



TURFTIMES

Bulletin

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Chairman speaks



Dear Member,

Season's Greetings and Best Wishes.

Half the Committee Year and the Bangalore Winter Meeting 2013-14, is over and am happy to inform you that the Season went off without any hitch. It must also be acknowledged that the relationship with Trainers, Jockeys and Owners Associations have been excellent. We hope to continue good and cordial relationship with the racing fraternity in the coming Summer Season too.

Keeping in mind the impact of TDS on stake money, the Prospectus for the coming Summer Season, which is scheduled to commence on 17th May 2014, has been formulated. Unfortunately the High Court of Karnataka is yet to pass orders in the case filed by BTC regarding the "TDS" matter. It is hoped that this Judgement will be pronounced once the Court resumes after the summer holidays.

The Turf Authorities of India were pleased to accord "Independent Turf Authority Status" to Mysore Race Club, effective 1st May 2014. We have, on behalf of BTC, assured MyRC all help and wish them all the very best as an independent Turf Authority.

I am happy to inform you that Your Committee has been very pro-active and are initiating a number of steps to make your Club more Member & Racing Patron friendly, the results of which will become evident in the very near future. The steps being taken are being highlighted elsewhere in this News Letter.

I take this opportunity to Wish all our Members a Very Happy and Successful Summer Racing Season.

Yours in Racing,

Harimohan Naidu

Editors notes



There has been some gap in the issue of this News letter. I have been receiving mixed responses, and will try my best to offer you some good material to dwell upon.

February and March were full of Racing activity. The racing fraternity was able to witness good racing and punters had a profitable season.

The Invitation Cup was held at Hyderabad and it was attended by most of the Committee members. Hyderabad Race Club showered their hospitality to make all the delegates feel at home. Our own club members- Dr. Ainuddin & Mr. Raghava Reddy welcomed us to their home for an evening of camaraderie. On the racing front, rain dampened the schedule and resulted in postponement of the last four races, including the Invitation Cup. Despite all, in the end, the best horse won.

Two articles published in the Bangalore mirror (which have recently been circulated) highlights the efforts taken by the Chairman and Committee Members of BTC to streamline the existing affairs by ushering in a new approach with professional corporate governance. It is mainly in the larger interest of prestigious racing activity that we have taken certain steps to ensure fair play and justice. The Committee will be happy if individual members provide support rollout of a fair and just administrative system above and beyond personal interests.

The Members are requested to contact the Committee in case of any genuine concerns so that the same can be noted and addressed. Further, we welcome contributions from the Members on any articles about racing. Your valuable suggestions and inputs to the Committee will be much appreciated and we can benefit from your experience too.

The festivals of Ugadi and Tamil New Year Day have gone by. Let us look forward to a good Summer Racing Season which is scheduled to start on 17th May 2014.

This remarkable institution belongs to members and all its valued patrons. Hence, let us join hands and achieve better results in the days to come.

Yours sincerely,

C. Srivatsan

Key Committee decisions:

1. Sony Digital HD Video Cassette recorder for use at the Committee Room has been installed on a hire basis for replay and review of races during enquiry, Stewards Meeting and Board of Appeal Meeting.
2. The KNG Hall and in front of KNG Hall as well at the Second Enclosure roofing is being replaced.
3. 1st Enclosure near the Second Gate is being concreted and levelling is being taken up.
4. In the racing department various changes are being made and we hope to get from Australia a Senior and Experienced Person as Director of Racing and the whole department is being revamped so that better results are achieved with better utilisation of the existing staff.
5. The track is being re- laid and work is on and let us pray rain god arrives soon and blesses us at the right time.
6. An advertisement has been released calling for application for suitable candidates for appointing various Managerial level persons. The selection process is on. Persons selected will be responsible for corporate Governance and also individual accountability.
7. The Temporary and General Staff are being rotated. The Officials in the Administration have been instructed to carry out this exercise.
8. To ensure that clubs money is not wasted in unnecessarily employing Temp. Staff. No new Temporary appointment have been made or to be made. A detailed study is conducted on the exact required strength. Steps are also being initiated to reduce the strength of Temporary staff.
9. Ozone filter Plant for Swimming Pool is in place.
10. The temporary (White Dress) employees have been given Uniform wages both for regular and off course betting days and also increase in their wages and this has been widely welcomed by them.

COMPUTER SECTION

- I. The support to the network equipments of the existing CISCO core switch catalyst 4506 installed in March 2006 at a cost of Rs. 40.50 lakhs was discontinued with effect from 1st February 2014 by M/s. Hewlett Packard, in view of the fact that the equipment had reached "End of Life". In this background, the Committee addressed the long standing need of replacing the existing CISCO core switch of the automated betting system, particularly considering the criticality of betting operations at the Club.
- II. The technical solutions offered by M/s. Hewlett Packard and M/s. CISCO were evaluated and the Committee based on technical advise came to the conclusion that CISCO switches were better suited at the Club from a technical perspective. After extensive discussions and taking into account the distinct technical advantages as also the prices comparable in nature, the Club has placed orders for supply and installation of CISCO core switch catalyst 4500 E Series and other network equipments at an all inclusive cost of Rs. 52.00 lakhs. The equipment when installed by the end of June 2014 is expected to enhance the overall operational efficiency of the computerised betting system at the Club.

