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The 14th annual American 14.1 Straight Pool Championship being held at Carom Cafe, 34-02 Linden Pl., Flushing, Oct. 16-19, 2017, is considered by many experts to be among the world's premiere pool tournament events. Tournament founder Peter Burrows of Annapolis, Maryland notes: "Straight Pool is considered to be the truest test of pool tournament skill and attracts the best-of-the-best from across the globe. This year's field includes players from USA, Asia, and Europe competing for the \$40,000 prize fund." Hall of Fame legends and multiple world record holders such as Thorsten Hohmann, Efen Reyes, and Mika Immonen comprise the majority of the 48 player field rounded out with top New York players: Tony Robles, Holden Chin, Zion Zvi, among others.

The first two days of the tournament are a round robin format. Matches are 125 points and play runs Tuesday & Wednesday 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Thursday and Friday are the single elimination rounds. The finals are Friday at 7:00 p.m. The all-day admission fee is \$10. Feature matches and the finals will be live-streamed free throughout the day courtesy of Carom Café. They offer a full-service restaurant, bar and excellent viewing. Please visit our website at www.amerianstraightpool.com.



Maksim Dudanets



Joey Korsiak



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Round Robin, Matches to 125, Oct 16 – 17, 2018

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A	 DENNIS ORCOLLO Quezon City, Philippines	 JOHN SCHMIDT Hesperia, CA	 EFREN REYES Philippines	 RALF SOUQUET Geisenfeld, Germany	 LEE VAN CORTENZA Davao City, Philippines	 THORSTEN HOHMANN Jacksonville, FL	 KONRAD JUSCZYŃSKI Lublin, Poland	 MIKA IMMONEN New York, NY	
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C	Yellow	Blue	Red	Pink	Orange	Green	Purple	Grey	
D	Yellow	Blue	Red	Pink	Orange	Green	Purple	Grey	
E	Yellow	Blue	Red	Pink	Orange	Green	Purple	Grey	
F	Yellow	Blue	Red	Pink	Orange	Green	Purple	Grey	



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 3rd venture to our tournament. The Big 4-0 is around the corner now; congratulations, David, and may the next 40 be even better for you. High Run 197.



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. But as we now see his countrymen are yapping at his heels! He has made appearances in numerous 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. 2018 is Mr. Babica's 3rd trip to our Championship. **He is sponsored by QUAY**

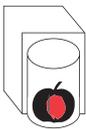


Peter Burrows, Annapolis, MD "Peter Pool" Tournament Founder & Chmn.



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 14th 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!**



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Mike Badstuebner 'Fingers', Bethpage, NY



b. 1970, Bethpage, NY

Mike has been around the NY pool circuit for years, winning over 50 events and top finishes in regional tours and is one of the top amateur players in the state. Just this past August 'Fingers' finished 3rd in the Dragon Promotions 14.1. Mike is married and this is his first shot at our championship. Good luck, Mr. Fingers. **Sponsor: Lights Out Billiards Apparel;**



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Rhys Chen, Nyack, NY



b. 1987, Ohco Rios, Jamaica

Rhys is a relative newbie to this great game of 14.1 and has already run in the 80s a number of times. He made a strong showing at the recent Dragon 14.1 and was the 2015 Ginky Mem. Amateur Champ. Rhys is married and hails from the pristine shores of Jamaica; if you haven't visited Ocho Rios put it on your bucket list! Rhys & his wife, Lenore, own Spot Billiards, Nanuet, NY. Welcome to our Tournament, Rhys and we hope this is the first of many!

