

Louis unfortunate to lose US Open

Amazing Win by Chandrababu

Saravanan Capture Record Seventh Title



The singles competition was played over 7 rounds using the Swiss Round Robin system. After each round the computer ranked the players on their results and matched the top ranked players against each other. Hence, the more games you won you end up playing tougher opponents. With all the top players in North America participating, the field was very competitive and the players had to no choice but to use "take no prisoners" attitude.

After 4 rounds, there were 4 players with a 4-0 record – Louis Fernandes, Sekhar Challa, Saravanan Chandrababu and Francis D'Costa. Louis beat Sekhar and Saravanan subdued Francis. Such was the competition that even at this stage both Sekhar and Francis (4-1) were not assured of a place in the 16. Francis made sure he won his last 2 games finishing in the 3rd place, with a 6-1 win-loss record. Sekhar got 1 of the remaining 2 finishing 5-2 and in the fourth place. World Cup players Neil Khatu and Vishal Karangutkar, Sridhar Galipelli,

the current Eastern Open Champion, also has a good run and finished 5-2 and secured their places. Atul Bhave who played some outstanding games throughout the tournament finished 8th. This probably a first top ranked finish for a Secretary, despite the handicap of not having his focus on the game due to his involvement in coordinating the event.

Former 3 times US Open Champion on his comeback mission Ram Gopal, US number 2 Jayadev Suryadevara, US top 10 players Atul Kharecha & Dr. Shivaram Gowdagere secured their spots in the 16. Babu's younger brother Surenderbabu who played exceptionally well, a completely improved player from last year Murali B and former stalwart Hari Venkatesan also qualified. But the most remarkable entry into the knock out was by a Canadian rookie Hussain Alavi, who against all odds qualified into the next round in the 13th place.

In the pre-quarters, Louis ended Ram Gopal's comeback, Saravanan made light work of his brother Surenderbabu, Francis took care of Hari, Sekhar cleaned up Hussain, Neil got rid of Jayadev, Sridhar over came Shivaram, Vishal cleared his hurdle past Atul Kharecha, however, the top 8 finisher Atul Bhave stumbled against the new and improved Murali.

The quarters saw an interesting line up. Louis quickly went past Murali, Saravanan did the same with Vishal, Sekhar got the better of Neil and the number 3 seed Francis lost to Sridhar in 3 long agonizing games. The match lasted 3 and a half hours making the organizers jumpy on time lost.

The semis also saw quick finishes. Sekhar did give Louis a run in the 2nd game taking it to a tiebreaker board but lost to an excellent finish by the Canadian sniper. Newly married Saravanan looked as if he was in a hurry to finish the tournament and go home, got past Sridhar in 2 games.

Henceforth, Kya Baat Hai will be featuring prominent personalities around the world who are contributing towards the promotion and success of carrom. In this issue, we are proud to feature the BOSS of carrom world - Mr. S.K.Sharma, who has put in 41 years of dedicated time and effort. Read entire story on pages 6 & 7.



The finals expected lots of fireworks and yes it did. Louis who had beaten Saravanan, yes Saravanan in the league round won his 1st game.

Saravanan who has not lost or should we say has not won a game with the opponent giving him a fight in US Opens, was one game down and the crowd knew that the lion was out of the cage. He did not let his supporters down and fought his way to win the 2nd game, despite Louis playing exceptionally well. The 3rd looked to be tilting towards the reigning six time champion, with the scores 22-9 in Saravanan's favor at the end of 6 boards. But Louis was not ready to close shop and fought all the way.

An amazing turn around 7th board of 12 points suddenly found some life back in the game with the scores 22-21 and the break in Saravan's favor in the last board of the match.

The second last move, Louis very precisely pulls a white from Saravanan's home area in his home territory, leaving Saravanan a daunting task of pocketing 4 whites and a queen against 3 opponent blacks. Of



all the 6 previous championship victory, this victory overshadows them all. Instead of defending, with the match on the line, this guy attacks it's like a hunter attacking a tiger when he knows he is going to be devoured. He pockets the Queen and then goes on to take both whites which were in a position a world champion would think twice. But that's not it, instead if pocketing the only coin easy coin near the pocket and saving the match, he presses the striker on the black coin and brings it in his home area and pockets the white simultaneously, and then brings the defensive white into a playing position. And, lo behold he changed the game 360 degrees and won the championship snatching it from a sure defeat. Kudos Saravanan you proved with this display you are a world class player.

For the Canadian fans it was sheer bad luck, not destined to win being inches away from the finish line. To the US counterparts it was a relief not letting their National title slip

across the border. And, to all Carrom enthusiasts it was a memorable experience - such games are witnessed rarely. Long live Carrom in North America.

Rookie Anurag Steals the limelight

Group C had reputed players like, Dr. Nilesh Mehta, Madhu Rao, Ravi Shankar, Derrick, Anurag, Ravi K, Balaji Parthasarathy, Mani Kandan, Appa Paranjape, Avinash Deshpande, Parag Pandit, battling for the title. All the above on a given day could easily make it into the last 16. Carrom Canada's Madhukar Kelkar, Sylvester D'Souza, Thomas Lawrence and Manchu Kanaga had interesting rounds beating opponents who were seeded much higher than them. After 5 rounds of play Anurag and Derrick with 5 wins each qualified to play an all Canadian final. Derrick won the first game and let his guard lose, allowing the newcomer Anurag level the second and taking the game and match in the third.





18th US Open - Cleveland, Ohio

Nilesh & Saravanan Win Doubles



Francis and Louis appeared to be the favorites to lift the doubles title and literally won all their league rounds with ease. In the quarters, in another slow agonizing game they lost the first game 8-9 in 5 boards after 50 minutes. The second game was in the bag with Francis -Louis leading 13-2, but Atul and Sridhar clawed back to a 14-13 victory in 8 boards. To ice the narrow loss Francis missed an easy home shot, with his striker slipping. This would have tied the game. In the other quarters, Saravanan and Nilesh beat , Vishal and Sekhar beat , Shivaram and Subramanian L. beat .

In the semis, Saravanan and Nilesh beat Atul and Sridhar , and Shivaram and Subramanian beating Vishal and Sekhar. , with Subramanian getting an amazing match winning finish and securing his team a place in the finals.

In the finals Saravanan and Nilesh overcame Shivaram and Subramanian .

In the Group B Francis and Louis beat Avinash and Paranjape and Neil and Atul beat In the finals Francis and Louis beat Neil and Atul



Tadka Restuarant takes the cake

The variety and the quality of food provided by the popular Tadkha Bamboo Restaurant was simply sumptuous. It's one thing to give a variety and quantity and it's another to give quality and taste. Mr. & Mrs. Bhatt restaurant gave it all.

Moreover the management was always present to see that their guest are treat that way - "GUESTS". If I was a food critic I would gladly give the restaurant A Plus.



Bhave, Khatu & Pandit True Winners

The tournament was a huge success and success does not come easy. Dedication by a few individuals who bend over backwards and sacrifice their game to promote carrom is more rewarding than winning the championship. Atul Bhave, the Secretary of US Carrom, Neil Khatu and Parag Pandit are the back bone to conduct this tedious event, which requires a lot of concentration inputting data after every round especially when repeated reminders to players for proper entries go unheeded. Keep up the good work ATUL-NEIL-PARAG carrom needs more men like you to flourish.

Bayleaf Random Open



Derrick & Louis Win With Ease

Louis Fernandes and Derrick Silveira won the random doubles carrom tournament played at the Bayleaf Restaurant in Mississauga on Saturday the 21st of September 2013, defeating Manuel Coelho and Hussain Alavi in the finals 25-4. Louis and Derrick were fortunate with the draw by holding to their combination throughout the knock-out stages. They beat Atul Kharecha (USA) and Manoj Maria in the quarters and brushed aside Shad Ahmed and Desmond Silveira in the semis. The third place went to Balachandran Dandapani and Neil Sequeira. Shad and Desmond finished fourth.

B Division was introduced the first time and was well accepted by players. The inaugural won by Joe Alphonso and Ezekiel Rodrigues. The runners-up were Mrityujay Das and Daniel Coutts, with the third place going to Amarpreet Singh and Bhaskar Battacharyya. Indika Baddegama and Ranil Liyanage were fourth.

Round 1:

Thomas Lawrence & Diogo Fernandes Lost to Neil Sequeira & Eusebio Rodrigues 11-20,7

Louis Fernandes & Anurag Chanda Defeated Derek D'Souza & Manchu Kanaga 25-5,6

Tino Pinto & John DeSouza Lost to Mohan Das & Derrick Silveira 4-25,6

Manoj Maria & Hussain Alavi Lost to Sylvester D'Souza & Balachandran Dandapani 1-25,4

Madhukar Kelkar & Shad Ahmed Defeated Carlyle Peters & Oscar D'Mello 24-16,8

Desmond Silveira & Atul Kharecha Lost to David Gonsalves & Manuel Coelho 12-13,7

Round 2:

Sylvester D'Souza & Atul Kharecha Defeated Neil Sequeira & Derek D'Souza 25-4,6

Balachandran Dandapani & Desmond Silveira Defeated Eusebio Rodrigues & Manchu Kanaga 25-7,6

Mohan Das & Oscar D'Mello Defeated Madhukar Kelkar & John DeSouza 21-13,8

Derrick Silveira & Carlyle Peters Lost to Shad Ahmed & Tino Pinto 10-20,8

Louis Fernandes & Thomas Lawrence Defeated David Gonsalves & Manoj Maria 25-0,4

Anurag Chanda & Diogo Fernandes Lost to Manuel Coelho & Hussain Alavi 2-25,5

Round 3:

Louis Fernandes & Madhukar Kelkar Defeated Thomas Lawrence & Carlyle Peters 25-2,6

Sylvester D'Souza & Oscar D'Mello Lost to Atul Kharecha & John DeSouza 6-21,6

Balachandran Dandapani & Eusebio Rodrigues Defeated Desmond Silveira & Diogo Fernandes 11-10,6

Mohan Das & Tino Pinto Lost to Derrick Silveira & Manchu Kanaga 12-25,6

Manuel Coelho & Neil Sequeira Defeated Hussain Alavi & Derek D'Souza 16-6,6

Shad Ahmed & David Gonsalves Lost to Anurag Chanda & Manoj Maria 0-25,4

Round 4:

Louis Fernandes & Eusebio Rodrigues Defeated Atul Kharecha & Oscar D'Mello 13-8,4

Balachandran Dandapani & Manoj Maria Defeated Madhukar Kelkar & Tino Pinto 16-9,6

Manuel Coelho & Desmond Silveira Defeated Mohan Das & David Gonsalves 25-4,8

Sylvester D'Souza & Hussain Alavi Lost to Neil Sequeira & Diogo Fernandes 8-24,7

Anurag Chanda & Manchu Kanaga Lost to Shad Ahmed & Carlyle Peters 13-25,7

Derrick Silveira & John DeSouza Lost to Thomas Lawrence & Derek D'Souza 6-9,5

Round 5:

Louis Fernandes & Atul Kharecha Defeated Desmond Silveira & Diogo Fernandes 25-0,5

Balachandran Dandapani & Madhukar Kelkar Lost to Derrick Silveira & John DeSouza 13-20,7

Manuel Coelho & Mohan Das Defeated Neil Sequeira & Oscar D'Mello 25-0,4

Sylvester D'Souza & Hussain Alavi Defeated Eusebio Rodrigues & Tino Pinto 25-0,6

Anurag Chanda & Carlyle Peters Defeated Thomas Lawrence & Derek D'Souza 18-17,7

Shad Ahmed & Manchu Kanaga Defeated Manoj Maria & David Gonsalves 25-5,7

Quarter-Finals:

Louis Fernandes & Derrick Silveira Defeated Atul Kharecha & Manoj Maria 25-2,6

Manuel Coelho & Desmond Silveira Defeated Anurag Chanda & Eusebio Rodrigues 23-11,8

Balachandran Dandapani & Hussain Alavi Defeated Mohan Das & Manchu Kanaga 25-0,6

Sylvester D'Souza & Thomas Lawrence Lost to Shad Ahmed & Neil Sequeira 5-25,7

Semi-Finals:

Louis Fernandes & Derrick Silveira Defeated Shad Ahmed & Desmond Silveira 25-15,8

Manuel Coelho & Hussain Alavi Defeated Balachandran Dandapani & Neil Sequeira 20-8,8

3rd Place:

Finals:

Louis Fernandes & Derrick Silveira Defeated Manuel Coelho & Hussain Alavi 25-4,5

Stdg		Pts	Diff	Score
1	Louis Fernandes	15	98	113
2	Manuel Coelho	14	80	104
3	Balachandran Dandapani	11	43	90
4	Sylvester DSouza	10	39	89
5	Shad Ahmed	10	25	94
6	Mohan Das	9	20	87
7	Anurag Chanda	9	11	83
8	Atul Kharecha	8	55	91
9	Derrick Silveira	8	28	86
10	Desmond Silveira	6	12	72
11	Hussain Alavi	6	-2	65
12	Thomas Lawrence	6	-5	64
13	Neil Sequeira	6	-11	64
14	Manchu Kanaga	6	-17	75
15	Eusebio Rodrigues	6	-28	51
16	Manoj Maria	6	-37	47
17	Madhukar Kelkar	5	9	84
18	Carlyle Peters	5	-28	71
19	John Desouza	4	-10	64
20	Diogo Fernandes	2	-42	47
21	Oscar DMello	2	-45	51
22	Derek DSouza	2	-49	41
23	Tino Pinto	2	-56	45
24	David Gonsalves	2	-90	22

Bayleaf Random Open



Thanks...

Bayleaf once again to the aid of Carrom Canada to promote the game and the owner-chef Mark Fernandes was delighted with the response and is keen in having this event on a regular basis. Bayleaf Restaurant sponsored the trophies and have 2 rolling trophies which indicates their commitment to boost this game locally in Mississauga.

Another corporate assistance was received from Global United Solutions Services. Partner, Shaun Pinto was delighted to support Carrom Canada and sponsored T-shirts to every participant in the tournament. Shaun and his wife made time to be at the event and were kind to present some of the trophies to the winners.

Some individuals have been acknowledging Carrom Canada's dedication and this time Diogo Fernandes a fellow carrom player co-sponsored financially. For the last tournament we had, Sylvester D'Souza, Derek D'Souza and Nicolas D'Souza doing like wise.

Carrom Canada also wants to acknowledge John DeSouza for his involvement in taking professional pictures during the event.

We at Carrom Canada appreciate support and will always follow are principals in promoting this game fairly without any bias decisions. We expect individuals to assist us in conducting such competitions and strongly suggest players that sporting participation and attitude is much appreciated.



Round 1:

Indika Baddegama & Joe Alphonso Defeated Elliot DeSouza & Ezekiel Rodrigues 25-7,6; Mrityujay Das & Ranil Liyanage Defeated Partha Gosh & Bhaskar Bhattacharyya 25-0,3; Amarpreet Singh & Daniel Coutts Bye

Round 2:

Amarpreet Singh & Daniel Coutts Defeated Mrityujay Das & Bakaskar Bhattacharyya 21-4,5; Ranil Liyanage & Indika Baddegama Lost to Joe Alphonso & Ezekiel Rodrigues 12-17,7; Elliot DeSouza & Partha Gosh Bye

Round 3:

Joe Alphonso & Bakaskar Bhattacharyya Defeated Amarpreet Bhui & Elliot DeSouza 16-4,6; Ranil Liyanage & Daniel Coutts Defeated Indika Baddegama & Partha Gosh 15-9,5; Mrityujay Das & Ezekiel Rodrigues Bye

Round 4:

Amarpreet Singh & Ezekiel Rodrigues Defeated Ranil Liyanage & Mrityujay Das 16-10,6

Elliot DeSouza & Joe Alphonso Defeated Daniel Coutts & Partha Gosh 11-9,5

Indika Baddegama & Bakaskar Bhattacharyya Bye

Round 5:

Elliot DeSouza & Daniel Coutts Lost to Partha Gosh & Ezekiel Rodrigues 16-17,7; Amarpreet Singh & Mrityujay Das Lost to Bakaskar Bhattacharyya & Indika Baddegama 14-21,5; Joe Alphonso & Ranil Liyanage Bye

Semi-Finals:

Joe Alphonso & Daniel Coutts Defeated Indika Baddegama & Bhaskar Bhattacharyya 25-7,7

Ranil Liyanage & Amarpreet Singh Lost to Ezekiel Rodrigues & Mrityujay Das 10-25,7

3rd Place:

Ranil Liyanage & Indika Baddegama Lost to Amarpreet Singh & Bhaskar Bhattacharyya 4-25,5

Finals:

Joe Alphonso & Ezekiel Rodrigues Defeated Daniel Coutts & Mrityujay Das 25-4,5

	Play ed	Won	Lost	Draw	For	Agai nst	Diff. +(-)	Boar ds	Game Pts	Bonus Pts	Total Pts
Joe Alphonso	5	5	0	0	70	32	38	25	10	1	11
Ranil Liyanage	5	3	2	0	63	42	21	22	6	2	8
Ezekiel Rodrigues	5	4	1	0	58	63	-5	27	8	0	8
Indika Baddegama	5	5	2	0	68	53	15	24	6	1	7
Daniel Coutts	5	3	2	0	62	41	21	23	6	0	6
Amarpreet Bhui	5	3	2	0	56	51	5	23	6	0	6
Mrityujay Das	5	2	3	0	54	58	-4	20	4	2	6
Bakaskar Bhattacharyya	5	3	2	0	42	64	-22	20	6	0	6
Elliot DeSouza	5	2	3	0	39	67	-28	25	4	0	4
Partha Gosh	5	5	3	0	36	67	-31	21	4	0	4
Guest 2	5	0	5	0	5	-5	5	5	0	0	0
Guest 1	5	0	5	0	5	-5	5	5	0	0	0

S.K.Sharma



Article contributed by our Guest Columnist.

S. K. SHARMA

- Secretary General
International Carrom Federation
- Treasurer
Asian Carrom Confederation
- Executive President
All India Carrom Federation
- General Secretary
Haryana Carrom Association

S. K. Sharma has completed a long journey of 41 years in carrom. At present he is the Secretary General of the International Carrom Federation, Treasurer of the Asian Carrom Confederation, Executive President of the All India Carrom Federation and the General Secretary of the Haryana Carrom Association.

S.K. Sharma started playing carrom at a competitive level in 1972 while studying in Delhi University. Within two years he won two Doubles tournaments in Delhi. He continued to participate in competitions for about 18 years and won laurels for his organization, MMTC Limited.

He was elected Assistant Treasurer of the Delhi Carrom Association, his first position in carrom administration. In 1986, he got his first official appointment as Manager of Delhi State Team for the Senior National & Inter-State Carrom Championship held in Solapur, Maharashtra.

On shifting his residence from Delhi to Faridabad in Haryana, S.K. Sharma joined the Haryana Carrom Association in 1990 and became General Secretary of the Faridabad District Carrom Association. In February 1992 he organized biggest Indian national championship in Faridabad as the Organizing Secretary. In fact, that Championship was declared the best national championship ever organized in India. Later he was elected as Joint Secretary of the Haryana Carrom Association. In the meantime, he continued playing carrom as a member of the Haryana State team and

S.K. Sharma with the victorious Indian Squad at the 6th World Cup in Colombo, Sri Lanka (2013)



represented Haryana in many national championships and other national level tournaments. He dedicated himself to carrom by offering his services as official and umpire besides being a player. He qualified as a National Umpire in 1990. He then became International Umpire in 1996. He was also elected General Secretary of the Haryana Carrom Association.

S.K. Sharma got the pleasant surprise of his life when he was appointed General Secretary of the All India Carrom Federation on 15th January 1995 at the General Council meeting of the Federation held in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh. It happened so when he was not a contestant.

He accepted the challenge to complete three national championships and three Indo-German Test Matches within 75 days of his election without any sponsor in hand and fulfilled his impossible looking obligation with great success. From there onwards he never looked back and continued as General Secretary of the All India Carrom Federation for more than 17 years. He was elected General Secretary of AICF unopposed four times but had to leave his position because of Government rules. In the last elections held in July 2012 he was elected Executive President of the AICF unanimously.

In 1995 he was elected Vice-President of the Asian Carrom Confederation as founding member and served as Treasurer and ex-officio member of A.C.C. He was elected as Assistant Treasurer of the International Carrom Federation in 1997 and in 2001 he became the Secretary General of the International Carrom Federation. During his tenure he organized himself 10 national events in his home town Faridabad and one in Gurgaon with big success. He himself organized World Championship 2000, World Cup 2006 and SAARC Championship 2003 in five star hotels with grand success.

During his tenure as General Secretary of the All India Carrom Federation, he introduced a separate national championship for institutions, which have employed maximum top players of India. To unearth young talent and to groom them for future, he introduced annual national championships for under 12 years of age boys and girls and also for under 21 years besides conducting national championships for boys and girls under 14 years, under 18 years of age, senior and veterans above 50 years of age every year.

To propagate carrom in every part of India he organized national level carrom events in about 30 new cities and towns. He introduced a new Constitution of the Federation and regularly updated. He introduced new rules and policies for the conduct of carrom tournaments in India covering various technical and administrative matters, which proved to be a great help to players and organizers both. Brought complete transparency in the accounting system. Undertook refresher clinics and workshops for national and international umpires. Introduced 'Training for Trainers' courses for empanelling coaches in all parts of India. To create a panel of



S.K. Sharma with the Maldives squad at the 6th World Cup in Colombo, Sri Lanka (2013)

technical officials and well qualified referees, introduced regular 'National Referees Examination' in addition to 'National Umpires Examination'.

Introduced yoga and sports psychology subjects for national players in their coaching camps and training courses. Made special emphasis on physical fitness for national players. Made carrom specific studies on mind and body relationship, enhancement of concentration of carrom players which helped them in getting good marks in their studies, whether age has a bearing while playing in big competitions, etc. To bring glamour in carrom started inviting celebrities from different walks of life in various carrom events. To increase awareness and popularity organized national events in Shopping Malls. To bring awareness publicized carrom events through 200,000 emails and sms each. Organize 10 national events every year in India besides cash prizes events. He has supervised thousands of carrom tournaments at different levels from Inter-School competition, Inter-office competitions, District tournaments, State tournaments, National Tournaments and International tournaments. With his innovative ideas, many new systems have been introduced. To make the game spectator and media friendly, playing rules were experimented at national level.

Now reporting time has been changed to five minutes before the scheduled time, reduced rest time from 10 minutes to 2 minutes between 2nd and 3rd game, playing time reduced to 10 seconds and matches of all rounds have been restricted to 8 boards. For junior and sub-junior players, number of boards have been restricted to six till finals and instead of 25 points the game is completed at 21 points. Colours of boards and c/m have been experimented which have preferred and linked by electronic media. We played some small tournaments without board light which has always been preferred by electronic media.

Was able to get recognition from the Indian Olympic Association. Succeeded in introducing carrom in about 10,000 schools through

recognition by Central Board of Secondary Education. CBSE is organizing separate national championship every year for school children. Besides, School Games Federation of India also recognized carrom and started organizing national championships. Getting financial grant in aid from the Government of India of about Rupees two million every year for organizing national championships and for the salary of one staff employed in the Federation.

Succeeded in getting a prestigious National Sports Award for a carrom player, A. Maria Irudayam. Carrom players could also get Pension from the Government of India. Meritorious carrom players are regularly getting employment under sports quota. Many talented and meritorious carrom players under the age of 18 years are getting monthly scholarships. Carrom players employed under sports quota are able to get time to practice during office working hours, get special leave for participating in carrom events, get all their traveling and hospitality expenses reimbursed, get special increments in salary and cash awards for achieving excellence. Maria Irudayam got a house on achieving excellence as a gift from the Government. Players are getting State Sports Awards and honours. Recently, few carrom players received cash awards of more than Rupees four million.

Was instrumental in designing and conceptualizing 'King of Carrom' (trial version) and 'World Series of Carrom' which was shot in Delhi region immediately after the 2006 World Cup and 15 episodes were telecast on ESPN/Star Sports channels with 30 shows in English and 30 shows in Hindi. Sixteen players from 11 countries in the World Series of Carrom having a cash prize of about Rupees one million. Colours of the equipments and the rules of the Series and title of the Series were all suggested by me in various personal meetings.

Introduced carrom for blinds and organized two tournaments for blinds in Haryana at Faridabad and Gurgaon. After a lot of study, developed new carrom boards with different size and more pockets for blinds and presented them sets of equipments free of cost to them for their regular use.

Was able to get the Indian carrom team felicitated by the President of India in Rashtrapati Bhavan after winning 2008 World Championship. Indian carrom players were felicitated along with cricketer Sachin Tendulkar in Lok Sabha (Indian Parliament House) by the Honourable Speaker of the House in the presence of Prime Minister of India and other Ministers/Members. Indian players were also felicitated in Parliament House.

After retiring from his job, he wishes to do voluntary service to entertain blinds and other physically challenged people with the game of carrom. He wishes to train them and play carrom with them. Besides, he intends to propagate this carrom in schools and colleges through the intensive training campaign at his personal level through audio video aides.



S.K.Sharma with members of the world cup tournament committee in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Sitting 4th from left is Arif Navqi, President I.C.F. (2013). Tournament Secretary Rohini Mathiasz sitting 2nd from left.



Kudvalles win Second Crown



Khudvalles won their second Goan Team Championship beating the Galitrao 3-0 in the finals of the GOA Summer games Carrom event played at the Madurai Manchurian (Boat House) in Mississauga, Ontario.

Fielding a strong line up Khudvalles victory was given. Louis Fernandes, Francis D'Costa, Derrick Silveira and Joe Fernandes made up the team. Galitrao - David Gonsalves, Sylvester D'Souza, Derek D'Souza and Diogo Fernandes were the only team who could give the Khudvalles some challenge. Without the services of Fabian Gonsalves, they lost all their 3 matches. Whereas in the last championship at Konkani Delite they won a doubles match.

Abel Nunes, event co-coordinator for GOA (Goan Overseas Association) presented the trophies to winners. GOA also gave FREE T-shirts to the participants, which were sponsored by Edgar DeSouza, D'Souza Financial Group. Jayson owner, Madurai Manchurian was a gracious host to the event.



Semi Final

Khudvalles Beat West End Seniors 3-0

Louis Fernandes Beat Viju DeSouza 25-0,4
 Derrick Silveira Beat Leonard Lopes 25-0,3
 Francis D'Costa & Joe Fernandes Beat Oscar D'Mello Sr. & Pauly DeSouza 25-0,5

Galitrao beat Tommy Four 3-0

Diogo Fernandes Thomas Lawrence
 David Gonsalves Beat Martha Lawrence 25-0,6
 Derek D'Souza & Sylvester D'Souza Beat Daniel Coutts & Warren Pinto 25-0,5

Finals

Khudvalles Beat Galitrao 3-0

Louis Fernandes Beat David Gonsalves 25-0,6
 Derrick Silveira Beat Diogo Fernandes 25-10,8
 Francis D'Costa & Joe Fernandes Beat Derek D'Souza & Sylvester D'Souza 25-14,8



Louis & Francis capture doubles title



As expected favourites Louis Fernandes and Francis D'Costa won the GOA Summer Games Carrom Doubles title with ease. In the finals they defeated Derrick Silveira and Joe Fernandes 25-0. Joe Fernandes was a last minute replacement for Desmond Silveira, who could not make it to the event. Derrick was pitted against an enormous task of confronting Canada's top 2 players and played extremely well and the score line does not reflect on the competition Joe and Derrick put up against a formidable pair.

In the semis Derrick and Joe surprising beat a very strong pair in David Gonsalves and Sylvester D'Souza very easily 25-0. Whilst, Francis and Louis dropped their only points in the competition to another capable combination Diogo Fernandes and Derek D'Souza 25-5.

