



Born in Livonia, NY in 1913. Irving played steadily as a teenager; he never entered tournament play until the age of 23. In 1942 he won his first world title. Since then, he has won many championships, including the world crown in 1946, 1955, 1966, 1968, 1970 and 1972, also the International Round Robin championship in 1968. Crane was the victor in the 1978 World Series of Billiards against a sturdy field of outstanding competitors. His greatest triumph, however, was his victory in the 1966 U.S. Open, when he won the championship in a never to be excelled record run of 150 and out.