



**Observer report for German Riichi Open 2017 (RCR, MERS 2)**

**Observer:** Jaap Croeze

**Date:** December 2nd – 3rd 2017

**Place:** Barsinghausen, Germany

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information on the website of DMJL: registration, program, list of participants,...

**Participants:** 32 players

Represented countries:

Germany:	18
Netherlands:	13
Poland:	1

**Playing schedule:** 2 days, 9 rounds (5+4) of 75 minutes+

**Location:** Zechensaal, museum of coal-mine. The location room is large enough.

**Refereeing:** Nadine König was non-player referee and Ans Hoogland was playing referee.

**Complaints:** None. During the first day table-schedule was changed during the day, for the last day we got a new one: well done (quickly) and very good quality.

**Information / communication during the tournament:**

Visible clock projected from a computer on a wall. A big miners bell clearly informs players of the start and the end of sessions. Ranking up to date between each session was displayed on a wall.

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

**Catering:** Lunch at a Chinese restaurant nearby; 2<sup>nd</sup> day at the venue, drinks and others.

**Prizes:** Many; Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup>), and for the best German player.

**Conclusion:** Very nice tournament in Barsinghausen, with snow on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day.