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The Collection of "Collectors" is Growing ...

by Michael Negele

For a good 15 years I have collected "collectors" of chess literature, certainly a strange variant of our fine hobby.

This "passion" began in the middle of the nineties when I started to pay visits to my barter partners in the course of vacation trips.

At first there were regular visits to my long-standing chess friend Dr Hans-Georg Kleinhenz (formerly Stolberg, for decades living in Munich) who actually "seduced" me to deal to a greater extent with the collecting of chess literature.

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Hans-Georg Kleinhenz in his Munich home, together with Walter Simon, our KWA founding member from Vienna.



Hans Ellinger in Tübingen

Visiting KWA member



in Heilbronn [and Wladimir Sokolow](#)



[Visits to Munich](#)
always led to Manuel Fruth in Unterhaching and his residential chess shop. Already an experience
per se.



I visited Mathias Burkhalter, my reliable supplier of chess literature in the nineties, nearby Bern.



At Ralf-Axel Simon in Berlin-Steglitz you can wonderfully rummage for chess literature as well.



• Ralf Binnewirtz in Wuppertal, in the beginning of 2001 - after the Lasker conference at Postdam.



• Visit of Ralf Binnewirtz to Jurgen Stigter in Amsterdam, shortly after the Lasker conference as well.



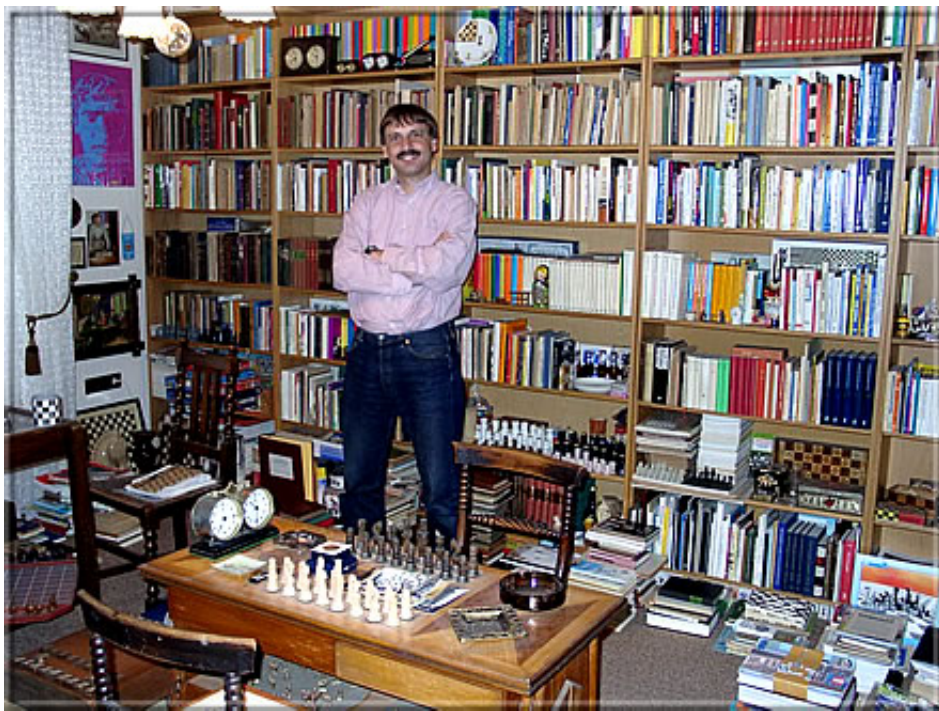
Peter de Jong and Hans

Engberts in Utrecht, July 2007



My Bayer chess club companion Hans-

Dieter Müller in Wuppertal



Visit to Hans-Jürgen

Fresen, in the first years after the KWA foundation.



With Jurgen Stigter at Andreas Saremba in

Brieselang after one of the Lasker events in Berlin.



The visit to Rolf Glenk in Forchheim was even impressive for my wife as the nice chess tiled stove could please her.



Jurgen Stigter and Hans-Jürgen Fresen with me in Wuppertal



Andreas Lehmann (Leipzig), taken at the GSM meeting in Limbach and ...



Bernd Segebarth (Pingelshagen near Schwerin, here at a Klittich auction with Jurgen Stigter), well-established barter partners in the early nineties. I could visit both at trips to the new German states and admire their beautiful collections.

So I will soon report on newly included "gems" of my collection. Such visits show me all too clearly that

my own "accumulation" of chess books urgently needs diligent care.

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