

Gideon Ståhlberg 100 years

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Peter Holmgren (1)



- Stockholm, Sweden
- Almost MSc
 - Telecom
- 54
 - Happily married
 - 2 children
- Other Interests
 - Classical music
 - Whisky
 - Denmark



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Peter Holmgren (2)



- Collector (of everything) since 1998
 - Biographies, Tournaments, History, Scandinavian
 - Magazines
 - Newspaper columns
- Collection
 - ~5.000 books
 - ~1.000 magazine volumes
 - "Many" columns
- "Speciality"
 - Scand. columns, Nyholm, Danielson, Stockholm 1937
 - Supporting other researcher's projects

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- Biography
- Tournaments
- Matches
- Writings
- Personality



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Milestones



- 1908, * Jan 26, Gothenburg
- 1919, began playing chess
- 1931, moved to Stockholm
- 1939-48, South America
- 1952, becomes father
- 1967, † May 26, Leningrad



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Key accomplishments

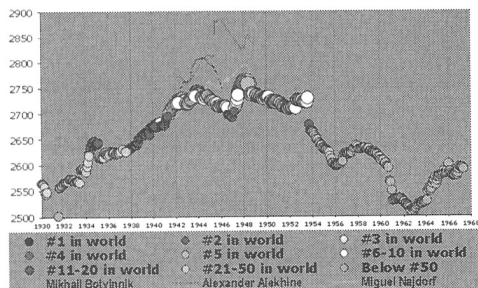


- Swedish champion 1929-41
- 13 Olympiads
 - board 1 in 12
- IGM 1950
 - Sweden's first
- World Championship Candidate twice
 - 1950, 53
- International Arbiter 1951
 - 6 world ch matches 1951, 57, 58, 60, 61, 63
- Proliferate writer
 - newspapers, magazines, books



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Historical Rating



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International Tournaments

- 1936, Dresden, 3rd (1. Alekhine 2. Engels)
- 1937, Stockholm, 2nd (1. Fine)
- 1941, Mar del Plata 1st (2. Najdorf 3. Eliskases)
- 1941, Buenos Aires, 1st
- 1947, Buenos Aires, 1st (2. Najdorf 3. Eliskases 4. Euwe)
- 1949, Trencianske Teplice, 1st (2-3. Pachman Szabo)
- 1950, Amsterdam, 3rd (1. Najdorf 2. Reshevsky)
- 1952, Budapest, 3rd (1. Keres 2. Geller 3. Smyslov, Botvinnik)

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could have been better ?

■ Golombek

A great connoisseur of wines and spirits, he sometimes spoilt his chances in tournaments by an over-energetic pursuit of excellence in the spirituous way.

■ Ken Whyld

A linguist, a man of wide interests, Ståhlberg liked good living, and he also liked other games such as contract bridge at which he excelled. Either his fondness for such diversions or the intervention of war may have hindered the full development of his correct and classical style. (See SIMULTANEOUS)

■ Bent Larsen

- "Gideon Ståhlberg was the best combinational player ever: best in combining chess and alcohol."

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Peek performances

Career performances of 2800-2899:

2817 in Buenos Aires/La Plata, 1947, scoring 7/8 (88%) vs 2680-rated opposition

Career performances of 2700-2799:

2763 in Mar del Plata, 1947, scoring 13/16 (81%) vs 2570-rated opposition

2730 in Amsterdam, 1950, scoring 12/17 (71%) vs 2501-rated opposition

2730 in Saltsjöbaden (Interzonal), 1952, scoring 11.5/18 (64%) vs 2643-rated opposition

2725 in GER-SWE m Scopot, 1935, scoring 6.5/8 (81%) vs 2600-rated opposition

2718 in Budapest, 1952, scoring 11/17 (65%) vs 2627-rated opposition

2711 in Helsinki ol (Men), 1952, scoring 9/12 (75%) vs 2578-rated opposition

2708 in Mar del Plata, 1941, scoring 11/14 (79%) vs 2537-rated opposition

2706 in Mar del Plata, 1943, scoring 10.5/13 (81%) vs 2527-rated opposition

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Played World Champions

- Lasker 1½-½
 - 1934 Zurich
 - 1935 Moscow
- Capablanca 2-2
 - 1935 Moscow
 - 1936 Margate
 - 1939 Buenos Aires x2
- Alekhine 4-7
 - 1930 Hamburg
 - 1931 Prague
 - 1933 Folkestone
 - 1934 Zurich
 - 1935 Örebro
 - 1935 Warsaw
 - 1936 Bad Nauheim
 - 1938 Dresden
 - 1938 Procterbrady
 - 1937 Kemer
 - 1939 Buenos Aires
- Euwe 5-8
 - 1934 Zurich
 - 1937 Stockholm
 - 1947 Mar del Plata
 - 1947 Buenos Aires x2
 - 1950 Amsterdam
 - 1952 Stockholm x2
 - 1960 Neuhausen-Zürich x2
 - 1954 tele
 - 1954 Amsterdam
 - 1958 Beverwijk



