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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 player's he'll be up against in the 10th annual 2014 American 14.1 Straight Pool Championship (previously the Maryland Open 14.1 Championship) being held at Diamond Billiards, Midlothian, VA, just west of Richmond, VA on Sept. 12-14.

Peter, who is the Tournament Chairman, said that most of the nation's top players and many world class professionals will compete including two recent World 14.1 Champions: Darren Appleton (2014), and Thorsten Hohmann (2013, 2011, 2006). The field is also expected to include Mika Immonen, Jeanette Lee "The Black Widow", Darren Appleton, Johnny Archer, Huidji See, Corey Deuel & Charlie Williams, along with top pros Mike Davis, Jason Klatt, Mike Dechaine, Karen Corr & Shaun Wilkie. They will be joined by some of the world's best 14.1 players, among them Bob Maidhof, Danny Barouty, and Virginia's top players, Bob Chamberlain and House Pros at Diamond Billiards, Brandon Shuff and Danny Mastermaker. They will be playing along with two dozen of the nation's finest Straight Pool players in a high powered three day tournament.

The tournament follows the World 14.1 Championship which was held last month in Astoria, NY and won by the inimitable Darren Appleton who will now try and replicate his sterling recent play in NY! The 10th annual American 14.1 Straight Pool Championship is being held at a new venue this year, 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 staff for hosting this year's tournament.



2014 American 14.1 Straight Pool Championship

Diamond Billiards, Midlothian, VA

Day 1, Friday Sep 12; Day 2, Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014. Round Robin ~ All Matches to 100 points
 8 flights, 5 players in each ~ round robin matches ~ top 3 players in ea. flight advance to Sunday single elimination knockout round
 Bracket winner based on W-L; if 2 tie head to head; if 3 tie, ball differential.

Winner from each flight are seeded, advance to Day 3 single elimination and receive a first round bye.

After completion of Day 2 Saturday, 2nd place players 9-16 are seeded & play 17-24 also seeded in Sunday elimination round

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Steve Matthieu, Haverhill, 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 had a little trouble getting into our 14.1 since 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 John in the American Championships. Steve's high run is 159. Sort of like Lou Gehrig subbing and you know the rest . . .

Darren Appleton, Whitehall, PA "Dynamite"
2014 & 2012 World 14.1 Champion; 2012 World 9 Ball title;
2x U.S. 9 Ball Champion

b. 1976, Pontefract, England

Seems like yesterday that Darren arrived here in the US, and since then his smiling face has become a regular on the cover of every industry magazine, and his name on the winner's trophy of almost every tournament he enters. In Aug 2014 Darren added to his countless titles the 2014 World 14.1 Straight Pool Championship. A prestigious award for sure, but only one of so many. Others include back-to-back U.S. Open 9 Ball titles; World 10 Ball Champion; 2x World 9 Ball Champion, No. 1 Ranked Player in the world and countless appearances on the European Mosconi Cup squad. Darren has a 14.1 high run of 288, and I believe he is the only player to run 200 and out from the break in a world championship. Enough titles? Well not exactly as Darren just last month won the biggest prize of his young life . . . corralling Ms. Angie! Best job of all, Darren, and congratulations. And thank you for fitting our tournament into your busy schedule in this our 10th year and we are indeed honored by your appearance. **Sponsor: Predator.**

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Johnny Archer, Acworth, GA "The Scorpion"
1999 US 9 Ball Champ; 2x World 9 Ball Champion;
BCA Hall of Fame; 12x Member US Mosconi Cup
b. 1968 Twin City, GA

Johnny began playing pool at 12 and turned pro in 1986. Today he is recognized around the world as one of the game's supreme players. 'The Scorpion' has won more than 60 pro tournaments, not to mention Johnny won our 2011 MD Tournament in his very first try! I played him; I know. I broke & left him ½ inch off the bottom rail. He made a long very tough cut, nudged out one ball, and ran 100 and out! Life on the rail! Among his many top honors: Winner US. OPEN 9 Ball Title in 1999; 7x Player of the Year and 1990s Player of the Decade! 12x member of the prestigious USA MOSCONI CUP TEAM. Thank you Johnny for making our tournament for the 4th time. Mr. Archer is sponsored by **Universe Clothing, CueStix International & Scorpion Cues.**

