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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 13th annual 2017 American 14.1 Straight Pool Championship being held at Diamond Billiards, just outside of Richmond, VA on Oct. 17-21, 2017.

Peter, who is the Tournament Chairman, said that three dozen world class players from around the globe, USA, ASIA, EUROPE will come to the Richmond area for five days to compete in one of the top 14.1 tournaments in the world. Players include recent World 14.1 Champions: Thorsten Hohmann (2015, 2013, 2011, 2006), Darren Appleton (2014), Niels Feijen (2008) and John Schmidt (2012) & legend Bob Hunter (1990) along with Hall of fame players Mika Immonen, Rodney Morris, Karen Corr & Johnny Archer and European greats David Alcaide & Ralf Souquet along with half a dozen of Asia's finest layers. The field also includes the top 14.1 players in the USA: Jayson Shaw, Shaun Wilkie, Bob Maidhof, Brandon Shuff, Danny Barouty plus a dozen of the nation's finest Straight Pool players in a high powered five day tournament.

The 13th annual American 14.1 Straight Pool Championship is being held for the 4th year in a row at beautiful Diamond Billiards, 13184 Midlothian Pike, Midlothian, VA 23113 which is considered one of the premier billiard rooms in Virginia. Our thanks to Thomas Dorsey and his partners and employees for once again hosting this year's tournament.



2017 American 14.1 Straight Pool Championship Diamond Billiards, Midlothian, VA Tue - Friday Oct. 17-21, 2017. Round Robin ~ All Matches to 100 points



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David Alcaide, Salamanca, Spain

b. 1978, Malaga, Spain

At the young age of 29 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 2nd venture to our tournament.

Hector del Amo Garcia, Vigo, Spain

b. 1985, Vigo, Spain Young Hector first began playing in 1997 and today is one of the top players in his homeland and early on won 3 youth Spanish titles and today has +20 medals in various Spain Championships including the Spain Cup. Here in the US Hector has finished 3rd in the 2015 Las Vegas Master Division. His HR is 92.











Darren Appleton, Whitehall, 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 he 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. Darren has twice won the World 14.1 title, and in July 2016 he 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 4th 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**







Johnny Archer, Acworth, GA "The Scorpion" BCA Hall of Fame 4x World 9 Ball Champ



b. 1968, Twin City, Georgia

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 young children. Today he is recognized around the world as one of the game's few paragons. His credits are truly legendary and he has won more than seventy professional tournaments. Among his top honors: 4x World 9 Ball Champion including back-to-back titles in 1993-94; Winner US. OPEN 9 Ball Title in 1999; World Championship 1st Place 1997; 7x Player of the Year and 1990s Player of the Decade! 12x member of the prestigious USA MOSCONI CUP TEAM. 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 6th visit to us and it is indeed an honor to have a fine gentleman here on our doorstep.

Johnny is sponsored by CueStix International & Scorpion Cues.

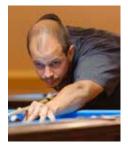
Radoslaw Babica, Rokietnica, Poland. 2017 Poland 10 Ball Champion

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 anniv. 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. 2017 is Mr. Babica's 3rd trip to our Championship. **He is sponsored by QUAY**







James Gazafi, Jr., Burlington, NJ

b. 1981 Willingboro, NJ

Jimmy began playing at age 11 and recently finished 2nd in the Delran NJ 14.1 Straight Pool Tournament. His high run is 35. Jim is engaged to our American 14.1 Tournament Director Megan Fort. He has finished high at recent APA 8 Ball events and now is finding that 14.1 is fast becoming his "second" love. Welcome Jimmy. Sponsor: Jake Lawson,

Lights Out Billiards Apparel.











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 enters his 60s Danny's skills have not 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. Best of all, his pool is a close match for his wonderfully whimsical personality. 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 2nd 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 newest "Filipino phenom" 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. Earlier this year Carlo finished 4th in the Open 10 Ball Pro Championships. Carlo is the proud papa of five children . . . so how does he keep up his pool game?







Max Eberle, N. Las Vegas, NV "Mad Max"

b. 1969 on the moon . . . where else!



