



Observer report for Riichi Twickenham Open

Observer: Timur Hahn

Date: April 13 – 14, 2019

Place: Twickenham, Greater London, United Kingdom

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the tournament website (twickenham-riichi.uk), including registration, venue, schedule etc.

Participants: 32 players



Represented countries: GBR 24 SUI 4 POL 2 GER 1 ITA 1

Playing schedule: 2 days, 8 hanchans (4/4) of 90 minutes each.

Location: Richmond Bridge Club, Twickenham, in a large room on the ground floor

Equipment: Standard-issue Riichi sets and junk mats with scoring sticks.

Refereeing: Shaun Drury (non-playing).

Complaints: None.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock projected from a computer on a pull-down screen. Gong (or rather, cowbell) to start the hanchan and fifteen minutes before its end, signaling the players to finish the current hand and one more. Ranking up to date between each session, projected on the same screen as the clock in the playing room, as well as on the internet.

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

Catering: Free water, coffee and tea at all times. Other drinks available from the bridge club's bar. Lunch served in the playing room (separate from the actual playing area).

Prizes: Trophies for the first three players.

Conclusion: Very enjoyable tournament with the great playing environment I've come to expect from the UK. I'm very much hoping that this tournament will be the first in a long line.

*Bendorf, Germany, 1st May 2019
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