



Observer report for 15. Valentijnstornooi 2024 (MCR, MERS)

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Place: College Hageveld, Heemstede, Netherlands

Website or other source(s) of information: All information were available on the website of bamboeacht.nl (registration, program, list of participants,...)

Participants: 68 competition-players + 64 recreationists
3 countries were participating: beside the Dutch players 3 players from Belgium and 3 players from Germany enjoyed the tournament.

Playing schedule: 1 days, 4 rounds of 90 minutes

Location: The hall in the college was large enough for all 132 players and leave enough space between them. Light, temperature and acoustic were perfect.

Equipment: All games (same sets), tables and chairs were in good condition.

Refereeing: 3 referees were available (Michel, Marjan and Ivar)

Complaints: None! Extremely friendly atmosphere.

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, printed and posted on the walls.

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

Catering: Lunch in the neighboured canteen at the same place (sandwiches, soup and baguettes, additional dishes for vegetarian or vegan), drinks and others. During the coffee breaks delicious home-made cakes were offered (for free).

Prizes: Trophies were hand over for following result:

- Ranking 1-3 and red lantern for competition players and for recreationists
- Best/Highest hands for competition players and for recreationists
- Special price for last self-drawn of the day with Bamboo 8

- Special prizes for “closest to 15 Minipoints” for competition players and recreationists
- Lucky Player-Number 15 + 115
- Beside that, organizers, referees and supporters were honoured.

Conclusion: Very cosy tournament in Heemstede. The great surrounding, the old buildings inside the parks and finally the complete orga-team made this tournament to a small vacation. It is a pity that this is currently only a one-day-event.