

Penang Scrabble Club
2nd PSC MINI
27th March 2011

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The second mini scrabble tournament for 2011 was held by PSC at the Penang State Public Library (Perpustakaan Awam Pulau Pinang) at Jalan Scotland on 27th March. Heavy rain and strong wind as well as massive traffic jams as a result of 'Cheng Beng' prayers and a marathon run, did not deter the participants who managed to make it to the library. A record number of participants turned up, many of them first time participants such as Choo Zi Wei, Zay Azahari, Ang Qi Xuan, Ivy Phan and Elaine Wong. The appearance of new blood was a heartening development and proof that the efforts put in by PSC, ICT, CIMB bank and other parties were beginning to bear fruit as the pool of young and new players have begun to mature.

As a result of some of the participants arriving late, seven games were played instead of the scheduled eight. Oblivious to the incessant rain outside, all the players gave their best. Game 5 saw Chuah Sim Swee pulling away from the pack of front-runners as she maintained her perfect score. After winning game six, her lead was unassailable and she would have won the mini tournament even if she were to lose the last game. She barely won the last game (game 7) anyway when she overcame a very tenacious Dr. Ng Chee Eng by just three points with her last move. The other leaders fought it out equally fiercely to the end as they jostled for top spots. The final outcome is as follows.

Results after game 7 – PSC 2nd Mini

Rank	Player	Win	Win	Margin
1	Chuah Sim Swee	7	7	661
2	Mohamad Salahudin	5	5	333
3	Choo Zi Wei	5	5	182
4	Albert Yeap	5	5	121
5	Lee Yee Fun	4	4	430
6	Jonson Lim Jia Sheng	4	4	318
7	Ng Chee Eng	4	4	286
8	Jackie Cheah	4	4	243
9	Hemalatha Nabena	4	4	113
10	Adele Tan	4	4	96
11	Aysha Noora	4	4	5
12	Ang Qi Xuan	4	4	-71
13	Zeenath Ariff	3	3	345
14	James Chin	3	3	132
15	Terence Wang Zhe Wei	3	3	31
16	Samantha Loh	3	3	-3
17	Lee Cheng Har	3	3	-90
18	Seow Peng Peng	3	3	-439
19	Lim Jia Tian, Justie	2	2	-276
20	Zay Azahari	2	2	-434
21	Elaine Wong	1	1	-821
22	Muhammad Hazym Hyqal	0	0	-1162

HIGH GAME: Jackie Cheah 520