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14.1 Straight Pool Championship



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Annapolis, MD resident, Peter Burrows, is a pretty good player, but he makes jokes about his abilities when it comes to the caliber of the players in this year's 12th annual 2016 American 14.1 Straight Pool Championship being held at Diamond Billiards, just outside of Richmond, VA on Oct. 12-16.

Peter, who is the Tournament Chairman, said that most of the nation's top players and many world class professionals from Europe and Asia will compete including five World 14.1 Champions: Mika Immonen (2016), Darren Appleton (2014), 4x winner Thorsten Hohmann (2006, 2011, 2013, 2015), Niels Feijen 2008 and 1990. The field includes the Netherlands Nick Van den Berg, England's Daryl Peach along with many of Asia's finest plus top American pros Mike Davis, Mike Dechaine, Jayson Shaw, Karen Corr, Rodney Morris & Shaun Wilkie, USA 14.1 Hall of Famer Danny Barouty, Greek Champion Nick Oikonomopoulos and Philippines Warren Kiamco & Dennis Orcollo. They will be joined by three dozen of the world's finest Straight Pool players in a high powered five day tournament.

The event follows the recent World 14.1 Championship which was held last month at Steinway Billiards, Astoria, NY and won by the inimitable Hall of Famer, Mika Immonen. It precedes the U.S. Open 9 Ball Tournament played the following week at Norfolk VA. The 12th annual American 14.1 Straight Pool Championship is being held at a stylish Billiard room on the outskirts of Richmond, the beautiful Diamond Billiards, 13184 Midlothian Pike, Midlothian, VA 23113 which is considered one of the premier rooms in Virginia. Our thanks to Tom Dorsey and his partners and employees for hosting this year's tournament.



2016 American 14.1 Straight Pool Championship









Diamond Billiards, Midlothian, VA

Wed – Friday Oct. 12-14, 2016. Round Robin ~ All Matches to 100 points

8 flights, 6 players in each ~ round robin matches ~ top 3 players in ea. flight advance to Saturday-Sunday single elimination knockout round
Bracket winner based on W-L; if 2 tie head to head; if 3 tie, ball differential.

Winners from each flight are seeded, advance to Saturday single elimination and receive a first round bye. 47 firm 1 maybe 092916



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1	 DARREN APPLETON Allentown, PA					
2	 JOHN SCHMIDT Hesperia, CA					
3	 NIELS FEIJEN Osted, Denmark					
4	 THORSTEN HOHMANN Jacksonville, FL					
5	 MIKA IMMONEN New York, NY					
6	 WARREN KIAMCO Quezon City, Mindanao, Philippines					
7	 ALEX PAGULAYAN Toronto, CAN					
8	 NICK VAN DEN BERG Zaandam, Netherlands					



David Alcaide, Malaga, Spain

b. 1978, Malaga, Spain



At the young age of 28 Mr. Alcaide was a member of the 2006 Euro Mosconi Cup team where he made an impressive showing. In 2009 David won the Portugal 9-B title and in 2011 he placed 3rd in the World 8-B Championships. Since he has become a regular on the Euro and American pro circuit. This is David's 1st venture to our tournament.



Abdulla Alyousef, Kuwait City, Kuwait

b.1970, Kuwait City, Kuwait



Darren Appleton, Allentown, PA “Dynamite” 2012 & 2014 World 14.1 Champion; 2014 World Cup Champion; 2012 World 9-Ball title; 2x World 9 Ball Champion; 2015 World 8 Ball Champ. 2014 & 2015 American 14.1 Champion; World Games Champion 2013; 2010 & 2011 US Open 9 Ball title; 2009 US Open 10 Ball title; 2009 World Masters Champion; 2008 World 10-Ball Champion; 2009 & 2012 Ranked #1 in the world;

b. 1976, Pontefract, West Yorkshire, England



It seems like yesterday that Darren arrived here in the US, and since then Dynamite become a regular on the cover of every industry magazine, and his name on the winner's trophy of almost every tournament he enters. Darren has twice won the World 14.1 title, and in 2015 made it once again to the finals of the World 14.1 before losing to Thorsten. Darren won our American 14.1 Championship in 2014 & 2015. In 2014 Darren married Angie, his best win of all. This is Darren's 3rd visit to our championship and we thank him for fitting the American 14.1 into a busy schedule as he returns to defend his recent titles. **Sponsors: Predator; Cheqio; Simonis; Xing Pai Star Billiards**

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Aref Awadi, Kuwait

b. Kuwait

Aref has long been a top player in the Middle East. He was the Arab National Champion in 2001, Bronze Medalist in the 2002 Asian Games and Kuwait National Team Captain 1998-2004. His favorite players are Mike Sigel, Efrén Reyes & Darren Appleton who has been our American 14.1 Champion for the past two years. Besides his love for pool Aref is a professional construction engineer.





Radoslaw Babica, Rokietnica, Poland

b. 1979, Poznan, Poland

Radoslaw is married and has two small daughters and owns a pool room, Akademia Bilardowa Rokietnica, in his native city. On the 20th anniversary of the Polish Billiard Assn. Radoslaw was voted the top player and he has long been a strong competitor on the Euro tour. He has made numerous appearances in recent Dragon World 14.1 tournaments and the U. S. Open 9 Ball. Radoslaw is 12x Polish national champion and his high run is 124. In the World Cup of pool 2006-2010 Radoslaw was part of the Polish team and in 2005 he made it to the World Championship 8-Ball quarter-finals. He is also coach for the Champion Women's Polish team. 2016 is Mr. Babica's 2nd trip to our Championship. He is sponsored by NOSAN, Dynamic Billiard, MAK Marketing, QUAY.

