

DANISH ARMED FORCES HEALTH SERVICE







By the Major General, M. D. Chief of the Danish Armed Forces Health Service E. Darre

Welcome to Denmark and the beautiful surroundings of Koege.

The organizers have done a tremendous job in putting a great effort into creating the best possible conditions for all the participating teams. I am sure we all will appreciate their job during this week in Koege.

It is my hope that we will have a fair but also at the same time a very exiting and challenging competition, ensuring that we on Friday will be given the opportunity really to honour the best of the championship.

Being ambassadors of your respective countries is of course an honour, but also the feeling of being a part of the NATO "family" hopefully will give you the opportunity to create new friendships in this multinational environment.

As colleagues and competitors in uniform, let us as soldiers challenge one another professionally, in the hope of having a safe and exiting week in Koege.

I wish you all the best and good luck with your chess competition.







By the chairman of the International Military Chess Committee Brigadier General RNLA (ret.) drs. H. Steffers

First of all, I like to offer my condolences to the Danish chess world on the very recent death of the greatest Danish chess player of all time, International Grandmaster Bent Larsen. As one of the few Western chess players, he was able to compete with the players of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe on an equal level. With his many excellent games and tournament victories, along with his sometimes unorthodox view on chess (especially the openings), he contributed a lot to the development of our beloved game.

For the third time, the NATO Chess Championship takes place in Denmark. The tournament venue is the medieval town of Koege. Under the inspiring guidance of my old chess friend Finn Stuhr, our championship takes place alongside a Grandmaster tournament, the Nimzowitsch Memorial; in that respect we have perfect conditions for playing high quality chess. In the vicinity of the venue are some interesting places to visit, most notable of all Copenhagen.

This will be, in principle, my last tournament as chairman of the International Military Chess Committee. After almost 20 years, it is time for another person, male or female, preferably working within the Defence organisation, to continue with supervising this beautiful tournament and to make it even bigger. Also for the Secretary of this Committee, Captain RNLN Harm-Theo Wagenaar, this will be his last tournament, due to his forthcoming retirement from active service in 2011. We hope to be at, and play in, the next NATO Chess Championship in Lithuania in 2011, but then our jobs as Chairman and Secretary will be passed on to our (still unknown!) successors.

I know that, within NATO, chess is popular. Almost all countries have national military chess championships. Unfortunately, these championships are time and again organised by a few very dedicated men within the military, often without the necessary support from their Ministries of Defence. Some players even lack the financial support to participate in this NATO Chess Championship, are paying all expenses by themselves and are taking part in their own spare time. But the future of chess within the military remains very unsure, to say the least. I hope that this forthcoming tournament will once again prove that, with minimal means, it is possible to organise high class events that are, in many ways, beneficial to getting a better understanding and better cooperation within NATO.

The NATO Chess Championship has the qualities of a Grandmaster tournament. At least, the International Military Chess Committee wishes it to be that way. This time, again a lot of effort was put into the organisation of the event to make it acceptable to FIDE standards. A lot of thanks go to Finn Stuhr and his team for putting their time and efforts into this tournament.

So, once again: "Let the games begin and let the best man or woman win!"



By the Mayor of Koege Marie Stærke



It is a great pleasure for me to welcome participants, officials, and spectators to Køge Chess Festival. I am gratified that Køge is hosting this major chess event where as much as two tournaments take place concurrently, and with some of the best chess players from far and wide taking part.

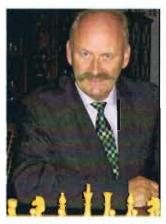
Chess is not only the oldest game in the world. In my eyes, it is also one of the most universal. Compared to other sports, it can be played regardless of age, gender, status, or physical abilities. Further, it appeals to millions of people from different cultures all over the world – and it is a superb way to establish contact between us. This international event – also combining elite with non-elite sports – indeed underlines these characteristics.

Now five days filled with thrilling and high-levelled chess games lie ahead. I hope that you will enjoy the event and our facilities. Maybe you will also find time to look around in the charming, well preserved medieval town of Køge in between the games. With its many attractive shops, beautiful old houses, and rich cultural life, Køge is definitely worth a visit. Likewise the surrounding nature with the forest and the sea offers a splendid possibility for relaxing or exercising.

