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With an air of excited expectancy, everyone looks forward to the **Cricket** and **Table Tennis Tournaments** that have become a routine feature of each calendar year ! This year was no exception.

Ideally the Cricket Tournament should be slotted in during the cooler months of January or February but owing to the paucity and nonavailability of grounds, we had to wait till March 29<sup>th</sup>. this year.

Luckily, although a bright and sunny day dawned on us, the temperature was in the mid-twenties with a cool breeze blowing across the ground. The enthusiasm was easily discernible as the teams indulged in some much-needed net practice while they waited for the first match to start at the appointed time of 0900 hours.

Following the format set up in the inaugural tournament, the players were divided into 6 teams with 3 each placed in Groups A and B. Teams in each Group played matches against the other two in a round robin format with the two teams scoring the highest points in each group qualifying for the semi-finals, at which stage the tournament reached its knock-out stage.

The inaugural match, played between **JCB** and **BENNING**, was a low scoring affair, attributable mainly to the fact that the

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tomed to the changed conditions, the scoring improved and there were

tween **HOPPECKE** and **KOMATSU** produced a nail-biting finish with **KOMATSU** unable to find an extra 6 runs to overtake the former's total in their allotted overs.

boundaries on this ground were much longer. However, as the tournament progressed and the players got accus-

some sterling performances with both bat and ball.



During the round robin stage, only the **KOMATSU** versus **BENNING** match was a close affair with the latter unable to score another 9 nine in their allotted 6 overs to beat **KOMATSU**. By virtue of their better performance during the round robin part of the format, **HOPPECKE**, **KOMATSU**, **NUOVA** and **BENNING** qualified for the knock-out stage of the tournament.

The first semi-final, be-











The stage was now set for the final. Taking over from where Hemantha had left off, Mustansar demonstrated some deft work with the willow in scoring 21 runs. A quick 14 by its "overseas import" (Anil had specially come over from Dammam for the tournament !) was not enough for **HOPPECKE** to overhaul **NUOVA's** score in their allotted overs. **NUOVA**, on the basis of its solid all-round performance throughout the tournament emerged as the worthy champions !

I am sure all those involved would like to thank the management for its whole-hearted moral and monetary support. Thanks too to Geetank and Huzefa for organizing and running a smooth event.





















The **Table Tennis Tournament** ran over a period of a few weeks, culminating in the finals on April 02<sup>nd</sup>. The knock-out format for the singles remained the same as in previous years. Doubles was intro-



duced for the first time this year and followed a similar pattern as the Cricket in

that the initial stage consisted of the participating teams being divided into 2 groups with each pair playing the other three in its group and the top two teams qualifying for the semi-finals, at which stage it turned into a knock-out format.

The surprise find of the season was **Yogesh Ghimire**, an unassuming lad who joined us in the Warehouse operations in May 2012. But there was nothing unassuming as far as his wielding the bat was concerned. Adept as both defense and attack, he plowed through the field and reached the finals of the singles as well as the doubles !

In the doubles, **Huzefa** and **Lawrance** proved a bit too steady for **Yogesh** and **Parashuram** and beat them in straight sets.

The singles was a more closely fought affair with **Yogesh** finally getting the better of **Huzefa** in 3 hard fought and gruelling sets.

Everyone is now eagerly waiting for the Bi-annual Dinner coupled with the Awards Ceremony.

Vinod Arya

## May birthdays 2013! June birthdays 2013!

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