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Danny Barouty, Salinas, CA

b. 1956, New York City

Danny has recently moved to California 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 "The City." Danny has played in all of the recent Predator-Dragon World Tournament of 14.1. Danny remains one of the strongest 14.1 players in the country and few others see patterns as well as Danny B. Important for us is that Danny has played in virtually all nine of our past tournaments and returns once more from far away California. Twice Danny was runner up in the MD Open finals; in 2009 losing a close match to Bob Maidhof 150-140 and in 2006 losing to Ed Hodan. And best of all, his pool is a close match for his wonderfully whimsical personality. Danny thanks for making a long journey and we truly appreciate your loyalty.

Peter Burrows, Annapolis, MD "Peter Pool"

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 10th year as the American 14.1 Straight Pool Championship. Peter played as an 'honorary' in many past World 14.1 Championships and Sang Lee Three Cushion Billiard Invitationals. 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, Kelly & Katie . . . God Bless them!



Bobby Chamberlain, Dale City, VA "World Pro"

b. 1969, Dale City, VA

Bobby is one of the top players in our area and was the 2010 VA State 14.1 Champion. Until recently he has spent most of his years in the retail billiard equipment business. 2x 1st in the Great Southern Billiard Championship; 2x VA State 9 Ball Champion. Bob's high run of 311 is the World Record on a Diamond Pro table; he has 28 runs of over 200. Bob has run over 100 balls 300x! He played in many past Maryland 14.1 & World Tournaments. Much to the chagrin of many young ladies, Bob is still single, and the owner and founder of Captain Bob's Crabs & Seafood. Favorite players are Nick Varner, Efren Reyes & Wimpy Lasiter. **Sponsors: Espiritu Custom Cues, Justis Custom Cases, Nick Varner Cues & Cases, Hard Times Café, UK CORPORATION OF JAPAN, Racktight.com, Quick-clean billiard cleaner, Captain Bob's Crabs & Seafood.**





Kevin Clark, Pittston, PA
b. 1971, Scranton, PA

Kevin is married to lovely Carol, and has one daughter. He is the long time proprietor of ProShot Billiards, Dickson City, PA (previously Cosmos). He is one of the strongest straight pool players in the east with many regional tournament wins under his belt in every discipline of pool and a high run over 200. He is a 3 time National 8 Ball Champion as well as a Delaware State 9 Ball Champion. Kevin fell in love with 14.1 over the last 3 years and twice participated in the 14.1 World Straight Pool Tournament where in both 2013 & 2014 he made solid showings to reach the final elimination rounds. Kevin has accomplished a personal goal of runs over 100 balls 13 consecutive days in a row and runs of over 200 balls 3 times. Kevin looks forward to competing in more professional events! This will be Kevin's second visit to our tournament. **Sponsor: ProShot Billiards, Dickson City, PA.**



Karen Corr, Feasterville, PA, BCA Hall of Fame,
Women's World 9 Ball title

b. 1972, Ballymoney, Northern Ireland

Shortly after winning her fourth 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 1999. Karen's quick rise to the top and her consistent dominance on American soil has earned her selection to the BCA Hall of Fame in 2012. Her titles are staggering among them the 2007 Women's World 9 Ball Championship. Along the way Karen, happily for us, has become one of the strongest women 14.1 players in the world. This is her first trip to our tournament, and we thank you Karen, knowing what a hectic schedule you have.



Jeff Crawford, Parkesburg, PA
b. 1977, Elkhart, IN

Jeff has recently moved to Parkesburg from Atlanta and is a regular on east coast pool tours. He spent five years in the U. S. Marine Corp. and has an associate degree in Aviation Electronics. He works in his field for Sikorsky Helicopters. Jeff's high run is 112 and this will be his 3rd trip to our 14.1 tournament.



Mike Davis, Myrtle Beach, SC “Iron Mike”, 2nd Place World 14.1 b. 1975 Fayetteville, NC.

Mike is a longtime MD 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 a 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 USA 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 made appearances in most of our tournaments over the past decade. In 2007 he finished 2nd to Mika Immonen. Mike thanks for your support and in this our 10th year.

