



# The Capon Weekly

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## Last Minute Summer Fun

Space is still available for most of July, including the weekends. For those who start school closer to Labor Day, you can sneak in an end of summer visit from

**Aug. 28- Sept. 2**

## FALL FEATURES:

### September:

4-night special (9/5-9)

History (9/11-14)

Bridge (9/20-23)

Watercolor (9/25-28)



### October:

Quilting (10/2-5)

4-night special (10/16-20)

Dancing (10/23-26)

Halloween (10/27-30)

## Full Circle Friends

Many of our summer guests started their Capon experience as young couples, enjoying quality adult time with their friends. They've since had children and grandchildren and enjoy large family reunions here. Now as "senior guests", they are returning in Spring and Fall without their progeny so they can once again reconnect with friends from their youth. Such a rendezvous can be the perfect solution for renewing those relationships!

## FRONT PORCH CHATTER....

Many 2nd week of July regulars were missing this week including Mary Siemer, Hopkins/Sankovich and Gorelick/Broaddus families. On Saturday morning, Lynn Broaddus sent an email to all her Capon friends updating everyone on their family member happenings. Also notable was the absence of Paul and Diane Porter, who had maintained a 39-year streak. (Their daughter Paige kept her streak alive at 40, starting her first visit at age two!) On Wednesday, both Betty Busey and Ann Deaton finally ended a different kind of streak— losing at Bingo. Betty's prize-less record had stretched back to 1968, while Ann's went all the way back to 1955.



Despite the loss of beloved patriarch Wayne Smithey since their last summer visit, his ENTIRE clan kept his 60-year tradition of Capon visits going by piling in at the end of the week.

## SHIRT SLOGANS...

Without their usual crowd, and with several late arrivals, the Maxwell family had to wait until Friday dinner to don their traditional custom made T-shirts. Over the years, Robbie Deaton has designed festive wear for their family photo with poetic musings about Capon. This year's version was a sea of sky blue with the phrase: "If the world were a baseball game, Capon would be home plate." (Where we are all safe!)

## Your own private Capon in 2012!

**Friday, June 1 to Sunday, June 3**

Over the years, guests have told us how neat it would be to have their very own private Capon experience. Usually that means having to come during the week. **However, the weekend of June 1-3, 2012 is currently available for any family, group, church, or business to have Capon all to themselves! How about a destination wedding or a 50th wedding anniversary celebration!** Just think of all the possibilities of hand-picking your favorite meals, activities and entertainment for your very own high-lights-crafted weekend! (Curfew extensions and wine with dinner are just a couple of the tweaks during these times!)

*Besides June, we can open up a weekend early in 2012 just for you! Come in late April and you can be among the first to see Capon's off-season's improvements and help us kick off our 80th anniversary season!*



# Celebrations

## BIRTHDAYS

7/10 Kathryn Toohey  
 7/11 Tim Lobl  
 7/12 Betsy Razza  
 7/13 Phil Wilson  
 7/14 Mike Rudolph  
 7/16 James Wilson

## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

7/12 Mike & Debby King  
 7/14 Bert & Karen Dalby  
 7/15 Jim & Nelda Funkhouser- 50th

## Join the “Visit every month” club!



Currently six families are in the running for visiting Capon during all six of Capon’s regular season months. Two have the coveted bonus seventh month because they came for the pre-opening Easter weekend.

Historically, only four individuals or couples have achieved this “perfect score”. Almost all of those accomplishments were in the 1990s. So who else can be part of this exclusive club and win a fabulous Capon prize? Hopefully you!

## Caponchase “Math”ventures



Very few took Gamemaster Tom Austin up on his 2nd edition puzzle. Using this year’s themes, Tom used addition and subtraction instead of his algebraic formulas from last year’s version.

## MORNING RUN




Once again early week hot temperatures meant postponing the Tuesday afternoon road race to the cooler Thursday morning time slot.

That especially made Paige Wolf happy. She had already scheduled it that way on her activity spread sheet. And like last year, participants responded by overfilling the usual 40 slot sign up sheet. (By race end, one more person than last year completed the course— 52!) And to allow for a little extra time to get ready for breakfast, the start was moved 15 minutes earlier to 7:30am. The chilly morning proved great for racing.