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Ruslan Chinahov, Moscow, Russia "Siberian Express"



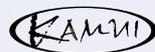
Russian Junior World Champ; 2018 Derby City 14.1 title

b. 1992 Moscow, Russia

Just 25, young Mr. Chinahov is single and one of the top players in Russia and has set his sights high. In 2017 he won the Derby City 14.1 Challenge, finished 9th in the World 9-Ball and 17th in the World 10-Ball tournaments, plus both the VA & TX 10 Ball Titles. Welcome back to our tournament for the 2nd time Ruslan. **Sponsors: Mezz Cues, Kamui, Lucasi, MKBS & Imperya Moscow.**



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Holden Chin, Flushing, NY



b. 1963, New York City

After nearly two decades as owner & proprietor of the popular room Raax, 510 Hempstead Pike, West Hempstead, NY, Holden interrupts his busy schedule to return for the 2nd time to our tournament and test his 14.1 skills against some of the big boys! When you run a busy pool room it is never easy to get away. Holden has a high run of 179, twice mine! Holden & Raax held a Qualifier for our tournament this year to give a local player a chance to get in. His Q. was won by top local amateurs Rob Pole and John Walsh. Congrats to both of them and thanks, Holden. **Sponsor: Molinari; Raax Pool Room.**





Mike Davis, Raleigh, NC “Iron Mike”



b. 1975 Fayetteville, NC.

Mike is a longtime east coast player and one of the feared players on the pro tour. Mike includes the great game of 14.1 in his repertoire 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 14 years and in 2007 he finished 2nd to Mika Immonen. But the most exciting news is Mike’s September marriage to Miss Shannon, his biggest win of all for sure! Congratulations, Mike, and thanks for your long and loyal support of our tournament from its earliest years..



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 20, 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.

С возвращением, Max!

Sponsor: Alex Borukhovich, New York, City



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 periodicals. Max is health conscious and outspoken in his ideas on improving our lives and making the world a better place and 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 circuit and has many appearances in the Dragon 14.1 Tournament, making a strong run in 2015 reaching the semi-finals against a star-studded field. This is Max’s 4th trip to our 14.1. Thanks, Max!



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Ralph Eckert, Berlin, Germany
b. 1965, Manheim, Germany



Germany has long been known for its 14.1 prowess, Oliver Ortmann, Ralf Souquet and a host of others, and Herr Eckert ranks with them and among the top straight pool players in Europe. Ralph has written 3 PAT books & 7 Pool & Billiard instruction books in both German & English, as well as tv commentary. Ralph is a sought-after teacher and players flock to Berlin from all over the world to take his "10 Hour Pool Power Lessons". In 2010 he was 2nd in the Derby City 14.1 Challenge. In 2012 he finished 3rd in the similar 14.1 at Hopkins Expo and 3rd in the World 14.1 Tournament. We all attest to his strong performances at our own tournament on many past occasions. He is one of those rarified players who is a favorite to run 100 balls any time he gets to the table and has a high run of 350. **Sponsors: Arthur Queue; Kamui Brand; Bata Bar & Billiards Berlin; Hannibal Billiards Berlin; Check Billiard Training App; HYPER-LINK** "<http://www.ralpheckert.com>" www.ralpheckert.com



Elliot Eisenberg, M.D., San Francisco, CA



b. 1970, San Francisco

Dr. Elliot is an eye surgeon in the Bay Area and a lifelong pool player and fan and supporter of the American 14.1. This year is his first year with us and he also played in the Dragon Promotions 14.1. Welcome, Elliot, good luck and thanks for your support.



Mieszko Fortunski, Lublin, Poland



b. 1992, Lublin, Poland

Young, nerves of steel, tough to beat for sure! Another of the terrific young players that our august winner in 2017, Konrad J., and Rad have lured to our tournament to rub elbows with the big boys over here in Uncle Sam country. We hope you have a fine tournament Mieszko.



Tom Gleich, Durham, NC



b. 1963, North Carolina

Tom plays 14.1 every chance he possibly can. A chip off the old block! Makes him a real fan of Peter Pool. And Mr. Tom is a major supporter of our tournament not only as a dedicated player, but in his generous support of our Prize Fund. Thanks, Tom, for playing and for your support. .



