



# The Capon Weekly

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CAPON SPRINGS, WV

## Guest News...



The Napier Family had to leave Capon suddenly on Friday when they learned of the unexpected passing of JoAnne Napier at her home. Guests comforted the family at lunch as word spread of their tragedy. Notes of condolences can be sent to Joe and Ian Napier, 2760 West Kent Dr., Chandler, AZ 85224.

## Warrior to healer

When Capon guest Bob Webster arrived on Sunday he brought with him a copy of the documentary produced and directed by his son Tom entitled: "The Lucky Few".



This inspiring story reveals the humanitarian efforts of the USS Kirk, the destroyer escort that became a haven for refugees fleeing South Vietnam in the spring of 1975. In charge of the Navy Medical Support Command videos, Tom has the opportunity to bring to life historical and educational films for the Navy and general public. Capon guests who missed the showing at the Smithsonian Baird auditorium earlier this year, can catch the 60-minute program Saturday evening before the campfire.

## HALF-DECADE HAPPENING

The extended Mysch family maintained their every 5-year cycle of reunions by returning in record numbers this week. This marks their sixth gathering, a tradition started 30 years ago by their patriarch Herb after his wife died in 1980. He first brought his immediate family to Capon 26 years earlier, enjoying five summer weeks in a row during the mid to late 1950s.

## Last Minute Summer Fun



Space is still available for the rest of July, even just for a few nights. For those who don't start school until closer to Labor Day, take advantage of the openings **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!

## 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 highlights-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

- 7/18 Bob Herndon
- 7/20 Patty Austin, Christina Noll
- 7/21 Henry Noll
- 7/22 Grace Guffey
- 7/23 Lonnie Anderson

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/21 Ken & Karen Kennedy
- 7/22 Todd & Sarah Barnes
- 7/23 Bill & Patty Watson
  - 50th celebration
- 7/23 Tom & Holly Adolph
  - 25th celebration

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## Caponchase Codecrackers

The same three teams as last year started Monday morning to crack this year's edition of the mathematical history teaser.

Three generations proved the most successful as Doris Brown with Linda & Nathan Tumperi completed the entire packet, error free and without help in under three hours. The Barker/Neyhart clans achieved the same goal but it was later in the afternoon when they turned in their perfect score. Meanwhile, Betsy Schmidt couldn't resist asking for help on one part that escaped her deciphering. Betsy echoed her comments from last year: "This is our new favorite activity. Even if we don't finish it, just going all over Capon and working together is so much fun!"

## Thursday Morning Racers



Tuesday afternoon turned out to be too hot to hammer out a mile run, so 54 runners showed up for the pre-breakfast jaunt two days later. Several teenage boys had been training for this race so the pace was pushed early. There was no male or female returning titlist so the top spots were up for grabs. Jamie Harper jumped out to an early lead and never let go to win in 5:35. In his wake came several of the male group winners including: Jason Dvorscak, Rick Ronald, Matt Noll, Owen Tumperi, and Jackson Harper Ronald. The female racers were led by a fellow family member, Theresa Harper, who clocked in at 6:38. Female group winners included: Emily Joncas, Kristin Bruce, Olivia Spence, and Elly Harper Ronald. The best effort award went to the youngest competitor, 4 year old Ella Noll.

## Toasty Table Tennis



Despite the sauna like conditions in the upper ping pong, record numbers showed up to fill the youth and adult brackets in the all-comers ping pong tourney. Some of the star youth players moved up to the adult category and some winners from other summer weeks made the matches unpredictable throughout. In the kids' tourney, for the semi finals, Callan Logan and Owen Tumperi met for a rematch from last year's championship with the same result—Owen's win. Meanwhile, Kylie Logan was moving up the brackets, beating her cousin Andy to land in the semi's versus Nathan Tumperi—who won to make it a Tumperi showdown in the kids' finals. With Owen's vicious offense, he won the battle of the brothers 21-7.