Mike Dechaine, Waterville, ME b. 1980 in Maine.

Mike has recently stormed into the top echelons of the pool world like a tornado and has brought many top players to their knees. He has played in every recent World 14.1 Tournament and made a great showing against the world's best players. In 2012 he was a member of the US Mosconi Cup team. In the same year he ran 125 and out on a tight Diamond table against “Levi” Molineiro at the MD 14.1 Open. Pretty impressive and Mike's career ahead looks to be bright as a rising star. Certainly the little man with the big smile is a strong favorite this year.



Alan Duty, Chantilly, VA

Alan won the 2011 Maryland 14.1 Qualifier and has been a regular on the Planet Tour where he finished in the top 16 Elite for each of the past four years. In 2008 Alan came in 13th in the Turning Stone 9 Ball tournament. His high run is 126.

Holden Chin, Flushing, NY 1963, New York City

After nearly two decades as owner & proprietor of the popular room Raxx, 510 Hempstead Pike, West Hempstead, NY, we have finally been able to entice Holden to come down and test his 14.1 skills against some of the big dogs! When you run a business and a busy pool room it is never easy to get away, just ask Bob Maidhof and Kevin Clark. As my dad told me half a century ago, be wary when wagering against a guy who owns a pool room. Why I have avoided Bob & Kevin like the plague . . . so I am sure to draw Holden this year out of the blind hat! Holden has a high run of 179, twice mine, so yes, he is to be avoided certainly by me. Holden, thanks for making the trip to Richmond. Hope you return.



14.1 STRAIGHT POOL CHAMPIONSHIP

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2014 American 14.1 Straight Pool Championship

Diamond Billiards, Midlothian, VA

Fri-Sat. Sep 12-13, 2014 ~ ROUND ROBIN PAIRINGS & TABLE ASSIGNMENTS

Table	Round #1 7:00 Fri.	Round #2 9:00 Fri.	Round #3 11:00 Sat.	Round #4 1:00 Sat.	Round #5 3:00 Sat.	Round #6 5:00 Sat.	Round #7 7:00 Sat.
1			Group 8 A vs. C	Group 2 C vs. E	Group 3 C vs. E	Group 5 C vs. D	
2			Group 6 A vs. C	Group 1 C vs. E	Group 4 C vs. E	Group 6 C vs. D	Group 4 C vs. D
3			Group 7 A vs. C	Group 8 A vs. D	Group 5 C vs. E	Group 7 C vs. D	Group 3 C vs. D
4			Group 1 A vs. C	Group 6 A vs. D	Group 6 C vs. E	Group 8 C vs. D	Group 2 C vs. D
5			Group 2 A vs. C	Group 7 A vs. D	Group 7 C vs. E	Group 1 A vs. E	Group 1 C vs. D
6	Group 1 B vs. C	Group 8 D vs. E	Group 3 A vs. C	Group 1 A vs. D	Group 8 C vs. E	Group 2 A vs. E	Group 1 A vs. B
7	Group 2 B vs. C	Group 7 D vs. E	Group 4 A vs. C	Group 2 A vs. D	Group 8 B vs. D	Group 3 A vs. E	Group 2 A vs. B
8	Group 3 B vs. C	Group 6 D vs. E	Group 5 A vs. C	Group 3 A vs. D	Group 7 B vs. D	Group 4 A vs. E	Group 3 A vs. B
9	Group 4 B vs. C	Group 5 D vs. E	Group 1 B vs. E	Group 4 A vs. D	Group 6 B vs. D	Group 5 A vs. E	Group 4 A vs. B
10	Group 5 B vs. C	Group 4 D vs. E	Group 2 B vs. E	Group 5 A vs. D	Group 5 B vs. D	Group 6 A vs. E	Group 5 A vs. B
11	Group 6 B vs. C	Group 3 D vs. E	Group 3 B vs. E	Group 8 B vs. E	Group 4 B vs. D	Group 7 A vs. E	Group 6 A vs. B
12	Group 7 B vs. C	Group 2 D vs. E	Group 4 B vs. E	Group 7 B vs. E	Group 3 B vs. D	Group 8 A vs. E	Group 7 A vs. B
13 *	Group 8 B vs. C	Group 1 D vs. E	Group 5 B vs. E	Group 6 B vs. E	Group 2 B vs. D	Group 1 B vs. D	Group 8 A vs. B

