

Observer-report for Spanish Open 2015 (MCR, MERS 2)

Observer: Chris Janssen NL

Date: 12th and 13th of December 2015

Place: Puzol, Spain

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website of the Association de Mahjong de Puzol "Les 3 Dragones/ registration, program, list of participants, (<http://los3dragones.boards.net/thread/31/general-information-2015>)

Participants: 40 players

Represented countries: 1-GER, 9-FRA, 5-IT, 6-NED and 19-ES

Playing schedule: 2 days, 6 rounds (4+2) of 120 minutes each.

Location: Espai Jove de Puçol.
Calle Carrera Buero Vallejo s/n
46530 Puçol (Valencia - Spain)

Equipment: We played with unmarked tiles and very functional tables with a smooth border. We had tables from 80 x 80 cm, and tables from 70 x 70 cm. We had enough space and no disturbing sound from the other tables. All the tiles has the same size, only one table has more little tiles.

A sound signalized clearly the start and the end of each session. The time was projected very large on a big screen. I didn't understand however why the time was given in thousands of seconds (2:00:00:00) The East-direction was shown on a paper on the table.

Refereeing: Marco Montebelli from Italy was the referee. No complaint was formulated.

Complaints: None.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Each session started precisely on time.

Sessions:

The playing atmosphere was absolutely great: Friendly, chatty and colloquial with no lack of competitive spirit

Catering:

The first day we had a very good lunch in a Spanish restaurant very near-by. It was real Spanish Paella. In the evening we had a wonderful diner at the same restaurant.

During the tournament there was water, sweets and fruit available.

Prizes:

3 Trophies for the individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd). One more trophy for the best score in one game. Each player received an individualized card with his name and his ranking.

There was also a trophy for the best player in the Portugal tournament and this tournament, The Iberian Cup. Winner Ad van der Linden, NL.

Conclusion: The “room” in the Espai Jove de Puçol was very nice and big.

A very nice tournament in Puzol. In this friendly atmosphere the tournament was closed.

Next year I'll come back!

With nice regards,

Chris Janssen