Welcome to Køge Chess Festival – and welcome to Køge!







By the Chairman of the Danish Military Chess Committee Chief Supervisor Finn Stuhr

Welcome to the 21st edition of the NATO CHESS Championship.

It is the third time for Denmark to organize this Competition and we are yet.

It is the third time for Denmark to organize this Competition and we are very honoured to receive all 14 national teams.

I hope that every player had a pleasant trip and that we all may enjoy an exciting chessweek.

This event, which is part of Køge Chess Festival to festivities grandmaster Bent Larsen's 75 years birthday have changed that Bent Larsen the first Danish GM, past away 10 of September 2010. and the event are changing in last minute

I wish to thanks the Danish Defence Command especially the Danish Armed Forces Health Service for their aid and cooperation. Thank you.

Furtheremore I wish the tanks Køge Chess Club. Without support from this local chess club the competiotion was not the same. Thank you.

The tournament will take place at the old theatre building. Breakfast is provided where you live, Hotel or Hostel, lunch will take place every day in the playing hall. Dinner you will enjoy Monday, Tuesday and Thursday where you live. Wednesday after sightseeing we will enjoy the meal in a restaurant close to the harbour. Wednesday afternoon we will visit Køge Old town, Køge Minicity and Køge "in the future". Furthermore we will taste a local beer in the bar Toldboden.

Friday afternoon at the end of this event, we will organize the blitz tournament and simultaneous with IGM Carsten Hoi.

Although Denmark is a small chess- country. In the military very small. Few military chess players fight for branding of our wonderful sport. We hope to contribute by this event to further success of the traditional NATO CHESS Championship. This event is an opportunity to show with an open window to the established and more traditional sport. Our sport make a fruitful friendship cross the borders, between the nations in NATO and build up the great chess family.

May this week be a very fruitful an improve our tie of friendship.







By the Chairman of Koege Chess Club Erik Carlsen

It is an honor for me and Koege Chess Club to bid the chess playing soldiers, wives, team leaders and officials welcome to the 21'st NATO Chess Championship in Koege, Denmark.

Almost 2 years of planning and preparations are to be tested in the beautiful environment of Koege and the Theatre Building that is hosting this chess event. Therefore I hope that everybody will enjoy their stay in Koege. Hopefully so must that many will visit Koege another time.

Chess is the game that connects all these people. Therefore chess also is the main reason for meeting in Koege. It is my hope that this game will continue to connect chess player from fare away years ahead.

For me fairness, friendship and team spirit is a vital part for continuing to meet at the chess boards the world around. Therefore it is my hope that the games will be played in understanding of these standards.

Ones again welcome to Koege!





Sunday 17 October

06.00 - 18.00 Arrival and administration - Copenhagen Airport, or by Train/Car

17.00 - 19.00 Sandwiches in the Theater Building

20.00 - 22.00 Team captain meeting in the Theater Building

Monday 18 October

07.00 - 08.00 Breakfast at Dan Hostel/Hotel Niels Juel

09.30 – 10.00 Official photographs of the teams (Uniform)

10.00 - 12.00 Official welcoming ceremony (Uniform) with Navy Tambour Corps

Speakers:

Mayor of the City, Chief of the Danish Armed Forces Health Service, General Secretary of NATO, Chairman of the International Military Chess Committee.

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch in Theater Building

14.00 - 19.00 Round 1

19.00 - 20.00 Dinner at Dan Hostel/Hotel Niels Juel

Tuesday 19 October

07.00 - 08.00 Breakfast at Dan Hostel/Hotel Niels Juel

08.00 - 13.00 Round 2

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch in Theater Building

14.00 - 19.00 Round 3

19.00 - 20.00 Dinner at Dan Hostel/Hotel Niels Juel



Wednesday 20 October

07.00 - 08.00 Breakfast at Dan Hostel/Hotel Niels Juel

08.00 - 13.00 Round 4

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch in Theater Building

13.30 – 14.30 Transport to City Hall (a change of clothes) (Team captains)

14.30 – 16.00 Sight-seeing Koege Brewery.