TV * Table



Dr. Michael S. Frank, Ph.D., Hanover, MD
b. 1948, Baltimore, MD

Michael has been on the faculty & staff at our state university for many years and is the past Sr. Vice President & Dean of Academic Programs, University of MD Graduate School of Management and Technology. Michael is the father of two children and his oldest son recently graduated from Georgetown Univ. Law School. Michael has been a lover of pool in all of its genres for his entire life and a frequent player in local tournaments and in the Dragon Promotions World 14.1 Championship. He has been a long and loyal supporter of the Maryland 14.1 Open and a valued member of our tournament committee. **Sponsors: Jennifer, Darren & Aidan Frank.**



Darren C. Frank, Charleston, SC
b. 1983, Baltimore, MD

Darren is the son of Dr. Michael Frank, and a lawyer in SC,. He has his Masters in Finance and graduated from Georgetown Univ. Law School . . . better still he remains single! Ah those lucky ladies! Given his parentage as you can guess in between his studies he has been playing pool since a youthful age. Darren has practiced with inimitable champions Mike Sigel and Thorsten Hohmann. Welcome back once again to our tournament, Darren.



Thorsten Hohmann, Jacksonville, FL “The Hitman”
3x World 14.1 Champion
b. 1978 Fulda, Germany

We are highly honored to once again have Thorsten as a premier participant at our American 14.1 Championship. There are few who could deny that he is the finest 14.1 player, if not the best all-around player, in the world as witnessed by his recent 2013 win at the World 14.1 Championship, for the 3rd time I would note. 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. 2004 he won the German National 9-Ball title. His titles around the world are legendary, not to mention he is known as the best dressed player on the pro tour! Thorsten has played in our past tournaments half a dozen times and realizing that his tour schedule is jam packed and hectic it is a great honor that Thorsten is again lending us his support. Thank you Toasty! **Sponsor: Qpod & Lucasi Cues.**





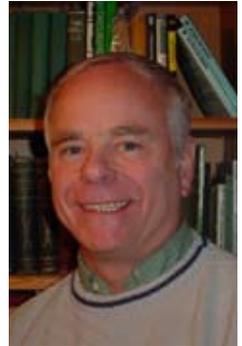
Mika Immonen, New York City, NY “The Ice Man”, BCA Hall, U.S. Open 9 Ball title, 2009 World 10-Ball Champion b. 1972 of Finnish descent was born in Paddington, England.

Elected this year to the BCA Hall of Fame, Mika needs no introduction, and is known around 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 frequently in the past and we welcome him back. Immonen, born in London, but raised in 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. The ‘Ice Man’ was a dominant player throughout the 2000s, winning 10 pro titles in the U.S., including back-to-back U.S. Open 9-Ball Championship crowns (2008, 2009). He added his second world title when he won the 2009 World 10-Ball Championship. Billiards Digest named Immonen ‘Player of the Decade’ in 2010. Mika has added a handful of major titles since 2010, including the World Cup of Pool doubles crown in 2012. He has also played as a member of Team EUROPE in the Mosconi Cup 14 times, and was MVP in 2008. **Sponsor Mezz Cues.**

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Bob Jewett, San Jose, CA b. 1952, Calif

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 1st visit to our tournament, and he is also a major financial supporter of the American 14.1. Thank you Bob.



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Amit Kumar, Columbia, Maryland b. 1984, Silver Spring, MD

Amit received his BS from McDaniel College and his MA from Columbia University in social work. Mr. Ivy League. Amit is a psychotherapist and has his own practice in addition to working with Kaiser Permanente. Along with being a top notch 14.1 enthusiast, Amit plays classical guitar and writes music.

