

Kurt Kispert Memorial in Kaufbeuren

29 October - 31 October 2021

What a great weekend it was in Kaufbeuren. As always, there is a good atmosphere at the Hotel Am Kamin. The staff is always friendly and helpful. There are plenty of parking spaces. The rooms are fine, and the breakfast and dinner are of a good quality. This year there were no fewer than 19 participants, including some new faces. Tournament organiser Alwin Gruber and tournament leader Paul Wiselius did a great job. For me personally a reason to present this photo reportage.



The final score according to the statement of tournament leader Paul Wiselius

Tabelle Gruppe A														
#	Name	Operator	Pkte.	SB	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Mill. CG Excl. 100 MHz	Marcus K.	7.5	28.75	x	0	0.5	1'	1	1	1'	1'	1'	1
2	Reflection II Diablo	Alwin	6.0	23.75	1'	x	1'	0'	0.5	0'	0.5'	1	1	1
3	Mill. King 30 MHz spez.	Marcus P.	5.5	19.75	0.5'	0	x	1'	0	0	1'	1'	1	1
4	CT800	Rasmus	5.5	19.25	0	1	0	x	0	1	0.5'	1'	1'	1'
5	Fid. Elite V11 100 MHz	Hans	5.0	21.25	0'	0.5'	1'	1'	x	1'	0.5	0	0	1
6	Meph Nigel Short 100MHz	Herbert	5.0	17.50	0'	1	1'	0'	0	x	0	1	1'	1'
7	Tasc R30 V 2.5	Walter	4.5	15.25	0	0.5	0	0.5	0.5'	1'	x	0'	1'	1'
8	Meph 68030 London 32MHz	Gerhard	4.0	11.50	0	0'	0	0	1'	0'	1	x	1'	1'
9	Mephisto Atlanta 40 MHz	Marcus K.	2.0	5.00	0	0'	0'	0	1'	0	0	0	x	1'
10	Reflection II Fid. V2	Ruud	0.0	0.00	0'	0'	0'	0	0'	0	0	0	0	x

Tabelle Gruppe B														
#	Name	Operator	Pkte.	SB	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Meph MM IV Turbo 26 MHz	Dirk	7.0	26.50	x	0'	0	1	1'	1	1'	1	1	1'
2	Mephisto Almeria 68000	Wolfgang S.	6.0	24.00	1	x	1	0'	0	1'	0	1'	1'	1
3	Novag SuperForte C 8MHz	Heiko	5.5	24.50	1'	0'	x	1	1'	0.5'	1	0	0'	1
4	Mephisto Explorer Pro	Gernot	5.5	20.25	0'	1	0'	x	0.5'	1	1'	0	1	1'
5	ARB 4.0 Beaglebone	Thomas	5.5	19.25	0	1'	0	0.5	x	0'	1'	1	1	1'
6	Fidelity Elite AS V5	Ralf	5.0	16.75	0'	0	0.5	0'	1	x	0.5	1'	1'	1
7	Saitek Barracuda 40 MHz	Paul	4.0	13.75	0	1'	0'	0	0	0.5'	x	1'	0.5'	1
8	GM Petrosjan 32 MHz	Erwin B	4.0	13.50	0'	0	1'	1'	0'	0	0	x	1	1'
9	ARB 3.5 Beaglebone	Wolfgang Z.	2.5	7.50	0'	0	1	0'	0'	0	0.5	0'	x	1
10	ARB 2.5 Beaglebone	Johannes	0.0	0.00	0	0'	0'	0	0	0'	0'	0	0'	x



Hotel Am Kamin can be easily seen from the main road.

Website: <https://www.hotel-am-kamin.de/de/>

Flair Hotel Am Kamin im Allgäu ist Hotel des Jahres 2019.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lo5FwEvWv-s>



Somehow, this family hotel makes a very good impression. You can tell by the staff, among other things, that the guest is really the centre of attention here! The staff is dressed in Austrian costume, which is certainly not usual.



There is a good atmosphere and I have the feeling that the staff are doing their very best to make everyone feel comfortable...