Danny Barouty, Salinas, CA, World 14.1 Hall of Fame



b. 1956, New York City

In 2014 Danny moved west from his long time Queens haunts where he was a regular winner of many NY area 14.1 titles in addition to being the consummate League director in NYC and one of the most astute of pool commentators. Danny has played in all of the recent World 14.1 Championships and always makes a great showing. As he approaches 60 Danny's skills have barely diminished and he remains one of the top 14.1 players in the country, always ready and willing to compete with the young guns. And what he can teach them as few others see patterns as well as Danny B. Important for us is that Danny has played in virtually all of our past events, twice finishing 2nd. And best of all, his pool is a close match for his wonderfully whimsical personality. And if you have five minutes invite him to a quick game of Speed Chess! Thank you once again, Danny, for making a long journey to support the great game of 14.1



Carlo Biado, Quezon City, Philippines "Black Tiger"



b. 1983, Philippines.

This will be 33 year old Carlo's first visit to our championship and he surely will be one of the heavy favorites. Carlo turned pro in 2004 and since has become one of the top players in Asia and today is recognized as another of the "Filipino greats" and among the best players in the world. In 2011 he was the Philippine National Champion and in 2015 2nd in World 10 Ball tourney.

Karl Boyes, Manchester, UK



b. 1982, England

Karl closed out 2014 with wins at the World Cup of Pool and the Mosconi Cup and in 2015 finished 3rd in the Italian Open. In 2013 he placed 3rd in the World 9-Ball and 9th in US Open. Karl is among the top young upcoming players and this is his 2nd try at our 14.1 tournament. **Sponsor: Predator.**





**Peter Burrows, Annapolis, MD “Peter Pool”
Tournament Founder & Chmn.**



b. 1938, Chicago, IL

As a youth Peter played with Willie Mosconi in Chicago and later in a college exhibition with the great Willie. Following graduation from the Univ. of Colorado where he was 3x time winner of the CU 14.1 tournament and after a decade of travel and pool as far away as Johnson City, in 1968 Peter Pool hung up his old Rambow and followed his beautiful bride, Pam, from Chicago to Maryland. Times along the shores of the Chesapeake Bay have been good and today Peter is still active and Pres. of Severn Insurance Ltd. He was Director of the 2006 14.1 World Championship Tournament and originator and Director of Maryland 14.1 Open which now enters its 12th year as the American 14.1 Straight Pool Championship. Peter played as an ‘honorary’ in many past World 14.1 Championships and the Sang Lee Three Cushion Billiard Invitational. A lover of opera, golf and bridge, Peter & his wife Pam have three daughters & six grandchildren. High run 81 and still trying for that mystical 100! There is no other game but 14.1 . . . just ask him. **Sponsors: Pam, Becky, & Erik, Kelly & Katie . . . God Bless them!**

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**Ruslan Chinahov, Moscow, Russia; Russian Junior
World Champ; Derby City 14.1 title**



b. 1992 Moscow, Russia

Just 24, young Mr. Chinahov is single and one of the top players in Russia and has set his sights high as earlier this year he won the Derby City 14.1 Challenge, finished 9th in the World 9-Ball and 17th in the World 10-Ball tournaments. Welcome to Virginia Ruslan; **Sponsors: Mezz Cues, Kamui, MKBS & Imperya Moscow.**



**Karen Corr, Alexandria, VA, Women’s World 9 Ball title;
4xWorld Snooker Champion; BCA Hall of Fame.**

b. 1972, Ballymonee, Northern Ireland

To say that Karen Corr is a big name in the sport of women’s professional pool would be a significant understatement. In a career spanning almost three decades, the last two in US, the native of Northern Ireland has won everything there is to win in pool, including 15 Classic Tour titles, four BCA Open titles, three WPBA National Championships and three Tournament of Champions titles. In 2012 Karen was rewarded for her accomplishments with the greatest accolade of them all, induction into the Billiard Congress of America (BCA) Hall of Fame. Shortly after winning her 4th World Snooker title in 1997, Karen moved to the U.S. in 1998 and switched her game to 9-ball racing through one WPBA qualifier after another in pursuit of a Classic Tour card. After just six months Karen was ranked 24th in the WPBA and rose to No.4. In the years since she has competed equally with reigning Queens, Jeanette & Allison. One of a scant few courageous ladies to dip her cue into the world of 14.1, 2014 was Karen’s first visit to our tournament. And what a weekend she had defeating a staggering array of seasoned top 14.1 players, including 4 straight wins. Dominic Noe, and then an 80 ball run to send Mike Dechaine to the locker room, defeating NY’s great Tom Walter 150-122, and a gutsy come from behind win over Kevin Clark 150-149, before losing in the finals to tournament winner, Darren Appleton. Surely no disgrace, 2nd place vs. a very strong field of seasoned 14.1 players! Great job and you have spoiled us now, Karen, and welcome back for the 3rd time and thanks for your support of us and of 14.1.





Mike Davis, Raleigh, NC “Iron Mike”

b. 1975 Fayetteville, NC.



Mike is a longtime east coast player and after stops in Florida & Las Vegas and a recent sabbatical in SC has now returned to the pool circuit. Our good fortune as Mike has long been one of the feared players on the pro tour. In the last two decades Mike has broadened his game from one of the strongest Pro nine ball players to also include the great game of 14.1 as evidenced by his runner up finish in the 2011 World 14.1 Championship demolishing the field of the world's top players before losing in the finals to Thorsten Hohmann. 2014 Mike again had a great showing getting to the single elimination round. He has a high run of 239. Mike is a past member of the prestigious US MOSCONI CUP TEAM and his pool credits are endless; he plays in a tournament somewhere virtually every weekend and usually wins. Mike is among a select group who has played in most of our tournaments over the past decade. In 2007 he finished 2nd to Mika Immonen. Mike, thanks for your long and loyal support.



Mike Dechaine, Waterville, ME “The Hustler”

b. 1987, Maine.



