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Obituary of Peter J. Monté



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The then chairman Guy van Habberney is handing over to Peter Monté a gift –of course a book– as sign of appreciation for his very interesting lecture during the meeting of the CH&LS in Wijk aan Zee on Januari 24th, 2015

Peter Monté

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After a short disease our Dutch member Peter Monté passed away on June 7th. Born in 1939 he was 78 years old.

Peter fairly recently joined our Association after giving a much-appreciated lecture in Wijk aan Zee in January 2015 ([Wijk aan Zee 2015](#)). As he explained at the time, he initially wanted to find out when the first King's gambit was played, an opening he himself also very much preferred to play OTB. After 25 years of assiduous research, the end result was the monumental [The Classical Era of Modern Chess](#) (McFarland, 2014, xxii + 594 p.). This is truly a work of great chess scholarship at a PhD level, and I am certain that it will stand the test of time and eventually be mentioned in one breath together with Murray's monumental History of Chess (1913).

Peter Monté was a stubborn man, a character feature which certainly helped him a lot in his research.

Boechout, Belgium

Guy van Habberney

