## 6<sup>th.</sup> IWD 2012 - PAKISTAN OPEN ROCK CLIMBING COMPETITION

The Adventure Club - Pakistan, with a vibrant history of organizing diversified activities, specializes in rock / wall climbing. Its worth mentioning that while celebrating Visit Pakistan Year, declared as Destination Pakistan - 2007, the Club organized first ever women rock climbing competition as part of the calendar of activities of the Ministry of Tourism, under the leadership of Ms. Nilofar Bakhtiar, the then federal minister for tourism. The event went very successful and widely covered by print & electronic media and the Club kept on carrying this event in following years and in 2012, this is 6th consecutive competition on International Women Day.

The competition was conducted for various age categories of girls and boys at various places with rocks of different climbing grades e.g. for junior categories, the competition was held at Jasmine Corner while for seniors, the selected venue was Beetles Nest in Saidpur village.

After completing the competitions, the award ceremony was held in Islamabad Hotel with participation of dignitaries like Mr. Nejat Akinci from Youth Commission UIAA, Dr. Jabbar Bhatti, veteran climber and Vice President of Alpine Club of Pakistan and Mr. Esam Khattak, the managing director of Ibex Club to erect first competition grade artificial climbing wall in Pakistan, while the Chief Guests for the event were Mr. Nicolas T Veicherts from Embassy of Denmark and Lt. Col. (R) Manzoor Hussain, President Alpine Club of Pakistan.





The event was patronized by the Embassy of Denmark for which we extend our thanks to Mr. Uffe Wolffhechel, the honourable Ambassador and Mr. Jens-Jacob Simonsen, Deputy Head of Mission for their generous support, which will help strengthen our efforts for the promotion of rock/wall climbing in Pakistan, especially for recognizing the importance of the youth, who had participated in the competition. Pakistan needs to create more adventure activities, which is an important brick in building up positive and creative future leaders.

Mr. Tahir Imran Khan, President, The Adventure Club - Pakistan also said thanks to Mr. Esam Khattak and the Ibex Club for his continued support to the Club and especially for some special prizes for the current event. He also provided support to our last competition on International Mountain Day - 2011.

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We hope that his efforts and provision of facility of the first climbing wall will promote the activity in future.

On the International Women Day and at the award ceremony of sixth consecutive climbing competition, the Club also paid an exclusive tribute to Ms. Nazia Parveen, the national rock climbing champion, on winning 15 climbing competitions in a row. On this outstanding performance of Nazia, the pride of Pakistan and role model in climbing circles, Mr. Esam Khattak presented a set of quick draws to her while the Club presented her with a trophy on this unique feat. We believe that she will play for Pakistan and will add honour to the female sports in Pakistan. In the event, we also had Ms. Aleeza Sana, the national champion of under 19 category and Ms. Rabia Parveen, the silver medalist of open category.



Besides inviting position holders on stage to share their experience about the thrilling activity of Rock Climbing, Mr. Nejat Akinci, Dr. Jabbar Bhatti and Nazia Malik were invited to deliver the speeches while Mr. Nicolas T. Veicherts, representing Embassy of Denmark, the patron of the event appreciated the efforts of the Club and especially participation of females in such healthy outdoor activities. In his very lively and interesting address, he said that his embassy will keep on supporting such healthy projects as a friend of Pakistan.

Mr. Esam Khattak, while awarding Ms. Nazia Malik appreciated the celebrity climber and announced her complimentary membership of the Ibex Club. He further invited her to conduct the training sessions of females at Ibex Club.

President, Alpine Club of Pakistan, Lt. Col. Retd. Manzoor Hussain made an interesting and details lecture and appreciated the efforts of the Club in promotion of Rock/Wall climbing and announced that Alpine Club will soon organize training and international trip for participation in overseas competitions for females. The Club is thankful for his participation and to distribute the awards among the position holders.

During the ceremony, The Club also paid a tribute to the star climber of Pakistan, Ms. Nazia Parveen, who her victory of 15<sup>th</sup>. consecutive climbing competitions and maintaining her position at top on the same day i.e. IWD 2012. The Club presented her a special trophy on her splendid feat, while a set of quick draws was presented by Mr. Esam Khattak, the Managing Director, Ibex Club.







After the distribution of awards and saying thanks to all participants, Mr. Tahir Imran Khan announced a complimentary two day's intermediate course for all position holders to polish their skills and to learn more about the advance levels of Rock Climbing. He also announced the future Climbing Competitions to be organized by the Club in March, September and December celebrating Pakistan Day, World Tourism Day and International Mountain Day. He also said special thanks to the working committee, who made the show very colourful and successful. The committee included, Mr. Muhammad Ali Janjua, Mirza Siddique Ahmed, Mr. Usman Tarig and Ms. Nazia Malik. The ceremony ended up with Hitea and photographs of climbers with guests of honour.

The competition was participated by climbers of the Fatima Jinnah Women University, NUST, Islamic International University, Roots International College, City School, Elite International, Falcon Adventure Club, The Adventure Club -Pakistan and Alpine Club of Pakistan besides individual participants.

The Event is nicely covered by the print and electronic media for which we are grateful to all concerned, who help us promote the youth adventure activities, especially for the females.

# RESULT / SCORE CARD Girls / Females Venue – Jasmine Corner, Margalla Hills

#### Under 14

1.	Zohaa Zubair	00:41:50	The Adventure Club – Pakistan
2.	Zainab Jamshed	01:41:50	City Girls Branch - Satellite Town
3.	Isha Hassan	02:36:50	City Girls Branch – Satellite Town

#### Under 16

1.	Eeman Nadeem	00:53:50	Elite School
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2.	Baseerat Bilal	01:47:00	City Girls Branch – Satellite Town
3.	Kainat Orangzaib	01:54:44	City Girls Branch – Satellite Town

### Under 19 Venue – Beetles Nest, Saidpur Village

1.	Aleeza Sana	03:59:30	The Adventure Club - Pakistan
2.	Komal Alam	04:01:10	Fatima Jinnah Women University

#### Open Category - Senior Round Venue – Beetles Nest, Saidpur Village

1.	Nazia Parveen	00:33.65	The Adventure Club – Pakistan
2.	Saqiba Arshad	02:05:00	Falcon Adventure Club
3.	Sana Nazir	03:29:00	Falcon Adventure Club

### Boys / Males Venue – Beetles Nest, Saidpur Village Open Category - Amateur Round

1.	Usman Zeb	01:00:00	Falcon Adventure Club
2.	Abu Bakar Sad	aqat 01:01:97	University of Lahore
3.	Abid Ali	01:13:00	Falcon Adventure Club

## **Open Category - Senior Round**

1.	Usman Tariq	26:00:00	The Adventure Club – Pakistan
2.	Shayyan Korrani	27:30:00	The Adventure Club – Pakistan
3	Sved Zaki Hddin	33.00.00	NUST Adventure Club