Fedor Gorst, Moscow, Russia, 2017 World Junior Champion



b. 2000, Moscow, Russia

Young Mr. Fedor began playing Russian Pyramid less than a decade ago and quickly turned his attention to other disciplines and still not 20 he won the World Junior Championship and was 2nd at Derby City Bigfoot. He is beginning to find his way around a 14.1 rack and has a HR of 172.

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Table	Round #1 12:00 Tue	Round #2 2:15 Tue	Round #3 4:30 Tue	Round #4 6:45 Tue	Round #5 9:00 Tue	Round #6 12:00 Wed	Round #7 2:15 Wed	Round #8 4:30 Wed	Round #9 6:45 Wed	Round #10 9:00 Wed
22	1 A vs D	5 A vs D	4 A vs C	8 A vs C	2 B vs C	6 B vs C	3 A vs E	7 A vs E	2 A vs B	6 A vs B
23	1 B vs E	5 B vs E	4 B vs D	8 B vs D	2 A vs F	6 A vs F	3 B vs F	7 B vs F	2 C vs E	6 C vs E
24	1 C vs F	5 C vs F	4 E vs F	8 E vs F	2 D vs E	6 D vs E	3 C vs D	7 C vs D	2 D vs F	6 D vs F
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36	4 C vs F	8 C vs F	1 E vs F	5 E vs F	3 D vs E	7 D vs E	2 C vs D	6 C vs D	4 D vs F	8 D vs F

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Mario He, Feldrich, Austria



b. 1993, Rankweil, Austria

Young Mario has caught fire of late, and this will be his 2nd visit to our championship. In 2017 he won the World Cup, 1st in Austrian Open, 5th in the terrific field at RYO Classic and 9th in the US Open 10 Ball. 2017 his 1st try in our 14.1 he finished 9/16! Mario is single and a Pro player appearing regularly on the Euro tour circuit. High Run 293. Welcome back, Mario. **Sponsors: Kamui, Mezz Cues, Exceed, Carhouse Kia Maier**



Dr. Jim Heller, M.D., FACS. Short Hills, NJ



Dr. Jim hails from the Philadelphia suburbs

where he is 1) a fine pool player 2) a superfine thoracic surgeon . . . I am not sure Jim would put them in that order, so how much time does that leave for pool? . . . hmmm. But you will be surprised, as Jim is a strong player, an avid supporter of 14.1 and most particularly of our tournament where he has played from the early years. Thanks again for your support, Jim.

Sponsor: Jim's wife, Ann Heller. Orion Associates, Duane & Mary Ann Taylor, Warren, NJ.



Thorsten Hohmann, Jacksonville, FL "The Hitman"



5x World 14.1 Champion 2006, 2011, 2013, 2015; 2018; 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 Dragon 14.1 Championship for the 4th time as well as the World 10-Ball Open. In Aug. 2018 Thorsten won his 5th Dragon 14.1 World 14.1 title. 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 a dozen times and we realize that his tour schedule is jam packed so it is a great honor that he lends us his support. Thank you Toasty! **Sponsor: Cyclop Balls, More Future, Kamui.**

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**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 Boston to Barstow 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. Bob is married to lovely Debbie and they have two children.

Sponsor: Hunter Custom Cues, Prospect Heights, 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**



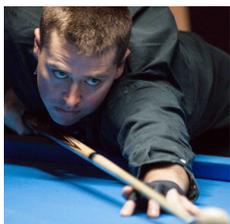
b. 1972 of Finnish descent, born in Paddington, England.

Mika, born near London, was raised in homeland Finland, 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 many times 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**

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Ben Judge, Padbury, Australia



b. 1983, Sydney, Australia

Ben is a former Aussie Pro Snooker player, so you know what that means, he is good at 'potting' alternating numbers and reds! After a brief sabbatical to start his young family, Ben has taken a strong interest in American pool and recently finished 12th in the World 14.1. His High Run is 210 and this will be Ben's first crack at our championship.



