

# **SUBANG SCRABBLE CHALLENGE 2012**

**MPSJ, Subang Jaya, Malaysia: 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2012**

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## **Introduction**

The **4<sup>th</sup> Subang Scrabble Challenge 2012** (SSC2012) was organized by the Subang Jaya Community Sports Club (SJCSC) in association with the Malaysian Scrabble Association (MSA) and Jawatankuasa Penduduk Zon 3 (JKP3) Subang Jaya, on the **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July 2012**, at Majlis Perbandaran Subang Jaya (MPSJ), Subang Jaya. SJCSC has been actively organizing youth sporting activities such as the Boy's Football League and the Girls' Futsal league, for the past twelve years in Subang Jaya. The inaugural Subang Scrabble Challenge competition was introduced in **2008** to provide a fun and family-orientated way to interact between the members and improve the usage of English Language among the youths.

This year, the competition was divided in **three divisions** to cater for the different levels of scrabble players. The Open division was for the more seasoned and competitive scrabble players, some of them have played in previous World Scrabble Competitions. The Intermediate division was mainly for the school children who has been playing competitive scrabbles for the school and also adult players, while the Beginners division was mainly for the SJCSC members and others who are starting to play competitive scrabble. The Open and Intermediate Divisions are nationally rated by MSA and the ratings shall be published in the MSA's website [www.penster.com](http://www.penster.com). A total of **eighty-five** (85) players took part in this year tournament.

## **Open Division**

A total of **sixteen** (16) players took part in the Open division playing **fifteen** (15) rounds of scrabble. This division featured many top-rated Scrabble players in Malaysia such as Aaron Chong, Pui Cheng Wui and Khoo Beng Way. The spacious playing area allowed the Open division players to ply their trade comfortably and also enabled the Intermediate and Beginners' division players to observe the ongoing matches. Among the bingos (bonus words) played in this division were FELICIA, GEODESIC, FOLIAGES, DRONERS, BARYTONE and ADENITIS.

After the first day of intense eight (8) rounds of scrabble, Aaron Chong took the lead with 7 points ahead of Ramaraj Sundraraj and Vinnith Ramamurti, who were on 6 and 5 points respectively. On the second day, the battle for first place was fiercely contested by Ramaraj Sundraraj and Aaron Chong, playing each other in three (3) rounds. Ramaraj managed to nick the sufficient victories to emerge as Champion, with one round to spare, with the latter settling for 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up. The top seven (7) was completed by Khoo Beng Way, Tan Jin Chor, Chang Ching Wei, Jocelyn Lor and Pui Cheng Wui in that order.



**Open Division Participants**



The top three winners were given cash awards and trophies. Additional cash award and vouchers was given to the fourth to eight placed finishers. High word award was presented to Warren Lau who played "FOLIAGES" for 167 points.



**YB Hannah Yeoh, ADUN Subang Jaya, presenting cash and trophies to the top three winners, S. Ramaraj, Aaron Chong & Khoo Beng Way (L to R)**

**Results after Round 15**

**07-08.07.2012 SSC2012 – OPEN DIVISION**

Rank	Player	Wins	Mar	Rank	Player	Wins	Mar
1	Ramaraj Sundraraj	12	341	13	Warren Lau	6	-327
2	Aaron Chong	10	933	14	Ker Ken Wa	5	-505
3	Khoo Beng Way	9	269	15	Lee Pao Hsien	5	-854
4	Tan Jin Chor	9	193	16	Yeap Gim Sai	4	-589
5	Chang Ching Wei	9	-57	High Game : Khoo Beng Way 592			
6	Jocelyn Lor	8	754	High Word : Warren Lau			
7	Pui Cheng Wui	8	183	'FOLIAGES' 167			
8	Tengku Asri	8	-108				
9	Vinnith Ramamurti	8	-117				
10	Alex Tan Ken Seng	7	235				
11	Mohd Ali Ismail	6	-39				
12	Seshi Ramanathan	6	-312				



**Prizes for SSC2012**

**Open Division Prizes**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Trophy + Cash RM 450,
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Trophy + Cash RM 250,
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Trophy + Cash RM150,
- 4<sup>th</sup> Trophy + Cash RM100,
- 5<sup>th</sup> Cash Voucher RM 100
- 6<sup>th</sup> Cash Voucher RM 50
- 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Prizes
- High Word Hamper

**Intermediate Division**

In the Intermediate division, there were **twenty-eight** (28) players playing **twelve** (12) rounds of scrabble on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July. Prema Manium who led from round 8 emerged Champion with 10 wins. The runners up positions went to Kang Eng Lee and Haravind with 9 wins respectively.