This GOA event featured some very sporting seniors, Leonard Lopes, Fred Noronha, Procopio Fernandes, Hyacinth DeSa and Oscar D'Mello Sr. who portrait that participation is more important than winning. Carrom Canada recognizes their involvement and will be conducting some senior events.

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
Francis D'Costa & Louis Fernandes	Derek D'Souza & Diogo Fernandes	David Gonsalves & Sylvester D'Souza	Derrick Silveira & Joe Fernandes
Thomas Lawrence & Oscar D'Mello Sr. & Hyacinth DeSa	Keith Fernandes & Viju DeSouza & Pauly DeSouza	Carlyle Peters & Kevin Gabriel	Daniel Coutts & Warren Pinto
			Leonard Lopes & Fred Noronha

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 Daniel Coutts & Warren Pinto Beat Leonard Lopes & Fred Noronha 9-1,3

Round 2:

Francis D'Costa & Louis Fernandes Beat Oscar D'Mello Sr. & Hyacinth DeSa 25-0,3
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Semi-Finals:

Francis D'Costa & Louis Fernandes Beat Derek D'Souza & Diogo Fernandes 25-5,7
 David Gonsalves & Sylvester D'Souza Lost to Derrick Silveira & Joe Fernandes 0-25,5

Finals:

Francis D'Costa & Louis Fernandes Beat Derrick Silveira & Joe Fernandes 25-0,4



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Mr. Parm Chahal – General Manager at English Prestige is proud to be the **official sponsor of the Canadian Carrom Team 2013** and hope that this will set a precedent for other organizations in the future to help promote and develop Carrom Canada. "I wish Francis D'Costa and Louis Fernandes Best of Luck".

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Amazing performance by Team Canada - Francis D'Costa, Wajahat Mohammed and Manuel Coelho capturing the 4th place.

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Francis D'Costa- Runner-up,
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Balachandran Dandapani - Best new player Singles.
Francis and Moaz Shaikh Winners and
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Francis & Louis - Winners Group B Doubles
Louis Fernandes - Best new player Singles
Anurag Chanda - Winner Group C &
Derrick Silveira - Runner-up Group C singles.

US Eastern Open, New Jersey, 2012 April

Francis D'Costa & Wajahat Mohammed - Winners Group B Doubles
Moaz Shaikh - Best New Player Singles



Francis & Louis

To represent Canada For the Champions Trophy



Canada's Top 2 carrom players, Francis D'Costa and Louis Fernandes will be travelling to New Delhi on the 19th of October 2013 to represent Canada in the Champion of Champions Trophy.

International Carrom Federation will be celebrating their Silver Jubilee this year and will conducting for the first time a "Champion of Champions"

Tournament. This competition is open to the top 2 ranked players in a country. Canada had 3 players available to travel to New Delhi, hence the National Selection Committee, headed by Shad Ahmed had the task to decide the 2 top players to represent Canada.

Veteran Francis was voted by his peers as the leading player a few months ago. With 16 slams, 32 centuries and leading in almost all the statistics, the NSC unanimously selected him as the number one choice. "We had no problem in deciding the first choice - his stats, his game and his experience is way above the rest." said Shad, Chairman NSC.

"We agree Louis is an amazing find for Carrom Canada, but due to his limited experience with Carrom Canada, we wanted him to play a play-off with Wajahat Mohammed." He added. The winner of the playoff to join Francis for this prestigious tournament.

To make it fair for both the players the playoff was held on 2 different days and was played on a best of 3 games of 25 points each. The 3rd day was optional. Louis who sportingly accepted the decision, walked over his opponent with such ease that he clearly issued a warning to his other colleagues that a new kid is town and is there to stay on the top. He effortlessly beat the number 6th ranked player Wajahat 25-0 and 25-4 in the 1st match and 25-0 and 25-0 in the 2nd match.

Louis Fernandes has changed his game dramatically since he has joined the Canadian circuit. He takes the game seriously and is a good learner, practicing almost 3 to 4 hours a day. He stands a great chance to bring back laurels to Canada.

"I am glad we have a player of Louis' calibre joining the competitive scene, this will only take the level of play upwards. I am also looking forward to Ishan Mohammed, a 21 year old, who has recently come to Canada. Ishan recently, finished runner-up in the Lucknow State tournament. I have seen him play and he is exciting to watch." said Francis. "I will be delighted if we could attract a few more players like Louis, Balachandran, Derrick, Ishan, Anurag, Shad, as this will relieve me of playing competitively and concentrate more in the promotion, which I enjoy most." added Francis.

"I am looking forward to the Champions Trophy as I am confident that Louis will stamp Canadian presence in the World scene and why not he is getting prepared and working hard towards his successes". Francis added with confidence.

There will be 2 singles tournaments - one will be a league cum knock competition and the other played on a Swiss Round Robin System, which will include women players too.



Francis Voted the Best Moaz comes in second

Fellow colleagues overwhelmingly voted **Francis D'Costa** as the best player in Canada. He was almost an unanimous choice collecting 11 number “One” votes and 3 number “Two” votes from the 14 player judges. Francis performed brilliantly in the World Cup. He was part of the Canadian 4th place winning team in the Carrom World Cup held in Sri Lanka in November 2012. He was also outstanding in the recent US Eastern Open, New Jersey where he finished runner-up in singles event and won the doubles crown with Moaz Shaikh. Francis' selection was fitting as he has dominated the Canada circuit since its inception 14 months ago. He is currently leading in ranking - both in points and averages. He is also the leader in the slam club with 15 slams, the century clubs with 18 centuries and won 16 tournaments and came second in 7.

These achievements also pave way for him to compete in the “**Champion of Champions**” championship held in New Delhi this October. The top two players from about 20 countries will be vying for this coveted title.

Moaz Shaikh another outstanding player came in **second** brushing aside a strong challenge from Balachandran. Moaz currently occupies the 3rd berth in averages and 5th overall on points. He won the US Eastern Doubles championship with Francis, a first major win for Canadians internationally. Moaz collected 1 number “One” vote and 5 number “two votes”.

Balachandran Dandapani, who has been improving leaps and bounds was not a surprise in **third** position. He is 6th on averages and 6th on overall points. Balachandran collected 1 number “One” vote and 2 number “Two votes”.

Manuel Coelho is 2nd in overall points and 5th in averages came in **fourth**. Manuel collected 1 number “One” vote, 1 number “two” vote and 4 number “three” votes. Manuel won 9 tournaments and finished second in 5.

Louis Fernandes was voted **fifth**. Louis who will be a strong contender for the title next year, is currently number 2 on averages, he is definitely a huge plus for Carrom Canada and has already made his presence felt.

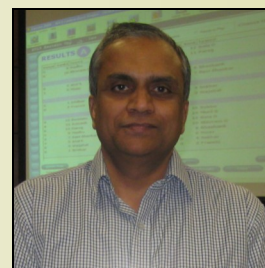
Wajahat Mohammed who had an excellent US Eastern singles tournament, finishing 3rd and a member of the world cup squad was voted **sixth**. Wajahat is currently 9th in averages and 7th on points. He had 2 number “two” votes and 1 number “three” vote.

Umair Kamal an excellent find for Carrom Canada, who could not make himself available for most of the tournaments due to his work commitment was voted **seventh**.

Derrick Silveira currently 4th on averages and 3rd on overall points was voted **eighth**.

Shad Ahmed who is 4th on overall points and 8th in average was voted **ninth** and **Abdul Qadeer** made the top 10 after being voted **tenth**.

For overall points and averages please visit our website www.carromcanada.com, in the stats page and view it within the pdf displays.



L to R: Moaz and Balachandran

NSC Ranking Top 10

1. Francis D'Costa
2. Moaz Shaikh
3. Balachandran Dandapani
4. Manuel Coelho
5. Louis Fernandes
6. Wajahat Mohammed
7. Umair Kamal
8. Derrick Silveira
9. Shad Ahmed
10. Abdul Qadeer

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Anurag,
Derek,
Khader,
Bala,
Sylvester,
Eusebio,
Bryan,
Louis &
John

Balachandran & Louis Capture Bayleaf Title

Balachandran Dandapani and Louis Fernandes battled it out throughout the tournament with different partners and eventually were destined to pair up with each other to play Sylvester and Anurag in the finals. It was a pity the top two favorites wined up pairing, which made the final lob sided, with Balachandran and Louis easily overcoming Sylvester D'Souza and Anurag Chanda 25-4. For the third place, it was a similar situation, with Derek D'Souza and Abdul Khader forming a strong combination to defeat John DeSouza and Bryan Pinto 25-0.

The tournament, sponsored by Bayleaf Restaurant, generated good response despite being scheduled on Father's Day; and Carrom Canada had to have a preliminary rounds to eliminate players. New comers, Eusebio Rodrigues, Anthony Gomes, Bhaskar Bhattacharyya and Martha Lawrence qualified in the tournament proper. Mark Fernandes, Chef and owner of Bayleaf Restaurant was a gracious host and sponsored the trophies. He was excited with the response and has urged us to conduct more tournaments at his restaurant.

Shad League Leader

With 5 rounds of computerized draws, most of the favorites entered the knock-out stages. Shad Ahmed who led the league standing throughout, which meant he was always playing with the lowest ranked player eventually, pipped Sylvester at the finish line by a whisker. Sylvester and Shad finished on 12 points but Shad had a better difference. Shad received the "League Leader" Bayleaf Restaurant Rolling trophy, which was introduced the first time. The tournament's Best New Player award went to Eusebio Rodrigues who played extremely well to finish 6th in the league.

The quarter finals saw 2 good players pitted against each other – Balachandran and Derrick. Balachandran who partnered John beat Derrick and Manoj Maria comfortably 25-0. This is the second open tournament in a row that Derrick has lost in the quarters, the last time was at the Konkan Delite Restaurant when he finished the league as a leader, but succumbed to a quarter final defeat.

Louis and Bryan were let off the hook in their match against David and Misbah Khan. Misbah's untimely miss allowed Louis and Bryan to a remarkable comeback victory 17-13. Shad the league leader who partnered with Martha a 9th ranked player in the league, gave away a handsome lead of 20-8 after 5 boards to eventually lose 20-23 to Anurag and Derek. The fourth quarter final was also a see-saw battle with Sylvester and Khader prevailing over Kevin Gabriel and Eusebio 17-14.

This is the first time CC had the players reshuffled in the knock-out rounds based on their performance, thus allowing for different partner. Balachandran and Anurag had a field day in beating Bryan and Khader 25-0 and in the other semi Louis and Sylvester easily defeated John and Derek 24-7.

The event was also co-sponsored by Sylvester D'Souza, Derek D'Souza & Nicolas D'Souza

Preliminary Rounds:

Eusebio Rodrigues & Ezekiel Rodrigues Beat Albert Sequeira & Belinda Gomes 23-4-5, Bhaskar Bhattacharyya & Nikhil Falari Lost to Anthony Gomes & Martha Lawrence 7-23-5, Ezekiel Rodrigues & Albert Sequeira Lost to Anthony Gomes & Bhaskar Bhattacharyya 8-9-4, Eusebio Rodrigues & Belinda Gomes Beat Martha Lawrence & Nikhil Falari 19-4-5

1st Round:

Shad Ahmed & Menino Cardoso Beat Diogo Fernandes & Romlus DaSilva 25-5-6, Abdul Khader & Anthony Gomes Lost to Abdul Qadeer & Bryan Pinto 7-16-6, Derek D'Souza & John DeSouza Lost to Balachandran Dandapani & Carlyle Peters 12-20-6, Derrick Silveira & Thomas Lawrence Beat Anurag Chanda & Manoj Maria 16-3-6, Desmond Silveira & PSK Murthy Lost to David Gonsalves & Sylvester D'Souza 13-25-8, Wajahat Mohammed & Eusebio Rodrigues Beat Manuel Coelho & Martha Lawrence 25-6-8, Misbah Khan & Kevin Gabriel Beat Louis Fernandes & Leslie D'Souza 14-13-7, Michael Lopes & Madhukar Kelkar Lost to Mohammed Nayeem & Bhaskar Bhattacharyya 15-18-6

2nd Round:

Shad Ahmed & Romlus DaSilva Beat Abdul Qadeer & Anthony Gomes 9-5-5, Menino Cardoso & Diogo Fernandes Lost to Bryan Pinto & Abdul Khader 0-19-5, Wajahat Mohammed & Martha Lawrence Lost to Balachandran Dandapani & John DeSouza 13-14-7, Eusebio Rodrigues & Manuel Coelho Beat Carlyle Peters & Derek D'Souza 25-0-5, David Gonsalves & Manoj Maria Beat Nayeem Rahman & Madhukar Kelkar 16-8-6, Sylvester D'Souza & Anurag Chanda Beat Bhaskar Bhattacharyya & Michael Lopes 25-0-5, Derrick Silveira & PSK Murthy Beat Misbah Khan & Leslie D'Souza 23-0-5, Thomas Lawrence & Desmond Silveira Lost to Kevin Gabriel & Louis Fernandes 1-25-7

3rd Round:

Eusebio Rodrigues & Diogo Fernandes Lost to Louis Fernandes & Misbah Khan 8-21-7, Sylvester D'Souza & Desmond Silveira Beat Wajahat Mo-



Louis, Sponsor Mark Fernandes
& Balachandran



Anurag, Mrs. Fernandes & Sylvester



Derek, Co-Sponsor Clemy D'Souza & Khader



Bryan, Clemy & Sylvester



League table after 5 rounds

Shad Ahmed	106	45	61	12
Sylvester D'Souza	99	44	55	12
Derrick Silveira	106	23	83	10
Louis Fernandes	102	36	66	10
David Gonsalves	97	53	44	10
Balachandran Dandapani	86	41	45	9
Eusebio Rodrigues	75	63	12	8
Anurag Chanda	74	43	31	7
Martha Lawrence	71	53	18	7
Abdul Khader	71	55	16	6
Manoj Maria	71	66	5	6
Bryan Pinto	58	56	2	6
Misbah Khan	61	70	-9	6
John DeSouza	63	74	-11	6
Kevin Gabriel	69	57	12	5
Derek D'Souza	71	70	1	5
Wajahat Mohammed	65	67	-2	5
Desmond Silveira	70	77	-7	5
Romlus DaSilva	67	77	-10	5
Manuel Coelho	65	83	-18	5
Thomas Lawrence	54	81	-27	5
Leslie D'Souza	64	74	-10	4
PSK Murthy	63	92	-29	4
Mohammed Nayeem	52	82	-30	4
Diogo Fernandes	39	85	-46	4
Carlyle Peters	42	97	-55	4
Menino Cardoso	44	77	-33	3
Michael Lopes	61	109	-48	3
Madhukar Kelkar	69	61	8	2
Anthony Gomes	63	76	-13	2
Bhaskar Bhattacharyya	43	95	-52	2
Abdul Qadeer	23	82	-59	2

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4th Round: Sylvester D'Souza & Diogo Fernandes Beat Kevin Gabriel & Romlus DaSilva 14-10-6, Shad Ahmed & Derek D'Souza Beat Bryan Pinto & Abdul Qadeer 24-1-6, Derrick Silveira & Anthony Gomes Lost to Abdul Khader & PSK Murthy 17-20-5, David Gonsalves & Bhaskar Bhattacharyya Lost to Manoj Maria & Manoj Maria 8-21-6, Eusebio Rodrigues & John DeSouza Beat Misbah Khan & Madhukar Kelkar 16-15-6, Balachandran Dandapani & Thomas Lawrence Beat Carlyle Peters & Michael Lopes 25-5-5, Louis Fernandes & Mohammed Nayeem Beat Wajahat Mohammed & Menino Cardoso 18-5-6, Anurag Chanda & Desmond Silveira Lost to Martha Lawrence & Manuel Coelho 8-16-4

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Local tournaments ...

19 Jun 2013: Winners: Francis & Balachandran

1st Round:

Derrick Silveira & Wajahat Mohammed Beat Anurag Chanda & Oscar D'Mello 16-13-8
 Louis Fernandes & Shad Ahmed Beat Mohammed Nayeem & Manchu Kanaga 25-4-5

2nd Round:

Francis D'Costa & Balachandran Dandapani Beat Anurag Chanda & Oscar D'Mello 25-0-4
 Louis Fernandes & Shad Ahmed Lost to Derrick Silveira & Wajahat Mohammed 16-19-8

3rd Round:

Derrick Silveira & Wajahat Mohammed Beat Mohammed Nayeem & Manchu Kanaga 25-0-5
 Francis D'Costa & Balachandran Dandapani Beat Louis Fernandes & Shad Ahmed 23-12-7

4th Round:

Anurag Chanda & Oscar D'Mello Lost to Mohammed Nayeem & Manchu Kanaga 13-23-8
 Francis D'Costa & Balachandran Dandapani Beat Derrick Silveira & Wajahat Mohammed 25-5-7

5th Round:

Francis D'Costa & Balachandran Dandapani Beat-Mohammed Nayeem & Manchu Kanaga 25-0-6
 Louis Fernandes & Shad Ahmed Beat Anurag Chanda & Oscar D'Mello 25-1-7

Final:

Francis D'Costa & Balachandran Dandapani Beat Derrick Silveira & Wajahat Mohammed 25-10-8

	P	W	L	D	FR	AG	DF	GP	BP	TTL
Balachandran	4	4	0	0	98	17	81	8	4	12
Francis	4	4	0	0	98	17	81	8	4	12
Wajahat	4	3	1	0	65	54	11	6	1	7
Derrick	4	3	1	0	65	54	11	6	1	7
Shad	4	2	2	0	78	47	31	4	2	6
Louis	4	2	2	0	78	47	31	4	2	6
Manchu	4	1	3	0	27	88	-61	2	0	2
Nayeem	4	1	3	0	27	88	-61	2	0	2
Oscar	4	0	4	0	27	89	-62	0	0	0
Anurag	4	0	4	0	27	89	-62	0	0	0

29 May 2013: Winners: Francis & Louis

1st Round:

Manuel Coelho & Louis Fernandes Beat Manchu Kanaga & Anurag Chanda 25-0-4
 Shad Ahmed & Francis D'Costa Beat Balachandran Dandapani & Mohammed Nayeem 11-5-5

2nd Round:

Louis Fernandes & Anurag Chanda Lost to Shad Ahmed & Balachandran Dandapani 11-17-6
 Manuel Coelho & Manchu Kanaga Lost to Francis D'Costa & Mohammed Nayeem 10-17-6

3rd Round:

Louis Fernandes & Manchu Kanaga Lost to Francis D'Costa & Balachandran Dandapani 10-12-6
 Manuel Coelho & Anurag Chanda Tied with Shad Ahmed & Mohammed Nayeem 7-7-6

Final:

Francis D'Costa & Louis Fernandes Beat Manuel Coelho & Shad Ahmed 25-12-5

	P	W	L	D	FR	AG	DF	GP	BP	TTL
Francis	3	3	0	0	40	25	15	6	0	6
Manuel	3	1	1	1	42	24	18	3	2	5
Shad	3	2	0	1	35	23	12	5	0	5
Louis	3	1	2	0	46	29	17	2	2	4
Balachandran	3	2	1	0	34	32	2	4	0	4
Nayeem	3	1	1	1	29	28	1	3	0	3
Anurag	3	0	2	1	18	49	-31	1	0	1
Manchu	3	0	3	0	20	54	-34	0	0	0

26 May 2013: Winners: Balachandran & Derrick

1st Round:

Balachandran Dandapani & Moaz Shaikh Beat Manuel Coelho & Shad Ahmed 25-4-7
 Neil Sequeira & Derrick Silveira Lost to Francis D'Costa & Sylvester D'Souza 9-25-6

2nd Round:

Balachandran Dandapani & Manuel Coelho Beat Francis D'Costa & Neil Sequeira 19-9-6
 Moaz Shaikh & Shad Ahmed Lost to Sylvester D'Souza & Derrick Silveira 9-25-8

3rd Round:

Balachandran Dandapani & Neil Sequeira Lost to Moaz Shaikh & Derrick Silveira 8-25-8
 Sylvester D'Souza & Shad Ahmed Beat Francis D'Costa & Manuel Coelho 10-2-7

4th Round:

Moaz Shaikh & Shad Ahmed Lost to Balachandran Dandapani & Francis D'Costa 3-25-6
 Sylvester D'Souza & Neil Sequeira Lost to Derrick Silveira & Manuel Coelho 3-25-7

5th Round:

Balachandran Dandapani & Shad Ahmed Lost to Francis D'Costa & Moaz Shaikh 8-25-7
 Derrick Silveira & Neil Sequeira Lost to Sylvester D'Souza & Manuel Coelho 0-25-5

6th Round:

Francis D'Costa & Shad Ahmed Lost to Derrick Silveira & Manuel Coelho 17-23-7
 Sylvester D'Souza & Neil Sequeira Lost to Moaz Shaikh & Balachandran Dandapani 1-25-5

Final:

Moaz Shaikh & Sylvester D'Souza Lost to Balachandran Dandapani & Derrick Silveira 9-24-8

	P	W	L	D	FR	AG	DF	GP	BP	TTL
Moaz	6	4	2	0	112	71	41	8	4	12
Bala	6	4	2	0	110	67	43	8	3	11
Derrick	6	4	2	0	107	87	20	8	3	11
Sylvester	6	4	2	0	89	70	19	8	3	11
Manuel	6	4	2	0	98	64	34	8	2	10
Francis	6	3	3	0	103	72	31	6	3	9
Shad	6	1	5	0	51	125	-74	2	0	2
Neil	6	0	6	0	30	144	-114	0	0	0

[P: Played, W: Won, L: Lost, D: Draw, FR: Score For, AG: Score Against, DF: (For-Against), GP: Game points, BP: Bonus Points, TTL: Total Points]

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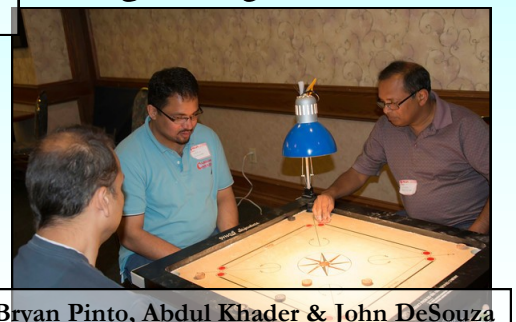
Sylvester D'Souza



Derek D'Souza



Martha Lawrence



Bryan Pinto, Abdul Khader & John DeSouza

Louis & Francis NSC Winners

The NSC decided to pair up Francis with Louis and their judgment didn't fail. The pair won the pilot tournament held in Markham on the 23rd of June 2013. They beat another formidable combination in Moaz and Umair Kamal. Moaz and Francis who had recently won the US Eastern Open were split to test a different variation.

The tournament was a league cum knock out set up, with 5 rounds of league matches played. All teams entered the quarter finals, allowing more practice time for players.

The favorites Louis and Francis topped the league as expected, with Moaz and Umair finishing 2nd. Both teams won all the games on the way to the knock out rounds.

In the quarters, Louis and Francis easily defeated Thomas Lawrence and Derek D'Souza 25-5. Balachandran and Shad had no problems in disposing off Manchu Kanaga and Anurag Chanda 25-14. Moaz and Umair had a quick entry into the semis beating Khader and Nayeem 25-0. And, Derrick and Sylvester beat a tough pair in Wajahat and Qadeer 25-10.

Moaz and Umair made sure that Derrick and Sylvester were not taken lightly and beat them comfortably 25-9. But the 2nd semi went to the wire. Louis and Francis had beaten Balachandran and Shad soundly 25-3 in the league phase, but that was not to be in the semi. With Louis and Francis leading 19-5 after 5 boards, it appeared that they were breezing through again, but the next 3 boards had a different script written. In the 6th board, Balachandran and Shad got 2 points and moved within 12 points to tie. Francis' break in the 7th board failed and were lucky to lose the board by just 5 points, thanks to some excellent play by Louis. In the last board, Shad had the break and with 7 points down it was anyone's game. Shad had a fantastic break and Louis once again came to the rescue in ensuring Francis got a chance to salvage a win. With 6 coins still on board Francis had to pocket 3 to save the game, he pocketed 2 and missed a home shot sitter. Shad had 2 coins to pocket and tie the game with the last coin completely engulfed by 3 blacks. But this did not deter Shad to take a risky try, and try he did; and somehow the white coin found its way into the pocket and set up the game to a tie breaker—9th board.

The 9th board was totally in Shad and Balachandran's favor but some conniving plays by Louis saved the day for the favorites. Louis and Francis barely scraped into the finals winning 23-19.

There were high expectations for the final, especially with 4 of the top 8 players contesting. Moaz and Umair started of well winning the 1st board, but from then on it was all Francis and Louis with their precision pocketing and defense, and the game was good as over in the 7th board. The final score was 23-11



Louis & Francis



Umair & Moaz



Derrick & Sylvester

Quarter Finals

Louis Fernandes & Francis D'Costa Beat Thomas Lawrence & Derek D'Souza 25-5-7
 Moaz Shaikh & Umair Kamal Beat Abdul Khader & Mohammed Nayeem 25-0-5
 Wajahat Mohammed & Abdul Qadeer Lost to Derrick Silveira & Sylvester D'Souza 10-25-7
 Manchu Kanaga & Anurag Chanda Lost to Balachandran Dandapani & Shad Ahmed 7-25-7

Semi Finals

Moaz Shaikh & Umair Kamal Beat Derrick Silveira & Sylvester D'Souza 24-9-8
 Louis Fernandes & Francis D'Costa Beat Balachandran Dandapani & Shad Ahmed 23-19-9

Final

Louis Fernandes & Francis D'Costa Beat Moaz Shaikh & Umair Kamal 24-11-8

Round 1:

Louis Fernandes & Francis D'Costa Beat Derrick Silveira & Sylvester D'Souza 25-5-7
 Moaz Shaikh & Umair Kamal Beat Balachandran Dandapani & Shad Ahmed 25-0-7
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Louis Fernandes & Francis D'Costa Beat Manchu Kanaga & Anurag Chanda 25-5-6
 David Gonsalves & Derek D'Souza Lost to Abdul Khader & Mohammed Nayeem 0-25-5
 Balachandran Dandapani & Shad Ahmed Beat Derrick Silveira & Sylvester D'Souza 23-6-8
 Wajahat Mohammed & Abdul Qadeer Lost to Moaz Shaikh & Umair Kamal 5-25-5

Round 5:

Louis Fernandes & Francis D'Costa Beat Wajahat Mohammed & Abdul Qadeer 25-9-8
 Moaz Shaikh & Umair Kamal Beat David Gonsalves & Derek D'Souza 25-0-4
 Balachandran Dandapani & Shad Ahmed Beat Abdul Khader & Mohammed Nayeem 25-3-6
 Manchu Kanaga & Anurag Chanda Lost to Derrick Silveira & Sylvester D'Souza 1-25-6

Players	P	W	L	D	FR	AG	DF	GP	BP	Total
								Points	Points	Points
Louis/Francis	5	5	0	0	123	25	98	10	4	14
Moaz/Umair	5	5	0	0	111	21	90	10	4	14
Wajahat/Qadeer	5	3	3	0	87	62	25	6	2	8
Anurag/Manchu	5	2	3	0	64	87	-23	4	1	5
Bala/Shad	5	2	3	0	56	82	-26	4	1	5
Derrick/Sylvester	5	1	4	0	53	91	-38	2	1	3
Khader/Nayeem	5	1	4	0	47	85	-38	2	1	3
David/Derek	5	1	4	0	27	115	-88	2	0	2



Karnal European Champion

Karnal Abdin of United Kingdom defeated his club mate Murshad Khan to win the 17th Carrom Euro Cup 2013 in Leszno, Poland on the 23rd of June 2013.

