



Observer report for German open 2013 (MCR, MERS 2)

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Place: BREMEN, Germany

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website of the DMJL : <http://dmjl.de/veranstaltungen/german-mahjong-open/german-mahjong-open-2013/> registration, program, list of participants,...

Participants: ___32___ players
Represented countries:

GER	FRA	IT	DEN	NED	
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Playing schedule: 2 days, 7 rounds (4+3) of 120 minutes each.

Location: Arberger Hof, Bremen, Arberger Heerstrasse 78, Tel.: 0421 – 48 44 393.

Equipment:

We played with unmarked tiles and very functional tables with a smooth border. All games and tables were very likely (nearly equal) and so very suitable. We had enough space and no disturbing sound from the other tables. A gong signaled clearly the start and the end of each session. The time was projected very readable on a large screen. The only blunder: The East-direction was shown on a A4-paper and so not clearly identifiable.

Refereeing:

Anne SCHÄFER was the non-player referee. Only for the very few minutes in the beginning, a player-referee, was the transitional solution.

Maybe one wrong decision: There has been 2 calls for a HU (competitive HU), the player nearest to the discarder had – after counting - not the 8 points. After declaring dead hand to this player, the joint decision has been taken, to continue the game, without considering the hand of the HU-call from the player, 2nd nearest to the discarder. No complaint was formulated.

Complaints:

None.

Information / communication during the tournament:

In the beginning each player has to write his name on small and funny mahjong-card. In my opinion the blunder was, that the actual ranking between each session was not printed and not posted on the wall and its projection on the screen wasn't easily read.

Each session started very precisely in time. During the award ceremony translation was not automatically usual.

Sessions:

The playing atmosphere was absolutely great: Friendly, chatty and colloquial with no lack of competitive spirit. Even the mixing up of one tile of our game with the identic game on the neighboring table, was quickly resolved without "red tape". Bravo!

Catering:

Soup and noodles at noon and cakes and coffee in the afternoon in a very sufficient quantity. The only blunder: To prevent a spoil of water, the quantity of drinking water was too limited.

Prizes:

3 trophies for the individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd), and for the worse ranking. Two more trophies for the best scoring in one game and for the youngest player. Each player received an individualized card of BREMEN with his name and his ranking.

Conclusion:

A very nice tournament in Bremen. In this friendly atmosphere the lack of communication-skills did not bother because the information reached each player on other ways. The lack of players from the Netherlands was in deed remarkable.