



2022 Cambodia Climbing Championship at the New Climbing Gym in Phnom Penh



The Cambodia Climbing Championship had been held in Siem Reap since 2011 as the Angkor Cup sponsored by CCF. This year, however, it was held for the first time in Phnom Penh, the capital, as the Siem Reap venue is being dismantled and relocated. The ACN supported the travel expenses of participants from Siem Reap to go to the capital. The Power-up Gym at the venue is located in the Fun Mall, which just opened two months ago in the north of Phnom Penh. It has a speed wall, a lead, and a top rope wall with a height of up to three stories in its central atrium. But its bouldering wall is narrow, so this time, competition events included only speed, lead and top rope.

The bouldering event was held at the familiar Phnom Climb in the south of the capital in October, so we were able to hold three national competitions in 2022. Thank you to all the staff who held the competition with a short preparation period before the new school year.



Speed



1. Male: Open and Junior / Group 18 years Up

Rank	Name	Club	Scores	Time
1	Huy Yanfai	10 Makara 1979	Top	0.06.68
2	Sambath Pheaktra	Phnom Climb	Top	0.07.35
3	Huy Yanfei	Power Up	Top	0.08.58

2. Male: YouthA or Group 14years-17years

Rank	Name	Club	Scores	Time
1	Sry vireakboth	Angkor Boulder Gym	Top	0.10.01
2	Ren Ratanak	10 Makara 1979	Top	0.10.12
3	Khom Bovichea	10 Makara 1979	Top	0.11.27

3. Male: Youth C or Group Under 14years

Rank	Name	Club	Scores	Time
1	Sorn Veasna	Chibodia	Top	0.12.06
2	Im Chhal Eang	SRCS	Top	0.13.59
3	Chen Pheaktra	Power Up	Top	0.28.47

4. Female: Open and Junior / Group 18 years Up

Rank	Name	Club	Scores	Time
1	Yin Pisey	Phnom Climb	Top	0.18.09
2	Hui Ratana	Phnom Climb	Top	0.45.33
3	Ben Sengly	Chibodia	Top	0.46.01

5. Female: YouthA and B or Group 14years-17years

Rank	Name	Club	Scores	Time
1	Im Vinnith	SRCS	Top	0.20.07
2	Im Vinneath	SRCS	Top	0.22.66
3	Oi Sreypech	Chibodia	Top	0.25.35

6. Female: Youth C / Group Under 14years

Rank	Name	Club	Scores	Time
1	Nern Sreyna	SRCS	Top	0.14.87
2	Nourm Lida	SRCS	Top	0.16.24
3	Soue Sreyoun	SRCS	Top	0.18.00

Because the wall is in the mall, customers were also cheering. Since the competition was held in the capital, it was shown on TV and in documentary photographs taken by the Ministry of Education. (By the way, the picture below is the cover photo of issue 20 of this newsletter from six years ago. The junior high school trio from that time happened to be the top three winners of the latest adult men's speed event.)



Lead (Under 13 Top rope)

In the lead competition, the situation where “everyone climbs and it becomes a time race” has changed due to the effort of all the setters. Good job!



1. Male: Open and Junior / Group 18 years Up

Rank	Name	Club	Scores	Time
1	Im Long	Chiboda	6-	1:15.30
2	Sambath Phasikra	Phnom Clim	5+	1:13.31
3	Noun Sovannak	Phnom Clim	5+	1:33.02

2. Male: YouthA or Group 14years-17years

Rank	Name	Club	Scores	Time
1	My Choina	SRCS	Top	1:34.50
2	Sry vireakboth	Angkor Boulder Gym	Top	1:55.66
3	Ren Ratanak	IO Makara 1979	Top	2:12.56

3. Male: Youth C or Group Under 14years

Rank	Name	Club	Scores	Time
1	Som Veasna	Chiboda	Top	2:08.93
2	Im Chhal Eang	SRCS	7	2:44.01
3	Soe Sa	Phnom Clim	1	0:15.80

4. Female: Open and Junior / Group 18 years Up

Rank	Name	Club	Scores	Time
1	Yin Phay	Phnom Clim	9+	1:51.02
2	Hui Ratanak	Phnom Clim	7+	2:11.02
3	Sen Sengly	Chiboda	7	1:03.68

5. Female: YouthA and B or Group 14years-17years

Rank	Name	Club	Scores	Time
1	Im Vinneath	SRCS	Top	4:00.11
2	Im Vinnith	SRCS	7+	3:48.58
3	Nor Voleak	SRCS	7	2:01.72

6. Female: Youth C / Group Under 14years

Rank	Name	Club	Scores	Time
1	Noun Lida	SRCS	Top	1:02.10
2	Nam Grayna	SRCS	Top	1:15.19
3	Soe Sreyoun	SRCS	14+	1:24.81



The mall customers also supported this competition. The photos with the rabbit mark are from CCF.

