

2011 SUBANG SCRABBLE CHALLENGE COMMENTARY **BY CHANG CHING WEI**

The 2011 Subang Scrabble Challenge was held with great success in the Majlis Perbandaran Subang Jaya (MPSJ) by K.Sundraraj. This year's tournament managed to attract double the amount of contestants from the previous year, with 90 participants, ranging from old to young. The beginners category attracted the most, 38 participants playing Scrabble and having fun as they learn the game. After 5 games, Irfan Sabri Mohd Sabri managed to win all his games and was the champion of his category. 1st runners-up went to Chin Cheng Chai who had a humungous spread of +1011 to edge of Phoon Foong Ha by means of spread.

It was a pleasure to see so many new players in the Scrabble realm, showing that the game has not withered in Malaysia.

In the intermediate category, 28 players pitted their wits against each other, with notable players like Vinnith Ramamurti and Choo Zi Wei in the fray. Vinnith dropped an early game to Zi Wei to remain in second place until the King of The Hill rounds where he beat Zi Wei three times to gain an unassailable lead in the standings. It was too late to stop Vinnith and he went on to be crowned the Subang Intermediate champion for the second year running with 14 wins and a monstrous spread of +2625. Second place went to Choo Zi Wei with 11 wins and Jeihiiin Subramaniam achieved third placing with 10 wins.

The main event was of course the Open category where one gets to witness Scrabble masters of all ages duke it out for the 1st prize of RM400. The tournament also welcomed Shim Yen Nee from Singapore and also the Richards family; Paul Richards, Karen Richards and Alastair Richards, hailing from Australia, which added some spice to the tournament. Pui Cheng Wui, Khoo Beng Way, Tan Jin Chor and William Kang were trading places for pole position during the first day. At the end of the 8th game, William Kang was in the lead with 7 wins, only dropping his first game to Sean Chung.

On the second day, the lead once again exchanged hands between Khoo Beng Way and Pui Cheng Wui. At the start of the King of The Hill rounds, Beng Way had to face Pui Cheng Wui three times. Pui Cheng Wui showed great skill to win two of the games to maintain pole position at the end of Game 14. In the final game, Pui Cheng Wui faced Chang Ching Wei, who was on a 5 game winning streak after losing the first match of the day to Tan Jin Chor. Both on 10 wins, it was a decisive game to determine the champion of this year's Subang Scrabble Challenge. Alas, the tiles were in Ching Wei's favour as he won the game 506-387. A post-mortem of the game showed that both players missed nine-timers of their own; Ching Wei missing BAYADEER and BAYADERE [a dancing girl] and Pui Cheng Wui missing REFASTEN.

With Ching Wei winning the final game, he was first in the standings with 11 wins and +585 spread. Khoo Beng Way edged off Pui Cheng Wui to take second place due to his superior spread of +720. Martin Teo's nine-timer, UNGLOVED was the high word in the category with 172 points. Other good plays in the category include MARAVEDI [a former coin of Spain], NEOBLAST [a cell important in regeneration of worms] and DESYATIN [a Russian measurement of land].

The final results are:

Results after game 5
10.07.2011 SSC2011Beginners -- BEGINNERS

Rank	Player	Wins	Mar
1	Irfansabrimohdsabri	5	248
2	Chin Cheng Chai	4	1011
3	Phoon Foong Ha	4	458
4	Goh Chon Ji	4	353
5	Meera Badmanaban	4	208
6	Keeran Bathmanaban	4	87
7	Hemalatha Palani	4	58
8	Nufael Amzar	4	-83
9	KanishadewiMuthusamy	3.5	36
10	Yap Song Kim Lian	3	329
11	Mohan Raj Chanthran	3	127
12	Foo Ying Ying	3	95
13	Ahmad Wafi Abdullah	3	-6
14	Shanthini	3	-7
15	Suvitha Palani	3	-24
16	VenotKhanaMuthusamy	3	-65
17	Shyla William	2.5	121
18	Aiman Syakir Haris	2.5	8
19	Teng Yi Ting	2	174
20	Muhd Aniq	2	166
21	Yu Sin Lu	2	109
22	SarannyaSubramaniam	2	52
23	Aqileizzatbmohdnasir	2	30
24	Hairul Iqbal Zali	2	17
25	Selvaganabathy	2	-45
26	Megan Raj Sethu	2	-158
27	Abdul Karim Zulkifli	2	-201
28	Haarivalagan John	2	-206
29	Kathir Anbalagan	2	-268
30	Devika Ishoney	2	-311
31	AznorYazidAzri	2	-367
32	Muhamadafigmuhdzaidi	1.5	-162
33	Gopi Manimaran	1.5	-486
34	M. Sharafii	1	-149
35	Ramanan KrishnaGopal	1	-250
36	Yogaraja	1	-267
37	Ebenezer Kumaran	0.5	-186
38	Vimal Naidu	0	-446

HIGH GAME: Chin Cheng Chai 582
HIGH WORD: Kanishadewi 134
"ANEROID"

Results after game 15
09.07.2011 SSC2011 -- U18JUNIOR

Rank	Player	Wins	Mar
1	Vinnith Ramamurti	14	2625
2	Choo Zi Wei	11	1024
3	Jeihiin Subramaniam	10	734
4	Arunan Sethu	9	664
5	Wan Mohd Azril	9	595
6	Chang Ching Yet	9	575

7	Muhd Adham Abdullah	9	400
8	S. Krishnapriya	9	188
9	Yu Teik Chien	8	1196
10	Prema Maniam	8	213
11	Arun Maniam	8	-20
12	Priyanka Sethu	8	-60
13	Mohd Azlan TajulAzwa	8	-776
14	Sri Ram Vengada	7.5	-222
15	Cheah Ken Ween	7.5	-314
16	Aananda Varmaa Sethu	7	-51
17	Wilson Kang	7	-238
18	Soon Chee Yen	7	-331
19	Muhd Ashraff A Idrus	7	-594
20	Ruth Ting Xian Xian	6.5	243
21	Ilham Hasnul	6	-378
22	Divya Ramesh	6	-571
23	Roshnee Jayakumar	6	-607
24	Khiirren Rreddy	6	-976
25	Amirul Hakim Ahmad	5.5	-1034
26	Jesidhn Pillai	5	-885
27	Jossmita Pillai	4	-557
28	P Ruhielan	2	-843

HIGH GAME: Vinnith Ramamurti 634
HIGH WORD: Wan Mohd Azril 158
"SWEATING"

Results after game 15
09.07.2011 SSC2001 -- OPEN

Rank	Player	Wins	Mar
1	Chang Ching Wei	11	585
2	Khoo Beng Way	10	724
3	Pui Cheng Wui	10	610
4	Alex Tan Ken Seng	10	250
5	Alastair Richards	9	471
6	Tan Jin Chor	9	184
7	Ramaraj Sundraraj	9	25
8	Tengku Asri	9	22
9	William Kang	8	353
10	Cedric Stewart Lewis	8	149
11	Karen Richards	8	85
12	Sean Chung	8	-193
13	Yennee Shim	7	519
14	Jocelyn Lor	7	144
15	Paul Richards	7	-19
16	Chim Wai Main	7	-272
17	Martin Teo	6	343
18	Mohd Ali Ismail	6	9
19	Seshi Ramanathan	6	-213
20	Ker Ken Wa	6	-318
21	Cheah Kim Tarh	6	-582
22	Kang Eng Lee	6	-601
23	Lee Pao Hsien	6	-660
24	Chek Wu Kong	1	-1615

HIGH GAME: Martin Teo 592
HIGH WORD: Martin Teo 172
"UNGLOVED"