

**Penang Scrabble Club**  
**1<sup>st</sup> PSC MINI**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> January 2011**

The first PSC scrabble mini for the year 2011 was held at City Bayview hotel on 23rd January. It was a small but exciting affair with all participants happy to see each other again after the long lull since the last major competition. In the seven games that were to be played, they gave their best and gave no quarters in their bid to attain the highest standing.

As expected, John Lam was the one to beat and he showed that he was in fine form and quickly jumped in front of the pack. The only other player who could give him a run for his money was Chuah Sim Swee and they were to meet 3 times in the course of the tournament. Interestingly, they each won one game apiece (John Lam won game 2 while Chuah Sim Swee won game 5) and drew one game (game 4). The ever bashful Amery Seow was the player who showed the most improvement and was surprised when she won against more experienced players. Amery also scored the highest game. Rounding up the top five were Lee Yee Fun and Zeenath Ariff. The complete result as well as the points scored and spread can be viewed below.

Full praise however should be placed on the courageous Mohd Hazym Hyqal, the youngest and most inexperienced player. He lost every game, some very badly but not once did he complain or mope over his losses and he hung on grimly till the last game. Before leaving, the spirited youth made it a point to get a copy of Zyzzyva so that he could learn more words and improve his game in time for the next tournament.

Name	Points	Spread
1 John Lam	5.5	682
2 Chuah Sim Swee	5.5	394
3 Amery Seow	5	532
4 Lee Yee Fun	5	-6
5 Zeenath Ariff	4	457
6 Nabena B Hemalatha	4	201
7 Adele Tan	4	195
8 Jackie Cheah	4	155
9 Ng Chee Eng	4	135
10 Mohd Salahudin	3	191
11 Samantha Loh	3	78
12 James Chin	3	-110
13 Dorcas Choo	3	-262
14 Nicolas Choo	3	-319
15 Koay Su Yang	3	-653
16 Chew Shin Liang	2	-150
17 Seow Peng Peng	2	-269
18 Mohd Hazym Hyqal	0	-1251

HIGH GAME: Amery Seow      536