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The 16th annual American 14.1 Straight Pool Championship being held at Q Master Billiards, Virginia Beach, VA, Oct. 19-23, 2021, and 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-ofthe-best from across the globe. This year's field includes the top players from USA, Asia, and Europe competing for the \$54,000 prize fund." For the first time there is also an entirely separate Women's 14.1 Championship, the 1st Ladies event of its kind in over two decades. Hall of Fame legends and multiple world record holders who excel at Straight pool such as Thorsten Hohmann, Darren Appleton, Joshua & Pia Filler, LoreeJon Ogonowski, Shane Van Boening, Ruslan Chinahov, Kelly Fisher, Johnny Archer, Mika Immonen and three dozen others will gather at legendary Q Master Billiards for a five day Straight Pool tournament combining round robin and single elimination formats. Feature matches and the finals will be live-streamed free throughout the championship courtesy of Up-State Al Leon, AZBTV Live Stream. Q Master Billiards, the iconic Tidewater Virginia room of the late Berry Behrman, and longtime host of the U.S. Open 9 Ball championship, now turns their sights to the father of all games, 14.1 Straight Pool, as they host the American 14.1 Straight Pool Championship for the second time. Tournament details and highlights can be found at www.americanstraightpool.com







Alex Kazakis



Kelly Fisher





2021 AMERICAN 14.1 STRAIGHT POOL CHAMPIONSHIP Men's & Women's Round Robin Flights ~ Oct. 19-21, 2021 Q Master Billiards, Virginia Beach, VA



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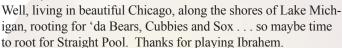
Darren Appleton, Pottsville, PA "Dynamite" 2012 & 2014 World 14.1 Champion; 2014 World Cup Champion; 2012 World 9-Ball title; 2x World 9 Ball Champion; 2015 World 8 Ball Champ. 2014 & 2015 American 14.1 Champion; World Games Champion 2013; 2010 & 2011 US Open 9 Ball title; 2009 US Open 10 Ball title; 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 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 2016 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. This is Darren's 5th visit to our championship and we thank him for fitting us into a busy schedule. He is founder of one of the major pool tours now, WPS World Pool Series. Sponsors: Predator; Cheqio; Simonis; Xing Pai Star Billiards.



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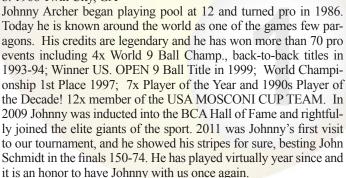






Johnny Archer, Marietta, GA "The Scorpion" BCA Hall of Fame: 4x W9B title

b. 1968 Twin City, GA



Sponsors: CueStix International & Scorpion Cues.





Danny Barouty, Portland, OR World 14.1 Hall of Fame



b. 1956, New York City



In 2014 Danny moved to Calif. after long years in Queens where he was a regular winner of many NY 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 our championships since 2006, twice finishing 2nd quite a record. Today in his 60s his formattable 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. 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 and for being the very best commentator on the planet. Sponsor: Mrs. Danny B.



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



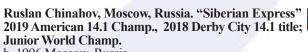
b. 1938, Chicago, IL



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 bride from Chicago to Maryland. He was past Director of the 2006 14.1 World Championship and in 2005 founder and Director of Maryland 14.1 Open which now enters its 16th 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 Invitationals. A lover of opera, golf and bridge, Peter & his wife Pam have three daughters & six grandchildren. High run 81 and still trying for that mystical 100! There is no other game but 14.1 . . . just ask him. Sponsors: Pam, Becky & Erik, Kelly, Katie & John . . . God Bless them!