To give you an example I remember from the 2019 tournament. There was a wedding party going on at that time and a live band was performing. This was in the main hall on the ground floor. The atmosphere there was superb, and I wonder if we could use that hall for the computer chess tournament one day? The advantage is that we are all in the same room again, so we have eye contact between the A and B group, which creates more solidarity during the tournament. The additional advantage is that it is easier and quicker to order drinks. For the hotel this is of course a win-win situation.



Do you want to park here for free? No problem!



Generally, your car is also parked under cover.



The second parking space...



From the second car park there is also access to the hotel.



**This second car park of the hotel is a bit hidden.
Here, too, there are a number of places to park the car under a roof.**



The main entrance.



**The main entrance of Hotel Am Kamin.
The room in the background might also be suitable for the next tournament?**



**Ordering food and drink is quick and easy here.
The door in the background is off-limits as it houses the kitchen.**



**Again, what a beautiful hotel.
Want to read a newspaper? They are ready and waiting for you!**



**This photo is unfortunately a bit less sharp but it gives an
impression of reaching your destination via the stairs.**



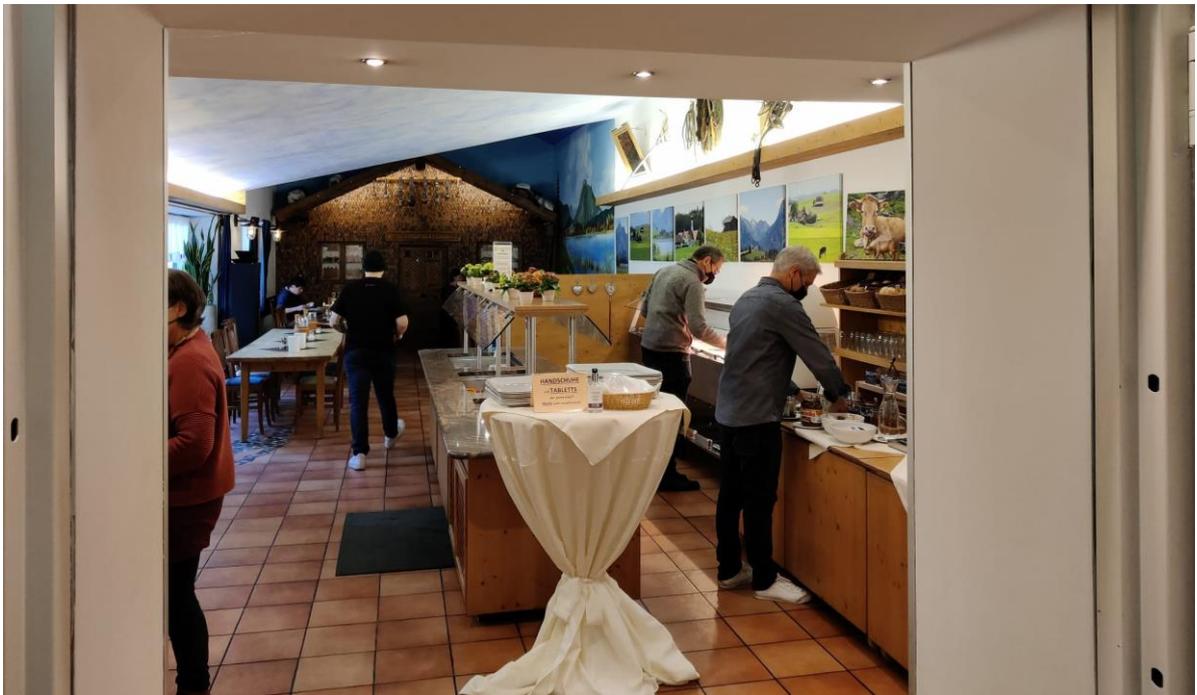
The so-called 'Sprizzbar' where I have played many rapid games against Ruud Martin.



The 'Sprizzbar' is a nice place to be in the afternoon or evening hours in peace and quiet and to enjoy a drink (cocktail) and a snack in between.



One more time the 'Sprizzbar' but then photographed from a different angle.



We had breakfast and dinner here, although we did it at the very back of the wooden cabin in the background. Unfortunately, I did not take any pictures of that, but that is where we all had the most fun! A carefree atmosphere as you get to know each other much better. The entrance to that room looks like a ski lodge and can be entered through a very low door. Ruud Martin hit his head really hard there. I don't want to go into details but was this the 'curse of Ossi Weiner', as someone pointed out?



