

GUT BUCKET NEWS

The Voice of the Morrow Tournament

RANDY “MADE-OFF” BARTON ARRESTED

Wilmington, DE - The Morrow Committee announced the arrest of Randy Barton earlier this week. After years of investing the Morrow Endowment Fund, it was discovered that the reported annual 30% return was just a figment of Mr. Barton’s imagination.

Randy Barton insisted (as usual) that it was not his fault. “I followed the investment advice of Peter Ponzi Morrow of the Longwood Foundation. Pete gives away more money every year than most people make in a life time. I assumed he was a very astute investor.”

It turns out that Pete, **The Ponz** for short, was better at giving away money than making it. “I never knew where the money came from. Ed du Pont just said give away \$30 million this year, and I did. And let me tell you it isn’t easy giving away all that money. I pulled my calf muscle kicking the money out the door.”

Former Tournament Chair Pat DeVitto said, “It’s so sad. We gave out those crappy favors in previous years so that we could save money for the occasional BIG FAVOR, and now the money is all gone. Leaving aside Barry Snyder’s juvenile sense of humor (and how come he decides on the favor anyway), we could have done better for our players than with those past pathetic favors, like a sleeve of Dick’s Balls, or Dick’s Little Dickie, or even worse, remember the Wine Condom.”

When last seen Barton was trying to sell Peggy’s center pieces to raise bail money.

CAROL O’BRIEN APPOINTED “DRAW CZAR”

Kennett Square, PA - President Teddy Barnett announced that Carol O’Brien has been appointed to the newly created position of **DRAW CZAR**. After all of the complaining about what division a team should play in, President Teddy decided that the only solution was to appoint a CZAR. President Obama wants a Car Czar, I can have a **DRAW CZAR**.

CZARINA O’Brien was faced with her first test immediately. Sallie (no last name) signed up for the B Division with Tom Dougherty. While a few years ago Tom’s game might have relied too much on his good looks, and less on his good play, he has become quite an accomplished player this year.

In an interview yesterday, Sallie persuasively argued her case for inclusion in the B’s. First, she pointed out that she is the only person to play in all 25 tournaments, and her name is not on any of the 3 trophies. Second, she has taken her lumps in the A’s, and then in the Championship, without complaint. Comparing herself to other “one hit wonders” she pointed out that some people waltz in and win a division and then never play in the tournament again. She refused to name names, but we can think of a few players who win and disappear. Finally, she pointed out that she picked Tom for his dashing good looks (Can you say Altar of Tom?) and not for his paddle game.

After considering the matter carefully, Czarina O’Brien issued her decision. Unfortunately, her decision raised more questions than it answered.

Czarina O'Brien ruled that if Sallie marries Tom before their first match they can play in the B's.

Informed of this decision, Tom said, "Sallie told me she isn't changing her name any more. So I guess I'll have to change my name. I'll be happy to take the name Thomas Patrick Dougherty Stabler Laird Dean Smith Jones Doe Ketcham. But I'll have to get all new (and much bigger) towels to accommodate my new monogram, TPDSLDSJDK.

The wedding is scheduled for Saturday morning at 7:30 in the Dead Fox Bar. The Right Reverend Cindy Prendergast will officiate.

The next problem was with First Mother Alice Ivy. She signed up for the B's with Chas Burkhart. "Chas has never won the B's, and he's cute. Besides I'm the oldest person in the tournament so I get to do what I want." The lovely First Lady of the tournament, Alice Barnett, refused to discuss the matter with her mother, and kicked the decision down the road to the CZARINA.

Before the CZARINA could issue her decision, word came from the Burkhart Compound that jealous and suspicious wife Patty would not permit husband Chas to play with Alice. "I'll let him play with his sad sack little sister Cooley, but that's all."

Morrow Trophies

Dick's friends (235 donors) contributed generously to acquire the trophies awarded to the winners of each flight. The Flight A cup and Flight B tankard were acquired in 1985. The plate for the Championship Flight was acquired in 1990 after that flight was established in 1989.

ORIGIN OF THE DICK MORROW TOURNAMENT

Wilmington, DE - Paddle started in Wilmington in the early '70s. GCC had the first court. Vicmead put in two courts in 1972. WCC followed a year later. The first Tri-Club Mixed Doubles Tournament was played in 1974 (with 56 teams) When Kennett added courts their members joined the fun. (With 4 clubs, it was still the "Tri-Club").

Dick Morrow played paddle when he and his wife Sugar lived in Bronxville in the early '60s. He was the paddle proselyte in Wilmington throughout its first decade here. Dick was an excellent player, yet Dick also had a real feeling for less competitive players and beginners. He lured players of all levels onto the courts to share the fun. Dick made sure that the Tri-Club was always a fun weekend.