16.00 - 16.45 Transport with tour guide

16.45 - 18.00 Sightseeing (special program)

19.00 - 20.00 Dinner in a restaurant near by the harbour

Thursday 21 October

07.00 - 08.00 Breakfast at Dan Hostel/Hotel Niels Juel

08.00 - 13.00 Round 5

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch in Theater Building

14.00 - 19.00 Round 6

14.00 - 19.00 Dinner at Dan Hostel/Hotel Niels Juel

21.00 Team captain meeting (uniform) (special program) at Hotel Niels Juel

Friday 22 October

07.00 - 08.00 Breakfast at Dan Hostel/Hotel Niels Juel

08.00 - 13.00 Round 7

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch in Theater Building

14.00 - 17.00 Blitz Tournament

Simultaneous match against the Danish Grandmaster Carsten Hoi.

18.00 – 23.00 Final Banquet and Price giving ceremony in Theater Building.

Saturday 23 October

07.00 - 09.00 Breakfast at Dan Hostel/Hotel Niels Juel

09.00 Departure Bus to airport.



VIP/Ladies program

Monday 18 October

09:30	Official Welcoming Ceremony
14:00	Meeting regarding the program for the week.

Tuesday 19 October

	Day trip to Copenhagen
09:00	We'll meet at the Theater Building
10:00	Rosenborg Castle and Crown Jewels
12:00	Amalienborg Castle and Amalienborg Garden
13:00	Walking at the main street (Strøget) and lunch
15:00	Sightseeing by boat

Wednesday 20 October

The morning can be on your own or we can go together, and our suggestion is, either you visit the market in Køge square (open 8-14), we go to Stevns Klint, or Outlet shopping in Ringsted

Thursday 21 October

	Day trip to Copenhagen
09:00	We'll meet at the Theatre Building
10:00	Sømods Bolcher (a very old Danish Bonbon factory and store)
11:30	Danish National Museum (Nationalmuseet)
14:00	Shopping at Strøget

Friday 22 October

09:00 We'll meet at the Theatre Building, Roskilde Cathedral, Shopping in Roskilde

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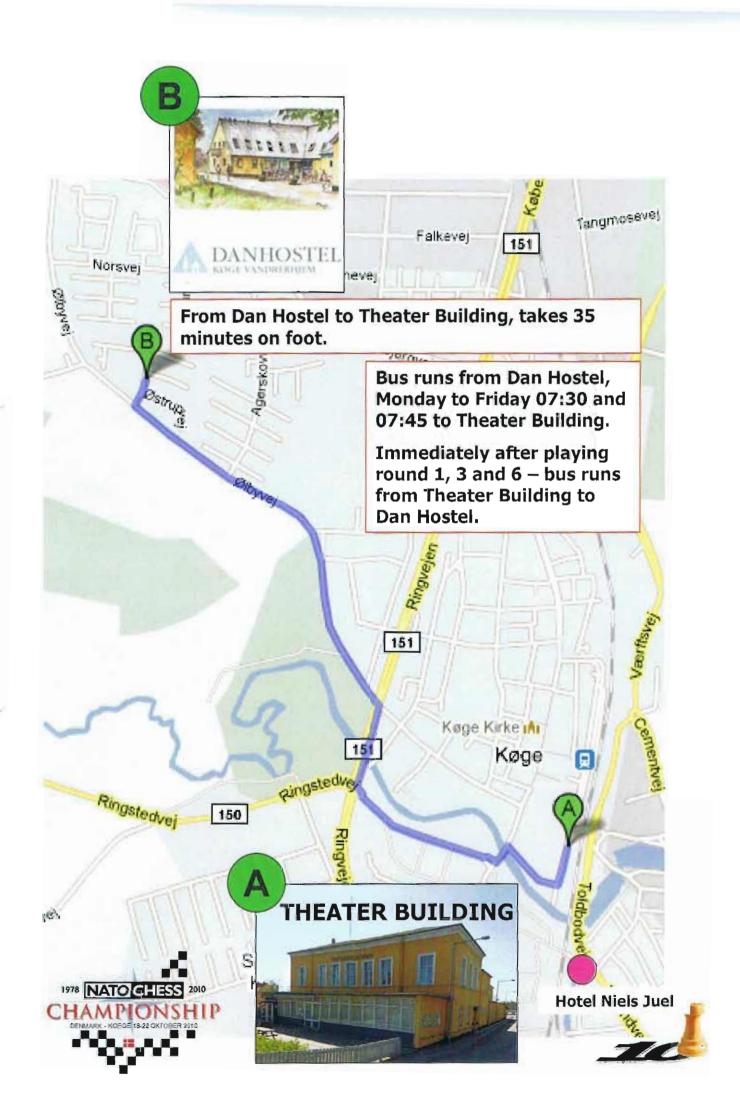












