

Attention: Players, Fans, and Media / Sponsor Friends Of Artistic Pool!

The 2017 WPA World Artistic Pool Championship was held January 12 – 15 at the beautiful Bikini Square Convention Center in Xingcheng, China overlooking the ocean. We had 27 players from all over the world, vying for: 8 WPA World Artistic Pool Discipline Champion titles, 1 “overall” WPA World Artistic Pool Champion title, and much more.

Luke Szywala from Krakow, Poland played Florian Kohler from France, in the semifinals winning 90-88. Sebastian Giumelli from Argentina came thru the preliminary rounds with the highest score at 270 points and moved into the playoff rounds, defeating Charlie Darling 45-29 with both players getting off to a slow start. Sebastian continued his winning way defeating Wang Mengnan 82-72 and Chi-Ming Lin 103-79, until finally claiming the overall “championship victory” in a close match in the finals with Luke Szywala 72-65.

The individual Discipline WPA World Champions were: Florian Kohler with 4 titles: Trick and Fancy 40 /40 points, Special Arts 39/40 points, Jump 40/40 points, and Masse 38/40 points; Sebastian Giumelli with 2 titles: Follow 39/40 points, Bank/Kick 38/40 points; Luke Szywala winning Stroke with 39/40 points; and Jason Lynch victorious in Draw with 39/40 points. Wang Mengnan was the recipient of both the Sportsmanship Award and the Rising Star Award.

I would like to thank the sponsors that made this event possible: WPA, WPA Artistic Pool Division, Xingcheng Rural Commercial Bank, CBSA, WPPA, Star Billiard Tables, LEQI Billiard Cloth, CYCLOP Balls, Dr. Cue Promotions, plus the Chinese table judges and translators, the supporting staff, and all of the players involved.

A “big” congratulations to Sebastian Giumelli for his outstanding performance and earning the prestigious 2017 WPA World Artistic Pool Championship Title!

On behalf of the WPA APD, We would like to thank all of the players for their continued support and recognition of the 2017 WPA World Artistic Pool Championship as the only officially recognized championship for Artistic Pool under the WPA umbrella. We look forward to more championships in the near future.

Mark Dimick, President

WPA Artistic Pool Division

# 2017 (16<sup>th</sup>) WPA World Artistic Pool Championship

January 12 – 15, 2017    Bikini Square Convention Center    Xingcheng, China

<b>Overall Finish</b>	<b>Artistic Pool Player With Nickname</b>	<b>Prelim Score</b>	<b>Prize \$ *</b>
1	Sebastian “The Matador” Giumelli (S.AM)	270	6000
2	Lucasz “Cool Hand Luke” Szywala (EUR)	243	5000
3	Florian “Venom” Kohler (EUR)	269	4000
4	Chi-Ming “TBD” Lin (ASIA)	247	3000
5	William “The Gentleman” DeYonker (US)	265	2000
6	Jason “The Michigan Kid” Lynch (US)	237	2000
7	Wang “TBD” Mengnan (ASIA) * *	218	2000
8	Mike “Tennessee Tarzan” Massey (US)	190	2000
9	Abram “Too Tall” Diaz (US)	262	2000
10	Curtis “Redneck Cue Guy” Robertson (US)	224	2000
11	Deng “TBD” Guoqiang (ASIA) * *	214	1500
12	Chris “Tricky Shot” Woodrum (US)	203	1500
13	Mark “Dr. Popper” Dimick (US)	194	1500
14	Marty “The Farmer” Carey (US)	190	1500
15	Tom “Too Kool” Kinzel (US)	185	1500
16	Charles “Spitball Charlie” Darling (US)	177	1500

17	Zhang "TBD" Rui (ASIA) * *	175	1500
18	Xu "TBD" Jie (ASIA) * *	168	1500
19	Jim "Coach" Barnard (US)	166	1500
20	Zhang "TBD" Zhenhui (ASIA) * *	145	1500
21	Liu "TBD" Tonghui (ASIA) * *	129	-----
22	Li "TBD" Qingyl (ASIA) * *	125	-----
23	Zhang "TBD" Lei (ASIA) * *	110	-----
24	Wang "TBD" Yu (ASIA) * *	102	-----
25	Ma "TBD" Yinghuan (ASIA) * *	87	-----
26	Zhang "TBD" Haixi (ASIA) * *	76	-----
27	Li "TBD" Mingxuan (ASIA) * *	59	-----

**\* Actual amounts paid may be lower due to withholding for designated players**

**\*\* Players that were eligible for Special Rising Star Medal / Ribbon Award**

**Special Awards Note: Trophies furnished by WPPA presented to designated finish positions. Top places received respective gold, silver, and bronze WPA medals.**

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### Playoff Rounds – Match Play

Initial Rounds	---	(1) Sebastian Giumelli def. (16) Charles Darling	----
“ “	---	(2) Florian Kohler def. (15) Tom Kinzel	----
“ “	---	(3) William DeYonker def. (14) Marty Carey	----
“ “	---	(13) Mike Massey def. (4) Abram Diaz	----
“ “	---	(5) Chi-Ming Lin def. (12) Mark Dimick	----
“ “	---	(6) Lucasz Szywala def. (11) Chris Woodrum	----
“ “	---	(7) Jason Lynch def. (10) Deng Guogiang	----
“ “	---	(9) Wang Mengnan def. (8) Curtis Robertson	----
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Quarter Finals	---	(1) Sebastian Giumelli def. (9) Wang Mengnan	----
“ “	---	(2) Florian Kohler def. (7) Jason Lynch	----
“ “	---	(6) Lucasz Szywala def. (3) William DeYonker	----
“ “	---	(5) Chi-Ming Lin def. (13) Mike Massey	----
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Semi Finals	---	(1) Sebastian Giumelli def. (5) Chi-Ming Lin	----
“ “	---	(6) Lucasz Szywala def. (2) Florian Kohler	----
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Finals	---	(1) Sebastian Giumelli def. (6) Lucasz Szywala	----

Top 16 From Preliminary Rounds

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### Discipline Champions / Sportsmanship & Rising Star Recipients

Trick / Fancy	---	Florian Kohler	40 out of 40 points
Special Arts	---	Florian Kohler	39 out of 40 points
Draw	---	Jason Lynch	39 out of 40 points
Follow	---	Sebastian Giumelli	39 out of 40 points
Bank / Kick	---	Sebastian Giumelli	38 out of 40 points
Stroke	---	Lucasz Szywala	39 out of 40 points
Jump	---	Florian Kohler	40 out of 40 points
Masse	---	Florian Kohler	38 out of 40 points
Sportsmanship	---	Wang Mengnan	Special Designate
Rising Star	---	Wang Mengnan	By Player Scores

Special WPA "Artistic Pool" Medal / Ribbon Awards Presented To Each Player  
Disciplines Furnished By WPA Artistic Pool Division  
Sportsmanship And Rising Star Sponsored By Dr. Cue Promotions

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