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CAPON SPRINGS, WV

Front Porch Chatter...

When Frank Willingham recognized another guest this weekend, he had to go back 50 years in his memory bank to do so. Though both Frank and his wife Linda went all K-12 years with George Sampson, they hadn't seen him since high school graduation. *(Both the Sampsons and Willinghams have been coming to Capon for over 20 years!)*



Capon's grand piano was moved from the front to the back of the auditorium several years ago when the keys started sticking and the sound board became warped. Despite missing some ivory, guests have enjoyed playing this old piano over the years. Now the Knabe instrument will have a new home. Earlier this week, the Greenbrier Piano Company of Lewisburg, WV was the highest Ebay bidder for this unique musical instrument.

While the Meeting House will look different without this large piece of furniture, other big pieces of equipment will make their debut soon. Along with a new stage, there are accessories. Both a new curtain and screen have arrived and are being installed. The curtains will retract into the stage walls when in the open position. The screen measures 10 feet by 13 feet, is 200 inches diagonally and will retract into the ceiling. That means it will fill the stage opening from top to bottom with only 18 inches clearance on each side!



Fresh lines for the newly resurfaced badminton court were completed earlier this week, allowing families to resume their competitive tourneys. The creativity of Capon's maintenance crews will be put to the test as they overcome the curious inconsistency of the one foot difference between the standard court and net sizes. Capon friendly rules are posted at the equipment box (with new racquets and birdies!) to help guests enjoy this updated recreational area.

Founder's Thoughts

"You learn that every other person has as much right on earth as you. The fact that he may not be as well informed or as well educated doesn't change the right. The brilliant mind that is slanted violently in any direction is disqualified to think truly. The world owes much to people, who though not very profound, are guided by the Light and say without effort the thing which has been long wanted and hunted in vain."

Capon co-founder, Lou Austin; from "You Are Greater Than You Know", pg 143.

80 Surprise



Madison McClintic of Richmond, VA received a surprise 80th birthday present on Thursday: a trip to Capon Springs! "I was completely in the dark until my wife Norma pointed the car north," explained Madison. The surprise and celebration blossomed as Capon friends from their regular July week streamed in on Friday. To honor the eight decades, they all wore T-shirts which read: "Some people will do anything for a Capon birthday cake!"



Digital Update

In 1998, a brand new Capon video had arrived in the Food Shop so that guests could show off Capon to their friends. A decade later, the new upgraded Capon DVD is due out in a few weeks. Guests who would like to see a sneak peak can come to the new multi-media conference room in the Meeting House at 8:00pm Saturday night. *(Ask at the Front Desk to reserve a copy.)*



Road racers

Thirty-four runners turned out on Tuesday afternoon for the second race of the season. They stayed bunched for the first quarter mile because nobody wanted to lead it. Finally, Luke Yanike pulled ahead on the first uphill past the main building and jogged to one of the slowest winning times in the 25 year history of the event: 6:26. Ten year old Kayla Bartel lead all females placing 7th overall in 7:32. Natalie Knipp, Debbie Ryan, Grace Ryan, Michael Oliver, Eric Sherell, Lane Ryan, and Mike Bramhall all were age group winners. Megan O'Ferral took home peach jam after winning the "Best Effort" award.

Basketball:



A large crowd came out to the basketball court to cheer on the whopping thirty five participants in Friday's free throw contest! Kiernan Whitworth seemed to have the victory wrapped up with an early 7 out of 10, but David Johnston and John Kneisley stepped up and knocked in 8 out of 10. To break the tie, John impressed the crowd by hitting all 5 attempts, while David fell short with 3 out of 5.

Guest Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS



- 6/22 John Morrison
- 6/25 Megan Urian, Ian Morrison, Andy Brown, Katie Bellingham
- 6/26 Ayden Willingham, Madison McClintic- 80th
- 6/27 Nicole Arthur, Susan Morrison
- 6/28 Stacy Kessler
- 6/28 Angela Ball-90th

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

- 6/28 John & Chris Morrison- 50th
- 6/28 Jerry & Laura Bartel

Kids Puck Power

With only seven kids signed up for the Thursday morning shuffleboard, it looked like it would be cancelled due to lack of attendance. However, the ones who wanted to play recruited others to fill the required 12 slots to make it happen. The result was some of the best matches in recent memory. Each of the five contests had several lead changes with the outcome not decided until the final shove. In the finals, Kayla Bartel proved the scoring machine as she and her teammate John Ball scooted past Connor Hagen & Robin Steuteville for the win.

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Ping Pong

- The ping pong tourney
- featured several past
- winners including late
- July champ, Archie
- Follweiler. Archie won
- a hard fought 22-20
- game against David
- Johnston and used
- that win to springboard
- all the way to the
- finals. There he met
- 2007 champ, 16 year
- old John Cummings.
- John stayed on top the
- whole way for a 21-17
- win.

GOLF DIGEST

Ten years (minus one day) after getting a hole in one on Capon's #4 hole, Chris Brown repeated his ace on Tuesday evening This time, he accomplished the feat on hole #2 using a 7-iron. His high arcing shot left a divot 20 feet from the pin. After searching all around the green for his ball, he finally looked in the cup to see his Maxfli staring back at him.

During Friday's Best Ball Tourney, teams were shooting low, as nine of eleven groups turned in under par rounds. The team of Mike Walters, Andy Brown, Wally Heaton, and Kiernan Whitworth birdied six holes on their way to a 5-under round of 29 to secure the tournament victory. Each member of the team received a sought-after jar of Pearle's apple butter. The fivesome of John Hagen, Peter Keegan, Bryan Ball, Rob Steuteville, and Gini Grim nailed down runners-up honors and the honey bear prize with a 4-under par round of 30.

