



## **Observer report for DMJL 10th anniversary Riichi Open (Riichi, MERS 1)**

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**Date:** 27 October 2013

**Place:** Edewecht, Germany

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information on the website of DMJL : registration, program, list of participants.

**Participants:** 44 players. Germany: 14, Netherlands: 9, Denmark: 3, Japan: 1, Finland: 1.

**Playing schedule:** 1 day, 4 sessions of 90 minutes

**Location:** The "Schützenhof" had lots of space, nice acoustics, friendly catering.

**Equipment:** Nice mahjong folding tables, and dedicated riichi tiles.

**Refereeing:** Axel Escenburg was non-player referee.

**Complaints:** None.

### **Information / communication during the tournament:**

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. A gong clearly informs players of the start and the end of sessions. Ranking up to date between each session, printed and posted on walls.

**Sessions:** Excellent playing atmosphere, FFF (Fair-play, Friendly and Fun). There were some players who were new to tournament play who entered the tournament with a nice attitude (playing in good tempo, accepting that mistakes may carry penalties (no need to fuss about it, just get on with the play)).

**Catering:** Lunch buffet in the same place. Free coffee, tea and water, and an enormous supply of sweets. Also plenty of sweets in the goodie bag handed out at the registration, which also contained an anniversary DMJL coffee mug (much appreciated by this particular observer).

**Prizes:** Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd), and a consolation prize for the player in last position. There was also a prize of the combined weekend winner (there was an MCR tournament the previous day).

**Conclusion:** Very nice tournament in Edewecht