

SLC Open 2008 Concluded

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After last week PAG, PCA return to SLC with a PCA-SLC open tournament. The objectives are to encourage chess at the mainland and create opportunities for Butterworth, Sungai Petani, Kulim and other town nearby to join the tournament.

The registration for the tournament is encouraging with almost 80 players. However, the turnout was less than 50% of what appear on registration list.... that was bad for the pairing when most of the players will expect a walkover at first round!

So, with quick action, pairing handler Tan Eu Hong remove the absent player from the pairing and as the result, the tournament started late at 10.30am. However, given the situation, I think the late start is justifiable...

Tan Eng Seong collecting registration fees from the participants

Reliasing that the absentseem are high, Eu Hong get back to work on the pairing, with Tan Jia Yun watching

while Anthony Liong and Kim Hoong waiting for the new pairing

The game start and the first round surprises was Evan's lost to A'amluddin(who is a strong player, see PCL 2007 where he scored 7/7). while others seeded players has no problem going thru' the first round.

Start of first round, table 1 - 4

First round, table 6 A'amluddin vs Evan(1-0) and table 8, Choo Ting Wei vs Syed Iskandar(0-1)

First round, table 8 - 12

photo taken from outside of the room

Second round, table 4, Wan Mohd vs Teh De Jack(1-0)

YB Tan Cheong Heng(left) visit to the tournament together with SLC's admin. manager, Mr. Yap Li Lung(center), while Mr. Tan Eng Seong explained about the tournament.

From left : YB Tan Cheong Heng, PCA assistant secretary Mr. Tan Eng Seong, PCA newly elected president Mr. Lee Ewe Ghee and Mr. Yap Li Lung discussing on possible chess development plan in BM

After 3 rounds, participant have 50 minutes break for lunch.

participants can view the stage and projector screen while taking their lunch

If you are not hungry, you can watch TV!

Round 5 saw another upset - A'amaluddin beat top seed Tan Khai Boon with black pieces. At round 6, A'amaluddin play well and Anthony hang on to a draw while Evan vs Khai Boon ended with different colour bishop - draw.

Battle continue after lunch. Round 5, Table 1 Thong Yung Chen vs Anthony Liong(0-1) and Table 2 Tan Khai Boon vs A'amluddin(0-1)

Another VIP visit to the tournament, Mr. Ooi Lye Oo(second from right), the owner of SLC.

Final round, table 1 Anthony Liong vs Tan Khai Boon(0.5-0.5), Table 2, Thung Yung Chen vs A'amluddin(0.5-0.5). With this, Anthony Liong grab his second title of this year.

Final round, table 9 - 11

Top 20 finishers are :

1	Anthony Liong Ing Kiat, Open	1700	6	30.0	24.75	26.5
2	A'Amaluddin Bebakar, Open	800	5.5	34.5	26.50	23.5
3	Thong Yung Chen, Open	1566	5.5	30.0	18.25	24.5
4	Evan Timothy Capel, Open	1576	5.5	27.0	19.00	20.0

5	Tan Khai Boon, Open	1880	5	34.0	22.75	23.5	
6	Wan Mohd Arif Shafiq, Open	1589	5	30.0	16.50	22.0	
7	Keok Kai En, Open	1359	5	24.5	15.00	19.0	
8	Fairuz Hamizah, Lady	1282	5	23.0	15.50	17.0	
9	Syed Iskandar, Open	1537	4.5	30.5	17.75	19.5	
10	Norazwan Bin Kamaruzaman, Open	1520	4.5	30.5	17.50	19.0	
11	Marzuki Mat, Open	1642	4.5	28.0	14.25	22.0	
12	Teh De Jack, Open	1197	4.5	24.5	11.25	16.5	
13	Teoh Ern Tek, Open	1224	4	29.0	13.50	17.0	
14	Choo Teng Wei, Open	800	4	26.5	13.00	16.0	
15	Alias Hanafi, Open	1519	4	26.0	12.00	17.0	
16	Mohd Rizamsulliady Ramly, Open	800	4	26.0	10.00	18.0	
17	Muhammad Sirajuddin, Open	1235	4	25.5	11.50	15.0	
18	M. O. Hasyimie, Open	1368	4	23.0	11.50	13.0	
19	Mohd Hafizan Omar, Open	1399	4	23.0	10.00	18.0	
20	Tan Jia Yun, Lady	1206	3.5	28.0	11.75	17.5	

It is interesting that the 11 year old Fairuz Hamizah finished number 8! Very Strong!

(For detail result, please visit to www.pca.bayanbaru.com or Chess.EuHong.NET)

The winners are :

Group photo of Winners of 6 - 10, plus best lady with Arbiter PS Lim, Mr.Yap Li Lung and Tan Eng Seong.

Anthony Liong, champion of PCA-SLC chess tournament received top prize of RM200 while runner up, A'amaluddin looks on.

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Finally, Tan Eu Hong present the souvenir to Lewis Lim, SLC's marketing manager for SLC's kindness and helpfulness throughout the tournament.

So, it is the end of the tournament and it seems that the objective is not fully met. Nevertheless, it is not a discouraging effort for PCA as a start; it is just a beginning and PCA will be putting more developing plan on Penang's mainland, especially, Butterworth and Bukit Mertajam. PCA and SLC has combined the effort to start the ball rolling at BM, let's hope the other sectors, organization or school especially, will continue to organize chess tournament and should there be any needs of technical assistant; PCA is more than willing to help. So, you BM people, lets keep it up!