Konrad Juszczyszyn, Lublin, Poland, 2017 Winner American 14.1



b. 1993, Legnica, Poland

Young Mr. J. (you pronounce it!) was not especially known to us here in the US until his very 1st appearance in our 2017 tournament. Guess what! He went 10-0 over four days, undefeated to win our Championship. In his homeland Konrad is one of the very top players and obviously here as well. 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. 2017 he was 3rd in the Euro 9B Championship. Welcome back to the USA Konrad and defense of your 2017 title! Konrad's high run is 224 so watch out for a repeat, two in a row!

Sponsor: Predator; ERG Bieruń Folie.



Eklent Kaci, Albania



b. 1998, Albania

Boy, talk about a terrific young player! Eklent has become a household name in 9 ball in the past year, virtually setting the world on fire. I have watched him a little although not playing 14.1, so now's the chance for us to see how he does vs. our Straight Pool field. This will be Eklent's first go at our tournament and we wish him well. I would not be at all surprised if, like young Konrad J. last year, he comes out on top. Just a terrific stroke and all-around game. Thanks for playing Eklent. I hope the first of many visits!

Sponsor Predator



Warren Kiamco, Quezon City, Philippines



b. 1970 Cebu City, Philippines

Warren is married and the proud papa of three beautiful daughters and still manages 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 most of the year playing all over and we are pleased that this great player and delightful gentleman his making his 5th trip to our 14.1.

Sponsor: Alex Borukhovich, New York City.



Joey Korsiak, Ronkonkoma, NY



b. 1977, New York

One of the top NY area pros and Joey is taking his first shot at our tournament. He was the 1997 Junior Nat'l Champion, and in 2017 won the NJ 9-Ball title. High Run 140. He is not to be overlooked that's for sure. Good luck Joey.

Sponsor: Capone Cues



Marek Kudlik, Adamowice, Poland



b. 1993, Kutno, Poland

Marek is making his 2nd visit to the USA this year. Earlier he came for the DCC where he finished 20th and ran 155 to capture 4th in the Straight Pool Challenge. Marek has a HR of 197 and spends much of his time in Poznan, Poland where he went to school. Now he plans to take some of our top players "to school" in 14.1. Welcome to our tournament Marek. **Sponsor is ERG Bieruń Folie.**



Hunter Lombardo, Royal Palm B., FL



b. 1979

Hunter has been a long-time east coast Pro focusing on rotation games and finally we've convinced him, maybe coerced is a better word, to take a crack at 14.1. Hunter keeps up a busy schedule traveling up and down the eastern seaboard from Miami to NYC teaching and playing. Thanks, Hunter, for making our tournament this year and we wish you best of luck. Come back.



Bob Madenjian, DVM, Brooklyn, CT



b. 1958 in New Jersey

Bob has two sons and a busy Veterinary practice in Brooklyn, CT as well as being one of NE largest makers of **Bob M's Perfect Pepper Jam!** Plus Bob remains one of New England's strongest players of our 14.1 game. Back in the day, like Peter B., Bob was his college champion and 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 & 18. Bob has run over 150 balls many times and this will be his 6th visit our championship. Say hello and be sure to sample his jam! You'll love it.



Petri Makkonen, "Petu", Hyvinkaa, Finland



b. 1988, Hyvinkaa, Finland

Young Mr. Petri is making his 2nd 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&14. 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.

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Petri Makkonen



Ralph Eckert



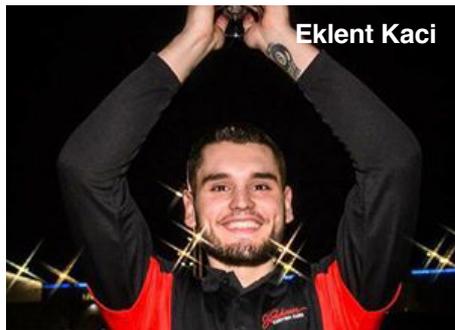
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Casper Matikainen, Helsinki, Finland



b. 1998, Helsinki, Finland

Another of Mika's protégés? They just keep growing 'em over there, and we wonder why we don't win a Mosconi Cup anymore . . . well, it's guys like handsome young Mr. Casper. No "Casper Milquetoast" here that's for sure. Tries any shot. Makes 'em. This is Casper's 1st crack at us and I expect he will make a great run. I watched some of his live stream matches. Impressive.