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b. 1996 Moscow, Russia



Just 26, young Mr. Chinahov is single and one of the top players in Russia. Ruslan has received wide acclaim after knocking out Alex 'The Lion" to win our American 14.1 title last in 2019. In 2018 he won the Derby City 14.1 Challenge. He has 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 3rd time, Ruslan. We wish you well this year as you shoot for back-to-back titles, done previously only by greats Darren Appleton 2014-15 & Danny Harriman 2009-10. Good luck. Sponsors: Lucasi; Lights Out Apparel; Kaspersky **Internet Security.**





Kevin Clark, Jessup, PA.

b. 1971, Scranton, PA



Kevin previously owned Cosmos Billiards, Scranton, PA and today is the proprietor of handsome Clarkys Billiards in nearby Jessup, PA. Affable Kevin is another of the very top echelon East coast players, willing to play all takers. Just ask Alex P. Kevin is always a threat to run 200 and a fearful 14.1 competitor. He has one daughter and this will be Kevin's 3rd trip to our tournament. Sponsor: Clarkys Billiards, Jessup, PA



Corey Deuel, New Port 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 No. 2 in the World. Sponsor: Meucci Cues; School of Pool; Enviro Assessments.





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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 local pool tours 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 our past Championships along with assisting our tournament promotion and printing. Thank you for playing & for your support, Alan. Sponsor: GemLaser, Dulles VA







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



Germany has long been known for its 14.1 prowess, Thorsten, 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; WinSport; Check Billiard Training; Touch Magazine; Billiard Network; www.ralpheckert.com





American 14.1 Straight Pool Championship Round Robin Schedule for Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 48 Men in 8 groups of 6 players = 120 matches 15 Women in 3 groups of 5 players = 30 matches

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31	Group 1 B vs E	Group 5 B vs E	Group 4 B vs D	Group 8 B vs D	Group 1 A vs F	Group 5 A vs F	Group 3 C vs E	Group 7 C vs E	Group 2 C vs E	Group 6 C vs E		Men's Elim
32	Group 1 C vs F	Group 5 C vs F	Group 4 E vs F	Group 8 E vs F	Group 1 D vs E	Group 5 D vs E	Group 3 D vs F	Group 7 D vs F	Group 2 D vs F	Group 6 D vs F		Men's Elim
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21									Ladies 3 B vs E	Ladies 3 C vs D		Ladies 2 B vs E







Earl Strickland

Hunter Lombardo



Joshua Filler & Pia Blaeser 2018



Joshua Filler, Bönen, Germany, "The Killer" 2018 World 9 Ball Title



b. 1997, Bönen, Germany



What an amazing young man & player! Wow. Talk about setting the pool world on fire . . . his lovely bride I mean! Seriously, what a couple, and so bright a future! Josh is making his first visit to our tournament, and his young accolades precede him everywhere. He has won countless Euro titles, youngest Mosconi Cup member ever, 2018 World 9B title, Euro 10B & China Open. 2019 US Open 9B & ranked world's #1 player. And they tell me he plays a little straight pool too, as in a record HR 285 at DCC. Pam warned me to watch out for those Germans! Welcome, Joshua, and we hope that this will be just the first of many visits for you and comely Pia. **Sponsors: Predator Cues, Gabriel's** Billiards, Andy Cloth.



Mieszko Fortunski, Lubin, Poland "The Butcher" b. 1992, Lubin, Poland



Young, nerves of steel, tough to beat for sure! Another of the terrific young players that our 2017 winner, Konrad J., and Rad have lured to our tournament to rub elbows with the big boys over here in Uncle Sam country. This will be Mieszko's 2nd visit to our championship. Sponsor: Predator Cues





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. Fedor had a great tournament at last month's US Open 9B finishing 5th. He is beginning to find his way around a 14.1 rack and has a HR of 172.



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. Welcome to back to our 14.1, Denis. **Sponsor: Predator** Cues; Taom Tips

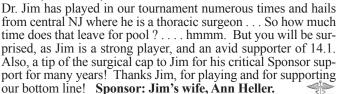






Dr. Jim Heller, M.D., FACS. Short Hills, NJ.

b. 1965, Cleveland, OH



Orion Associates, Duane & Mary Ann Taylor, Warren, NJ.



Thorsten Hohmann, New York, NY "The Hitman" BCA Hall of Fame. 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 honored to once again have Thorsten as one of our premier participants. Few would 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 title. 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 records are legendary (see pg. 20) and next week Thorsten is inducted into the BCA Hall of Fame. He has played in our 14.1 a dozen times and we know his tour schedule is hectic, so it is an honor that he lends us his support. Thank you, Toasty! Owner of Target Pool; Creator of Cue Lab - Billiard diagramming app for iOS devices; Sponsor: Gabriels Tables, Molinari Cues, Kamui Products







Bader Alawadhi, Kuwait "Nick" Kuwait National Champion

b. 1990, Kuwait

Bader is a top young player & National Champ from pool hotbed, Kuwait. Welcome to Virginia Bader.



