

Dear Michael, and others,

I'll give a short update on what I did (and what not) and will (want to) do, answering (and maybe quoting) some emails as well.

I have met Karl and Roger Klittich at Cologne Art and Antiquarian market - Jurgen, don't be afraid - no chess-books available.

Karl Klittich agreed to send the catalogue of the 44th auction to all members of the KWA - if we contribute the addresses. I will do this of course.

If the Chess Reader supplement is finished it could be distributed in this way to all members without additional costs.

And in the same way we could redistribute the Yuletide No. 0.

So it is necessary to get 105 copies of the supplement and also 105 Yuletide No. 0.

Please send your parcel directly to Klittich - I am in vacation with next week and it will be late to arrange when I am back.

All the best - please confirm if you agree with my proposals - I have to inform Karl Klittich.

Michael

OK, I'll send this week a parcel with 105 Yuletide no. 0 to Klittich (have the right stapler). Would be very good if the supplement of the Chess Reader would be ready for distribution as well.

The Klittich support for the KWA is wonderful!

Have practiced making Yuletides (no. 0) because I wanted to take a few to the USA. Met Ulrich Schaedler at the Board Games in Academia Conference in Philadelphia. He told me that the acquirement of the Ken Whyld Library was paid by an old lady who wanted to make a large donation and increased it because she liked the idea of getting this library to the museum!

Unfortunately, little chess at the conference (but some nice board games were shown me by their (Dutch!) inventors, e.g. EinStein) and no visit of David DeLucia.

But I met Jeff Kramer and visited Dale Brandreth in Delaware and gave them some Yuletides for distribution among their customers as advertisement for the KWA.

Kramer brought some interesting Lasker material to the Colloquium hotel. Interesting was a set of reviews of the philosophical work of Lasker, collected by himself which also contained a newspaper cutting about the death of Kerler, maybe the only philosopher who took Lasker's work serious - but unlucky for Lasker, Kerler died a year after his work "Die auferstandene Metaphysik" about Lasker and many other philosophers.

Other interesting material are many (English) pages for the Encyclopedia of Games (of which only one volume was published - cf the German *Das verständige Kartenspiel* and *Brettspiele der Völker*). It would be lots of work to sort this out. The remainder is more like snippets of various sorts which will be interesting for a dedicated biographer.

I visited Dale Brandreth's houses - one stuffed with (mainly chess) books, the other nearly empty and tidy. He has an enormous collection which may take benefit of a bibliography - but certainly of a good ordering of the collection (and finding all the duplicates)!

He told me that Cincinnati 1888 is only the first volume of the American Chess Association. In the Chess-House-of-Fame booklet (vol. 1), I read that in total, 4 volumes have been published (and 4 tournaments organised) - though the last one after 1888, 1889, 1890 was 1893. At the age of c. 70, he is still very fit (he likes hiking very much - as does Kramer who also looks young, not 60).

After I came home, while recovering from the journey, I had some problems with my email and internet explorer which delayed my planned KWA activities. Now, I'll try to meet

Andreas Saremba (also because of Lasker and Philidor) and improve the structure and the planning for the database project. [Will add separate email for Andreas]

On the other hand, I've to get more order in my collection, in particular the bibliographies and catalogues.

I'll send a note on the way Scutala intends to implement the database - the note is more or less ready, but needs better expression [so that it can again be improved].

We have to look forward to the board meeting. It will be important to distribute the work for the KWA better (Michael seems to be writing emails each day!). Therefore, it may be better to use local groups which each have their representative(s); those representatives will then take care of the coordination or will be used for coordinating the activities of the KWA (representatives can take care of local distribution of messages and publications, and translation of texts from and local organisation of the KWA).

Important activities for the KWA:

- 1) Database (most urgent)
- 2) Website ("visibility" - fine now)
- 3) Activities: active forum on our website, introductory leaflet ("A4") and booklet. Collectors (I, for one, ought to be able to do this easily since I've a sufficient supply of interesting items from/for my collection) should start writing regular bibliographical and historical notes for the forum / website.
- 4) Meetings, in particular also local meetings.

Board activities:

Coordination of membership lists and payments - I have still to clarify the (financial) status of some foreign members.

Financial account (budget and accounting for money received and spent)

Preparation and planning of (general) meetings - board meeting in Braunschweig, general meeting in September in Forchheim.

Preparation and support of publications and chess research projects

Support for public chess libraries and collections - action for the closing of the reading room in the KB.

I've the names of the new responsables for the chess collection. Full document with my translation into English attached.

Leeszalen in ontwikkeling / April 2004

"Per 1 April hebben Ron van der Schee (070-3140280) en Han Pieete (070-3140516) het beheer van de schaakcollectie van Henk Chervet overgenomen. Zij hebben een gezamenlijk emailadres: schaak@kb.nl. Voor verdere inlichtingen kunt u contact opnemen met de beheerders."

Reading rooms in development / April, 2004

"Per April, 1st, Ron van der Schee (070-3140280) and Han Pieete (070-3140516) have taken over the management of the chess collection from Henk Chervet. They have a common email address: schaak@kb.nl. For further inquiries, please contact these managers."

My thanks go to Michael for writing a letter to Van Drimmelen.

I finish here because otherwise, this email might be delayed too long.
Thank you for your reading thus far!

Chess greetings,
Jurgen