Steve Matthieu, Salem, NH



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 first 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! Thanks for returning Steve. Watch out, this little chap can play!



Sean Morgan, New York City, NY "Alaska"



b. 1974, 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, Sean 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. Sean again returns to our 14.1 Championship. We are excited to have our first player ever who was born in Alaska playing in our 14th tournament! **Sponsors: Molinari; Attitude Tattoos.**

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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 4th visit to our tournament.

Sponsor: Bugsy Promotions; Tiger Products.





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 for his great game, charm and interaction with fans and his comic impersonation of other players is always entertaining. But little Alex’s pool credentials overshadow all else: 2013 DC 9 Ball title, 2011-2012 Canadian Snooker Champion. Lion 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 4th visit.



Rob Pole, Brooklyn, NY



b. 1978, Brooklyn, NY

Rob 1st played in our Maryland Open 14.1 back in the early days at Bill & Billie’s in MD. Today he is in the real-estate & investment biz and plays out of Skyline Billiards in Brooklyn. He has won frequent NE tour events and played successfully in the recent Raax Qualifier to win a spot in our tournament. Good job, Rob, and welcome back.



Don Polo, Ocean View, NJ



b. 1953, NJ

Don is retired after a 37 yr. career with the NJ Hwy. Dept. and is married with two adult children and grandchildren. He has been a regular at our Championship since our beginning 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. They recently retired from 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!