Mike stormed into the top echelons of the pool world like a tornado and has brought many top players to their knees and now is far from unknown. He has played in many recent World 14.1 tournaments and made a great showing against the world's best players. In 2012 he was a member of the US Mosconi Cup team. The same year he ran 125 and out on a tight Diamond table against ‘Levi’ Molineiro at the MD 14.1 Open. In 2015 Mike finished a strong 2nd in US Open 8-Ball, Turning Stone & DC One Pocket. Pretty impressive and Mike's career ahead looks to be bright as a rising star, and on t.v. too, chasing comely Jen Barretta in the reality series The Hustlers (See July 2015 BD). Certainly the little man with the big smile is a strong favorite this year.

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Corey Deuel, New Port Richey, FL “Cash Money”, 2001 Winner U.S. Open 9 Ball

b. 1977 Santa Barbara, CA



Corey was born in S. California and shortly his family settled in West Jefferson, Ohio. At a young age he became a highly accomplished player of all games and had great success in many juvenile amateur tournaments. In 2001 Corey won the legendary U. S. Open 9 Ball tournament and as the decade drew to a close Corey was ranked among the top six players in the world.

Sponsor: Meucci Cues



AMERICAN 14.1 STRAIGHT POOL CHAMPIONSHIP

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2016 American 14.1 Straight Pool Championship Diamond Billiards, Midlothian, VA Wed - Fri Oct 12-14, 2016 ~ ROUND ROBIN PAIRINGS & TABLE ASSIGNMENTS

Table	Round #1 12:00 Wed.	Round #2 2:00 Wed	Round #3 4:00 Wed	Round #4 10:00 Thur.	Round #5 12:00 Thur.	Round #6 2:00 Thur.	Round #7 4:00 Thur.	Round #8 6:00 Thur.	Round #9 8:00 Thur.	Round #10 10:00 Fri.	Round #11 12:00 Fri.	Round #12 2:00 Fri.	Round #13 4:00 Fri.	Round #14 6:00 Fri.	Round #15 8:00 Fri.
2	I B vs E	II A vs F	III C vs D	IV E vs F	V A vs C	VI B vs F	VII D vs E	VIII A vs E	I B vs C	II D vs F	III C vs E	IV A vs D	V B vs D	VI C vs F	VII A vs B
3	II B vs E	III A vs F	IV C vs D	V E vs F	VI A vs C	VII B vs F	VIII D vs E	I A vs E	II B vs C	III D vs F	IV C vs E	V A vs D	VI B vs D	VII C vs F	VIII A vs B
4	III B vs E	IV A vs F	V C vs D	VI E vs F	VII A vs C	VIII B vs F	I D vs E	II A vs E	III B vs C	IV D vs F	V C vs E	VI A vs D	VII B vs D	VIII C vs F	I A vs B
5	IV B vs E	V A vs F	VI C vs D	VII E vs F	VIII A vs C	I B vs F	II D vs E	III A vs E	IV B vs C	V D vs F	VI C vs E	VII A vs D	VIII B vs D	I C vs F	II A vs B
6	V B vs E	VI A vs F	VII C vs D	VIII E vs F	I A vs C	II B vs F	III D vs E	IV A vs E	V B vs C	VI D vs F	VII C vs E	VIII A vs D	I B vs D	II C vs F	III A vs B
8	VI B vs E	VII A vs F	VIII A vs C	I E vs F	II A vs C	III B vs F	IV D vs E	V D vs E	VI B vs C	VII D vs F	VIII C vs E	I A vs D	II B vs D	III C vs F	IV A vs B
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All Table assignments subject to change at discretion of Tournament Director





Maksim Dudanets, Moscow, Russia

b. 1999, Moscow, Russia



Wow! This young phenom is setting the entire pool world aglow. Wait until you see him play! Only 17 and Max has just recently come to the US to play and everyone is buzzing. So now we have yet another "Max" to worry about defeating and this young man will not be easily sent to the canvas.



Alan Duty, Chantilly, VA.

b. 1970, Virginia



Alan won the 2011 Maryland 14.1 Qualifier and has been one of the top amateurs in our region for many years. Alan is a perennial regular on the Action Pool Tour with a dozen high finishes over the past two decades. In 2008 Alan came in 13th in the Turning Stone 9 Ball tournament. His high run is 126 and he has played in virtually all of our tournaments along with assisting our tournament promotion and printing. Thank you Alan.



Peter B. 1950's Rainbow cues





Niels Feijen, Osted, Denmark, “The Terminator”
2008 World 14.1 Champion, 2014 World 9 Ball Champion



b. 1977, The Hague, Netherlands

Another of the true greats and featured many times on the cover of BD (Apr & Aug 2014) highlighting his illustrious career. A terrific player, true gentleman and at his side an absolutely gorgeous lady, Kat, and a perfect little daughter, Lina. The things that make one’s life. My own ancestors long ago lived at Leiden, Holland before coming to America; no doubt they were Pilgrim pool players. Niels needs no intro from me, just check every issue of BD, AZ and other industry mags over the past two decades. What a career! And you know what? I am going to leave my entire wardrobe to this handsome gent! Seriously, why can’t we all dress up this game a bit. Niels surely does in every way. Niels ‘The Terminator’ Feijen is the first Dutch pool player to become World Champion and is consistently ranked Top 10 in the world. His prowess at the 9 foot table is legendary and formidable; evidence 9x Mosconi Cup team! So just how many have you played on? I have watched! Twice Niels was 2nd in World 8 Ball tournament and half a dozen x in the top five at the US Open 9 Ball. Niels is making his 2nd appearance in our American 14.1 Championship. Thank you Niels, and I do mean that. **This great Champion and pool ambassador is sponsored by Katerina Feijen, Longoni, Gabriels, and Kamui.**

Jim Gottier, Richmond, VA



b. 1954, Pomona, CA

Jim took 9th place in the World 14.1 Championship in 2008. Jim is married to Andrea and was highlighted in David McCumber’s well regarded pool tome, *Playing Off The Rail*. Jim has a high run of 184 and this is his 3rd visit to our Championship. In 2014 Jim moved from NYC down to Richmond and opened his billiard parlor there, Greenleaf’s Pool Room, which has become a huge success and a great benefit to the Richmond area pool scene. Jim’s lifelong love of 14.1 parallels my own and it is nice to have him back playing in our tournament. **Sponsor: Greenleaf’s Pool Room.**



Denis Grabe, Tallinn, Estonia

b. 1990, Tallinn, Estonia

3rd 2010 Euro 8-Ball; 17th 2011 Predator 10-Ball; 15x Champ of Estonia; Denis began playing at the age of six at his father’s billiard club soon winning many Junior events. Beginning in 2010 Denis became a consistent high finisher on the Euro tour and won back-to-back events in 2014. In 2016 he finished 5th in the Doha World 9-Ball. High run 107. This will be his 1st visit to our tournament. Welcome to VA Denis.

