



Observer report for Valentine Tournament 2016 (MCR, MERS 1)

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Place: Heemstede, Netherlands

Website or other source(s) of information: Information's and a link are on the website of the Nederlandse Mahjongbond. At the site from the organizing club (Bamboe Acht) are the registration, program, list of participants, etc.

Participants: 80 players

Represented countries: Netherlands, Belgium and Germany (the most of it are Dutch and some Belgians and Germans)

Playing schedule: one day, four rounds of 90 minutes

Location: The atrium hall of the Atheneum College Hageveld.

Equipment: We played with used games and tables in a good condition.

Refereeing: Playing referees were Ans Hoogland and Gert van der Vegt.

Complaints: None.

Information / communication during the tournament: A digital computer clock was projected on a screen. A gong was beaten for a clearly information to the players of the start and the end of sessions. Ranking up to date between each session, printed and posted on walls.

Sessions: Nice playing atmosphere, FFF (Fair-play, Friendly and Fun), a problem with a late coming player was regular solved.

Catering: Lunch (Soup, sandwich, milk and other drinks) was offered in the cafeteria from the college. In every break were coffee, tea and beverage available. Self baked cakes are the special.

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd). Additional prizes gave it for the first Mahjong call with a special kind of stone (bamboo eight), one for the 14th (represent the Valentine's Day) in the row and one for last on the list.

Conclusion: It was a nice tournament in nearby Amsterdam. The weather was fair too. The organizing club offered also a transfer from the station to the venue place. It was a pity that the tournament was not so international like the former ones.