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## Chess events in Prague and Brunswick



The recent chess events in Prague and Brunswick were both visited by Michael Negele, we present a short résumé and quite a lot of photos.

From the Prague event (match David Navara vs Hou Yifan) we give three additional photos, the detailed documentation of the match by ChessBase and others is already linked in our [short note](#) from middle of June.

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Michael Negele  
with Hou Yifan



Michael Negele  
and Vlastimil Hort at the venue of the tournament Prague 1931



memorial plaque

Michael in front of the Steinitz

The auction in Brunswick at the following weekend was a kind of jubilee event as the first auction of chess books by the house Klittich-Pfankuch took place in June 1993, i.e. twenty years ago, here the catalog cover of this historical auction:

23. Versteigerung von  
BÜCHERN – GEMÄLDEN – GRAPHIKEN  
SCHACHBÜCHERN  
am 12. Juni 1993



Originales Pastell von Fritz Wasthner Kat.-Nr. 12

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Our chairman Guy Van Habberney has written a summary of this year's event:

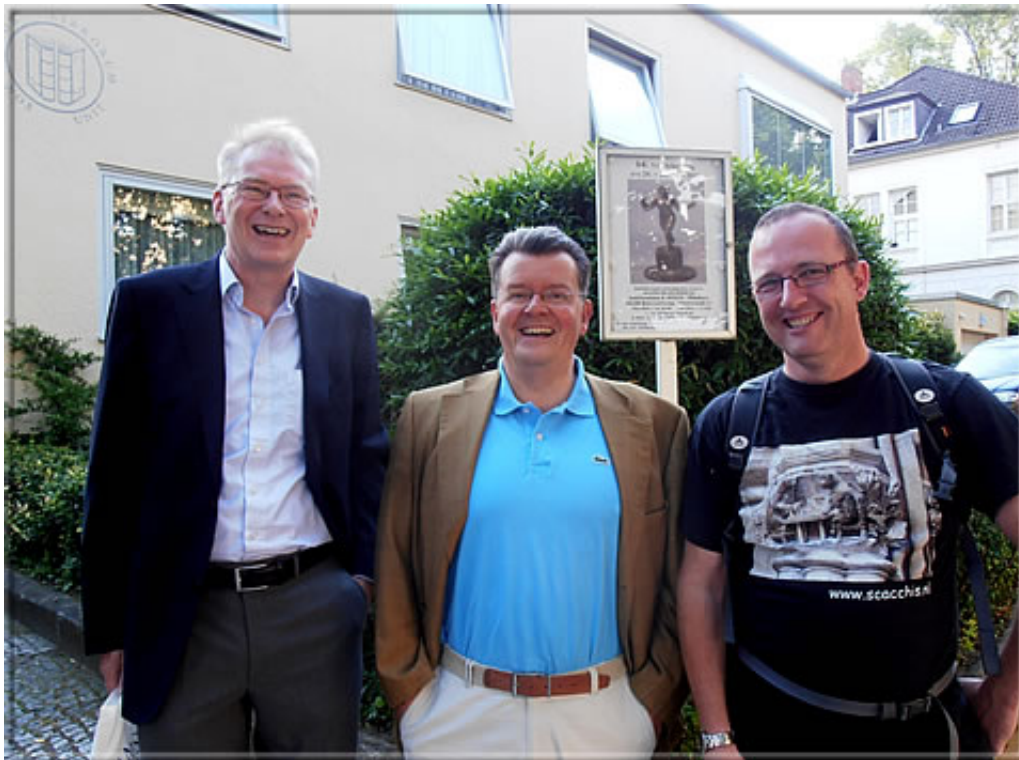
"The 64th Klittich auction in Brunswick was as usual well attended by KWA members. The atmosphere was even more relaxed than before. The generous hospitality of the Klittich family coupled with some very good *schnaps* certainly contributed to the joyful atmosphere. On Friday evening, our treasurer Michael Negele gave an interesting presentation (laced with quiz-like questions) on the theme of Blindfold chess. The chairman then gave a brief explanation on the planned legal incorporation of the KWA into a Foundation and an Association. Subsequently, most of the group walked to Al Duomo restaurant for a good meal and even better conversations. On Saturday morning, the auction itself went very smoothly, but the real surprise came at the end, when Karl Klittich announced that in November, some 1200 books of the late Lothar Schmid will be auctioned off. One can be certain that the auction hall will be packed for auction 65!"

Still to mention is Roger Klittich's invitation to hold this year's jubilee event of the KWA (our 10th anniversary) in Wolfenbüttel again, a nice suggestion which will hopefully be seized by our board.

Below a series of photos from Friday and Saturday:

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• A happy Dutch-Belgian community in front of the auction house: Bert Corneth, Guy Van Habberney, Rob Spaans.



• Database or not – that is here the question ... (Andreas Saremba, Michael Negele, Per Skjoldager)



Well-known

problemists: Stephen Rothwell and Hanspeter Suwe.



In the garden:

Bernd Schneider and Raj Tischbierek in a good temper.





Andreas

Saremba with problemist Godehard Murkisch

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Michael Negele

gives his lecture on the history of blindfold chess: "Rekordleistungen im Blindschach – Eine Zeitreise durch dreizehn Jahrhunderte"

The Powerpoint slides (as PDF) are linked in our [Member section](#).

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• Guy Van Habberney: The change of our club status to a Dutch "Stiftungsverein" seems to make sense, and the idea is encouraged very much by Roger Klittich. In Germany a comparable legal status would be much too expensive.



• The two Nimzowitsch biographers Jørn Erik Nielsen and Per Skjoldager – we are waiting now for volume II

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Bob van de Velde and Bert Corneth – both looking a little serious.



Bernd Schneider's street shop, visited by the customers Jan Clementsson and Bernd Segebarth.



Evening dinner  
in the restaurant "Al Duomo": Bernd Schneider, Raj Tischbierek and Jorgen Stigter



Karl Klittich with  
Jørn Erik Nielsen





Just before the  
start of the auction

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After a hard  
bidding battle: Roger Klittich, Bernd Schippan and Bert Corneth.

Some more photos from Brunswick in this [gallery](#).

All photographs provided by Michael Negele and Guy Van Habberney.



