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KWA Meeting at Bolzano 18 to 20 May, 2011

Part 1 – The First Day

Text by Luca D'Ambrosio; pictures by Michael Negele unless otherwise noted.

The KWA meeting started on Wednesday afternoon with the visit of Daniel Harrwitz' grave at the Jewish cemetery of Bolzano. Owing to the recently found grave and the associated investigations the biographical data of this eminent 19th century master who played – inter alia – matches against Anderssen, Staunton, Horwitz, Löwenthal, Williams, Morphy and Kolisch, have to be corrected.

Links:

[C.N. 6286. Daniel Harrwitz](#)

[Luca D'Ambrosio on Daniel Harrwitz' track](#)

[Südtiroler Sport Magazin](#) - Ein gelüftetes Schachrätsel (PDF)

[Cultura & Spettacoli](#) - Lo scacco matto allo scacchista (PDF)

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From left:
Friedrich-Karl Hebeker, Regina Corneth, Alessandro Sanvito, Toni Preziuso and Bert Corneth at the entrance of the Bolzano cemetery.



From left: Bert Corneth, Petra Lootz, Bob van de Velde, Siegfried Schönle at the entrance of the Bolzano cemetery.



From left:
Antonio Rosino, Luca D'Ambrosio, Guy van Habberney at the entrance of the Bolzano cemetery.



Calle Erlandsson reading the inscription
on Harrwitz' tombstone.



Close-up of the gravestone of Daniel Harrwitz.

After the visit of the cemetery the group walked to the Benedictine Monastery of Muri-Gries at Bolzano, in front of the abbey Michael Negele noticed the below undertaker.

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Undertaker on Gries Place, Bolzano.

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Exterior view of the Benedictine Monastery Muri-Gries at Bolzano.



Interior view of the Gries parish church.

The guided tour of the library which is not open to the public was conducted by Father Plazidus to whom the chess world owes the hint of the entry on Daniel Harrwitz in the register of deaths of the cathedral parish Bolzano.



From left: Father Plazidus, Bob van de Velde, Jurgen Stigter, Calle Erlandsson.

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On the way to the library...



Interior view

of the library of the Benedictine Monastery Muri-Gries at Bolzano.



A visibly pleased Guy Van Habberney.

The participants were especially interested in a 1581 edition by Marci Hieronymi Vidae Cremonensis, *Albae Episcopi Opera*, with the chess poem *Scacchia Ludus*.

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Scacchia Ludus in
Alessandro Sanvito's hands.



Alessandro
Sanvito reading Scacchia Ludus.

After this tour the group walked to the Franciscan Monastery in the old town of Bolzano. There Father Willibald provided a still older Vida edition as well as a chess book published in December 1945 in Italy by a German POW of the Allies.



The cloister in the Franciscan monastery of Bolzano.



From left: Jorgen Stigter, Luca D'Ambrosio, Friedrich-Karl Hebeker, Alessandra Sanvito, Ermide Sanvito in the Franciscan monastery (photo archives Siegfried Schönle, Kassel).