"Mad Max" brings a flair and smooth style to our sport like no other. A three time National 8-Ball Champion. Max was voted the UPA Sportsman of the Year. He has played around the globe & authored numerous books and articles for billiard column magazines. Max is health conscious and outspoken in his ideas on improving our lives and making the world a better place. Max has worked in Hollywood, performing and assisting with movies and commercials with Michael Jordan and Matthew Perry. Max is an art lover and award winning artist whose popular work has a unique blend of meaning, beauty & impact. Along with his passion for art 'Mad Max' has played pool since 12. He has long been one of the top players on the Pro Pool circuit and has many appearances in the World 14.1 Straight Pool Tournament, making another splendid run in 2015 year going 4-1 in the preliminaries and reached the semi-finals against a star studded field. This is Max's 3rd trip to our 14.1.



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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 founder and Director of Maryland 14.1 Open which now enters its 13th 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 & John ... God Bless them!

Yu-Lung Chang, Taiwan "Fly Dragon" b. 1981, Taiwan

This year Mr. Chang finished 3rd in World Cup after winning it in 2015. He is 3x China Open 9B Champion, 2016 7th in US Open 9Ball. Winner 2015 Steinway 10 Ball; 2014 WPA World 9B 3rd; he has a high run of 150. This is Yu-Lung's first visit to our Championship and we look forward to watching him play our beautiful game.







Karen Corr, Feasterville, PA Women's World 9 Ball title; 4xWorld Snooker Champion; BCA Hall of Fame.

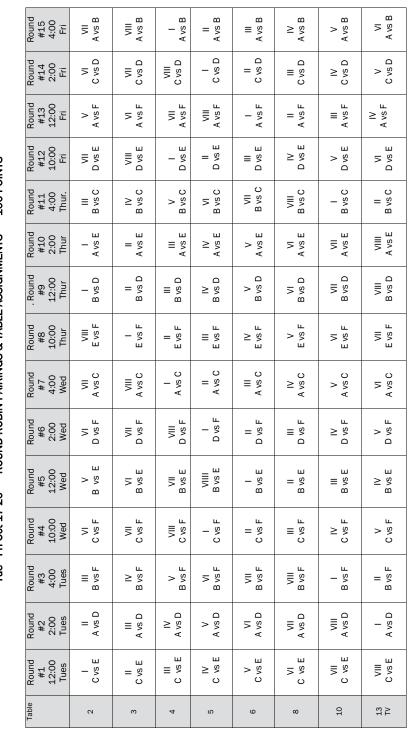
b. 1969, Ballymoney, Northern Ireland

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.

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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. 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 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.

Corey Deuel, Newport Richey, FL "Cash Money", 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.





Maksim Dudanets, Moscow, Russia

b. 1999, Moscow, Russia

Wow! This young phenom is setting the entire pool word aglow. Wait until you see him play! Only 18 and Max has recently come to the US to play and everyone is buzzing. Max is making his 2nd visit to our 14.1 and so now we have yet another "Max" to worry about defeating and this young man will not be easily sent to the canvas. In 2016 Maksim finished 7th in the Turning Stone Classic. **C возвращением, Max!**

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 Alan has played in virtually all of past Championships along with assisting our tournament promotion and printing. Thank you for playing & for your help Alan.





Niels Feijen, Osted, Netherlands, "The Terminator" 2008 World 14.1 Champion, 2014 World 9 Ball Champion; 2016 American 14.1 title



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 3rd 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.

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 2nd visit to our tournament after finishing in the money last year. Welcome back to VA Denis. **Sponsor Mezz Cues**





Mario He, Austria

1993, Austria Young Mario has caught fire of late, and just in the nick of time for our Tournament and the US Open. So far in 2017 he has won the World Cup, 1st in Austrian Open, 5th in the terrific field at RYO Classic and 9th in the US Open 10 Ball. Mario is single and a Professional player appearing regularly on the Euro tour circuit. Welcome to Virginia, Mario.





Andre Alimonica (CAMUI)

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. 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. 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

so it is a great honor that Thorsten is again lending us his support. Thank you Toasty! **Sponsor: Simonis Cloth, Lucasi Cues, Kamui.**

Kai-Lun Hsu, Taiwan "Sai-Ya Superman"

b. 1988, Taiwan

Young Mr. Hsu has a high run of 120 and in 2016 he finished 3rd in Gotham 9B; 2015 5th in US Open 9B; 2011 2nd in China Open 9B. This is Kai-Lun's 1st visit to our tournament.



Sponsor: Taiwan Typhoon.