The tournament was well contested with most of matches going to the wire. In the singles final expectations of Khan giving Karnal a run was not to be, as the favourite stormed through the final with a comfortable 2 sets victory over his compatriot Murshad Khan. The third place was secured by Fabian Pereira of France who had 8 wins and a draw in his 11 matches. The recent German Champion Peter Boecker finished on similar points with Fabian with 8 wins and a draw, but had less 'Bucholz' points and finished fourth. The tournament implemented the Swiss League System, which matches players of similar strengths based on their performance during the tournament.

120 players from 10 European countries participated in this year's Euro Cup, which was commended as the best organized Euro Cup. The tournament was hosted by Polish Carrom Association which was founded recently—on 19th April 2009. Kudos to the young host nation for doing a tremendous job and conducting a flawless international event.

The Swedish pair, Mehedi Hassan and Babu Saravan, created history in winning the Doubles Trophy for the first time. Mehedi and Babu defeated the UK pair Sunahar Ali and Abdul Malik in the final. The third place went to Fabian Pereira and Kevin Sieger of France.

France who missed the World Cup in Sri Lanka, won the Team Championship. France was represented by Pierre Dubois, Mouraly Venou, Alfred Rajadurai and young Venou Radjou. The Second place went to UK team, which comprised the champion Karnal Abdin, Nazrul Islam, Murshad Khan and Ala Mia. Germany had to be contend with the third place. Germany and UK finished with the same number of points. UK came in second having beaten Germany earlier in straight matches. The tournament had a fair representation with Switzerland, Italy, Poland and Czech Republic taking part in the team event.

The 17th Carrom Euro Cup was opened with a formal ceremony on 21st June 2013 at 'Palast in Leszno' near Warsaw with a welcome by Jakub Nowakowski, President of Polish Carrom Federation. Arif Naqvi, President, European Carrom Confederation and International Carrom Federation and Mayor of Leszno, Andrzej Cieslak were also present.

Jakub welcomed the participants and assured them of a pleasant event. Arif praised the excellent arrangements and stressed on the social values of the game of Carrom. He acknowledged the improvement in standard of Carrom in Europe. Mayor Andrzej praised the game of Carrom and assured his full cooperation in any international Carrom event if conducted in his country. He was happy that Carrom is becoming popular in Poland.

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National Selection Committee

Shad Ahmed has been nominated to be at the helm of the National selection Committee. NSC will be comprising of Shad, Wajahat Mohammed, Sylvester D'Souza, Balachandran Dandapani & Mohammed Nayeem.

Carron Canada formed a National Selection Committee. Francis D'Costa the President of Carron Canada stated that the mandate of the committee is to prepare strong doubles pairs for international events and select players to represent Canada.

Shad Ahmed, the chairman emphasized that most probably the top eight will be shuffled accordingly considering their previous experiences and chemistry with certain players.

"Fortunately Carron Canada has enough data to analyze such details. With over 30 tournaments played both internationally and locally there is a lot of material the NSC can use" added Francis.

"Although CC has a lot of random doubles data, NSC will be limited to 1 local event and 4 International competitions to analyze fixed partners with. We will have to use our judgment on the various doubles random tournaments when they paired with each other for a short duration" said Shad.

Peter Tops Again

German tournament in Dortmund

Despite losing the first tournament German Carron Championship held in March in Berlin, the veteran and winner of numerous German Championships Peter Boecker proved that he is still the top player to contend with in the German Carron scene.

Peter had an outstanding tournament, winning all the seven matches. In the final he defeated Wolfgang Peter in six boards 25-6. Playing an offensive game Peter subdued his opponent Wolfgang and proved his superiority.

40 players took part in the tournament, which was held in Witten near Dortmund under Swiss League System. The standard of the matches was much higher than before. GCF President Joerg Kijanski scored a black slam against Theivendran Kanagan.

Joerg Johannes, winner of the first tournament in Berlin, finished in 3rd place and Dirk Polchow came in forth.

Euro Cup ... Continued

A big Indian Cultural festival, with the performance and display of Indian music and dances, Yoga, Henna paintings, cuisine, carron, cricket, Indian languages, tourism to India, photo exhibition etc; was organised on the last day of Euro Cup at the lbig lawn of the hotel 'Palast in Leszno'. It was attended by several thousand local inhabitants and the Carron players from all over Europe.

It was followed by the Prized Distribution Ceremony of the Euro Cup in the evening, attended by the Mayor of Leszno Andrzej Cieslak and other dignitaries. Arif handed over the ECC Presidentship to UK's Nazrul Islam and wished him every success. Nazrul Islam thanked Arif for his contributions in ECC and assured the gathering that he will do his best to fulfill the new responsibilities. The 18th Carron Euro Cup will be held in London next year.

Prizes were distributed by the President and Secretary of the Polish Carron Association Jakub and Paulina Nowakowska. A keen carron enthusiast and the main organizer Paulina Nowakowska received a rousing applause for her excellent work in conducting this super tournament.



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Carrom part of G.O.A Summer Games

Carrom Canada will be organizing a Carrom Tournament on Sunday, the 21st of July 2013.



The tournament is one of the various summer games GOA will be conducting. There will be 2 different events -
(1) A doubles tournament and
(2) A Team Event (4 players to a team).

The event will be held at Manchurian Madurai (The Boat House) 1855 Dundas Street, Mississauga.

Interested players could register on GOA or Carrom Canada websites. Or call Francis D'Costa (416) 880-0928.

Please note that the entry fee is basically \$5.00 per person per tournament. For the doubles event the fee will be \$10 per pair & for the team championship it's \$20.00.

Champion of Champions Tournament in New Delhi

The Secretary General of the ICF S.K.Sharma has announced the Silver Jubilee celebrations of International Carrom Federation will be held in New Delhi.

The 1st World Junior Carrom Championship and International Champion of Champions Tournament will be held from 21st to 24th October 2013 in New Delhi, India in conjunction with the Silver Jubilee celebrations. Two players from each country are allowed to participate in the Champions trophy.

The age limit for World Juniors Championship will be under 19 years of age. Entries for both the events should be sent to the Secretary General, S.K.Sharma at the earliest.

Francis & Moaz US Eastern Champions



WINNERS: Francis D'Costa & Moaz Shaikh.

Following their astonishing fourth placed finish at the World Cup in Sri Lanka, Carrom Canada continued their amazing run on the International circuit. In the US Eastern Open in New Jersey last weekend, the 9 man team created a stir by claiming the doubles title, singles runner up, doubles 3rd place, singles 3rd place and the best new player award. That's an amazing feat for an organization that set foot in the international arena only a year ago. This achievement is like swimming successfully with the sharks.

Carrom Canada players who practice 95% of their games by playing doubles proved that they are a powerhouse in that competition. Their number one pair of Francis D'Costa and Moaz Shaikh played champagne Carrom overwhelming their opponents, a formidable US pair Sekhar Challa and Madhu Rao in the finals 17-12, 24-19. The former US champions could not contain the Canadians, who strolled to their first ever major title in the US. The second pair, Balachandran Dandapani and Derrick Silveira also had a very successful tournament and won the third place defeating Atul Bhavne and Parag Pandit in a close 3 set match, 25-12, 11-20, 25-0.

The tournaments were conducted on a Swiss Round Robin System, a rather unique system which matches players of similar points strength. For example, after a round, each victory gives the player 2 points. If the points are equal then the game scores are used to determine the ranking of players after that round. The computer then matches player ranked 1 to play with player ranked 2, and so on. The program also avoids repeat clashes, hence there is no chance of playing the same player again in the league. This method always keeps the winning

players playing stiffer competition and the players with lower points playing players within their points range. In the doubles event there were 5 rounds and in the singles competition there were 7 rounds. 8 pairs qualified for the knockout phase for doubles, whilst 16 moved into the knockout competition in the singles event.

In the doubles, Francis and Moaz won 4 of their 5 matches, the only loss was to Sekhar and Madhu. Balachandran and Derrick won 3 of their 5, losing out to Sekhar and Madhu and Francis and Moaz. In the semis, Francis and Moaz beat Balachandran and Derrick 25-1, 25-8, whilst Sekhar and Madhu defeated their US pair Atul and Parag 25-5, 25-3.

The finals were very well contested with the Canadians complimenting each other by playing both defensive and offensive. In the 8th and last board of the second game, it appeared that Canada were well placed to win when Francis set up Moaz for an easy home shot finish with 6 of the opponent's coins on board. However, Madhu despite under pressure, played coolly and pocketed 4 of the 6 coins and defended the last coin for Moaz. With the match on the line, Moaz took the rebound with great precision and pocketed the last black coin and thus secured a maiden victory for Team Canada.

For the 3rd place, Balachandran and Derrick played Atul and Parag. The match was tied at a game apiece, with a good comeback by Atul and Parag to level the match in the 2nd game. The 3rd game was completely different with the Canadians stepping up to the plate with a different aggressive attitude. In the 3rd board Derrick had a fantastic finish of 5 coins which totally changed the outcome of the match. The third place finish is also the first by Team Canada in a doubles event.



WINNERS: Moaz & Francis with Hasmukh



Team Canada: Abdul Khader, Moaz Shaikh, Mohammed Nayeem, Wajahat Mohammed, Francis D'Costa, Darryl Silveira, Derrick Silveira, Balachandran Dandapani. Missing Shad Ahmed & Mahmood Muzammil.



Third Place Winners: Balachandran & Derrick Silveira with Hasmukh Patel, President, and Atul Bhavne Secretary

Francis misses out on a Golden Double

Sridhar's maiden triumph Wajahat finishes third



Singles Runner Up: Francis D'Costa

The singles competition was a different ball game, different tactics, nerve racking and you are on your own with no partner to support you.

With frequent changes to the ranking in the first three rounds, the top order started to stabilize in the later rounds. 36 year old Sridhar Gallipeli, the find of the tournament, played an excellent and cautious game throughout the tournament, Canadian Wajahat Mohammed, played his best tournament and showed glimpses of excellence, Sekhar who has won this event many times, was also a strong contender with his excellent play and Francis D'Costa who despite playing much below par, were the players in contention. Francis led the standings until round

6 winning all his 6 matches, but in the 7th round he lost to Wajahat in a keen contest. Sridhar, Francis and Wajahat all finished with 6 wins and 1 loss, but Sridhar finished on top, Francis second and Wajahat third on score difference. Sridhar's only loss came against Francis, whilst Wajahat was beaten by Atul Kharecha.

Moaz Shaikh (6th) and Balachandran Dandapani (12th) both qualified for the pre-quarterfinals. Abdul Khader (18th) won 4 of his 7 games, an impressive performance. This was Khader's second tournament, he also played last year's US Eastern too. First timer, Shad Ahmed (22nd) played very well and won 3 of his 7 matches and Mohammed Nayeem (26th) had a good outing too, winning 3 of his 7 matches. Derrick Silveira (27th) was coasting along well initially, lost 2 matches which changed the tide for him and he did not qualify, he ended with 3 wins against 4 losses. Darryl Silveira despite not playing for quite some time played well and won 2 of his 7 matches. Although, Khader, Shad, Nayeem, Derrick and Darryl did not make it to the last 16, their performance was commendable.

In the knockout completion the matches were played on a best of 3 games of a maximum of 8 boards per game. And, as usual the matches were not going to be easy, as the competition is completely different from the league.

In the pre-quarters, Francis beat Murali (Tennessee) 20-15, 25-3, Wajahat brushed past Parag Pandit, 21-12, 23-17, Moaz easily put aside Sidarth Baddam, 25-4, 25-3 and Balachandran lost to the formidable Sekhar 25-4, 25-2. Sridhar beat L.Subbu, 25-0, 21-13, Atul Kharecha defeated Avinash Despande, 25-8,

25-0, Madhu Rao lost to Shashank, 25-8, 23-13 and Ravi Shankar defeated Dr.Shivaram Gowdagere 25-13, 9-25, 25-0 in a tough encounter.

In the quarters, Francis demolished one of US top 10, an excellent player Ravi Shankar 25-0, 25-0, Sridhar beat Shashank, 25-4, 25-6, Wajahat made light work of Moaz 24-7, 24-12 in a Canadian clash and Sekhar defeated Atul Kharecha, 25-14, 25-14.

The semifinals were set up just like the doubles competition, The US pairs playing one semi whilst the other semi finals were played by the Canadians. Sridhar won his match 25-8, 18-9. Francis was given a run for his money by Wajahat, losing the first game which was as good as won, but he came back in his usual manner in the next 2 games and won the match in a thrilling encounter, 17-20, 22-10, 15-9.

The finals did not show any spark in the first game, but the second proved to be very absorbing. If only Francis could play singles the way he plays his doubles matches the outcome of his matches would be completely different. His more relaxed attitude let Sridhar off the hook, after being in control of the second game. Francis was leading Sridhar

15-11 after 6 boards. The score at the end was 25-5, 24-15 in Sridhar's favour. Sridhar was definitely the most deserving player to win the tournament. His concentration and approach to the game was absolutely amazing and he will be the player to watch in future competitions. More tournaments under supervised refereeing will mold him into a better competitive player, similar to the likes of Babu, Neil, Vishal, Jayadev and Vishal.

Balachandran's 12th finish in the league assured him of the new best player trophy. A haul of 7 trophies and with a higher standing, has certainly set up a new benchmark for Team Canada. The previous best was 3 awards.



Deserving WINNER: Sridhar Gallipeli



3rd Place Winner: Wajahat Mohammed with Hasmukh & Atul



Best New Player Award to Balachandran Dandapani



Singles Quarter Finalist: Moaz Shaikh

Manuel & Neil in a big win



Derek, Carlyle, Neil, Manuel & Derrick

Standings after 5 Rounds

	Game Points	Score Diff.	Score
Derrick Silveira	14	82	123
Atul Kharecha	12	100	116
Manuel Coelho	11	78	105
David Gonsalves	11	53	98
Shad Ahmed	9	38	89
Michael Lopes	9	38	77
Balachandran Dandapani	8	53	87
Sandra D'Souza	8	35	76
Kenny Virkar	8	26	73
Romeo Remedios	6	27	80
Greg D'Souza	6	-14	49
Derek D'Souza	6	-18	41
Kevin Gabriel	6	-24	55
Neil Sequeira	5	-11	68
Carlyle Peters	5	-20	69
Nahdi Hussain	5	-20	52
Ted Myall	5	-33	49
Mario D'Cruz	5	-34	56
Lemington Almeida	4	0	62
Anurag Chanda	4	-1	60
Moaz Shaikh	4	-3	83
Francis Fernandes	4	-7	59
Melville Maciel	4	-10	47
Lakdas Liyanage	4	-13	57
Desmond Silveira	4	-17	62
Menino Cardoso	4	-25	55
Leslie D'Souza	4	-26	38
John DeSouza	4	-27	43
John Dharmai	4	-27	35
Dakshan Liyanage	4	-32	48
Brian Pinto	3	-10	47
Sean Spriggs	3	-15	58
Daryl Silveira	3	-32	52
Sylvester D'Souza	3	-41	55
Diogo Fernandes	3	-47	43
Malcolm Noronha	2	-23	53

Manuel Coelho and Neil Sequeira won the Missis-sauga open random doubles tournament held on the 23rd of March at the Konkani Delite Restaurant, defeating Shad Ahmed and Derek D'Souza in the finals.

The event organized by Carrom Canada with Carlyle Peters' initiation attracted 36 entries. The tournament was held in honour of Fazal Arsiwala a carrom enthusiast, who unfortunately passed away a month ago.

The competition was played over 5 rounds. A specially designed program generated the pairings for each round. After 5 rounds of play, Derrick Silveira (14pts) topped the standing winning all his matches, followed by Atul Kharecha (12) and Manuel Coelho (11) and David Gonsalves (11). 16 players qualified into the next round.

The leader of the pack Derrick was paired with the 16th player Nahdi Hussain, but with Nahdi leaving early due to personal reasons, Derrick had to pair with Mario D'Cruz. Manuel was fortunate to get a very steady player Neil, whilst Shad also had a strong partner Derek D'Souza. Atul, who came all the way from Pennsylvania was paired with Carlyle, the tournament initiator and Balachandran Dandapani another strong contender paired with Romeo Remedios, a knowledgeable player. David Gonsalves had an experienced Kevin Gabriel to pair with him. Sandra D'Souza the only female participant, also qualified and partnered with Ted Myall (as Kenny Virkar had to leave) and the final pairing was between Michael Lopes and Greg D'Souza.

In the quarters, Manuel & Neil beat a strong pair Balachandran & Romeo 25-14, David & Kevin beat Sandra & Ted 25-0, Shad & Derek brushed past Derrick & Mario 17-15 in a close match and Atul & Carlyle just made it into the next round beating Michael & Greg 16-14.

In the semis, Manuel & Neil narrowly defeated David & Kevin 15-17, while Shad & Derek played a good game to dispose of strong competition in Atul & Carlyle 25-13.

In the finals, Manuel and Neil suppressed their opponents Shad and Derek to an easy 25-7 in 6 boards.

For the third place, Atul playing with a different strategy completely demolished their opponents David and Kevin 25-0 in 4 boards. In the quarters, David and Kevin scored a century with David pocketing 7 whites and a queen and Kevin finishing with 2 whites.

The spokespersons for the Sombrero Soccer Club, Trevor Menezes and Justin Nazren, who were present at the tournament sponsored \$100 in cash, which was awarded to the top four winning pairs.



Judy with Atul (US) and Carlyle



Judy Peters with Kevin and David



Manuel converts manual into automatic

The best way to keep your confidence level up is to practice and playing carrom on your own is a good idea. However, there is one problem! As you are playing alone, you have to change your seat every time after pocketing all the coins. And, when you are a player of Manuel's calibre, this can become cumbersome.

Manuel who represented Canada in the recent World Cup where Canada finished fourth decided on solving this problem. As the good old adage goes, necessity is the mother of invention. Manuel used his handyman's instincts to create a device that saved him the bother of moving seats. A visit to Home Depot, the purchase of a few pipes and contraptions; and Manuel changed the manual operation into automatic. This concept is a feature in most of the pool tables in pubs.

More pictures and video will be published in the next issue.

Regular Tournaments at a glance

Derrick & Francis win easily

18 Feb 2013

Francis D'Costa and Derrick Silveira beats Balachandran Dandapani & Oscar D'Mello in the final 25-0 in 6 boards.

Results:

Round 1: Francis D'Costa & Oscar D'Mello Beat Balachandran Dandapani & Menino Cardoso 25-0, 8
Shad Ahmed & Derek D'Souza Lost to Derrick Silveira & Johnson Dharmai 14-19, 8

Round 2: Francis D'Costa & Menino Cardoso Beat Derrick Silveira & Derek D'Souza 24-3, 8
Oscar D'Mello & Balachandran Dandapani Beat Johnson Dharmai & Shad Ahmed 25-11, 6

Round 3: Francis D'Costa & Shad Ahmed Beat Menino Cardoso & Johnson Dharmai 25-4, 4
Oscar D'Mello & Derek D'Souza Lost to Balachandran Dandapani & Derrick Silveira 0-25, 5

After Round 3

	Pts	Game Score	Score Diff
Francis D'Costa	9	67	74
Bala Dandapani	6	14	50
Oscar D'Mello	6	14	50
Derrick Silveira	5	9	47
Shad Ahmed	4	2	50
Menino Cardoso	2	-25	28
John Dharmai	2	-30	34
Derek D'Souza	0	-51	17

Balachandran & Francis Score

20 Feb 2013

Round 1:

Moaz Shaikh & Atul Bhavne Lost to Manuel Coelho & Derrick Silveira 23-25, 8

Balachandran Dandapani & Francis D'Costa Beat Shad Ahmed & Wajahat Mohammed 23-15, 8

Round 2:

Manuel Coelho & Shad Ahmed Lost to Francis D'Costa & Atul Bhavne 9-25, 8

Derrick Silveira & Wajahat Mohammed Lost to Balachandran Dandapani & Moaz Shaikh 2-25, 8

Round 3:

Balachandran Dandapani & Wajahat Mohammed Lost to Moaz Shaikh & Derrick Silveira 0-25, 8

Francis D'Costa & Shad Ahmed Beat Atul Bhavne & Manuel Coelho 19-13, 8

Finals:

Francis D'Costa & Balachandran Dandapani Beat Moaz Shaikh & Derrick Silveira 18-11, 8

After Round 3

	Pts	Game Score	Score Diff
Francis D'Costa	7	30	67
Moaz Shaikh	6	46	73
Derrick Silveira	6	4	52
Bala Dandapani	5	6	48
Atul Bhavne	3	8	61
Manuel Coelho	3	-20	47
Shad Ahmed	2	-18	43
Wajahat Mohd	0	-56	17

Bhavne & Moaz Win

27 Feb 2013

Highlights Moaz Shaikh had a very difficult black slam in the finals.

Round 1:

Balachandran Dandapani & Manuel Coelho Lost to Atul Bhavne & Francis D'Costa 22-24, 8

Anurag Chanda & Shad Ahmed Lost to Abdul Khader & Moaz Shaikh 13-16, 8

Round 2:

Abdul Khader & Shad Ahmed Lost to Atul Bhavne & Balachandran Dandapani 7-12, 8

Moaz Shaikh & Anurag Chanda Lost to Francis D'Costa & Manuel Coelho 9-19, 8

Round 3:

Francis D'Costa & Anurag Chanda Lost to Manuel Coelho & Moaz Shaikh 15-23, 8

Atul Bhavne & Shad Ahmed Beat Balachandran Dandapani & Abdul Khader 22-21, 8

Finals:

Atul Bhavne & Moaz Shaikh Beat Manuel Coelho & Francis D'Costa 19-15, 8

After Round 3

	Pts	Game Score	Score Diff
Atul Bhavne	6	8	58
Manuel Coelho	4	16	64
Francis D'Costa	4	4	58
Moaz Shaikh	4	1	48
Bala Dandapani	2	2	55
Abdul Khader	2	-3	44
Shad Ahmed	2	-7	42
Anurag Chanda	0	-21	37

Shad & Balachandran Comfortable Winners

15 Mar 2013

Abdul Qadeer & Manuel Coelho Lost to Atul Bhavne & Derrick Silveira 12-16, 8

Shad Ahmed & Balachandran Dandapani Beat Francis D'Costa & Mohammed Nayeem 25-0, 6

Francis D'Costa & Mohammed Nayeem Lost to Atul Bhavne & Derrick Silveira 17-23, 8

Shad Ahmed & Balachandran Dandapani Beat Abdul Qadeer & Manuel Coelho 25-17, 8

Atul Bhavne & Derrick Silveira Tied with Shad Ahmed & Balachandran Dandapani 19-19, 8

Francis D'Costa & Mohammed Nayeem Beat Abdul Qadeer & Manuel Coelho 24-9, 8

After Round 3

	Pts	Game Score	Score Diff
Shad Ahmed & Bala Dandapani	7	69	33
Atul Bhavne & Derrick Silveira	5	58	10
Francis D'Costa & Mohd. Nayeem	2	41	16
Abdul Qadeer & Manuel Coelho	0	38	27

Balachandran & Derrick Secure Victory

20 Mar 2013

Balachandran Dandapani and Derrick Silveira won after 3 rounds of play. No finals were played.

Round 1:

Balachandran Dandapani and Derrick Silveira beat Francis D'Costa and Wajahat Mohammed 25-5, 8

Moaz Shaikh and Atul Kharecha beat Manuel Coelho and Shad Ahmed 25-12, 8

Round 2:

Moaz Shaikh and Atul Kharecha beat Francis D'Costa and Wajahat Mohammed 25-11, 8

Balachandran Dandapani and Derrick Silveira beat Manuel Coelho and Shad Ahmed 20-5, 8

Round 3:

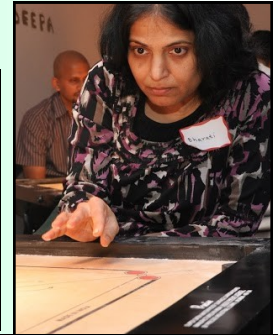
Francis D'Costa and Wajahat Mohammed beat Manuel Coelho and Shad Ahmed 25-4, 8

Balachandran Dandapani and Derrick Silveira beat Moaz Shaikh and Atul Kharecha 25-5, 8

After Round 3

	Pts	Game Score	Score Diff
Bala Dandapani & Derrick Silveira	8	70	55
Atul Kharecha & Moaz Shaikh	6	55	7
Francis D'Costa & Wajahat Mohd.	3	41	-13
Abdul Qadeer & Manuel Coelho	0	21	-49

Shashi Deshpande the NEW CHAMPION



The Maharashtra Mandal Detroit conducted a very successful tournament that included 47 participants, who contended for 3 championships. With over 64 matches played, a lot of them were very close and exciting. The Men's singles finals went down to the wire with 2 exciting players contesting for the singles crown. Eventually, Shashi Deshpande prevailed over veteran Atul Kharecha.

The tournament would not have possible without the support and coordination of the following members:

Event coordinators: Tushar Samant, Dhananjay Deshmukh and Sachin Bidkar

Venue and hospitality: Kiran and Deepa Ingle

Setup: Tushar Samant, Atul Kharecha and Kiran Ingle

Food and beverages: Dhananjay Deshmukh, Sachin Bidkar, Deepa Ingle.

Winners Circle

Men's Singles:

Champion—SHASHI DESHPANDE
Runner-up—ATUL KHARECHA

Women's Singles:

Champion—RAJESHWARI BHAGWAT
Runner-up—ANJALI KULKARNI

Doubles Event:

Champions—RAHUL PATIL & ATUL KHARECHA
Runners-up—KIRAN INGLE & SHASHI DESHPANDE



Dallas Versus Houston ...It's a TIE

The final result was a TIE between Dallas and Houston! After playing 9 Singles and 1 Doubles matches each team earned 10 Points!