Abdullah Alyousef, Kuwait City, Kuwait "Mr. Comeback"

b. 1990, Kuwait

Another tough young player from Saudi, where Abe has been a member of their National team since 2013. He has finished high in many Euro events as well as a 5th place finish in US Open 9B.





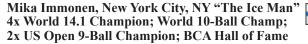












b. 1972 of Finnish descent, born in Paddington, England. Mika, born near London, raised in homeland Finland, and was elected in 2014 to the BCA Hall of Fame. As he approaches a major milestone in 2022 the Ice Man is known across the globe as one of the finest players to ever play this beautiful game 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 and 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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Konrad Juszczyszyn, Lubin, Poland, "Mr. J" 2017 Winner American 14.1 b. 1993, Legnica, Poland

Young Mr. J. (you pronounce it!) was unknown to us in the USA until his very 1st appearance in our 2017 tournament. Guess what! He went 10-0 over four days, trouncing our very best to take our title to Poland where he is one of the top players and 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 now he brings some other greats along! Konrad's high run is 224 so watch out for a repeat. Sponsor: Predator; 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 again this year for the 2nd time, and we wish you best of luck. Come back. **Sponsor: Mezz Cues**



Matthias Arnold, Norfolk, VA



b. 1963 Berlin Germany

Matthias, a close companion of Thorsten & Ralph Eckert, has recently moved to Norfolk from Germany and is an avid and strong amateur player and 14.1 enthusiast at Q Master.



Alex Kazakis, Athens, Greece. Champion 2021 World Pool Masters



b. 1991 Greece

Alex recently turned 30 and is making his first visit to our 14.1... beware of sleeping giants, as in knocking off SVB in the finals and capturing \$25,000 1st Prize in 2021 the World Pool Masters at Gibraltar. Alex, former Austria Open winner, 2015 Euro 10B Champion, 2016 Kremlin World Cup winner, was world's no. #1 ranked player in 2018 and finished #3 in the World 9B Championship that year. But can he play 14.1? Just watch and see! Welcome, Alex. Sponsors: Predator Group; Masse-Master; Home Burger.



Lian Han Toh, Singapore, 2017 SEA Games 9B Doubles Gold Medal "Coach"



b. 1972, Singapore

Mr. Toh is a log time top player in Asia and the Coach for young players, Yapp & Sayed. Can the coach top his protégés? We will see. Thanks for playing "Coach". Sponsor: Mezz Cues





Maximilian Lechner, Innsbruck, Austria "Mad Max' 2008 Jr. World 9 Ball Title



b. 1990, Innsbruck, Austria

Max is single and turned pro in 2019. He has been pounding on his Euro pals and with a HR of 294, what took him so long? In June Mad Max made a great showing at the World Pool Championships in Gibraltar, finishing in the final eight. Let's not forget Mad Max's terrific run in last month's 2021 U.S. Open 9B again finishing 5-8. This is Max's 2nd visit to our 14.1 Sponsors: OEPVB (Austrian Foundation); Die Waescherei; Yesca; Sporthilfe.



Bob Madenjian, DVM, Brooklyn, CT

b. 1958 in New Jersey



Dr. Bob has two sons and a busy Veterinary practice in Brooklyn, CT as well as being NE largest maker 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 Tournament of 14.1 where he again made a strong showing in 2015 & 18. Bob has run over 150 balls many times and is always a regular at our championship. Say hello and be sure to sample his jam! You'll love it.



Stephen Matthieu, Salem, NH

b. 1953, Derby, CT



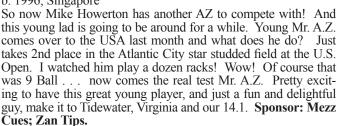
Steve began playing at 10, fell in love with straight pool at 12, ran 50 by age 15 and 100 at 18. He played on the Joss Tour in the 70-80s against the likes of top NE players, Larry Johnson, Tom McGonagle & Nick Vlahos. Steve has a HR 159 and first played in our 14.1 in 2014 when he was an alternate 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 Strail Pool Championships. Sort of like Lou Gehrig subbing for Wally Pipp 'who?' As we know since our 2014 tournament Schmitty has now run a world record 627! Steve has some chasing to do! Thanks for returning Steve. Watch out, this little chap can play!