Bob Hunter, Prospect Heights, IL., Straight Pool Hall of Fame b. 1953, Detroit, MI



Bob was born in Detroit and grew up in Grand Rapids, MI home of the late great Harold Worst. He quickly became a pool playing legend and today is still a World Champion as well as a world class cue maker. Bobby Hunter was a legendary road player and virtually every town from Bangor to Bakersfield can relate Bobby Hunter tales of old when the local's best player was cold-cocked by the Grand Rapids phenom. He ran over 100 balls before the age of 18 and in 1990 Bob won the World 14.1 Championship. Bob's high run is 225 at the renowned Amsterdam Billiards in NYC. He is past board member of the BCA & also past Pres. of MPBA Players Assn., and Captain of the US Mosconi Cup team for two years. We are indeed fortunate to have a great Champion and a genuine nice gentleman in our midst. Thanks, Bobby.

Sponsor: Hunter Custom Cues, Chicago, IL



Mika Immonen, New York City, NY "The Ice Man" 4x 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 in2014 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 Sept. 2016 Mika won his 4th World 14.1 title at Steinway Billiards in NYC. Mika has been a long and loyal supporter of our 14.1 and

we appreciate it, Mika. Sponsor: Mezz Cues, FCXM, Kamui



Konrad Juszczyszyn, Lubin, Poland

b. 1993, Legnica, Poland

Young Mr. J. (you pronounce it!) may not be well known to us here in the US but in his homeland Konrad is one of the very top players. He is not married and focuses his energy on honing his skills as a Professional Pool Player. Konrad is 2x winner of the Poland 9B title (2015 & 16) and won the Gotham City Classic in 2016. This year he was 3rd in the Euro 9B Championship. Welcome to Virginia Konrad and a chance to play a real man's game! But with a High Run of 224 Konrad already knows all about "the real game".





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 Philippine 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 a most of the year playing all over and we are pleased that this great player and delightful gentleman is making his 4th trip to our 14.1.







Max Eberle



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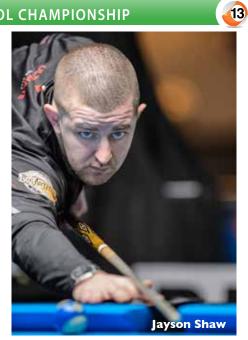


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Li-Wen Lo. Yokohama, Japan "Rolex"

b. 1978, Taipei, Taiwan

In between being a dad of twin sons, Li-Wen has a HR of 313 and winner of over 50 events in Asia and around the world. He is 4x Japan 14.1 champ, 3x Asian Cup 9B Champ. 2010 US Open 10-Ball 2nd. 2016 World 14.1 3rd. This is Le-Wen's 1st visit to our tournament.

Sponsors: Just Do It; Hybrid Chalk; Pool Lab;

Bob Madenjian, DVM, Brooklyn, CT

b. 1958 in New Jersey

Bob is married with two 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 6th visit our championship. And make sure that you try his great pepper jam! The best!

> Bob Maidhof, Drexel Hill, PA "Drexeline Bob" b. Bronx. NY 1960

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 tourney's 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

Petri Makkonen, "Petu", Hyvinkaa, Finland

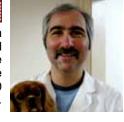
b. 1988, Hyvinkaa, Finland

Young Mr. Petri is making his first visit to our Championship, hoping to follow in the footsteps of his countryman, Hall of Fame Mika Immonen, winner of our 2007 tourn. Petri has begun to make a name of his own, winning the World Cup of Pool 2012, and semi-finalists in 2013 & 2014. He has won on the Euro tour and is a Silver Medalist in the Euro 10 Ball Championships. With a high run of 270 Petri is surely one of the young favorites to reckon with in Virginia.

Sponsors: Corba Custom Cues; Suomen Biljardimyynti; M3 Logistiikka Oy; Taom Tips; Musta Kasi.



















Chris Melling, "The Magician", Keighley, England b. 1979, Keighley, W. Yorkshire, England Chris has excelled at both Pool & Snooker in the UK for two decades with many high finishes on the Euro tour and 2x English Pool 8 Ball World Champion in 2001 & 2003. He was ranked #1 in 2003 by the World 8-Ball Federation. Chris is 2x winner of the International Pool Masters (2001 and 2002) and won the European Professional title in 2002. Chris was 2011 Mosconi Cup MVP. He is past Winer of prestigious 2011 China Open and finished 5th in the US Open 9 Ball in 2013. His favorite win coming from 3 down to best SVB! And Chris has recently taken to our game, 14.1, winning the 2017 DCC and 4th in US Open 14.1. Please welcome Chris to his 1st appearance in our tournament. You might challenge him to a game of Darts too! Thanks for playing Chris.