DALLAS versus HOUSTON

Hemant Khetade beat Aditya Chavali 2-0
Hemant Khetade beat Ravi Wagle 2-0
Hemant Khetade lost to Jay Suryadevara 0-2

Shivaram Gowdagere lost to Jay Suryadevara 0-2
Shivaram Gowdagere beat Ravi Wagle 2-0
Shivaram Gowdagere beat Aditya Chavali 2-0
Pramod Shah lost to Aditya Chavali 0-2
Pramod Shah lost to Jay Suryadevara 0-2
Pramod Shah lost to Ravi Wagle 1-2
Renuka & Shreenivas beat Rajesh & Ravi 1-0

Detailed results

Doubles Standing after 5 rounds

RANK	TEAM NAME	TOTAL RND	TOTAL PTS	OPP. PTS	TOTAL NET DIFF.
1	Sekhar - Madhu	5	10	26	95
2	Francis - Moaz	5	8	34	37
3	Balachandran - Derrick	5	6	34	6
4	Atul - Parag	5	6	32	13
5	Subbu - Shivram	5	6	26	38
6	Palani - Murli	5	6	22	24
7	Atul - Sridhar	5	6	22	23
8	Seetaram - Ravi T	5	6	14	9
9	Wajahat - Khader	5	4	26	-27
10	Neeraj - Avneesh	5	4	22	-10
11	Nayeem - Shad	5	2	28	-32
12	Rajesh - Darryl	5	2	24	-69
13	Ravi - Mohan	5	2	20	-52
14	Neeraj S - Saroj	5	2	20	-55

Singles Standing after 7 rounds

RANK	TEAM NAME	TOTAL RND	TOTAL PTS	OPP. PTS	TOTAL NET DIFF.
1	Sridhar	7	12	64	115
2	Francis	7	12	62	76
3	Wajahat	7	12	56	71
4	Atul K	7	10	66	48
5	Sekhar	7	10	56	86
6	Moaz	7	10	52	76
7	Ravi Shankar	7	10	52	43
8	Shashank	7	10	44	30
9	Madhu	7	8	62	-7
10	Shivram G	7	8	60	1
11	Baddam	7	8	60	-9
12	Balachandran	7	8	58	34
13	Avinash	7	8	54	14
14	Parag	7	8	50	58
15	Murli B	7	8	48	1
16	Subbu	7	8	46	39
17	Kamal D	7	8	44	24
18	Abdul Khader	7	8	42	-8
19	Seetaram	7	8	40	46
20	Atul B	7	6	60	12
21	Palani	7	6	58	-26
22	Shad	7	6	52	19
23	Shams	7	6	52	-31
24	Hasmukh	7	6	52	-37
25	Ashwin Shah	7	6	50	-25
26	Nayeem	7	6	48	-6
27	Derrick	7	6	46	20
28	Saroj	7	6	44	-16
29	Mahmood Babar	7	6	38	5
30	Ravi T	7	6	36	-51
31	Kartik	7	6	34	-1
32	Neeraj N	7	4	50	-64
33	Darryl	7	4	42	-72
34	Rajesh N	7	4	36	-16
35	Neeraj S	7	4	32	-53
36	Dinesh P	7	2	40	-96
37	Trideep	7	2	40	-125
38	Dummy	7	0	36	-175

Doubles League Match Results

Round 1:

Seetaram & Ravi T lost to Neeraj S & Saroj 13-16, A.Bhave & Parag beat Rajesh & Darryl 21-8, Balachandran & Derrick beat Subbu & Shivram 25-13, Francis & Moaz beat Palani & Murli 22-9, Sekhar & Madhu beat Wajahat & Khader 25-9, A.Kharecha & Sridhar beat Neeraj & Avneesh 25-13, Nayeem & Shad beat Ravi & Mohan 25-4

Round 2:

Nayeem & Shad lost to Sekhar & Madhu 0-25, A.Kharecha & Sridhar lost to Balachandran & Derrick 9-25, A.Bhave & Parag lost to Francis & Moaz 14-24, Neeraj S & Saroj lost to Neeraj & Avneesh 0-25, Seetaram & Ravi T lost to Subbu & Shivram 1-25, Rajesh & Darryl lost to Palani & Murli 0-25, Wajahat & Khader beat Ravi & Mohan 25-12

Round 3:

Francis & Moaz beat A.Kharecha & Sridhar 25-15, Neeraj & Avneesh lost to Palani & Murli 14-25, Wajahat & Khader beat Nayeem & Shad 24-12, Sekhar & Madhu beat Balachandran & Derrick 25-7, Neeraj S & Saroj lost to Ravi & Mohan 14-19, Subbu & Shivram lost to A.Bhave & Parag 14-25, Seetaram & Ravi T beat Rajesh & Darryl 25-0

Round 4:

Balachandran & Derrick beat Wajahat & Khader 25-5, Sekhar & Madhu beat Francis & Moaz 25-5, Ravi & Mohan lost to Seetaram & Ravi T 11-18, A.Kharecha & Sridhar beat Nayeem & Shad 23-11

Palani & Murli lost to A.Bhave & Parag 10-25, Neeraj S & Saroj lost to Rajesh & Darryl 10-13, Subbu & Shivram beat Neeraj & Avneesh 25-4,

Round 5:

Rajesh & Darryl lost to Neeraj & Avneesh 14-23, Subbu & Shivram beat Wajahat & Khader 25-9, Ravi & Mohan lost to Palani & Murli 9-25, Neeraj S & Saroj lost to A.Kharecha & Sridhar 0-25, Francis & Moaz beat Balachandran & Derrick 25-1, Seetaram & Ravi T beat Nayeem & Shad 14-10, Sekhar & Madhu beat A.Bhave & Parag 25-9

Doubles Match Results - Knock Out Rounds Main Tournament

Quarters: Francis & Moaz beat A.Kharecha & Sridhar 10-25, 23-10, 23-11
Sekhar & Madhu beat Seetaram & Ravi T 25-0, 25-0
Balachandran & Derrick beat Palani & Murli 25-7, 25-6
A.Bhave & Parag beat Subbu & Shivram 9-23, 25-19, 16-15

Semi Finals: Francis & Moaz beat Balachandran & Derrick 25-1, 25-8
Sekhar & Madhu beat A.Bhave & Parag 25-5, 25-3

Third Place: Balachandran & Derrick beat A.Bhave & Parag 25-12, 11-20, 25-0

Finals: Francis & Moaz beat Sekhar & Madhu 17-12, 24-19

Group B-Singles

Quarter-Finals: Madhu bt Subbu 25-11, 12-11 - Shivram bt Murli 23-18, 25-3 - Baddam lost to Parag 13-18, 9-23 - Balachandran bt Avinash 24-15, 20-14

Semi Finals: Madhu bt Balachandran 14-25, 14-9, 17-9 - Shivram beat Parag 20-1, 25-18

Finals: Shivram beat Madhu 21-22, 15-13, 25-0

Group B-Doubles

Semi Finals: A.Kharecha & Sridhar beat Palani & Murli 25-12, 23-4
Subbu & Shivram beat Seetaram & Ravi T 25-3, 25-0

Finals: A.Kharecha & Sridhar beat Subbu & Shivram 11-16, 19-9, 21-15

Shad always looking for improvement

Carron Canada has been rapidly growing in size, quality of players and bringing forth innovative ideas to improve the popularity of the game. Currently, we have software programs which can assist in coordinating tournaments, computing pairs for the next round and pitting them against opponents based on their previous rounds. This program which was started on Excel by Francis D'Costa has been moved into high gear by Shad Ahmed. Shad has taken the basic Excel system on an online database application. This version, which is still in a pilot mode sends all match results instantly via emails. In fact, if you are anywhere in the world, you can follow the results live using tournament links. No need to wait for the organizers to send you an email. The plan is to allow Carron organizations to upload their members and coordinate tournaments, store tournament results which can be accessed by players, organizers and followers.

Shad has also designed a phone app which can pair up players randomly. Currently, Francis and Shad are working on a web database to allow the general public to follow players stats.

Another concept which Shad is working on is the timer. This device, which can be used conveniently by all players, will buzz when time runs out - no more passing dirty looks at the referee. Carron Canada would have a hard time seeking talent as one would in countries like India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, but will certainly be a strong force in the management and promotion of the game globally. Currently the website stands out tall, updated regularly and the eNewsletters are very creative and informative.

Singles results - league rounds

Round 1:

Shad beat Kartik 25-0, Francis beat Hasmukh 25-0, Atul K beat Dinesh P 25-0, Shashank lost to Palani 0-25, Neeraj N beat Nayeem 25-0, Atul B beat Murli B 25-13, Madhu beat Shams 25-5, Wajahat beat Dummy 25-0, Ravi Shankar beat Mahmood Babar 25-5, Avinash beat Saroj 25-5, Moaz beat Abdul Khader 25-4, Kamal D lost to Baddam 17-24, Sridhar beat Ashwin Shah 25-4, Subbu beat Rajesh N 25-0, Balachandran beat Darryl 25-0, Sekhar beat Ravi T 25-0, Shivram G beat Seetaram 25-0, Parag beat Trideep 25-0, Derrick beat Neeraj S 25-0

Round 2:

Derrick lost to Sekhar 1-25, Shad lost to Subbu 12-25, Neeraj N lost to Balachandran 11-25, Atul K beat Wajahat 25-12, Palani lost to Francis 11-25, Parag lost to Shivram G 9-19, Sridhar beat Moaz 25-0, Madhu beat Avinash 25-0, Baddam beat Murli B 25-0, Ravi Shankar beat Atul B 25-20, Kamal D beat Saroj 25-0, Shams beat Mahmood Babar 14-13, Seetaram lost to Nayeem 8-9, Abdul Khader lost to Ashwin Shah 8-16, Rajesh N lost to Hasmukh 15-16, Dummy lost to Darryl 0-25, Shashank beat Trideep 25-0, Kartik beat Neeraj S 25-4, Dinesh P lost to Ravi T 7-14

Round 3:

Madhu lost to Balachandran 5-25, Sekhar lost to Sridhar 10-20, Subbu lost to Shivram G 8-16, Baddam beat Ravi Shankar 23-18, Parag lost to Wajahat 14-15, Francis beat Atul K 21-14, Shad beat Palani 25-1, Neeraj N beat Kamal D 25-7, Atul B beat Derrick 22-14, Darryl lost to Moaz 0-25, Avinash beat Ashwin Shah 20-2, Hasmukh lost to Shashank 0-24, Ravi T lost to Shams 5-25, Kartik lost to Nayeem 5-25, Mahmood Babar lost to Seetaram 9-24, Rajesh N beat Dinesh P 25-0, Murli B beat Abdul Khader 25-5, Saroj beat Neeraj S 25-0, Dummy lost to Trideep 0-25

Round 4:

Francis beat Shivram G 25-5, Baddam lost to Madhu 15-17, Ravi Shankar beat Shad 17-9, Balachandran lost to Sridhar 8-25, Sekhar lost to Atul K 19-21, Subbu beat Neeraj N 25-4, Avinash beat Nayeem 19-17, Moaz lost to Atul B 13-25, Shashank lost to Wajahat 3-25, Shams lost to Palani 11-25, Hasmukh lost to Seetaram 0-23, Murli B beat Darryl 25-0, Parag beat Kamal D

25-4, Trideep lost to Mahmood Babar 0-25, Ashwin Shah lost to Derrick 7-25, Dummy lost to Neeraj S 0-25, Kartik lost to Ravi T 10-18, Abdul Khader beat Dinesh P 25-0, Rajesh N lost to Saroj 6-25

Round 5:

Atul K beat Ravi Shankar 23-4, Avinash lost to Wajahat 7-25, Francis beat Sridhar 18-11, Madhu beat Shivram G 25-21, Balachandran beat Baddam 23-2, Sekhar beat Palani 25-0, Atul B lost to Subbu 14-24, Murli B beat Nayeem 16-12, Shad lost to Moaz 6-25, Neeraj N lost to Parag 3-25, Derrick lost to Shashank 11-21, Saroj beat Ravi T 25-4, Hasmukh beat Mahmood Babar 15-5, Shams beat Seetaram 20-10, Rajesh N lost to Abdul Khader 5-12, Ashwin Shah lost to Kamal D 7-25, Neeraj S beat Trideep 25-0, Dinesh P beat Dummy 25-0, Kartik beat Darryl 18-4

Round 6:

Subbu lost to Baddam 17-19, Shivram G beat Atul B 24-21, Sekhar beat Avinash 9-7, Moaz beat Murli B 25-2, Shashank beat Shams 24-8, Balachandran lost to Wajahat 15-22, Ravi Shankar beat Parag 22-8, Sridhar beat Atul K 25-0, Francis beat Madhu 25-11, Derrick lost to Kamal D 19-25, Neeraj N lost to Shad 0-25, Trideep lost to Seetaram 0-25, Saroj lost to Palani 8-25, Neeraj S lost to Ashwin Shah 5-25, Nayeem beat Ravi T 25-0, Hasmukh lost to Abdul Khader 11-12, Rajesh N lost to Darryl 11-25, Mahmood Babar beat Dinesh P 24-10, Dummy lost to Kartik 0-25

Round 7:

Shashank beat Atul B 20-18, Murli B beat Shams 23-11, Baddam lost to Moaz 0-25, Shad lost to Parag 9-24, Sridhar beat Madhu 25-1, Nayeem lost to Kamal D 4-25, Francis lost to Wajahat 14-25, Balachandran lost to Sekhar 3-25, Atul K beat Shivram G 25-4, Abdul Khader beat Kartik 20-12, Ravi Shankar beat Subbu 25-5, Palani lost to Avinash 6-25, Ashwin Shah beat Darryl 25-3, Neeraj N lost to Hasmukh 0-25, Mahmood Babar beat Neeraj S 25-13, Seetaram beat Saroj 25-6, Rajesh N beat Trideep 25-0, Dinesh P lost to Derrick 0-25, Dummy lost to Ravi T 0-25

Atul Bhave Bids Farewell



Atul Bhave

Atul Bhave, Secretary of US Carrom for the last 2 years had made Canada his second home and by getting involved with Carrom Canada for the past one year he could not ask for anything more.

Atul an IT specialist was on a two year contract with BMO and came in contact with Carrom Canada a year ago. His cheerful and comprising nature was enthusiastically embraced by the players across the border. His link with Francis D'Costa, President, of Carrom Canada paved the way for Carrom Canada to make inroads internationally and a strong bond between the two neighbouring countries. The success of his friendship with Carrom Canada is reflected in the increased number of visits by both parties.

He made time even with his tight schedule to practice with the Canadian players once a week. His passion for the game goes beyond imagination and he was always looking forward to a good competitive game of carrom during his 4 days a week stay in Toronto.

Atul will be missed by Wednesday's Elite Group at Shad's.

In praising him, Francis said "We've enjoyed working with Atul who cares for the game as much as we do. We appreciate the value he has brought towards our participation in US tourna-

ments, related decisions and the time and effort he has taken to be with us during his stay in Canada".

Carrom Canada organized a doubles event in Markham on the 3rd of March to bid farewell to their colleague who will be solely missed.

The tournament involved 12 players in the usual random doubles and unfortunately no compromise was made to help Atul through to the knock-out rounds.

The competition as usual was fierce and unpredictable. At the end of 4 rounds 8 players qualified for the semi-finals.

Francis who topped the group was paired with Menino Cardoso the 8th qualifier. However, as Menino had a prior engagement he could not play and Derrick Silveira the 9th player was paired with Francis. Fortunately for Francis, this worked out in his favour as his team was pitted against extremely tough opponents Moaz Shaikh and Balachandran Dandapani in the semis. The match seesawed tantalizingly and at the end of 7 boards the scores were 16-12 in favour of Moaz and Balachandran. In the 8th board Derrick had an amazing finish which left everyone stunned and astonished. With this, Francis and Derrick narrowly squeezed into the finals with a 18-16 victory.

In the second semi-final, Abdul Qadeer and Shad Ahmed, the favourites to enter the final, succumbed to Wajahat Mohammed and Derek D'Souza. Derek who has not been taken very seriously by some of his partners has been featuring extremely well in the recent tournaments. With his frequent participation in tournaments, he has certainly taken his game to the next level. Wajahat had a good game and marshalled a very well executed victory over Qadeer and Shad 25-3.

The final was one sided with Francis and Derrick suppressing their opponents Wajahat and Derek rather tamely in 7 boards for a quick 25-5 win.



Round 1:

Francis D'Costa & Shad Ahmed Beat Derrick Silveira & Oscar D'Mello 25-5, 8
Wajahat Mohammed & Derek D'Souza Beat Balachandran Dandapani & Abdul Qadeer 20-18, 8
Moaz Shaikh & Menino Cardoso Beat Atul Bhave & Nahdi Hussain 25-2, 6

Round 2:

Moaz Shaikh & Nahdi Hussain Lost to Shad Ahmed & Derrick Silveira 1-25, 6
Menino Cardoso & Atul Bhave Lost to Wajahat Mohammed & Abdul Qadeer 4-25, 5
Francis D'Costa & Oscar D'Mello Lost to Derek D'Souza & Balachandran Dandapani 14-22, 8

Round 3:

Shad Ahmed & Nahdi Hussain Lost to Abdul Qadeer & Balachandran Dandapani 1-25, 8
Wajahat Mohammed & Atul Bhave Lost to Francis D'Costa & Moaz Shaikh 0-25, 6
Derek D'Souza & Oscar D'Mello Beat Derrick Silveira & Menino Cardoso 22-6, 8

Round 4:

Abdul Qadeer & Nahdi Hussain Beat Moaz Shaikh & Menino Cardoso 19-11, 8
Francis D'Costa & Atul Bhave Beat Shad Ahmed & Derrick Silveira 25-8, 8
Derek D'Souza & Oscar D'Mello Lost to Balachandran Dandapani & Wajahat Mohammed 15-17, 8
Semi-Finals:

Francis D'Costa & Derrick Silveira Beat Balachandran Dandapani & Moaz Shaikh 18-16, 8
Abdul Qadeer & Shad Ahmed Lost to Wajahat Mohammed & Derek D'Souza 3-22, 8

Finals:

Francis D'Costa & Derrick Silveira Beat Wajahat Mohammed & Derek D'Souza 25-5, 7

Ranking after Round 4

	Points	Game Score	Diff.
Francis D'Costa	9	54	89
Abdul Qadeer	8	51	87
Balachandran Dandapani	7	32	82
Wajahat Mohammed	7	0	62
Derek D'Souza	6	24	79
Moaz Shaikh	6	16	62
Shad Ahmed	6	3	59
Menino Cardoso	3	-22	46
Derrick Silveira	3	-29	44
Atul Bhave	3	-52	31
Oscar D'Mello	2	-14	56
Nahdi Hussain	2	-63	23

SHAD & FRANCIS WIN WITH EASE



Participants standing from L to Right: Mario D’Cruz, John DeSouza, Wilfred Corda, Carlyle Peters, Neil Sequeira, Romlus DaSilva, Sylvester D’Souza, Kevin Gabriel & Michael Lopes.
Sitting L to R: David Gonsalves, Fabian Gonsalves, Diogo Fernandes & Derrick Silveira

The Mississauga carrom group conducted their second tournament under the guidance of Carrom Canada on the 15th of February. This invitation computerized doubles event attracted top players in Mississauga and from the east end.

The tournament had partners computed after each round based on their performance in the previous round. The computer paired a top ranked player with the bottom ranked player and so on. This system allowed competitive plays as the lower ranked players paired up with better players.

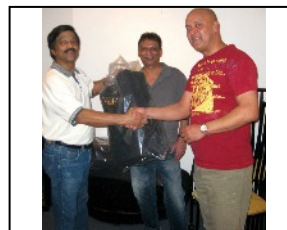
Carlyle Peters a new addition to the Carrom Canada family and Romlus Da Silva played excellent Carrom to reach the knockout round. John De Souza was another player to impress and make the next round. Neil Sequeira and Diogo Fernandes as expected also qualified, along with the favorites Francis D’Costa, Derrick Silveira and Shad Ahmed. The notable absentees in the knock out rounds were Fabian Gonsalves and David Gonsalves, both of them won a game apiece and failed to qualify.

With a moderate qualification cut at 100, players had a good chance to make it to the semis. And, as expected Francis topped the league with 150 points followed by another excellent Canadian player Derrick with 120 points. Neil and Romlus also finished with 100 points each. Diogo one

of the top players in Mississauga finished with 100 points followed by John at 90. Six players finished with 80 points and the two, Carlyle and Shad had brushed past Menino Cardoso, Kevin Gabriel, Mario D’Cruz and Michael Lopes on better score difference. Michael had an unfortunate draw meeting Francis on occasions.



Francis & Fabian



Fabian, Derrick & Carlyle.



David, Neil, Wilfred & Mario.



Shad, Fabian, Menino Cardoso & Carlyle.



CARLYLE, ROMLUS & JOHN EXCEL

	Game	core	Points	Diff.	For
Francis D'Costa					
Derrick Silveira					
Romlus Da Silva					
John De Souza					
Carlyle Peters					
Shad Ahmed					
Menino Cardoso					
Kevin Gabriel					
Mario D'Cruz					
Michael Lopes					
David Gonsalves					
Sylvester D' Souza					
Fabian Gonsalves					
Wilfred Corda					

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In the semis, Francis had to pair with the 4th qualifier and fortunately ended up pairing with Shad who had one of the top Canadian players, making a very formidable combination. The number two Derrick had Carlyle as his partner and Romlus, who also played exceptionally well against the new jersey outfit, paired with John. The final pair was Neil and Diogo.

Francis had played composed Carrom and quickly overwhelmed Romlus and John - in the first semi and with Derrick's experience and Carlyle adequate support, Derrick Carlyle managed to beat a well balanced pair Neil and Diogo - in the other semifinals.

The final was also a one sided affair with Francis setting the tone right from the outset and with generous support from Shad, they overpowered their opponents Derrick and Carlyle - in boards.

The Mississauga Carrom Group has shown interest in conducting such sessions on a regular basis and interested individuals should be in touch with Derek D' Souza - or Menino Cardoso - . They can also check Carrom Canada site frequently for upcoming events.

Donkan Delite a restaurant situated on Wolfedale Road has games nights on Fridays. Darts, Cards and Carrom are played on their premises. Carrom Canada is requesting all Carrom enthusiasts to patronize this sporting gesture by the owner Loy D' Souza and help in conducting and spreading the growth of carrom in Mississauga.

Carrom Canada is open to any individuals or companies willing to sponsor in staging such sessions at suitable venues and are prepared to conduct the entire event. Carrom Canada will loan Carrom boards and other accessories needed with adequate coverage for the sponsors.

Scores

Round 1:

Derrick Silveira & Sylvester D'Souza lost to Michael Lopes & Kevin Gabriel 16, 17, 8
 Diogo Fernandes & John DeSouza lost to Francis D'Costa & Romlus DaSilva 10, 25, 7
 David Gonsalves & Wilfred Corda lost to Neil Sequeira & Mario D'Cruz 10, 11, 8
 Fabian Gonsalves & Carlyle Peters lost to Shad Ahmed & Menino Cardoso 6, 12, 6

Round 2:

Francis D'Costa & John DeSouza beat Michael Lopes & Wilfred Corda 25, 2, 6
 Romlus DaSilva & Diogo Fernandes beat Kevin Gabriel & David Gonsalves 25, 9, 7
 Shad Ahmed & Carlyle Peters beat Neil Sequeira & Sylvester D'Souza 22, 3, 7
 Menino Cardoso & Fabian Gonsalves lost to Mario D'Cruz & Derrick Silveira 12, 13, 7

Round 3:

Francis D'Costa & Wilfred Corda lost to John DeSouza & Michael Lopes 15, 16, 6
 Romlus DaSilva & Sylvester D'Souza lost to Diogo Fernandes & Neil Sequeira 5, 11, 6
 Shad Ahmed & David Gonsalves lost to Carlyle Peters & Kevin Gabriel 9, 22, 6
 Mario D'Cruz & Fabian Gonsalves lost to Menino Cardoso & Derrick Silveira 7, 24, 6

Round 4:

Francis D'Costa & David Gonsalves beat Carlyle Peters & Michael Lopes 25, 10, 7
 Romulus DaSilva & Sylvester D'Souza beat Menino Cardoso & Mario D'Cruz 16, 2, 7
 John DeSouza & Wilfred Corda lost to Derrick Silveira & Neil Sequeira 0, 25, 4
 Diogo Fernandes & Fabian Gonsalves beat Shad Ahmed & Kevin Gabriel 15, 13, 7

Semi-Finals

Francis D'Costa & Shad Ahmed beat
 Romlus DaSilva & John DeSouza 25, 4, 7

Derrick Silveira & Carlyle Peters beat
 Neil Sequeira & Diogo Fernandes 25, 11, 8

Finals

Francis D'Costa & Shad Ahmed beat
 Derrick Silveira & Carlyle Peters 25, 2, 8



Diogo, Derrick, Neil & Carlyle.

SOUTH INDIA PLAYS BEST TO BEAT THE BEST

Standings after 3 rounds			
		Pts	Diff. For
Shad Ahmed & Bala Dandapani	4	20	57
Francis D'Costa & Moaz Shaikh	4	19	56
Atul Bhawe & Manuel Coelho	4	1	45
Wajahat Mohammed & Umair Kamal	2	-40	23

BALACHANDRAN & SHAD END ON A WINNING NOTE



L to R: Misbah, Khader, Balachandran (watching) Moaz and Shad.

The South Indian pair of Balachandran Dandapani and Shad Ahmed played champagne Carrom to win the Canadian version of Indian Interstate Carrom tournament, which was played on a league cum knock out basis. This invitation doubles event held at Hads, North Carborough, had most of the top players in Canada participating. The players were split into teams based on their original residency in India. **Hyderabad** were made up of Umair Amal and Wajahat Mohammed, **Mumbai Blues** had Francis D Costa and Moaz Shaikh pairing up and Manuel Coelho and Atul Bhawe played for **Mumbai Reds**.

All matches were based on a best of 3 boards or 3 points whichever came first, with bonus points awarded to the winners on completion of the game.

In the first round of the league Mumbai Blues played the eventual winners South India. In 3 boards the Mumbai team were up 2-1 and were cruising to their bonus point. However, South India had different plans and got back in the game crawling back within 2 points in the next 3 boards. In the last board with Mumbai up 2-1 the match was wide open, especially after Bala of South India pocketed the queen at the outset of the last board. With just a coin apiece left, the Mumbai team managed to keep their cool and win the board by a point and edge the determined South Indian pair 2-1. In the other match, Mumbai Reds made short work of the stronger Hyderabad outfit

in just 2 boards prevailing 2-1 and claiming an extra bonus point for completing the game.

In the second round, the Reds were coasting to a comfortable win and up 2-0 in the 3 boards. But once again the South Indian pair played superb Carrom and tied the match at 1-1 in the last board to split the spoils. The Blues had a tough outing against their nemesis Hyderabad and the match went neck and neck. At the end of 3 boards the score was 1-1 each. With Umair to break in the last board the Hyderabad team prevailed over the Blues 2-1. With this win, the competition was wide open. The odds were with the Reds as they had 2 points, followed by the Blues and Hyderabad with 1 point each and South India secured the cellar with just a single point.

The third and the last round pitted the Mumbai outfits, Reds to play the Blues. The Blues played a determined game subduing their opponents with a comfortable 2-0 victory. This difference in the score catapulted them ahead of their compatriots with better 'difference points' to make it to the finals. Hyderabad needed a victory to have any chance to make it the next round and South India needed a bonus win to displace the Reds and play the Blues in the finals. Once again the South India team played a superb game and beat their formidable rivals 2-1 in 3 boards to secure the all important bonus point victory.

The finals were well contested with the scores always within reach. But in the 3rd board the South India team forged ahead by 2 points leaving the Blues a daunting task to recover in the last board. By securing the queen in the early stage South India ensured their well deserved victory by winning the game 2-1.

This was a Balachandran's first victory on the Carrom Canada circuit, whereas Shad had had once featured in a solitary victory with Manuel Coelho in September of



Carrom can be relaxing too...

Iqbal, Umair, Nayeem and Qadeer who knows he has a long wait until his turn.



The Champion Chamil Cooray

NINTH CROWN FOR COORAY

Former runner-up Hilmi, who was out of the Sri Lankan Carrom circuit caused a major upset and stamped his comeback to competitive carrom by defeating the current World carrom champion, Dimal Fernando's 2-1. Fernando's dominance in the domestic arena came to an end with this shock defeat in the men's singles quarter-final match of the 45th national carrom championship held at the Sri Lanka Carrom Federation in Maharagama.

The early defeat of Sri Lanka's third best player Mohamed Herifdeen who lost to Charith Madushanka, 2-1, in the pre-quarter finals and Fernando's loss in the quarterfinals made it a day for the underdogs. Nine times national champion Chamil Cooray eased his way into the semi-finals with a comfortable victory over Ajith Chandrasena 2-0. The fourth Sri Lankan player for the World Cup, Dimal Fernando beat Prameda Mendis 2-1 and Brindley Wickramasinghe defeated Charith Madushanka 2-0 and booked their places in the semi-final.

In the women's section Joseph Oshitha, Ashika Ahubadde, Madushika Anchanamala and Chalani Lakmali qualified for the semi-finals.

Chamil Cooray as expected won the finals for the 9th time beating Brindley Wickramasinghe 2-1. For the 3rd place M M Hilmy beat Dimal Fernando 2-1. The current world champion, D Fernando had to settle for the 4th Place and had a tough game in beating Premada Mendis 2-1. The 5th Place went to Ajith Chandrasoma who defeated Charith Madushanka 2-1 in games.

In the women's singles Chalani Lakmali beat Joseph Oshitha 2-1 in a game battle, whilst Ashika Ahubddha claim the 2nd place by defeating Madushika Anchanamala 2-0. For the 3rd position Ashika Andamali beat Joseph Dilka 2-1 and the 4th place went to Ebacca Dalrene who defeated Pekshika Hyamali 2-1.

