

Observer report for West Castle Tournament (MCR, MERS 1)

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Date: May 31st – June 1st 2014

Place: Pontchâteau, France

Website or other source(s) of information: Information in the website was really clear. Moreover, emails in advance had good information (for tournament and shuttle between Saint Nazaire and Pontchâteau)

Participants: 40 players : 39 french players and one russian player

Playing schedule: 2 days, 6 rounds (4+2) of 120 minutes. In, the sixth round, players have played according to ranking (1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in the first table,etc....)

Location: Salle polyvalente de la Boule d'Or in Pontchâteau. This location was good to play mahjong. Sketches representing the mahjong and China were installed in the room to decorate this room

Equipment: Good tables and games

Refereeing: Denis Nerrière was a non player referee

Complaints: None about the game and the organisation.

Information / communication during the tournament:

The results are visible in time. The clock was projected in a screen and gong allowed players to know the beginning and end of the game

Sessions: Good atmosphere

Catering: A room, next to the playing room was used for lunch. An extensive choice of food and drink was available. An evening "Galette-Crêpes" was available for those wishing to participate

Prizes: Prizes for 3 individual best ranking (A medal and a gift basket filled with local specialties), one for the best team based in the ranking after the fifth round (a bottle of Chouchen) and for the last in the ranking.

Conclusion: the organization has really paid attention to the welcoming people and good atmosphere of the tournament. To avoid problems of arbitration, the organization had set up the word "I confirm" to definitively validate the points of a hand. This was greeted positively. In final, the tournament has been organized in a professional manner. A very good tournament

Kevin Toussaint (Paris, 2014-06-02)