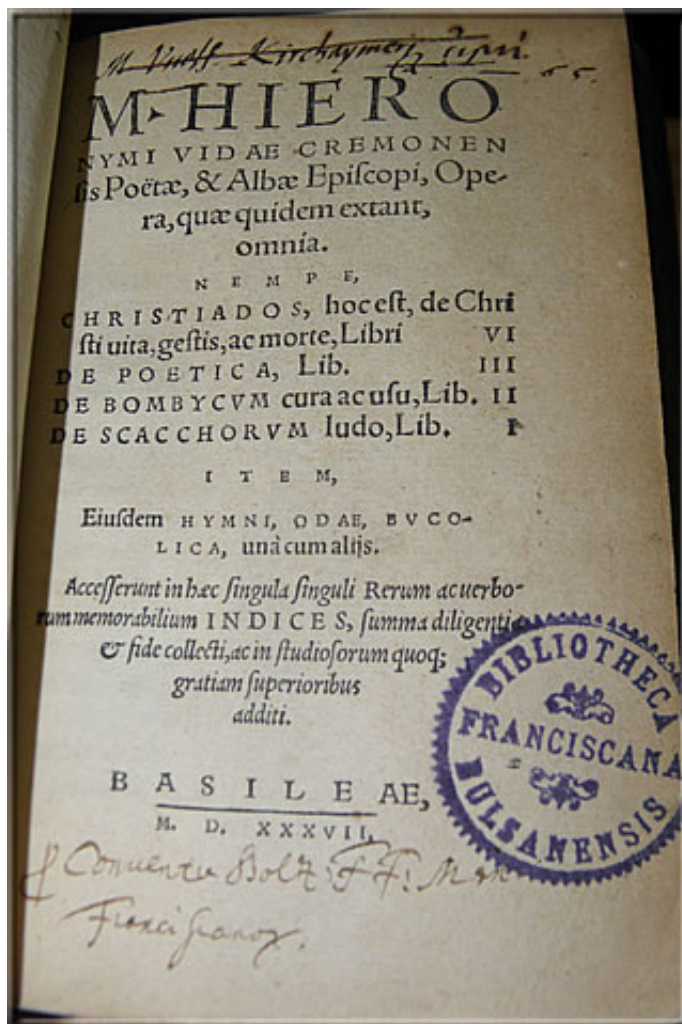
Excerpt from Oskar Minnier:

Chess behind barbwire (1)

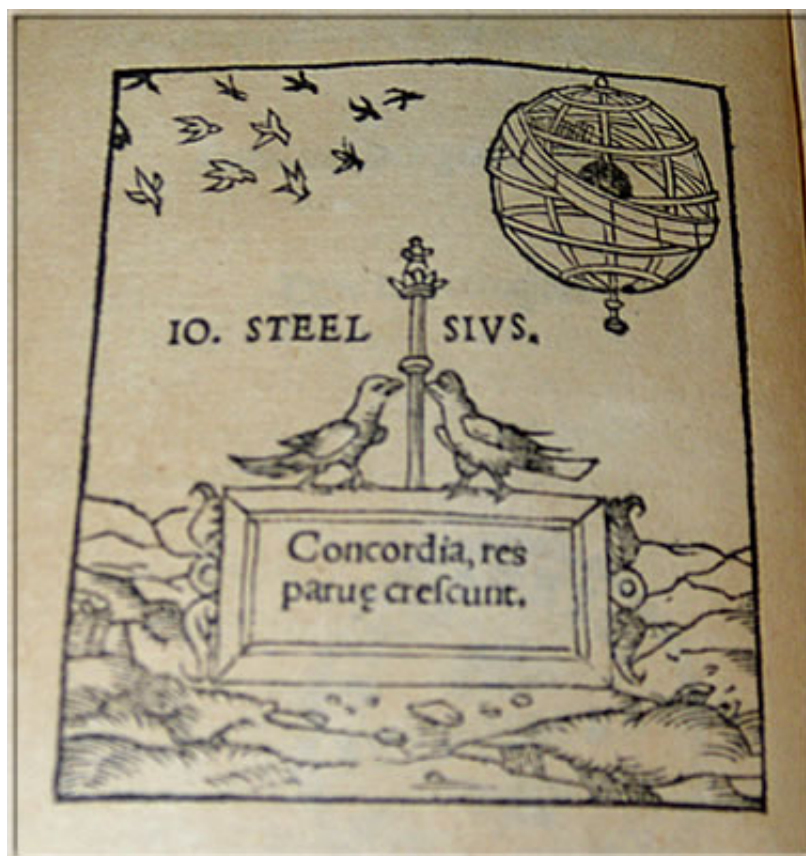


Excerpt from Oskar

Minnier: Chess behind barbwire (2)



Excerpt from Vida 1537 (photo by Luca D'Ambrosio).



Owner's stamp on the last page of Vida 1537.

According to a mail by Alessandro Sanvito the framed sentence in the owner's stamp comes from Sallust and means "Concord will make small things flourish".*) So the erudite owner doesn't refer (and limits himself) to chess but gives a thought of general validity; he means, what is done in unity will also turn out well.