Other results

MEN'S DOUBLES

M. Herifdeen M M Hilmy beat D Fernando Lahiru Eshan 2-1

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Joseph Oshitha Madushika Anchanamala beat Chalani Lakmali Arosha Wickramasinghe 2-1

MIXED DOUBLES

Dimal Fernando Chalani Lakmali beat Lahiru Eshan Joseph Oshitha 2-1

VETERAN'S SINGLES

Aviranga Perera beat Merryl Anayakkara 2-1



Hilmy with Francis at the world cup.

Tournament Ranking

Men

- . Chamil Cooray
- . Brindley Wickramasinghe
- . M M Hilmy
- . Dimal Fernando
- . D Fernando
- . Premada Mendis
- . Ajith Chandrasoma
- . Charith Madushanka

Women

1. Chalani Lakmali
- . Joseph Oshitha
- . Ashika Ahubddha
- . Madushika Anchanamala
- . Ashika Andamali
- . Joseph Dilka
- . Ebacca Dalrene
- . Pekshika Hyamali

US Eastern Open

USA Carrom association has announced their first tournament of the year the Eastern Open 2013.

Atul Bhave the general secretary in his email informed Carrom Canada that the dates for the tournament will be 19th to the 21st of April 2013 and the event will be held at the TV Asia Auditorium in New Jersey. He added that our fellow colleague in USA are looking forward to our participation and support in promoting USA carrom.

Interested players please contact Moaz Shaikh (647) 889-7227 or Wajahat Mohammed (647) 294-2786 to make travel arrangement

4 players have already confirmed their participation. Francis, Moaz, Derrick and Wajahat.

Kya Baat Hai

Carrom Canada's Newsletter



Team Canada 4th in the world

Wajahat Mohammed, Manuel Coelho & Francis D'Costa create history



Celebration in Markham



Team Canada

Canada created history by finishing fourth in their maiden world cup behind star-studded India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. In the semi-finals, Canada lost to current world champions Sri Lanka - . **Francis D'Costa** losing to Chamil Cooray - in a tight match which changed directions after boards. **Manuel Coelho** lost to M. Herifudeen - . **Wajahat Mohammed** lost to Ishantha Fernando - .

India defeated Bangladesh - in the other semis.

In the third place match, Canada lost to another strong side Bangladesh - . **Francis D'Costa** losing to Mohammed Ali - . Francis led Ali after boards - with Ali to strike in the last. In the 2nd game Ali took his game to a new high missing a slam by a coin. **Manuel Coelho** lost to Maeta Molla - . **Wajahat Mohammed** losing to Afizur Rahman - . The International Carrom Federation, Indian, Sri Lankan and the Bangladeshi teams congratulated Canadian performance in the tournament.

India defeated Sri Lanka 3-0 to regain the world crown. This is India's 10th world cup title.

I am delighted with the performances of Manuel and Wajahat who were able to withstand the tremendous pressure on world class level says an excited Francis after finishing fourth, a finish which will not be easy to replicate.

Canada were grouped with Sri Lanka, Poland and Italy in the preliminary round. Canada started their quest playing Sri Lanka and as expected losing the match - . The format matched player with opponent's player and so on in a singles match. A match was played on a best of 3 games of 5 points or boards, whichever is first. **Francis** lost to Sri Lankan ace Ishantha Fernando - . **Manuel** lost to Dimal Enarathne - . **Wajahat** lost to Chamil Cooray - giving Chamil a good fight in the second game.

In the second match, Canada came back fighting defeating Poland - . **Francis** beat Akub - . **Manuel** came from behind to overpower Ylwester - . **Wajahat** beat Paulina - .

In the third match, Canada easily overcame Italy - . **Francis** beat Amila Abrew - . **Manuel** beat Adathhan - . **Wajahat** beat Asanka Weerasekara - .

In the quarter finals Canada defeated Italy - to move into the semi-finals in their maiden appearance. **Francis** and Amitha Bhayaturanga - did not play the third game as Canada had a 2-1 lead. **Manuel** overcame Paolo - and **Wajahat** beat Elissa - making the score 2-1 in Canada's favour.

World Cup Summary

Cougar Doubles
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International News: India - Maldives - Germany

New Jersey versus Carrom Canada-Test Match



Manuel, Sinclair, Simon & Francis

India reclaim title

India who lost the last world team championship in France, reclaimed the men's title by easily beating the reigning champions Sri Lanka by 3 matches to nil.

A strong Indian team hardly had to sweat to wrest the title back from Sri Lanka. Except for Chamil Cooray, the rest succumbed to the powerful Indian squad rather meekly.

Group A
Sri Lanka
Canada
Poland
Austria

Group B
Italy
Germany
Malaysia
Korea

Group C
Bangladesh
Maldives
Pakistan

Group D
India
Japan
Austria
Switzerland

Quarter-Finals

Sri Lanka Beat Germany (3-0)

Chamil Cooray beat Thomas Schurei 25/0 & 25/0
Nishantha Fernando bt Tobias Krueger 25/0 & 25/0
M.Sherfdeen beat Wolfgang Peter 25/1 & 25/13

Canada beat Italy (2-0)

Francis D'Costa tied Amitha 25/19, 11/25, 0/0
(3rd game not played as Canada had qualified)
Manuel Coelho beat Paulo Martinelli 22/21 & 25/6
Wajahat Mohammed beat Elisa 21/15 & 25/8

Bangladesh beat USA (2-1)

M. H. Rahman beat Neil Khatu 25/5 & 25/6
Md. Muniruzzaman lost to Sekhar Challa 7/24 & 5/25
Hemaet Molla beat Vishal Karangutkar 25/0 & 25/0

India beat Maldives (3-0)

K. Srinivas bt Shafiq Md 25/11 & 25/2
Yogesh Pardeshi bt Hassan Nazim 25/0 & 25/7
Prakash Gaikwad bt Hussain Ali 25/8 & 20/15

Finals

India beat Sri Lanka (3-0)

Yogesh Pardeshi beat Nishantha Fernando 25/1 & 25/0
K.Srinivas beat Chamil Cooray 25/10 & 25/12
Prakash Gaikwad beat Sherifudeen 25/3 & 25/0

Semi-final

Sri Lanka beat Canada (3-0)

Chamil Cooray beat Francis D'Costa 25/10 & 25/12
Nishantha Fernando beat Wajahat Mohammed 25/1 & 25/0
Sherifudeen beat Manuel Coelho 25/3 & 25/0

India beat Bangladesh (3-0)

Yogesh Pardeshi beat Mohammad Ali 25/0 ; 25/4
K.Srinivas beat M.H.Rahman 25/6 ; 25/24
C.Bharatidasan beat Hamaet Molla 17/23 ; 25/0 ; 25/05

Group C Results

Bangladesh beat UK 3-0
Bangladesh beat Maldives 2-1
Bangladesh beat Pakistan 3-0
Maldives beat Pakistan 3-0
Maldives beat UK 2-1
Pakistan beat UK 2-1

Group B

Italy topped the group, with Germany coming in second, followed by Malaysia and Korea

Group D

India won all their matches and topped the group, followed by USA who won their 2 matches. We are not sure who came in third, Japan or Switzerland. [We apologize for not having details of the above matches]



India



Sri Lanka

Indian Eyes Domi-

A strong Indian women's team swept away the team championship comfortably beating their arch rivals Sri Lanka in the finals. Teams from Sri Lanka and Bangladesh took part in this year competition due to a last minute withdrawal from a strong Bangladeshi team.

With all their players making it to the semis in the singles event, there was no doubt about their victory in the team event.

Final Standings

India	4-4-0-8
Sri Lanka	4-3-1-6
Maldives	4-2-2-4
Malaysia	4-1-3-2
Japan	4-0-4-0

Please note that we do not have any more details of the results of the women's team event other than the final standings.



India vs Sri Lanka



Sri Lanka



Maldives



Malaysia



Japan

Fernando Best in the World

For the first time in the history of the Carrom World Cup, a champion has emerged outside the Indian subcontinent. Nishantha Fernando the Sri Lankan ace played amazing carrom throughout the tournament to deservingly break the Indian monopoly on the world circuit, winning the world title soundly defeating C. Bharthidasan of India by 2 games to 0.

Overwhelming crowd favorite Fernando won the first game of his world title final against his formidable opponent Bharthidasan 25-4. And, continuing to play an aggressive game he quickly subdued his opponent in the second game 25-10.



Fernando

An ecstatic crowd of over 600

Sri Lanka spectators who jam-packed the Galadari Hotel were jubilant at having their local lad lifting the world crown. This was somewhat of a consolation to their cricket team's T20 World Cup defeat to West Indies in the final a few weeks ago in Colombo. Yogesh Pardeshi got back some pride claiming the third place beating the youngster from Hyderabad, K. Srinivas 11-25, 25-14 & 25-5.

Fernando was in great form in his semi-final match against 20 year old K.Srinivas of India. In a thrilling game he defeated Srinivas 25-18 & 25-23. In the other semi-final, favorite Yogesh had a rude awakening by his

team mate C.Bharthidasan. In the first game it was see-saw all the way until Bharthidasan piped Yogesh to the finish. He also had a white slam in his upset win over the current world title holder Yogesh 25-24 & 25-4.

Earlier in the semi-finals, Ilavazhaki beat Parimala Devi 25-3 & 25-20, while Rashmi Kumari defeated Kavita Somanchi 25-2 & 25-18.

Challa Excels

Sekhar Challa showed classy play against Srinivas of India in the pre-quarters. Despite losing 0-25 in the first game, Sekhar held his nerves and came back very strongly to beat K.Srinivas 25-0 in the second. In the 3rd Srinivas took all the chances that came his way and beat Sekhar 25-0 in a very interesting encounter.

Francis was pitted against the World and Indian Champion Yogesh Pardeshi and succumbed to his powerful opponent 2-0. Manuel also had a tall task against Nishantha Fernando of Sri Lanka who was a key figure in Sri Lanka winning the last world cup in France. Manuel as expected lost to Fernando 2-0, but took 7 points in the 1st game. Overall the North American contingent of 7 performed very well, with 6 qualifying from their groups into the last 32.

All 4 players from India, Yogesh, Prakash, K.Srinivas and C.Bharthidasan entered the quarters. The 2 Sri Lankans were Fernando and Cooray, along with the 2 Bangladeshi Hafizur Rahman and Moniruzzaman.

Nishantha Fernando awarded one million rupees

The Sri Lankan Ministry of Sports revealed that it will grant Nishantha Fernando, the Men's Singles winner in the 6th Carrom World Cup which was held in Colombo, a cash reward of **rupees one million** and employment at the Foreign Employment Bureau. Fernando was also met by the Sri Lankan President.



Fernando

CANADIAN REPORT

Manuel Coelho and Francis D'Costa played excellent carrom winning 2 of their 3 matches and moved into the knock-out stages of the men singles tournament. The third player Wajahat Mohammed failed to qualify losing all his 3 matches.

Francis D'Costa

- beat Amitha Ubhayatunga (Italy) 24-9 & 22-17
- beat Ramzan Ali (Pakistan) 13-16, 23-8 & 25-8
- lost to Hassan Nazim (Maldives) 20-22 & 8-25

Manuel Coelho

- beat Jakub (Poland) 25-11 & 25-5
- beat Frankie (Malaysia) 25-7 & 25-4
- lost to Mohammed Ali (Bangladesh) 11-25 & 4-25

Wajahat Mohammed

- lost to Sherifudeen (Sri Lanka) 2-25 & 9-25
- lost to Hassan (Maldives) 4-25 & 8-25
- conceded a walk over to Hafizur Rahman (Bangladesh)

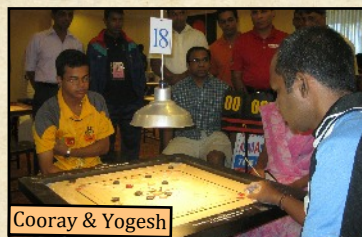
MEN SINGLES

PRE - QUARTER FINALS

Yogesh Pardeshi (Ind) beat Hameat Molla (BD) 23/0-23/7
 Chamil Cooray (SL) beat Shaheen Miah (UK) 25/0-22/4
 Moniruzzaman (BD) beat Jayadeva (USA) 10/20-24/10-19/14
 C.Bharthidasan (Ind) beat Dimal Senaratne (SL) 25/5-25/11
 K.Srinivas (Ind) beat Sekhar Challa (USA) 25/0- 0/25-25/0
 Hafizur Rahman (BD) beat Sherifudeen (SL) 19/15-25/3
 Prakash Gaikwad (Ind) beat Hassan Nazim (MDV) 25/5-25/18
 Nishantha Fernando (SL) beat Mohammed Ali (BD) 24/6-24/13

QUARTER FINALS

Yogesh Pardeshi (Ind) beat Chamil Cooray (SL) 25/16-25/22
 Bharthidasan (Ind) beat Moniruzzaman (BD) 25/4-25/04
 K.Srinivas (Ind) beat Hafizur Rahman (BD) 25/7-25/3
 Nishantha Fernando(SL) beat Prakash Gaikwad (Ind) 25/23-25/05



Cooray & Yogesh



Srinivas

RANKING

1. Nishantha Fernando (Sri Lanka)
2. C.Bharthidasan (India)
3. Yogesh Pardeshi (India)
4. K.Srinivas (India)
5. Prakash Gaikwad (India)
6. Chamil Cooray (Sri Lanka)
7. Hafizur Rahaman (Bangladesh)
8. Moniruzzaman (Bangladesh)

Kumari wins Second World Title

In the women's final, an all Indian affair, the former world champion Rashmi Kumari dethroned the current twice world champion I. Ilavazhaki 25-12 & 25-10. Rashmi was in great form and did not allow her renown opponent and colleague Ilavazhaki to get into the game winning both the games easily. In the 3rd place, Kavita Somanchi defeated Parimala Devi 25-12 & 25-23 in an interesting encounter between the two Indians.

With this victory Rashmi completed a grand triple. Earlier she won the doubles event with Ilavazhaki and was part of the victorious Indian Women team which won the team championship for the 6th time.

Earlier in the semi-finals, Ilavazhaki beat Parimala Devi 25-3 & 25-20, while Rashmi Kumari defeated Kavita Somanchi 25-2 & 25-18.

Group A
I. Ilavazhaki-India
Paulina Nowakowska-Poland
Joseph Roshita-Sri Lanka
Aishath Shazna-Maldives
Jamila Ibrahim -Malaysia

Group B
Elisa Zucchiatti- Italy
Aishath Fainaz-Maldives
Tomoko Isome-Japan
Parimala Devi-India
Chalani Lakmali-Sri Lanka
Puspalethumi X.-Malaysia

Group C
Yasika Rahubaddha-Sri Lanka
Kavita Somanchi-India
Aminath Nifasha-Maldives
Asami Shimaguchi-Japan
Suzana Salim-Malaysia

Group D
Rashmi Kumari-India
Aminath Vidhath-Maldives
Tomoko Kono- Japan
Madushika Kanchanamala-Sri Lanka
Zaida Harun-Malaysia

Group A
Ilavazhaki: beat Paulina 25-0, 25-6, beat Roshita 25-8, 11-16, 19-16, beat Aishath 25-5, 25-3, beat Jamila 25-0, 25-1. Paulina lost to Roshita 3-25, 5-25, lost to Aishath 4-25, 11-23, beat Jamila 22-17, 7-20, 22-7
Roshita beat Aishath 25-6, 20-7, beat Jamila 25-0, 25-13
Aishath beat Jamila n/a
Group B, C & D
No results available

Quarter Finals

Ilavazhaki (IND) beat Chalani Lakmali (SL) 25/12 ; 25/10
Parimala Devi (IND) beat Roshita Joseph (SL) 25/20 ; 25/12
Kavitha Somanchi (IND) beat Madushika K (SL) 25/ 19 ; 25/21
Rashmi Kumari (IND) beat Yashika Rahubaddha (SL) 25/4 ; 25/6

Semi-Finals

Ilavazhaki (IND) beat Parimala Devi (IND) 25/3, 25/20
Rashmi Kumari (IND) beat Kavitha Somanchi (IND) 25/2, 25/18

Finals

Rashmi Kumari (IND) beat Ilavazhaki (IND) 25/12, 25/11



In pictures ...



USA



Referees



Malaysia



Men Finals



Canada



Japan



Maldives



Korea



Francis, Fernando & Suhas



Committee



Bangladesh



Pakistan



Maldives Exec

Gaikwad Swiss Champion

Prakash Gaikwad the current Asian champion won the Swiss Round Robin League, finishing on top after eight rounds of play. Prakash walked away with title by a whisker. He edged Nishantha Fernando by 4 difference points and deprived Nishantha of a Golden double in the singles.

Yogesh Pardeshi the current world number one had to be content with the third place. Yogesh also finished with 12 points but lost his standings on points difference too. K. Srinivas came in fourth with 12 points. The other Indian C. Bharathidasan who lost the singles finals ended in the 5th place with 11 points.

Prakash was fortunate that his penultimate match loss to Hafizur Rahman Bangladesh did not hinder his victory. To top it up Fernando had surprising beaten his compatriot and times Sri Lankan champion Chamil Cooray by a huge margin - 14-8.

Fernando's only loss came against Yogesh - 1-25 in the 7th round. Whereas Yogesh's loss was against Prakash - 0-25 in the 8th round. Prakash had earlier lost 1-25 to Cooray in the 6th round.



Prakash

Top TEN

		Total Points	Opp. Points	Total Diff.	
1.	Prakash Gaikwad	India	14	84	111
2.	Nishantha Fernando	Sri Lanka	14	84	107
3.	Yogesh Pardeshi	India	14	78	131
4.	K.Srinivas	India	12	82	67
5.	Chamil Cooray	Sri Lanka	12	78	57
6.	Hafizur Rahaman	Bangladesh	12	76	92
7.	Rashmi Kumari	India	12	76	81
8.	Sherifuddin	Bangladesh	12	76	75
9.	Hassan Ali	Maldives	12	68	70
10.	Chalani Lakmali	Sri Lanka	12	68	63



Fernando



Sekhar & Thomas



Jayadeva & Shafee

USA and Canada fare well in the league

Neil brings back silverware

Neil Khatu won the best losers award for the European and North American region.

Fortunes fluctuated for Francis, he lost to Vishal whom he had beaten in the recent national and won with Neil and Jayadeva to whom he had lost in A. Manuel confirmed his supremacy over colleague Wajahat by comfortably beating him in the league round.

The new jerseyians Neil, Vishal and Sekhar had an excellent tournament winning 5 of the 8 matches they played.

Following were the rankings after 8 rounds
Neil Khatu, Vishal Karangutkar, Sekhar Challa, Francis D'Costa, Manuel Coelho, Jayadeva Suryadevara, Prakash Angal, Wajahat Mohammed.



Francis & Cooray



Francis & Yogesh

CANADA

- Francis D'Costa beat Asanka Weerasekara (Qatar) 25-4, beat Jayadeva Suryadevara (USA) 17-15, lost to Kavita Somanchi (India) 11-21, lost to Madushika Kanchanamala (Sri Lanka) 0-25, lost to Nazrul Islam (UK) 1-25, beat NEIL Khatu (USA) 20-10, beat Shafik (Pakistan) 25-9, lost to Vishal Karangutkar (USA) 7-21

- Manuel Coelho beat Amila Dileepa Abrew (Qatar) 20-19, lost to Hemet Molla (Bangladesh) 0-25, Walk over to NEIL Khatu (USA) 0-25, lost to Rashmi Kumari 16-25, lost to Sekhar Challa (USA) 11-20, beat Shuab Ahmed (UK) 25-10, beat Thomas Schueri (Germany) 25-1, beat Wajahat Mohammed (Canada) 25-1

- Wajahat Mohammed lost to Hussain Farih (Maldives) 19-23, lost to Manuel Coelho (Canada) 1-25, lost to Moniruzzaman (Bangladesh) 14-19, beat Muhammad Baharudin (Malaysia) 25-1, beat Paolo Martinelli (Italy) 25-5, lost to Prakash Gaikwad (India) 0-25, lost to Shaheen Miah (UK) 10-21, beat Toru Matsubara (Japan) 25-10

USA

NEIL Khatu beat Amitha Ubhayathunga (Italy) 25-1, lost to Francis D'Costa (Canada) 10-20, lost to Jayadeva Suryadevara (USA) 6-25, beat Joseph Meyer (Switzerland) 25-0, walk over from Manuel Coelho (Canada) 25-0, beat Nazrul Islam (UK) 25-0, beat Paolo Martinelli (Italy) 25-16, lost to Sekhar Challa (USA) 10-25

Vishal Karangutkar beat Aishath Fainaz (Maldives) 25-13, lost to Dimal Senaratne (Sri Lanka) 18-22, beat Francis D'Costa (Canada) 21-7, lost to Hussain Ali (Maldives) 21-23,

beat Imtiaz Ahmed (Qatar) 25-0, beat Madushika Kanchanamala (Sri Lanka) 25-23, lost to Rashmi Kumari (India) 1-25, beat Wolfgang Peter (Germany) 17-6

Sekhar Challa lost to Aishath Shazna (Maldives) 13-17, lost to Aminath Vidhadh (Maldives) 17-24, lost to Chalani Lakmali (Sri Lanka) 6-25, beat Manuel Coelho (Canada) 20-11, beat Nazrul Islam (UK) 25-11, beat Thomas Schueri (Germany) 25-0, beat Wolfgang Peter (Germany) 25-5, beat Neil Khatu (USA) 25-10

Jayadeva Suryadevara beat Aminath Vidhadh (Maldives) 23-18, lost to Chalani Lakmali (Sri Lanka) 15-19, lost to Dimal Senaratne (Sri Lanka) 15-25, lost to Francis D'Costa (Canada) 15-17, beat Hiro Shibano (Japan) 25-0, lost to Mohammed Ali (Bangladesh) 10-23, beat NEIL Khatu (USA) 25-6, beat Thomas Schueri (Germany) 25-0
Prakash Kagal beat Anders Illi (Switzerland) 22-15, beat Asanka Weerasekara (Qatar) 24-13, lost to Chalani Lakmali (Sri Lanka) 0-25, beat Imtiaz Ahmed (Qatar) 25-0, lost to Ramzan Ali (Pakistan) 4-25, lost to Shaheen Miah (UK) 10-23, beat Steffen Eder (Germany) 25-0, lost to Yogesh Pardesi (India) 0-25.

Yogesh and Prakash Win Doubles

The much fancied Indians dominated the opening day of the 6th World Carrom Championship at the Galadari Hotel in Colombo. India won the men's and women's doubles titles of the championship.

The Indian dominated the men's doubles event with both their pairs entering the finals. Eventually the experience of Yogesh Pardeshi and Prakash Gaikwad prevailed over their younger opponents Srinivas and Bharathidasan, in the finals.

The Sri Lanka top pair Nishantha Fernando and Chamil Cooray who lost to finalists Srinivas and Bharathidasan in the semi-finals, won the third place play-off beating fellow compatriots Mohamed Sherifudeen and Dimal Senaratne in a tight match, and



Illavazhaki and Rashmi Reign Supreme in Doubles

Indian women pair I. Illavazhaki and Rashmi Kumari beat Sri Lankans, Yashika Rahubadda and Madhushika Kanchanamala in straight sets, 25/5 and 25/4 in the women's doubles final.

Rashmi and Lakmali went on to win the women's doubles third place beating India's Kavitha Somanchi and Parimala Devi in sets

Earlier, Rashmi Kumari Illavazhaki Ind beat Josephine Rashmi Lakmali L in the semis and Yashika Madhushika L beat Kavitha Somanchi Parimala Devi Ind in the other semi-final.

Canadian pair advance into second round

The Canadian pair of **Wajahat Mohammed** and **Manuel Coelho** played well, they won their first round match with ease beating the German second string Stefan Eder and Thomas Schueri. In the round of 16 they were beaten by a strong Indian combination Srinivas and C. Bharathidasan. Wajahat played excellent attacking doubles game.



Wajahat & Manuel

USA duos enter quarters

Our USA counterparts performed extremely well, both the pairs entered the quarter-finals. **Sekhar Challa** and **Vishal Karangutkar** lost the Sri Lanka top pair Chamil Cooray and Nishantha Fernando. Whilst, **Neil Khatu** and **Jayadeva Surayadevara** had to face the eventual champions Yogesh Pardeshi Prakash Gaikwad of India and lost. Unfortunately, we do not have earlier rounds scores and for that we apologize.



With Naqvi & Sharma



Team Canada with Suhas Kamble

Men Doubles - QUARTER FINALS

Chamil Cooray/Nishantha Fernando (SL) beat Sekhar Challa/Vishal Karangutkar (USA) 25/7 & 25/5
K.Srinivas/Bharathidasan (Ind) beat Mohammad Ali/Md.Rahaman (BD) 25/0 & 25/11
Sherifdeen/Damil Senaratna (SL) beat Shuab Mohammad/Anhar Ali (UK) 25/4 & 25/0
Yogesh Pardeshi/Prakash Gaikwad (Ind) beat Neil Khatu/Jayadeva (USA) 25/2 & 25/2

SEMI FINALS

K.Srinivas/Bharathidasan (Ind) beat Chamil Cooray/Nishantha Fernando (SL) 22/25, 25/0 & 25/15
Yogesh Pardeshi/Prakash Gaikwad (Ind) beat Sherifdeen/Dimal Senaratne (SL) 25/0 & 25/3



Rashmi



Illavazhaki

Women Doubles -QUARTER FINALS

Rashmi Kumari/Illavazhaki (Ind) beat Aminath Nifasha/A.Vidhadh (MDV) 25/0 & 25/0
Josephine Roshita/Chalini Lakmali (SL) beat Susana/Pushpalakshmi (MAL) 25/0 & 25/0
Kavitha Somanchi/Parimala Devi (Ind) beat Aishath Fainaz/Aishath Shazna (MDV) 25/13 & 25/5
Yasika/Madhushika (SL) beat ZaidaHarun/Jamila Ibrahim (MAL) 25/2, 25/0

SEMIFINALS

Rashmi Kumari/Illavazhaki (Ind) beat Josephine Roshita/Chalini Lakmali (SL) 25/20 & 25/24
Yasika/Madhushika (SL) beat Kavitha Somanchi/Parimala Devi (Ind) 25/24 & 25/20

Maldives

Hassan Nazim and Aminath Nifasha successfully captured the Men's and Women's National Champion Titles respectively in the 23 rd Maldives National Carrom Tournament held in Male, Maldives in December 2012. For Hassan Nazim this was his 4th title, he won in 2006 and then consecutively for 3 years from 2010 to 2012.

Shafee Mohamed and Ahmed Hamid won the Premier Division Men's Doubles title, Aishath Fainaz and Afeefunisa secured Premier Division women's doubles and the Premier Division Team Event was won by Dhivehi Sifainge Club. Hassan Nazim and Aishath Fainaz won Mixed Doubles.

In the Second Division, Mohamed Mahudhee and Ahmed Tholaal won the Men's Doubles and Ali Rameez secured the Men's Singles Champion Title.

The tournament which was held in Male, from the 5th November 2012 to 1st December 2012 had a total of 198 individual entries, with 15 clubs competing for the team championship. A total number of 11 slams were recorded during the tournament.

Mariam Nadha Ibrahim and Sadhooh Samiu were awarded the Most Promising Women and Men players respectively. Aishath Fainaz was awarded the Player of the Tournament award. The credit of this successful tournament goes to the hard work of Ahmed Mubeen, President and Mohammed Saeed, Secretary General of the Maldives Carrom Association.



Aminath & Hassan



Germany

REPORT BY: Mr. Arif Naqvi BERLIN:

The 4th Tournament of the Open German Carrom Championship 2012 in Singles ended with a very exiting final game of 11 boards, 25-21. In a bitter neck to neck fight young Tobias of Dortmund over powered the senior and experienced Joerg Johannes of Cologne, who gave a very good fight. The game was so exciting that until the 11th board it was difficult to predict the winner.