**Andy Lincoln, Columbia, MD “Blue Devil”
b. 1965, Syracuse, NY**

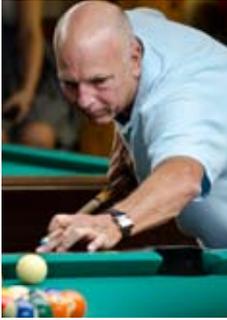
Andy is a graduate of Duke Univ. & a Software engineer. He married his beautiful bride in 2006 and they have a 6 yr. old daughter. Andy is a longtime regular player & official with the Planet Nine Ball Tour and one of the keenest minds for pool that you will ever encounter. Though once a nine ball impresario his devotion to 14.1 waxes considerably. Andy recently had a new High Run of 112 . . . I am sure that 150 is just around the corner for him . . . sadly no longer for me! Andy is a member of our tournament planning committee and is always helpful and a highly valued sounding board. Thanks, Andy.



**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. Bob 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, Bob has run out 150 balls many times and this will be his third visit to our tournament. Three Ruff, Ruff, Ruffs for Dr. Bob!





Bob Maidhof, Drexel Hill, PA “Drexeline Bob”
2008 MD 14.1 Open Champion
b. Bronx, NY

Bob grew up in Florida where he lived for 30 years before migrating north with his wife Susan ‘his life support’ In 1989 they opened the “Drexeline Billiard Club” Drexel Hill, PA, hosting leagues, tournaments & “action” and Bob has never looked back, saying he has ‘no regrets’. “Drexeline Billiard Club” is located on the S.W. outskirts of Philadelphia and easy access to NYC, Wilmington & Baltimore. Known locally as “Florida Bob” he has won too many tourneys to mention including the 2008 Maryland 14.1 and has long been one of the best 14.1 players in the country. In 2009 Bob had his life time high run of 316 and has run over 200 a dozen times.

Sponsor: Drexeline Billiard Club, Drexel Hill, PA



Danny Mastermaker, Richmond, VA
b. 1988, Richmond, Virginia

Another strong young Virginia player, Danny won this year’s VA 9 Ball tournament and also the VA 8 Ball Bar Table title, not to mention he was 5th in the Ginky Memorial. The Master Man has also made strong showings in recent World 14.1 and U.S. 9 Ball, finishing in the top 32 of each. His high run is 86. This will be Danny’s 1st trip to our tournament. Welcome, Danny. Our host room is his
Sponsor: Diamond Billiards, Midlothian, VA.



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 the “Big Apple” in 2000 and has become one of the most prominent names in pro pool in New York and 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 3 Dragon Promotions World Tournament of 14.1. Sean looks forward to his first-ever American Straight Pool Championship. We are equally excited to have our first player ever who was born in Alaska playing in our 10th tournament!



Johnny Archer “The Scorpion”

Johnny Archer began playing pool at 12 and turned pro in 1986. He is the owner of a beautiful 40 table room, Marietta Billiard Club, 1355 Roswell Road, Marietta, GA 770-579-3388. He married his wife Melanie in 2002 and they have two small children. His credits are truly legendary as noted on Pg. 5. In 2009 Johnny was inducted into the BCA Hall of Fame and rightfully joined the elite giants of the sport that we all love.



Johnny has recently helped to organize the ABP, Association of Billiard Professionals, whose focus is to improve the standards for pro players. 2011 was Johnny's first visit to our tournament, and he showed his stripes for sure, besting John Schmidt in the finals 150-74. This year marks Mr. Archer's 4th straight visit to us and it is indeed an honor to have a fine gentleman here on our doorstep. Johnny is sponsored by **CueStixInternational & Scorpion Cues.**







Dominic Noe, Abingdon, MD
b. 1977, Baltimore, MD

Another young ActionPool tour player whose game is improving by leaps and bounds thanks in part of Dominic's keen interest in 14.1. He had a great run in the 2010 MD 14.1. Dominic is recently married to lovely Christina, and of course his new bride says he can play all the 14.1 he wants! My kinda' wife! Dominic went to Arch. Bishop Curley H.S., in Baltimore and works for Otterbein's Bakery in the city. He began playing pool 15 years ago and presently plays out of Kelly's Cue Club in Baltimore. This will be his 3rd visit to our Tournament.



Don Polo, Bridgeton, NJ
b. 1953, NJ

Don is married with two grown children and retired in 2000 from his lifelong employment with the NJ Co. Hwy. Dept. to pursue his dreams, lots of straight pool and beach sunshine! Wish I could do the same, Don! He has been a regular at our Maryland Tournament and has been one of NJ and Philadelphia's strongest players for three decades. High Run 184.

