs to handle the situation with all his sagacity, astuteness and discerning qualities developed with experience over a period of time. No Umpire will refuse from giving the batsman his guard. There could be times when this may be done to waste time, interfere with the rhythm of the bowler or to just plainly

nag the Umpire. At other times there may be a genuine need for the batsman to remark his guard due to reasons such as change in bowler, change in bowling guard, and change in strategy during the game or there could just be a dusty wicket where the mark doesn't stay. The reasons may not be immediately obvious to the Umpire and it is prudent to get a sense of happenings around before jumping the gun. It is a batsman's right to ask for his guard as many times as he wants and it is the Umpires duty to assist him when requested. But should this ploy be misused, the Umpires should certainly step in when they feel there is an obvious sense of foul play, not just limited to the reasons mentioned above. The Umpire can advise the batsman very politely to finish marking his

guard before the bowler is at the top of run up. For spinners it may be a different approach, wherein the batsman can be cautioned for waste of time, of course, after initially advising him politely. At times to facilitate play, the Umpires can themselves be proactive by asking the batsman if he wants to mark his guard in case where they feel there is a genuine need to do so when they have been seeing him asking for it repeatedly. After all these methods fail, the Umpires can quote provisions provided in the laws of cricket with respect to time wasting. But as always, remember what kind of a game it is, age group of players, wherein the Umpires may have to play an educative role too.

ಜಜಿ ಕೋಚ್ - ಉದಾಹರಣಾ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ

ಪ್ರಾಯೋಜಕ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ

ದಾಂಡಿಗ ಪಟ್ಟಾಭಿಷೇಕ ತೀರ್ಪುಗಾರನನ್ನು ಪ್ರತಿ ಜೆಂಡನ್ನು ಎದುರಿಸುವ ಮೊದಲು ರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಪರಿಣಿತರನ್ನು ಮಾತುಗಾರಿಸಿ, ತೀರ್ಪುಗಾರನಾಗಿ ನೀವು ಹೇಗೆ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತೀರಿ?

ಇದು ಆಟದ ಒಂದು ಭಾಗ, ತೀರ್ಪುಗಾರನು ಈ ಸಂದರ್ಭವನ್ನು ವಿವೇಚನೆಯಿಂದ, ಚುರುಕುತನದಿಂದ ಮತ್ತು ಜಾಣ್ಮೆಯಿಂದ ಹಾಗೂ ಅನುಭವವುಳ್ಳವನಾಗಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಯಾವ ತೀರ್ಪುಗಾರನು ದಾಂಡಿಗನಿಗೆ ರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಪರಿಣಿತರನ್ನು ಮಾಡುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಎನ್ನುವುದಾಗಿಲ್ಲ. ಕೆಲವು ಸಮಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ, ಈ ತರಹದ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಯಿಂದ ಸಮಯವನ್ನು ವ್ಯರ್ಥಮಾಡಲು ಹಾಗೂ ಚೆಂಡಿನೊಂದಿಗೆ ಬೌಲರ್‌ನ ತಾಳ್ಮೆಗತಿಯನ್ನು ಬದಲಿಸಲು ಅಥವಾ ಸರಳವಾಗಿ ಹೇಳಬೇಕೆಂದರೆ ತೀರ್ಪುಗಾರನನ್ನು ಪೀಡಿಸುವುದೇ ಆಗಿರಬಹುದು. ಬೇರೆ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಜವಾಗಿಯೂ ದಾಂಡಿಗನು ತನ್ನ ರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಪರಿಣಿತರನ್ನು ಗಮನಿಸುವುದು, ದಾಂಡಿಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾದ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಬೌಲರ್‌ನ ವ್ಯೂಹಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಯಾಗಿದ್ದಾಗ ಅಥವಾ ಧೂಳಿನವಾತಾವರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ರಕ್ಷಣೆಗರೆ ಅಳಿಸಿಬಿಟ್ಟು ಹೊಗಿರಬಹುದು. ಕಾರಣಗಳು ತೀರ್ಪುಗಾರನಿಗೆ ತಕ್ಷಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಾಗದಿದ್ದರೂ ತೀರ್ಪುಗಾರನು ದುಡುಕುವುದು ಉಚಿತವಲ್ಲ. ಅದು ದಾಂಡಿಗನ ಹಕ್ಕು. ತೀರ್ಪುಗಾರನ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯ ದಾಂಡಿಗನಿಗೆ ಸಹಾಯ ಮಾಡುವುದು. ಆದರೆ ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ದಾಂಡಿಗನು ದುರುಪಯೋಗ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾನೆ ಎಂದು ತೀರ್ಪುಗಾರನ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅನಿಸಿದರೆ, ತೀರ್ಪುಗಾರನು ಮಧ್ಯ ಪ್ರವೇಶಿಸಬೇಕು. ತೀರ್ಪುಗಾರನು ದಾಂಡಿಗನಿಗೆ ಸೌಮ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಬೌಲರ್ ಚೆಂಡನ್ನು ಎಸೆಯುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಬರುವ ಮೊದಲು ರಕ್ಷಣೆಗರೆ ಪರಿಣಿತರನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿಕೊ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಬೇಕು. ತಿರುಗಿಸುವ ಬೌಲರ್ (ಸ್ಪಿನ್‌ನರ್) ದಾಳಿಗಿಳಿದಾಗ ನಯವಾಗಿ ಎಚ್ಚರಿಕೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಭಿನ್ನವಾದ ಸಂದರ್ಭವನ್ನು ವಿವರಿಸಿ ಸಮಯ ವ್ಯರ್ಥ ಮಾಡದಿರುವುದನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸಬೇಕು. ಕೆಲವು ಸಮಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತೀರ್ಪುಗಾರನು ದಾಂಡಿಗನ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಗಮನಿಸಿ ರಕ್ಷಣೆಗರೆ ಮರು ಪರಿಣಿತರ ಮುಂಚಾಗುವಂತೆ ಕ್ರಮವಾಗಿ ಸಹಾಯ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು. ಇಷ್ಟೆಲ್ಲ ಆದ ಮೇಲೂ ವಿಫಲವಾದರೆ ತೀರ್ಪುಗಾರನು ದಾಂಡಿಗನಿಗೆ ನಿಯಮಾನುಸಾರ ತಿಳಿಸಬೇಕು ಹಾಗೂ ಸಮಯವನ್ನು ವ್ಯರ್ಥ ಮಾಡಬಾರದು ಎಂದು ದಾಂಡಿಗನಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸುವುದು. ಇಲ್ಲಿ

