

GUT BUCKET NEWS

The Voice of the Morrow Tournament

STRIP SEARCHES MANDATED AT THE MORROW TOURNAMENT

Centreville, DE - The Morrow Committee announced this morning that all female players will be subject to a strip search before they can enter the court for their first match.

Responding to the heightened terror threat against platform tennis the Committee decided that it had to act. At a hastily called press conference Chairman Snyder explained the basis for this extraordinary decision. "After the attempted underwear bombing in Detroit, we were pretty sure that the Kennett Square paddle courts were next. Thank god our hard working committee can connect the dots" (even though it took them over a month to act).

When asked why there were no female committee members at the meeting where the decision was made, Snyder had this implausible explanation. "We had the emergency meeting at Buckley's last night, after our Men's League match. I don't think wives are allowed at Buckley's on Thursday night. I confirmed the "no wives rule" with 3 trusted sources, Jake Miller, Tom Dougherty and Bill Pound. More importantly, we didn't invite the women on the Committee to the meeting because of the sensitive nature of the subject matter. AND FINALLY AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, DUH!!, the women wouldn't let us do it."

Snyder announced the appointment of the Strip Search Sub-Committee ("SSSC", pronounced SSSSSSick), which included Dave Marvin, Pete Morrow, Greg Pettinaro and Rod Maroney.

Simon Peppiatt volunteered to be on the SSSC, but was turned down. Reached at his local pub Simon said "The application said "No Experience Required", so why was I rejected."

Former Tournament Chair Pat DeVitto said, "I will be happy and proud to be strip searched. I believe that it is my patriotic duty to do everything in my power to help defeat this terrorist threat. Can I request that Pete Morrow strip search me?"

Last week during a "fun" game with Dave Marvin, Cindy Prendergast pulled out her APTA Hall of Fame "GET OUT OF STRIP SEARCH" card, wagged her finger at Dave and said "See, I'm exempt." Isn't that just like Cindy, being all sassy?"

Alice Ivy declared, "I'm almost 80. I haven't been strip searched in my entire life, but I'm always up for something new. I can't wait to get to the courts on Saturday morning. Who did you say is going to strip search me, that handsome Rod Maroney?"

Sandy Yeatman became the third woman to declare her strong desire to be strip searched. "I am sure Dave Marvin has always had an eye for me. Saturday morning can't get here soon enough."

Upon hearing all of this news Greg Pettinaro was the first, but not the last, to resign from the SSSC. "This isn't turning out quite the way I expected. Maybe we need a different way to fight the terrorists." Good thinkin' Greg!!!

TARP FUNDS USED TO PAY FOR WCC HUT

Wilmington, DE - Wilmington Country Club Czar Cindy Prendergast refused to say whether TARP money was used to pay for the new paddle facility. However, our sources tell us that it is no coincidence that soon to be Senator Mike Castle is a member of WCC, and that the golfers were told that the million dollar paddle facility wasn't costing the Club a penny.

TIGER WOODS ENTERS MORROW TOURNAMENT

Orlando, FL - At a press conference this afternoon Tiger Woods announced his return to competitive sports. "I'm told that paddle or platform, or whatever its called, attracts its fair share of good looking blonds. Even better, during play, many of those good looking blonds start sweating and taking their clothes off. I like golf, but golf's got nothing like that."

"The other thing that attracted me to paddle is the good sportsmanship, just like golf. If the ball hits you, you call it on yourself. If you see your shot is out, you tell your opponent and concede the point. Even better, nobody ever calls a foot fault. I mean have you seen how far Shaw Taylor gets into the court. I think golf could learn from paddle. It's like when you get a bad lie in golf, you could just pick up the ball and throw it into the fairway and nobody would say anything. That would be great."

"But I need a partner. How about Lisa or Joan or Jaclyn or Dorothy or Debbie or Cindy or Gina or Carroll or Erin or Missy or Kirk or Coeey or Gigi or Diane or Jen or Julie or Monica or Ruth? Call me on my cell phone."

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 TOURNAMENT

Wilmington, DE - Paddle started in Wilmington in the early '70s. 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, NY in the early '60s. When he came to Wilmington he became the pied piper of paddle. 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 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. It is a pleasure to remember Dick when we go out each year in late January.

Please celebrate with us 26 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	Chas Burkhart Cooley Lyon	Jay Wright Joan Snyder	Dave Burton Ginger Burton
2010	Your Name Here!	Your Name Here!	Your Name Here!

THANKS TO OUR COCKTAIL PARTY HOSTS

1991	Ellie & Ron Maroney	2002	Leatrice & Toby Elliman
1994	Peggy & Randy Barton	2003	Leatrice & Toby Elliman
1995	Debbie Habibi	2004	Leatrice & Toby Elliman*
1996	Kirk & Pres Ayars	2005	Anne & Wade Scott
1997	Nancy & Dave Marvin	2006	Anne & Wade Scott
1998	Ann & Jeff Nielsen	2007	Anne & Wade Scott*
1999	Ellie & Ron Maroney	2008	Anne & Wade Scott**
2000	Debbie Habibi	2009	Anne & Wade Scott
2001	Debbie Habibi*	2010	Anne & Wade Scott
		2011	YOUR NAME HERE!!
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