



Observer Report for 4th Portugal Open 2015, (MCR, MERS 2)

Observer:

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Date:

May 30th and 31th 2015

Place:

Povoa de Varzim (near Porto)

Website or other source(s) of information:

All information on the Website <http://www.mahjongportugal.pt/4/> of POMC : Registration, Program, List of Participants. They also frequently send email with information about the tournament.

Participants:

56 Players

Represented Countries:

Portugal 2

Denmark 3

France 25

Italy 2

Netherland 10

Spain 11

Switzerland 3

Playing schedule:

2 days, 6 rounds (4 Saturday and 2 Sunday) of 120 minutes.

Location:

Associação Empresarial of Povoa de Varzim. Room is large enough to host 56 players and leave enough space between them.

Equipment:

We played with good games and tables.

Refereeing:

Lionel Legaie was 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 and posted on walls.

Sessions:

Before starting the first session, it held a minute of silence for the death of Professor Sheng Qi helped shape the rules of MCR.

Excellent playing atmosphere, FFF (Fair-play, Friendly and Fun).

Catering:

During the tournament there was always drinks and sweets available to players.

Saturday lunch was at the local tournament and dinner on Saturday was out of Povia de Varzim but the organization put a bus to take us and return us to the hotel. On Sunday we had breakfast and the lunch was on the beach where the organization also took the tourist train to take us to the restaurant.

Everything was included in the inscription.

Prizes:

Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd), and one more for the best team. He also gave a detail to all participants in the tournament.

During dinner on Saturday gave bottles of wine for the gentlemen and for the ladies a bouquet of flowers, the winners of previous editions of the Portugal Open. First edition: Pauline van der Linden, Second edition: Samuel Tunez Heredia and the Third edition: Ad van der Linden.

I also had the grace to deliver another bottle of wine to Simon Bounkéo Fongue to be his birthday.

Conclusion:

Very nice tournament.