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Dear Comrades,

TEAM III CLINCHES TABLE TENNIS CROWN

The second event of the 24th edition of our sports meet was held at our Indoor auditorium of our SBOA School and Junior College, Anna Nagar on 21-09-2014. Members turned out in large numbers and eagerly participated in the event with enthusiasm and high competitive spirit . Table Tennis was the event of the day. Last year's Winner and Runner were given top billing and the teams were divided into four groups. The team which topped the group went on to play round robin semi-final league to decide winner. **TEAM III**, the hot favourites, won in the finals of the tournament brushing aside other zonal teams in the round robin league with ease .

Earlier, in the morning, our beloved General Secretary Com Thomas Franco Rajendra Dev and Com. V. Chandrasekar, our former International Paddler and Arjuna Awardee inaugurated the event along with Shri Venkatesh Barathwaj, DGM, from SAM Branch. Shri Venkatesh Barathwaj, the DGM from SAM Branch Chennai also participated in the event and ended up playing the round robin semifinals, a creditable performance indeed.

After the preliminary rounds, the semifinalists were identified. **Team III** represented by Com. Ramesh from ITs Department, LHO Chennai, and Com. T.V. Easwaran, from Overseas Branch, Chennai; **Team IV** represented by Com. Cedric D Cruz from T. Nagar Branch and Com. Rajan Babu from Madhavaram Branch, **Team II** represented by Com. T. Sathyamurthy and Com. Ramanathan from IFB, Chennai and Com. Venkatesh Barathwaj, DGM from SAM Branch and Com. Hari Krishnan from SMECC Chennai, qualified for the round robin semifinal league.

In the first match, Com. Ramesh and Com Easwaran of **Team III** comfortably outplayed Com. Rajan Babu and Com. Cedric Dcruz from **Team IV** in straight three games 11-5, 11-6 and 11-4. In the second match, Com. Sathyamurthy and Com. Ramanathan from IFB playing consistently beat Com. Venkatesh Barathwaj and Com. Harikrishnan in straight three games with score reading 11-8, 11-7 and 11-4. In the third match, Com. Sathyamurthy and Com. Ramanathan beat a fighting pair of Com. Rajan Babu and Com. Cedric Dcruz comfortably. Com. Ramesh partnering Easwaran also won their match without much sweat winning in three straight games. In the final round robin league match to decide the winner, Com. Ramesh and Com. Easwaran clashed against Com. Ramanathan and Com. Sathyamurthy. Playing consistently and aggressively, Ramesh and Easwaran from **Team III** won the match in three straight games and won the coveted title. Com. Ramanathan and Sathyamurthy from **Team II**

ended up as Runners up. In the final match to decide the third place, Com. Cedric Dcruz and Com. Rajan Babu won the match against Com. Venkatesh Barathwaj and Com. Harikrishnan.



(Winner and Runner up of the Table Tennis match seen above)

In the table tennis matches for ladies, Smt. Manju Shaji of Irungattukottai Branch partnering Smt. Usha Muralidharan wife of Com. Muralidharan, Dy. Manager from RACPC, MRC Nagar, Chennai won the title defeating Smt. I. Satyabama wife of Inbarasu of Royapuram Branch and Smt. J. Renuka of Thiruvallur Branch.

For boys, it was a family affair. Master M.R. Manikandan, the elder son of Com. M. Rajasekaran, Asst. Manager of Gingee branch won the winner medal beating his younger brother Master M.R. Balamurugan in a well contested match.

For girls, Selvi S. Shanmathi , National TT player and daughter of Com. T. Sathyamurthy our international TT umpire from Inudtrial Finance Branch, Chennai won comfortably beating Selvi. M.R. Mangalanayaki daughter of Com. M.Rajasekaran, Asst. Manager of Gingee Branch.

Comrades, it was an eventful week with good and positive response. Our Association takes this opportunity to thank Shri. Rajagopal, veteran TT player and an ardent TT lover, for co coordinating and conducting the matches smoothly.

The response to all the events conducted so far are heartwarming and Our Association takes immense pleasure in extending a warm welcome to all our comrades to participate in large numbers in the next week "**Carrom**" tournament.

Carrom Tournament for Officers, spouses and their children will be held at our SBOA School & Junior College Indoor Court on the 28th September 2014 at 7.00 a.m. We appeal to all our members to come and participate in these tournaments and make the event a grand success.

COME, PARTICPATE, ENCOURAGE & ENJOY

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Yours in SBIOA service,

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