The Writ Petition in respect of existing race course before the Supreme Court is provisionally listed for 8th July 2014. All other cases are pending and judgements are awaited.

Let us welcome the newly elected Members who have been successful in the recently held elections. It is the wish of every Member that these newly elected Members attend racing and take active interest in the Club's affairs.

1. Mr. Amar Kumar Pandey
2. Mr. Jaideep Vijayendra
3. Mr. Pratap Kamath
4. Mr. Prem Kumar Menon
5. Mr. Sailesh Poll
6. Mr. D. Sanjeev Basapa
7. Mr. Satishkumar Chowdaiah
8. Dr. Thomas Chandy

The Committee has decided to fill in the following managerial level positions.

- a) Secretary
- b) H.R. Manager
- c) Security and Vigilance Officer
- d) Maintenance Manager
- e) Finance Manager
- f) Purchase, Stores, Club House and Canteen Manager
- g) Tote and Computer Manager

Obituary:

Sri A.M.C Gowda
Committee Member from 1975-76
Steward from 1981-85
May the soul rest in peace.

News from the Turf Racing

Highlights

Mr. Ambreesh our Member and Hon'ble Minister of Housing, Karnataka is back with us after two months of medical treatment abroad. Let us wish him a hearty welcome and good health in the years to come.

Kudos to Baba P S Bedi our member for having been selected to represent India at the Munich World Cup in the category Rifle Shooting

The Bangalore Derby held on 26th January 2014 was won by AGOSTINI (L.P. Beuzelin up) owned by Dr. & Mrs. Vijay Mallaya rep.Utd. Racing & Blood Stock Breeders and Mr. Ashok Ranpise Trained by Mr. J.S. Dhariwal

The Indian Invitation Cup was won by ALAI NDAI R(Y.S. Srinath up) Owned by Dr. Nevill R. Devlaliwalla, Miss Ameeta Mehra & Mr. Gaurav Sethi Trained by Mr. Altamash A. Ahmed

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.

FIXTURES FOR BANGALORE SUMMER MEETING 2014

First Day	Saturday	17th	May, 2014
Second Day	Sunday	18th	„
(JAYACHAMARAJA WADIYAR CUP - GRADE III)			
Third Day	Saturday	24th	„
Fourth Day	Sunday	25th	„
(NANOLI STUD JUVENILE MILLION - GRADE II)			
Fifth Day	Saturday	31st	„
Sixth Day	Sunday	1st	June, 2014
(CHIEF MINISTER'S CUP - GRADE III)			
Seventh Day	Saturday	7th	„
Eighth Day	Sunday	8th	„
(KARNATAKA MILE CHAMPIONSHIP CUP - GRADE II)			
Ninth Day	Saturday	14th	„
Tenth Day	Sunday	15th	„
(FILLIES CHAMPIONSHIP STAKES - GRADE I)			
Eleventh Day	Saturday	21st	„
(CHIEF JUSTICE'S CUP - GRADE III)			
Twelfth Day	Sunday	22nd	„
(COLTS CHAMPIONSHIP STAKES - GRADE I)			
Thirteenth Day	Saturday	28th	„
Fourteenth Day	Sunday	29th	„
(JUVENILE SPRINTERS' MILLION - GRADE III)			
Fifteenth Day	Saturday	5th	July, 2014
Sixteenth Day	Sunday	6th	„
(MAHARAJA'S GOLD CUP - GRADE II)			
Seventeenth Day	Saturday	12th	„
(AMBROSIA B.T.C. ANNIVERSARY CUP - GRADE II)			
Eighteenth Day	Sunday	13th	„
(KINGFISHER DERBY BANGALORE - GRADE I)			
Nineteenth Day	Saturday	19th	„
Twentieth Day	Sunday	20th	„
(BANGALORE ST. LEGER - GRADE II)			
Twentyfirst Day	Saturday	26th	„
Twentysecond Day	Sunday	27th	„
(BANGALORE SUMMER MILLION - GRADE III)			
Twentythird Day	Thursday	31st	„
Twentyfourth Day	Friday	1st	August, 2014
(BANGALORE CITY GOLD CUP - GRADE III)			
Twentyfifth Day	Thursday	7th	„
Twentysixth Day	Friday	8th	„
(GOVERNOR'S CUP - GRADE III)			
<i>(The above dates are subject to alteration)</i>			

Stake Money:

Particulars	B S M	B S M
	2014	2013
Number of Races	220	213
Number of Race Days	26 days	27 days
Stake Money (Rs. in crores)	20.44	17.29

Various prizes were awarded on the Derby Day which included a Car, Motor Bike, Scooter, TV and Gift Vouchers worth Rs. 10000/-.



Mrs. Pramoda Devi Wadiyar Presenting The Srikantadatta Narasimharajawadiyar Memorial Trophy to Mr. S. Padmanabhan (Trainer)



A Group Photo after Presentation of The Bangalore Turf Club Million on The Invitation Weekend at Hyderabad