Train to/from Copenhagen **Koege City** City Hall Opening Ceremoni Chess Room Bus to DanHostel/Chess Room DanHostel Hotel Niels Juel

Tournament regulations

- **1** The Championship is being played in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess approved by the last General Assembly to date.
- **2** The Championship is an individual, Swiss competition. The winner of the Championship will be named NATO Chess Champion.
- **3** The Championship is a team competition as well. The four best individual scores of a participating Nation will count for the team score. The nation of the winning team will be named NATO Chess Team Champion.
- 4 There will be prizes for the three best individual players and for the three best teams.
- **5** There may be other prizes, given by the organising committee, such as for the most spectacular game per round, a beauty prize or a prize for the unluckiest player of the tournament.
- **6** The tournament pairings are done by a universally recognized computer pairing program, if possible endorsed by FIDE. The pairings will take place well before the start of each round in order to give the players time to prepare.
- **7** No player will meet a player of his own nationality. The players forming the "NATO team" will not play against each other, or against players of the same nationality.
- **8** The time limit for each player per game is 40 moves in 2 hours, after that 30 minutes for finishing the game. There are, in principle, no adjournments.
- **9** Each player is required to record the whole game (his own moves and those of his opponent), move after move, as clearly and legibly as possible and in the algebraic notation. After the first time control (40 moves) both players are obliged to complete their score sheets. As soon as one of the players has only 5 minutes left to the last time control, the FIDE rules for Rapid Chess shall apply to him (and only to him), with no requirement for recording the moves.
- **10** Immediately after finishing the game, each player has to confirm its correctness by putting his signature on both original score sheets. The originals of both score sheets are to be handed over to the controllers as soon as possible.
- **11** In case of equal results in the final ranking, the following rules come into effect:

Individual ranking:

Buchholz; refined Buchholz; direct comparison; number of wins; number of wins with Black; decision by casting.

Team ranking:

Buchholz;

refined Buchholz;

the results of the fifth or (after that) sixth player are considered (only if present in all the teams involved);

decision by casting.





Notation summary.

Names						
English	King	Queen	Rook	Bishop	Knight	Pawn
Danish	Konge	Dronning	Tårn	Løber	Springer	Bonde
Dutch	Koning	Dame	Toren	Loper	Paard	Pion
French	Roi	Dame	Tour	Fou	Cavalier	Pion
German	König	Dame	Turm	Läufer	Springer	Bauer
Polish	Krol	Hetman	Wieza	Goniec	Skoczek	Pion
Turkish	Sah	Vezir	Kale	Fil	At	Piyon
Abbreviations	KING	QUEEN	ROOK	BISHOP	KNIGHT	PAWN
English	К	Q	R	В	N	
Danish	К	D	Т	L	S	
Dutch	К	D	T	L	Р	
French	R	D	Т	F	С	
German	К	D	T	L	S	
Polish	К	Н	W	G	S	
Turkish	S	V	К	F	A	





Blitz tounament.

