2010 Edmonton Sabaki Open Tournament Report

2010 Edmonton sabaki Open Go Tournament was a success. 15 players Edmontonian players participated in this two-days event. The tournament was very competitive, 11 out of 15 players were dan players.

In the Open division, Luke Yao Nien Chung 6 dan was able to capture the champion title with the record or 5-0, along with $150 cash prize. " I felt that I was very lucky; I won merely by half point in couple of games." Said Luke.

Wei (Water) Cheng 5dan won the 2nd place winning 4 out of 5 games. After taking a lead in the game against Luke, Wei made few end games mistake and was not able to hold on and lost the game by half point.

Former, 2009, Edmonton Sabaki Open Go Tournament Champion Irene Sha 6dan was not able to defends the champion title after losing two out of three games on the first day of the tournament. Irene, however, was able to regain herself on the 2nd day and winning rest of her games.

A 5 way tie occurred in lower dan division. Bing Xiao 3dan, Jim Xu 3dan, Kyle Xie 1dan, Jonathan Walde 3kyu, and James Jeong 1dan all have record of 3-2.
Bing Xiao 3 dan was awarded 1st place due to higher SOS and took home cash prize of $75.
Jim Xu 3dan took the 2nd place in lower dan division. Jim had a very exciting tournament beating Terry Fung 4dan on the 4th round and lose to Luke Chung by only half point after an huge battle.

Former Chess player, Sammy Wu, won the 1st place in low kyu division. Sammy only started to play Go few month ago. He had improved a long way since he first started.

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