

Penang Scrabble Club (PSC) 2nd Mini Tournament *Prepared by Cheong Yi Wei*

The 2nd Mini Tournament of PSC in the year 2010 saw 14 eager players turn up at the Penang State Library, ready to put in their very best.

By the end of Game 3, Cheong Yi Wei was at 1st place with all wins and a 600+ margin, and was pitted against veteran player Chuah Sim Swee. Renowned for her wondrous bingo-ing skills, Chuah laid down bingos such as DOPIEST, RIVLINS and ALLAYED to end Cheong's winning spree.

After a delicious lunch, games resumed. Cheong and Chuah played each other in Games 5 and 6 as well. While they were trashing and slaughtering each other, seasoned veteran player John Lam had quietly crept up the standings to 2nd place, thus playing Chuah in Game 7. Cheong played Dr. Salahudin at another table.

John won his game against Chuah. With one game ahead of both Cheong and Chuah, he was all ready to be named champion but had to wait a little longer as everyone unanimously agreed to an extra game. In the end, an overjoyed Cheong beat John 437 – 288 and Chuah also won her game sensationally. John, Chuah and Cheong each had 6 wins, so it all came down to the margin, and the new winner is yours truly.

Well done all winners and also the rest of the players for making this a tough but enjoyable tournament. Some players even earned themselves spot prizes for well-played words : Jackie Cheah played QUASH (80), Chuah did not hesitate in putting down LIQUATES (101), and John found a niner – CAPONISE – for a staggering 158 points!

Kudos to the organising committee for making this tournament a success.