Efren Reyes, Manilla, Philippines, BCA Hall of Fame, 4x World 8-Ball; 3x US Open

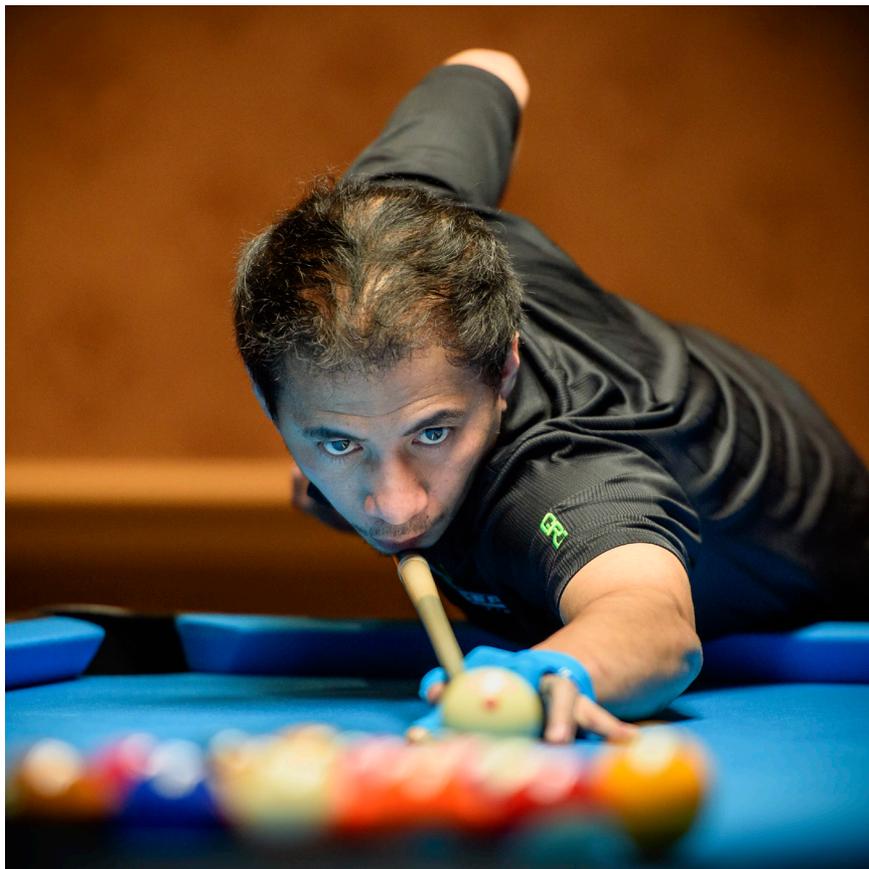


b. 1954, Angeles, Philippines

I am truly honored to try and write of this fine gentleman who is properly considered by analysts, fans, current and former players to be the greatest player of our era if not all time. ‘The Magician’ was the first player to win World Championships in two different games and is 4x World 8-Ball titlist, 3x winner of U.S. Open 9 Ball, had won 13x at Derby City and was 5x Master of the Table. Winner of 1999 World Nine Ball tournament! So what about 14.1 . . . just watch! By defeating Earl Strickland in the 1996 Color of Money event Reyes took home the largest single pool purse at the time. Thanks, Efren, and there is little I can add but applaud.

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Dennis Orcollo





Shaun Wilkie



Alex Pagulayan



John Schmidt



Petri Makkonen

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Tony Robles, Wantagh, NY



b. 1966 Brooklyn, NY

Tony has been a legendary player, promoter and tour founder in the NY area for three decades. Today he runs the Predator Pro-Am Tour in the Northeast as well as the Ginky Memorial and promotes various other pool events along with being a featured columnist for Billiard Digest magazine. Tony is a past Mosconi Cup team member and 2x winner of the NJ State 14.1 title in 2003 & 2007; High Run 267. Tony has been involved in numerous pool related films and commercials, is married to lovely Ms. Gail Glazebrook and has two children. We are pleased and honored to have one of pool's sterling ambassadors making his first visit to our American Championship. **Sponsor Predator; Billiard Digest magazine.**



Francisco Sanchez Ruiz, Murcia, Spain



b. 1991 Spain

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 3rd crack at our American 14.1. Welcome back Francisco.



John Schmidt, Hesperia, CA "Mr. 400"



b. 1973. Keokuk, IA

John and his wife Felicity are avid campers, hikers and golfers. "Mr. 400" grew up playing golf but upon discovering his love for pool John 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.



Jani Siekkinen, Helsinki, Finland



b. 1987, Helsinki, Finland

Jani has been a pro for five years and is making making his 2nd visit to our tournament and looks forward to the challenge here in Flushing. 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.

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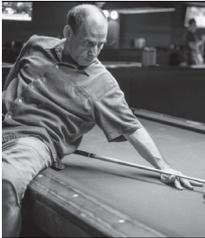
Del Sim, Jersey City, NJ “The Highlander”



b. 1982, Kilmarnock, Scotland

At the mere age of six, inspired by his father, Del began playing English 8-Ball in local leagues and was soon recognized as a formidable young talent. In 2012 he turned his attention to American games and joined a local London Club where he was mentored by House Pro Raj Hundal. He brings an entertaining personality to his game and this will be Del’s first venture to our 14.1. His is married and has a small son.

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Jonathan L. Smith, New York City



b. 1959, NYC

Jon has two teenage boys and is a professional photographer in NYC. In 2017 he provided the outstanding Ralf Souquet cover photo for our program. Equally importantly for us, Jon, is one of the longtime top 14.1 players in NYC, high run 178. He has played many times in area tournaments and the Dragon Promotions World 14.1 Championships. Jon is the house pro at Society Billiards. This will be Jon’s first visit to our tournament.

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Ralf Souquet “The Kaiser” Geisenfeld, Germany.