Here are some photos of the main hall on the ground floor...



The room can be divided into two parts by a separation wall...



It looks a bit 'dark and dull' now without use...



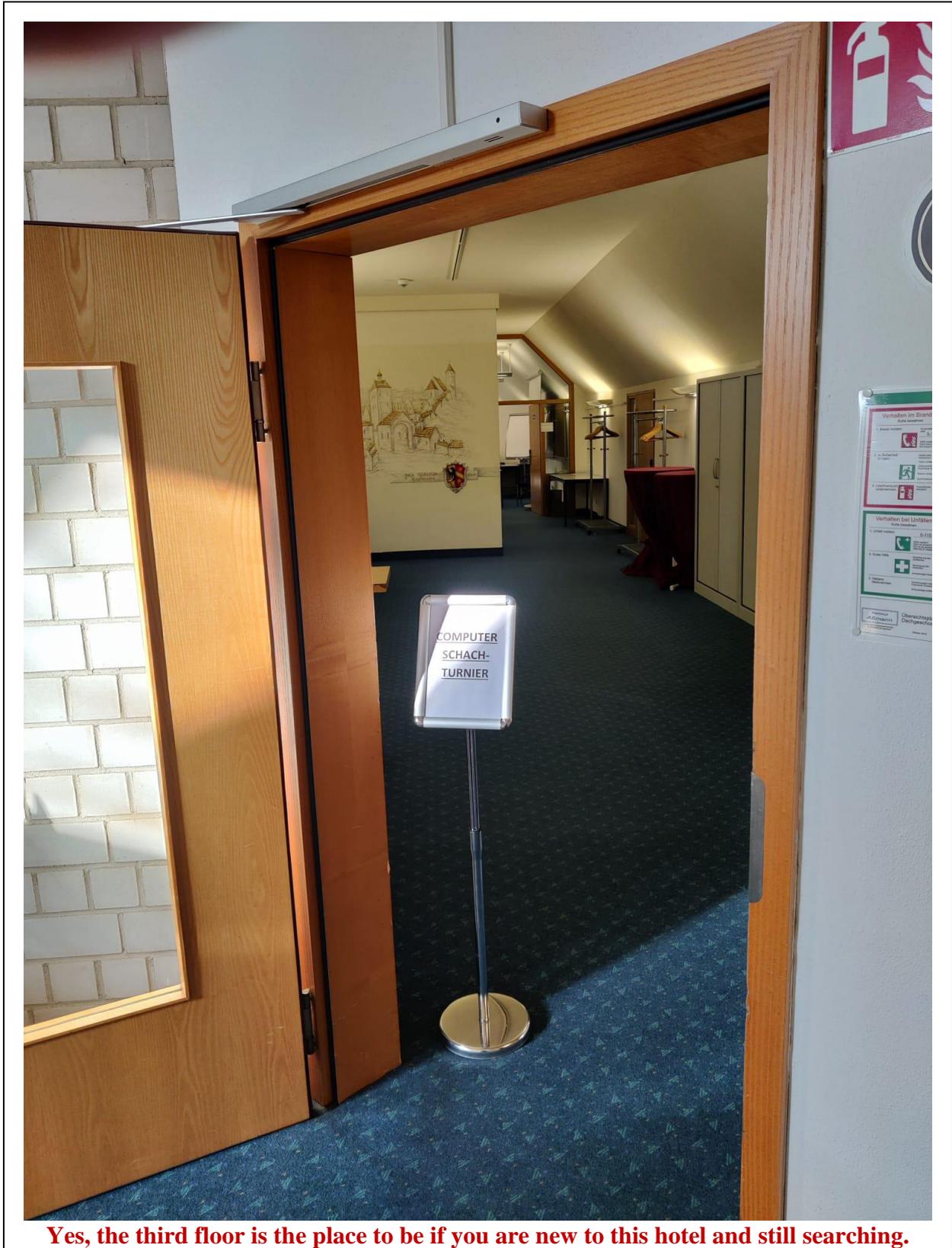
But I can assure you that this room has a lot of potential for organising a computer chess tournament here!



**Next to the 'Sprizzbar' is a long corridor leading to the second car park.
To the left of this corridor is a bowling alley and a children's play area.**



Due to the coronavirus, please allow only one person at a time in the lift...