Aloysius Zapp, Singapore, 2021 U.S. 9B Open Atlantic City, 2nd. US Pro Billiard Series Michigan **Open 2021 1st. 2014 World Jr. Champ.**



b. 1996, Singapore







Sharik Sayed, Singapore, 2016 US Collegiate 9 Ball Champion.



b. 1990, Singapore

Mr. Sayed attended college here in the USA and is the 2nd ranked player in is native country. Snooker reigns of course. So let's see how these chaps handle our small 9' tables, and 4 ½" pockets. Welcome to Virginia, Sharik. Sponsor: Predator Cues, Ronnie O'Sullivan Snooker Academy





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Albin Ouschan, Klagenfurt, Austria. 2015 China 9B Open; WPA World 9 Ball Champion 2016 & 2021



b. 1990, Klagenfurt, Austria

Along with his playing partner, Mario He, Albin won the World Cup in 2019. He has followed the footsteps of his illustrious sister, Jasmin, and 2016 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 Van Boening to win the coveted WPA World 9 Ball Title. Earlier this year the dazzling Austrian won his 2nd World 9B title and shortly followed winning the Matchroom World Pool Championship. Sponsor: Predator.





Alex Pagulayan, Toronto, CAN "The Lion" 2004 World 9 Ball Champion; 2005 US Open 9 Ball Champion.



b. 1976, Cabagan, Philippines

Alex was born in the Philippines and later moved to Toronto where he is a Canadian professional pool & snooker champion. 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. Alex's pool credits 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 and 2nd in our 2019 14.1. Welcome back once again, Alex, for your 5th visit.





b. 1993, Rankweil, Austria



Young Mario has caught fire of late, and this will be his 2nd visit to our championship. In 2017-2019 he reached the final of the World Cup 3 times in a row and won it twice, a five time Eurotour winner, 3 times European Champion, 5th in the terrific field at RYO Classic and 9th in the US Open 10 Ball. 2017 was his 1st try in our 14.1 and Mario finished 9/16! How about his top 16 finish at 2021 US Open 9B! Great tournament, Mario. Mr. He is single and a Pro player appearing regularly on the Eurotour circuit. High Run 293. Welcome back, Mario. **Sponsors:** Mezz Cues, Exceed Cues.









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 NJ's strongest players for 4 decades. Don's love of pool began at the age of ten and his High Run is 184. Don's lovely wife, Olga, is his biggest fan and always tags along to our tournament since retiring from their family business eatery, LaTorre's Belly Buster, in Wildwood, NJ. Don wouldn't miss this tournament for the world and like Peter B., 14.1 is the only game! Maybe 3C too!





Tony Robles, Cutler Bay, FL b. 1966 Brooklyn, NY



Tony has been a legendary player & promoter in the NY area for three decades where he founded the Predator Pro-Am Tour in the Northeast as well as the Ginky Memorial. Since his recent move to Florida Tony continues as a columnist for Billiards Digest magazine and is a sought after instructor. Tony is a past Mosconi Cup team member and 2x winner of the NJ State 14.1 title in 2003 & 2007; High Run 267. He has participated in pool films & commercials. Tony is married to lovely Gail Glazebrook and has two children. We are pleased and honored to have one of pool's sterling ambassadors making his 2nd visit to our American Championship. Sponsor Predator; Billiards Digest magazine.



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Brandon Shuff, Concord, NC b. 1983, Frederick, MD



Brandon, one of the original 'young guns' grew up on the east coast and frequented the circuit displaying his skills in 9 Ball & One Pocket. Today Brandon is a feared top ranked Pro player who excels in every discipline including 14.1 where in our tournament he has made many strong showings over the past decade. His 2015 gut-check comeback win vs. legend José Parica will long be remembered by all who witnessed the stout heart of this great player. This year Brandon will be looking to best his quarter-final finish from 2017. If you have not met him walk over and shake hands; just a highly personable, bright young man, and what a player . . . Game plus Heart! The best combination. Thanks for return-

ing again, Brandon. Sponsors: Lights Out Billiard Appar-

el; Kent Davis Custom Cues; ProOne CTE.