The tournament was inaugurated by the Ambassador of Sri Lanka Mr. Sarath Kohangane, who appreciated the progress of Carrom in Germany and offered to help in strengthening the ties between the Carrom teams of Germany and Sri Lanka. Mr. Amitabh Ranjan, Minister in the Indian Embassy in Berlin assured India's support for the game of Carrom in Germany. A vote of thanks was given by Arif Naqvi, President of the International Carrom Federation and President of the Carrom Sports Association of Berlin. President of the German Carrom Federation Joerg Kijanski explained that 4 Open Singles Tournaments and a Doubles Championship were conducted every year in Germany and the interest in Carrom is increasing.



German Finals

Pakistan's Legend Awards

Pakistan Carrom Federation Legend of Carrom awards were presented to four distinguished personalities of the Carrom world by the Chief Guest during the closing ceremony of the championship. These prestigious awards which were presented to the legendary Carrom personalities from different countries were selected by **Pakistan Carrom Federation**.

The first award was presented to **Mrs. Rohini Mathaisz**. She has been 2 times Women's Singles Sri Lankan National Champion, 8 times Women's Singles National Runner-up, 3 times Winner of the Triple Crown in Carrom and 1 time 2nd place in World Carrom Championship. She represented her country at International tournaments. She has the esteem honor of being the only Lady Chief Referee in the International Carrom.

The second award was presented to **Mr. Langlee Mathaisz**, who was Sri Lankan National Champion 7 times, 5 times Men's Singles National Runner-Up, 13 times Men's Doubles National Champions and have won the Triple Crown 8 times. He represented Sri Lanka at International tournaments as a player for 23 years from 1978 – 2001. Presently, he has been managing the Sri Lanka team since 2001. He is also a qualified International Coach.

The third award was presented to the founder president of European Carrom Confederation, President International Carrom Federation and Chairman Media Commission of ICF **Mr. Arif Naqvi**. Naqvi has put in 40 years to the game of carrom. He has the honour of introducing the game of Carrom in Germany during late seventies and forming the Carrom Sports Federation and remained the President of German Carrom Federation for 10 years.

The fourth award, a Doctorate of Carrom degree with the title of Dr. Carrom was awarded to **Dr. Neeraj Sampathy** of India acknowledging his efforts for the promotion of the game. Dr. Sampathy is widely popular in promoting this game via You Tube with his amazing videos. He is presently involved in promoting the basics of the game to new players.



Rohini



Langlee



Dr.Sampathy



Naqvi

Derek & Manuel Claim Cougar Doubles

Derek D'Souza and his formidable partner Manuel Coelho played flawless game throughout the tournament to win the Cougar Carrom Club Doubles title. In the finals, against Manchu Kanaga and Francis D'Costa they led 15-4 at the end of 5 boards, but Manchu/Francis came back fighting to reduce the deficit. At the end of 7 boards the score read 15-14. However, in the last board, Francis gift wrapped the victory to Derek and Manuel by not only missing an excellent 6 coins finish but making a coin difficult for Manchu to finish, and to ice it up messed up a simple last coin which would have wrapped the game. Manuel incidentally won the previous Cougar doubles with Misbah Khan another good player.

In the semis, Derek/Manuel had to fight the way through to the finals with a tactical win over Iqbal Ali and Shad Ahmed 22-15. In the other semi-final, Oscar D'Mello and Moaz Shaikh very riding high with a 18-0 lead over Manchu and Francis. However, Francis completely turned the tables with some exciting finishes in the next 4 boards and Manchu and Francis won the game 25-18 to much of Oscar and Moaz's chagrin.

The tournament was conducted on a 5 rounds league basis, with each game of 25 points or 30 minutes whichever came first. The players were grouped into 2 categories A & B, with the A players pairing with B on a random lot drawn by the computer. The pairs did not change throughout the tournament and Shad Ahmed who designed the program made sure that no repeat matches would occur.

The plus factor was that you were supposed to get used to the partner you were drawn. Over all the players enjoyed the event, which also had delicious Haleem served for dinner, prepared by our very own, the famous Chef de Carrom, Shad Ahmed. For those who missed the serving, all I can say better luck next time to taste this guy's edible creations. Moaz and Nayeem Rahman deserve a huge pat on their backs for conducting this fun session. Carrom Canada is also encouraging other clubs around to arrange such gatherings and Carrom Canada will be supportive in organizing.

The tournament saw a new face, Kamal Dammika from Brampton, who showed excellent skills despite his lack of practice and will be an asset to Carrom Canada. Most improved players in the tournament were Nayeem Rahman and Misbah Khan, both of them have certainly taken their games to the next level. Derrick Silveira and Misbah Khan played extremely well in the first 2 rounds leading the ranking, however, they surprisingly lost all their next 3 games and failed to qualify into the semis.



Manuel, Khader, Nayeem & Derek



Misbah, Qadeer, Manchu, Francis & Khader



Misbah, Oscar, Nahdi, Kafeel & Moaz



Round 1: Wajahat/Kafeel beat Khader/Kamal 18-1-4, Shad/Iqbal lost to Francis/Manchu 4-15-5, Qadeer/Nayeem lost to Derrick/Misbah 0-20-5, Manuel/Derek beat Moaz/Oscar 21-13-6,
Round 2: Wajahat/Kafeel lost to Derrick/Misbah 12-24-6, Shad/Iqbal lost to Moaz/Oscar 11-22-7, Qadeer/Nayeem beat Khader/Kamal 25-0-4, Manuel/Derek beat Francis/Manchu 15-3-5
Round 3: Wajahat/Kafeel lost to Francis/Manchu 0-25-6, Shad/Iqbal beat Derrick/Misbah 5-4-6, Qadeer/Nayeem lost to Moaz/Oscar 6-11-6, Manuel/Derek lost to Khader/Kamal 9-18-6
Round 4: Wajahat/Kafeel lost to Manuel/Derek 7-18-6, Shad/Iqbal beat Qadeer/Nayeem 20-10-5, Moaz/Oscar beat Derrick/Misbah 25-4-6, Khader/Kamal lost to Francis/Manchu 9-17-6
Round 5: Wajahat/Kafeel lost to Moaz/Oscar 17-23-7, Shad/Iqbal beat Khader/Kamal 13-1-4, Qadeer/Nayeem beat Francis/Manchu 14-12-4, Manuel/Derek beat Derrick/Misbah 25-6-7
Semi-Finals: Manuel/Derek beat Shad/Iqbal 22-15-8, Moaz/Oscar lost to Francis/Manchu 18-25-8
3rd Place: Moaz/Oscar beat Shad/Iqbal -N/A
Finals: Francis/Manchu lost to Manuel/Derek 14-16-8



Francis & Atul

Persistency pays off for Manchu & Oscar

Manchu Kanaga and Oscar D'Mello finally made it to the finals of the invitation doubles tournament played 2 weeks ago in Markham. Unfortunately they had to clash with a formidable pair in Atul Bhawe (USA) and Francis D'Costa. To make matter worse Francis had a black slam in the very first board which left the contenders no hope for a comeback after 12-0 down right away, in the very first board. The Markham boys lost 0-25 in 4 boards, but certainly took back a lot of experience from the game. Congratulations, Oscar and Manchu for fighting off a stiff competition (Moaz, Wajahat & Shad) and making to the final

Ranking after 3 Rounds

	Game Points	Score	Score Diff.
Atul Bhawe	6	27	64
Manchu Kanaga	6	27	62
Oscar D'Mello	5	23	53
Francis D'Costa	5	21	52
Moaz Shaikh	5	5	42
Shad Ahmed	5	-1	50
Kanwar Gill	0	-49	15
Wajahat Mohd	0	-53	22

Round 1
 Moaz Shaikh & Manchu Kanaga beat Wajahat Mohammed & Kanwar Gill 25-0 (5)
 Francis D'Costa & Shad Ahmed beat Atul Bhawe & Oscar D'Mello 15-14 (8)
Round 2
 Moaz Shaikh & Kanwar Gill lost to Francis D'Costa & Oscar D'Mello 3-25 (7)

Manchu Kanaga & Wajahat Mohammed lost to Shad Ahmed & Atul Bhawe 12-25 (7)
Round 3
 Francis D'Costa & Kanwar Gill lost to Oscar D'Mello & Moaz Shaikh 12-14 (8)
 Shad Ahmed & Wajahat Mohammed lost to Atul Bhawe & Manchu Kanaga 10-25 (7)
Finals
 Atul Bhawe & Francis D'Costa beat Manchu Kanaga & Oscar D'Mello 25-0 (4)



Manchu & Oscar

News from India

MEN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

WINNERS:- SOUTH ZONE
RUNNERS UP:- WEST ZONE
3rd PLACE:- INSTITUTION ZONE
4th PLACE:- NORTH EAST ZONE

WOMEN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

WINNERS:- INSTITUTION ZONE
RUNNERS UP:- SOUTH ZONE
3rd PLACE:- EAST ZONE
4th PLACE:- WEST ZONE

MEN SINGLES

WINNER : Mohd Ghufan EAST ZONE
RUNNER : Yogesh Pardeshi INSTITUTION ZONE
3rd PLACE : C.Bharathidasan SOUTH ZONE
4th PLACE : K.Ramesh Babu INSTITUTION ZONE
5th PLACE : B.Radhakrishnan SOUTH ZONE
6th PLACE : M.Nataraj INSTITUTION ZONE
7th PLACE : Ajit Das NORTH EAST ZONE
8th PLACE : Prakash Gaikwad INSTITUTION ZONE

WOMEN SINGLES

WINNER : Rashmi Kumari INSTITUTION ZONE
RUNNER : Sangeeta Chandorkar INSTITUTION ZONE
3rd PLACE : S.Ilavazhaki INSTITUTION ZONE
4th PLACE : Kajal Kumari EAST ZONE
5th PLACE : M.Parimala Devi INSTITUTION ZONE
6th PLACE : P.Jayashree SOUTH ZONE
7th PLACE : G.Revathy SOUTH ZONE
8th PLACE : A.Ponnarasi SOUTH ZONE
SLAM SCORED : 8 (7 White & 1 Black)

Amazing Ghufan keeps competition gasping

The 1st Inter- zonal National Carrom Championship was organised by All India Carrom Federation and hosted by Union Territory Pondicherry Carrom Association from the 1st November to the 10th December. It was held at St. Xavier Pastoral Centre Puducherry and was a National Ranking Championship having a bearing on the selection of the Indian team.

In the Men's singles event a young boy from Moradabad, UP, Mohammed Ghufan defeated the current Asian champion, Prakash Gaikwad, in the quarter-final. He then went on to beat the current World Cup runner-up, C. Bharathidasan, in semi-final. And in the final, he scalped the national champion Yogesh Pardeshi. His play was outstanding and displayed the highest level of skill throughout the tournament, surprising all formidable players with his thrilling and exciting finishes. It's truly an amazing find for India.

The All India Carrom Federation has distributed the entire country in six zones - North, East, West, South, North East and Institution. Institution zone is not a geographical zone. Since players belonging to State Associations can only participate in five zonal championship, a special zone was created to have the representation from affiliated Institutions. State Associations field their selected teams in their respective zones. Six men and six women players were selected from each zone on the basis of their performance in five zonal championships and one Institution National Championship. These players from each of the six zones participated in the Inter- zonal National Carrom Championship.

Mr. S. Daya Kumar was the Organizing Secretary. The hosts provided free boarding, lodging, transport and wonderful trophies to all participants.

The Institution National Carrom Championship along with a carrom tournament for Blind was organized in one of the Shopping Malls in Gurgaon, Delhi.

The All India Carrom Federation is organizing two major events - Sub-junior National Inter- State Carrom Championship for boys and girls under 12 years and 15 years of age and All India Federation Cup Carrom Tournament A National Ranking Tournament for senior players from 15 to 25 December at Kolkata, West Bengal. Both the events will be played together on boards for six days. The host Carrom Association of Bengal will be providing free hospitality to about 100 participants from State Associations and Institutions.

Excerpts from S.K.Sharma's report.

Canada Carrom Celebrates 4th place

World Cup
Special



New Jersey Team To Visit Canada

With the huge response we are receiving for this game, we are contemplating in importing another batch of carrom boards from India. If anyone is interested, please contact us on carromcanada24@gmail.com

Six of the top 10 ranked players in USA will be visiting Markham, Ontario to play a strong Canada Carrom team in the first week of January 2013. Three of their players played in the recently concluded world cup in Sri Lanka. Although, the itinerary has not been finalized, the team is schedule to play on the 5th and 6th of January.

Intention is to have 8 singles matches and 4 doubles matches in the test match between New Jersey and Carrom Canada. We are also looking forward to staging another computerized doubles tournament by mixing both the teams. For more details visit our website www.carromcanada.com. Spectators are always welcome.



Carrom Canada's *Kya baat hai*

TEAM CANADA WORLD CUP BOUND

Canada will be represented for the first time in the 6th Carrom World Cup in Colombo, Sri Lanka, which will be held from the 30th of October to the 4th of November 2012.

*The team comprising of **Wajahat Mohammed, Manuel Coelho and Francis D'Costa** will leave on the 26th for their maiden world cup appearance. The Canadian team consisting of part-time players will face stiff competition from professional players from India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.*

Wajahat and Manuel who have played this game on a competitive level in India, will pair in the doubles competition, whilst Francis who played as a professional for Income Tax in Bombay have opted out of doubles.

Other countries participating are USA, UK, France, Germany, Maldives, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Poland, Spain, Dubai, Qatar, Pakistan, Nepal, Malaysia, Italy, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Sweden and Netherlands.

There will be 2 competitions - Men and women. In each competition, there will be 3 categories - team event, singles and doubles. The team championship will have 3 singles matches played by one country with another.

Canada Carrom would like to thank Accurate Travel, for co-sponsoring a portion of the travel expenses, as all the 3 Canadian players will bear the entire expenses personally.

India has come on top in 4 of the last 5 world cups

with Sri Lanka reigning supreme once. The Indians have not yet lost a singles and doubles event in both men and women since the competition has been established. Their only 2 singles losses were in the finals of the team championship, when they lost 2 consecutive singles matches and the championship to Sri Lanka 4 years ago. There are more than 20 white/black slams (start to finishes) in each of the last 5 world cups, hence, this year won't be different.

Francis & Moaz Top World Cup Prep

Francis D'Costa and Moaz Shaikh won the finals of the World Cup Prep Tournament held in Markham on the 24th of October. Carrom Canada also hosted Atul Kharecha, one of USA's top 10 ranked player.

After 3 rounds of play, Francis and Kharecha had booked their spot in the final winning all their matches and having 8 points each. Wajahat Mohammed and Derrick Silveira were tied with 5 a piece, followed by Atul Bhave with 4 points. Madhu Rao, Manuel Coelho, Moaz and Oscar D'Mello had outside chance with 3 points.

Bhave and Moaz won their match beating Kharecha and Balachandran Dandapani in 4 boards and getting double bonus points. Francis partnering Manchu Kanaga defeated Derrick and Oscar, knocking them out of contention. Manuel and Madhu pulled off a stunning victory over Wajahat and Shad Ahmed wining the last board by 8 points and pipping them 25-23.

After 4 rounds, Francis finished with 10 points, Bhave and Kharecha 8 points each, with Moaz making a grand comeback with 7 points. The final pitted Francis with Moaz against the Atuls, a Canada versus USA match up. In the final, the Canadian pair defeated the strong USA combination of Kharecha and Bhave 21-9 and 23-19.



Invitation Doubles - 24th Oct 2012					
			For	Agst	Bds
First Round					
Atul Kharecha/Oscar D'Mello	Defeated	Moaz Shaikh/Bala Dandapani	25	11	8
Wajahat Mohammed/Madhu Rao	Lost to	Francis D'Costa/Derrick Silveira	18	22	8
Manuel Coelho/Manchu Kanaga	Lost to	Atul Bhave/Shad Ahmed	16	23	8
Second Round					
Atul Kharecha/Bala Dandapani	Defeated	Manuel Coelho/Shad Ahmed	18	16	8
Oscar D'Mello/Moaz Shaikh	Lost to	Madhu Rao/Francis D'Costa	6	25	8
Atul Bhave/Manchu Kanaga	Lost to	Wajahat Mohammed/Derrick Silveira	7	25	8
Third Round					
Francis D'Costa/Moaz Shaikh	Defeated	Madhu Rao/Bala Dandapani	25	5	6
Derrick Silveira & Manchu Kanaga	Lost to	Wajahat Mohammed/Atul Bhave	5	21	8
Atul Kharecha & Manuel Coelho	Defeated	Oscar D'Mello/Shad Ahmed	25	6	6
Fourth Round					
Francis D'Costa/Manchu Kanaga	Defeated	Derrick Silveira/Oscar D'Mello	18	7	8
Atul Kharecha/Bala Dandapani	Lost to	Atul Bhave/Moaz Shaikh	0	25	4
Wajahat Mohammed/Shad Ahmed	Lost to	Manuel Coelho/Madhu Rao	23	25	8



Best of Luck to USA

The top four ranked players **Vishal Karangutkar, Jayadev Suryadevara, Neil Khatu and Sekhar Challa** will also be playing in the world cup which will be held in Columbo, Sr Lanka. The team will be accompanied by **Dr. Prakash Kagal** as the team manager. USA will also have another representation in the tournament committee. **Shreenivas Malliseti** who has been recently appointed as the USCA Representative to the ICF, will be also attending the world cup.

ANDHRA STATE PLAYER PAYS A VISIT

Carrom Canada were fortunate to host Madhu Sudan Rao, a former Andhra Pradesh State player. He played some friendly matches against Moaz, Wajahat, Manchu and Francis.

Rao despite his medical set back in 2000, showed glimpses of his skills. He is currently visiting his son Satish who is with BMO.



VISIT FROM UK CARROM FEDERATION SECRETARY

Carrom Canada got a surprise visit from arvey Gomes, Carrom secretary. arvey who is also sth ranked played some friendly matches with Manchu, Manuel, Michael Albuquerque and Francis. e was presented with a Carrom Canada - hirt.

Top Four Elected

Canada Carrom Association has officially elected their office bearers for the year 2012-13. The executive committee was unanimously elected. Francis D'Costa, President, Moaz Shaikh, Secretary, Manuel Coehlo, Assistant Secretary and Derrick Silveira, Treasurer.

Manuel & Misbah win Cougar Tourney

Partnering with a formidable player Manuel Coelho, Misbah Khan, finally had his maiden triumph in a doubles event at Cougar court defeating Abdul Khader and a new comer to the Carrom circuit, Balachandran Dandapani 25-4.

The organizers divided the players into 2 categories A & B and paired players from A to partner with B. A random 4 round league was played with the top 2 pairs after the 4 rounds to play the finals.

As usual after 3 rounds there was an intense struggle at the top of the standings with 4 pairs vying for a chance to make it to the last 2. Francis and Iqbal had the best with 6 points only needing a draw to qualify. The next 3 places had Moaz Shaikh & Nayeem Rahman, Manuel & Misbah and Khader & Bala with 5 points each. In the last game, at the end of 7 boards Francis and Iqbal were up 17-13, but could not stop Abdul Qadeer & Madhu Rao from winning the board by 5 points and beating them 17-18.



Moaz and Nayeem who needed a win, succumbed to Wajahat Mohammed and Oscar D'Mello 25-8. Manuel and Misbah had a comfortable victory over Shad Ahmed and Kafeel Kotapali 20-5 and Khader & Bala Umair And Manchu Kanaga 23-10.

After 4 rounds Manuel & Misbah finished on the top with 7 points, and Khader & Bala and Francis & Iqbal were tied with 6 points each. However, Khader & Bala qualified for the final with a better score difference.

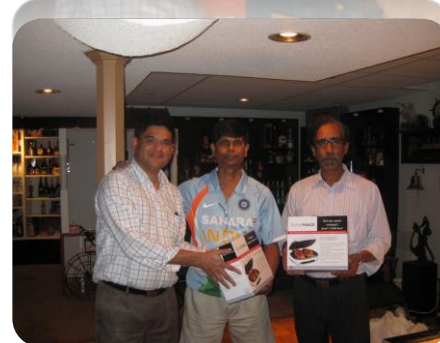
Carrom Canada lauds Cougar Carrom Club's effort in coordinating this tournament. Key organizers Nayeem and Moaz have assured Carrom Canada that they will be holding such friendly competitions more often.

Shad & Manuel Secure Top Place

Shad Ahmed and Manuel Coelho won the finals of the Invitation Doubles in Markham. Playing excellent Carrom in the last 2 boards, they beat Francis D'Costa and Wajahat Mohammed 22-19 in the best of 8 boards encounter. At the end of 6 boards, they were down 11-19 and it was as good as over, but a superb finish by Manuel in the 7th board brought them within a point 18-19. In the last board, Francis had a terrific break and after finishing his turn, he had set up Wajahat for a finish. However, Manuel turned tables on Wajahat and prevented him from finishing the game. It was then Shad's turn to shine and he played a tremendous shot under pressure which blocked Francis and eventually allowed Manuel to finish and win the game.

"The only player who can beat Francis is me", says an excited Shad jokingly and adds "whether I am playing with him or against". In the last tournament he and Francis lost to Moaz Shaikh and Atul Bhawe in another final.

All the three rounds in the league were very competitive. At the end of round two, Francis had already qualified for the finals with 6 points. The rest of the 3 spots were hotly contested with Manuel holding a slight edge. In the last league match, Wajahat and Shad defeated Francis and Manchu to make it to the finals, along with Manuel. Moaz and Atul also finished with 4 points but lost their place to Wajahat on score difference. Atul Bhawe, Secretary of US Carrom gave away the prizes.



Kuddwalles have a field day at Goan Championship

The first Goan Carrom tournament was held in Mississauga on Saturday the 20th of October. The tournament had the Goan community buzzing for the last couple of weeks. 12 teams participated in this inaugural championship, which was held at the Konkani Delite Restaurant.

As expected, Kuddwalles (Clubmen) won the championship defeating second seed Gallitrao (Keep on pocketing) in the finals. Whereas in the losers plate finals, Derepent (Sudden) beat Saligao Pocket Shots.

Kuddwalles had a very strong line up comprising of the Silveira brothers Desmond and Derrick, Manuel Coelho and Francis D'Costa. They won all their games except in the family feud finals, when the brothers were beaten by the Gonsalves' cousins, David and Fabian, 25-5. In the other games, Francis beat Sylvester D'Souza 25-2 and Manuel had an easy victory over Derek D'Souza (no relation to Sylvester) 25-6.

In the plate competition, Derepent beat Saligao 2 matches to 1. Menino Cardoso prevailed over Malcolm 25-11 and the combination of Vincent Miranda and Martha Lawrence (substitute) beating Romauldo and Everest Fernandes 25-4. Romeo Remedios who had a good tournament won his game 25-0 beating Lemington Almeida in the third game. Francis Soares who played for Derepent in all the matches until the final had to leave and Martha who substituted him, played extremely well in giving Vincent adequate support to win their encounter.

The tournament was sponsored by Aerotours International, Konkani Delite Restaurant and D'Costa Financial Group. Loy D'Souza was so impressed with the outcome that he wants Carrom Canada to conduct more competitions. Currently, they have a darts league and friendly matches being played at the restaurant on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. You may call Konkani Delite (905) 897-1222 for more information. Nick D'Mello, President, Aerotours provided the trophies to the winners and runners-up.

Neil Sequeira and Romeo Remedios played exceptionally well in the entire tournament. Rudelle Silveira, the 12 year old, Sinclair D'Costa and Joshua D'Mello, along with Leslie D'Souza who played for the youngest team "**Young Goans**", surprised the pundits as they topped their group by a formidable margin. Another player to impress was 88 year old Reggie Dias.

Carrom Canada wish to acknowledge support from Gordon Alias and Zach Pinto, Canorient Club, Marshal Fernandes, Director/Producer Goan Dramas, Everest Fernandes and Cippy D'Cruz, Goan Soccer League, Francis Fernandes, Global Logistics and the Goan Carrom Club for their overwhelming support. This is the first time the Carrom Roadshow came to Mississauga and the organizers are extremely satisfied with the entries and support from the Goan Carrom fraternity. Plans are to conduct a mixed doubles competition (a men and women pair) shortly, due to the tremendous response from women players.



Group A	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Agt	Diff	Game	Bonus	Pts
Kuddwalles	2	2	0	0	141	22	119	12	7	19
Char Botam	2	1	0	1	54	114	-60	4	0	4
Susegad	2	0	0	2	61	120	-59	2	1	3
Group B	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Agt	Diff	Game	Bonus	Pts
Young Goans	2	2	0	0	77	73	4	8	1	9
Kumpars	2	1	0	1	87	68	19	6	1	7
Saligao Pkt Shot	2	0	0	2	70	93	-23	4	1	5
Group C	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Agt	Diff	Game	Bonus	Pts
Viva Goemkar	2	2	0	0	136	22	114	10	5	15
Bogmalo Strikers	2	1	0	1	85	70	15	8	4	12
Unknown	2	0	0	2	9	138	-129	0	0	0
Group D	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Agt	Diff	Game	Bonus	Pts
Gallitrao	2	2	0	0	136	7	129	12	7	19
Sastikars	2	1	0	1	63	99	-36	4	3	7
Derepent IV	2	0	0	2	31	124	-93	2	0	2

Introducing ... Slam Club

17th March 2013

We are pleased to inform you that today during the wee hours of the day; Moaz Shaikh registered a white slam playing with our US guest and veteran carrom player Atul Kharecha. Their opponents were another formidable pair, Shad Ahmed and Iqbal Ali. This slam followed his black slam last month. **Congratulations Moaz!!!**

This is the second slam this month. Francis D'Costa had his usual monthly quota earlier this month when he got a black slam on the 2nd of March 2013 playing with Abdul Qadeer against Moaz Shaikh and Iqbal Ali.

A **'White Slam'** is accomplished when a player starts a new board with a break and pockets all the white coins and the queen without giving the next player (opponent) chance to play. A **'Black Slam'** varies a bit. The opponent begins with a break and on missing, the next player pockets all his black coins and the queen if it's on the board, without giving the player next to him (opponent) chance to play.

This month we had a few near misses for slams. Moaz, Francis, Manuel, Balachandran Dandapani and Umair Kamal missing out on slams by 1 or 2 coins.

Last month was the best month, when we had 5 players performing this extraordinary feat. Derrick Silveira (White), Umair Kamal (White), Francis D'Costa (Black), Moaz Shaikh (Black) and Shad Ahmed (Black). The intent on reporting these achievements is to encourage our players to play their optimum.

Since last year, we have had 22 slams from 7 players, who have been inducted in the 'Slam Club'. The breakdown is as follows:

Francis D'Costa	7W + 6B	= 13
Moaz Shaikh	2W + 1B	= 3
Umair Kamal	2W + 0B	= 2
Derrick Silveira	1W + 0B	= 1
Wajahat Mohammed	1W + 0B	= 1
Manuel Coelho	0W + 1B	= 1
Shad Ahmed	0W + 1B	= 1

Carrom Canada will be also recording **'Century Breaks'**. A century break is a combination of two players from the same team finishing all the white coins. For example, the first player breaks and pockets coins (from 0-9) and the next player (opponent) fail to finish all the blacks. The 3rd player pockets the rest of the white coins (0-9) without giving the player next to him chance to play. These plays are more frequent, but not that common. Our players have been regularly performing this feat but never recorded. Henceforth, we will be keeping tabs on these accomplishments too. These goals will certainly give boost to raise the playing standard. Canada recently finished 4th in their maiden World Cup appearance held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, behind India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. Hence, higher standards are set for improvement.

Carrom Canada has set up 2 clubs; **'Slam Club'** and **'Century Club'**. On the lighter side we want to approach Wal-Mart to sponsor the 'Slam Club'. Wal-Mart has Sam Club and we think 'Slam Club' would be an ideal addition. For the 'Century Club' it would be appropriate to approach Century 21.