Sponsor: Ms. Olga & the kids!



Finalists 2012



Huidji See, 'Hooch' Velp, Netherlands
2011 World Ten Ball Champion
b. 1981 Arnhem, Netherlands in 1981

At the time of his birth Huidji's Chinese parents were living in Arnhem where he grew up. He played in his first world championship in the Philippines in 2004 and over the past decade Huidji has finished very strong in dozens of international tournaments. In 2011 Huidji won the World 10 Ball Championship in Manila. And the same year he was 5th in the prestigious U.S. Open Nine Ball. 2nd place in the World 14.1 in 2007, and 3rd place in 2010, to name just a few of his many honors. At the age of 18, Hooch was invited to join the Dutch national team and he turned pro in 2007. For a time he was ranked by WPA No. 2 in the world and has a current World ranking of #27. This will be Huidji's 2nd journey across the Atlantic to our tournament and we welcome one of Europe's great modern day players, and a true gentleman!



Melvin White, Forestville, MD
b. 1950 Tallahassee, AL

Mel has a teenage son and is the owner of a local plumbing contracting firm. He has been a long time player in various local leagues and one of our tournament sponsors. We welcome Mel back to his 4th visit to our tournament. Sponsor: AAA Drain & Video, www.drainandvideo.com



Brandon Shuff, Richmond, VA
b. 1983, Richmond, VA

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 past 14.1 tournaments where he has made a strong showing. In 2012 his fantastic comeback win vs. legend José Parica will long be remembered by all who witnessed the stout heart of this great player. Along with being a House Pro at this year's classy venue, Diamond Billiards, Midlothian, VA., Brandon for the 2nd time is on the selection list for the prestigious 2014 U.S. Mosconi Cup team. His high run is 116. Ah, don't I wish . . . lessons for old Peter B. Brandon?



Jerry Tarantola, New York City, NY. "New York Grind"
b. 1975, Italy

Jerry is a major factor in the World of Pool, and half a dozen years ago founded his popular NEW YORK GRIND, which in just a few short years has become a widely viewed newsletter and website which is essential for all pool enthusiasts in keeping informed with current stories and photos. And at the table Jerry will surprise you as he is a very strong amateur player. This is his 2nd visit to our championship. **Sponsor: New York Grind.**





Darren Appleton 'Dynamite'

Darren Appleton 'Dynamite' was born 1978 in Pontefract, West Yorkshire, 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 as the No. 1 player 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 stunningly lovely lady at his side. Life has to be good.

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."

World 14.1 Straight Pool Champion. 2014
 World 14.1 Straight Pool Champion. 2012
 World 9 Ball Champion 2012
 U.S. Open 9 Ball Champion 2011
 U.S. Open 9 Ball Champion 2010
 World Pool Masters Championship 2009
 World 10 Ball Champion 2008
 Derby City Straight Pool Challenge 2006
 2x runner up World 8 Ball Championship



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 to loss ratio. As noted above that same year he won his first U.S. Open 9 Ball title. He shortly moved to America, initially Las Vegas and then the east coast. In recent years his fighting spirit and dedication to practice has made Darren one of the very toughest players to beat as attested by the above and countless wins in major events around the globe. But guess what . . .we think Darren's biggest win in life came on Aug 16, 2014 when he married Ms. Angie Tran! Congratulations to Darren and Angie and welcome to Richmond, VA and to our 10th annual American 14.1 Straight Pool Championship. P.S. Love the dogs too!





Maryland Open 2013

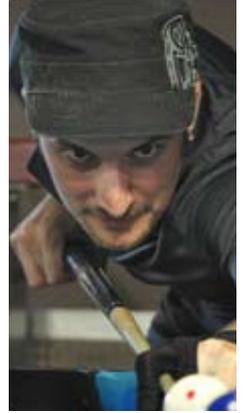


Tom Walter, Great Neck, NY
b. 1950 NY

Another one of the many great NY area 100 ball runners, Tom has long been one of New York's top Straight Pool players and has played in countless local and regional tournaments, including numerous appearances in the World 14.1 Tournament. Tom last played in our Championship way back in 2007, and we welcome him back.