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 13th tournament!









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 is 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 Efren 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 3rd shot at our 14.1 event. Sponsors: Andy Billiard Cloth, Taom Tips, Moose Billiard Shoes



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

- 2008 Euro Tour Italian Open Champion
- 2008 DC 14.1 Champion
- 2009 Ranked No. 1 in the World
- 2009 World Masters Champion
- 2009 U.S. Open 10 Ball Champion
- 2010 U.S. Open 9 Ball Champion
- 2010 World Team Champions
- 2010 Euro Tour Spanish Open champion
- 2010 Player of the Year
- 2010 Ranked # 1 in World
- 2011 DC 14.1 Champion
- 2011 U.S. Open 9 Ball Champion
- 2011 International Challenge of Champ. 1st
- 2012 World 9 Ball Champion
- 2012 International Challenge of Champ. 1st
- 2012 Ranked # 1 in World

- 2013 World Games Champion gold medal
- 2013 World 14.1 Straight Pool 2nd
- 2013 World Masters 2nd
- 2013 Make It Happen 8 Ball champion
- 2013 European Player of the Year
- 2014 World 14.1 Straight Pool champion
- 2014 World Cup of Pool champion
- 2014 American 14.1 Straight Pool 1st
- 2014 Make It Happen All Around champion
- 2014 Make It Happen 8 Ball champion
- 2015 American 14.1 Straight Pool 1st
- 2015 World 8 Ball champion
- 2015 World 14.1 Straight Pool 2nd
- 2015 World Masters 2nd
- 5x Mosconi Cup Champion and MVP. Over 250 other individual titles.



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.

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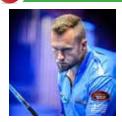




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Nikos Oikonomopoulos, Zográfou, Greece "The Greek" b. 1982 Athens, Greece

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 2nd time. **Sponsor: 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 3rd visit to our tournament. **Sponsor: Bugsy Promotions; Tiger Products.**





Albin Ouschan, Maria Saal, Austria. WPA World 9 Ball Champion 2016 b. 1990 Austria

Young Mr. Ouschan follows closely the footsteps of his illustrious sister, Jasmin, and this year he was 1st in World Cup and 5th in the China Open. Albin has been a member of the Euro Mosconi Cup team and in 2016 defeated Shane Von Boening to win the coveted WPA World 9 Ball Title. This is his first visit to our tournament and Albin promised me that if he wins this year he will make sure that comely Jasmin comes over to play in 2018! Hope you win, Albin!

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 and his comic impersonation of other players is always 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 once again, Alex, for your 3rd visit.







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Darvl 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 3rd 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. 1991Spain

One of the top young players in Europe today and in 2016 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 2nd crack at our American 14.1. Welcome back to Virginia. Francisco.

John Schmidt, Hesperia, CA "Mr. 400"

b. 1973 San Diego, CA John and his wife Felicity are avid campers, hikers and golfers. 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. Welcome back to our American 14.1. John. and best of luck.







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Jayson Shaw, Orange, CT "Eagle Eye"

b. 1988, Glascow, 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 DCC 14.1 with his career High Run of 227! Currently young phenom, Jayson, is Ranked No. 2 in the World and returns to our championship for the 3rd time with his sights clearly focused on knocking off Dynamite Darren & cohorts. Jayson and his wife, Ara, have a small daughter Lee Anna. Jayson is sponsored by Lucasi; OB Cues.

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 American tournament where he always makes a strong showing. His 2014 fantastic comeback win vs. legend José Parica will long be remembered by all who witnessed the stout heart of this great player.





Jani Siekkinen, Helsinki, Finland b. 1987, Helsinki, Finland

Jani has been a pro for five years and is making his 1st visit to our tournament and looks forward to the challenge here in Virginia. Jani is a 12x medalist in Finnish tournaments and was his country's National Champion as well as a European Championship bronze medalist (Team Division) and Baltic Pool League Winner. His HR is 121. Do we have the next Mika in our midst? Welcome to our 14.1 Jani. Sponsors: Jasalste Co.; Suomen Biljardimyynti (Finnish Billiard supplies); Polarfloor Co.; TAOM Tips & Chalk.

