



# The Capon Weekly

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## Family Celebrations ...

Over the years, the Byrd and Campbell families have each held their own weeklong Capon reunions, which have included many family battles involving sports and parlor games. However, this week was the first time the two families gathered at the same time.

*(Don and Yvonne Campbell celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary; Jeanne Byrd, her 87th birthday).*


Don and Jeanne have know each other since 1st grade. After college, along with their spouses, they met weekly to play cards and socialize. When the Byrds moved to the DC area, they learned about Capon from the Kerkerings. Since their second visit in 1973, they have not missed a single year, returning several times each season.

Now with the two tribes here together and sitting next to each other in the dining room, it was inevitable that rivalries would erupt. At breakfast on Monday, Helen Byrd crossed the line and read from an official scroll, challenging the Campbells to shuffleboard, golf and contract rummy. (Later at dinner, they added Pictionary and Scrabble to the contests.) So on Tuesday afternoon, each side put forth their best teams for best ball golf. In true Capon fashion, after nine holes the scored was tied at one over par 35. However, the Byrds took the upper hand in cards. The results of the remaining activity (shuffleboard) was won by the Campbells with father/son team Richard & Brett Jones besting brother duo Anthony and Chad McDaniel.

## At least five decades of dedication!

This week, Ken & Quincy Butler celebrated 55 years of wedded bliss, while both Dick & Betty Miller and Jack & Marie Langan commemorated their half centuries of dedicated marriages. The Langans recreated their special moment with a renewing of their vows at the bandstand Saturday afternoon. Their three children, spouses, and eight grand children were all present as Capon family wedding celebrant Jonathan Bellingham officiated the service.

## Last minute summer fun!

Space is still available for the middle weeks in July, even just for  a few nights. For those who start school closer to Labor Day, there is still space from **Aug. 28- Sept. 1**



## Private Capon 2012!

Over the years, guests have told us how neat it would be to have their very own Capon experience. But it is hard to find a time when no one has a previous claim on space. **However, June 1-3, 2012 is now available for folks to have Capon all to themselves.** While the usual occasion is a destination wedding, guests have organized high school reunions, bridge/quilting groups and church and business retreats. Think of all the possibilities of hand picking your favorite meals, activities and entertainment for a highlights crafted weekend! (Curfew extensions and wine with dinner are just a few of the tweaks you can make!)

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



## Join the "every month" club!

Dan, Ellie, & John Rosen are the current leaders in enjoying Capon every month so far this season. Four couples are attempting to stay at least one day of all six months of the regular season. The Rosens are one of two families who already have the bonus 7th month, having touched April for the special Easter weekend.

# Road race



The late June heat wave didn't slow down the 25+ athletes that participated in the second official Capon mile of 2011. Brad Morbeck sprinted out to the early lead ready to break the current year record of 5:22. He came up 8 seconds short but won easily. Twelve year old sensation Colleen Burke led all females to finish in 6:41. Matt Jones, Preston Miller, Gary Miller, Alex Hoyt, Annie Miller and Michelle Byrd won age group honors. Richard Miller, at 76 years young, won the best effort award



## Young puckers

Early Thursday morning, the shuffleboard courts were filled with the cheers and sighs of kids competing in the first tourney of the season. Jacob Dages & Clare Jones quickly moved up in the brackets giving Jacob a shot at the title he almost won 2 years ago. Meanwhile, Nicole Alexandre & Matthew Jones scored enough points to reach the top match as well. With a shuffling trade-off of pucks, it seemed a close match. When the dust settled, Nicole & Matthew went for the 10's and won with a score of 36-16.



## Hoopsters

Just like last week's contest, no one could break away from the pack in Friday afternoon's hot hoopfest. After all the shooters were done, there was a 5-way tie with six out of ten. In overtime, two players stepped up their game as Steven Litwin scored 4 out of 5 to set the bar. Don Lane took the pressure well, flawlessly making all five for the win!

# Guest Celebrations



## BIRTHDAYS

- 6/29 Helen Byrd
- 6/29 Tommy McDaniel
- 7/1 Matthew Jones
- 7/2 Annmarie Boyle
- 7/2 Shane Edmiston
- 7/2 Ruth Singer-80th

## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

- 6/27 Pete & Diane Hoyt- 46th
- 6/28 Don & Yvonne Campbell-65th
- 6/28 Dick & Betty Miller- 50th
- 6/29 Ken & Quincy Butler-55th
- 7/1 Jack & Marie Langan- 50th

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## Table Tennis Triumphs



Thursday afternoon, the upper ping-pong house was filled with pingers & pongers ready to take a shot at the tournament title. Playing good games all around, the Bakers took over and claimed the entire semi-finals. In one semi, teen titan cousins Louis and Cassie battled close, but with his quick serve, Louis advanced. Meanwhile, Eva Baker and her fiancé Franz Placke duked it out. But with Eva's impenetrable defense, there was no outscoring her game. In the championship, the score stayed even in the Battle of the Bakers, with both players bringing their A game. In the end, Louis's experience as King Pong prevailed, 21-18.

## GOLF DIGEST A small but spirited

set of duffers hacked their way through the special Saturday Best Ball Golf Tourney. Four sets of foursomes battled for the apple butter. Don Lane, Allen Skinner and Seth Koch led the field with 2 under par 34. One stroke back, Jack Langan, Mark Kent and Marty Martin tied Charlie Martin, Larry Cook, Barbara DiMasso and Marie Langan for runners up honors.