- Botvinnik ½-4½
 - 1935 Moscow
 - 1952 Budapest
 - 1954 Amsterdam
 - 1956 Moscow ol
 - 1956 Moscow
- Smyslov 3½-8½
 - 1950 Budapest x2
 - 1952 Budapest
 - 1952 Helsinki
 - 1953 Neuhausen-Zürich x2
 - 1954 Stockholm x2
 - 1956 Moscow
 - 1961 tele
 - 1963/64 Stockholm
 - 1964 Havana
- Tal 0-2
 - 1960/61 Stockholm
 - 1961 Stockholm TV
- Petrossian 2-5
 - 1952 Budapest
 - 1952 Saltsjöbaden
 - 1953 Neuhausen-Zürich x2
 - 1955 Gothenburg
 - 1960 Copenhagen
 - 1965 Erivan
- Spassky 0-1
 - 1955 Gothenburg

win
draw
loss

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Matches

- 1933, Spielmann, 5-3
- 1934, Nimzowitsch, 5-3
- 1937, Fine, 3-5
- 1938, Keres, 4-4
- 1949, Gligoric, 5½-6½



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Team Matches

■ 13 olympiads 1928-64 (board 1 all but 1928)

- 1933, Sweden 3rd (7.5/14p, 54%)
- 1935, Sweden 2nd (12.5/18p, 70%) 3rd
- 1952, Sweden 7th (10/13p, 77%) 2nd

Presente a tutte le Olimpiadi dal 1930 al 1964 (esclusi il 1950 e il 1952). Morì nel corso del torneo internazionale di Leningrado, al quale partecipava come giocatore.

Schackstrid Ståhlberg-Euwe
följdes i kikare av publiken.



- Sweden-Germany
- 1935 Zoppot (6.5/8p)

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Popularizing chess

■ Continues display, Buenos Aires 1940

- +362 =14 -24

■ Clock simul

- "best propaganda"

■ Tusenmanna

- 1967

■ ...and of course



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Engaged writer

■ Articles

- Tournaments, world championships, polemic, bio's

■ Columns

- Hvar 8 Dag 1932-1933
- Dagens Nyheter 1933?-1939
- Aftonbladet 1948-1966
- Stockholms-Tidningen 1948-1960

■ Tidskrift för Schack

- Main editor 1932-34
- Articles and reports whole career

■ Books...



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Biographies

■ Schack och schackmästare

- 3 Swedish editions
- Chess and Chessmasters

■ I kamp med världseliten

- Autobiography

■ Strövtåg i schackvärlden

■ Svenska schackmästare

■ Bobby Fischer, den unge stormästaren

- An early book on Fischer



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Educational/Opening

■ Hur man spelar schack

- Wigforss
- 4 editions, several printings

■ Schack från början

- Translated to Danish and Finnish

■ Slutspel i schack

- On the end-game, in 3 parts

■ Modern spelöppningsteori i schack

- 2 editions, the 2nd in two parts

■ El Gambito del Dama

- Original in Spanish



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Tournament books

■ Colljinturneringen 1938

■ 6 classics

- 1948, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1955

■ Internationella turneringen i Jönköping 1958-59

■ Världsmästarschack : Botvinnik-Tal

■ VM i schack i Moskva : Tal-Botvinnik



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Personality

- "With my lifestyle I doubt I will become 60"
- Focal point in groups
 - Journalists, friends
- Extraordinary memory
 - Games, history, sports
- Gambler
 - Horses, betting, ...
- Family man



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SKS – Schackets Kulturhistoriska Sällskap The Association for the Cultural History of Chess

- Founded June 15th, 1998
- 55 paying members 2007
- Web: not yet
- Publication: "Schackkultur"
 - 4 issues/year
 - Mainly Scandinavian but also German and English
- Events
 - Lectures
 - Exhibitions
- Board
 - Arne Johansson, Sven-Gunnar Samulesson, Roald Berthelsen, Peter Holmgren, Göran Terninger, Rolf Littorin

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Thank You !