Yes, the third floor is the place to be if you are new to this hotel and still searching.



Towards the tournament rooms...



The tournament announcement and speech by Alwin Gruber. The event in Kaufbeuren has been organised since 2001 and Alwin referred back to the early years. After the death of Kurt on 14 August 2020, the tournament will be named the 'Kurt Kispert Memorial' from 2021 onwards. In memory of Kurt, a minute's silence was held...



After 2 years again a tournament in Kaufbeuren...



The A-group with 2nd from left Marcus Kästner who is back on the scene after 15 years of absence. He was clearly looking forward to it and even played with 2 chess computers at the same time! Did he do that to make up for lost years? 😊



Operator Herbert Gindl (right) with the Mephisto Nigel Short is a new participant. Many don't know it, but he was already involved in computer chess in the 1980s.



Walter Lang with the TASC R30 version 2.5 and Rasmus Althoff with his CT800.



A nice look through from the A group to the B group.



From left to right: computer expert Horst Kern as a spectator (Ruud was impressed by his knowledge), Hans van Mierlo with Fidelity Elite V11 100 MHz, Herbert Gindl with Mephisto Nigel Short 100 MHz, Ruud Martin with Mephisto Modular Reflection II with the emulation program of the Fidelity EAG V2 and Gerhard Vetter with Mephisto 68030 London 32 MHz. Gerhard came from Cologne by train. After many delays and bad connections he arrived in Kaufbeuren after 8 hours. Next time, why not rent a car?



Yes, and now it's on...



From left to right: Markus Pillen with Millennium King 30 MHz (special settings), Marcus Kästner with Millennium Chess Genius Exclusive 100 MHz and the Mephisto Atlanta 40 MHz. Alwin Gruber operated the Mephisto Modular Reflection II with the emulation program of the Novag Diablo. Walter Lang joined in again with the TASC R30 version 2.5 and Rasmus Althoff did the same with his CT800.



**One of the oldest participants this year was Gerhard Vetter.
Hats off to him for coming all the way by train and carrying a heavy
Mephisto München board in your luggage!**



**It is great to see all these gentlemen working on their hobby.
By the way, Markus Pillen (left) we sometimes see in the
Netherlands to take part in the C.S.V.N. 'User Tournament'.**



It is good that Hans van Mierlo (left on the photo) is back. In Klingenberg he could not participate, because he tested positive for the corona virus. He says he had little or no problems with it, but it is annoying.



Walter Lang with TASC R30 version 2.5 and Ruud Martin with the Mephisto Modular Reflection II with the emulation program of the Fidelity Elite Avant Garde version 2.

For Ruud Martin, this weekend was certainly not a lucky one. His Mercedes broke down, and with a dozen phone calls he had to find a way to arrange things. In the end, his car was transported to the Netherlands, and he himself went back in a rented BMW. At the car rental company in Kaufbeuren was a BMW M3 Competition that can develop speeds comparable to supercars. To my personal (un)luck Ruud didn't get to take this monster on wheels back to the Netherlands, because this car had to be delivered in Munich one day later. Paul doesn't know all this but is probably happy afterwards...



So gentlemen of the B group... is everything under control? It seems to be!



On the left in the picture is Wolfgang Zugrav. At one point he had a nice joke for Ruud Martin. Ruud's Modular board with the Reflection module would not start up. So he borrowed an adapter from Wolfgang. Ruud asked Wolfgang if the adapter had to be set 'positive or negative'. Wolfgang mumbled something unintelligible and Ruud connected his Reflection module to the power supply. At that very moment, Wolfgang clapped his hands loudly, and Ruud was convinced at that moment that he had blown up his Reflection module (which was not the case)! We were all laughing out loud...