ತೀರ್ಪುಗಾರನು ಗಮನದಲ್ಲಿಟ್ಟುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾಗಿರುವುದು ಆಟ ಯಾವ ವಯೋಮಿತಿ, ಯಾವ ಸಮೂಹ, ಯಾವ ಶಾಲಾ ಮಟ್ಟದ್ದು ಎಂದು ಹಾಗೂ ಈ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣಾತ್ಮಕ ರೂಪವಾಗಿರಬೇಕು.

Hall of Fame



A C Subbuswamy

A C Subbuswamy was one of the earliest members to join the ACUK; he joined the Association in 1976. Subbuswamy started his career in Umpiring in early 1969 & qualified to State Panel in 1997. He has officiated in several KSCA tournaments & school matches. He also undertook an active role in Scoring between 1992 and 2012, and officiated in several matches conducted by the BCCI & KSCA. Post retirement from active Umpiring in March 2018, he is enjoying a quiet & retired life.

A C Subbuswamy served the ACUK in the capacity of Internal Auditor between 1983 and 1989.

Born in 1958, A C Subbuswamy obtained a commerce degree from Bangalore University in 1980, and in the year 1982 obtained a degree in Law as well. He worked as practicing accountant & conducted business in Tribunal & High Court of Karnataka. He also served as Public Notary in 2002.

ACUK wishes A C Subbuswamy & his family a happy, healthy & harmonious life.



S Vijay Prakash

S Vijay Prakash, a member of ACUK since 1983, officiated as a Qualified Umpire from Mysore Zone in KSCA tournaments, NCA matches & SAS matches from 1983 to 2009. Vijay Prakash started his career as a player, has a unique distinction of representing Mysore University in two disciplines - Cricket & Swimming - for three consecutive years (1969-70, 1970-71 & 1971-72). During this period, he captained Karnataka team one year as well. Vijay Prakash was part of the Karnataka cricket team from 1974-78 and competed in the prestigious Ranji Trophy. During this period, he was a member of the Karnataka Team which won the Ranji Trophy & Irani Cup in 1974, & yet again was a member of the Karnataka

Team which won the Ranji Trophy in 1978.

Post retirement, he stayed involved with the game and served as Honorary Managing Committee member of KSCA from 2010 to 2013. He also served as Chairman of selection committee for Under 19 & 23 respectively in a honorary capacity.

Born in 1949, S. Vijay Prakash obtained a commerce degree from Mysore University in 1972 worked in Ideal Jawa (I) Private Limited from 1972 to 1991 & worked in BEML (Mysore) from 1991 to 2009.

ACUK wishes S Vijay Prakash and his family peace, good health and prosperity.



B K Nagaraja

B K Nagaraja has been a member of the ACUK since 1978. He started Umpiring in 1975 & qualified to State Panel in 1978. Since then, he has officiated in matches of all age groups, including representative matches conducted by the KSCA & BCCI. Further, he also had the opportunity to officiate in All India Inter-Steel Plant tournament at Jamshedpur, Burnpur, Bhilai, Bokharo and Bhadravati.