*) The full Sallust quotation is "concordia parvae res crescunt, discordia maximae dilabuntur" - "concord will make small things flourish, discord will destroy great things." See for instance [Unity makes strength.](#) [RB]



The joint dinner took place in the nearby wine tavern "Zum Bogen" (photo archives Siegfried Schönle, Kassel)



At a late hour a small group still walked to Delais Street 2 (formerly Zollstange 173).

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This building – heavily damaged in World War II – was the last home of Daniel Harrwitz.

You will find a selection of further pictures from the first day in this [gallery](#).

Part 2 – The Second Day

On Thursday, May 19th, 2011 the lectures began at the Kolpinghaus – after a minute's silence in commemoration of Professor Carlo Alberto Pagni.

- **Luca D'Ambrosio:** Looking for traces in the chess history of South Tyrol from 1300 to 1945
- **Friedrich-Karl Hebeker:** Ludwig Engels in Brazil
- **Alessandro Sanvito:** The Anglo-Norman chess manuscripts
- **Guy Van Habberney:** Ingredients for a definitive Bobby Fischer biography



his lecture.

Luca D'Ambrosio gives

You can optionally download Luca D'Ambrosio's lecture (in German) as a Powerpoint presentation (15.5 MB) or as a pdf file (3.2 MB) (both in the member section only!).



The presentation of Friedrich-Karl Hebeker.

The presentation slides of Friedrich-Karl Hebeker are linked below:

Information on Ludwig Engels:

http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ludwig_Engels

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ludwig_Engels

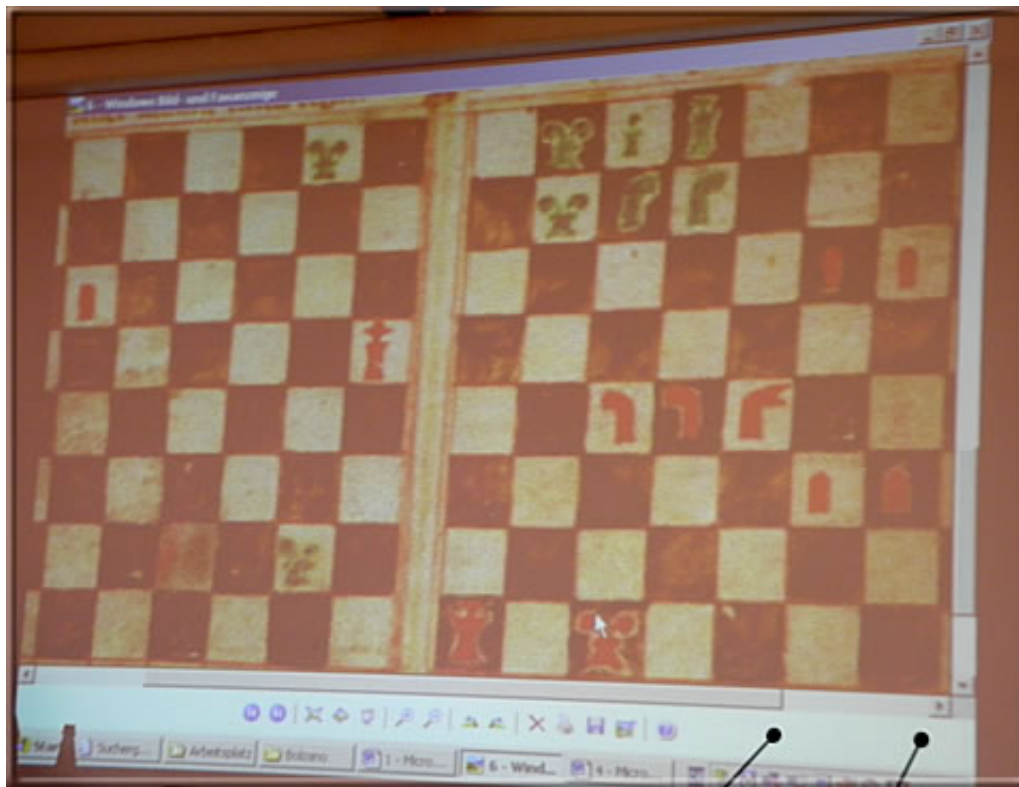
and sources given there.



