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### **SBIOA [CC] SPORTS WING** **UNITY THROUGH SPORTS**

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Dear Comrades,

Our **24<sup>th</sup> annual sports** carnival is off to a flyer with more than 150 members participating with their family members for the inauguration held on Sunday 17th September 2014 at our school indoor stadium. Festival atmosphere prevailed in the indoor court, Fragrance of Unity and flow of Positive Energy among our comrades was visible, awesome and heartwarming. The high spirit of our sports loving comrades who thronged the court as early at 7.30 am Sunday, which only underlines the trust, our members have in our association. In a Spectacular function, members took active part in the inauguration and the enthusiasm exhibited was really overwhelming.

The Chief Guest of the function was Shri A. Sivaraman, a prominent volleyball player of our country, an elegant player known for his powerful spike and with his charismatic style and jump, attracted the crowd for nearly a decade. Shri A. Sivaraman, has represented the Country in Asian Championships from 1986 to 1994. He was coveted with the "Mamallan" award from Tamil Nadu State. The chief guest was overwhelmed by our love and affection in recognizing sportsmen who have contributed to the mite and appreciated our association for conducting the sports meet every year.

Our President and Chairman Sports wing in his address thanked all the members for participating in the sports meet. Our General Secretary in his address reiterated the need for a fitness regime for all our comrades and emphasized the need of sports and how sport is an effective stress buster. He also recollected the need for a regular physical activity for better productivity and for a good health. He also emphasized that it is more a family get together apart from competing fiercely with highest sportsmen spirit.



Our Gen. Secretary addressing during the inauguration of our sports meet

Due to the unprecedented overwhelming response to take part in the shuttle badminton, members were paired into 40 teams and divided into four zones. After the preliminary rounds and well contested quarter finals, the semifinalists were identified. In the first semifinal **Team III**, represented by Com. M Sundararaman, and Com. T.K. Ramakrishnan, both from LHO beat **Team IV** represented by Cedric D Cruz from T.Nagar branch and Com. Rajaram, from Pondichery Branch, in straight sets with score reading 15-5 and 15-9.

In the second semifinals, **Team I** consisting of Com.S.V. Tharanath, AU, Network I, and Com. P. Sivaramakrishnan, who was in top form on sunday from Rajajisalai branch, overpowered **Team II** the fighting pair of Com. J. Ravikumar, Branch Manager, Nelson Manickam Road and Com. Pradeep John, Manager from IIT Adyar Branch. The first set was won by **Team I**, 15-13. But **Team II** the fighting pair never panicked, got into their rhythm slowly and with timely smashes and drops by both the players won the second set by 15-8. The third set was only the survival of the fittest and at one time the scores tied at 14 all, and it was Com Prdeepjohn's serve returned with a powerful smash by Tharanath, was taken by Ravikumar which fell within their court which made Team II to enter Finals by 15-14.

In clash for supremacy for the shuttle badminton title, **Team III** clashed with **Team I**. In the first game, team III went into an early lead of 8-5 and stretched the lead to 11-5. The fighting pair of Com. T.K. Ramakrishnan and Com. M. Sundararaman never panicked, got into their rhythm with timely smashes and deft drops won the first set easily 15-9. The same pattern followed in the second game too and, **Team III** proved to be a worthy winner by ending the game with score 15-6.



(Men finalist of the Badminton seen above)



(Women finalist seen above)

In the ladies section, Smt. Reji Joseph wife of Com. A.V. Joseph, Reg Secy. Chennai I and Branch Manager of VI Avenue branch, partnering Smt. Usha Muralidharan wife of Com. M Muralidharan of RACPC, MRC Nagar prevailed over the pair of Smt Anjugam, Chief Manager from T Nagar Branch and Smt Muthulakshmi. Playing aggressively the winner won comfortably 21-18.

In the boys section, Master Cyrus son of Com. Cedric D Cruz, from T Nagar Branch and Master N. Anirudh son of Com. Natrajan, AGM, RACPC, Anna nagar won. In a closely contested match, the winners prevailed over a fighting team of Master Sreyash son of Balaji from CAG branch, Chennai and Master S.P. Badrinarayanan son of Com Parhasarathy, Chief Manager from LHO, 21-17.

In the final event of the day, Selvi Krishnapriya daughter of Com. Parthasarathy, Chief Manager from LHO, Chennai partnering Selvi K.T. Darshini, daughter of Tirumalai, Ayanavaram branch won the match comfortably against Deepshika daughter of Com. Sankaranarayanan Chief Manager, LHO, Chennai partnering Selvi M. Snehalatha daughter of Com . N Mahesh from Commercial Branch, Chennai with a final score of 21-14.

Comrades, it is heartening to know the members including executives holding key positions appreciate our efforts and eager participate in the sports meet. It's no wonder our sports meet is conducted successfully for more than two decades which is unique in its own way. SBIOA sport wing extend a warm welcome to our comrades to turn in large numbers for the ensuing games and make the 24<sup>th</sup> sports meet an unprecedented success.

Comrades, please note that the **Table Tennis Tournament for members (Men, women and children) will be played on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2014 at 7.00 a.m. at our SBOA School & Junior college, Anna Nagar.** All are requested to adhere to the time schedule and participate in large numbers and make the event a grand success.

**COME, PARTICPATE, ENCOURAGE & ENJOY**

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Yours in SBIOA Service,

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