

Observer report for German Mahjong Open 2014

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Date: June 14th – 15th 2014

Place: Hannover, Germany

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

(<http://dmjl.de/veranstaltungen/german-mahjong-open/german-mahjong-open-2014/gmo-2014en/>)

Participants: 40 players

GER	DEN	ITA	BEL	NED	CHN
26	3	2	2	5	2

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

Location: The venue was excellent, lots of space, quite and enough free parking spaces

Equipment: We played with regular sets and tables.

Referee(s): Xenia Franke was a non player referee.

Complaints: None about the game nor organisation.

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 paper.

Sessions: Good playing atmosphere.

Catering: Lunch in the same place (local food catered by the restaurant that was part of the venue); water, tea and coffee for free. During the breaks cakes were served. Other beverages could be ordered and paid separately.

Prizes: Prizes for individual ranking (top 3 players with prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd), one for the German Champion (best German 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 that was asking for "things to improve" for their next tournament. Job well done.

Ad van der Linden, Rotterdam, 16-06-2014