Alessandro Sanvito reads a paper.

You can read Alessandro Sanvito's paper here: [The Anglo-Norman Chess Manuscripts](#) (as PDF; again in the member section!).

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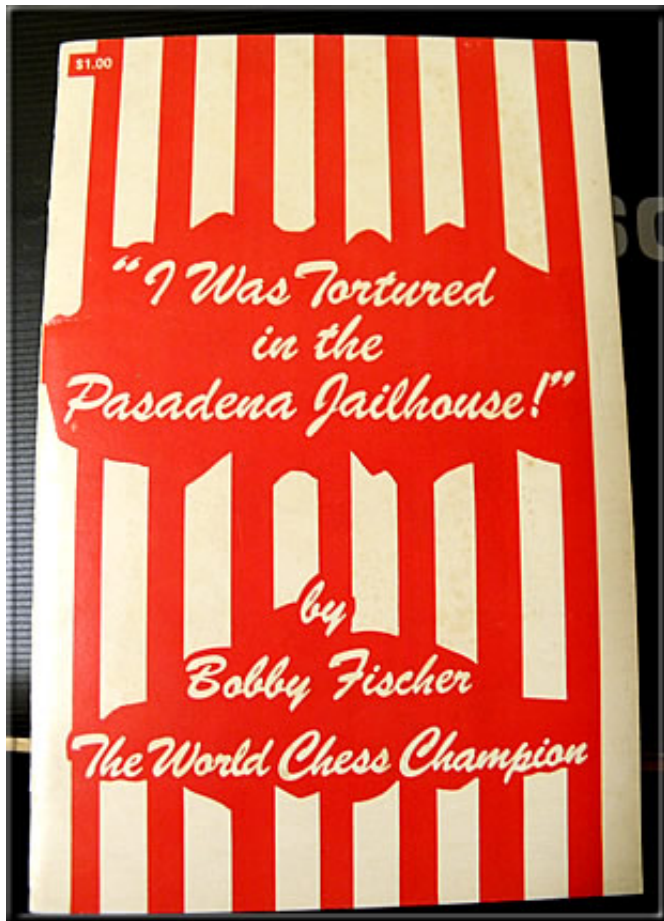


A slide from Alessandro Sanvito's lecture.



Guy Van Habberney with Brady's new biography of Bobby Fischer.

With his talk Guy Van Habberney gave a critical assessment of Frank Brady's Fischer biography.



This old Fischer booklet played a role in Guy's talk as well.

After the lunch break our group took a short look at the cloister of the Dominican church and afterwards went by bus to Meran.

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The cloister of the Dominican church at Bolzano.



On the way to Meran.



The Municipal

Theatre of Meran - more at [www.kurhaus.it/...](http://www.kurhaus.it/)



A centaur on the roof of the Municipal

Theatre.



Seen in the shop window of an antiquary at the spa hotel.



The spa hotel of Meran.



kursaal

The imposing



of the kursaal

Ceiling frescos



A closer view of the frescos.



The KWA participants have a look upwards.



Lecture by Dr. Ing. Siegfried Unterberger at the small kursaal (photo archives Siegfried Schönle, Kassel).

The highlight of the day was the presentation of Dr. Ing. Siegfried Unterberger, organizer of the Candidates final 1980 (Hübner – Kortschnoi) and of the Chess World Championship 1981 (Karpov – Kortschnoi).

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Program of the Candidates final 1980
at Meran (picture archives Luca D'Ambrosio, Bolzano).



