

GUT BUCKET NEWS

The Voice of the Morrow Tournament

THE TONY SHUTS DOWN THE MORROW COMMITTEE

Kennett Square, PA - **THE TONY** announced at a press conference earlier this week that he was shutting down the Morrow Committee until the Committee agrees to spend \$20,000 to build a **HUGE BALL**.

Asked the purpose of the ball, **THE TONY** said "I want to make the Morrow Invitational the biggest and best tournament in the country. A **VERY BIG AND BEST TOURNAMENT** must have a **VERY BIG BALL**."

"You say you want to build a very big ball, how big? Like as big as a basketball."

THE TONY scoffed, and then attacked the phake news again. A partial transcript of the press conference is below

- Q: You haven't said how big yet?
- A: Really Really **BIG**.
- Q: What will it be made of?
- A: Concrete. It has to be indestructible.
- Q: Won't that be very, very heavy?
- A: Another gotcha question. OK it'll be steel. So there!
- Q: What color will it be?
- A: Yellow, like a platform tennis ball and my hair!
- Q: Who is going to manufacture this really **BIG BALL**?

A: I have friends in Russia who know how to handle really **BIG BALLS**.

With that, **THE TONY** walked away from the press conference. We could not reach anyone from the Morrow Committee to find out whether a compromise could be reached.

Martha Pelosi White issued a statement that asserted "Dick's Tournament does not need **BIG BALLs**"

WHAT IS A GUT BUCKET

By The Deadeast Fox

Centreville, DE - The Gut Bucket is not just the back draw for those who lose the first 2 rounds. A "gut bucket" is also a musical instrument. Also known as a washtub bass, it is a poor man's bass guitar. The gut bucket is a washtub and a broom handle. The bass string is a piece of clothes line. Dick Morrow always had a gut bucket in his living room to accompany the piano and the drum set.

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 with his wife Sugar 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. 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 encourage the participation of beginners and hackers, or those whose knees just don't work too well any more.

The matches were played on wood courts, with smooth wood paddles that had no grit. For the first 9 years there wasn't a favor. The 10th playing of the tournament was the first time there was one.

Much has changed, but it is always a pleasure to remember the founder of the tournament, Dick Morrow, every year.

THANKS TO OUR COCKTAIL PARTY HOSTS

1991	Ellie & Ron Maroney
1994	Peggy & Randy Barton
1995	Debbie Pearce
1996	Kirk & Pres Ayars
1997	Nancy & Dave Marvin
1998	Ann & Jeff Nielsen
1999	Ellie & Ron Maroney
2000-01	Debbie Pearce*
2002-04	Leatrice & Toby Elliman*
2005-11	Anne & Wade Scott**
2012-13	Sue Ann & John Kane
2014	Erica & Chris Donoho
2015	Anne & Wade Scott**
2016	Cindy & Steve Wilkinson
2017-19	Shana & Ashley Altschuler
2020	YOUR NAME HERE!!

*Hat Trick ** A Full Gowen & Many More

A "Full Gowen" is a phrase coined to honor the legendary serve of Vicmead paddle player George Gowen. A Full Gowen is when you serve 4 straight faults, thus losing your service at love without the opponent having to touch the ball. It's not easy to accomplish, but over many years and hundreds of service games, George Gowen has it mastered.

CELEBRATE 46 YEARS OF FUN!

Morrow Tournament Champions

CHAMPIONSHIP	FLIGHT A	FLIGHT B	FLIGHT C
1985 Not Created Yet	Chas Burkhart Caroline Burkhart	Ed Morrow Wendy Richards	
1986 Not Created Yet	Ernie Rivet Cindy Prendergast	Hugo Schwandt Nancy Marvin	
1987 Not Created Yet	Chas Burkhart Caroline Burkhart	John Hoover Barbara Hoover	
1988 Not Created Yet	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 Prendergast	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	Jay Wright	Charles du Pont	

	Daniela Pino	Beth Wright	Lisa Dailey	
2002	Ted Easter Cooey Burkhart	Mike Ashley Lisa Ashley	R. G. Hackett, III 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 Cooey 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 Cooey Lyon	Jay Wright Joan Snyder	Dave Burton Ginger Burton	
2010	Jeff Lyon Cindy Prendergast	Phil Chapman Donna Smith	Andy Podolsky Debbie Ashley	
2011	Jeff Lyon Cooey Lyon	Wes Schwandt Eleanor Schwandt	John Conlin Erica Donoho	
2012	Chas Burkhart Cindy Prendergast	Tom O'Neill Lynn Hinckley	Jeff Hauck Hannah Christopher	
2013	Dave Hissey, Jr. Ali Tross	Phil Chapman Ruth Russell	Jeff Hauck Debbie Dittmer	
2014	Tim McAvoy Ali Tross	Diego Rodriguez Lynn Bruder	Albert Chisholm Sue DeCaro	Derek Johnson Anna Cunningham
2015	Rusty Wright Joan Snyder	Darren Schwandt Eleanor Schwandt	Shawn O'Brien Faith Dupuis	R.G. Hackett, III Carolyn Mendez
2016	Peter Hissey Ali Tross Hissey	Jake Miller Sue Ann Kane	Tony DeVitto Suzy Hughes	
2017	Peter Hissey Laurie Hissey	Matt Alicknavitch Gwen Alicknavitch	Matt Carpenter Sarah Carpenter	
2018	Jeff Wiedemann Steph White	Todd Piercy Paul Piercy	Kert Anzilotti Michelle Gioffre-Smith	
2019	Your Name Here!	Your Name Here!	Your Name Here!	