

CNY Tournament 2010

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It was a reunion for many Scrabble players after a sensational outing in Causeway Scrabble Challenge which ended in early December. The CNYSC featured the comeback of seasoned players such as Aaron Chong, Ramaraj Sundraraj and Chang Ching Wei. A total of 20 players took part in the Masters category while the Intermediate category gathered 16 players.

In the Masters division, Day 1 ended in favour of Yeo Kien Hung who only dropped 1 game; 7-1. Aaron Chong was close behind with a point behind Yeo at 6-2. Day 2 witnessed the prowess of Chang Ching Wei who played extraordinarily well to top the list after Game 13. Knowing that he(Chang) only needed a game to sweep the title, Alex Tan who was a point behind Chang, showed his superiority by beating Chang in Game 14 to level the score at 10-10.

The top 2 players were tied at 10-4 after round 14 and both Alex and Chang met again in Game 15 for the final showdown where the 'winner takes it all.' Whether or not experience or age mattered, Alex Tan showed the kid his way out by beating him in the last game to be the champion of the first MSA tournament of the year. William who was 3rd after Game 14, outplayed Martin Teo to finish at 2nd place ahead of Chang (3rd place). Yeo beat Aaron to secure 4th place while Martin was 5th.

In the Intermediate Category, friends Chang Ching Yet and Vinnith Ramamurti were leading the pack since the beginning of the competition. During the KOTH rounds, they played each other in almost every game with Chang having the upper hand, beating Vinnith in the last few rounds to overtake the latter by 2 points. It was Chang Ching Yet's first championship title! Mother-to-be, Intan Rahayu finished 3rd.

Then Chang brothers almost made history by being the first siblings to win two titles in a tournament. But it was the elder Chang who lost grip when it matters the most.

<u>MASTERS RESULTS</u>				<u>INTERMEDIATE RESULTS</u>			
Rank	Player	Wins	Mar	Rank	Player	Wins	Agg
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1	Alex Tan	11	611	1	Chang Ching Yet	10	4477
2	William Kang	10	618	2	Vinnith Ramamurti	8	5022
3	Chang Ching Wei	10	414	3	Intan Rahayu	8	4139

4 Yeo Kien Hung	10	263	4 Mohd Syazwan Aidid	7	4457
5 Martin Teo	9	271	5 Thong Yi Kun	7	4239
6 John Lam	9	86	6 Mohd Aizuddin Sukeri	7	3984
7 Aaron Chong	8	610	7 Mohd Zahanif	6	4316
8 Markus Loke Qi En	8	463	8 Nur Azmaliza	6	4033
9 Ramaraj Sundraraj	8	34	9 K. Sundraraj	6	3926
10 Tan Jin Chor	8	-102	10 Muhamad Amirul Azrie	5	3961
11 Jocelyn Lor	7.5	-43	11 Ahmad Hazlami Fikri	5	3790
12 Ker Jen Ho	7	264	12 Nik Mohd Syamil	5	3773
13 Ker Ken Wa	7	77	13 Fatin Farhana	5	3401
14 Chim Wai Main	7	-437	14 Ariff Sufi	4	3458
15 Tengku Asri	6.5	-532	15 Mohamad Irfan	4	3311
16 Pui Cheng Wui	6	-162	16 Aiman Dzulhelmy	3	3398
17 Warren Lau	6	-646	HIGH GAME: Vinnith Ramamurti		573
18 Nabena B Hemalatha	4.5	-719			
19 Lee Pao Hsien	4	-455			
20 Adele Tan	3.5	-615			
HIGH GAME: Aaron Chong		565			

Kudos to the team of organizers - Ir. K. Sundraraj and the gang for making the tournament a successful one!