World 9-Ball title; World 8-Ball title; World Games Gold Medalist; US Open 14.1 title; US Open 9-Ball title; World Cup of Pool title; BCA Hall of Fame.

b. 1968, Eschweiler, Germany

This is Ralf’s 2nd 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 over four decades ago. In the intervening years the little German with the huge smile has won more than 300 tournaments around the world and today 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 9-B 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 returning Ralf! And I mean that sincerely as one who loves and appreciates 14.1 and tries diligently to continue its beauty to the new young guns, it is important that players like Ralf Souquet support our efforts. The Kaiser has done exactly that and we all should applaud. I stand and clap. **Sponsors: Simonis Cloth; Aramith Balls, Universal Cues, Predator Shafts, Kamui Chalk and Tip, Veith KG, Zento Breaktip, Atom Billard**



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Lee Van 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 Efren, Bustie, Warren Kiamco, Dennis Orcollo & Alex P. Lee Van 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 Mr. Corteza won the Philippine National Championship. This is his 3rd visit to our 14.1. Welcome back Lee Van! **Sponsor: Steinway Billiards & Manny Stamatakis**



John Walsh, Bohemia, NY



b. 1968, Brooklyn, NY

John is married, no children and retired after 30 yrs. with USPS. He plays at Bayshore Billiards and is one of the stronger amateur players in the area. John has won numerous local events and gained entry to our tournament with his high finish at Raax Qualifier in September.

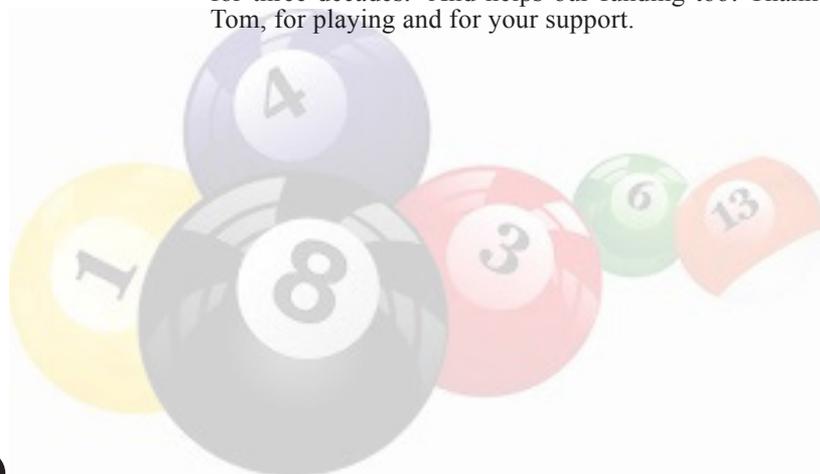


Tom Walter, Great Neck, NY



b. 1954, NY

We are pleased once more to drag Tom in off his favorite golf course to come to play. 2016 Tom made 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's top 100 ball runners for three decades. And helps our funding too! Thank you, Tom, for playing and for your support.



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



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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 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. **Sponsors: LUCASI HYBRID Cues. Black Heart Billiard Tips, Pure X Cues. Jake Lawson Lights Out Billiards Apparel; Brews & Cues Pool Room, Glen Burnie, MD; Rayman’s Pro Shop.**

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Michael Yednak, Brooklyn, NY



b. 1976 in Arizona.

Michael has played in our 14.1 many times since the early years at Billies. What progress since those days and today Michael is one of the top players in NYC and a regular at 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. Mike is married to beautiful Ms. Kristine Jagdeo. Welcome once more Michael.

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Zion Zvi, Flushing, Queens, NY



b. 1978 in Tel Aviv, Israel

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! 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; Steinway Billiards.**

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EFREN REYES

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Efren Reyes was born in Pampanga in 1954. He moved to Manila with his family at the age of 5. In Manila, he worked at his uncle's billiards hall, where he started learning the game. He was not tall enough to reach the pool table so played while standing on Coca-Cola cases that he moved around. At night, while he was dreaming of playing pool, the pool table was his bed. He is called Bata, which is Filipino for "Kid", because there was another older pool player named Efren when he was young. To distinguish between the two, he was referred to as Efren Bata.

Today Bata is a living legend and more in his home country of the Philippines where he is one of their highest profile sportsmen. When you arrive in the Philippines, one of the first sights you see is a huge picture of Efren Reyes. His 1999 World Championship victory live on TV, elevated pool into the major league and saw Efren Reyes become a national celebrity, starring in TV ads for San Miguel Beer and McDonalds among others.

