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CAPON SPRINGS, WV

Family gatherings..



Three generations of families gathered this weekend including: Briggs, Cobren, Devlin, Garrett, Leoffler, Riley, Schultz, Stenbakken and Tagliabue families. The extended Newell family is four generations and over 40 members strong and have twins across three generations including Bill & David Newell, John & Malcolm Briggs & infants Asa & Zane Desai. Grandparents with grandchildren include the Psillas and Dickler families.



Labor Day History

The observance of Labor Day began over 100 years ago. Conceived by America's labor unions as a testament to their cause, the legislation sanctioning the holiday was shepherded through Congress amid labor unrest and signed by President Grover Cleveland as a reluctant election-year compromise.

In September 1892, union workers in New York City took an unpaid day off and marched around Union Square in support of the holiday. Protests against President Cleveland's harsh methods made the appeasement of the nation's workers a top political priority. In the immediate wake of the strike, legislation was rushed unanimously through both houses of Congress, and the bill arrived on President Cleveland's desk just six days after his troops had broken the Pullman strike. 1894 was an election year. President Cleveland seized the chance at conciliation, and Labor Day was born.

Now, over a century, Labor Day is seen as the last long weekend of summer rather than a day for political organizing.

QUIZ TIME

Name the last year the wooden shuffleboard courts were still being used at Capon?

A)1984 B)1989 C)1992 D)1996

Answer on page 2.

Main Makeover?



Since everyone uses the Main Building, it will not be hard to notice this coming off-season's maintenance project. Plans are in the works to enlarge the public areas such as the card room, library and living room. Construction will begin in October on a new three-story wing to be added near the area where the current flag pole resides. Phased in over two years, the new addition will house two fully handicapped accessible rooms as well as two new rooms with private bath, replacing two rooms with half bath (#10 & #22). To accommodate these changes, an elevator will be included in order to reach all three floors of both the new and old sections.

To make the necessary space available, the Kiddie Corner/ Game room building might have to be relocated. That means a brand new indoor play area will be constructed adjacent to the current playground. Highlights include a new Kids Kamp room and public rest rooms for the shuffleboard area.



Faith

"We often mistake confidence for faith. Faith is the inner spiritual knowledge of the Creative Force of the universe. It is an attribute of the soul. As God is, faith is."

Lou Austin,
co-founder of Capon,
from an anthology of his work
compiled by his daughter
Claire Kay Austin Bellingham

FALL GATHERINGS



After the kids go back to school, many groups will make their return visit to Capon. Besides the usual collection of church retreats, business planning sessions, golfers and school administrators, several new organizations will be making their first Capon outing. The Union Temple Baptist Church of Washington, DC, Westminster Canterbury of Winchester, VA and Stafford County Christian Church of Stafford, VA, will all be gathering this fall at Capon.

And after hosting five weddings* already this year, two more long time Capon guests will start their married lives here. Both Christy Miles and Ben Toll will introduce their spouses and their families to a Capon experience with



destination weddings in September. Sarah Krautwurst will also be celebrating her upcoming marriage with a weekend gathering in early October. Other guests have already started their planning for 2010 by grabbing the best opportunities for weekend weddings in the spring. **Newlyweds Ben Danner & Zahra Chaudhry are here this weekend enjoying an extended honeymoon after their late May wedding!*

Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

9/2 Claire Cliche

9/7 Mike Stenbakken

9/7 Bob Jones

9/7 David & Bill Newell

ANNIVERSARIES

8/30 Chester & Edna Finagin

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Sports roundup ...



Since there were only 40 guests each night this week, "Caponers" had their own private vacation experience. That meant there were not enough to hold any of the traditional sports tourneys. Even the popular Thursdays afternoon ping pong produced only three sign ups.

In an attempt to have at least one organized event, an all-comers mixed doubles adult shuffleboard tourney took place Friday morning. Nine pairs showed up, several with team names such as Green & Purple, Glidepaths and the aptly descriptive Champions (Ryan & Claire Cliche).

The early rounds went quickly except for the preliminary play-in match. Just before the 30-minute time limit was reached, brother/sister combo Craig & Ginger Cobren scored the necessary 50 points to edge out Emily Prober and Crews Gore. Unfortunately, as they advanced, they next faced 2008 winners Sev & Toni Leoffler, who quickly showed why they have been undefeated. Sev & Toni then dispatched Tara Higgins & Ken Shapiro to earn the right to defend their crown. Waiting for them was team "Champions", Ryan & Claire, who in short order became the team "runners-up" as Sev & Toni kept their crowns in a two-out-of-three battle..



On Saturday morning, unlike previous years when rainy weather dampened the duffers love for the links, picture postcard weather brought out all the golfers for the last Best Ball Tourney of the year. With last minute add-ons and drop outs, the eleven foursomes still ended up even when roll was called at 9:45am. After all the strokes, 3 teams tied at 2 under. Tourney director Glenn Austin set up a putt-off. However, trying to sink a 30-footer on the 9th green proved too tough. After multiple attempts, just getting closest to the hole (6 ft) was enough for Bill Finagin, Sr., Deane Elliott, Bob Jones & Sara Harris to claim the championship. Sev Leoffler, Mo Desai, Joe Bishop and Claire Cliche took runner-up honors.

Quiz answer: It has been 20 years ago this season, since the last time guests enjoyed the wooden shuffling action. So the correct answer is B) 1989