- We will be playing according to the FIDE Laws of Chess.
- Time per game per player is 5 minutes (menu option 1 on the DGT: rapid/blitz 5 min).
- There will be 11 round Swiss computer paired with a break of approximatly 15 minutes after round 6.
- Once each player has made three moves, no claim can be made regarding incorrect piece placement, orientation of the chessboard and clock settings.
- A move is made when a piece has been released on a sqare. A legal move is completed when a player stops his clock. Also an illegal move is completed once the opponent's clock has been started. At that time the opponent can claim a win before making a move. So a claim before your opponent presses the clock is not valid. But article about playing with or taking the touched piece should be applied.
- Taken the king will be recognized as an illegal move. But if yhe clock was not pressed, ther can be a discussion that this illegal move was not completed. To avoid this discussion we declare that taking the king and the opponent claims it, is always lost (or a draw in cases the opponent don't have making potential). So don't take kings!!.
- Making potential = having potential where you canget a position (even with the most unskilled counterplay) where you can checkmate your opponent.
- The players must handle the clock properly. It is forbidden to punch it forcibly. Improper use shall be punnished accordingly to article 13.4 (art. 6.8.c).
- The winner (and in case of a draw the white player) must give the result and the boardnumber to the arbiter immediately after the game is ended. Both players will place the pieces in the initial position and one of them also reset the DGT-clock.

Start and ending blitz tournament.

- 1. Every team captain have to give the arbiters a list of players who are attending to the blitz tournaments **BEFORE 14.30** hours (last and first name).
- 2. The civilians' inscriptions must be made also **BEFORE 14.30** hours. They must give their last and first name and their FIDE- or national ranking.
- 3. All players must announce themselves at the arbiters desk at 14.30 hours.
- 4. The tournament will begin at approximately 14.45 hours. There will be 11 rounds and every player will have 5 minutes per game. We estimate that the ending will be at 18.00 hours. Only if we are on schedule, there will be a break after round 6 from approximately 15 minutes.





History Town of Koege. (Køge)

History

Køge was officially founded in 1288, when the town became a market town, as a contrast to the ecclesiastical center at that time – Roskilde, and was an important merchant town during the late Middle Ages. During the local witchhunt, called Køge Huskors (1608-1615), at least 15 persons were convicted of witchcraft and burned at the stake. Køge suffered during the wars between Denmark and Sweden (1643–1720) and in 1807 the town and the surrounding area was the scene of the Battle of Køge between British and Danish troops. Køge remained a small town until the late 19th century, when industrial development and population growth began. Today, Køge is the main part of the 18th largest urban area in Denmark.

Places.

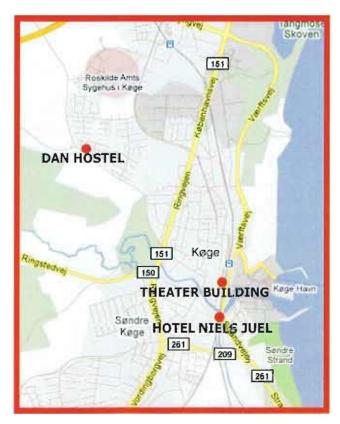
The oldest dated half-timbered house in Denmark, which is also the oldest dated non-nobility and non-religious building of the nordic countries, can be found in Køge. It was built in 1527. Originally a section of a row of hovels, it is now a part of the public library. Pictures can be found in the gallery. Near the house is. The tower of the church contains a lighthouse, the first to be built in Denmark.

Køge's town hall dates from 1552 and is the oldest still in use as such.

Køge Torv (the market square or town square) is, with an area of almost 1 hectare (2.5 acres), the largest town square in Denmark outside Copenhagen and the largest and best-preserved medieval town square in Denmark.

Kjøge Miniby (Kjøge Mini-Town) is a historically correct model of the town from the year 1865 - built to a scale of 1:10.

Map of Koege.







History The **Guard Hussars** (Gardehusarregimentet).