**Left: Heiko Berger with Novag Super Expert 8 MHz.
Middle: Thomas Jäger with Applied Concepts ARB 4.0 Beaglebone 125 MHz.
Right: Erwin Biri with Mephisto ESB 6000 GM Petrosjan 32 MHz.**



**Mephisto ESB 6000 with the well-known black case from the early 1980s.
The chess program GM Petrosjan with 32 MHz. is not often seen!**



**On the left: Dirk Heidtfeld with Mephisto Modular MM IV Turbo 26 MHz.
Middle: Gernot Holm with Mephisto Explorer Pro.
Right: Wolfgang Zugrav with Applied Concepts ARB 3.5 Beaglebone 125 MHz.**



**Paul Wiselius with Saitek Barracuda 40 MHz and
Ralf-Henning Glomb with his Fidelity Elite Avant Garde (multiprocessor) version 5.
I will soon come up with an article about this old processor, because apparently there is
some demand for it. Hans van Mierlo will certainly be pleased with that...**



**Paul Wiselius with Saitek Barracuda 40 MHz and
Wolfgang Spiekermann with Mephisto Almeria 68000.**

It is hard to believe, but if I am right, Paul is no less than 74 years old! With my 63 years I am impressed by Paul's age and physical condition. Admirable, but Paul not only participated in the tournament, but was also in charge of it. I myself (in contrast to Paul) have apparently not lost my wild hair yet, because I still drive a fast modified Cupra Ateca which sometimes leads to some annoyance with Paul on the German Autobahn...



Two beautiful wooden boards of tournament size. What more could you want?



**Wolfgang Spiekermann with Mephisto Almeria 68000 and
Heiko Berger with Novag Super Expert C 8 MHz.**

Heiko has a nice website, and he asked me if I wouldn't mind if he could include web links from my database for use on his own website. For me, that is not a problem at all, moreover, it just shows that I have not done all my historical research for nothing!



**Gernot Holm with Mephisto Explorer Pro and Ralf-Henning Glomb
with Fidelity Elite Avant Garde version 5. It seems that one of the
two men has the bishop pair. Surely that must give us some advantage?**



**Two beautiful machines with ancient programmes tuned to approx. 125 MHz.
On the left: Wolfgang Zugrav with Applied Concepts ARB 3.5 Beaglebone.
Right: Johannes Seif with Applied Concepts ARB 2.5 Beaglebone.**

Participation is of course more important than winning, but unfortunately Johannes scored zero points and that is not good. I do hope for his sake that he had a nice weekend and that he will come back to Kaufbeuren and get a better result then.



Award ceremony by Alwin Gruber and streamed live by Wolfgang Spiekermann...



Hans van Mierlo and Ruud Martin like a game of chess now and then. As we know, Hans is much too strong for Ruud. How do we solve this?

