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Braunschweig XI 2013



Certainly this year's November event in Braunschweig was particularly inviting: on the one hand the 10th anniversary celebration of the KWA, on the other hand a first-class chess book auction of the house Klittich-Pfankuch with numerous rare items (duplicates) from the collection of our late member Lothar Schmid.

Enjoy our large pictorial report!

The number of members who had found their way to Braunschweig on that occasion was quite respectable, our corresponding list contains 35 names – in alphabetic order:

Wolfgang Angerstein, Ralf Binnewirtz, Ron Bleeker, Günther Büsing, Mike Clapham, Jan Clementsson, John Donaldson, Bernd Ellinghoven, Calle Erlandsson, Alain Fayard, Hans-Jürgen Fresen, Tony Gillam, Harry Grondijs, Guy Van Habberney, Roger Klittich, Karl Klittich, Jes Knudsen, Matthias Limberg, Godehard Murkisch, Michael Negele, Jørn Erik Nielsen, Wolfgang Pähz, Stellan Persson, Toni Prezioso, Andreas Saremba, Bernd Schippan, Bernd Schneider, Siegfried Schönle, Bernd Segebarth, Henri Serruys, Per Skjoldager, Jurgen Stigter, Hanspeter Suwe, Raj Tischbierek, Bob van der Velde.

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Meeting in the Lord Helmchen restaurant. From left: Andreas Saremba, Godehard Murkisch, Egbert Meissenburg, Wolfgang Pätz, Bernd Schneider, Harrie Grondijs and Rieneke van Zutphen.



From left: Michael Clapham, Calle Erlandsson, Toni Prezioso, Bob van de Velde, Ron Bleeker and Henri Serruys.

On Friday morning Prof. Wolfgang Angerstein kindly gave me a ride from Erkrath (near Düsseldorf) to Braunschweig where we arrived in continuous drizzling rain shortly after noon. At that time the KWA meeting (first part) at "Lord Helmchen" was already in the final stages, but as I heard later on I had not missed any vital issues: There were the usual reports on the undertakings in 2013, on the KWA newsletter CSQ (layout by yours truly since issue no. 12), on the finances (on the occasion of the KWA reorganization 5500 € have to be paid to the Dutch notary), and on our book projects: Unfortunately we are still waiting for the English edition of the Ruch book on the early history of correspondence chess, and "Meran 1924/1926" hasn't been published yet as well. The planned work on Duisburg 1929 will come out with considerable delay, maybe in the course of next year. Guy Van Habberney told about the idea to

reprint the rare Irish chess magazine *The Four-leaved Shamrock* (ed. by Mrs Frideswide Rowland), a project initiated by Tim Harding. The latter has already invested some work, but at the moment there is no progress as the National Library of Ireland which has a large part of the original magazine in its stock has signalized its lack of interest to cooperate. Another book project considered by Guy would be an anthology "Best of CSQ". Our treasurer Michael Negele has recommended not to tackle more than two book projects per year.

Below some more photos of the meeting in the conference room of the Lord Helmchen restaurant:



Our chairman in front of the poster of our eponym.



John Donaldson,

Guy Van Habberney and our treasurer Michael Negele who leaves the board after many years.



Godehard Murkisch and (non-member) Egbert Meissenburg who had joined the morning assembly as a guest.



Ron Bleeker and Henri Serruys



[Bob van de Velde](#)

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[Wolfgang Pätz](#)

and Bernd Schneider

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Harrie Grondijs and Rieneke van Zutphen - who is proud of whom?



Andreas Saremba



Yours truly (according to Michael Negele
"the heart and soul of the association")

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John Donaldson
and Guy Van Habberney with the two "give-aways" (the KWA jubilee booklet and the Serbian
problem bibliography), both were distributed to the attendant members.

After that first gathering most members moved to the auction house on the opposite side in order to take a preview of those items that were in their focus.

Again I give a small selection of photos:



[John Donaldson](#), Guy Van Habberney and Henri Serruys in the corridor of the auction house.



[Wolfgang Angerstein](#) checks the rare items brought by Mrs Klittich; in the background (left) Bernd Schneider.



Bustling activity

- preview in the auction hall





Tony Gillam,

Per Skjoldager and Michael Clapham

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Bernd

Ellinghoven, Harrie Grondijs and Henri Serruys

After the preview, at about 5:30 pm, the second part of our general meeting started with a lecture by Prof. Wolfgang Angerstein on "Marineschach und drei seiner Vorläufer" [Marine chess and three of its precursors]:



Already before Wolfgang Angerstein had filled a glass cabinet with exhibits on marine chess, some of which you can see in the snapshots below:

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Exhibits in the glass cabinet

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Marine chess set with wooden pieces (1943).