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Thorsten Hohmann, Jacksonville, FL “The Hitman”
4x World 14.1 Champion 2006, 2011, 2013, 2015;
World 10-Ball & World 9 Ball title 2015;
MD Open 14.1 Champion 2013.



Lucasi

b. 1978 Fulda, Germany

We are highly honored to once again have Thorsten as one of our tournament's premier participants. There are few who could deny that he is the finest 14.1 player of our era if not the best all-around player in the world. In 2015 Thorsten won the World 14.1 Championship for the 4th time as well as the World 10-Ball Open. Congratulations to Mr. Thorsten. In 2006 Thorsten won both the World 14.1 Title and the IPT 8-Ball Open, 1st prize \$350,000! 2005 BCA Open 9 Ball Champion & European Straight Pool Champion. In 2004 he won the German National 9-Ball title. His titles around the world are legendary. Thorsten has played in our Championship numerous times and we realize that his tour schedule is jam packed and hectic so it is a great honor that Thorsten is again lending us his support. Thank you **Toasty! Sponsor: Simonis Cloth, Lucasi Cues, Kamui.** See pg. 21



Pat Holtz, Larkhall, Scotland

b. 1968 in Hamilton, Scotland

Pat has been playing pool since he was 16 and won numerous small ball UK pool events before taking up American pool in 2006 as a founding member of the IPT. He stopped playing US pool in 2009 to form his own business. In that short time Pat was No. 1 ranked Scottish player and many times Scottish Champion in all disciplines. He reached the last 16 of the World 9 Ball Championship in 2007 and semi-finalist of the World Pool Masters in 2008. Pat recently returned to pool and now plans to compete worldwide. This will be his very first time playing Straight Pool and he looks forward to the mighty challenge. Pat is kindly sponsored by his company, **Happy Feet Nursery, www.happyfeetnursery.com**, and his occupation prior to this was an accountant. We welcome Pat and wish him good luck in his 1st crack at Straight Pool and the American 14.1 tourney.



Shaun Wilkie



Warren Kiamco



Mika Immonen, New York City, NY “The Ice Man”
2016 World 14.1 Champion; World 10-Ball Champ;
2x US Open 9-Ball Champion; BCA Hall of Fame



b. 1972 of Finnish descent, born in Paddington, England. Elected in 2014 to the BCA Hall of Fame, Mika needs no introduction and is known across the globe as one of the finest players to ever play this beautiful game not only in our generation, but for all time. A legendary player of every game, and a true ambassador of pool around the world. Mika has played in our tournament often in the past and we welcome him back. Mika, born near London, raised in homeland Finland, was the European 9-Ball Tour's No. 1 player at 20. Four years after capturing his first major international title — the 1996 Peace Cup in Taiwan — Mika settled in New York City. A year later he won the World Pool Championship in Cardiff, Wales, topping a star-studded 128 player international field and grabbing what was then pool's richest top prize — \$65,000. Mika was a dominant player throughout the 2000s, winning 10 pro titles in the U.S., including back-to-back U.S. Open 9-Ball crowns in 2008 & 2009. He added his second world title when he won the 2009 World 10-Ball Championship. Billiards Digest named the Ice Man “Player of the Decade” in 2010. He has added a handful of major titles since 2010, including the World Cup of Pool doubles crown in 2012. He has been a 14x member of Team EUROPE in the Mosconi Cup and was MVP in 2008. In September Mika won the 2016 World 14.1 Title at Steinway Billiards in NYC making it his third World Title. Mika has been a long and loyal supporter of our tournament and we appreciate it, Mika. See pg. 21

Sponsor: Mezz Cues.



Bob Jewett, Berkeley, CA, 1975 National College 14.1 Champion



b. 1947, California

Bob Jewett has been playing pool, billiards and snooker since 1964. He won the National Collegiate Championship (ACU-I, 14.1 pool) in 1975, and has played in several national and international tournaments. He started teaching informally in the 1960s and has been conducting organized classes since 1980. He became a BCA/PBIA Certified Instructor in 1993, and is presently an Advanced Instructor. He co-authored (with Joseph Mejia) the BCA Instructors Manual. Bob has been writing for Billiards Digest since 1991, with an emphasis on some of the more technical aspects of cue sports. He also writes basic instructional articles for several other billiard magazines. Bob is a past Secretary and President of the USBA (US Billiards Association, for three-cushion billiards), and is presently the Treasurer of the US Snooker Association. He was the chief editor of the current version of the World Standardized Rules. His billiard library has over 2000 volumes. This marks Bob's 3rd trip to our tournament, and he is also a major financial supporter of the American 14.1 Straight Pool Championship. Thank you Bob.



