



# TURF TIMES

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## Chairman speaks

Dear Member,

SEASONS AND INDEPENDENCE DAY GREETINGS!

On behalf of the Managing Committee, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the continuing support provided by Members, both in hosting racing and conducting the general affairs of the Club. Racing resumed after a temporary disruption during the penultimate week of July and concluded on a successful note on Friday, 7th August 2015. The

Bangalore Summer Meeting 2015 was competitive and attractive, with collections at the Totalisators and the paid attendance on the Kingfisher Derby Bangalore race day reaching a record figure of Rs. 13.96 crores and 21,569 racing patrons respectively. The limitation of space at the Conference Hall compelled the Club to revise the manner of regulating the entry of guests on the Derby Day, on commercial basis. We thank the Members for the kind cooperation extended to the Club in introducing these measures on an experimental basis and we welcome suggestions from Members for further refining the process.

In deference to the request made by Owners/Trainers/Jockeys and with the objective of ensuring that the sport of horse racing is better regulated, the Rules of Racing and the practices associated with the conduct of horse racing at Bangalore are being comprehensively reviewed by the Club. This long term need is being met by the Club with the assistance of Members having expertise in the sport. It is expected that the exercise of incorporating the best practices and rendering the Rules of Racing contemporaneous in nature would be completed by the end of September 2015.

The Committee is also addressing matters of enhancing the standards of turf management. As a sequel, a plan of action is being evolved with the assistance of consultants to relay the grass track, including altering the surface levels in a phased manner over an extend period of time. In the meantime, extensive work on de-weeding is to be carried out, so as to ensure safe underfoot conditions for racing during the ensuing Bangalore Winter Meeting 2015-16. Alongside, the Club has also initiated steps for acquiring a range of equipments to facilitate improved maintenance of training tracks - a long standing demand of racing professionals

I am also pleased to inform Members that the service conditions of both permanent and daily wage employees at the Club have been revised, involving



## Editors notes



I am back with the final letter of the year. The operational year is coming to an end with the coming September 2015 will see some new faces 3 stewards and 2 new committee Members. Apart from this a new chairman will be taking over. The closing of annual accounts for the year ended March 31, 2015 is being finalised and same will be approved by the managing committee and will be sent to all the members for their approval at the Annual general meeting which is likely to be held on 28 September 2015.

This committee enjoyed working together in service of your organisation especially under the able captaincy of our chairman. The continuity of the same person as chairman for two years in succession was very useful and brought about a number of changes in the administration and understanding of various problems and getting them solved. I must acknowledge here the encouragement given by various subcommittee members and above all the support and the cooperation of members. Many changes have been brought about in the larger interest of the institution and its future development.

We have come to the end of the summer season with the lot of competitive racing. I am sure the same trend will continue during the winter season and draw your participation in large numbers. Of course, two days of racing had to be cancelled due to the paucity of entries. The committee had a meeting with the representative of Owners, Trainers and Jockeys. They had certain genuine problems which was addressed and I am glad to mention that the committee will make all efforts to plug the loophole if any and present fair and acceptable rules of racing and create good atmosphere of racing. I am definitely of firm opinion that punters on one side our backbone, on the other side the professionals involved in this sport are much more important and are valuable. This will include all the Owners, Trainers, Jockeys, Stable employees and above all the Racing official working in our club. I am sure the future committee will create a greater confidence level in all of them in order to achieve clean racing and proper adherence to rules and regulations of racing.

On the administrative and financial side the committee has been as in the earlier year taken various steps in controlling the expenditure and taken

enhanced wages, covering the period up till 31st March 2018 towards ensuring stability in industrial relations and securing a cordial and motivating working environment. The agreement with the permanent employees has been concluded on the note that there would no fresh appointments at the Club.

The Club is also committed to optimising revenues, so as to raise the financial profile of the Club. As part of this endeavour, dual betting has been introduced on a trial basis at the Club. The two factors of administrative manageability and financial profitability are being reconciled to ensure successful betting operations on a dual basis at the Club. The entrance rates are also being revised and all entrants to the Racecourse on betting days would now be subjected to payment of entry fee.

I may also mention that notice dated 8th July 2015 issued by the Excise Authorities proposing to revoke CL-4 license granted to the Club for operating a BAR at the Racecourse, on the ground that the Club is not registered under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1936, is being legally contested by the Club.