The adults had their own surprises. Capon sporting legend Doug Amtsberg returned to defend his title, but was defeated 21-19 in the quarter finals by an excellent match against Tim Ravenscroft. On the other side of the ping pong house came Mark Noll, just barely making his way into the semis by winning against the talented Julia Patterson 23-21. Tim & Mark both displayed their skills in their semi-final match, keeping it going with long rallies, with Tim emerging 21-17 as a final competitor. Meanwhile, Tim's daughter, Claire, was similarly aiming for the finals, and almost made it, till she met Eric Tumperi in the quarter-finals. After that battle, beating out the up-and-coming Jamie Harper in a close game of 21-17, Eric knew that he could make it an all-around Tumperi takeover if he could beat Tim in the finals. After a long match of skillfully traded volleys, Eric used his powerful serve to establish himself as the new ping-pong champ 21-13.



## Golf digest

Five teams vied for first place but only one team prevailed to take home the apple butter in Tuesday's Pot Luck Best Ball Golf Tourney. Tim Schuler, Darryl Barker, Jim Lauber, Ian Napier and Wendy Bratz won with 4 under par 30. The four remaining teams finished one stroke back at 31. Andy Haggard, Daniel Schuler, Roger Schmidt and Julie Spence; Jim Napier, Alan Boxley, Kevin Schmidt, Kelci House & Cathy Pili; Mike Napier, Chris Schuler, Mark Noll, Everett Kennedy & Karen Boxley; Ken Kennedy, Jonathan Fitzgerald, Michael Wagner, Sean Pili & Elise Ravenscroft.

On Friday, another bunching at the top occurred. Three teams came in with the same 4 under par score. This time the ringing lunch bell and rising temperature prevented a playoff so triple winners were declared. Leading teams included: John Titus, Jeff Bratz, Chris Bruce, Peggy Barnes & Mary Elizabeth Herndon; Ken Kennedy, Todd Adams, Andrew Schuler, Missy Lauber & Karen Boxley; Doug Amtsberg, Joe McCaffrey, John Pili, Stuart Crinkley & Chris Louder.

# Capon's Got Talent

The Capon chorus hit the stage first at Friday night's performances singing "Blow out the Little Me". They also performed a skit about "Little Bunny Foo Foo", who learned a lesson about having a good attitude. Next patriotic music filled the auditorium. Russell Cender offered a stirring version of "God Bless America". Then Lucy Haggard offered her dexterity with several string games, including one in which she tangled and untangled Jane Joncas. Jackson Ronald worked his fingers as well with a haunting piano melody entitled "Wind Chimes". Next Sophia Cender and Katie Bellingham shared a skit about Trick or Treat Princesses. The front row of the audience liked it the best because they caught the candy they threw at the end. Soon singers took over as Lauren Barker, Julia Ravenscroft and Kylie Logan offered accapella solos. Dancers took their turn as "The Barnes Girls" became "Dancing Queens". Jane & Callie Joncas offered gymnastics and cheering before Emily Neyhart displayed her 15n years of ballet training with a dramatic interpretive routine.

Brand new musician Erika Boyd made her performance debut on the Capon stage sharing a Lynyrd Skynyrd song using her guitar and voice. Earlier, to lighten the mood, Ryan Kelley, Chris Neyhart and Jason Dvorscak combined their love of sports with comedy to recreate the famous "Who's on First" routine.

To end the regular program, a mish/mash of Mysch descendants sang out "You're a Grand Ole Flag", complete with flag folding ceremony and surprise historical figure Ben Franklin. Then the lights went out and guests enjoyed a photo and musical tribute produced by Patty Austin showing guests (and honey bear!) enjoying this weeks fun, sports and just being together.

## BINGO BANGO BONGO

Lots of first time winners dotted the prize table Wednesday night in the toasty Meeting House Auditorium. A few O-70s stretched the evening out as Betsy Noll, Frances Harper, Riley Joncas and Cathy Pili won the early games. Courtney Joncas was the first to yell Bingo for the surprise box and that meant she won the new photo memory frame. Elise Ravenscroft only needed 7 numbers to win during the 4-corner game. Then Jim Crinkley put his expert Bingo calling skills to use as guest emcee. Another Jim (Lauber) won that special "T" game. Later Debi Wagner yelled Bingo twice because it was a double bingo game. Next Joe McCaffrey took home a new Capon hat for his winning card. Then Claire Ravenscroft fulfilled her dream of calling Screwball and that made Keith Bratz happy because he won! Renee McMahan (soon to be Spencer!) had the worst card in the house in the consolation game. The night ended with "X" marks the spot and Mindy Gottsegen winning cookies.