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Andy Lincoln



Danny Barouty



Daryl Peach



Bob Jewett



Ruslan Chinahov



Jayson Shaw



Karl Boyes



Darren Appleton



Peter Burrows



Warren Kiamco, Quezon City, Philippines

b. 1970 Cebu City, Philippines



Warren is married and the proud papa of three beautiful daughters and at the same time he has managed to be one of the many Filipino greats! In 2015 Warren was 1st DC 9-B; 3rd World 14.1, 3rd DC 14.1 Challenge, 5th in World 10 Ball, 9th at US Open 8 Ball and 17th US Open 9 Ball. All this in just one year. 2014 he was 5th at US Open and 9th at World 14.1. Always vs. the very top players on the planet. What a superb player; try and watch him. Warren lives in Asia but spends most of the year playing all over and we are pleased that this great player and delightful gentleman is making his 3rd trip to our 14.1.



Andy Lincoln, Columbia, MD "Blue Devil"

b. 1965, Syracuse, NY



Andy is a graduate of Duke Univ. and a Software engineer; he married in 2006 and has one young daughter. Andy is a longtime player and one of the keenest minds for pool that you will ever encounter. Though once a nine ball impresario, his devotion to 14.1 has taken over. His high run is 112. Andy is a Deputy Director of our tournament and did a superb job designing our website and score counters. For all the dozen years of our tournament Andy has played along with serving on our Tournament Committee and he has been an astute sounding board for ideas and format. **Sponsor Celeste & Chloe.**



Denis Grabe



Niels Feijen



Bob Madenjian, DVM, Brooklyn, CT

b. 1958 in New Jersey



Bob is married with two young sons and has a Veterinary practice in Brooklyn, CT. He is one of New England's strongest players and was his college champion. In 2008 he won the CT State 14.1 title and in 2009 was 13th in the World 14.1 Championship, where he again made a strong showing in 2015. Bob has run over 150 balls many times and this will be his 5th visit our championship. And try his great pepper jam! The best!



Steve Matthieu, Salem, MA

b. 1953, Derby, CT

Steve began playing at 10, fell in love with straight pool at 12, ran 50 by age 15 and 100 at 18. He played on the Joss Tour in the 70-80s against the likes of top NE players, Larry Johnson, Tom McGonagle & Nick Vlahos. Steve has a HR 159 and last played in our 14.1 in 2014 when he was an alternate and had to wait until World Champion John Schmidt dropped out. So now Steve can always tell the grandchildren that he subbed for Mr. 400 in the American Championships. Sort of like Lou Gehrig subbing!



Steve Moore, Arcadia, SC "The Blade"

b. 1973, Spartanburg, SC



Steve has been one of the top pro players in the SE for two decades and his credits include winning the Derby City Bank Pool title along with the Mizerak Tournament, and twice winner of the NY State 9-Ball title. "The Blade" finished 7th in the 2009 US Open 9-Ball. Steve has a H.R. of 88 in Straight Pool and 2015 in his first shot at our tournament he made a very strong showing. Nice to finally have Steve return and it looks like he is really taking a fancy to 14.1! Bad news for a lot of top players who will encounter him.

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Sean Morgan, New York City, NY "Alaska"

b. 1975, Unalakleet, Alaska



"Alaska" is proud to tell you he's American Indian, Alaska native and half Italian-American. Sean took up pool when he was 16 and was twice Alaska State 9 Ball Champion. He moved to 'Big Apple' in 2000 and has become one of the most prominent names in pro pool in New York one of the new young guns on the east coast tour circuit. As a dedicated student of the game, Morgan left his home state of Alaska to continue his pursuit of mastering the table. He has been highly successful as evidenced by his numerous regional titles, in addition to competing nationally at high profile spots such as the Derby City Classic and the U.S. Bar Table Championship. Sean also teaches lessons and is director of the Amsterdam Billiards Team 8-Ball League. Among his accomplishments, 'Alaska' is a 2003 NYC Mayor's Cup 9-Ball Champion, 4x NYC Super Tournament 9-Ball Champion, and has won titles on The Mezz Tour, Tri-State Tour, and the Predator Pro/Am Tour. Now 'Alaska' has added straight pool to his repertoire and competed in the last 4 Dragon Promotions World Tournament of 14.1. Sean looks forward to returning once again to our American Straight Pool Championship. We are equally excited to have our first player ever who was born in Alaska playing in our 12th tournament!





Darren Appleton 'Dynamite'

Darren Appleton 'Dynamite' was born England, where he began playing pool and snooker at the age of twelve. As most of us well know, this can be life changing, but only a few have the talent and mental strength of Darren to reach our game's highest plateau. And Dynamite sure has done exactly that, and today stands among the top players in the world. Right here today in our own back yard for all of us to enjoy and to personally watch his amazing skills which we can only vaguely imagine. And a lovely lady at his side. Life has to be good for the World Champ.

Darren's huge win in the 2008 World 10 ball tournament catapulted him onto the world stage and he aptly noted "I've waited 16 years for this and have to enjoy the moment. I had mixed feelings and I was looking back at my disappointments in the past. Earlier in the decade I was ranked first in the world but I had never won a major world championship . . .so this is a dream come true for me and I'm happy to win the title here in the Philippines."

Darren's many wins around the world are way too numerous to mention, but some of his key titles include:

2008 World 10 Ball Champion	2013 World Games Champion gold medal
2008 Euro Tour Italian Open Champion	2013 World 14.1 Straight Pool 2nd
2008 DC 14.1 Champion	2013 World Masters 2nd
2009 Ranked No. 1 in the World	2013 Make It Happen 8 Ball champion
2009 World Masters Champion	2013 European Player of the Year
2009 U.S. Open 10 Ball Champion	2014 World 14.1 Straight Pool champion
2010 U.S. Open 9 Ball Champion	2014 World Cup of Pool champion
2010 World Team Champions	2014 American 14.1 Straight Pool 1st
2010 Euro Tour Spanish Open champion	2014 Make It Happen All Around champion
2010 Player of the Year	2014 Make It Happen 8 Ball champion
2010 Ranked # 1 in World	2015 American 14.1 Straight Pool 1st
2011 DC 14.1 Champion	2015 World 8 Ball champion
2011 U.S. Open 9 Ball Champion	2015 World 14.1 Straight Pool 2nd
2011 International Challenge of Champ. 1st	2015 World Masters 2nd
2012 World 9 Ball Champion	5x Mosconi Cup Champion and MVP.
2012 International Challenge of Champ. 1st	Over 250 other individual titles.
2012 Ranked # 1 in World	



