



## Observer report for Green Dragon Dutch Open (MCR, MERS 2)

**Observer:** Joël Ratsimandresy

**Date:** May 3rd – 4th 2014

**Place:** Nieuw-Vennepn, the Netherlands

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

**Participants:** 84 players

NED	FRA	BEL	GER	SUI	DEN	ITA	POR	ESP
								
51	8	7	5	4	4	3	1	1

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

**Location:** The venue was a part of a hotel and was fine to host all the players and leave enough space between them.

**Equipment:** We played with regular sets and tables.

**Refereeing:** Anneke Keyl was a non player referee.

**Complaints:** None about the game. Some complaints about the air co but the staff fixed it the best they can (by rearranging the table dispositions amongst others), my opinion being that satisfying 80 people is almost impossible (a first half feeling hot because of “people process thinking” and an other half feeling cold because of the air co too efficient).

### **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 displayed on screen.

**Sessions:** Good playing atmosphere.

**Catering:** Lunch in the same place (local food catered by the hotel); tea and coffee payable with coins given at the registration. Some remarks about the slim choice of drinks that players can get with coins (especially the fresh water was not obtainable with coins but it is standard to pay water in the Netherlands, not specific at the place of the tournament) but there were a bar at the hotel to get any beverage wanted.

**Prizes:** Prizes for individual ranking (top 3 players with more prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup>), one for the Dutch Champion (best Dutch player).

**Conclusion:** It was a good tournament with a very friendly atmosphere and an organisation that could be qualified as very efficient and professional with staff to deal with potential problems, a floor manager and even a speaker. Bravo.

*Joël Ratsimandresy (Paris, 2014-05-07)*