It was anyone’s chance to win since no one pushed the early pace. Sitting back in about 5th until the final loop, Robby Kuster decided to put on the afterburners when he saw his father at the head of the pack. His sprint finish put him easily in first in one of the slowest times of the season- 6:10. Meanwhile, the female course record holder, Erin Richmond, was content to work the sidelines as an official, after breaking a toe recently. That left it open for Carter Ware to lead all females one minute after Robby in 7:10. The next three females finished within six seconds of her time. Robby’s parents Jim and Cindy each won their age groups and his brother Ben took second in the 10 and under category. Other top grouping winners included brothers James & Doug Wilson, Simon Richmond, Maddie Stover, Sam Graver & Savy Graver. Sharon Coale competing in her first ever Capon mile took best effort award for pushing to complete the whole loop.

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## Tennis titans: mother/son combos

 This week's crew could have benefited from some of the water used by a tanned Lucas McKeown, who spent many hours in the sun power washing the back of the upper court. The toasty temps once again made Wednesday's racketfest another hot place to be. As players traded partners at the last minute, several large families spread their members among the flights. Last year's champs did not return to defend, so several past winners eyed the top slot. On the Har-Tru court, the dynamic duo of Latane & Randall Ware won their flight to advance to the semis. In the shade of the upper all-weather court, the semi-final battle of sisters went down between Karen Dalby & Cindy Kuster, with Cindy and her son Robby winning against Bert & Karen in a 7-5 tiebreaker to advance to the finals.

Meanwhile, Will & Lisa Moore were tearing up the courts, despite Latane & Randall Ware's valiant attempt to slow them down, Will & Lisa won their semi-final match along with every previous game to advance into the finals on the lower all-weather court. A large crowd gathered to watch as Robby & Cindy play against Will & Lisa in the mother/son duo battle. Cheers erupted when Robby & Cindy, who were down 4-0, tied the set 4-4, finally breaking the Moore's untouchable record. Both teams then took it up a notch, but two games later it was 6-4, set-match for Bill & Lisa.






## Golfers Gander

A double bogey keeps one team out of winners circle, while 5 straight "one putts" enables another to eek out the win In Tuesday's Pot Luck Best Ball Golf Tourney! Four under par 30 score takes the title with 2 teams tying for second place. The winning team of Tim Whittier Jr., Early Muntzing, Tim Lobl, & Beverly Armbruster each received a jar of Pearle's apple butter. Tying for 2nd place: the team of Dan Thompson, Richard Richmond, Tim Whittier Sr., & Leah Rudolph and the team of Robbie Deaton, Jeff Lobl, Dave Caplan and Barbara Mack each received a Capon logo golf ball. 

With missing duffer members, only five gentlemen paraded late into Friday breakfast in traditional golf attire: white knickers and caps, white tops with plaid vests and argyle socks. Stephen Armbruster, Steve Mobley, David King, Michael Rudolph and Greg Busey treated the morning feasters to a rainbow of color fashion show. When it came time to play ball, postcard perfect weather led to memorable golf as three teams tied for top honors. After a 9th hole putt-off, youth prevailed (average age @24) when Sutton Maxwell, Brian Tanenbaum, Greg Busey, Meghan Knotts and Julia Rudolph posted a 4 under par score of 31. Jason King, Doug Keim, Brian Dalby, Max Whittier and Cindy Kuster shared runners up honors with Bohn Crain, David King, Billy Coale, Barbara Mack and Dania Rudolph.

## Friday Stage Show



Without Capon chorus participants this year, Joanne Wheeler warmed up the audience with some piano favorites at Friday night's stage show. Afterwards, Allie Keim's karate moves opened up the kid acts. Then piano was once again the instrument of choice, as Callie Williams, Becca Keim, Ben Kuster, Sam Graver, Shannon Prescott, Nate Taylor and  Natalie Smith each contributed some musical numbers. Still, other sound makers brought their tools: Anna Keim with her fiddle, Anya Smith her flute and Stephen and Sydney Graver their bongos. Voices also took stage as Anna Williams, Becca Lobl, Jayna Lobl and Madison Busey carried their own tunes. Chase Crain with cousin Madison Busey sang the 50 states in alphabetical order, while Melina Giavis and James Nespeca hula-hooped. Later, Jayna Lobl joined Charlotte & Charlie Whittier for a beauty salon makeover deluxe of Tatum Huffman. Then Owen Keim offered a Star Wars finger puppet show casting Darth Vader and Yoda in an epic battle over who brought the Capon water. Next, Katie Bellingham teamed with  Stephen and Sydney Graver for a skit about a pizza that is cooked too long and becomes a statue. Toward the end of the program, the Smith family performers came on stage as did senior member Natalie who contributed with her own song and piano number. Joanne then returned to the piano with an inspiring piano piece. As the lights went off, the DVD "This Week at Capon", produced by Patty Austin, provided everyone fond memories of their time together. (*Anyone seen a honey bear?*) 

## PUCKY PUCKSTERS

Give it up for this week's "sign me" kids and adults.