At the time of this communiqué we have 28 players registered for next week's computerized doubles tournament in Mississauga. The event will be held on Saturday, the 23rd of March 2013 from 9.30 am until 4.00 pm at the Konkani Delite Restaurant, Wolfedale Road. Entries are still being accepted and the entrance fee is \$5 per player. Spectators are welcome and Konkani Delite has set up a special appetizing menu. You may visit our website www.carromcanada.com and view tournament flyer and the list of players registered. We have Atul Kharecha from USA participating. Atul who is USA No. 6 will be driving 5 hours for the tournament. This attitude shows a lot for a carrom enthusiast. Way to go Mr. ATUL KHARECHA, Carrom Canada appreciates your support.

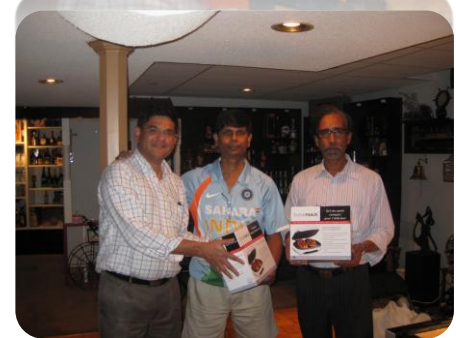


Shad & Manuel Secure Top Place

Shad Ahmed and Manuel Coelho won the finals of the Invitation Doubles in Markham. Playing excellent Carrom in the last 2 boards, they beat Francis D'Costa and Wajahat Mohammed 22-19 in the best of 8 boards encounter. At the end of 6 boards, they were down 11-19 and it was as good as over, but a superb finish by Manuel in the 7th board brought them within a point 18-19. In the last board, Francis had a terrific break and after finishing his turn, he had set up Wajahat for a finish. However, Manuel turned tables on Wajahat and prevented him from finishing the game. It was then Shad's turn to shine and he played a tremendous shot under pressure which blocked Francis and eventually allowed Manuel to finish and win the game.

"The only player who can beat Francis is me", says an excited Shad jokingly and adds "whether I am playing with him or against". In the last tournament he and Francis lost to Moaz Shaikh and Atul Bhawe in another final.

All the three rounds in the league were very competitive. At the end of round two, Francis had already qualified for the finals with 6 points. The rest of the 3 spots were hotly contested with Manuel holding a slight edge. In the last league match, Wajahat and Shad defeated Francis and Manchu to make it to the finals, along with Manuel. Moaz and Atul also finished with 4 points but lost their place to Wajahat on score difference. Atul Bhawe, Secretary of US Carrom gave away the prizes.



Fishy tale...before the Nationals

What does a Fisherman, Hunter and a Carrom player have in common? ... A FISHY tale. That's exactly what Wajahat Mohammed, one of Carrom Canada's star players had when he landed a 25 pound salmon from Lake Ontario.



Wajahat with his high powered headlight and YES his catch.

Asked why he went fishing on the eve of the Carrom Nationals which will be held today, he said it rejuvenates his game after a peaceful engagement in fishing. That also explained why his game is upbeat for the last few weeks and confirmed the saying "Where there's SMOKE, there's fish".

Is fishing taking over carrom? Carrom Canada has a fishy situation to tackle, as of lately their top players, Derrick Silveira, Desmond Silveira, Francis D'Costa, Abdul Khader and Mohammed Nayeem have been seen casting lines all around Ontario. Carrom Canada's top brass have been toying with this dilemma, or is it that Carrom players love fishing instead of golf.

To tow the 25 pounder in took definitely took a toll on Wajahat. An exhausted Wajahat who will be representing Hyderabad this evening, may end up paying the price for his catch today as the Mumbai, Goa and the Rest teams have been relaxing. We were unable to contact his team mate Shad Ahmed for his comments.

The matches are scheduled to start at 7 p.m. tonight in Markham. Currently we have 4 teams and more are welcome, but please call the organizers ahead of time. Players committed are Atul Bhawe (US), Moaz Shaikh, Shad, Wajahat, Francis, Manchu Kanaga, Manuel Coelho & Derrick, Khader and Qadeer are yet to confirm.

Atul Bhawe, US Carrom General Secretary has been kind to bring some strikers from India from his recent trip. If interested please come early to select your strikers.



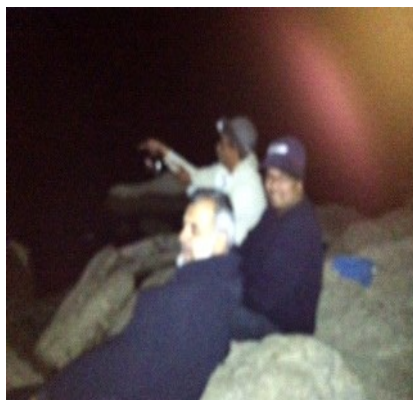
Wajahat lands a 25 pounder



Desmond all smiles with his catch.



Francis with a humongous catfish



Nayeem, Khader and Wajahat braving the weather on the rocks at 4 in the morning.



Derrick seen with his mammoth catch.

Manuel & Moaz Triumph

Moaz Shaikh and Manuel Coelho won the carrom doubles tournament held on Monday the 10th of September in Markham, Ontario defeating Francis D Costa and Shad Ahmed in the finals 2-1.

An early first board lead of 100 points made the difference and with some excellent plays by both, Moaz and Manuel, it was difficult for Francis and Shad to make a comeback within the allocated 4 boards play limit.

The competition featured 16 players, who were paired using a computerized system, which matched the player with the most points with the player with the least. Four rounds were played and after each round the computer generated the pairing and the opposition.

After round three, Francis, Manuel and Moaz had already secured their places in the finals with 25, 21 and 19 points respectively. The next players had 18 points and Manchu Kanaga and Oscar had secured the bottom with 12 points each.

However, a lot of players had an outside chance of securing the last spot.

Moaz had to partner Francis in his last match and play against Abdul Qadeer and Mohammed Hader. Moaz needed this win with a bonus point to have an outside chance to qualify.

A win in 4 boards would make his way into the finals a bit easier. Abdul Qadeer and Mohammed Hader also had 18 points each, but a win would take Abdul Qadeer into the final as he had a better difference than Hader. Moaz had with Francis almost won the match in four boards, the score 100-18 in 4 boards. Francis had a good match missing black slams and a white slam in consecutive boards. Moaz had to be content with 1 bonus point and leap frogged into fourth place, awaiting results of the other two matches played simultaneously.

In another game, Manuel partnered with Manchu to play against Derrick Silveira and Iqbal Ali. Derrick and Iqbal needed a win to take them to 18 points each, but again Derrick had a better difference. Manchu was in a similar situation as Moaz. Eventually Manchu and Manuel won the game 2-1, without a bonus point thus knocking him, Derrick and Iqbal out of the competition.

On the 3rd board, Moaz paired with Oscar D Mello to play against Mohammed Ayeem and Kafeel Otapali. Oscar, Ayeem and Kafeel had 12 points each. Oscar and Ayeem needing a win with a bonus point to displace Moaz from the fourth place. The last board proved to be thrilling, with Moaz and Oscar winning 2-1 but missing out on the bonus point.

Oscar and Moaz had finished with 12 points each, with Moaz edging past Oscar with a better score difference and securing a place to play the finals with Francis.

Standings after round Four	Played	Won	Lost	Draw	For	Against	Diff. + (-)	Boards	Game Pts	Bonus Pts	Total Pts
Francis D'Costa	4	4	0	0	100	41	59	27	8	4	12
Manuel Coelho	4	4	0	0	93	37	56	28	8	2	10
Moaz Shaikh	4	4	0	1	95	53	42	32	8	2	10
Shad Ahmed	4	2	2	0	70	76	-6	29	4	1	5
Oscar D'Mello	4	2	2	1	54	79	-25	30	4	1	5
Manchu Kanaga	4	2	2	0	63	78	-15	28	4	0	4
Derrick Silveira	4	1	3	0	68	71	-3	32	2	1	3
Abdul Qadeer	4	1	3	0	67	78	-11	26	2	1	3
Mohammed Nayeem	4	1	3	0	63	75	-12	28	2	1	3
Kafeel Kotapali	4	1	3	0	58	76	-18	29	2	1	3
Iqbal Ali	4	1	3	0	62	85	-23	29	2	1	3
Mohammed Kader	4	1	3	0	45	89	-44	30	2	1	3

Invitation Doubles - 3rd July 2012

First Round

Manuel Coelho & Abdul Qadeer Defeated Mohammed Nayeem & Manchu Kanaga 25 4 5

Moaz Shaikh & Oscar D'Mello Defeated Iqbal Ali & Shad Ahmed 25 16 8

Derrick Silveira & Kafeel Kotapali Lost to Francis D'Costa & Mohammed Kader 15 25 8

Second Round

Manuel Coelho & Manchu Kanaga Defeated Derrick Silveira & Mohammed Kader 24 12 8

Abdul Qadeer & Mohammed Nayeem Lost to Shad Ahmed & Moaz Shaikh 21 24 8

Francis D'Costa & Kafeel Kotapali Defeated Iqbal Ali & Oscar D'Mello 25 5 6

Third Round

Francis D'Costa & Iqbal Ali Defeated Abdul Qadeer & Manchu Kanaga 25 16 7

Manuel Coelho & Mohammed Nayeem Defeated Kafeel Kotapali & Shad Ahmed 25 5 7

Moaz Shaikh & Derrick Silveira Defeated Mohammed Kader & Oscar D'Mello 25 3 8

Fourth Round

Francis D'Costa & Shad Ahmed Defeated Abdul Qadeer & Mohammed Kader 25 5 6

Manuel Coelho & Manchu Kanaga Defeated Derrick Silveira & Iqbal Ali 19 16 8

Moaz Shaikh & Oscar D'Mello Defeated Mohammed Nayeem & Kafeel Kotapali 21 13 8

Finals

Manuel Coelho & Moaz Shaikh Defeated Francis D'Costa & Shad Ahmed 20 10 8

Atul hosted by Carrom Canada

Carrom Canada hosted Atul Bhave, General Secretary of Carrom on Wednesday, the 14th of September, and conducted a mini match lightning session in Markham, Ontario.

The intention to have teams, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Goa and West did not materialize, as one of the Goan player Manuel Coelho who was to partner Francis, could not make it due to job commitment.

Moaz Shaikh and Atul Bhave played for Mumbai and Wajahat Mohammed and Abdul Qadeer represented Hyderabad. To balance the other teams Derrick Silveira partnered Moaz

Ahmed Carborough and Francis D Costa had to take on Manchu Kanaga Markham.

The results:

1st round Moaz and Atul Bhave Mumbai beat Wajahat and Qadeer Hyderabad

Francis and Manchu Markham beat Derrick and Ahmed Carborough

2nd round Moaz and Atul Bhave beat Derrick and Ahmed

Francis and Manchu beat Wajahat and Qadeer

3rd round

Derrick and Ahmed D P Wajahat and Qadeer

Finals: Moaz and Atul Bhave beat Francis and Manchu

ALL SET FOR US NATIONALS

The Canadian team is all hyped to play in Nationals to be held on the 17th, 18th and 19th in New Jersey. Players who have registered are Derrick Silveira, Manuel Coelho, Francis D'Costa and Wajahat Mohammed.

Carrom Association and its players had been a gracious host the last time our team visited them and our players are looking forward to this trip.

Earlier this year in April, when our team participated in the New Jersey open, of our players, Wajahat, Manuel, Moaz Shaikh and Francis entered the last round, with Moaz and Francis entering the quarter-finals. Francis lost to the eventual runner-up Ayadev Uryadevara and Moaz losing to Hivaram Gowdagere. Vishal Arangutkar won the event.

In the doubles competition, Francis and Wajahat won the doubles B group tournament, which involved all pairs who did not qualify for the semis. Moaz won the new player of the tournament finishing 3rd after 3 rounds of round robin matches.

The team is due to leave on Thursday to arrive early evening.

Francis & Moaz Top World Cup Prep

Francis D'Costa and Moaz Shaikh won the finals of the World Cup Prep Tournament held in Markham on the 24th of October. Carrom Canada also hosted Atul Kharecha, one of USA's top 10 ranked player.

After 3 rounds of play, Francis and Kharecha had booked their spot in the final winning all their matches and having 8 points each. Wajahat Mohammed and Derrick Silveira were tied with 5 a piece, followed by Atul Bhave with 4 points. Madhu Rao, Manuel Coelho, Moaz and Oscar D'Mello had outside chance with 3 points.

Bhave and Moaz won their match beating Kharecha and Balachandran Dandapani in 4 boards and getting double bonus points. Francis partnering Manchu Kanaga defeated Derrick and Oscar, knocking them out of contention. Manuel and Madhu pulled off a stunning victory over Wajahat and Shad Ahmed wining the last board by 8 points and pipping them 25-23.

After 4 rounds, Francis finished with 10 points, Bhave and Kharecha 8 points each, with Moaz making a grand comeback with 7 points. The final pitted Francis with Moaz against the Atuls, a Canada versus USA match up. In the final, the Canadian pair defeated the strong USA combination of Kharecha and Bhave 21-9 and 23-19.



Invitation Doubles - 24th Oct 2012					
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First Round					
Atul Kharecha/Oscar D'Mello	Defeated	Moaz Shaikh/Bala Dandapani	25	11	8
Wajahat Mohammed/Madhu Rao	Lost to	Francis D'Costa/Derrick Silveira	18	22	8
Manuel Coelho/Manchu Kanaga	Lost to	Atul Bhave/Shad Ahmed	16	23	8
Second Round					
Atul Kharecha/Bala Dandapani	Defeated	Manuel Coelho/Shad Ahmed	18	16	8
Oscar D'Mello/Moaz Shaikh	Lost to	Madhu Rao/Francis D'Costa	6	25	8
Atul Bhave/Manchu Kanaga	Lost to	Wajahat Mohammed/Derrick Silveira	7	25	8
Third Round					
Francis D'Costa/Moaz Shaikh	Defeated	Madhu Rao/Bala Dandapani	25	5	6
Derrick Silveira & Manchu Kanaga	Lost to	Wajahat Mohammed/Atul Bhave	5	21	8
Atul Kharecha & Manuel Coelho	Defeated	Oscar D'Mello/Shad Ahmed	25	6	6
Fourth Round					
Francis D'Costa/Manchu Kanaga	Defeated	Derrick Silveira/Oscar D'Mello	18	7	8
Atul Kharecha/Bala Dandapani	Lost to	Atul Bhave/Moaz Shaikh	0	25	4
Wajahat Mohammed/Shad Ahmed	Lost to	Manuel Coelho/Madhu Rao	23	25	8



Best of Luck to USA

The top four ranked players **Vishal Karangutkar, Jayadev Suryadevara, Neil Khatu and Sekhar Challa** will also be playing in the world cup which will be held in Columbo, Sr Lanka. The team will be accompanied by **Dr. Prakash Kagal** as the team manager. USA will also have another representation in the tournament committee. **Shreenivas Malliseti** who has been recently appointed as the USCA Representative to the ICF, will be also attending the world cup.

ANDHRA STATE PLAYER PAYS A VISIT

Carrom Canada were fortunate to host Madhu Sudan Rao, a former Andhra Pradesh State player. He played some friendly matches against Moaz, Wajahat, Manchu and Francis.

Rao despite his medical set back in 2000, showed glimpses of his skills. He is currently visiting his son Satish who is with BMO.



VISIT FROM UK CARROM FEDERATION SECRETARY

Carrom Canada got a surprise visit from arvey Gomes, Carrom secretary. arvey who is also sth ranked played some friendly matches with Manchu, Manuel, Michael Albuquerque and Francis. e was presented with a Carrom Canada - hirt.

Top Four Elected

Canada Carrom Association has officially elected their office bearers for the year 2012-13. The executive committee was unanimously elected. Francis D'Costa, President, Moaz Shaikh, Secretary, Manuel Coehlo, Assistant Secretary and Derrick Silveira, Treasurer.



Carrom Canada's *Kya baat hai*

Chandrababu Strolls To Sixth National Title

When the 17th US Carrom National championship got underway at the TV Asia Auditorium on the 14th of September 2012, there was no doubt who would be the champion. Predicting his opponent in the final was a tough call.

Saravanan Chandrababu played way above the competition, was very composed, friendly and didn't take his opponents lightly. He scooped his 6th National title, the D.D. Mehta trophy without losing a game in all the matches he played. As a matter of fact a few of his opponents managed double digits against him. Sekhar his worthy challenger in the finals, seemed content to reach the finals and failed to display his aggressive game and paid the price and succumbed to Chandrababu 25-0, 25-2. Although, the score line appears totally one sided, it would not have read that way if Sekhar had not to miss last coin sitters in as many as 5 boards. Why don't we add an adage to our beloved game "*missed sitters does matter in winning and losing.*"

Chandrababu won the first board by 10 points and repeated the same in the second. That definitely can drain any player mentally and Sekhar was no exception. 20 points down in 2 boards had Sekhar's mind completely botched up and with 8 boards limitation, it was a humongous task to make a comeback. The former 2 time champion went into a defensive mode which did not help either. All

Chandrababu had to do was to go offensive and tighten the bolts to record a very comfortable victory.

Former National Champion Madhu Rao was the surprise of the tournament. Madhu made amends to his inconsistency with some brilliant tactical plays. He defeated a formidable player Neil Khatu by 2 games to 1 to pick up the third place.



Pre-Quarter Finals Results

Jayadev Suryadevara Lost to Neil Khatu 18-23, 25-5 & 6-24
Atul Kharecha Beat Wajahat Mohammed 22-15 & 24-10
Francis D'Costa Lost to Shivaram Gowdagere 2-25 & 16-20
Sridhar Galipelli Lost to Sekhar Challa 7-23 & 5-25
Madhu Rao Beat Hari Venkatesan 25-8 & 25-9
Saravanan Chandrababu Beat Prakash Kagal 25-0 & 25-0
Nilesh Mehta Beat Appa Paranjape 24-12 & 22-8
Shibu Jose Lost to Vishal Karangutkar 6-24 & 12-22

Quarter Finals Results

Saravanan Chandrababu beat Vishal Karangutkar 26-9 & 19-11
Sekhar Challa beat Shivaram Gowdagere 20-10 & 25-9
Neil Khatu beat Atul Kharecha 23-19 & 18-16
Madhu Rao beat Nilesh Mehta 17-16 & 21-5

Semi-Finals

Sekhar Challa beat Madhu Rao 25-17 & 17-12
Saravanan Chandrababu beat Neil Khatu 25-6 & 23-16

B Group [Placings 9th-16th]

3rd Place: Prakash Kagal lost to Appa Paranjape 21-8, 11-18
Finals: Jayadev Suryadevara beat Sridhar Galipelli 25-8

C Group [Placings 17th-32nd]

3rd Place: Avinash Deshpande lost to Parag Pandit 20-16, 17-25 & 17-18
Finals: Balaji Parthasarathy beat Devang Shah 22-3 & 23-7

[For the entire tournament results,
please visit www.carromcanada.com]



Murli Balasubramanyam
the Best New Player of the
tournament



Chandrababu and Neil Doubles Champions

Neil Khatu and Saravanan Chandrababu won the doubles title defeating the current title holders Vishal Karangutkar and Sekhar Challa. In the doubles competition, it was not smooth sailing for Chandrababu, who partnered Neil. They faltered in one of their league matches losing to Shivaram Gowdagere and Subramanian Laxminarayanapuram. 10-25 and dropped a game to Atul Kharecha and Appa Paranjape in their quarter final clash. Vishal Karangutkar and Sekhar Challa also had a tough ride to the finals losing 2 of their league matches.

The third place went to Shibu Jose and Prakash Kagal who beat Shivaram and Subramanian. Shibu who came back into the carrom scene after 5 years absence had a fantastic tournament. He single handedly walked his team into the semis with a comeback from behind victory over the Canadians Francis D'Costa and Manuel Coelho. His 7th board brilliant finish in the 2nd game completely turned tables on the Canadian pair who were coasting to the semis.



Neil and Chandrababu

Sekhar & Vishal



Quarter Finals Results
 Shibu Jose/Prakash Kagal beat Francis D'Costa/Manuel Coelho 15-17, 11-10 & 25-0
 Vishal Karangutkar/Sekhar Challa beat Balaji Parthasarathy/Srikanth Bangalore 25-5, 5-25 & 23-23
 Neil Khatu/Saravanan Chandrababu beat Atul Kharecha/Appa Paranjape 25-0, 17-18 & 25-9
 Shivaram Gowdagere/Subramanian L. beat Vamshi Boinpalli/Mani K 18-4 & 15-9

Semi-Finals
 Neil Khatu/Saravanan Chandrababu beat Shibu Jose/Prakash Kagal 19-15 & 13-8
 Vishal Karangutkar/Sekhar Challa beat Shivaram Gowdagere/Subramanian L.

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Dr. Nilesh Mehta & Francis

As it is cumbersome to upload all the pictures in this newsletter, you can visit Carrom Canada Facebook page and view the pictures there.

It would be nice of you to express your like for Carrom Canada page, as it will give us extra analysis. And, your comments will also go a long way in promoting Carrom in North America.



Suggestions

USCA is always looking forward to constructive criticisms and suggestions. Please write and help USCA to serve you better. Together we can promote carrom to new heights.

US all set for the World Cup



Atul, Vishal, Neil, Sekhar, Jayadev and Prakash

US Carrom Association has officially announced their world cup team. The top four ranked players **Vishal Karangutkar, Jayadev Suryadevara, Neil Khatu and Sekhar Challa** will be playing in the world cup which will be held in Colombo, Sr Lanka from the 30th of October to the 4th of November 2012. The team will be accompanied by **Prakash Kagal** as the team manager. USCA Secretary **Atul Bhave** will also travel with the team. US will also have another representation in the tournament committee. **Shreenivas Malliseti** who has been recently appointed as the USCA Representative to the ICF, will be also attending the world cup.

The surprise omission of six times national champion Chandrababu in the team, will certainly raise eyebrows and will have a huge impact on the US team's performance. What a shame Chandrababu did not make it into the top four ranking due to his non participation in other ranking tournaments.

CANADIANS INVITED TOO

The International Carrom Federation has also invited the Canadian team, but the chances of their participation is in balance. Two of the top five players Derrick Silveira and Manuel Coelho are doubtful starters due to work commitment. Wajahat Mohammed, Moaz Shaikh and Francis D'Costa have expressed their availability, but a sturdy fourth player is absolutely necessary to send the team. The last day to confirm is 30th September.



Wajahat, Manuel, Francis & Derrick

The True Champions

What did Geeta Pandit, Karthik Challa and Mashish Kuhafa have in common? They all knew they had absolutely no chance against the talented opponents, but they had the hearts of true sporting champions.

In Geeta, we saw a class of a true carrom lover. She was the only woman who participated in the competition and was there from morn to dusk on all the 3 days, though her involvement to play required her attendance on one particular day. Apparently she got this determination from her father who was a champion player during his playing career. She won a match showing even at 68, age does not matter over mind and determination. Her son Parag despite his tremendous input into the organization played extremely well and finished 4-3.

And speaking of age we had another individual in Appa Paranje at age 82 showed skills which outclassed talented players who could be fit to be his grandsons. Appa Paranjape, a former National Champion, finished 2nd in the round robin only behind Chandrababu with 6 wins and 1 loss. He lost in the pre-quarter finals



Karthik the upcoming star

to Nilesh Mehta. Now keeping to the age factor we had on the other extreme end, a young lad in Karthik Challa aged 10, who showed his class and sent a warning to the US carrom fraternity of his arrival into the competitive scene. His handling of the striker and selection of the coins was amazing to watch. My prediction is that if he continues at this pace, in the next 4 to 5 years he should be vying for the title.

Mashish comes all the way from Maryland. He displayed true spirit- *that participation is more important than winning*. Mashish participation should tell USCA that one open division is not enough to increase the passion for carrom in US. There could be tens of Mashish's who stay away from such events, avoiding the cost and one sided defeats. It would be an excellent idea to have two divisions one for the elite and the other for the not so. This way there will more players taking part and promoting this game. Mashish deserves a lot of credit for his participation in this highly competitive tournament.



Geeta watching Parag play



Clockwise: Participants, Maryland Group, Appa interviewed by TV Asia, Canadians with Chandrababu and the Tournament Committee

CLOSE, BUT NO CIGAR

This time the Canadian contingent had nothing to declare at the customs, but certainly performed extremely well. **Francis D'Costa** and **Wajahat Mohammed** finished the round robin with 5 victories and 2 defeats, thus qualifying for the pre-quarter finals knock-out stages. On the other hand, **Derrick Silveira** and **Manuel Coelho** were 4 and 3, narrowly missing qualification. In the pre-quarters, Wajahat lost to Atul Kharechah and Francis was beaten by Shivaram. **Taher Ali** who was a last minute addition to the trip finished 2 and 5.

Manuel beat US number two Jayadev in the league round and Wajahat took a game from Jayadev in the knock-out stages. Derrick is one of the few players who got double digit figures (11) against the mighty Chandrababu, the six time

national champion and Francis defeated their current number one Vishal and against the US number three Neil, he gave his game away after narrowly missing a sitter in the 7th board. Francis also missed a white slam, his 10th coin missing the

pocket by a whisker. No slams were recorded and Francis' miss was the nearest any player could come to in accomplishing a start to finish feat.

In the doubles competition Francis and Manuel finished 3-2 and qualified for the quarter finals and Wajahat and Derrick ended with 2 wins and 3 losses. Francis and Manuel lost their quarter finals narrowly to Prakash and Shibu after winning the first game.



Kudos to the Tournament Committee

Every successful event has dedicated individuals who put their heart and soul. It was not different here at the 17th US National in New Jersey, which was conducted in partnership with the New Jersey Carrom Club and TV Asia. The brain and brawn behind this was the US Secretary Atul Bhave. Atul's involvement has to be commended, as he sacrificed his personal game performance to the tournament's success. He was ably supported by yet another extremely skillful player Neil Khatu who was a key figure in the organization, and like Atul, could not put dedicated effort in his game. Atul Kharecha, the tournament director, ensured that the schedule, rules and regulations of the game were followed flawlessly. Parag Pandit, Sridhar Galipelli, Naveen Chandran, Nitin Parwadhan, just to name a few, were the live wires for the tournament's success. The tournament committee listed in the brochure deserves kudos for a job well done.



Hasmukh Patel, USCA President was a gracious host, especially to the Canadian contingent extending his wholehearted support.

Dr. Nilesh Mehta's write up on *Hil India* a Chicago based newspaper will also go a long way in promoting this game. Dr. Mehta who is one of the top 10 player's in US and Vice President of USCA, is also covering the T20 world cup in Colombo, Sri Lanka. In Mr. Shah the owner of TV Asia and Mr. Lal his right hand, we have individuals who love the game and the community. Their sporting gesture goes a long way to assist USCA to conduct a tournament of this magnitude and not worry about the venue. TV Asia also gave adequate coverage during the tournament



Clockwise: Canadian Team, tournament committee, Hasamukh Patel, Parag Pandit and meeting in progress





Mr. Shah & Mr. Lal with the Canadian Jersey.

Pre World Cup Warm Up

Atul Kharecha a strong supporter of USCA has offered to stage before the world cup a prep tournament for the US players and extended the invitation to the Canadian team too.

He will host a singles and doubles tournament to the world cup bounds teams and provide accommodation, food and trophies to the players for the weekend. Thus creating a competitive environment and get prepared for the tough competition ahead.

The provisional dates are 12th and 13th of October. Neil and Vishal have accepted the invitation.



Shibu and Prakash with their trophies.



Shivram and Subramaniam with Atul Bhawe.



Thanks USCA, New Jersey Carrom Club and TV Asia for being such a marvelous host.

Moaz and Francis Top Invitation Doubles

Francis D'Costa and Moaz Shaikh won the finals of the invitation carrom doubles tournament held in Markham, Canada this Sunday by defeating Derrick Silveira and Mohammed Khader in the finals.