Mohammad Ali Berjaoui, Beirut, Lebanon



b. 1989 Beirut, Lebanon who joins us, so watch out as he has finished high at Derby City, Turning Stone & Steinway . . . ah, but this is 14.1! Thanks for playing Mo.



Abdullah Alshammari, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia



b. 1988, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Do we have a young Arabian Show Horse in our midst? I think very possible. Thanks for coming Mr. A.A.



Zaid Thweib, Malden, MA



b. 1985, Jordan

Zaid has emigrated some years ago from his native country to USA, a Red Sox & Patriots fan. But, really a Straight Pool fan thru and thru. Welcome to Virginia Zaid and to our tournament



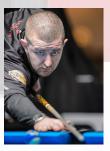
Jerry McWorter, Ventura, CA, 1998-2000 Pres. American Cuemakers Assn.



b. 1964 Ventura, CA

In the 1980s, Jerry began to explore the artistry of cue making, and in 1988 he sold his first cue, \$200 for what was then the No. #1 Jerry McWorter Custom Cue. A decade later his cues were prized around the world and Jerry became President of the Amer. Cuemakers Assn. Stop and visit with Jerry, a highly interesting chap with countless old time pool tales, and even more of the most beautiful cues you've ever seen, rivaling those of great cuemakers of old. Jerry just might have the perfect cue for you, not only handsome, gorgeous, perfectly balanced, but have your first 100 ball run written all over it! A bit more than his Cue #1 of course, but worth every penny. And by the way, Mr. Jerry can play, just watch him. Sponsor: Jerry McWorter Custom Cues.





Jayson Shaw, Orange, CT "Eagle Eye"



b. 1988, Glasgow, Scotland

Young Jayson has set the US pro circuit on fire since his 2012 immigration from Scotland with impressive wins over all of the top players including his comeback win at Turning Stone in 2014. He won TS 9-Ball again in 2015 and this past August bested a 128 player field at the TS Classic for the 3rd year in a row. No fluke for sure. He has won the Ginky Memorial in NYC and won the DC 14.1 with his career High Run of 227! So this year Jayson again returns for this 3rd crack at our championship with his sights clearly focused on knocking off Joshua, Shane & cohorts. Jayson and his wife, Ara, have two young children. Sponsors: Peri Cues; Kamui.



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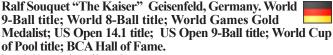












b. 1968, Eschweiler, Germany

This is Ralf's 4th 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 9B title & 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 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. Player rep for Zento Breaktip & Atom Billiard. Sponsors: Simonis Cloth; Aramith Balls, Universal Cues, Predator Shafts, Kamui Chalk and Tip, Veith KG. Dynamic Billiard Organization.



Tyler Styer, Reading, PA. Mosconi Cup 2018 &2019; Winner of 2019 Kremlin Cup

b. 1995, Vernon, WI

Go Badgers! Another terrific young player our of the middle west and beginning to get very positive recognition. We miss great Bob Hunter, midwestern champ from Michigan & Chicago, and so handsome Mr. Tyler has some big shoes to fill. This is Tyler's first visit to our tournament and I have a very strong feeling he will not let us down.



Earl Strickland, New Jersey
'The Pearl' BCA Hall of Fame 2006;
5x US Open 9 Ball Title; 6x WPA World 9 Ball Title;

b. 1961 Roseboro, NC

Earl began playing pool at age 9, and entered his first pro tournament at the age of 15. Ever since he has been known for his quiet and docile demeanor at the table and legendry stoicism, quiet, reserved. Humor aside, Earl is truly one of the greats and many in the know consider him to be the finest 9 Ball player of all time. Witness 'The Pearls' 1996 PCA tournament which offered \$1,000,000 prize for anyone who broke and ran ten racks . . . guess who won the prize . . . actually, Earl ran eleven consecutive racks of 9 ball in that event. Today Earl plays around the world this will be his first venture to our tournament. Welcome Mr. Pearl.