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. I recall it was just a decade ago that Peter Pool encouraged Shaun to focus more on the beautiful game of 14.1. Wow, what results! Shaun's grandfather, John Wilkie Sr., was a major influence when he started to play at the youthful age of 9 . . . as in 9 Ball. Ever since that glorious introduction the allure of the world of billiards has kept Shaun's interest all the way to his professional status in 2006 and today Shaun is the top player in Maryland. Smart money says that the little guy with the ball cap can take it all, so be prepared to sit for a while when you play Shaun. A fearless shot maker, Shaun has won the hearts and minds of all who have watched his great competitive spirit, and I will long remember his great 2007 match with the legendary Mika Immonen and his match in the finals of our MD 2010 tournament with Danny Harriman when he lost a gut-wrenching heartbreaker to finish 2nd. Shaun recently had a new high run of 199. He placed in the final 32 players in the 2008 World Tournament and took 2nd place in the Valley Forge 2008 9 Ball event. Shaun is currently #5 on the BCA Rankings list. Many industry suppliers have joined forces with Mr. Wilkie over the years starting in 2009 with his cue sponsor LUCASI HYBRID cues. Shaun notes that his acceptance into the Lucasi Hybrid team was one of the most humbling choices of his billiards career. Jamie & Wes Bond of Cue & Case Sales Inc., have been awesome all the way and Shaun plans on continuing his ties to the team of **Lucasi Hybrid**. Other **Sponsors include Focused Apparel (Brian Russell), QPOD chalk holder, Black Heart Billiard Tips, the APA of South Jersey, www.cueshark.com, Pure X cues,** and of course to our own accomplished **Tournament Director, Miss Megan Fort.**



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Ed Culhane, Totowa, NJ "Eddie the Lock"
b. 1955, New Jersey

Ed is a locksmith by trade and a long time NJ player who has always loved 14.1 and plays frequently in the Dragon Promotions World 14.1 Tournament. He has a recent big win on the Tri-State Tour stop at Sandcastle Billiards where he came from the one loss side to best the field. We welcome Ed to our tournament for the first time. **Sponsor: Pat Fleming Accu-Stats Video Productions; Mike Lambros Custom 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 score of years ago! My goodness! Today Michael is one of the top young players in the NY area and a regular in all of the regional tournaments there as well as making a solid showing in the 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 to Maryland, Michael.



Mike Clements, Littlestown, PA
b. 1970.

Mike & his wife Marcia are avid 14.1 fans and came down to our tournament last year at Top Hat just south of their home to watch the matches! Wow is all Mike could say. "Can I play next year?" Of course, and so this year they worked in a nice long vacation weekend and tied it in with the best pool game of all, 14.1. Thanks for including us in your holiday Mike and welcome to Virginia and the 2014 American Straight Pool Championship.



Jason Klatt, Bloomington, IL "Klatticus"
b. 1986, Selkirk MB, Canada

Jason, a top professional from Canada, making appearances in the prestigious events like World Pool Masters and World Cup of Pool. He has many impressive titles to his name including 7 time Canadian Open Champion, Memphis Open Champion, BCA 9 Ball Champion and US 8 Ball Bar Table Champion. When Jason isn't perfecting his pool game, he keeps active by playing golf and running. Jason is also a great chef. This will be Jason's first appearance with us and his first 14.1 event ever. Best of luck to you, Jason. **Sponsors: Mezz Cues, Chalk Cube.**



Final Four 2013



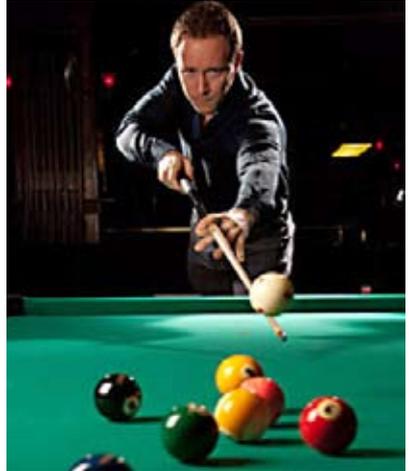
Mika Immonen

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 U.S. Open 9-Ball, 2nd
- 2002 UPA World 10 Ball Champion
- 2003 Philippine Open Champion
- 2006 Weert Open & invitational 7-ball Champion
- 2007 Derby City Straight Pool Champion
- 2007 MD 14.1 Straight Pool Champion
- 2008 US Open 9-Ball Champion
- 2008 Mosconi Cup MVP
- 2008 All Japan Champion
- 2009 World 14.1 Straight Pool Tour., 2nd
- 2009 US Open 9-Ball Champion
- 2009 World 10-Ball Champion
- 2009 Pro Pool Player of the Year



