

Morrow Tournament Times

Dick Morrow Invitational Prepares for Tenth Annual Event

• January 28, 29, & 30 •



*Cindy Prendergast and Todd Maroin,
'93 Championship Flight Winners*

The weekend will get underway with a cocktail party at the Bartons' home on Friday evening. Simultaneously we will be getting a head start on the tournament by scheduling a significant number of matches for Friday evening, in order to open up our schedule on Saturday. Please try to make yourself available for a Friday match, and indicate your availability on the entry form. No one will have to miss the party — come straight from the court to 905 Edgehill Road.

The Saturday night dinner-dance at Vicmead will be better than ever — a real Dick Morrow party!

Frankly, we are concerned about over-subscription of both the tournament and the dinner-dance this year, so we are asking you to pre-pay in full with your entry form to guarantee your place.

We're looking forward to seeing you there.

The Morrow Tournament Committee

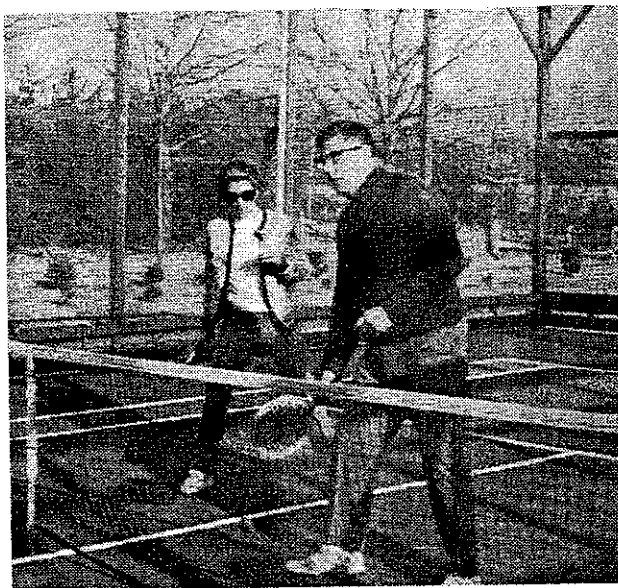
Randy and Peggy Barton
Ron and Ellie Maroney
Barry and Joan Snyder
Anna Brantley
Margaret Munday

The Tenth Annual Dick Morrow Invitational Tournament will be held in its traditional last-weekend-in-January time slot. Preparations are underway, and we hope this will be the best ever. To commemorate the Tenth Tournament, all playing participants will receive handsome favors.

Tournament info is presented in this newsletter, and the entry form can be found on pages 3 and 4. Please make sure to fill out both sides of the form!

What's New This Year ?

- Special Tenth Tournament favors for all participants!
- More matches on Friday night, to ease the Saturday schedule. Play Friday and sleep later Saturday morning!
- Friday night cocktail party at the Bartons'



Dick and Sugar Morrow winning the first Vicmead Open in December '72. Orange balls, wooden courts, and bell-bottoms!



Chas and Caroline Burkhart won the first Morrow Tournament in 1985. Penn Yeatman and Sue Clayton were finalists.



Jamie Marvoel and Lisa Hughes were the Flight B winners in 1992.

Where Did the Dick Morrow Invitational Tournament Come From?

Paddle got under way in Wilmington in the early '70s. Greenville had the first court, Vicmead put two in place for the '72-'73 season, and Wilmington followed a year later. The first Tri-Club Mixed Doubles Tournament was played in 1974 (with 56 teams) and a few years later, Kennett had courts and was playing in the tournament, too. (In spite of the addition of a fourth club, the name "Tri-Club" seemed to be fixed for all time.)

Dick Morrow had played paddle when he and Sugar lived in Bronxville in the early '60s, and he was a paddle proselyte in Wilmington throughout its first decade here. Dick was an excellent player, and racquet-sports lovers were immediately attracted to paddle. Yet Dick also had a real feeling for the less competitive or otherwise reticent beginners, and was able to lure players of all levels onto the courts to share the fun. Paddle seems to be an especially good game for mixed doubles, and perhaps that helps explain why it has always seemed to be a very sociable sport. Another reason may have been that Dick was an outgoing person who loved parties, and he made sure that the Tri-Club was always a fun weekend.

When Dick passed away in 1984, a group of his friends decided to transform the Tri-Club into the Morrow Invitational Tournament in his memory. Making it an invitational allows us to include some old out-of-town friends and make some new ones. Continuing it in two flights (and later three) encourages participation of beginners, or hackers, or those whose knees just don't work too well any more. Most of all, we continued it as a **mixed doubles** tournament, with a strong emphasis on the social, off-court fun. It's a real pleasure to remember Dick and his legacy of sporting fun when we go out each year in late January.