Olivér Szolnoki, Veszprém, Hungary b. 1997 Hungary



I think that Mr. Olivér is our first player to come from Hungary, and I have to say "watch out" for this young man. He took 3rd place in the recent World 9B, 2x Best of East Winner, U23 European Championship runner-up! And barely 25 with a HR of 200+ Besides pool, Olivér enjoys crossfit and his single life as a fledgling

Pool whiz! Sponsors: iQ Cues, Taom Billiards





Shane Van Boening, Sioux Falls, SD. US Open 9-Ball Champion 2013 & 14; US Open 8 Ball Champ b. 1983, Rapid City, South Dakota

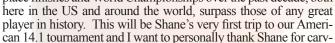


ther, Gary Bloomberg, was a trick-shot artist; his grandmother, Jeanne Bloomberg, a VNEA national champion; his mother, Timi Bloomberg, a BCA national champion; and his aunt, Gari Jo Bloomberg, a three-time VNEA national champion. Genetics helps doesn't it! But Shane brings much more to the green cloth table and all who follow our beautiful game are aware of his long standing #1 Ranking in the world. Well deserved as all of his demolished opponents attest. Shane has quickly risen to become the Mike Sigel of our era, simply put, one of the greatest players of all time, and a threat in any game from bar box to ten ft. tables. His dozens of first place finishes and World Championships over the past decade, both

ing out these few days from his hectic schedule to come to Virginia. Thank you, Shane. Shane is part owner of Lucky Billiards, Sioux

Shane's family has a strong pool background. His grandfa-

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HYBRID TOM 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 loval 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.





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, Busty, Warren Kiamco, Dennis Orcollo & Alex P. Lee started playing pool in 1993 and has won four Gold Medals and one Silver Medal at the 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 4th visit to our 14.1. Welcome back Van.



Marc Vidal, Denver, CO

b. 1976, Barcelona, Spain

Marc first came to America 20 years ago from his native country and settled, you guessed it, in NYC, America's Straight Pool mecca! He began to earn his stripes, some wins and some losses, but he also lost his heart . . . to lovely Samm. Not a loss of course! Since those days Marc & Samm and family have moved to Denver. My old haunts in Boulder have long vanished, except maybe for the Sink, Norlin Library & the CU student union pool tables! Never forgotten. Marc first played with us back in our early days and again in 2019. Welcome back, Marc.



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. Sponsors: Kamui, Jacoby Custom Cues. Predator, Amsterdam Billiards.











Wiktor Zielinski

b. 2001, Posnan, Poland

Wiktor is one of the many young guns in Poland and has a HR of 279 and a Eurotour win under his belt along with 5x European junior champion, 3x bronze medalist of World Junior Championships. Welcome to USA Wiktor and good luck in your 1st crack at our tournament. **Sponsors: Predator Cues**,

Martin Sawicki design & management.



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.

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Juan Simoni,

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

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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

2021 BCA Hall of Fame Inductee.







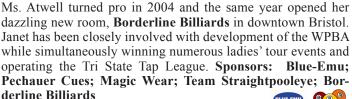






Janet Atwell, Bristol, VA

b. Abington, VA









Brittany Bryant, Georgetown, ONT, Canada

b. Guelph, Ontario, CAN

Since turning Pro in 2009 Ms. Brittany has become one of the premier lady players in Canada and N. America and is 14x past Canadian Champion, 2x WPBA Blu-Emu winner, and 2x World Jr. Champ. Quite a record. Now we just need to hope that Brittany is able to depart from Canada and manage to play in our tournament amidst Covid's resurgence. Cross your fingers.



Ashley Burrous, Brooklyn, NY

b. Ridgewood, NJ

After a decade hiatus, Ashley returned to pool, turning Pro in 2018 while continuing her career as web designer in Brooklyn, NY. Currently ranked #24 on WPBA Tour. Ashley has steadily climbed the WPBA ranks. Two of her favorite players are Ralf Souquet and Jean Balukas and her favorite game is 14.1. Sponsors: Becue Cues; RJH Custom Cues.



Bethany Sykes, Arlington, VA

b. Virginia

Bethany is married and the long time House Pro at Street Lights Billiard Academy, in addition to being one of the top lady players in our area and many times the VA 9 Ball titlist. We welcome Ms. Sykes to take a crack at our first ladies 14.1 event. Thank you, Bethany. Sponsor: Street Lights Billiard Academy, Alexandria, VA.



Kia Burwell, Owings Mills, MD "Prime Time"

b. Baltimore, Maryland

For a number of years now, along with Linda Haywood-Shea, Kia has been recognized and one Maryland's strongest lady players, as she should be. An accomplished amateur, playing at Triple 9s in Laurel, and on the regular local ladies tour, Kia is full time working mother of five and grandmother of six, and she still finds time to play some 14.1! She has 2 wins on the JPNEWT circuit and recently finished 9th in the Iowa Women's Sondheim event. This Kia's first time at our tournament, the first of many we hope. Sponsors: McDermott Cues, Triple Nines Bar & Billiards, N' the Zone Sportswear, and Straight Pool Eye















Emily is one of the inspiring young forces on the WPBA tour and currently Ranked #12. She won Rookie of the Year in 2010 and since then has represented the USA 7x in the World Championships. Emily works as an Events Coordinator and her interests besides pool are many, film, travel, cards (Bridge I hope!), biking, yoga to name a few. And how about her t.v. show appearances! "The Hustlers" (TruTV 2015); "Harry" (NBC 2017); "In a Man's World" (BRAVO 2019); "the today show" (NBC 2019). Sounds like the Big Apple is the spot . . . or maybe Hollywood! Back to Burbank! Oh, did I mention, comely Emily has a new hobby ~ Neil & marriage! Congratulations. Peter & Pam are married 53 years! Emily six weeks and now has two teenage step children and a bulldog to add to her list of avocations! Sponsors: N'The Zone Sportswear; Littman Lights; Jacoby Cues; Gary Borge Dental





Gail Eaton, Boerne, TX "Virginia Slim" b. 1975, Poquoson, VA



Gail has been competing for over 40 years - with 2 national titles, numerous state and regional titles, and frequent high finishes in open events. Her cool demeanor at the table shows that she means business. Currently ranked 20 in U.S. (Fargo), 14th in the WPBA, and top 100 in the world (WPA). Her day job is principal systems analyst for a Fortune 300 company, and she recently finished her 5th degree in Philosophy. When Gail and her husband Robert aren't traveling, they enjoy getting outdoors in the Texas Hill Country, as well as cooking and enjoying simple country life with five cats. Sponsors: Josey Custom Cues; Brutal Game Gear; Banana's Billiards, San

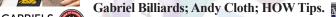


Pia Blaeser Filler, Bönen, Germany b. Stolberg, Germany

Antonio; Team StraightPoolEye.



Pia is a professional player on the Euro tour, with a semi final finish in the 2018 Portugal Open. That same year young Ms. Blaeser married to top young German pro Joshua Filler. We are excited to have this comely and talented couple playing in our tournament for the first time! Welcome to VA Mr. & Mrs. Filler. Sponsors: Predator,









Mary Rakin-Tam, Fayetteville, GA. 2x Jr. World Champion b. Daly City, CA



Mary began playing pool with her siblings when she was 15 and after a hiatus, she turned pro in 2018 while continuing to work with a non-profit foster care group in GA. She was 2009 BCA Master Winners Champ. 2015 BCA Grand Master runner-up. **Sponsor: Predator Group; PMP Clothing Co.**



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Kelly Fisher, Dumfries, England. BCA Hall of Fame, 2011 World 10B Title, 2012 World 9B Champ.



b. South Elmsall, West Yorkshire, ENG

Kelly began playing as a child at her parent's pub in Yorkshire and by the age of 21 was Ranked No. 1 in the world for two consecutive years. In 2004 Kelly moved to US and as evidenced by all who watch her play and her BCA HOF, Kelly is a legend among her peers and one of the most respected players on earth. Kelly has won the prestigious China Open along with her six world titles. Kelly is a survivor of open heart surgery and was the very first lady who agreed to step up to the table and add her illustrious marquee name to our tournament. A legend in all the best ways. Thank you, Miss Kelly, and thank you for playing. Sponsors: Predator; XingJue Tables; N'The Zone Sportswear.





