



Observer report for Stanislas Mahjong Open 2017

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Place: Varangéville (54), France

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website of the organizing club Nemausos54 (<http://www.nemausos54.fr/>) and Fédération Française de Mahjong (FFMJ http://www.ffmahjong.fr/FFMJ-site/compet.php?id=10&cat_id=1&p=&search=#ontitle): general information, registration, program, list of participants, hotels, pictures....

Participants: 52 players, from 5 countries: France (44), Italy (4), Switzerland (2), Netherlands (1) and Belgium (1).

Playing schedule: 2 days, 6 rounds (3+3) of 120 minutes

Location: "Espace Prieuré", very nice place in Varangéville, in walking distance from the train station, which is reachable from Nancy central station in 15 minutes. The playing room is large enough to host all players and leave space between them, with sufficient light to ensure good playing atmosphere. The breaks were taken outside, or in the building next door, ensuring appropriate level of noise in the playing room.

Equipment: We played with standard game sets (without numbers) on bordered tables.

Refereeing: Astrid Dubedout 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, projected on a screen.

Sessions: Excellent playing atmosphere.

Catering: Lunch of Sunday was in the same place as break, in a building just next to the playing room. Breaks between sessions with coffee, tea, drinks, cakes, chocolates, water bottles and fruits for free. Breakfast was also offered for Sunday morning.

Prizes: trophies and prizes for the 3 best players and for the best teams; special prize for the winner of the challenge Double Chow (combined results of Strasbourg tournament “Tiles in Revolution” and “Stanislas Mahjong Open”).

Conclusion: Very nice tournament, very well-organized for the first MERS of the club Nemausos54.