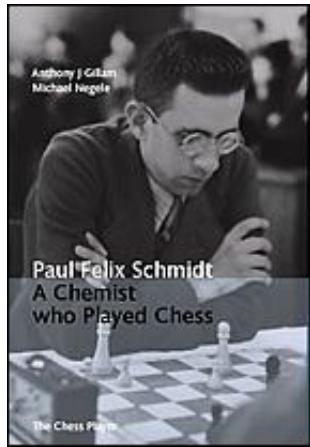


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## 100th anniversary of Paul Schmidt



On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of **Paul Felix Schmidt** (\*20-08-1916 Narwa [Narva], Estonia; †11-08-1984 Allentown, Pennsylvania, USA) and of the 130th anniversary of his father **Paul Roderich Schmidt** (\*20-08-1886 Fellin [Viljandi], Estonia; †21-04-1969 Heidelberg, Germany) we give a short note with some information on the former, who was a chemist by profession and a strong chess IM.

The book on Paul F. Schmidt - a biography (in German and English) and game collection - by Anthony Gillam and Michael Negele is still in preparation. As to its publication, there will be a delay of about 3 months, mainly due to an immense accumulation of new information since January 2016 (after the update of the Estonian retrieval platform Digar). So we may expect its release at the end of coming November.

Anthony J Gillam  
Michael Negele

## Paul Felix Schmidt A Chemist who Played Chess

The Chess Player

PAUL FELIX SCHMIDT lived in revolutionary times. His nationalities, in date order, were Russian, German, Estonian, German and American and the major incidents that affected his life were the Russian revolution and the Second World War. By profession, he was a research chemist and his other great interests were chess and his family.

He was unfortunate in that his best period as a chess player coincided with the war which probably had an adverse effect on his results. He was affected by poor health for much of his life. The need to provide for his family meant that he was virtually unable to play chess once he reached America.

The authors have resurrected his chess career from the old books and magazines and give some details of his professional career, while his family has provided material on all aspects of his life. Schmidt's own, brief, recollections are included. The biographical part of the book is in both the English and German languages.



with a contribution by  
Eva Regina Magacs, née Schmidt



Dust jacket of the book

We give a [short article](#) (PDF) on Paul F. Schmidt by Bodo von Dehn, taken from *Schach-Echo* 1954 (p188). It contains one of two (!) immortal games played by Schmidt, here the game P.F. Schmidt vs Novarra, Crakow 1941.

His second "immortal" played Paul F. Schmidt against his father Paul Roderich Schmidt in Heidelberg, 1946. The game fragment with the deciding brilliant combination was reprinted in *Schach-Echo*, [issue 9/1954, p142](#) (PDF). By that combination P.F. Schmidt has also made his father sort of immortal.

Obviously the position had first been made public by Kurt Richter; it was published in *Mannheimer Morgen* and in *Der Tagesspiegel* (Richter's chess column), both in January 1947.

In this connection the [Swedish story](#) (PDF, 3.3 MB) by Calle Erlandsson and Lars Grahn that this position has even been included in the musical CHESS, may be of interest (TfS nr 6/2007, pp 42-50).

(According to Michael Negele, Wuppertal)

