

We received invitation from Alexandar Vuckovic, president of chess club SF Augsburg, in August 2017. We were invited to Augsburg for celebration of 5th anniversary establishing of that chess club.

We made a short discussion in our chess club and decided to accept the invitation. Peta Janous was charged with organization.

Despite a lot of problems we have to overcome recently, we successfully solve all troubles and got ready to journey to Augsburg.

Hostes demonstrated themselves as excellent organizers and friends. They successfully overcame organization problems, when some of invited teams could not come. Program of action was varied and interesting.

We set up on Thursday morning (5a.m.) and checked in hostel at 11 a.m.. Then we moved to chess club. It was in the school building. Alexandar Vuckovic is a teacher of German language there and president of chess club.

We were welcomed by Aleksandar and other members of chess club. We made acquaintance with chess players of all invited teams. The longest journey had to pass players from Caissa Hamm. Their native city is more remote from Augsburg than Liberec. We had tasted all cakes prepared by organizers before beginning of first tournament.

We handed over promotional materials about Liberec and flags of our chess club to members of another club.

We took part in rapid tournament with big success. Ben won without loss. Half point back were Christop Lipok, Petr Janous and Aleksandar Vuckovic. Jiri Jares was 7th, me 10th and Vojta 16th.

Then we visited a beer garden near to historical part of city. We were really thirsty and did not care about high German prices of beer. We stayed there till closing hour and continued with walking through night city. My friends went to sleep but I continued with walking and taking some photos of night city. I discovered a very interesting bar BOBS.

An interesting program continued in Friday. Aleksandar took us to viewing of historical townhall and then visiting downtown. Magnificent townhall was worth it.

Aleksandar showed us all interesting parts of the townhall. We were excited of exposure about history of the city. We spent a long time in a marvelous Gold hall.

After that we continued with walking through historical social city, built for poor or ill people. That was partly destroyed during the second world war, but was successfully repaired later.

In the afternoon we continued with blitz tournament. The winner was Aleksandar. After that we were surprised by grandiose barbecue. We could not resist of tasting next and next delicatessen of Augsburg cuisine. I tried to get ready for walking in night city.

We finished evening in mentioned BOBs and some of us continued in a disco.

We began Saturday with morning coffee and cake in bakery's in front of hostel. Then we set up for walking around Augsburg with Aleksandar. We visited Romanesque cathedral. Then we moved to the pub near city wall. It was a very nice place surrounded with water canals. We divided for individual program. Vojta and Petr rented a small rowboat and set up for viewing of Augsburg from water level. Rest of company visited a swimming pool.

We met German chess friends in a pub in the evening. Aleksandar offered us lessons of Budapest gambit, which is his masterpiece.

We continued in the BOBS, as usual, and then enjoyed dancing with native girls.

We felt a little bit tired in Sunday morning. But coffee helped us to get ready for a next program. We enjoyed a generous breakfast prepared by Aleksandar's family. We warmly thank's to our hostess for magnificent program, they prepared for us. We hope, we will meet our new German friends in Liberec next year.

There were 5 of us, who took part in that trip:

Vojta Sic – charmen who safely transported us to Augsburg. We enjoyed his new car Skoda and his astonishing driving abilities

Petr Janous – was a main organizer and speaker. He ensured cheap and comfortable accommodation in downtown. He was also successful as a chessplayer and finished on 3rd place in the rapid tournament

Ben Polak was our the strongest chessplayer. He won the rapid tournament and took care about our youngest member Jirka

Jirka was our the best expert in Budapest gambit and astonished Aleksandar with his knowledge

And me – I was making notes and taking photo to we have enough evidences about our stay in Augsburg

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