

## APM Chinese New Year Fire Rooster Tournament at the Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL

11 February 2017

This was an auspicious day being the very last day of the Chinese New Year celebration or as we call it in Singapore, "Chap Go Mei", the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the Lunar New Year.

It so happens to be one of the hottest day in February.

The Tournament Directors and I turned up at the CHPRSL at 7.30 am in the morning getting organised for the Big Day where we have 192 players registered to play.

I had all the special Chinese New Year gifts and name tags ready as the players start streaming in.



As this is the year of the Fire Rooster, we had prizes given away to the oldest male and female member as well as the youngest member who were all born in the year of the Rooster.

We shall let you guess who these members may represent.



The tournament started with Mike reading the Rules for the day with players listening very attentively.



Unfortunately, due to the extreme heat on the day, the air-conditioning gave up and was out for a few hours whilst the technician did what he could to get it up and running in a few hours' time. It was fortuitous that we have given our players a fan each in their lucky CNY gift bag. Despite the heat, our players were all very happy and enjoying the lunch break





I would like to present to you, all our good looking and hard working Tournament Directors on the day. They all did a splendid job despite the heat. Keep Smiling boys!!!



Our Brisbane members who have travelled 1000 kilometres to come and join us



I am pleased to announce 2 of our Brisbane players came in the top 16!!



I have always believed in sharing more cash prizes with more players in a big tournament and being Chinese New Year, it is auspicious to be giving players who rank, 8<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 38<sup>th</sup> 48<sup>th</sup> 58<sup>th</sup> 68<sup>th</sup> 78<sup>th</sup> 88<sup>th</sup> 98<sup>th</sup> 108<sup>th</sup> 118<sup>th</sup> 128<sup>th</sup> 138<sup>th</sup> 148<sup>th</sup> 158<sup>th</sup> 168<sup>th</sup> 178<sup>th</sup> and 188<sup>th</sup> .Here are all our lucky players.



The Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL has also kindly given away the beautiful Egg Tarts and Mango pancakes to all our players during our afternoon break.



After 4.30 pm the players were broken up into 2 groups, the top 32 players into a quiet room in the basement whereas the remaining players are all moved into another room for their \$2000 side game.



2 gigantic portable air conditioners were wheeled into the room to help cool the players. I must applaud the players who remain cool and calm throughout the tournament.





After dinner, we were all treated to a special performance by the Mandarin Band with compliments of Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL. Players got up to dance throughout the night and having a great time whilst the 32 top players battled on.



Our winners ranking 17<sup>th</sup> to 32<sup>nd</sup> places are as follows:



Our top 16 winners



Our very happy and excited top 4 winners



Our Highest Hand Score for Men and Ladies



Our Lucky Name Tag winner



Happy Birthday to all our players for the month of February. They each get a birthday card and a lucky lottery ticket. Some have of the players have won some monies!!

Good luck to all and a very happy birthday to you.



By the time the Tournament Directors completely stored away all the tables and tiles and packed our equipment into our Van and their various cars, it was almost 12 midnight.

I am sure all the players including the tournament directors were absolutely exhausted but I feel confident that everyone had a great time.

I wish to thank each and every one who participated in the day's event. Without you, it will not be the successful event we had.

I want to also thank our Sponsor, Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL, without whom, we will not have been able to bring this event to all our players.

I look forward to our next Spring Mahjong Tournament at the Wenty Leagues on 24 September 2017 and I promise to bring to all our players an equally exciting game.

See you all very soon.

With Best Wishes,

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CEO