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

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Dear Comrades,

TEAM - III CLINCHES CAROM CROWN

Team III, represented by Com. Easwaran from Overseas Branch, Chennai and Com. K.S. Dakshinamurthy from HRMS, Chennai LHO won the Carom Crown with ease with an awesome display of accurate pocketing over less fancied Team I, represented by Com. Venkatraman from Commercial Branch, Chennai and Com. Thirumalai, branch manager of Ayanavaram branch. The margin of victory was so wide that the match was decided in the third board itself with the winners scoring an unassailable 13 points lead. The losers fought gallantly but gracefully conceded the final board.

The event last week in this 24th edition of our sports meet 2014 was Carom tournament for officers, spouse and children. All the matches were held at our Indoor auditorium on 28-09-2014 at our SBOA School and Junior college, Anna Nagar. The response was overwhelming.

In the first quarter final, Team-I, represented by Com. Karunakaran of Zonal Office, Chennai partnering with Com. Dwarakanath of LCPC played against Team IV represented by Com. Jayabalan of Kalpakkam branch and Com. Tamilvaendan of Velachery branch, with vast experience and accurate pocketing by Com. Jayabalan, Team IV won the match comfortably.

In the second quarter-final, Team III represented by Com. Tirupathi Raja, RACPC, MRC Nagar partnering Com. Parthasarathy of LIBM clashed against Com. K. Baskaran of CCPC, Chennai and Com. Srikanth of IFB, Chennai. In a closely contested match, the team III prevailed over.

In the third quarter final, Team I represented by Com.Venkatraman of Commercial Branch partnering Com. Tirumalai of Ayanavaram branch fought against Com. Ravikumar and Com. Rajasekar of CAG, Chennai for a place in the semifinals. Playing very consistently, Team I won the match comfortably in 4 boards.

In the final quarter final, Team III represented by Com. T.V. Easwaran of Overseas Branch combined well with his partner Com. K.S. Dakshinamurthy of HRMS, LHO Chennai to beat Team IV represented by Com. Cedric D Cruz of T.Nagar branch and Com. Seshachalam of Mahindra World city branch, convincingly.

In the **first semifinal**, the first two boards were cake walk for Team III leading 10-0. Unperturbed by the reverse, Team I came back strongly to reduce the margin to 9-10 in the third board. In the fourth and deciding board, accurate pocketing coupled with good defense Team I represented by Com. Venkatraman and Com. Tirumalai staged a mild upset by winning the board and the match. The final score reading 14-10 in four boards.

In a high voltage **second semifinal**, Team III represented by Com. Easwaran and Com. Dakshinamurthy clashed against much seasoned campaigner Com. Jayabalan and Com. Tamilvaendan. Playing a cool game, Team III won the match quite comfortably winning all the four boards.



(Finalist of the Carom tournament seen above)

In the **finals**, much fancied team of team III won the first board 4-0. In the second board also went in favour of Team III with score 5-0. In the third board, Team I fought gallantly to reduce the margin. But playing consistently, Team III pocketed the coins with precision to win the board 5-0. The final board, though insignificant was played in a competitive spirit. **Team III** eventually won the board 4-0 to win the match 18-0 quite comfortably, emerged deserving winners.

In the carom matches for lady comrades, Smt. Rudhumila Rameshbabu w/o Com. Ramesh babu SME Adayar and Smt. Sagarika Biswal w/o Com.Prasanta K Biswal of Adayar branch won the match against Smt. V Umachitra w/o Com. E. Janwed, RACPC Egmore and Meenakshi w/o Vinothkumar, Avadi. In a well contested game, Rudhmila and Sagarika playing consistently won the match.

In the matches for siblings of our officers, in the boys section, Master M. Rohit Athreya. s/o Com D. Muralidharan Commercial Erode partnering Master M R Manikandan s/o Com. Rajasekaran of Ginjee branch won the match against Master Cyrus Joseph D'Cruz s/o Cedric D' Cruz partnering Master J surya s/o Com E Janwed RACPC Egmore.

In the girls section, Selvi R. Ria, d/o Com. J. Ravikumar of Nelson Manickam road branch partnering Selvi Srilakhmi M d/o Com. M. Muralidharan, RACPC, MRC Nagar, won against Selvi. R. Kavipriya d/o Com. K.U.Ravikumar, of Madras University branch and Selvi. R. Harshika d/o Com. G. Ravindran from Nungambakkam branch.

Next week the much-awaited match for **Chess** for Men, Women and children (on 12 th September 2014), will be held **at the SBOA School & Junior College, Annanagar, Chennai 600040 at 7.00 a.m.** and **Tennis match (Men only) at SDAT Tennis court near Dolphin Swimming pool, Mogappair at 3.00 p.m.** Our association invites all our sports loving comrades; their kith and kin to avail this golden opportunity to converge in large numbers to our school auditorium and participate.

COME, PARTICIPATE, ENCOURAGE AND ENJOY

Yours in SBIOA service,

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