

## 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 5th of February 2013. This invitation computerized doubles event attracted 13 top players in Mississauga and 3 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.

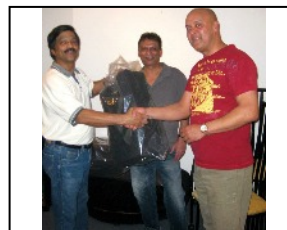
Carlyle Peters a new addition to the Carrom Canada family and Romlus DaSilva played excellent Carrom to reach the knockout round. John D’Souza was another player to impress and make the next round. Neil Sequeira and Diogo Fernandes as expected also qualified, along with the favorites Francis D’Costa, 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 8, players had a good chance to make it to the semis. And, as expect Francis topped the league with 9 points followed by another excellent Canadian player Derrick with 8 points. Neil and Romlus also finished with 8 points each. Diogo one

the top players in Mississauga finished with 7 followed by John at 5. Six players finished with 4 points and the two, Carlyle and Shad brushed past Menino Cardoso, Kevin Gabriel, Mario D’Cruz and Michael Lopes on better score difference. Michael had an unfortunate draw meeting Francis on 3 occasions.



Francis & Fabian



Fabian, Derrick & Carlyle.



David, Neil, Wilfred & Mario.



Shad, Fabian, Menino Cardoso & Carlyle.



## CARLYLE, ROMLUS & JOHN EXCEL

	Game Points	Score Diff.	For
Francis D'Costa	9	52	90
Derrick Silveira	8	42	78
Romlus DaSilva	8	39	71
Neil Sequeira	8	13	50
Diogo Fernandes	7	9	61
John DeSouza	5	-16	51
Carlyle Peters	4	11	60
Shad Ahmed	4	10	56
Menino Cardoso	4	8	50
Kevin Gabriel	4	-4	61
Mario D'Cruz	4	-29	33
Michael Lopes	4	-36	45
David Gonsalves	3	-15	53
Sylvester D'Souza	2	-12	40
Fabian Gonsalves	2	-22	40
Wilfred Corda	0	-50	27

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In the semis, Francis had to pair with the 8th qualifier and fortunately ended up pairing with Shad one of the top 10 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/Shad played composed Carrom and quickly overwhelmed Romlus and John 25-4 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 25-11 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 25-2 in 8 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 (905) 782-8366 or Menino Cardoso (416) 931-8653. They can also check Carrom Canada site frequently for upcoming events.

Konkan 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 Inter State Carrom tournament, which was played on a league cum knock out basis. This invitation doubles event held at Shads, North Scarborough, had most of the top 8 players in Canada participating. The 8 players were split into 4 teams based on their original residency in India. **Hyderabad** were made up of Umair Kamal 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 8 boards or 25 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 5 boards the Mumbai team were up 19-6 and were cruising to their bonus point. However, South India had different plans and got back in the game crawling back within 3 points in the next 2 boards. In the last board with Mumbai up 19-16 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 20-16. In the other match, Mumbai Reds made short work of the stronger Hyderabad outfit

in just 7 boards prevailing 25-5 and claiming an extra bonus point for completing the game.

In the second round, the Reds were coasting to a comfortable win and up 16-10 in the 7 boards. But once again the South Indian pair played superb Carrom and tied the match at 16-16 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 7 boards the score was 13 each. With Umair to break in the last board the Hyderabad team prevailed over the Blues 17-13. With this win, the competition was wide open. The odds were with the Reds as they had 3 points, followed by the Blues and Hyderabad with 2 points 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 23-4 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 25-1 in 5 boards to secure the all important bonus point victory.

The finals were well contested with the scores always within reach. But in the 7th board the South India team forged ahead by 6 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 16-11. This was a Balachandran's first victory on the Carrom Canada circuit, whereas Shad had once featured in a solitary victory with Manuel Coelho in September of 2012.



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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 NTN 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, Nishantha Fernando's 25-21, 25-24. 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 Sherifdeen who lost to Charith Madushanka, 11-25, 25-16, 21-14 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 25-18, 25-13. The fourth Sri Lankan player for the World Cup, Dimal Senaratne beat Prameda Mendis 25-12, 25-13 and Brindley Wickramasinghe defeated Charith Madushanka 25-14, 25-14 and booked their places in the semi-final.

In the women's section Joseph Roshitha, Yasika Rahubadde, Madushika Kanchanamala and Chalani Lakmali qualified for the semi-finals.

**Chamil Cooray** as expected won the finals for the 9<sup>th</sup> time beating Brindley Wickramasinghe 25/14, 25/16. For the 3<sup>rd</sup> place MTM Hilmy beat Dimal Senaratne 25/5, 25/12. The current world champion, DN Fernando had to settle for the 5<sup>th</sup> Place and had a tough game in beating Premada Mendis 3/23, 25/0, 19/15. The 7<sup>th</sup> Place went to Ajith Chandrasoma who defeated Charith Madushanka 25/4, 14/15, 25/3 in 3 games.

In the women's singles Chalani Lakmali beat Joseph Roshitha 25/6, 18/25, 25/0 in a 3 game battle, whilst Yasika Rahubddha claim the 3<sup>rd</sup> place by defeating Madushika Kanchanamala 25/12, 25/16. For the 5<sup>th</sup> position Sashika Sandamali beat Joseph Dilka 25/8, 24/15 and the 7<sup>th</sup> place went to Rebacca Dalrene who defeated Upekshika Shyamali 25/16, 17/14.

**Other results**

**MEN'S DOUBLES**

M.Sherifdeen & MTM Hilmy beat DN Fernando & Lahiru Eshan 11/25, 25/0, 25/12

**WOMEN'S DOUBLES**

Joseph Roshitha & Madushika Kanchanamala beat Chalani Lakmali & Arosha Wickramasinghe 25/24, 25/14

**MIXED DOUBLES**

Dimal Senaratne & Chalani Lakmali beat Lahiru Eshan & Joseph Roshitha 25/23,25/24

**VETERAN'S SINGLES**

Kaviranga Perera beat Merryl Nanayakkara 25/12,11/25,25/20



**Hilmy with Francis at the world cup.**

**Tournament Ranking**

**Men**

1. Chamil Cooray
2. Brindley Wickramasinghe
3. MTM Hilmy
4. Dimal Senaratne
5. DN Fernando
6. Premada Mendis
7. Ajith Chandrasoma
8. Charith Madushanka

**Women**

1. Chalani Lakmali
2. Joseph Roshitha
3. Yasika Rahubddha
4. Madushika Kanchanamala
5. Sashika Sandamal
6. Joseph Dilka
7. Rebacca Dalrene
8. Upekshika Shyamali

**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 19<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> 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.