## Blazing Rackets

The summer heat was on full blast for the mixed doubles tournament Wednesday morning. With former winners absent, up-and-coming racketeers had a good shot at the tennis title. Two flights of five gave every team a series of matches to test their abilities. On the lower all-weather court, Mike & Courtney Joncas, who are well established in the history of the tourney, started off strong and seemed to be whiffing away all the competition with 10 games won—until Herb Noll & Bridget Jones stepped up to the net. With Herb's skills and Bridget's natural talent, they won their flight with a total of 12 games.

Similarly, in the shade of the upper all-weather court, two teams pulled ahead of the pack. Daniel & Karen Schuler, well-known for their great sportsmanship, won a strong 11 games and were only ousted by the young combo of Jamie & Margaret Harper, who triumphed with 13 games to win their flight. In the final match on the lower court, the heat went up a notch and seemed to be slowing the players down. But both teams kept at it with an equal display of tennis talent. Herb & Bridget kept a tough defense to Jamie's & Margaret's quick offense, and the score only began to waver in the second half of the six-game set. The Harper duo pulled ahead in the end, and won the finals and those yummy cookies with a score of 6-3.

## Basketball battle

Just in time for the free-throw contest, the temperature began to cool as 23 basketballers competed for glory. A solid amount of hoopers made 5 out of 10 free throws, but Eric Tumperi, Jim Noll, Doug Amtsberg, Daniel Schuler, & Jamie Harper all made 6, which called for a 5-point shoot-off. Jamie set the record with 4 out of 5 shots and seemed to be ready to walk away with the win, till sports legend Doug Amtsberg tied him, causing the rare 3-point double shoot-off. Doug settled the matter by sinking 2 out of 3 to reclaim his title as the undisputed hoopmaster.



## Puck Players



After a reshuffling caused by some last minute drop-outs, a complete 4 court match up of 8 teams braved the heat cooked courts Thursday morning. Jane Joncas, one of the finalists from last year, along with her partner Jackson Ronald had a great start. That is until they ran into Jane's cousin Riley, along with Sam Adams, who pushed past them to the finals. There they met Joey Dvorscak, another returning finalist, paired with Julia Ravenscroft who had survived a close semi against Garrett Boyd & Adam Dvorscak. At first, the top match was an even battle. Then Riley & Sam went on a scoring spree and won easily 34-4.

Meanwhile, the adults sported their own exciting matches. Several pairs switched partners with varying degrees of success. The returning champions Doug Amtsberg & Susan House kept form and marched through the early rounds to the semis where they needed all three games to defeat Keith and Wendy Bratz and advance to the finals. On the other side of the bracket, Doug's and Susan's 2010 finalist opponent Michael Wagner, this time with aunt Sara Haggard, had their own success to reach the later brackets. However, they were stopped by Jeff & Kate Harper who advanced to the semis to do battle with cousins Everett Kennedy & Mary Elizabeth Herndon. Come see the exciting final after dinner Saturday.

## Birdie Bopping



The badminton tourney was held Friday afternoon below the sweltering sun, so most competitors sported sunglasses to keep focused on their game. The brackets played out much different than last year, with finalist Callan Logan being taken out early, along with previous year champ Daniel Schuler. Still even with splitting up last year's winning combo, both Chris Schuler and Nathan Tumperi made it back to the championship match with new partners. Nathan worked well with Sarah Crinkley sweeping up the courts, while Chris paired with Jackson Ronald made their own path to the championships.

Chris and Jackson rose to the top after besting Nathan's brother Owen, the same brother they beat in the finals last year. This time for the gold, it was a battle between ex-teammate titans. In the heat, Nathan & Sarah surged past Chris and Jackson 11-5 to emerge as the birdie champions.