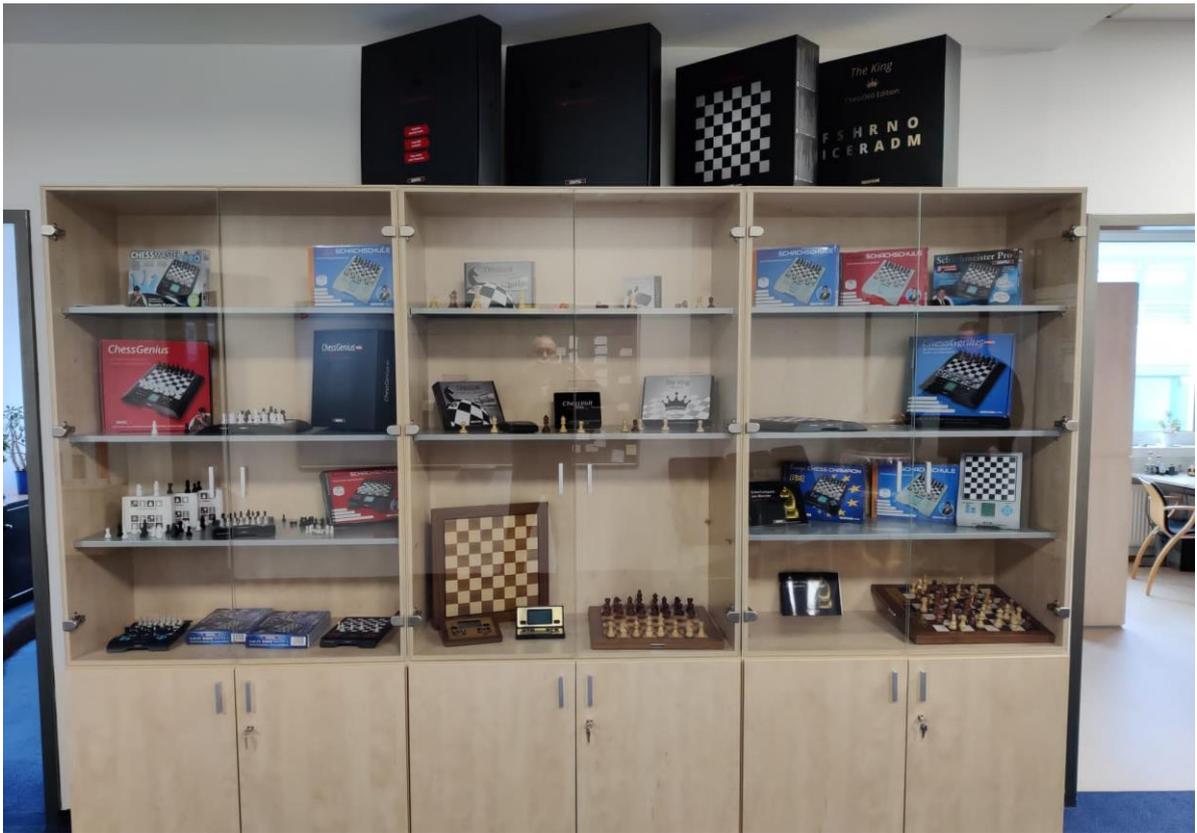


Well simple, Hans only needs 1 minute against 10 minutes on the chess clock to make it exciting. Now all you have to do is switch off the 'permanent brain' of Hans...



Visiting Millennium on Friday 29 October 2021...

Ruud Martin and your reporter (Hein Veldhuis) left from Kaufbeuren to visit Millennium in Munich. Ruud had an appointment with Thomas Karkosch, Ossi Weiner and Wolfgang Mueller to talk about their joint new project. Wolfgang does most of the testing and Ruud therefore gets a lot of feedback from him. The development of a new innovative top-class chess computer with many program versions takes a lot of time and energy. I have already been allowed to test the new chess computer a little. Pictures of it have been taken, but they cannot be made public yet. If everything goes according to plan, the new computer should be ready somewhere in the spring or summer of 2022...



Still, it's nice to be able to take a look at Millennium's headquarters in Munich.



This display case shows a number of products that have been developed over the years, and they should be proud of that!

Our way back home...

We Dutch people ask ourselves every year why we are so crazy to travel approx. 1500 kilometres for one weekend? It must be in our genes, otherwise we wouldn't do it!



On returning home to Tilburg my Cupra Ateca gave the following data:

Distance driven from Kaufbeuren to Tilburg: 768 km.

Driving time: 8 hours and 5 minutes.

Average speed per hour including breaks: 95 km.

Average consumption: 13,3 litres per 100 kilometres driven.

That's about 1 litre per 7,5 kilometres. A small vortex in the tank, then. But then again, with speeds often exceeding 200 kilometres per hour, this is to be expected. I paid the most expensive petrol ever at a Shell petrol station along the German A3 motorway near Cologne. For a litre of V-power Racing (octane number 100) I paid € 2.31...(!)

I spent about € 400,- on fuel alone on the way there and back. As everyone knows, fuel is very expensive at the moment. But not only that, I almost always tank premium petrol for my four-wheel-drive car. Fortunately, I can share these costs with my passengers...

Ruud Martin drove a rented 3-series BMW this time. As he said later, he came home broken. That had to do with the fact that he was missing some driving aids that he normally has in his own Mercedes. I hope for Ruud's sake that next time he will not get his car broken. I do not wish this on anyone, because it can ruin such a nice weekend...

1. Oldie-Schachcomputer-Turnier 2001 Kaufbeuren

<http://www.schachcomputer.at/Kaufbeu1bericht.htm>

No tournament but corona..., but we are still going to Kaufbeuren!

https://www.schaakcomputers.nl/hein_veldhuis/database/files/10-2020,%20No%20tournament%20but%20corona.,%20but%20we%20are%20still%20going%20to%20Kaufbeuren!.pdf

An interview with Kurt Kispert in Vienna

https://www.schaakcomputers.nl/hein_veldhuis/database/files/08-2020,%20Rob%20van%20Son,%20An%20interview%20with%20Kurt%20Kispert%20in%20Vienna.pdf