In 2010 Darren was a member of the victorious European Mosconi Cup team and was named MVP for the tournament with a 5-1 win-loss record. That same year he won his first U.S. Open 9 Ball title and was selected Player of the Year. Darren shortly moved to America, initially Las Vegas and then the east coast. In recent years his fighting spirit and dedication to practice have made him one of the toughest players to beat. In 2014 Darren married his sweetheart, Miss Angie Tran, while at the same time winning the World 14.1 Straight Pool Title plus our American 14.1 Championship! What a year! In 2015 Darren again made it to the World 14.1 finals before losing to Thorsten. Congratulations to Darren and Angie on their two year anniversary and welcome back to Virginia and the 12th annual American 14.1 Straight Pool Championship.



2015 Finals



Maryland Open 2013



John Morra, Toronto, Canada

b. 1989, Toronto, ONT, Canada



At the young age of 26 John says billiards is in his blood and has been part of life since birth. He is of Aboriginal Canadian Indian heritage, belonging to the Ojibway Nation in Scanterbury, Manitoba, called "Brokenhead". John is the son of 15 time Canadian Champion Anita McMahan and former Snooker Champion Mario Morra, who have been his guiding influence. At 15 John won the BCA Junior 9-Ball title in Tucson which qualified him to represent Canada in the 2005 World Junior Championships where he placed third in the 19 and under division receiving a Bronze Medal for Canada. Numerous articles in industry magazines have highlighted this terrific young Canadian player and in just a short decade his successes are many: 2016 Player's Championships at the SBE, 2015 Canadian 8-9-10 Ball titles, all three! 2nd TS Classic, 2nd DC Banks, And in the years prior dozens of major wins. So, John, here you go giving a try with us at 14.1. I hope it is a challenge for you and as exciting as it has been for me for seven decades. Thank you, John, for coming to play in your 1st American 14.1 Championship tournament and we wish you great good fortune.

Rodney Morris, Costa Mesa, CA. "Rocket" BCA Hall of Fame; 1st 1996 US Open 9 Ball.



b. 1970, Anaheim, CA

Lefty 'Rocket' was born in Anaheim and raised in Hawaii. He is many times a past member of US Mosconi Cup team. Rodney has won or finished high in dozens of events, winning 2001 Sands Regency Open, 1st in 2009 Turning Stone; in 2010 he was 9th in US Open 9-B and 10 Ball. 2015 he won 4 west coast tour stops and 3rd in US 8 Ball. His biggest win came in 1996 when, at age 26, he defeated legend Efrén Reyes to win the US Open 9-Ball crown. Now this year another huge win and plaudit as Rocket has very deservedly been elected to the BCA Hall of Fame. Congratulations to Rodney! This year will be his 2nd shot at our 14.1 event. **Sponsor: Andy Billiard Cloth, Taom Tips, Moose Billiard Shoes, Universe Clothing.**



Nikos Oikonomopoulos, Zografou, Greece "The Greek"

b. 1982 Athens, Greece



Nick is one of the top dozen players in Europe. 2x Mosconi Cup player and many times National Champion of his homeland. He won the Austria Euro Tour event, 2nd in 2009 Euro Tour 8-Ball, 3rd in US Open 9-B, 2nd in World Pool Masters and has been ranked No. 5 in the world. His game has picked up dramatically in the past few years and Nikos has a high run of 280! Impressive for sure. Nick was deservedly featured on the cover of BD July 2015 and is single. Welcome to VA & the USA Niko and thank you for coming over to play in our tournament for the first time. **Sponsors Pechauer Cues.**





Dennis Orcollo, Quezon City, Philippines

b. 1979, Philippines



Little can be said that is not already known of the prowess of this great modern day Champ from the Philippines. 2015 he won the US Open 8 Ball, the SBE Players Championship, 4th in the DC 9 Ball, 10th in the US Open 10 Ball, 9th at the World 14.1 and 5th in DC 14.1. In 2014 Dennis finished 2nd in US Open 9 Ball, 1st in DC 14.1 and 1st in US Open 1 Pocket. Congratulations, Dennis, and thank you for making your 2nd visit to our tournament.

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Alex Pagulayan, Toronto, CAN “The Lion”

2004 World 9 Ball Champion; 2005 US Open 9 Ball Champion.



b. 1976, Cabagan, Philippines

Alex is a Canadian professional pool & snooker champion, born in the Philippines where else, and now makes his home in Toronto. The Little Lion is known for his relaxed demeanor even during the most intense competition and is admired not only for his great game but for his charm and interaction with fans. His comic impersonation of other players is especially entertaining. But as we know his pool credits overshadow all else: 2013 DC 9 Ball title, 2011-2012 Canadian Snooker Champion. Alex has won dozens of titles around the world including half a dozen high finishes at the World 14.1 where one year he even had to “struggle” to beat old Mr. Peter Pool. Welcome back Alex for your 2nd visit.



Daryl Peach, Blackpool, England

b. 1972, Castleford, West Yorkshire, UK



Daryl plays regularly here in the US and also in Europe, where he has consistently been ranked in the top tier of players and many times a member of the Euro Mosconi Cup team. In 1995 Daryl won the World Pool Masters and since has captured many titles including the 2010 Italian Open & 2012 German Open. In 2014 Daryl finished 9th in the World Cup & 13th in U.S. Open 9 Ball. Daryl is married and has a young daughter and this will be his 2nd crack at our championship.