**Intermediate Division Participants**

The Champion received a trophy and cash voucher of RM 150 while the runners up received trophies and prizes. Prizes were given for the top ten winners. High word award went to Alif Akmal who played "CAZIQUES" for 140 points.



**Dr. Loi, JKP 3 Chairman and MPSJ Councilor, and En. Farouk, SJCS President, presenting the prizes and trophies to the top three winners, Prema Maniam, Kang Eng Lee and T. Haravind (L to R)**

**Results after Round 12**  
**07-08.07.2012 SSC2012 – INTERMEDIATE DIVISION**

Rank	Player	Wins	Mar	Rank	Player	Wins	Mar
1	Prema Maniam	10	689	17	S. Aananda Varmaa	6	-382
2	Kang Eng Lee	9	719	18	Yu Sin Lu	5	315
3	Haravinth Thiruthond	9	500	19	S. Krishnapriya	5	-102
4	Chek Wu Kong	8	637	20	Shyla Williams	5	-200
5	Wan Mohd Azril	8	161	21	Ahmad Wafi Abdullah	5	-272
6	Arunan Sethu	7	590	22	Sri Ram Vengada	5	-552
7	Kuhan Bathmanaban	7	466	23	Avienash Vilet	5	-557
8	Arun Maniam	7	345	24	Hairul Iqbal Zali	5	-796
9	Mohd Syazwan Aidid	7	253	25	Divya Ramesh	4	-446
10	Vignesh Ramanan	7	192	26	Alif Akmal Hashim	4	-474
11	Kirthivaasan P	6	612	27	Irfan Sabri	4	-479
12	Vijayaraj Mahendraraj	6	495	28	Kirthanaa J.	0	-1635
13	Yu Teik Chien	6	291	High Game: Vijayaraj Mahendrarj 576			
14	Christopher Vijay	6	-24	High Word: Alif Akmal 140 "CAZIQUES"			
15	Anishia Veerappan	6	-40				
16	Priyanka Sethu	6	-306				

**Beginners Division**

There was an overwhelming response for the Beginners Division, where **forty-one** (41) players registered on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2012 to play **five** (5) rounds of enthusiastic and competitive scrabble. Yu Gen Han managed to emerge Champion by winning all his five games. The runner up positions went to siblings Hemalatha Palani and Suvitha Palani respectively with 4 wins each.



**Beginners Division Participants**

The top fifteen winners were presented with prizes and the top three finishers were also given trophies. High word award went to Yoshent Subramaniam for 180 point word "IRONIER".



**En. Farouk, SJCS President, presenting the prizes and trophies to the top three winners, Yu Gen Han, Hemalatha Palani and Suvitha Palani. (L to R)**

Results after **Round 5**  
08.07.2012 **SSC2012 -- BEGINNERS DIVISION**

Rank	Player	Wins	Mar	Rank	Player	Wins	Mar
1	Yu Gen Han	5	583	24	Aravind Moorthy	2	6
2	Hemalatha Palani	4	514	25	Norfahlinda Tahrin	2	-2
3	Suvitha Palani	4	356	26	Brintha Gnanaguru	2	-8
4	Mageswari Munusamy	4	310	27	Rashwen Sundraraj	2	-50
5	K. Manohar	4	252	28	SugaanBalasubramanium	2	-65
6	Keeran Bathmanaban	4	192	29	Muhd Imran Haiqal	2	-95
7	Sarannya Subramaniam	4	68	30	Yaswin Sivanesan	2	-133
8	Kathir Anbalagan	4	-133	31	Kuhean Vijayan	2	-141
9	KanishaDewiMuthusamy	3	755	32	Gopi Manimaran	2	-153
10	Yoshent Subramaniam	3	140	33	Nisha Ramais	2	-230
11	Leena Adam	3	125	34	Kangheswaraan Kannan	2	-339
12	N. Priyatharshini	3	112	35	NalinesKrishna Gopal	1	34
13	V. Kokulathrsan	3	88	36	Harivalagan John	1	-58
14	Varnamugil Muthalagu	3	86	37	M. Sharmila	1	-147
15	R. Annanthajothi	3	81	38	Nitiyaa Ragu	1	-255
16	Muhd Fahmi MohdYunus	3	63	39	Deeviyadharshini	1	-365
17	Krihiga Kandasamy	3	51	40	Ahmad Hidayat MRamli	1	-462
18	VikneswaranRajendran	3	5	41	Muhd Tharwan Thoupek	1	-536
19	TineshKumarSelvaraja	3	-96				
20	Lydia Adam	3	-183				
21	Megan Raj Sethu	3	-330				
22	Azaamirul Warno	2	141				
23	Sharmillah Elangovan	2	69				

High Game: KanishaDewiMuthusamy 587  
High Word: Yoshent Subramaniam 180  
"IRONIER"



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