B K Nagaraja was a President of ACUK Shivamogga forum from 2004 to 2010 and contributed to the growth of ACUK in the Shivamogga forum. Born in 1948, B K Nagaraja obtained Diploma in Mechanical engineering from Bhadravati in 1967. He worked in VISL Bhadravati from 1970 to 2010 and retired as Junior Engineer from Maintenance division.

ACUK wishes B K Nagaraja & his family a peace, good health and prosperity.



S R Jayaram

S R Jayaram became a member of the ACUK in 1991. He began Umpiring in 1991 after qualifying to State Panel. He has since then had the opportunity to officiate in KSCA matches of all age groups and has also stood in representative matches conducted by the KSCA.

SR Jayaram has contributed to ACUK in various capacities; he has held various posts in the ACUK Shivamogga Zonal forum - from being Executive Member to Secretary.

Born in 1952, SR Jayaram graduated in 1972; after completing B.Sc & B.Ed, he also secured Doctorate Degree in Mathematics from Karnataka University (Dharwad). He took up teaching & retired from the profession in 2011.

ACUK extends its best wishes to SR Jayaram and his family.



H R Gopala Krishna

The ACUK would like to congratulate HR Gopala Krishna on reaching a major milestone. The historic Test match between India and Afghanistan, which was played in Bengaluru, was Gopala Krishna's 100th international match in the capacity of Scorer-cum-Statistician.

Gopala Krishna qualified the Mysore State Cricket Association umpiring examinations in 1972 and has been a member of the ACUK from its early years.

He has covered several international cricket matches - including Test matches, ODIs and World Cup matches - in the capacity of Scorer-cum-Statistician. He has worked with several organisations, including the All India Radio and Doordarshan, and has authored & co-authored several books and contributed to several publications.

In 1989, he was the recipient of the Dasara Kreedha Prashasthi, and in 2010, he was the recipient of the Rajyotsava Prashasthi - both awards presented by the Government of Karnataka.

Dates to Remember

44th Annual General Meeting: 8 July 2018

The 44th Annual General Meeting of the ACUK will be held at the Camp Fire Circle Resort near Ramanagara on 8 July 2018. The Working Committee calls upon members to attend the AGM in large numbers.

Monthly Meeting:

July 13, August 10, September 14

General Holidays:

August 15 : Independence Day
August 22 : Bakrid

September 3 : Krishna Jayanthi
September 13 : Ganesh Chaturthi
September 21 : Moharram

Cricket Law Quiz

Questions:

1. The wicket keeper in the playing XI was having a bad day and had put down one too many. The captain of the fielding side requests the Umpires to allow the substitute who was the mainstay wicket keeper of the side to keep wickets instead of the nominated wicket keeper. Will you as the Umpire allow the same? Answer with reasons and relevant reference to the Law.
2. None of the players of a side have reached the ground at the time of the toss. But only the manager, coach and physio have reached. The manager has nominated the team for the match. Can he also represent the team at the toss?
3. There is a disagreement between the 2 Umpires on the conditions of light while play is in progress wherein the Striker's End Umpire feels that the light is unfit to continue play. What should happen next?
4. The captain declares his innings when 5 minutes remain to resume play post the lunch interval. When shall the next innings commence?
5. A one-day match is abandoned after the toss, without a single ball having been bowled. What will be the result of the match?
6. A batsman is bowled of a No Ball and the ball runs away to the boundary. How are the runs to be scored?
7. A player is absent from the field for 95 minutes. On his return how long does he have to wait before he can bowl?
8. The captain of the fielding wants to withdraw an appeal on which the batsman was given out. The out batsman has already left the field of play and the incoming batsman has walked in and is about to take his guard. Can the batsman who got out

be recalled at this moment?

9. A full-blooded shot is hit straight at the square leg fielder's helmet. It rebounds off his helmet and lodges in the helmet of the wicket keeper. At no point the ball makes contact with the ground. Is the striker out? If so how?
10. The ball strikes the bat and pad of the striker simultaneously. It satisfies all conditions of the LBW otherwise. What's your decision as an Umpire?

Rules:

- The quiz is only open to members of the ACUK.
- Answers to be emailed in the order of questions mentioned. Answers to be emailed to: editorial.acuk@gmail.com
- Cutoff date for receipt of entries: 9pm on 1 August 2018
- First to send all / most correct answers will be eligible for the reward provided he/she is present at the Monthly meeting for the month of August where the reward will be presented. If the said person is not present at the monthly meeting, the reward shall be passed on to the next person sending in all / most correct answers before the cutoff date.
- ACUK managing committee members, BCCI panel Umpires (present and retired) and non-members are welcome to participate, but shall not be eligible for the reward.
- Questions are based on the latest, i.e., MCC Laws of Cricket 2017 Code
- Decision of the ACUK Editorial Committee shall be final and binding on all aspects of the Quiz.

With Best Compliments From

SRI. B. SATHYAJI RAO

Founder Member
and
Former Test Umpire

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