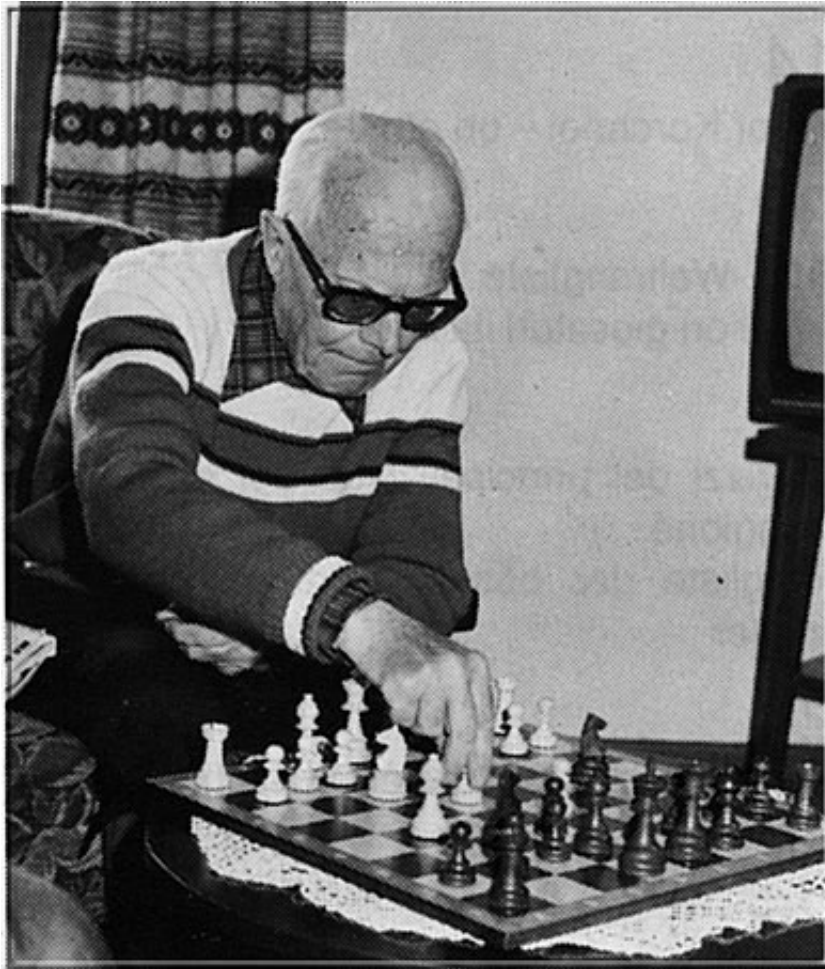
Program of the Chess World Championship 1981 at Meran (picture archives Luca D'Ambrosio, Bolzano).

Dr. Unterberger captivated the audience with his fascinating report on the two chess events, showed a wide variety of pictures and provided a great many of anecdotes, among others about his game against the Italian president at that time, Sandro Pertini.



Dr. Siegfried

Unterberger surrounded by the audience (photo archives Siegfried Schönle, Kassel).



The Italian president at that time, Sandro Pertini took over the patronage for the Chess World Championship 1981 (picture archives Luca D'Ambrosio, Bolzano).



Dr. Ing. Unterberger talks about the Candidates final 1980 ... (photo archives Siegfried Schönle, Kassel)



as well as about the Chess World Championship 1981 (photo archives Siegfried Schönle, Kassel).

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Sehr geehrten Herrn Dr. Unterberger,

Besten Dank für Ihr Schreiben vom 18. August
mit den verschiedenen Daten des kommenden Kampfes.
Ich bedauere sehr dass ich nicht beim Anfang anwesend
sein kann da ich vom 13. September bis zum 4. Oktober
in Israel sein werde für eine Kur.

Ich habe jedoch die Absicht später für eine oder
mehrere Partien nach Meran zu kommen.

Ich hoffe sehr dass der Kampf einen friedlichen
Verlauf haben wird und ich bin überzeugt dass Ihre
gute Organisation dazu erheblich beitrage wird.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

