

Persons celebrating an Anniversary in November 2009

Martin Ramsauer goes in front this month, he could look back on full four decades on November 3rd – by which he is the youngest in our November quintet. Five years ago ([November 2004](#)) we mentioned him for the first time in our column, meanwhile he has not only moved to Schiller's native town Marbach am Neckar but he has also distinguished himself with a second book publication which you may look up in the [Publications of our Members](#).

We meet another "old" friend: **Vlastimil Fiala** had gone half a century on November 8th. In the course of his membership he has particularly distinguished himself by the publication of the Ken Whyld trilogy – *Chess Reader / Chess Christmas / Chess Student*. He also joined in our Dresden 2008 meeting, about this see our gallery [Book Market](#). For sighting his continually increasing book list a visit at [Moravian Chess](#) is to be recommended.

We continuously increase the years – the event of **Ward Stoffelen's** birth was three-quarters of a century ago, his special day fell on November 16th. This year too "the tireless Belgian" was in demand as a main arbiter, so for instance at the Corus Studies Day and at the 5th ISC (= International Solving Contest) 2009. I would like to supplement the references to the partly more detailed appreciations of the last years (especially [2005](#) and [2006](#)) by an article on Ward written by the English problem expert Brian Stephenson: www.bstephen.me.uk/...

Still more advanced (in years) is the universally well-known Russian chess historian **Isaak Linder** who now (on November 20th) reached the "89" – and he can still refer to new activities as an author: So he has enriched the congress book St. Petersburg 1909 (Olms new edition, 2009) by an introduction, and together with his son Vladimir he has contributed a chapter to our just published Lasker monograph – naturally on the subject "Lasker in Russia"!

Once more our November selection is concluded by our German member **Uwe Durst** who also completed his 75th year on November 25th.

Congratulations!

PS: You will find all previous birthday greetings in our [archives](#)!