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 World 9-Ball Champion
- 2003 New Jersey State 14.1 Champion
- 2003 German 9-Ball Champion
- 2005 World Open 9-Ball Championship
- 2005 World Pool League Champion
- 2005 Silver Medal World Games
- 2006 World 14.1 Champion
- 2006 IPT North American Open 8-Ball Champion
- 2007 European 9-Ball Champion
- 2008 Lucasi Hybrid 14.1 Champion
- 2011 World 14.1 Champion
- 2013 World 14.1 Champion
- 2013 World 9-Ball Champion
- 2013 MD 14.1 Straight Pool Champion



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Day 3 ~ Sun. Sep 15, 2014

Single Elimination

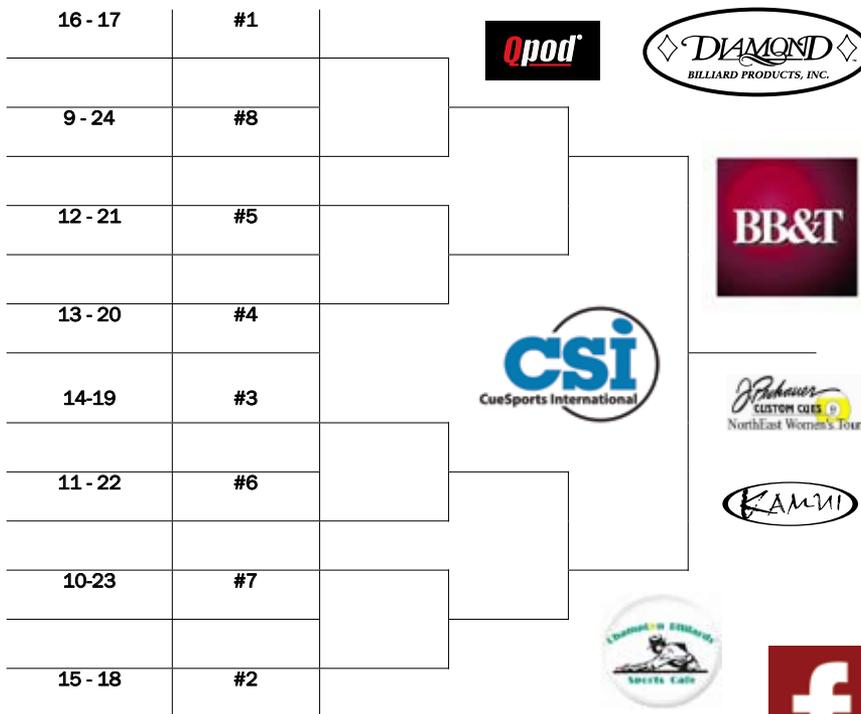
Fri-Sat. Round Robin: 2nd Place 9-16 play 3rd Place 17-24.Flight winners from RR get 1st round Bye on Sunday

All rounds Seeded based on W-L, Head to Head, Ball Differential

Sunday match times; Prize fund ~ 40 players \$ 25,000				
			17-24th	\$ 300 *
1 st round	9:30	125 pts	9-16 th	\$ 600 *
2 nd round	11:30	125 pts	5-8 th	\$ 1,200 *
Quar Finals	1:45	150 pts	3-4 th	\$2,000 *
Semi Finals	4:00	150 pts	2 nd	\$3,500 *
Finals	7:00	175 pts	Winner	\$5,000

* payment to losing player in each round

\$ 300	\$ 600	\$ 1,200	\$ 2,000	\$3,500	\$ 5,000
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\$100. #1 Seed player going into the Sunday Single elimination

\$100. High Run for Saturday

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\$100. High Run for 16 who do not advance to Sunday

\$300. Blind draw for 16 who do not advance to Sunday



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Finalists 2012



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