It is with satisfaction that we report that the Club has left no stone unturned to ensure free and fair racing, apart from recording significant progress in the area of improving controls and strengthening the overall administrative and financial mechanism at the Club. The temporary relief provided by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the pending litigation pertaining to the Racecourse would certainly provide an opportunity to the incoming Committee to consolidate the steps initiated and the future undoubtedly would bear out this feature at the Club.

This Committee will be laying down office shortly and we take this opportunity to thank Members for their unstinted support in conducting horse racing and improving the administrative and financial affairs of the Club.

Our best wishes to the incoming Committee and may the legacy of horse racing continue and flourish.

Yours in Racing

V. Harimohan Naidu

initiative to increase the income of the club.

The committee took the Night Racing conducted by RWITC on experimental basis and it is to be seen whether this will be continued on permanent basis if required.

Your committee is also venturing on taking up dual centres for betting purpose. This requires space and a certain amount of infrastructure improvement. No doubt the club will be able to increase its income but on the other hand the punters will have to get used to the system.

The committee deputed Mr. G. Ravishankar Stipendiary Steward to Japan in June for the general study of the International Horse Racing. Mr. T.S. Mahender presently the Senior Stipendiary Steward has been promoted as additional Chief Stipendiary Steward. We earnestly hope that these measures will improve the standard of racing.

The major wage settlement between BTC and the staff association concluded successfully and agreement will be in force from 1st January 2015 to 31st March 2018. The staff are quite happy with the outcome and the management is happy to have a cordial relationship with the staff. Finally I would like to sign off by expressing my sincere thanks to my colleagues in the committee and the support of all the members in encouraging me to undertake the task of bringing out this news letter in the last two years as a member of the committee.

I am sure in the future this will be continued and hope the members will come forward to give their suggestions for further improvement of the contents of this New Letter.

Regards

C.Srivatsan

### **Key Committee decisions :**

1. The club is exploring the possibility of conducting dual betting on a continuous basis as done at other centres especially considering its financial potential. The club is also making all efforts to upgrade the present facility and infrastructure for a smooth operation of dual betting.
2. The project of office automation system and integration with Tally ERP is still pending for completion by M/s Cloudgate System India Private Ltd. who has been entrusted with this contract.
3. To augment more revenue to the club, operation of bookmakers at second enclosure has been revived with effect from Bangalore Summer Meeting 2015.
4. After many years the selling rates of food items in the club house have been increased marginally so as to reduce the losses at the club house.
5. On a Kingfisher Derby Day 12th of July 2015 the invitees to the conference hall and entry to the VIP lounge was regulated on a payment basis. This was done on a trial basis keeping in view the past experience faced by the club where places were overcrowded and causing inconvenience to the guests and the invitees. The fee collected was towards Lunch & Tea. A mixed response was received from the members some appreciating and some criticising the system followed on a derby day.
6. A Lunch was hosted by the management to BTC employees, permanent staff, contract employees and daily wages staff on 20th July 2015 and was well attended by about 1500 persons.

### Legal Matters

Hon'ble Supreme Court of India had granted leave in the Matter pertaining to Shifting of Race Course now The SLP has been converted into a full fledge civil appeal and will be taken up in the normal course of time.

#### Club House Liquor License

The Club has been granted CL-4 licence for Operating the Bar. Now the excise department has found that the Club House is not registered under the Karnataka societies registration Act-1936 & issued show cause notice to this effect. The club is taking all legal measures to solve the issues.

### Club News

#### Congratulations

Mr. D. Vinod Sivappa our club member has been elected Vice Chairman of UPASI

The attendance on the Derby Day was 21569 and tote investment was Rs. 13.96 crs

Free contest of skill 2015 was held on the Derby Day and the following prizes were offered.

- 1st Prize - Maruti Car
- 2nd Prize – Motor Bike
- 3rd Prize – Scooter TVS
- 4th Prize – Sony LED TV &
- 5 consolation prizes.