Welcome, Daryl. **Sponsor: Predator & Kamui.**



Don Polo, Bridgeton, NJ

b. 1953, NJ



Don is retired after a 37 yr. career with the NJ Hwy. Dept. and is married with two adult married children and grandchildren. He has been a regular at our Championship for many years and has been one of the Philadelphia area and NJ's strongest players for three decades. His love of pool began at the age of ten and his High Run is 184. Don's wife, Olga is his biggest fan and always comes along with him to our tournament. Today Don and Olga manage their family business LaTorre's Belly Buster, in Wildwood, NJ known for their great specialty sandwiches, burgers and pizza. Don wouldn't miss this tournament for the world and like Peter B., 14.1 is the only game! Thanks again for playing, Don.





Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz, Murcia, Spain

b. 1991 Spain

One of the top young players in Europe today and this year Fran finished 17th in the World 9 Ball tournament and has finished high up in many Euro events in the past few years. This will be his first crack at our American 14.1. Welcome Francisco.



Elliott Sanderson, Barnsley, England

b. 1994, Barnsley, UK

Youthful Mr. Sanderson is single and resides in his home town of Barnsley, England where he is a professional property appraiser doing building evaluations for real estate and mortgages. But pool has taken over as his life's true love . . . happens to us all doesn't it! And to our good fortune Darren Appleton quickly discovered "The Natural" and so here is young 22 year old Elliott all the way from jolly old England to play in his first major Straight Pool tournament. I am sure only the beginning once Elliott has become familiar with the beautiful nuances of 14.1. He recently finished 2nd in UK 9-Ball Championships and was 9th in the Austria Euro tournament and won the Leicestershire Open 9-B. Thanks, Elliott, and also to Darren for his encouragement of a fine young prospect; just what our game dearly needs. **Sponsor: OB Cues**



John Schmidt, Hesperia, CA "Mr. 400"

b. 1973 San Diego, CA

John "Mr. 400" Schmidt grew up playing golf and, upon discovering his love for pool, dreamed that one day it would be as big as golf. Mr. 400 was given his nickname after his legendary high run of 400+ balls in a practice session. John has already won the Sands Regency Open in Reno beating out a 200 player field, and won the Legends of Straight Pool and One Pocket. He represented the USA at the 2005 World Pool Championships in Taiwan. 2011 was John's first visit to our MD Open and he finished an impressive 2nd. Not discouraged, John returned to Maryland in 2012 and won it all, besting Thorsten in the finals. The same year he sold his WVA poolroom, Schmidt's Billiards & More, to return to his home state of California. John plays with very high-energy for both himself and fans and his entertainment skills match his grace and precision at the table.



Jayson Shaw, Orange, CT

b. 1988, Glasgow, Scotland

Young Jayson has set the US pro circuit on fire since his 2012 immigration from Scotland with impressive wins over all of the top players including his comeback win at Turning Stone in 2014. He won TS 9-Ball again in 2015 and this past August bested a 128 player field at the TS Classic for the 3rd year in a row. No fluke for sure. He has won the Ginky Memorial in NYC and won the DC 14.1 with his career High Run of 227! So this year Jayson again returns to our championship with his sights clearly focused on knocking off Dynamite Darren & cohorts. Jayson and his wife, Ara, have a small daughter Lee Anna. This will be his 2nd try at our tournament. Jayson is **sponsored by Lucasi and Kamui**.



Mika Immonen

Mika was born in London, England, beside his twin brother, while his Finnish parents were living there. Back in Finland he played ice hockey (of course!) and virtually every sport well. But it was Snooker, where he amassed more than 100 century breaks, and pool that quickly took over. Easy to see why. Today Mika remains single and lives in New York City, where his is among the top players in the world.



Major titles

- 2001 World 9-Ball Champion
- 2001 US Open 9-Ball 2nd
- 2002 UPA International 10-ball Champion
- 2003 Philippine Open Champion
- 2007 Derby City Straight Pool Champion
- 2008 US Open 9-Ball Champion
- 2008 IPT Pro-Am Champion
- 2008 Mosconi Cup MVP
- 2008 All Japan Champion
- 2009 US Open 9-Ball Champion
- 2009 World 10-Ball Champion
- 2009 Pro Pool Player of the Year
- 2009 Qatar International Open Champion
- 2010 International Challenge of Champions
- 2013 Ultimate 10-Ball Championship
- 2014 BCA Hall of Fame inductee
- 2016 World 14.1 Champion



Thorsten Hohmann

Thorsten was born and raised in Fulda, Germany and at a very young age had always been interested in sports playing soccer, table tennis, and badminton. At the age of nine Thorsten's father took him to a local pool hall. On his 10th birthday Thorsten received a miniature pool table. By age twelve Thorsten was visiting local pool parlors. At 16 he won his first open adult tournament with 128 players in the State of Hessa. In 2003 he became the 3rd German (after Oliver Ortmann & Ralf Souquet) to win the World 9 Ball title. Thorsten lives in Jacksonville, FL and at times in Germany.



Major Titles

- 2003 WPA World 9-Ball Champion
- 2003 German 9-Ball Champion
- 2003 German 14.1 Champion
- 2003 New Jersey State 14.1 Champion
- 2004 German 9-Ball Champion
- 2005 World Pool League Champion
- 2005 BCA Open 9-Ball Championship
- 2006 World 14.1 Champion
- 2006 IPT North American Open 8-Ball Champ
- 2007 European 9-Ball Champion
- 2008 Accu-Stats 14.1 Invitational
- 2008 Asian 10-Ball Champion
- 2008 Lucasi Hybrid 14.1 Champion
- 2009 China Open Champion
- 2010 All Japan Championships Champion
- 2011 World 14.1 Champion
- 2011 World Cup of Pool Champion
- 2011 Philippine Open Champion
- 2013 Maryland 14.1 Champion
- 2013 World 14.1 Champion
- 2013 WPC World 9-Ball Champion

- 2014 WPBL Bonus Ball Champion
- 2014 Manny Pacquiao Cup Champion
- 2015 Archer Cup Champion
- 2015 World 14.1 Champion



Mika Immonen
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Brandon Shuff, Concord, NC

b. 1983, Virginia

Brandon has long been one of the 'young guns' on the east coast Pro circuit, displaying his skill in all the disciplines, 9 Ball, One pocket, and in 14.1 here in our Maryland tournament where he has made a strong showing. A few years ago his fantastic comeback win vs. legend José Parica will long be remembered by all who witnessed the stout heart of this great player.



