

## Observer report for Doppelturnier open 2017 (RCR, MERS 1)

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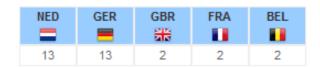
Date: 28<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Place: Edewecht, Germany

**Website or other source(s) of information:** Bespoke website setup by DMJL, in German and English. Tournament schedule, registration form, player list, venue and catering details.

Participants: 32 players

## Represented countries



Playing schedule: 1 day, 5 rounds of 90 minutes

**Location:** Gasthof am Markt had ample room for the tournament. There were additional tables at the side for meals and breaks. The venue had easy access and on-site parking.

**Equipment:** Standard Riichi tiles and other equipment; scored with tenbo sticks.

**Refereeing:** Marianne Croeze was player referee.

Complaints: None.

## Information / communication during the tournament:

Tournament announcements made in German and English. Visible clock projected on to a screen. A non-playing administrator announced the start of sessions and a computer timer the end of sessions. Ranking displayed after each session and projected onto the wall.

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

**Catering:** Water, hot drinks and snacks in good supply in the morning and during all breaks. Vegetarian lunch with cakes/fruit. Dinner available in the restaurant on the Saturday evening.

**Prizes:** Food hampers were awarded to the top 3 places, and smaller prizes for three nominated hands and other special features.

**Conclusion:** Very nice tournament in Edewecht with several first time players. Well organised by friendly and helpful Mahjong enthusiasts. The organisers also offered local transport and other assistance on request, via the tournament website.