

Final report (Jan Zioltkowski)

Hello everyone,

the Korbach Checkers Festival is over and now after a week of rest I would like to say the following:

1. I would like to thank the WCDF and especially Richard Beckwith for their generous support.

Special thanks go to Dr. Beckwith for the very calm way in which he did everything and helped all the players.

Always take it easy.

2. I have to admit that it wasn't easy to organize, especially the failures and incidents at the Hotel Touric.

But thanks to Richard and the contact with Alexander, everything worked out wonderfully.

3. Up to now I had organized many tournaments, but it was mainly the European Championships and World Championships for veterans in Draughts 100.

That's a completely different audience to Checkers.

All age groups were there.

The special thing was that some players came to Germany without a cent in their pockets.

Carlo Bordini reported the same thing; at his World Championships in Italy in April the same players came without any money. Thank you Richard for helping people.

But how long can you support the players?

4. I think we did everything as it was in the agreement:

Music, free water, large gaming room, cheap food, analysis room, city tour, posters, chocolates, small gifts, certificates, etc.

5. The only problem was with the pairing of the 11th round at the Blitz World Championship. Due to poor or no internet, the Draughts Arbiter /program/ failed and after an hour's interruption and after consulting Richard, we decided to consider the results after the 10th round as the final score.

I think that was a huge minus for us as organizers.

6. Thank you Ingo for the hard work and the endless discussions before each round with Nadyia.

7. As far as the comments on Facebook are concerned, I have no influence if the players choose their own accommodation and then they don't know how to get to the venue.

It's true that we are far from the airport. But we are in the middle of Germany. Alex and Igor even suggested a transfer from Düsseldorf, but no player took it up.

8. Jacek Pawlicki and Carlo Bordini were also present at the WCDF general meeting.

I was very happy to welcome them to Korbach. We were all together last time on St. Peter's Square in the Vatican.

On September 27th my club celebrated exactly 20 years of its founding. I invited Richard, Carlo, Jacek and Ingo to a cozy dinner. It was a lovely moment and a great conversation.

Many, many thanks to you!!!

Jan