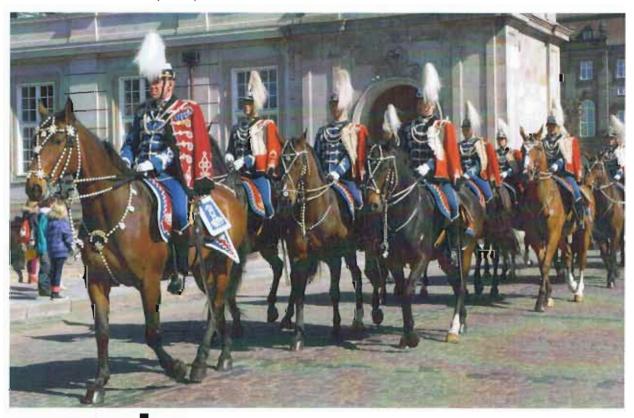
Abbreviated GHR, is a special cavalry unit, the primary task of which is to place mounted escorts and commando forces at the service of the regent, and to train the guard hussars for various functions in the mobilisation force. The **Guard Hussars** is one of two cavalry regiments of the Danish Army, and was formed in 2001 through the amalgamation of the original Guard Hussars with two infantry regiments:

Although the Guard Hussars themselves date from 1762, the Danish Army takes the date of the founding of a regiment from its oldest part, in this case the Zealand Life Regiment, which was founded in 1614. This makes the Guard Hussars the oldest regiment of hussars in the world still operational. In addition to its operational role, the Guard Hussar Regiment is one of two regiments in the Danish Army (along with the Den Kongelige Livgarde) to be classed as 'Guards'; in this case, the Guard Hussars perform the same role as the Household Cavalry do in the British Army. The ceremonial uniform of the Guard Hussar Regiment dates from 1860.

The motto of the regiment is in Latin: *In actis esto volucris,* which translates to *Be swift in action.*

From 1961 to 1972 the regiment was responsible for two armoured battalions, one recon battalion and three infantry battalions. From 1972-2000 the regiment was responsible for one armoured, one mechanised infantry, one reconnaissance and two infantry battalions. From 2000-2004 the regiment was responsible for two armoured, two mechanised infantry, one reconnaissance and two infantry battalions. From 1992-2004 the regiment also had to form two light Reconnaissance Squadrons assigned to the Brigades.

Today the Gardehusarregiment is classed as a cavalry regiment, it is in fact a mixed armoured and infantry unit, with four battalions.







Battle of Køge Bay 1710

In early November 1710 are passing a dissolved body on the beach next to Køge Inn. Soot and gunpowder sludge stuck in the burned skin and clothes trevlede fibers. Mrs. Huitfeldt recognized by its ring, which sits on a runken finger.

The danger lurking in the southeast

The fourth October - a month earlier the same year: The sun is shining and the sky is clear. But the waves foaming ferocious, and half a gale blowing ominously from the southeast. The Danish fleet at anchor in Køge Bay - from Stevns Klint up to Køge. The 45 ships are on their way to Libau in the present Latvia in order to accompany six thousand Russian troops to Copenhagen.

Frederik IV has declared war on Sweden and will ally with Russia kill Charles the Twelfth Army, which has weakened after a disastrous campaign in Poland. Sea tugs at the thick anchor rope and wood creaking under the 600 men on ship of the line Dannebroge.

From a lookout barrel sounds the cry "vessels in sight." All stares anxiously at the indistinct silhouettes with swollen sails. Somewhat before noon, visibility is good enough on the horizon to determine the nationality of ships. "Ship ready," reads the order to the 45 Danish ships.

They swelled sails are Swedish. Rapidly they come against Dannebroge, Aspect twister and Mars that are most successful at getting turned into the stiff wind. Otherwise, the Danish fleet scattered in hopeless disarray. O'clock half past two glimmers the first shot from the enemy General Admiral Wachtmeister ship.

Mrs. Huitfeldt 'Dannebroge reply immediately again. This is followed by Mars and Screen splitter. The rest of the Danish Navy guns can not reach the half-dozen Swedish ships which spews a hellfire - gunpowder pouring out from the batteries. Queen on Queen sounds of Køge Bay.



Iver Huitfeldt (December 5, 1665 at Frederick Stone in Norway - October 4, 1710) naval officer and has been naval hero.

Served first in the French Navy, and was further educated in Dutch and English søkrigstjeneste. Was appointed captain in 1691 and commander in 1704 and was from 1704 to 1709 Chief of Naval Dockyard in Christianssand (now Kristiansand).