### Major Racing Events and the Winners

Date	Event	Horse Name	Owner	Trainer	Jockey
22.05.15	Jayachamarajendra wadiyar cup	Im Different	MR Farms Pvt Ltd Rep. By Mr. N.Chandrashekar Rai	Prasanna Kumar.P	T.S. Jodha
24.05.15	The Karnataka Juvenile Million	Admiralty	M/S U.R.B.B Ltd	P. Shroff	D.K. Ashish
31.05.15	The Chief Ministers Cup	Smile Stone	Mr. K. Mallikarjuna Rao	Sharath Kumar	Suraj Narredu
07.06.15	The Karnataka Mile Champion Cup	Be Safe	Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy	S. Ganapathy	A. Sandesh
14.06.15	The Fillies Championship Stakes	Eternal Flame	Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy	S. Ganapathy	A. Sandesh
20.06.15	The Chief Justies Cup	Quasar	JM Livestock pvt ltd Mr. Tanmay A Agashee Mr. M.G. Patnakar	M. Narredu	Yash Narredu
21.06.15	The Clots Championship Stakes	Phoenix Tiger	Manjari Horse Breeders Farms P.Ltd Mrs. Aban N Chothia Mr. Munchi P Shroff	Dallas Todywalla	Colm O' Donoghue
28.06.15	The Juvenile Sprinters Million	Referent	Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy	Arvind.G	A. Sandesh
05.07.15	The Maharajs Gold Cup	Quasar	JM Livestock pvt ltd Mr. Tanmay A Agashee Mr. M.G. Patnakar	M. Narredu	Yash Narredu
11.07.15	The Btc Anniversary Cup	Royal Salute	MR Stud Farms P.Ltd Mr. Gautam Thapar Mr. Sultan Singh	Prasanna Kumar.P	Imran khan
12.07.15	The Kingfisher Derby Bangalore	Angel Dust	M/S U.R.B.B LTD	Sulaiman s Attaollai	P.Trevor
19.07.15	The Bangalore St. Legar	Quasar	JM Livestork pvt ltd Mr. Tanmay A Agashee Mr. M.G. Patnakar	M. Narredu	Yash Narredu
07.08.15	The Governor's Cup	Agostini	M/S U.R.B.B LTD	Sulaiman s Attaollai	P.Trevor

### Obituary

Mr. H.L. Jain	Expired on 18.03.2015
Mr. G. Krishnappa	Expired on 30.04.2015
Mr. M.D. Balakrishna	Expired on 01.05.2015
Dr. D. Chinnaiah	Expired on 14.05.2015
Mr. K. Balarama Das	Expired on 28.05.2015
Mr. S.G. Kittu	Expired on 08.07.2015

*It is very sad we have lost these members  
May their soul rest in peace.*

We welcome suggestions or feedback from any member of BTC, or even a write-up on racing related aspects which may be of interest to others. Please do send us your valuable inputs to share with others.



Mr. Digvijay Singh Shekawat, Director, Marketing, UB Group. presenting The Kingfisher Derby 2015 Trophy to Mr. Zeyn Mirza



Ms. Sharmila Mandre presenting The Fillies Championship Trophy to Mr. S. Ganapathy .

### Racing Fixtures AUGUST 2015

10th	Monday	Hyderabad
12th	Wednesday	Kolkata
15th	Saturday	Pune
	(PRA Independence Million)	
16th	Sunday	Pune
	(Eve Champion Trophy)	
18th	Tuesday	Delhi
19th	Wednesday	Kolkata
20th	Thursday	Mysore
21st	Friday	Mysore
22nd	Saturday	Pune
23rd	Sunday	Pune
	(F. D. Wadia Trophy)	
24th	Monday	Hyderabad
	(Deccan Fillies Championship Stakes)	
25th	Tuesday	Delhi
26th	Wednesday	Kolkata
27th	Thursday	Mysore
28th	Friday	Mysore
29th	Saturday	Pune
30th	Sunday	Pune
	(Threptin Fillies' & Mares Stakes)	
31st	Monday	Hyderabad

*(Above dates are subject to alteration)*



Mr. V. Harimohan Naidu, Chairman and Senior Steward, BTC presenting The Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Cup to Mr. N. Chandrashekar Rai



Mr. Ambareesh Hon'ble Minister for Housing, Govt. of Karnataka, presenting The Karnataka Juvenile Million to Mr. Zeyn Mirza.

### WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

The New Members elected during March elections. We congratulate all of them and welcome them to our family. The following are the new members.

#### CLUB MEMBERS

Mr. Abishek Ambarish  
Mr. Amit Mandre  
Mr. Arjun Jairaj  
Mr. Arvind Jadhav  
Mr. Ashok Raghavan  
Mr. Calappa P. Belliappa  
Mr. Dinesh Shetty. K  
Mr. Errol Rebello  
Mr. B.H. Krishna Murthy  
Dr. C.A. Prashanth  
Mr. Shivakumar Shankar

#### STAND MEMBERS

Ms. Akshatha Jaydev  
Mr. S.N. Gangadhara  
Ms. Pranali  
Ranganathan  
Mr. Sanjay. S  
Mr. Seshu Venkatesh  
Mr. Shivapradeep



His Excellency Shri. Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka, presenting The Governor's Cup to Mr. Zeyn Mirza.