



Observer report for German Mahjong Open 2016 (MCR, MERS 1)

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Place: Bad Zwischenahn, Germany

Website or other source(s) of information: All necessary information could be found on the website <http://dmjl.de/veranstaltungen/veranstaltungen-der-letzten-jahre/german-mahjong-open/german-mahjong-open-2016-2/>

Participants: 34 registered participants and 2 subs representing three countries

Represented countries: Germany – 24, Netherlands – 8, China – 1, Great Britain - 1

Playing schedule: 2 days, 6 rounds of 120 minutes. (3 rounds on both days).

Location: The room used at Haus Brandstätter was large enough to move freely

Equipment: The normally used tables and game sets at MCR tournaments were available.

Refereeing: Dagmar Fischer should have been the non-playing referee. But a very late cancellation forced her to play along, approved by all competitors.

Complaints: None.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. A gong clearly informed players when to start and finish their sessions. Ranking up to date between each session and shown on screen.

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

Catering: The lunch took a ten minute walk to Seehotel Fährhaus. There was a well catered buffet. Bottled water, coffee and cake/cookies were available throughout the entire tournament.

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd), and some more prizes for finishing last, best debutant and best German player.

Conclusion: The tournament was very well organised. And while German players travel all over Europe to compete in tournaments, hopefully next year all of Europe travels to Germany. Just before the award ceremony, some emotional words were spoken by Xenia Franke in honour to her recently passed away father in law, Wolfgang Franke. It was well appreciated by all participants.