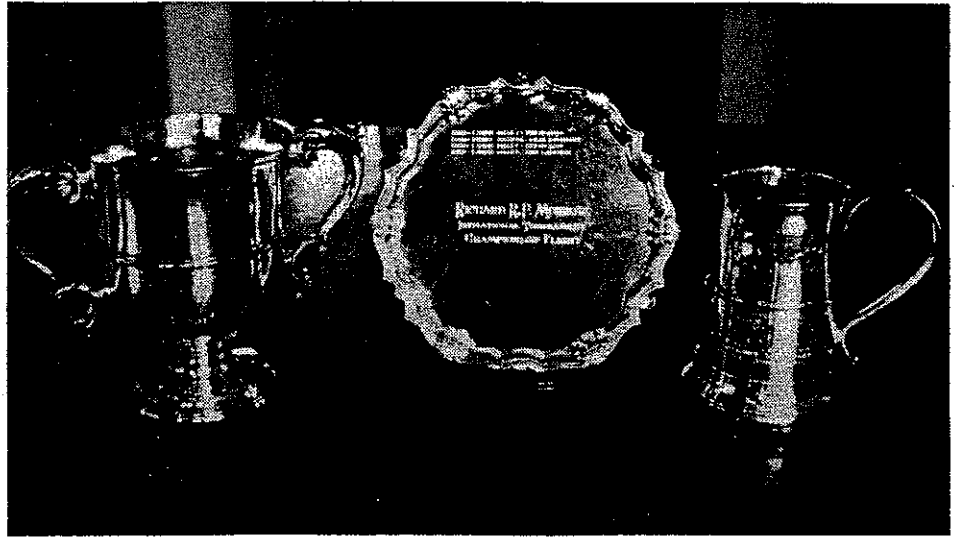
Morrow Tournament Trivia

- How many people have played in the Morrow Tournament in its nine years?
- How many matches have been played?
- How many unfortunates have had to play seven matches in one weekend?
- Has anybody suffered this fate more than once?
- Who have played in every Morrow Tournament?
- Who have attended every Tournament Dinner?
- Who has played the most total matches?
- Who has had the most different partners?

Hear the answers to these questions, and maybe more, at the Tournament Dinner on Saturday, January 29th!

Morrow Trophies

Dick's friends, 235 donors in all, contributed generously to acquire the handsome trophies awarded to the winners of the three flights each year. The Flight A cup (left) and Flight B tankard (right) were acquired in 1985, at the beginning, and the plate for the Championship Flight (center) was acquired in 1990 after that flight was established in 1989. Dick encouraged everyone to get out and play. In that same spirit, the three levels of play have comparable trophies.



Morrow Tournament Champions

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

1985
 1986
 1987
 1988
 1989 Tim McAvoy - Laurie Hissey
 1990 Chas Burkhardt - Bunny Vosters
 1991 Tim McAvoy - Laurie Hissey
 1992 Tom Safford - Laurie Hissey
 1993 Cindy Prendergast - Todd Marvin

FLIGHT A

Chas Burkhardt - Caroline Burkhardt
 Ernie Rivet - Cindy Prendergast
 Chas Burkhardt - Caroline Burkhardt
 Tim McAvoy - Laurie Hissey
 Larry Scott - Anna Brantley
 Jeff Hulick - Margaret Munday
 Ken and Candy Goddu
 Ron Groff - Maureen O'Berg
 Penn and Sandy Yeatman

FLIGHT B

Ed Morrow - Wendy Richards
 Hugo Schwandt - Nancy Marvin
 John and Barbara Hoover
 Chan and Ceci Moore
 Shaw Taylor - Milbrey Jacobs
 Chip Pollock - Verna Teets
 Rod Maroney - Eileen Maroney
 Jamie Marvel - Lisa Hughes
 George and Debbie Hobbs

A cocktail party will be held on Friday night, and a paddle dinner and dance will be held at Vicmead on Saturday night. Please indicate below whether you plan to attend these events. Please fill out the form completely; space is provided for non-playing participants (dinner only).

Name	Tournament Entry (@ \$20.00 per person)	Friday Cocktails		Saturday Dinner / Dance (@\$35.00 per person)	
		will attend	will not attend	will attend	will not attend
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Total entry fees _____
 Total dinner charges _____
 Amount remitted _____

Make checks payable to: Morrow Invitational Tournament
 Return this Randy Barton
 form to: 905 Edgehill Rd, Wilmington DE 19807

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 22ND

THE RICHARD R. P. MORROW INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

FORMAT: Players of all abilities are welcome. We will run the tournament in three flights:

- Championship Flight: Open
- Flight A: Experienced players
- Flight B: Less experienced players

Double consolations will be played in all flights.
Flight assignments will be decided by the Tournament Committee.

ELIGIBILITY: Entry is open to all WCC-VHC-GCC-KSGCC members and also to their guests, subject to the limitation of the size of the draw. Accordingly, invitations will be issued only through the Tournament Committee. Please contact a Committee member if you wish to propose a guest.

FRIDAY NIGHT To get the Morrow Tournament weekend started, we will have a cocktail party at the Bartons' home at 905 Edgehill Road, Westover Hills, Wilmington, beginning at 6:00 p.m. We need a head count for this event, so please RSVP on return form!

SATURDAY NIGHT At Vicmead, cocktails from 6:30, dinner at 8:00.
Dancing from 8:30. Casual attire

Due to the popularity of the dinner-dance, subscription will have to be limited. To avoid confusion, reservations will be accepted, by the Committee only and not through Vicmead, on a first-come first-served basis.

COSTS: Entry Fee: \$ 20.00 per person (includes balls, prizes, and Tournament Favor)
Dinner Dance: \$ 35.00 per person

SIGN UP: Fill out and return the attached sheet. All entries must be received by January 22nd. If you need a partner or if you have questions, call a member of the Tournament Committee. For most inquiries, call Randy Barton at 695-2578 (office) or 655-5126 (home).



1994 MORROW TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

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will play in the Dick Morrow Invitational Tournament, January 28th-30th, 1994. We prefer to play in:

Championship Flight _____ Flight A _____ Flight B _____

Some matches will have to be played this year on Friday night. Those who play a match on Friday night will still have a chance to come to the cocktail party and will receive a later starting time on Saturday morning. Please indicate (in 25 words or less) your team's availability to play on Friday night (your willingness will be sincerely appreciated):

Yes _____ How early can you start? _____ No way _____

MAKE SURE TO FILL OUT BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM!