

# 2017 Morrow Summary



*The theme of the 2017 Morrow? That's easy. The triumphant return of a legend (Hi Laurie) we've all been rooting for (and not just on the paddle court), a burgeoning youth movement which resulted in a lot of parents and kids in finals, and the Alicknavitch Assault (FOUR family members in the two biggest finals). All in all, another great event.*

The completed draws are up on the website ([www.morrowpt.org](http://www.morrowpt.org))

Thank you to you all for making the 33rd (or 44th) Morrow Tournament another success. 55 teams, 104 matches, and 45 hours of fun. Our summary:

*. . . We welcomed ANOTHER new Cocktail party host - the Altschulers who, uh raised the stakes of the Friday night party with a late night rager we're still trying to sort out the details on. That party also saw the introduction of the Friday Night Fights as we began to stage two live matches at the cocktail party.*

*. . . We once again enjoyed the hospitality of the Altschulers and Solacoffs allowing us the use of their home courts. The dwindling secret service staff was seen quietly golf clapping at points from their tree costumes.*

*. . . The experimental earlier, more casual dinner idea at the Vicmead continued to*

*pick up steam.*

*. . . We welcomed a cadre of new young players who (we hope) will form the backbone of the event for years to come.*

*. . . and we continued the Sunday traditional Legends game with Ernie Rivet and Pat DeVitto showing the youngster Hissey twins - I mean mother and son how it's done.*

*Circle Jan 26-28th, 2017 for next year's celebration. And check out the website!*

*More pictures from the weekend can be found at:*

<http://andrewpodolsky.zenfolio.com/p823394463>

*See below for a list of the Sunday finalists and winners.*

*See you in January of 2018!!!!*



There was a lot of damage in the first 24 hours - from the liver killing at what anthropaddleologists are now calling "The Alcohol Ambush at the Altschulers" to the bloody knees of the kamakazies on the right (dude, that surface is GRIII-TAY, be careful), it seemed like we saw the field shrink from 175 players to 110 before the first ball was even tossed.



The early strains of the changing of the guard were heard in the distance, as young Taylors, Alicknavitches, Hisseys, Nuttings, Carpenters, Harrisons, Schwandts, Mesters (wait, not them), and others added some life to the partying and speed to the drives. They still have a lot of style pointers to learn from wiley vets Pat DeVitto and Ernie Rivet though.



Barry gave another rousing speech before the final match, the clean portion of which includes:

"Hi everyone. Today (*redacted for decency*) \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\* spotted \*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* pink \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* \*\*. (*347 additional words removed*) thank you!"

Tony DeVitto appears to be holding that can with as little contact as possible



Poor, aging Peter Hissey, clearly intimidated by the "speed" of the ball striking all day and standing out as one of the slowest players in the feild had to resort to foot faulting to even hang on the court with Ernie Rivet. We see an upside of D7 Deuce court playing, with a lot of hard work for Hissey. I mean, the kid has a lot of uncompetitive and unathletic genes to overcome.



Our two legends, flanked by the Hisseys. if you look closely, you'll see another legend, Steve Nycum, looking on with approval.

And now, on to the winners:



Championship Flight Final: Champions: Peter Hissey and Laurie Hissey (left), a happy guy in a pink hat, and

Runners up: Kim and Luke Alicknavitch (right)

This, our archivists are telling us, is the first time we've had double mom-son teams in the finals



A Flight Final: Champions: Gwen and Matt Alicknavitch (right), that guy again  
Runners Up: John Twombly and Susan Stipa (left)



B Flight Champions: Sarah and Matt Carpenter (right)  
Runners Up: Jeff Dinger and Cynthia DeVitto (left)



Championship Flight Consolation: Winners - Mark and Kristin Mumford (left)  
Runners Up: Jill Wallace and Chris Donoho (right)



Championship Flight Reprieve: Cindy Prendergast and Todd Marvin(Right)  
Runners Up: Blaise Taylor Lucy Nutting (Left)





Championship Flight Gut Bucket: Jake Miller and Sue Ann Kane (Left)  
Runners Up: Lynn Hinckley and Tom O'Neill (right)



A Flight Consolation: Winners - Phil Chapman and Hannah Christopher (left)  
Runners Up: Bessie Speers and Jeff Rogatz (Right)



A Flight Reprieve: Winners: Daniella Pino and Barry Snyder and Daniella Pino (right)  
Runners up: Walter Puddifer and Suzy Hughes (left)



A Flight Gut Bucket: Ashley Harris and Eric Christopher (Right)  
Runners Up: Welcome newcomers the Kemenys from Radley Run on the left! Gary and Judy.



B Flight Consolation: Bruce Duff and Kathy Zabel (Left)

Runners Up: Jim O'Donoghue and Maria Heller (Right) . . . we think. The Hellers, playing in their first Morrow, apparently got some much needed advice the night before the tournament and rethought playing together as a married couple (smart). So they switched up at the last second, or maybe they didn't none of us know. But we like all four of them!



B Flight Reprieve: Tom and Lisa Mester (Right)

Runners Up: Kert Anzilotti (subbing for an absent Scott Caldwell) and Debbie Diver. Don't worry Scott - we got you a glass. We cut yours and Kert's down the middle.



The dubious B Flight Gut Bucket: Bill Carpenter and Martha White on the left (they went rogue and did a vertical pose)  
Runners up: Jim and Lori Ehret (right)

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Remember - it's never too early to start shopping for your 2018 partner. Come join us!

SEE YOU ALL IN 12 MONTHS!

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