

Morrow 2021 Wraps up



"Where is everybody?"

It's ok. People will come and play paddle and celebrate at your house again. They'll come to Squirrel Run for reasons they can't even fathom. They'll turn up your driveway, not knowing for sure why they're doing it. They'll arrive at your door as innocent as children, longing for a drivable serve and an overfueled martini

The one constant through all the years has been Morrow paddle. And drinking. Ohhhhhhhh, people will come, Ash. People will most definitely come.

Once again we reach the end of another glorious Morrow, the 48th. Our intrepid crew of 88 paddlers braved global pandemics, polar vortexes and presidential roadblocks among other challenges. Sometimes it felt like the only one of the 10 plagues we missed were the locusts. The party will resume someday . . . hopefully soon.

The good news is (knock on wood) - no health issues that we are aware of and competitive matches across all five draws. There are many people to recognize, starting with the staff and leadership at our four clubs for working with us to hold the event. Thank you Greenville CC, Wilmington CC, Vicmead Hunt Club and Kennett Square G&CC. We also appreciate

home courts to us. You all help make this event what it is.

A Delaware Racquets Legend Caps an Amazing Career



Channeling a young Boris Becker, [Ed McQuillin](#) & [Margie Hackett](#) work together to see if it's possible to get a ball past [Bob "Lefty Spider Man" Bolling](#). (Editor - it's not)

CONGRATS ED! A special shout out to our own Wilmington CC Director of Racquets and Sports, [Ed McQuillin](#) who announced he will be retiring after 34 years of service to our community this summer. Ed is a veteran of 9 Morrows, pulling off a still-talked-about mic drop exit - winning the A's in 1997 with [Beth Lamotte](#), and then walking off into the sunset in 1998 with a Championship Flight title with [Cindy Prendergast](#). Ed was also a Morrow Committee member for a spell. Congrats Ed. We look forward to you rejoining the event now that you'll have more time! We all dream of a 2022 McQuillin-Alice Ivy run of destiny that makes the '91 US Open Connors matches look sedate.

17 NEW PLAYERS joined us this year. Among them collegians [Tristian Bradley](#) and [Grace Dignazio](#). Sadly, both had to return to college after their first match (wait, *happily* – college is fun). They have already demonstrated the Tao of the event, graciously forfeiting rather than forcing special scheduling. Welcome to the party – looking forward to seeing you all for many more years.

Finally, **THANK YOU PLAYERS.** Yes, we get good-natured ribbing that ranges from "why do I have to play my ex-girlfriend in the 2nd round" to having to schedule your own matches. But we also saw competitors allowing opponents to bring in substitutes when their partner went on vacation with nary a complaint. **That is the way we celebrate Dick Morrow every year**, and you all demonstrated a respect for that ethos this year, completing 68 matches with sunny dispositions win or lose. Well done once again.

If you didn't receive your **favor** (face mask) or **winner's prize** (shot glass)

name on it at the WCC Tennis Pro Shop, which is open 9-5 Tuesday to Thursday, 9-6 Friday to Sunday, and is closed on Monday. There is an amazing woman there named "Babe." Please be sure to thank her for taking on a duty that is not part of her job.

While we have fewer pictures due to social distancing, below are our finalists.

Rest up. **The 49th Morrow is January 28-30, 2022.** We have two year's worth of carousing to catch up on. **PLAY PADDLE HAVE FUN!**

Flight 1		
Main Draw	Nolan Baccheiri/Jaclyn Williams	over J. Wiedemann/C. Prendergast
Consolation	Simon Peppiatt/G. Rosenfeld	over Todd / Paula Piercy
Reprieve	Jeremiah DeJose / Lisa Murray	over Johan Hoegstedt S. Twombly
Gut Bucket	John Twombly/Sue Stipa	vs Cary Carabasi/Alicia Papa

Flight 2		
Main Draw	Dave Harris/Jeanne Buzby	over B. Collins/Hanna Christopher
Consolation	Will/Alison Caribasi	over Christopher/Alex. Barlow
Reprieve	Eric Christopher/Ash. Harris	over Jake Miller/Sue Ann Kane
Gut Bucket	Bill/Caroline Shaw	over Bradley/ Dignazio (default)

Flight 3		
Main Draw	Vince Abessinio/Erin Rubano	over Sparky Podolsky/Debbie Ashley
Consolation	Eddie White/Maryeve DiSantis	vs. Brutus Dietz/Ryan Zinn
Reprieve	Yuri Larrabee/Mary Harding Cist	over Chris Tigani/Jen Brown
Gut Bucket	Jeff Rogatz/Lori VanSickle and Randy/Brin Taylor mutually defaulted	

Flight 4		
Main Draw	Larry/Kelly Rasero	over Fred Bevans/Missy Veghte
Consolation	Shawn/Maria Heller	over Mike Deming/Johanna Kung
Reprieve	Greg Pettinaro/Gina Pike	over Kert Anzilotti/Lisa Mester
Gut Bucket	Rick/Barbara Cairns	over Scott Caldwell/Debi Diver

Flight 5		
Main Draw	Jason/Paige Russell	over G. Madosky/D. Chamberlain
Consolation	Tom/Beth Simpson	over Frank/Meghan Lacey
Reprieve	Mark Gregory/Martha White	over P. Liebermann/Mary C. Moran
Gut Bucket	Neil/Kathy Killian	over Alex Johnson/Stacey Baccheiri
Aluminum Shed	Joe Bukatek/Andrea Roesser	over Mark/Beth Trerotola
Brass Outhouse	Richard/Heather Kline	over Ash Altschuler/Renee Garnick



Flight 1 champs Nolan Baccheiri and Jaclyn Williams defeated Jeff



Left to Right, Flight 2 Runners up Bob Collins and Hannah Christopher



Flight 3: Runners Up Flipper von Muffinstuff and Debbie Ashley with



Left to Right Flight 4
Winners Kelly and Larry
Rasero and Runners Up
Missy Veghte and Fred
Bevans



Flight 5 Champs Jason
and Paige Russell with
Danielle Chamberlain
and George Madosky

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The Richard R. P. Morrow Invitational Tournament



The 48th Morrow: A Paddle Party with A Tournament January 29-31, 2021 Wilmington, DE

Welcome to the official website of the Richard R. P. Morrow Invitational Platform Tennis Tournament. The tournament, which began in 1974 as the Tri-Club Mixed, was renamed in 1985 to celebrate and honor the memory of Dick Morrow. It is more than a tournament. It is a three-day winter celebration which has seen over 900 different players participate over the years. The paddle tennis matches are held at four local clubs. There are 3, and sometimes 4, divisions based on skill level and experience. Play starts Friday evening, continues all day on Saturday, and ends with at least 12 Finals on Sunday. All teams play at least three matches. The level of play goes from beginners to national champions, and everything in between. The celebration includes a Friday night cocktail party and a Saturday evening dinner/dance.

The tournament is open to all members of the below clubs, their partners and guests approved by the Committee. All participants must be 21 years of age or older. There is a limited draw size. Entries will not be complete and slots will not be secured until payment has been made (via check, Paypal or Venmo). Click the application link to sign up, and the Paypal one to pay.

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