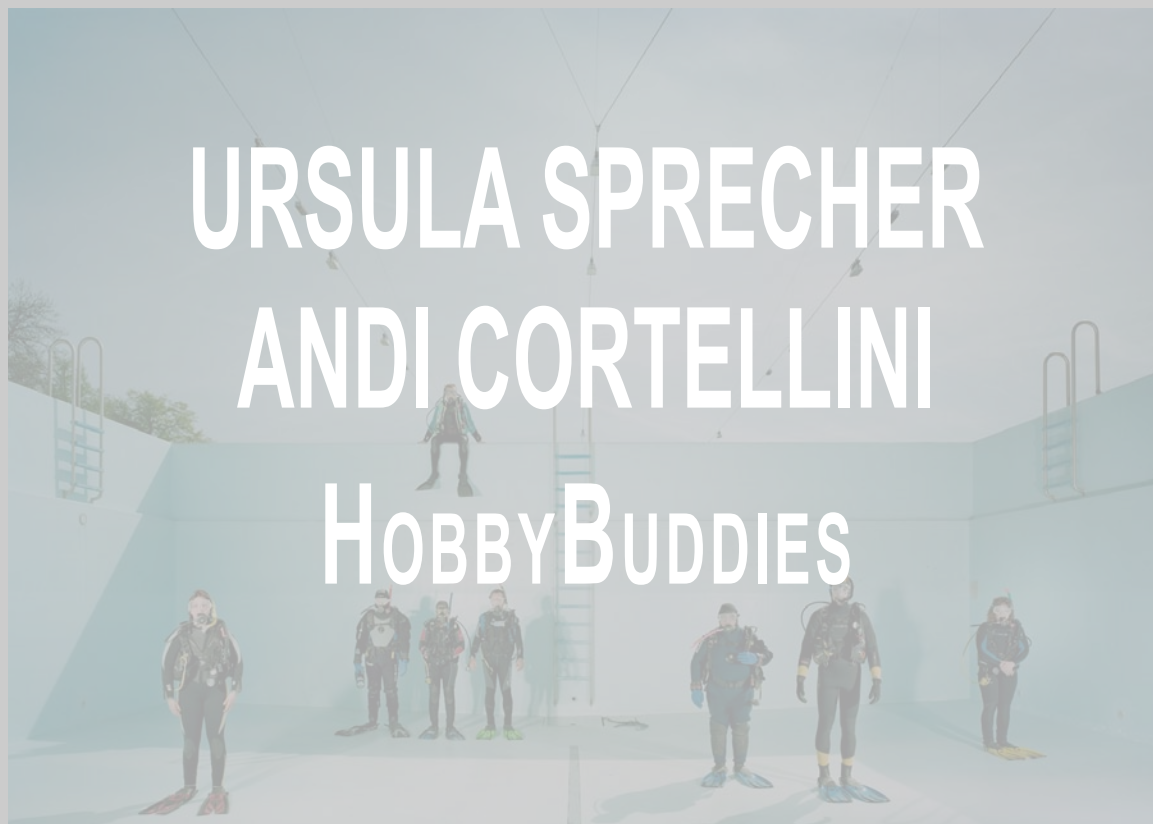


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## URSULA SPRECHER & ANDI CORTELLINI

Ursula Sprecher (Basel, 1970) and Andi Cortellini (Basel, 1965) currently live and work in Basel, Switzerland. They have been collaborating on the *HobbyBuddies* series since 2007. The series has received numerous awards and has been exhibited at Scope Art Fair, Miami; Photoforum PasquArt, Switzerland; Darmstädter Tage der Fotografie, Deichtorhallen Hamburg, and Kunsthalle Memmingen, in Germany; and other venues. The series has been featured in magazines, such as GEO, Chrismon, NZZ, Independent on Sunday, Stern, and Photo International.

**HOBBYBUDDIES** : Curated by Michael Mehl

In their *HobbyBuddies* series, Ursula and Andi have staged complex group portraits of people who gather regularly to engage common interests. The subjects come from all walks of life, age groups, ethnicities, and religions. Regardless of what they call themselves –associations, clubs, cliques or leagues– the common thread among them is a commitment and passion for their shared pursuits.

Through extensive research and planning, these portraits were scheduled and produced at specific locations, with backgrounds and props built and arranged to best feature members of each group. The number of subjects, their clothing, the props, the accessories –nothing was left to chance; a meticulous procedure that was instrumental in creating these unusual, intriguing, perplexing and humorous images that refer to traditional forms of 19th-Century group photography –with their ornate and complex arrangements.

This monograph includes a selection of twenty four images from the *HobbyBuddies* series. The complete series of sixty portraits was published by Kehrer Verlag in a hardcover edition currently available in Europe, and available in the United States after November 2014.

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*Dintefisch Diving Club*



*Tram Club*



*Quiet Room, Tai Chi and Qigong*





*Children's Chess*



*St Brandan Scout Section*





*Swiss Garrison (Serving the 501st Legion)*





*Blue and White Rowing Club*



*Naked Projects*



*Floorball Club*





*Warriors Cheerleaders*





*Majorette & Show Dance Troupe*



*Billiards Club*



*Pigeon Fanciers' Club*





*Knitting Group*





*Cooking Club*



*Children's Theater*



*Photo Club*





*Association of Scientific Preparators*





*Cadet Corps*



*Film Appreciation Group*



*BDSM Regular's Table*



*Friends of the Tattoo*





*Rubinia DJanes*



*Kite Club*