When Dick died in 1984, Randy Barton, Barry Snyder and Lee Wiley had the same thought. The best way to honor Dick was to name the Tri-Club after him and continue the Tournament in his spirit. Randy, Barry and Lee formed a committee with Peggy Barton, Ron and Ellie Maroney and Molly Wiley to transform the Tri-Club into the Richard R. P. Morrow Invitational Tournament. It is an invitational so we can include some out-of-town friends and so we can make some new friends. The three flights encourages the participation of beginners and hackers, or those whose knees just don't work too well any more. In this 25th year we continue it with a strong emphasis on the social, off-court fun. It is a pleasure to remember Dick when we go out each year in late January.

Please celebrate with us 25 years of fun.

Morrow Tournament Champions

	CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT	FLIGHT A	FLIGHT B
1985		Chas Burkhart Caroline Burkhart	Ed Morrow Wendy Richards
1986		Ernie Rivet Cindy Prendergast	Hugo Schwandt Nancy Marvin
1987		Chas Burkhart Caroline Burkhart	John Hoover Barbara Hoover
1988		Tim McAvoy Laurie Hissey	Chan Moore Ceci Moore
1989	Tim McAvoy Laurie Hissey	Larry Scott Anna Brantley	Shaw Taylor Milbrey Jacobs
1990	Chas Burkhart Bunny Vosters	Jeff Hulick Margaret Munday	Chip Pollock Verna Teets
1991	Tim McAvoy Laurie Hissey	Ken Goddu Candy Goddu	Rod Maroney Eileen Maroney
1992	Tom Safford Laurie Hissey	Ron Groff Maureen O'Berg	Jamie Marvel Lisa Hughes
1993	Todd Marvin Cindy Prendertgast	Penn Yeatman Sandy Yeatman	George Hobbs Debbie Hobbs
1994	Tim McAvoy Laurie Hissey	Peter Veale Milbrey Jacobs	George Hobbs Margaretta Brokaw
1995	Todd Marvin Cindy Prendergast	Steve Kapp Courtney Kapp	Hugh Wallace Janet Conigliaro
1996	Todd Marvin Cindy Prendergast	H. G. Haskell Eileen Maroney	Mike Skibicki Margaret Smith
1997	Bob Harrison Cindy Prendergast	Ed McQuillen Beth LaMotte	Steve Smith Wiz Applegate
1998	Ed McQuillen Cindy Prendergast	Ken Goddu Candy Goddu	Douglas White Carolina White

1999	Bob Bolling Kim Jennings	Jeff Nielsen Debbie Hobbs	Rich Habibi Debbie DePhillips
2000	Bob Bolling Cooley Burkhart	Vinson Hendrix Margaretta Andrews	Bill Anderson Eleanor Schwandt
2001	Rusty Wright Daniela Pino	Jay Wright Beth Wright	Charles du Pont Lisa Dailey
2002	Ted Easter Cooley Burkhart	Mike Ashley Lisa Ashley	R. G. Hackett Alice Ivy
2003	Pete Morrow Cindy Prendergast	Ron Groff Maureen O'Berg	Rocco Dambro Candy Adkinson
2004	Chas Burkhart Patty Burkhart	Matt Alacknavitch Kim Alacknavitch	Gabe DeVitto Ruth Russell
2005	Bill Pound Cindy Prendergast	Barry Snyder Beth Wright	Dave Burton Sarah Carpenter
2006	Steve Nycum Cindy Prendergast	Ron Pinsky Betsy Pinsky	Ted Cover Marina Attix
2007	Steve Nycum Cooley Lyon	Roberto Gollmann Carol Taylor	Eric Holloway Alice Ivy
2008	Brint Morrow Cindy Prendergast	Mark Centrella Betsy Pinsky	Wills Elliman Tracy Elliman
2009	Your Name Here!	Your Name Here!	Your Name Here!

THANKS TO OUR COCKTAIL PARTY HOSTS

1991	Ellie & Ron Maroney
1994	Peggy & Randy Barton
1995	Debbie Habibi
1996	Kirk & Pres Ayars
1997	Nancy & Dave Marvin
1998	Ann & Jeff Nielsen
1999	Ellie & Ron Maroney
2000	Debbie Habibi
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2002	Leatrice & Toby Elliman
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2005	Anne & Wade Scott
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2007	Anne & Wade Scott*
2008	Anne & Wade Scott**
2009	Anne & Wade Scott
2010	YOUR NAME HERE!!

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Official Tournament website www.dicksballsarestillround.org.

PLAY PADDLE! HAVE FUN!