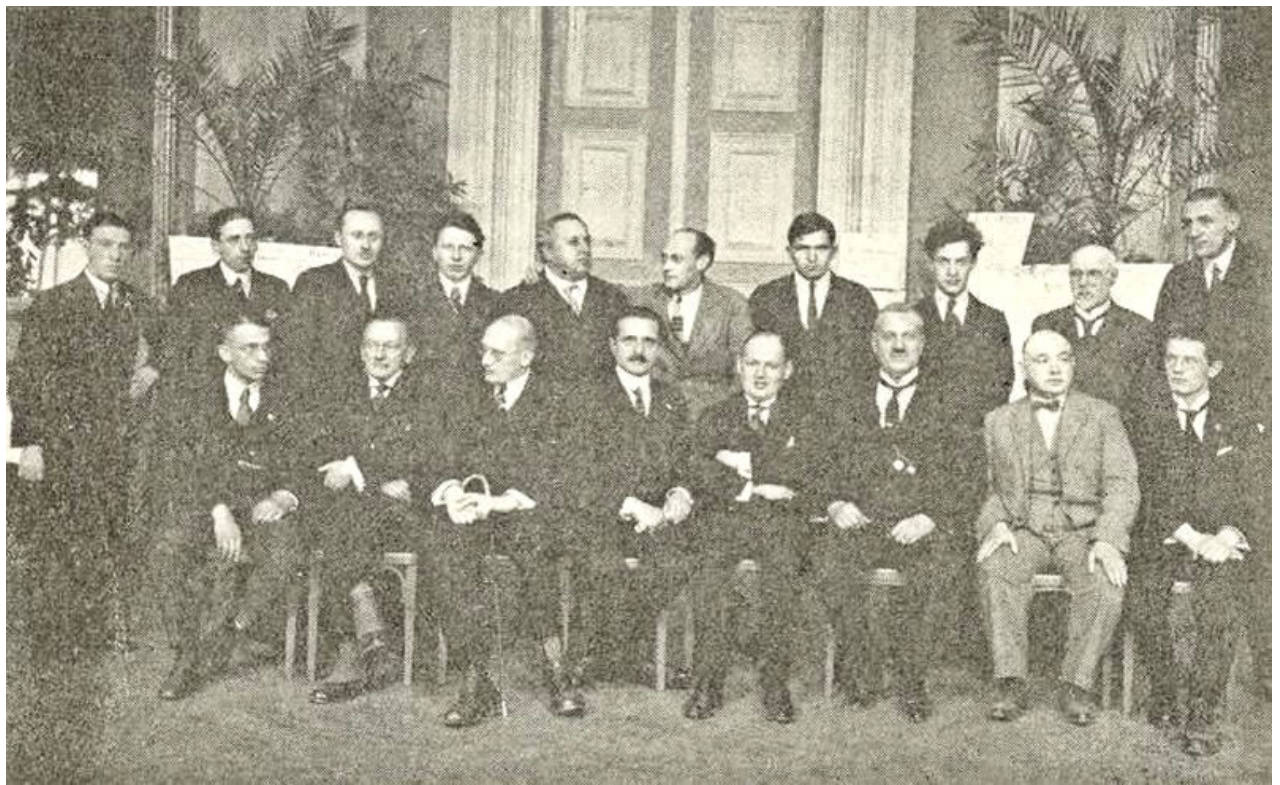
M. Euwe

 A letter by Max Euwe to Dr. Siegfried Unterberger.

You will find more about Dr. Unterberger at sammlung-unterberger.com/... and the sites linked there.

The international chess congresses of Meran 1924 took place at the small kursaal. In the first tournament Grünfeld won ahead of Spielmann and Rubinstein, in the second Colle ahead of Canal, Przepiórka and Spielmann.

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— Group photo Meran 1924, standing from left: Ballaban (reporter), Colle, Selesnieff, Opočenský, Patay von Bájj, Takács, L. Steiner, Koltanowski, Gunsberg (reporter), Michel (organizing committee). Sitting from left: Dr. Seitz (tournament director), Dr. Tarrasch, Grünfeld, Rosselli del Turco, Spielmann, Miliani, Przepiórka, Dr. Grimm (organizing committee). Of the participating masters only Rubinstein is missing. (Source: L'Italia Scacchistica No 1 1924)



— Group photo of the participants in the small kursaal, from left: Antonio Rosino, Petra Lootz, Siegfried Schönle, Toni Prezioso, Regina Corneth, Bert Corneth, Winnifred van de Velde, Guy

Van Habberney, Bob van de Velde, Michael Negele, Friedrich-Karl Hebeker, Alessandro Sanvito, Ermide Sanvito, Luca D'Ambrosio, Jurgen Stigter. (photo archives Luca D'Ambrosio, Bozen)



At the small kursaal (Pavillon des Fleurs) the international chess tournaments of 1924 and 1926 took place.



