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Dear Comrades,

BASKET BALL TOURNAMENT ZONE - III RETAINS BASKETBALL TROPHY

In the 24th edition of our annual sports meet, Basket ball was played at our school court on Sunday the 7th December 2014. In the morning, the game was declared open by Shri S.E. Raghuraman, our retired Treasurer, former Director of our Sports Wing, Basket ball player and an ardent sports lover.

In a well contested finale, Zone- III prevailed over a fighting Zone-I in a close finish. With basket ball stalwarts, Com. Dwaraknath, basketball player of our bank team, Com. Ernest Amir Babu both from RACPC, Anna Nagar of **Zone-1** and Com. Tirupathi Raja, RACPC, MRC Nagar and Com. A. V. Joseph, our Regional Secretary, Chennai I of **Zone III**, competing each other, the match was played in a sportive and highly competitive spirit. The final score of 20-16 in favour of Zone – III only reflects the quality of the match. At the half time the score was 14- 4 in favour of Zone – III. With action swinging from one side to the other, the Zone's drew blank in the first five minutes. For Zone-I, Com. Dwarakanath, basketball star of our bank opened the account with a rebound. Com. Mohan of HLST equalised with a neat basket for Zone-III. Zone III went into the lead 6-2 with Com Joseph, Com Tirupathiraja, from RACPC, MRC Nagar, basketball star of our bank, Com Sundararaman, Com Seetharaman, Com Thirumurugan all from LHO, utilized the opportunity without any error and took the lead 14-4 before the lemon brake and it was advantage to Zone-III with a good lead of 10 points. But after the breather, it was Zone-I which attacked from the beginning. Com. G.C.Paul, Com. Sanjeev, Com Sundararajan. Com.Amir Babu, utilizing his speed and height to the maximum pocketed two baskets in quick succession to read the score 14-14. At the other end, Com. Tirupathiraja was fouled and utilized the free throw to increase the margin 16-14. Com. Mohan, from HLST increased the lead to 18-14 with a neat pocket on the field of play. With time running out, Zone- III mounted all out attack and defending effectively increased their lead to 18-14. Zone I decreased the lead again with our basketball veteran Com. Dwarakanath utilizing an opportunity to basket from a close range which made the score to read 18-16 in favour of Zone I. But Zone- III fought back till the end and defended effectively with Com Joseph, Com Sundararaman, Com Thirumurugan along with Com Mohan and in the last minute to everybody surprise it was Com Joseph who stole the show by putting a neat basket at the dying moment which took Zone III to lift the trophy by winning 20-16. When the final whistle was blown, it was triumphant time for ZONE - III with a closely fought 20-16 win, which they richly deserve.



(Zone-III, Winners of Basketball match seen above)



(Zone-I, Runner-up of the Basketball match seen above)



(Former Director, Sports Wing Shri S E Raguraman greeting the players)

Earlier in the first **semi final, Zone-III** struggled to beat **Zone- IV** the score being 15-13. Zone-IV represented by Com Kaleefullah, of RACPC OMR and basketball veteran of our bank, Com. Mukundan, from Villupuram ADB branch, Com Tamilventhan, DRS, Chennai-2 from Velachery branch, Com Altaf, from Treasury branch, Com Cedric D Cruz from T Nagar branch increased the lead and had major share of possession of the ball. But the superiority of ZONE III was never in doubt. They utilized their opportunities to the maximum to come out easy winners.

In the second semi final, **Zone- I** won the match with a huge margin against **Zone – II**. In a high scoring game, Zone- II opened the account with Com. Gopalakrishnan, basket ball star of our bank from AU, NW-I, making maximum use of his height, accuracy and experience, shot two baskets in quick succession with the support of Com T. Ganesh from RACPC, Anna nagar, who is also our bank basketball player, Com. Amalraj of Kodambakkam branch, Com. Issac.P, of vadapalani branch. But Zone-I, represented by Com. E.A. Babu, Com. Dwarakanath both from RACPC Anna Nagar, Com S.Sundararajan from AU, Chennai, Com. Sivaramakrishnan, of Rajaji Salai branch, Com Sanjeev, volleyball player of our bank, constantly attacked and increased their lead in the first 5 minutes but Zone – II fought gallantly and reduced the gap again. But at the end, Zone – I won comfortably 33-14.

Our association takes this opportunity to thank all our comrades who have participated in our games so far, and extend a warm welcome to all our comrades to participate in the ensuing games on time and make it a grand and unprecedented success.

Volleyball Tournament (Men only) will be held at our SBOA School & Junior College ground on 21st December 2014 at 7.00 a.m. We appeal to all our members to come and participate in the tournament and make the event a grand success.

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Yours in SBIOA Service,

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