LoreeJon Ogonowski, Shephard, TX "Queen of the Hill" BCA Hall of Fame; Youngest World Champion ever; 8 World 9 Ball titles; 3 USA National titles; 3 US Open WPBA titles; 1993 Womens' World 9B Champion.

b. 1965, Garwood, NJ

If ever there was a child prodigy, LoreeJon Ogonowski was her, beginning to play at the age of 4, before most of you were born, ran her first rack of 14.1 at age 5! Was 9 Ball even invented? LoreeJon turned Pro when she was 11 and since has been a guiding light of the WPBA and one of the true icons in our game. LoreeJon has nothing more to prove to us, that's for sure, and we are truly honored to have a great ladies Champion Play in our inaugural Women's tournament. Thank you LoreeJon. Sponsors: Meucci Cues; Dynasphere Balls; Championship Billiard Fabric; Breakout Billiard Apparel; Castillo Leather Goods.



Dawn Hopkins, Tinton Falls, NJ b. Bridgewater, MA



Dawn is a long time lady pro, and began playing in her 20s and is past Pres. of the WPBA and our 2021 Women's 14.1 Tournament Director. Dawn has two children and is currently owner and director of the Jersey Shore APA League

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April Larson, Bloomington, MN; 5x USA Jr. Ladies 9 Ball Champ.



b. Bloomington, Minn.

Before turning Pro in 2017 youthful Miss Larson was 7x member of the USA Junior Team, twice winning a bronze medal in the World Junior Championships. Since, she has lived up to her early plaudits, 5-Time Atlantic Challenge Cup Team USA member, 2x Time Team USA MVP; 2019 ACUI Collegiate National Champion. Welcome to VA Beach, April., and thanks for coming to the seashore to play a little

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Liz Taylor, Norfolk, VA b. Shelburne Fall, MA



Liz is considered to be the top female player in Virginia, as many of the gents at our host, Q Master, where Lis is a regular, will attest. She won the VA State 8 Ball in 2019 & again in 2020, and also won the VA 10B that same year. Before locating to Tidewater, VA Liz won numerous ladies tour events in NE. So now the VA Champ has a chance for that 80 & out HR ~ Liz, let's do it lady!

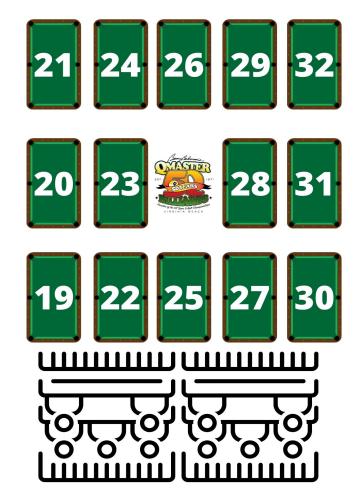


Monica Webb, Atlanta, GA



b. Atlanta, Georgia

Monica turned pro in 1999 and became a household name in women's billiards after winning the Women's National Championship in 2008. Since then, Monica has continued to excel on the WPBA tour and represented the USA in the World Games.





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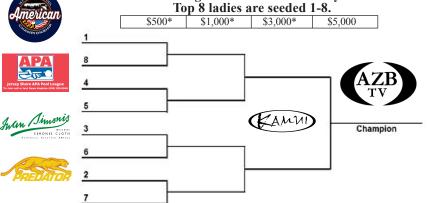
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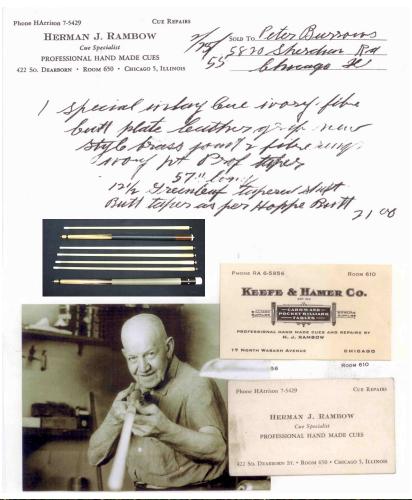
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