With barely more than half the numbers of a packed summer week, the percentage of participants was proportionally very high in both the kids and adult tourneys. Like last year, some games went quickly and others almost hit the time limit. Four youth teams played a first round match to get into the quarterfinals. Ben Kuster and Kylie Smith used great point scoring and ricochet action to place their pucks in the sevens and eights all the way to the finals. The only all-girl team, Emma Stover and Tatum Huffman used come-from-behind multiple scores to sneak past opponents who had maintained leads up until the final push. In a back and forth final, both teams scored more than 30 to win, but Emma and Tatum did it by one more point than Ben & Kylie to win the cookies.

For the adults, most teams had found each other by Wednesday evening, so by dinner Thursday two of the semi-finalists had already been determined. Perennial powerhouses returned to the top as both the multiple-championship teams of Robbie & Ann Deaton and Tim and Pat Whittier advanced. Besides the "old guard", cousins David King with Ashleigh Thompson and Stephen Armbruster with wife Amy, also advanced to the next to last match. After some close back and forth games, Tim & Pat edged out David & Ashleigh. Robbie & Ann also bested their opponents to set up a clash of the titans in the championships after dinner Saturday!

## PINGERS PONG



Once again a perfect bracket of 16 filled the 12 and under crowd. Though the adults started with barely half a flight at sign up, some last minute volunteers gave some depth to the older brackets. The kids' league went fast and furious as it was clear that Max Whittier was once again going to fly through the competition. This time he did not have Tim Lobl to face in the finals. When Tim turned 13 this week, he aged out of the youth into the adult category. Instead, Samantha Graver earned the spot to try for the championship title. It seemed all over when Max jumped out to the early lead. But Sam fought back getting the score to 20-18 before Max won the last point and the title.

Defending champion Robby Kuster had the only bye in the adult round and kept the advantage all the way to the finals. Along the way he dispatched Kyle Graver and Bob Armbruster. Waiting for him was Tim Whittier, Jr. who was the last contestant to sign up. Tim had to get past a former champion to get to the big match, barely escaping elimination from Stephen Armbruster. But once at center court, with the whole enchilada on the line, Tim went into full throttle mode and jumped out to a 14-6 lead and never looked back. Robby had to settle for second this time as Tim won 21-12.

## BADMINTON'S BEST



Sun in the eyes and changing winds are always at work for outdoor sports like badminton. But this week's crowd was blessed with steady cloud cover and calm air. Spectators enjoyed lots of rallying talent as multiple games were tied and tied again. That meant the tourney lasted until the maximum 2 hours limit.

Tim Whittier, a champ from previous years, went on a winning streak with his young teammate Phoebe Stover until they met with family ties in the semi-finals. There they were bested 11-8 by Tim's son Max, partnered with Phoebe's sister Paige.

On the other court, Stephen Armbruster, last year's defending champ, paired this go around with Dylan Wolf, quickly took out their competition. That is until, they met David King & Emma Stover in the semi-finals. There they had to fight a double overtime match to advance.

In the championship bout, the score stayed tight as young Dylan stepped up his offense to help his teammate Stephen try and win. But then Paige & Max broke ahead and claimed the title, winning with a score of 11-9.

## Unstoppable Oldies:

The age break was about the same as last year and the difference in score was too. So if you wanted to be on the traditional oldies but goodies team you had to be at least 40. At one point, the 10-run rule was about to go into effect until the younger team put on a burst of 4 points to keep their deficit more reasonable. Still, after seven innings the score ended up 16-7: oldies win.



## Hoopsters

Twenty players showed up to shoot some free throw hoops, more than double the turnout from last year. Young competitors early on scored 4, 5, and 6 out of 10 shots setting the bar high for adult players, who just barely managed to match them. Kyle Graver made 7 out of 10 hoops to take the lead. Only last year's winner, Tim Whittier, Jr. equaled the mark. In the 5-point tie breaker, Kyle sank 2 while Tim nailed all 5 to defend his crown as king of the hoops.