Was during the Great Northern War Chief of Navy on the ship Dannebroge, and a slap in Køge 4th October 1710, he lost his life when he, that the fire would not spread to the other ships cast anchor and struggled further in his burning ship until gunpowder chamber was ignited and the ship blew up. Of the crew of close to 600 men were just 9 rescued.

Personal memories of Alec Toll (UK), with acknowledgement to Wolfgang Berger (GER)

It may surprise a few people to learn that the tournament was conceived over two decades ago by an Englishman - Ken Moore. Whilst working as a Forces Liaison Officer for the Danish Tourist Board back in 1978, Ken came up with a bright idea. He invited chess-players from the British Army on the Rhine (BAOR) and Germany's Armed Forces to participate in a team chess tournament in Northern Denmark.



Excell and Berger compare notes at Aalborg in '83

He contacted a Staff Sergeant John Excell of BAOR, an active organiser and player in the Army Chess Association. Ken's ally in Germany was a civilian working for the Armed Forces' welfare, and a National Arbiter of the Deutsche Schach Bund, (German Chess Federation) - Mr. Wolfgang Berger. The stage was set for an incredible evolution...

From 9 - 13 October **1978**, the very first event was staged at Norre-Uttrup Kaserne, Norresundby - a Danish Army barracks situated to the north of the city of Aalborg a venue with which we were to become very familiar!





The gymnasium, venue of many Aalborg tournaments

Only four nations competed - 10 Danes, 9 Germans, 7 Americans and 12 Britons (all from BAOR) in a 10-board all-play-all team event of three rounds. Two Britons and a Dane played for the American side to balance up the numbers. In a foretaste of what was to follow, the Germans won all three of their encounters, whilst the Brits were second, defeating the Danes and Americans. The hosts managed a draw with the Americans, but finished third with 11.5 game points to the Yanks' 11. Only two players, Andreasen (DK) and Erdmann (GER) managed 3/3. Equal third were Tomes and Morgan (both UK) on 2.5. A Blitz Tournament, attended by 27 players, was won by Burchardt ahead of Munst (both Germany). The Aalborg Tourist Association presented the winners with the Challenge Team Cup, which would also be competed for in the 1979 and 1980 events.



With quite literally a tremendous fanfare, the NATO headed kicking and screaming towards a new beginning. When in **1989** Ken was unable to provide a venue in Copenhagen, once again offering Aalborg, the member countries went their own way, and the Germans hosted a fantastic event in Hammelburg. For the first time, the tournament was given the full official support of NATO. Modestly re-titled the **1st NATO Team Chess Championships**, the hosts pulled off an incredible coup, the prizes presented by the charismatic Secretary-General of NATO, Dr Manfred Worner. The whole week was co-ordinated and organised to perfection, with nothing left to chance. Competitors were ferried around by an ever-available fleet of hire cars, with a huge staff beavering away behind-the-scenes.



The flag-adorned tournament hall - Hammelburg

It was a memorable championship, which set the other countries a tough act to follow. Perhaps even more memorably, a visit to the nearby West/East Germany border was put into perspective only a few weeks later when the Berlin Wall came down. Now the German team would be even stronger!!

The list of participating countries had expanded, to include Holland, France, Italy and Luxembourg, with a record number of 72 players taking part. The tournament was skillfully directed by the successful pairing of the ubiquitous Wolfgang Berger and the aristocratic Commander Otto Graf von Ibenfeldt (Norwegian Navy). The hosts stormed away with the prizes leaving in their wake six countries vying for the runners-up slot, surprisingly claimed by the USA.





Manfred Worner (left) presents the trophies at Hammelburg

Staff Sgt George Crockart was best Brit, though I too scored 4.5 points, having 3 in the bag after 4 rounds. Andy Hammond kept up his personal standard, once again finishing 40th. A new trophy - a gleaming bronze cup, was donated by the German Catholic Work-Group for Soldiers. At the final banquet, Otto announced that the 2nd Official NATO would be held in Oslo in **1990**. The 'NATO' had really hit the big time!......





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