— A detail of the small kursaal.

After our return we enjoyed the rest of the evening at the Bolzano restaurant Zum Bogen where our participants could also inspect some local papers (with mentions of our event):

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Donnerstag, 19. Mai 2011 - **Dolomiten**

Schach: Zum 6. Mal Bozner Schach Open und Historikertreffen

BOZEN (mak). Vom 20. bis 22. Mai organisiert der Schachklub ARCI Bozen im Premstallerhof in Bozen das 6. Bozner Schach Open. Es ist die einzige Möglichkeit, in Südtirol FIDE- und FSI-Elopunkte zu holen. FM Ralf Müller (Deutschland) geht mit einer Elozahl von 2413 als vorläufige Nr. 1 an den Start. Infos und Anmeldungen gibt es unter Tel. 340-3689142 oder unter www.arciscacchi.it. Vor dem Turnier findet noch bis morgen in Bozen auch ein Historikertreffen der Ken-Whyld-Association statt. Es ist dies erst das zweite nach 2008 in Venedig, welches in Italien stattfindet.

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Il capoluogo altoatesino ospita due importanti eventi scacchistici

Bolzano sotto...“scacco”!



Tra gli eventi sportivi che coinvolgeranno la nostra città non poteva mancare anche l'appuntamento con gli scacchi.

Anzi, per non farci mancare niente, gli eventi in programma sono addirittura due. Il primo – che ha preso il via

ieri e durerà fino a venerdì 20 maggio – è il General meeting dell'associazione internazionale di storici degli scacchi Ken Whyld Association.

Alla sua seconda volta in Italia (prima volta a Bolzano) il convegno specialistico che coinvolge storici, collezionisti, appassionati della scacchiera e autori di testi scacchistici propone anche una visita ai luoghi i cui si svolsero i tornei internazionali di Merano del 1924 e del 1926, il campionato del mondo nel 1981 e i luoghi dove visse Daniel Harrwitz, uno degli scacchisti più forti del tempo, la cui tomba è stata di recente scoperta a Bolzano.

Dopo il convegno degli storici

degli scacchi spazio alla sesta edizione del torneo open internazionale di scacchi a Bolzano, in programma dal 20 al 22 maggio al Premstallerhof e organizzato dall'associazione sportiva Arci-Scacchi. La manifestazione, promossa grazie al sostegno della Lega Scacchi Provinciale, della UISP e del Quartiere Centro-Piani-Rencio, premierà il più forte giocatore di scacchi dell'Alto Adige. È possibile iscriversi prima dell'inizio del torneo, il 20 maggio, dalle 14 alle 15.30. La competizione prenderà il via alle ore 16 e continuerà con altri 4 incontri sabato 21 e domenica 22 maggio, dalle 9 alle 14.30. La manifestazione è aperta al pubblico.

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– *QuiBolzano*, 19 May 2011, p24



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Part 3 – The Third Day and the Open Tournament

On Friday morning, 20th of May the presentations were given at the Mehrzwecksaal of the Premstallerhof where the chess club ARCI Bozen (www.arciscacchi.it) is based and where the 6th international Open tournament was planned for the afternoon. For this day also Tamás Erdélyi and Michael Ehn had arrived from Budapest and Vienna respectively. The following lectures were held in the morning:

- **Antonio Rosino:** The golden age of chess in Venice: 1929-1953
- **Michael Negele:** My finds on Antonius van der Linde
- **Toni Preziuso:** "Odysseus" meets Alekhine. The encounter between a (still) unknown journalist and Alekhine at Lisbon 1946. Presentation and open questions about a find from the Schweizerische Allgemeine Volkszeitung 03/06/1950.



The lecture of Antonio Rosino, right in the picture Tamás Erdélyi.