This time, we were able to hold all the men' and women's competitions for three age groups: adult and youth junior, youth A and B, and youth C and D.

ACN alumnus Fei, who has become a Power-up Gym staff at the venue, recommended the competition to the gym's students and those, who were newly practicing at the open-air rock at Kampot, participated. It was a pleasure to see team names on the placards, as many teams sprung up. On the other hand, the number of participants from one team was limited, so they had to devise a way to use both the gym name and their school name.



The annual pre-competition workshop was held in Kampot Province.





From October 31 to November 2, the Southeast Asian Climbing Federation's Sport Climbing level 1 and 2 workshop was held in Kampong Trach, Kampot Province. The location has no artificial wall, but athletes, who continued training on natural rocks, participated in this competition.

The day after the competition



The athletes, who participated in the Cambodian Climbing Championships by chartering a bus from Siem Reap, climbed the rocky area on the border of Kampong Chhnang and Kampong Speu the next day. The main team's bus fare was paid for by the national organization to participate in this competition through CCF, and ACN provided support to cover their overnight stay on the way home. They rented a tent for lodging and participants paid for their own meals.



Sva Prey (Forest Monkey) Competition



This competition, which was announced in Newsletter 31, was held at Phnom Climb Community Gym on October 9, and 14 athletes from Siem Reap participated.



SVA PREY Final

Youth Boy

	Name	Result
1	Ny Choina	0T 3Z at17
2	Rin Ratanak	0T 2Z at4
3	Khom Bovichea	0T 2Z at9

Open Men

1	Sambath Pheaktra	1T 3Z at1
2	Van Vu	1T 2Z at2
3	Em Long	1T 2Z at3

Youth Girl

	Name	Result
1	Im Vinneath	2T 2Z at4
2	Kumar Kanika	2T 2Z at11
3	Ol Sreypich	1T 2Z at1

Open Women

1	An Hoang	1T 3Z at3
2	Meas Sreynich	1T 3Z at4
3	Nhi Thai	1T 3Z at6



ACN Activities in Japan

We were unable to build a mini climbing wall again this year, but we set up a booth at the Global Festa for the first time in three years. We would like to thank everyone who came to the Tokyo International Forum.

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From ACN' s Desk

·There are 53 members of our NPO right now.

■If you want to join ACN, please contact us. We will send you an application form, guidelines and some other documents in accordance with the type of request. Our annual membership fee is 5,000 yen (general member). Please make payment according to our business year that begins on July 1. We ask for your support through being a member so that we are able to maintain a safe climbing place and hold training classes and competitions. It will help promote the healthy growth of Cambodian youth. It would have been good to say that they have moved and became independent, but they are still doing construction and are struggling with rising material prices. Thank you for your continued support until they are on track.

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What happened to the wall relocation ?

Editor's note

In the previous issue, I introduced how Semrom, the senior, and Kimsroy, the junior, run independent climbing gyms with support from the ACN family. Semrom is in the process of building a school in Kingdom Gym, which is under construction on the land around his home, and ACN is supporting five to ten percent of the total construction cost. You can follow the progress on <https://www.facebook.com/KingdomSportFacilities>

Kimsroy, on the hand, was subject to mass relocation because his village was located within the Angkor Wat ruins area, and he was given a small alternative site several dozen kilometers northeast of the city. The new site has no school which his small children could attend and he does not know when home demolition would start, so he could not run a gym. Therefore, we decided to leave Kimsroy's trade name registration, Angkor Boulder Gym, <https://www.facebook.com/VireakbuthSR> for the future, and ask the landlord,"



Anakot Cambodia", to manage the gym's operation. In the same location, Barang from ACN and Rith from Anakot Cambodia worked together to run a gym under the name of Chiko Family Boulder. They repainted the wall and created a lot of routes as shown in the left picture.

<https://www.facebook.com/chikofamilyboulder> I last wrote that this gym would only be open on Sunday mornings and that nothing else had been decided, but the day before the publication date, I received the happy news shown on the left. It's open every day! In the next newsletter issue, I would like to update you on the two gyms that have been dismantled and relocated. Ito from the secretariat will be staying there all July. If you would like to climb a new

wall at this time, please contact us. See you in Siem Reap! If you donate climbing gear, we will transport it. (Chimi)



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