Efren Reyes is the 2002 International Challenge of Champions winner, the 2003 Mid-Atlantic 9-Ball Open Champion, the 1999 World 9-Ball Champion, and the 1999 Player of the Year. He was inducted into the Billiard Congress of America Hall of Fame in 2003.

Efren playing billiards seriously in 1974 and currently resides in Manila, Philippines. Now 64 years-old, Bata's talent shows few signs of abating as he travels the world on his "grand finale" tour. Still one of the top players in the world and a regular tournament winner in the highest class. Despite his success, Efren Reyes remains as modest as ever and is a highly popular figure among his fellow professionals.

Recent accomplishments of Efren Reyes include the 2006 IPT World 8-Ball Championship and the 2007 Derby City Classic All-Around title. He has numerous television appearances and print media articles written about him. Efren Reyes seems that he will not slow down and whenever the money gets high, you can count on Efren being around to get a large share.

1978: Reyes represented Team Philippines in the RP-Japan Pocket Billiards Tournament, alongside Jose Parica, Rodolfo Luat, Jorge Dacer, and Manuel Flores.

1994: Reyes' fame began when he won the US Open Nine Ball Championship in 1994 by defeating Nick Varner in the finals.

1996: By defeating Earl Strickland in the inaugural Color of Money event in 1996, Reyes took home the largest single event purse in pool history.

2002 he won the \$50K winner-take-all International Challenge of Champions, defeating Mika Immonen in a deciding rack after both players split sets.

2006: Reyes and Francisco Bustamante represented their country as Team Philippines in the inaugural World Cup of Pool.

2009: the Filipino tandem of Efren Reyes and Francisco Bustamante beat the German pair of Ralf Souquet and Thorsten Hohmann by a grueling 11-9 score to take their second championship title.

1992 World 9-Ball Open (Tokyo)

1994 U.S. Open 9-Ball Championship

1995 Player of the Year

1996 The Color of Money 9-Ball Champion

4 (Reyes vs Strickland)

1996 PBT World 8-Ball Championship

1996 Legends 9-Ball Championship

1998 World 8 Ball Champion

1999 Derby City Classic – one Pocket Championship

1999 Sands Regency Open 29 9-Ball Championship

1999 All Japan Championship (Japan Open)

1999 World Pool Champion

2001 World Pool League Champion

2002 World Pool League Champion

2003 Mid-Atlantic Championship

2003 San Miguel Asian 9-Ball Championship Manila

2003 Las Vegas 9-Ball Open Champion

2005 IPT King of the Hill Champion

2005 Derby City Classic One Pocket

2005 Derby City Classic 9-Ball

2005 Derby City Classic Master Of The Table

2005 DCC World All Around Title

2006 IPT World 8-Ball Champion

2007 DCC World All Around Title

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Tony Robles



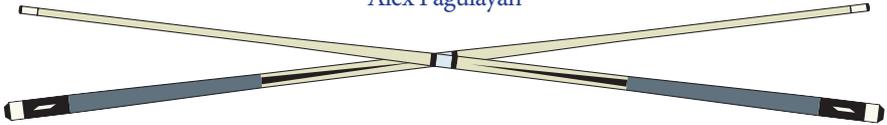
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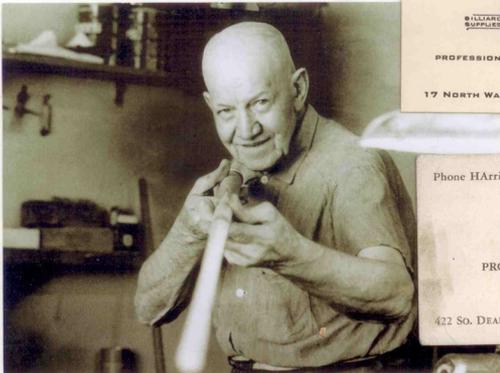
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