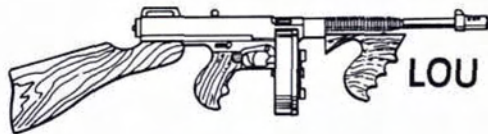
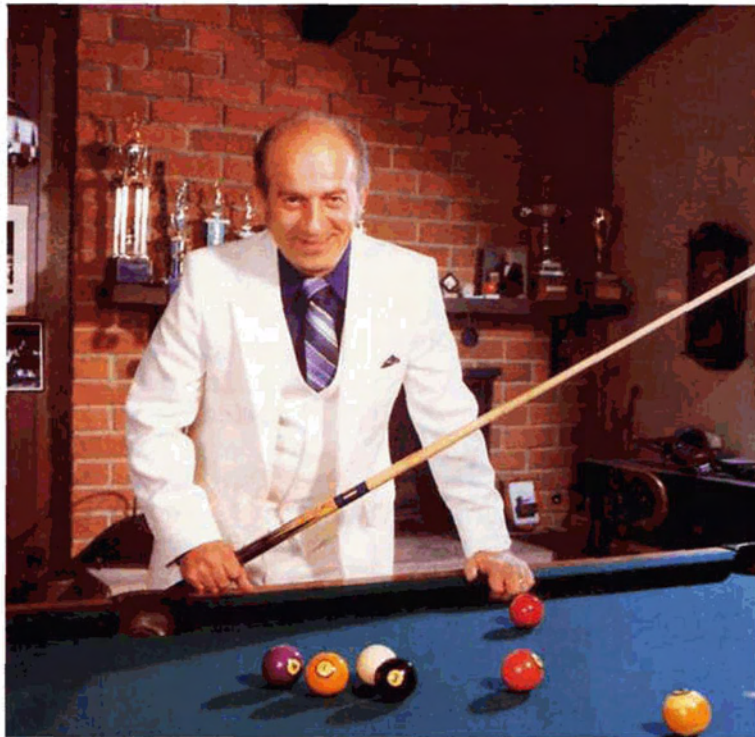


At the Table



LOU "MACHINE GUN" BUTERA



"Machine Gun" Lou Butera has been billed as the FASTEST, MOST COLORFUL, MOST EXCITING contemporary pool player.

In addition to playing professionally, making public appearances and giving exhibitions, Lou has kept active as; owner of his own pool and billiard playing facility in California, an instructor of the game privately and in group clinics, a representative for equipment endorsements, a sales marketing executive, and acting as technical advisor for many T.V. programs and movies.

Nicknamed "Machine Gun" for his rapid-fire style of play, he holds the World Record in tournament competition for running 150 balls (without missing) in 21 minutes! Lou's repertoire of trick shots are also among the best. In the

game of straight pool (14.1), Lou has had numerous runs of over 200 balls with a personal high run of 267 consecutive balls.

Among the many titles Lou attained during his illustrious career are; World's Champion, Pennsylvania State Champion, Television Challenge Billiards Champion, two-time Midwest Open Champion, Tournament of Champions Title, Las Vegas Open Champion, California Champion, All Japan Champion, Sacramento Open Champion, CBS World Trick-Shot Champion and Miller King of the Hill Champion.

His television and movie credits include A.M. America, Fall Guy, Tomorrow Show, Challenge of the Sexes, Bridget Loves Bernie, The Rookies, Mannix, Stone, Kojak, B.J. & The Bear, Gunsmoke, Fitz & Bones, Wide World Of Sports, Guinness Game and Sports Legends.

"Machine Gun" Lou Butera has now been assured a place in the history of the sport. On May 31, 1986 he was inducted into the Billiard Congress of America's Hall of Fame during a special award dinner held at the plush Petroleum Club in downtown Ft. Worth, Texas.

According to the Billiard Congress of America, "The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to honor outstanding persons of the world who, through their competitive skills and/or dedication, have enriched the game of billiards." Two categories have been established in the BCA's Hall of Fame. Butera was selected under the Greatest Players category which consists of players who were active in national competition for at least 15 years and won at least one recognized national championship. The Meritorius Service category is reserved for persons who have made lasting, memorable and important contributions to billiards, even if they have not distinguished themselves as competitors.

In announcing that Butera was elected for the 1986 honor on the basis of a majority of votes cast by the membership, the BCA issued the following statement.

"Lou has been among the world's top

straight-pool and 9-ball players from the mid-60's through the mid-70's. He was runner-up to Irving Crane at the 1972 World Championship in Los Angeles (lost 150-111 in final). He won the 1973 World Championship in Los Angeles, beating Crane 150-63 to force a playoff match (each had 13-5 records). Butera ran 150-out against Allen Hopkins in the '73 World Championship, taking only 21 minutes to do so. He placed fifth in the '79 PPPA World Open and third in 1980. He was the winner of the Big Fights "King of the Hill" 7-ball match. Butera is known for his numerous titles and as a television and movie consultant for the sport. He is one of pool's most colorful and well respected personalities of impeccable character."

Lou "Machine Gun" Butera is now a member of this illustrious group (The BCA Hall of Fame): JAKE SCHAEFER, SR., WILLIE MOSCONI, FRANK TABERSKI, JOHNNY LAYTON, JOHN WESLEY HYATT, HAROLD WORST, RALPH GREENLEAF, WELKER COCHRAN, HERMAN J. RAMBOW, JAKE SCHAEFER, JR., CHARLES (CHARLIE) C. PETERSON, BENJAMIN B. NARTZIK, ALFREDO DE ORO, WILLIAM F. (WILLIE) HOPPE, DOROTHY WISE, JAMES CARAS, IRVING CRANE, JOE BALSIS, LUTHER LASSITER, STEVE MIZERAK, RUDOLPH (MINNESOTA FATS) WANDERONE, AND JEAN BALUKAS.