On the left a table on Marineschach, ebony and ivory pieces, and the plates for the golden cover printing of the Marineschach reprint on the right. Down to the right a Dutch book with an entry on Marineschach.



Down to the left
a precursor of Marineschach: "Volldampf Voraus - Neues Flotten-Kampfspiel"



Angerstein and Roger Klittich

From his lecture (we are not allowed to show the PowerPoint slides here) we also learned that Wolfgang Angerstein has published a small book on marine chess, a reprint in a mini edition of 3 copies only (see the

exhibits on the previous page). The original booklet is "Marineschach. Seekriegsspiel" by Oskar Balasiewicz, published in Vienna in 1935, a work of 23 pages. (Complete material for a self-made game, game board, pieces as well as detailed rules of the game with a table and 5 diagrams.) Anyway the rules are very complicated and were not explained in detail by the speaker. One of the three reprint copies will come up for auction in the next Klittich event in June, 2014!



The original "Marineschach" was published by the Wiener Verlagsbuchhandlung "Anzengruber-Verlag, Brüder Suschitzky". You can find a [thesis](#) about this publisher in the

Wolfgang Angerstein's presentation was met with prolonged applause, subsequently Michael Negele handed a very original chess gift on to him which our US member Larry List had given for Prof. Angerstein, namely a punching tool which enables to punch out a configuration of 6 chessmen - it was immediately tested by our professor:



Michael Negele hands over the gift to Wolfgang Angerstein.



Roger Klittich with the fresh punching in the guest book.

Please click the image for an enlarged detail.



Wolfgang Angerstein looks happy with his punching tool.



Michael Negele, Guy Van Habberney and Karl Klittich are in good spirits as well.

Naturally a relevant issue of the meeting was the voting on the KWA reorganization as well as on the new board. Here we can announce that both the new statutes and the new board were unanimously accepted by

the attendant members. Guy Van Habberney will continue to act as our chairman for the next two years, then a change is compulsory according to the statutes. John Donaldson (San Francisco, USA) will be our new deputy chairman and Michael Clapham (Ipswich, GB) our new treasurer. Andreas Saremba will – as the representative of the German speaking area – take over the task from Roger Klittich who will retire for health reasons.

On this occasion we have to thank Andy Ansel for his commitment as deputy chairman in the last years, he will remain the representative of our US members, and likewise Bert Corneth, who will now join the board as representative of the Dutch members. Unfortunately he couldn't come to Braunschweig for health reasons - dear Bert, get well soon!

A short presentation of the KWA jubilee booklet followed, i.e. of the recently announced edition [Simpson's, Headquarters of the World](#). Tony Gillam (who had discovered the Whyld paper in his archives) was asked to give a short talk, and further copies of the booklet were distributed to the members.

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Guy and Michael hold up the Simpson's booklet.

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_ Tony Gillam

(left) gives a short talk.

There were also some free copies of the just published [bibliography of the Serbian problem chess literature](#): It was a very kind gesture of Prof. Dušan Drajić (Belgrade) to send us 30 copies of the small edition, so Michael Negele could distribute them in Braunschweig - according to the mode "first come, first serve".



_ Dušan Drajić (left) has

sent us this photo from a short promotion of the booklet in Belgrade.

For two "members of merit" – Bob van de Velde (who formulated the new statutes in Dutch) as well as yours truly (KWA webmaster since autumn 2003 and CSQ editor since summer 2013) – there were additional appreciations, in each case supported by a bottle of good red wine.

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Our chairman and Karl

Klittich with the wine gifts.

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Michael S. Langer

Michael S. Langer, vice president and treasurer of the DSB (= German Chess Federation) from the nearby town of Wolfenbüttel, attended our evening meeting as well. Michael Negele handed 50 copies of the Festschriften bibliography [Obliged to Tradition...](#) over to him – as a donation to the DSB, and the authors signed a copy of the book for Michael Langer.

At this place special thanks to the Klittich-Pfankuch family who has once again pleased us with their cordial hospitality and who generously distributed snacks and beverages to the visitors!

On Friday evening (at 8 pm) many members met in the Al Duomo restaurant for the traditional get-together and the dinner, here I cannot offer any photos. Naturally on Saturday the chess auction was in the limelight which ran very successfully, as you may also derive from the meanwhile published [Ergebnisliste](#) (list of results). The latter was already available in the Net on the following Sunday evening – again a great service by the auctioneers.

To conclude, I add some photos of the auction hall ...

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Henri Serruys (in conversation with Jurgen Stigter), Guy Van Habberney and Alain Fayard - the Frenchman lives meanwhile in Brussels.



Still before the start of the auction



just begun ...

The auction has



... in a nearly
full house.

Photographs: Ralf Binnewirtz, Michael Negele.