



## Observer report for Austrian-Italian Gourmet Cup 2019 - 10<sup>th</sup> Memorial Roberto Elegante

**Observer:** Timur Hahn

**Date:** April 6 – 7, 2019

**Place:** Gemona del Friuli, Italy

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information on the tournament website ([http://www.fimj.it/?page\\_id=6721](http://www.fimj.it/?page_id=6721)), including registration, venue, schedule etc.

**Participants:** 68 players

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<b>Represented countries:</b>	 34	 14	 12	 4	 2	 1	1

**Playing schedule:** 2 days, 7 rounds (4/3) of 120 minutes each.

**Location:** Hotel Willy, Gemona, in a large room on the ground floor.

**Equipment:** Standard-issue MCR sets and tables with felt mats on top.

**Refereeing:** Three referees, all playing: Norbert Tschinkel, Marco Montebelli and Joel Ratsimandresy.

**Complaints:** None.

### **Information / communication during the tournament:**

Visible clock projected from a computer on a pull-down screen. Start and end of sessions communicated by the organizers (this could have been done better, honestly). Ranking up to date between each session, projected on the same screen as the clock in the playing room.

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

**Catering:** Free water at all times, lunch (Italian-style multicourse meal) on both days, cake and coffee/tea during breaks between rounds (except the lunch breaks, obviously)

**Prizes:** Goodie bags with food and drink for the first ten players, large gift baskets with same for the first three, as well as the first three teams of the competition. Special award (as usual at this tournament) for the player closest to zero minipoints. Also given out here was the award for the winner of the Gourmet Cup, the total ranking of both this tournament and the Gurk one back in February.

**Conclusion:** Highly enjoyable tournament. Gemona remains a staple for reliably high-level play combined with a friendly atmosphere and excellent food. They don't call it the Gourmet Cup for nothing.

*Bendorf, Germany, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019*  
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