Michael Negele gives his presentation (photo archives Siegfried Schönle, Kassel).

Michael Negele has provided his quite extensive presentation slides:

- original powerpoint (pptx) file (ca. 40 MB)
- as pdf file (ca. 4.4 MB)

- both in the member section.



Toni Preziuso in front of the screen.

On Toni Preziuso's contribution we can offer a pdf file as well (>> member section).



Ermide Sanvito (in the background), Michael Ehn, Toni Preziuso, Friedrich-Karl Hebeker and Guy Van Habberney.

After the lectures our group visited the library of the chess club ARCI-Bozen which is based in the building - in all likelihood it is the biggest collection of chess books of a club from the Brenner to Verona. The book list is online at www.arciscacchi.it/...
In 2009 a commemorative publication appeared about the still very young chess club.



— Commemorative publication on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the chess club ARCI Bozen.

Links:

www.arciscacchi.it/Sito01/Bollettini/Bollettino21presentazioneparte1.pdf

www.arciscacchi.it/Sito01/Bollettini/Bollettino21estratti.pdf

www.arciscacchi.it/Sito01/Bollettini/Bollettino21recensioni.pdf



A birthday photo shouldn't miss here: this day (20th of May) Calle Erlandsson could celebrate his "69th" - Congratulations!

With a short speech Guy Van Habberney thanked the organizer of the Bolzano KWA meeting, handed him a book present (Bogoljubow, Moskau 1925) and opened the book market.

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The book

market has opened ...



During the book market Michael Ehn announced his joining the KWA which was appreciated by those present with an applause (photo by Luca D'Ambrosio).

The KWA meeting ended with the book market, and in the same room the 6th international Bolzano Open started at 4 pm where 63 chess players from seven different countries entered, among them Michael Negele, Calle Erlandsson, Toni Preziuso, Guy Van Habberney and Luca D'Ambrosio. In the first round all KWA members emerged victorious, and in the second round they all played side by side, at the tables 5 to 9.



KWA members in one picture.

• [All participating](#)



(photographer: Luca Baroncini).

• [Calle Erlandsson](#)



Michael Negele

(photographer: Luca Baroncini).

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Luca D'Ambrosio (photographer: Luca

Baroncini).

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Toni Prezioso

(photographer: Luca Baroncini).

Toni Prezioso sent us two annotated games from the Open, here his elaboration as [pdf](#) file.



Guy Van Habberney

On Saturday evening the tournament participants met at the restaurant Stiegl.

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Bert Corneth



Luca

D'Ambrosio and Michael Negele



and Regina Corneth

Calle Erlandsson



Toni Prezioso

The 5-round tournament ended on Sunday afternoon with the young Bolzano player Patrick Scharrer as winner. Toni Prezioso placed 11th scoring $3\frac{1}{2}/5$ - so winning the internal "KWA championship". There followed Michael Negele (15th), Calle Erlandsson (18th), Luca D'Ambrosio (22nd) - all $3/5$ - and Guy Van

Habberney (33rd) with 2½.

Several links to the Bolzano Open:

www.chessclub.it/turniere/bz2011/standing.html

arciscacchi.blogspot.com/2011/05/open-internazionale-di-bolzano-2011...

arciscacchi.blogspot.com/2011/05/open-internazionale-di-bolzano-2011...

Finally some impressions of Bolzano:

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Map of the county

Tyrol

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The Kornplatz



The new

Bolzano town-hall from 1907



Town-hall Place

Façades in



Façades in Town-hall Place



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A characteristic



was strongly represented in the Bindergasse.

The craft of the (wine-)coopers



The Silbergasse,
about 1000 years ago the moat was running here.



The 300 m long medieval arcades.



Façades next to the Waltherplatz (in the second building from left the chess club ARCI Bozen was based at first).



The center of the Bolzano old town: the Waltherplatz with the cathedral.



The monument to the minnesinger

Walther von der Vogelweide.

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The Bolzano

cathedral combines Romanic and Gothic elements.

A photo gallery with some further sights of Bolzano as well as a photo selection of a classic car parade (on 21-22 May at Bozen) is offered in this [Gallery](#).