Konstantin Stepanov, Moscow, Russia "Kosta"

b. 1983, Moscow, Russia

Young Mr. Kosta is married and the father of a handsome 3 year old son. He is a past European champion, 2002 Russian 8-Ball Champion, member of 2007 Mosconi Cup team, winner of 2 Euro tours and has a high run of 196. This is his first visit to our tournament. A hearty welcome to you, Kosta. **Sponsors: Moscow Pool Federation, Kamui, Pechauer.**



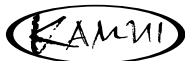
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Nick Van den Berg, Zaandam, The Netherlands

b. 1980, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

This will be Nick's 2nd trip to our tournament, and we are indeed thrilled to have a terrific young man and one of the world's strongest players come over and let our chaps rub elbows with the Big Dogs! And Nick is for sure one of the biggest of all, and for the past decade has gained the reputation of being a 'true beast' as they say in virtually every discipline. Without question one of the finest 14.1 players anywhere. He has won 3 European 14.1 Titles! Nick and his comely wife, Vanessa, are the proud parents of two small sons. Thank you for coming to play, Nick. **Sponsors: Buffalo; W-Systems; Cheqio; Kamui; Musashi; Lotto; 8-ball Factory; Vanessa & the boys!**



Lee Vann Corteza, Davao City Philippines 'Van Van' 2007 Philippine Nat'l Champion

b. 1979, Davao City

Another of the great Philippine players following in the footsteps of greats Efren, Busty, Warren Kiamco, Dennis Orcollo & Alex P. Lee started playing pool in 1993 and has won four Gold Medals and one silver medal at the Southeastern Asian Games defeating Francisco Bustamante in the finals. In 2007 Corteza won the Philippine National Championship. This is his 1st visit to our 14.1. Welcome to Virginia Van Van!





Shaun Wilkie, Havre de Grace, MD “Get Some”
 b. 1981. Havre de Grace, MD



For many years Shaun has been a loyal supporter of the wonderful game of pocket billiards. His grandfather, John Wilkie Sr., was the major influence for Shaun when he started to play at the youthful age of 9 . . . as in 9 Ball. Shaun turned pro in 2006 and today is the top player in Maryland. His HR is 199. Shaun has finished high in our tournament every year and this might be the year reaches the top. A fearless shot maker, Shaun has won the hearts and minds of all who witness his great competitive spirit. I still recall his 2007 match with Mika Immonen and his 2010 MD Open Finals with Danny Harri-man when he lost a gut-wrenching heartbreaker to finish 2nd. He placed in the final 32 players in the 2008 World 14.1 and in 2014 & again in 2015 climbed to 9th. For a decade Shaun has remained loyal to his original cue maker, **Sponsors: LUCASI HYBRID, cues, Black Heart Billiard Tips, APA of South Jersey, Pure X cues.**



Michael Yednak, Brooklyn, NY
 b. 1976 in Arizona.



Michael has played in our 14.1 Open many times in the past and what progress he has made since his first appearance here a decade ago. My goodness! Today Michael is one of the top players in NYC and a regular in all of the regional NY area tournaments as well as making a solid showing in recent World 14.1 Championships. He is currently a manager at Amsterdam Billiards in NYC and one of the city's strongest 14.1 players, with a high run of 111. Welcome back Michael.

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Peter & Megan



Nick Van den Berg



Johnny – we miss him!



John Schmidt



Jayson Shaw



Corey Deuel



Dennis Orcollo

2016 American 14.1 Straight Pool Championship

Day 4-5 ~ Sat & Sun. Oct 15-16, 2016 ~ Single Elimination

Saturday morning: 8 RR Flight winners are seeded 1-8 & get 1st round bye

Round 1 - 2nd & 3rd place from RR. are Seeded 9-16 play 17-24

2nd round. Winners of Round 1 play the 1-8 seeds



Sat-Sun match times; Prize fund 48 players \$ 40,000				
			17-24 th	\$ 500 *
1 st round	11:00 am	125 pts	9-16 th	\$ 800 *
2 nd round	1:30 pm	125 pts	5-8 th	\$1,500 *
Quarter Finals	4:00 pm	150 pts	3-4 th	\$3,000 *
Semi Finals	11:00 am	150 pts	2 nd	\$7,000 *
Finals	1:30 pm	150 pts	Winner	\$10,000
HR etc				600

* Payment to losing payer in each round . . . winner advances.



\$ 500*	\$ 800 *	\$1,500*	\$3,000*	\$7,000 *	\$ 10,000
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16-17	#1
9-24	#8
12-21	#5
13-20	#4
11-22	#6
10-23	#7
14-19	#3
15-18	#2



\$100. For #1 Seed going into Saturday single elimination.

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\$100. High Run best HR among those 16 players who do not advance to Saturday.

\$300. Entry fee credit blind draw among 16 players who do not advance to Saturday.

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- Darren Appleton 150 defeated Karen Corr 28. Sept 14, 2014
- Thorsten Hohmann 150 defeated Johnny Archer 111. Sept 16, 2013
- John Schmidt 150 defeated Thorsten Hohmann 21. Aug 18, 2012
- Johnny Archer 150 defeated John Schmidt 74. July 24, 2011
- Danny Harriman 150 defeated Shaun Wilkie 94. June 20, 2010
- Danny Harriman 150 defeated Dave Daya 28. June 28, 2009
- Bob Maidhof 150 defeated Danny Barouty 140. July 12, 2008
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