The tournament featured the cream of carrom talent in Canada and used the same tournament model used in the earlier invitation doubles. This unique computer program designed by Carrom Canada uses previous match results to pair players and arrange the matches for the next round accordingly. Although it was a doubles' competition, the pairing of players was based on individual ranking. After each round, the computer paired player 1 to player 8, and so on.

Two points were awarded for winning the match, with an extra point given if the match was won achieving 25 match points within eight boards and two points if it was done in four boards. This created competitive play and with four rounds of play, it also produced a lot of excitement.

After 3 matches and with one more round to go, Francis with 8 points had qualified for the finals. Next to him, Derrick and Khader with 6 points each were comfortably placed barring some upset, to make it to the final round. **Shad Ahmed** with 5 points had the best chance and having a formidable player in **Manuel Coelho** as his partner, the odds were pretty good. Manuel (3pts) also had an outside chance in making it through to the finals, but he and Shad had to win the final game in four boards and get the two bonus points to leap frog over Derrick and Khader. However, they had to contend with Francis and **Manchu Kanaga** (0pts), as their opponents.

The two stalwarts, Moaz and **Wajahat Mohammed**, had an outside chance with 2 points each. Moaz had Khader as his partner and Wajahat was paired with a very sturdy player, Derrick to take him to the next level. But Moaz, with Khader's tremendous form, pulled the rabbit out of the hat to outclass the strong pair Wajahat and Derrick 25-2. Moaz with the win moved to the 4th position and awaited the result of the match between Shad/Manuel and Francis/Manchu.

It was a win or nothing for Shad as Moaz had a better score differential. And, Francis did not help either, he had other plans. With outstanding support from Manchu, they managed to beat Shad and Manuel 25-13.



Francis and Moaz receiving their prizes from Menino Cardoso

All players displayed exceptional skills during the competition. Derrick missed a white slam by 2 coins and Manuel missed a black slam by 2 coins. The following players were missing due to prior commitment: Desmond Silveira, Abdul Qadeer, Mohammed Nayeem, Iqbal Ali, Misbah Khan, Derek D'Souza, Diogo Fernandes and David Gonsalves.

The pairing for the finals featured heavyweights Francis/Moaz to play Derrick/Khader. The final was easily won by Francis/Moaz 25-5, but not until Derrick/Khader won the 1st board by 5. The prizes were sponsored by Myron Canada, courtesy of Manuel Coelho.



Derrick and Khader receiving their prizes from Menino

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RESULTS AT A GLANCE—12AUG2012

First Round			
Shad Ahmed & Moaz Shaikh	Defeated	Manchu Kanaga & Wajahat Mohammed	24-12 (8 Boards)
Mohammed Khader & Francis D'Costa	Defeated	Derrick Silveira & Manuel Coelho	25-7 (5)
Second Round			
Mohammed Khader & Manuel Coelho	Defeated	Moaz Shaikh & Manchu Kanaga	25-8 (8)
Francis D'Costa & Derrick Silveira	Defeated	Shad Ahmed & Wajahat Mohammed	25-4 (6)
Third Round			
Francis D'Costa & Wajahat Mohammed	Defeated	Manuel Coelho & Moaz Shaikh	14-10 (8)
Mohammed Khader & Manchu Kanaga	Lost to	Derrick Silveira & Shad Ahmed	4-25 (6)
Fourth Round			
Francis D'Costa & Manchu Kanaga	Defeated	Shad Ahmed & Manuel Coelho	25-13 (8)
Derrick Silveira & Wajahat Mohammed	Lost to	Mohammed Khader & Moaz Shaikh	2-25 (7)
Finals			
Francis D'Costa & Moaz Shaikh	Defeated	Mohammed Khader & Derrick Silveira	25-5 (7)

After Round Four	Played	Won	Lost	Drew	For	Against	Diff. + (-)	Boards	Game Pts	Bonus Pts	Total Pts
Francis D'Costa	4	4	0	0	89	34	55	27	8	3	11
Mohammed Khader	4	3	1	0	79	42	37	26	6	3	9
Derrick Silveira	4	2	2	0	59	58	1	24	4	2	6
Moaz Shaikh	4	2	2	0	67	53	14	31	4	1	5
Shad Ahmed	4	2	2	0	66	66	0	28	4	1	5
Manuel Coelho	4	1	3	0	55	72	-17	29	2	1	3
Manchu Kanaga	4	1	3	0	49	87	-38	30	2	1	3
Wajahat Mohammed	4	1	3	0	32	84	-52	29	2	0	2

US Carrom Eastern Open - 2012

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Let me assure you that I was away on a conference to San Antonio hence the delay in reporting and not for any other reason. I received lots of inquiring emails, face book and voice messages - "***How did you perform***" was basically what our fellow Carrom players who could not travel with us for the tournament wanted to know.

I am proud to state that our Canadian contingent performed extremely well in the recently concluded US Eastern Open New Jersey.

Below I have listed a few concerns not excuses, which we should address before going on our next trip.

The **coins** used in the tournament although in line with the International Carrom regulation were much lighter than the ones we have been playing with. This caused some silly misses at crucial times and definitely lowered player confidence. We should immediately start playing with regulation coins.

The tournament featured players of very high calibre, some of them represented US in the world cups. Except **Francis D'Costa**, none of our players have played in such a highly competitive event. Despite being their first major experience the performance our players displayed was extremely creditable. I am sure with more competitive **exposure** we will achieve better results.

Driving through the night and not getting enough rest was also a key factor which attributed to the **tiredness**. **Manuel Coelho** after traveling from India for 24 hours had a quick refresher break of 30 mins and continued his 9 hour drive to New Jersey. It was amazing how he controlled his travel hangover. **Moaz Shaikh** who was the lone driver, reached the destination after 5 am as he had to make frequent stops because he was accompanied by his wife and a 4 month baby boy. Both **Wajahat Mohammed** and **Mohammed Khader** reached the hotel after 3am. And **Menino Cardoso, Francis** and **Manuel** arrived just before 4 am. Next time we need to leave early to allow our players enough rest.

The tournament was played over 3 days. Friday: from 1 pm to 8.30 pm. Saturday: from 8.30 am to 10.00 pm. Sunday: from 8.30 am until 5.30 pm. This **endurance** test was not anticipated by us. This is an important factor which we did not anticipate.

The tournament was conducted extremely well allowing players to recover from any early losses. In the doubles competition there were 5 round robin matches played and in singles there were 7 rounds. Each match was based on the best score after 8 boards or 25 points. **US Carrom** have designed an unique computer program involving various factors to determine your next opponent based on players performances during the round.

Our 4 players - Francis, Moaz, Wajahat & Manuel after playing 7 initial round robin rounds qualified into the last 16 knock-out round. Mohammed Khader, who was the 5th participant, played well but did not make the 16. He won 2 of his 7 matches. Congratulations to Khader for his sporting gesture in taking part in this tournament.

After 7 rounds Moaz finished in the 6th place, Manuel in the 9th, Francis in the 10th and Wajahat in 11th.

Moaz unfortunately had to play his Canadian counterpart Wajahat in the round of 16 and won his best of 3 match round with ease. Francis on the other hand easily defeated 7th placed **Neeraj Nargund** from New Jersey, 2-0 in his pre-quarters. Manuel lost to 8th placed Vishal Karangutkar, the eventual winner. That meant that 2 Canadians **Francis and Moaz** entered the quarter finals or featured prominently in the top 8 players in North America. That's a great achievement for first time participation.



Moaz had the best chance to make it to the semis. He started well with a 15-0 lead in 2 boards against **Dr. Shivaram Gawdagere**, but succumbed to his experienced but less formidable opponent in 2 games. Francis on the other hand, did not play to his potential and lost very narrowly in both games. In the 2nd game after 6 boards the game was 11-11. This despite Francis missing last coin home shot sitters in the

first 3 boards he lost. The score after 8 boards was 15-16 to **Jayadev Suryadevara**. These errors helped his opponent Jayadev enter the semis who ended the tournament losing to Vishal in the finals.

Francis highlight in tournament was when he defeated US number 5 and tournament semi finalist **Atul Kharecha** in the round robin and lost to **Prakash Kagal** 19-20 on a 8 board decision. Prakash



Kagal was the only player who won all his 7 games in the round robin. Moaz lost to US number 2 **Neil Khatu** in a close game and to Vishal Karangutkar, also in a close match in his round robin matches. Neil did not play to his potential and I guess it's due to the fact of his involvement in organizing the event. Wajahat had the satisfaction of defeating their number 11 ranked and former US champion Madhu Rao.

In the doubles competition Francis & Wajahat and Moaz & Manuel made it to the quarter finals after 5 rounds. Both pairs won 3 and lost 2 on the way. Mohammed Khader partnered with **Subu** (US), Menino Cardoso our Manager on this trip was forced to participate as there was a player short and paired with a veteran player **Ashwin Shah**. Both these pairs failed to qualify.

In the quarters Francis & Wajahat lost to the eventual runners up Jayadev & Gawdagere narrowly, a match we should have won and Moaz & Manuel lost to Neil Khatu & Sridhar Galipelli. So once again we had 2 pairs making it's way in the top 8. That's also a great credit to Carrom Canada in their first International appearance.

However, the doubles tournament continued with the losing quarter finalists playing with the rest of the non qualifiers in a **hard lines tournament** based on 3 rounds, with the top two pairs to play in the finals. Francis & Wajahat won all their 3 matches and secured their place in the finals, whilst Moaz & Manuel won 2 of 3 and lost their place in the finals on game points aggregate. **Francis & Wajahat won the finals** with ease beating **Avinash Deshpande** and **Parag Pandit** in 2 straight games. **Thus winning the hard lines doubles trophy.** Technically finishing 5th in the competition.



Moaz Shaikh also brought laurels. Finishing 6th after 7 rounds in singles secured him the **best new player prize.**

Menino Cardoso who accompanied the group as the Manager besides coordinating, did an excellent job in covering the event with his camera and video. Very soon we will be uploading the pictures and videos on our website **www.carromcanada.com**. Thanks to the team manager, Menino Cardoso for his excellent support. We will also try to acquire match by match results from our US counterpart and publish it on our site as soon as we receive them.

Carrom Canada would also like to thank **Atul Bhave**, Secretary US Carrom, Neil Khatu, Parag Pandit, **Hasmukh Patel**, President and all those who helped in organizing this great tournament and making our trip a memorable one.

The event was adequately covered by **TV Asia** and was held at TV Asia auditorium. **Mr. Shah**, CEO of **TV Asia** and senior executives were present on all the days showing their support to this popular South Asian game - CARROM. Hopefully, our interviews on all the 3 days should be screened somewhere sometime and we will keep you informed somehow.

Carrom Canada's *Kya baat hai*

Manuel deprives Francis of Triple Crown

Francis D'Costa who had earlier won the men's doubles and mixed doubles was deprived of a triple crown by Manuel Coelho. Third seed Manuel scored a fluent 2-0 upset victory over strong favorite Francis in the New Town Square Men singles Canada Open Carrom tournament on Sunday.

Consistent pocketing by Manuel overcame odds to defeat the off-color Francis in both the games – 22-9 & 17-12. In the 1st game he raced to 19-0 in 3 boards thus putting pressure on the seasoned Francis who clawed his way back into the game. And, had he not missed a sitter in the 7th board and losing a 9 points board, perhaps the game would have been different outcome.

In the second game, Francis had another golden opportunity to level the game in the 8th board. Unfortunately he missed his penultimate easy queen shot with Manuel's 5 coins on board. Manuel calmly finished all the coins to win the title. Francis who performs best when he is on the offensive, resorted to defensive tactics due to loss of form and ultimately paid the price.. Manuel was a deserving winner who capitalized on his opponents' lapses and together with a few lady luck shots at crucial moments secured a comfortable victory, thus reaffirming the saying "fortune favors the brave".

In the semifinals, Manuel defeated another favorite and second seed Wajahat Mohammed 20-13 & 23-2. In the first game the scores were tied at 13-13 after 7 boards with Wajahat to break the last board. Wajahat failed to capitalize and Manuel won on an 8 board decision. In the second game, Manuel had a comfortable win and a place in the finals. In the other semis, top seed Francis defeated fourth seed Derrick Silveira 2-0, but not without Derrick giving Francis a tough fight. Derrick failed to take advantage of Francis' poor form thus losing 22-20 & 22-12.



Bridget and Francis Clinch Mixed Doubles



In the mixed doubles, Manuel and Vanita Pais led all the way in the first game which they won 23-14. However, Francis with support from his wife Bridget D'Costa, turned on the heat and leveled the match by winning the second game 14-11.

The third went to the wire, although the game would have been over in the seventh board when Francis' simple finishing cover coin jumped and Manuel finished the board to bring the scores to 17-19. In the 8th board Francis closed the game with a class 6 coin finish to seal the game 27-17 and the mixed doubles title.



Wajahat ends on a victorious note

Wajahat Mohammed started well and went up 14-0 in 3 boards. Derrick recovered in the next three boards and led Wajahat 15-14. The 7th board changed the game and Wajahat ended winning the game 26-15.

The second game went neck and neck and at the end of 5 boards they were tied at 11 points a piece. In the 6th it was 15-11 to Wajahat. Just like the previous game Wajahat forged ahead in the seventh board and did not look back and secured a comfortable 24-11 win to clinch the third place.

AFTER THOUGHTS...

Moaz Shaikh an excellent player, who was on holidays and missed the tournament and probably a place in the finals, was surprised that the games were played on a best of 8 boards' basis. "I think it's absolutely unfair for better players, because if the opponent gains ground in the first few boards it becomes very difficult to recover and the pressure builds up. I would strongly suggest full games of 25 points instead of 8 boards after quarterfinals, as this will give proper and fair results".

Another formidable player **Derrick Silveira** suggested that Carrom Canada conduct a two division league of 16 players in each division. "This will create competitive play, instead of one sided games".

Francis D'Costa strongly suggests more singles games before we go to play in US thus getting enough tournament playing time. He added "The more we play competitive games the better we will handle the pressure".

Wajahat Mohammed advised that we complete the tournament once started. "With the delay and postponements interest had subsided which resulted in some upsets. I don't see why Manuel did not play the finals after the semis on Saturday, we played for the 3rd place".

The tournament coordinator Francis was very pleased with the response and performance of the players. "There has been a tremendous improvement in the skills and I am absolutely sure that our players will rise up to the challenge of facing formidable opponents" he added. "This tournament was the brainchild of **Vincent Li**, President of **NTS Corporation**; he initiated the idea. On behalf of Carrom Canada, I would like to thank Vincent and also **Albert Guido**, President of **Fiducia Group**, for his tremendous support and going all the way in improving the benefits of the tournament" Both Vincent and Albert want to make this into an annual event.

US CARROM OPEN

Atul Bhawe, Secretary/Treasurer of the United States Carrom Association has announced that the 2nd Carrom Open tournament for the year 2012 will be held in September.

USCA in partnership with New Jersey Carrom Club, co-sponsored by TV ASIA and Dr. Nilesh Mehta will be hosting the USCA National Championship, in New Jersey on the 14th, 15th and 16th of September 2012.

There will be two categories - Singles & Doubles. The tournament will commence on Friday at 12.00 PM and is scheduled to wind up on Sunday by 6 pm.

Carrom Canada once again will be participating and encourage more players to join and support our US counterparts in promoting carrom in North America.

Wajahat, Moaz, Manuel, Khader, Derrick and Francis have confirmed their intent in making this trip. Call Francis for more details and check our website for further information.



Who says there's no free lunch!!!

The total prize money distributed to 40 winners in different categories was \$3,000, golf shirts especially designed for the tournament valuing over \$30 each, were also given to all players and spectators. Lunches were provided on both days, with BBQ in the evenings. Tea and snacks were served in the mornings. All this and lots of competitive fun with **NO ENTRY FEE.**

Myron Canada through **Manuel Coelho** provided Alarm clocks to all women participants who failed to qualify for the quarter finals.

Cougar Court Carrom Club led by **Nayeem Rahman**, arranged a Hyderabad BBQ for the men's singles finals, whilst the semis and mixed doubles finals were hosted by the D'Costas. Overall it was a fantastic and fulfilling event which created a lot of buzz around the GTA area and US too, promoting Carrom and getting more people into our Carrom fraternity as players, spectators and enthusiastic followers.



WINNERS AT A GLANCE

MEN SINGLES

Winner: **Manuel Coelho**

Runner Up: **Francis D'Costa**

Third Place: **Wajahat Mohammed**

Fourth Place: **Derrick Silveira**

Quarter Finalists: **David Gonsalves, Derek D'Souza, Diogo Fernandes & Misbah Khan.**

MEN DOUBLES

Winners:

Francis D'Costa & Manuel Coelho

Runners Up:

Shad Ahmed & Abdul Khader

Third Place:

Wajahat Mohammed & Iqbal Ali

Fourth Place:

Derrick Silveira & Desmond Silveira

Quarter Finalists:

Mohammed Nayeem & Kafeel Kotapali, Abdul Qadeer & Misbah Khan, David Gonsalves & Manchu Kanaga and, Derek D'Souza & Diogo Fernandes.

MIXED DOUBLES

Winners:

Francis D'Costa & Bridget D'Costa

Runners Up:

Manuel Coelho & Vanita Pais

Semi-Finalists:

Wajahat Mohammed & Valene Cardoso, and Desmond Silveira & Sangeeta Nair

Quarter Finalists:

Derrick Silveira & Rudelle Silveira, Mohammed Khader & Kimaron Silveira, Misbah Khan & Sheryl Silveira and, Mohammed Nayeem & Susan Dias.

Carrom Canada to REGISTER

Carrom Canada now with the enthusiastic following has decided to formally register as a nonprofit organization. This will allow us to play in the **world cup in Sri Lanka this year** and stage international tournaments in Canada. We will keep you posted with further development.



Carrom Canada's *Kya baat hai*

NEW TOWN SQUARE CANADA OPEN CARROM 2012

Thanks to New Town Square, the Fiducia Group and D'Costa Financial Group, Carrom Canada conducted its First Canada Open Carrom Tournament at the New Town Square plaza on the 23rd and 24th of June 2012.

Carrom is the favorite game played in India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, especially during the monsoon season. On Sunday, the weather has been just that, heavy rains and thunders; clubbed with an exciting and tense competition.

Carrom Canada in conducting its biggest tournament with amazing success had everything a spectator or a player would expect. It was as competitive to an experienced player and fun for a novice. At the end of the day, every player took back excellent experience and the zeal to return to the next event with more preparation.

Francis and Manuel claw back to victory

The experience of Francis D'Costa and defensive play by Manuel Coelho helped in subduing an enthusiastic pair Shah Ahmed and Mohammed Khader in winning the men doubles competition of the First New Town Square Carrom Canada Open in Markham.

The finals began on an exciting phase with Shah Ahmed and Mohammed Khader displaying consistency in pocketing. The first game went to wire with Shad and Khader winning an 8 board decision 23-21. In the second game, Francis started taking control of the game, and with Manuel Coelho settling down, they tactically subdued their opponents with a 23-20 win.

In the third game, Francis and Manuel completely clamped down Shad and Khader and bulldozed their way to a very well engineered 25-0 win.

On the way to the finals, Francis and Manuel over powered strong contenders Mohammed Wajahat and Iqbal Ali with a 25-0 and 25-7 victory. Whilst, Shad and Khader had to come back from a game deficit to beat Silveira brothers, Derrick and Desmond 14-18, 22-17 & 20-14.



Ladies make big impact in Mixed Doubles



Rudelle Silveira a 13 year old, showed glimpses of being a major threat in the women's circle and in Sangeeta Nair and Vanita Pais we have ladies who could compete in bigger competitions. Grandmothers Linda Fernandes and Mukta Rao showed that age does not matter when the will is there to play. And, all the ladies besides their skills certainly did display a discipline fellow men players should follow - **be on time**.

The tournament schedule was tight and delays by some men players did not help. Hence, only one of the three competitions was completed. The mixed doubles finals and men singles semi finals and onward rounds will be played on a different mutually agreeable date.



Mixed Doubles Finals all set for a thrilling finish

In the mixed doubles competition, Manuel Coelho and Vanita Pais who beat Wajahat Mohammed and Valene Cardoso 25-1 in the first semi will meet Francis and Bridget D'Costa, who brushed past Desmond Silveira and Sangeeta Nair 25-22 in the other semi final.

The formidable pair in Manuel and Vanita had an easy run to the finals; however, Francis and Bridget had to come back from a 3-22 deficit in the 6th board to turn the tables on a very strong combination of Desmond and Sangeeta.



PRACTICE CARROM

Practices will continue every Friday and Saturday at the Cougar Court Carrom Club in Scarborough, Canada.

Although, the practices are confined to the members, they have been very accommodative to fellow carrom players.

You may call Ayeem Ahman - - for more details.

In Markham, you may call Francis D'Costa @ 416- -

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TOP FOUR COMPETE FOR MEN SINGLES CROWN

Francis D'Costa to play Derrick Silveira and Manuel Coelho to face Wajahat Mohammed in the semis

In the singles competition, top seed Francis will play number three Derrick Silveira in the first semi and number two seed Wajahat will play number four seed Manuel in the other semi final.

Mississauga representatives David Gonsalves, Diogo Fernandes and Derek D'Souza had a good tournament with all 3 players entering the quarter-finals. Derek particularly had a good outing beating Desmond and Shad on the way to the quarter finals.

Whilst reputed players like Desmond Silveira, Shad Ahmed, Abdul Qadeer, Manchu Kanaga and Mohammed Khader disappointingly did not make it to the last eight.

MEN SINGLES - First Round

- Abdul Qadeer bt John Britto 25-11 (7)
- Derrick Silveira bt Ethesham Ahmed 25-1 (5)
- Wajahat Mohammed bt Menino Cardoso 25-0 (4)
- Manuel Coelho bt Leslie D'Souza 25-0 (3)
- Francis D'Costa bt Menino Barretto 25-0 (4)
- Derek D'Souza bt Desmond Silveira 19-17 (8)
- Shad Ahmed bt Mohammed Nayeem 20-6 (6)
- Abdul Khader bt Diogo Fernandes 12-11 (7)
- David Gonsalves bt Ali Siddiqui 25-2 (6)
- Manchu Kanaga bt Misbah Khan 25-12 (8)

Second Round

- Wajahat Mohammed bt Derek D'Souza 24-0 (6)
- Manuel Coelho bt Mohammed Nayeem 25-3 (5)
- Francis D'Costa bt Diogo Fernandes 25-0 (5)
- Derrick Silveira bt Ali Siddiqui 25-6 (5)
- David Gonsalves bt Misbah Khan 12-11 (6)
- Abdul Qadeer bt Ethesham Ahmed 25-1 (6)
- Manchu Kanaga bt John Britto 25-0 (4)
- Shad Ahmed bt Menino Cardoso 25-0 (5)
- Desmond Silveira bt Leslie D'Souza 11-6 (6)
- Abdul Khader bt Menino Barretto 19-0 (4)

Third Round

- Manuel Coelho bt Desmond Silveira 22-12 (8)
- Abdul Khader bt Manchu Kanaga 11-8 (4)
- Francis D'Costa bt David Gonsalves 25-0 (4)
- Wajahat Mohammed bt Shad Ahmed 25-2 (7)
- Derrick Silveira bt Abdul Qadeer 15-7 (6)
- Derek D'Souza bt Menino Cardoso 25-0 (4)
- Misbah Khan bt Ethesham Ahmed 21-5 (5)
- Diogo Fernandes bt Ali Siddiqui 25-7 (6)
- John Britto bt Leslie D'Souza 15-12 (5)
- Menino Barretto bt Mohammed Nayeem 18-0 (4)

MIXED DOUBLES - First Round

- Mohammed Khader & Kimaron Silveira bt Leslie D'Souza & Zita Pinto 15-5 (8)
- Manuel Coelho & Vanita Pais bt John Britto & Jillian Britto 25-1 (5)
- Francis D'Costa & Bridget D'Costa bt Menino Barretto & Linda Fernandes 25-0 (4)
- Mohammed Nayeem & Susan Dias bt Misbah Khan & Sheryl Silveira 14-4 (4)
- Wajahat Mohammed & Valene Cardoso bt Menino Cardoso & Antonia Cardoso 25-0 (3)
- Derrick Silveira & Rudelle Silveira bt Ali Siddiqui & Kelly Bajwa 25-0 (5)
- Desmond Silveira & Sangeeta Nair bt Manchu Kanaga & Diana Coelho 25-0 (4)

Quarter Finals

- Wajahat Mohammed & Valene Cardoso bt Misbah & Sheryl 25-11 (8)
- Manuel Coelho & Vanita Pais bt Derrick Silveira & Rudelle Silveira 25-14 (7)
- Desmond Silveira & Sangeeta Nair bt Mohammed Khader & Kimaron Silveira 25-14 (10)
- Francis D'Costa & Bridget D'Costa bt Mohammed Nayeem & Susan Dias 25-0 (5)

Pre-Quarter Finals

- Francis D'Costa bt Leslie D'Souza 25-0 (3)
- Derek D'Souza bt Shad Ahmed 21-11 (8)
- Misbah Khan bt Manchu Kanaga 16-14 (8)
- Derrick Silveira bt Desmond Silveira 25-4 (6)
- Manuel Coelho bt Menino Barretto 25-0 (4)
- Diogo Fernandes bt Abdul Qadeer 23-20 (8)
- David Gonsalves bt Abdul Khader 25-2 (6)
- Wajahat Mohammed bt John Britto 25-0 (4)

Quarter Finals

- Francis D'Costa bt Derek D'Souza 25-0 (5), 25-7 (6); Misbah Khan lost to Derrick Silveira 0-25 (5), 0-25 (6); Manuel Coelho beat Diogo Fernandes 25-4 (6), 25-4 (6); David Gonsalves lost to Wajahat Mohammed 13-25 (7), 9-25 (8)

MEN DOUBLES - First Round

- Wajahat Mohammed & Iqbal Ali bt Ethesham Ahmed & Johnson Dharmai bt 25-0 (4); Abdul Qadeer & Misbah Khan bt Ali Siddiqui & John Britto bt 24-13 (7); Francis D'Costa & Manuel Coelho bt Antoo Valookaran & Varghese Pothen bt 25-0 (3); Derrick Silveira & Desmond Silveira bt Menino Cardoso & Leslie D'Souza bt 25-0 (3); David Gonsalves & Manchu Kanaga bt Derek D'Souza & Diogo Fernandes bt 17-10 (8); Shad Ahmed & Mohammed Khader bt Mohammed Nayeem & Kafeel Kotapali bt 16-5 (5)

Second Round

- Francis D'Costa & Manuel Coelho bt Mohammed Nayeem & Kafeel Kotapali bt 21-2 (5); Derrick Silveira & Desmond Silveira bt Ali Siddiqui & John Britto bt 25-0 (5)
- Wajahat Mohammed & Iqbal Ali bt Derek D'Souza & Diogo Fernandes bt 21-6 (6); Abdul Qadeer & Misbah Khan bt Ethesham Ahmed & Johnson Dharmai bt 25-0 (3)
- Shad Ahmed & Mohammed Khader bt Antoo Valookaran & Varghese Pothen bt 25-0 (3); David Gonsalves & Manchu Kanaga bt Menino Cardoso & Leslie D'Souza bt 21-3 (5)

Quarter Finals

- Derrick Silveira & Desmond Silveira bt Mohammed Nayeem & Kafeel Kotapali bt 25-0 (7), 25-1 (7); Shad Ahmed & Mohammed Khader bt Abdul Qadeer & Misbah Khan bt 18-13 (8), 5-19 (7), 25-0 (6); Wajahat Mohammed & Iqbal Ali bt David Gonsalves & Manchu Kanaga bt 18-15 (8), 25-0 (5); Francis D'Costa & Manuel Coelho bt Derek D'Souza & Diogo Fernandes bt 25-0 (4), 25-4 (6)