Ralf Souquet "The Kaiser" Manching, Germany, US Open 9Ball title; World 9 Ball title; World 8 Ball title, US Open 14.1 2000; BCA Hall of Fame. b. 1968, Eschweiler, Germany

This is Ralf's 1st visit to our tournament and if my memory serves me he has been playing pool since before he learned to ride his tricycle along the banks of the Meuse. That's over four decades ago so why has it taken The Kaiser so long to get here? Well, it just might be that in those intervening years the little German with the huge smile has won more than 300 tournaments around the world and for the past three decades Ralf is recognized everywhere as one of the legends of the game we love. In 1996, he won the WPA World Nine-ball Championship & reached the finals of the same event in 2001 & 2006. In 2002 he won the US Open 9B title. In 2008 Ralf won his 2nd World title, the World 8 Ball Championship. Let's not forget 14.1 and Ralf has been one of the finest Straight Pool players in the world for three decades including winning the US Open Straight Pool title in 2000; High Run 285. Please welcome a delightful man and articulate polished champion. Thanks for 'finally' making our tournament Ralf!

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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 Hessia. 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 Inten Sin 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







Billy Thorpe, Dayton, OH

b. 1997, Dayton, OH

Talk about a young gun who is setting the pool world on fire ... this is your man! Billy is presently rated among the top players in the US and it is no wonder why. 2017 he won the DCC 1 Pocket title! And 2nd DCC Master of the Table. Though he has not played a lot of 14.1 Billy has a high run of 110 and brings his A game to our tournament for the very first time. Good luck Billy and hope you become a regular to our American 14.1. Billy is sponsored by Molinari.

Lee Van Corteza, Davao City Philippines 'Van 2007 Philippine Nat'l Champion b. 1979, Davao City

Another of the great Philippine players following in the footsteps of greats Efren, Bustie, Warren Kiamco, Dennis Orcollo & Alex P. Lee started playing pool in 1993 and has won four Gold Medals and one Silver Medal at the Southeast Asian Games, and was the winner of the 2004 tournament in the Philippines defeating fellow countryman Francisco Bustamante in the finals. In 2007 Corteza won the Philippine National Championship. This is his 2nd visit to our 14.1. Welcome back to Virginia Lee!











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 Harriman 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.

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Tom Walter, Great Neck, NY

b. 1954, NY We are pleased once more to drag Tom in off his favorite golf course to come down to Virginia to play. Last year Tom made another great run in our tournament, knocking off the likes of Alaska Morgan & Mike Davis to finish in the top 8 before losing to eventual runner-up Karen Corr in the semi-finals. If you want to know how strong Tom plays just watch, and ask Mike Davis, who said that he learned more in his match with Tom than with anyone else. Tom has appeared in the World 14.1 tournament many times and has been one of NY areas top 100 ball runners for three decades. We thank you, Tom, for coming down to Virginia.

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 124. Welcome back Michael.

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Zion Zvi, Flushing, Queens, NY

b. 1978 in Tel Aviv, Israel

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Zion was 2nd in 2005 MD 14.1 Open with a sterling win over Ryan McCreesh. Since then he has played in many of our tournaments as well as the World 14.1 Championships and virtually all NY area 9 ball events. Zion frequently finishes near the top of the leader board and is always a threat to carry off 1st prize! He has recently turned away from the pool world as he begins to build his career in NYC. We hope only temporarily as ZZ is truly one of the top players and a real threat in any game. This just might be his year! High Run 190, so it is nice to have this great talent back once more. Good luck ZZ. **Sponsors: High Rock & Molinari**







Peter & Megan



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Billy Thorpe



Johnny Archer





John Schmidt



Jayson Shaw



Albin Ouschan



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Fri-Sat match times; Prize fund 48 players \$ 41,000						
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1st round	Fri 7:00 pm	125 pts	9-16 th	\$ 900 *		
2nd round	Fri 9:00 pm	125 pts	5-8 th	\$1,500 *		
Quarter Finals	Sat 11:00 am	150 pts	3-4 th	\$3,000 *		
Semi Finals	Sat 1:30 & 4:30	150 pts	2 nd	\$6,000 *		
Finals	Sat 7:00 pm	150 pts	Winner	\$10,000		
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