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CAPON SPRINGS, WV

Happy Anniversary, Capon Springs!

On July 9th 1932, exactly 75 years ago, Lou Austin stood on the county court house steps in Romney, WV and was the highest and best bidder for the Capon Spring. As the distributor for Capon water in Philadelphia, he acquired the spring in order to keep the water flowing to his customers. While he fought legal and financial challenges to stay in the water business, his friends encouraged him to fix up the abandoned resort property that came with the spring. This transition from distributor to innkeeper is described in Lou Austin's first book, You Are Greater Than You Know.



To mark this historic milestone, 75th anniversary tokens have been hidden all around the grounds! Thirteen lucky guests this week discovered these tokens and drew from a chamber-pot full of prizes to win T-shirts, special behind-the-scenes tours, even a treatment at the new spa! When Leah Rudolph found a token she had the idea of passing it forward to someone who was behaving like a "Great Me". She gave it to Richard Richmond who in turn gave it to Brett Lane. "He was so kind to all the younger kids, teaching them shuffleboard," explained Richard.




Also this week, a 100-question Capon trivia quiz was given out, but only the Stover/Graver and Deaton families attempted to answer all of them. *Ex. How many poles are there in the Dining Room? Answer p. 2.*

To help all guest enjoy Capon history, Cece Terry brought her photo album. The first picture was a 1964 black and white snap shot of her parents first trip to Capon with Lou Austin shaking hands with her father Taylor. For the first time in a long while, Cece is joined by all three of her siblings: Chip, Tim and Penny.



FRONT PORCH CHATTER...

THE HONEYMOONERS...

Jocelyn Lahargoue wed Nat Lang on 7/7/7 and  are enjoying their honeymoon this week in the Log Cabin. After getting engaged in December, Jocelyn wanted to get married before her vacation, so she and Nat selected the interesting date of July 7, 2007. While Jocelyn has visited Capon several times as part of family reunions, this was Nat's very first trip to Capon.

DON'T I KNOW YOU...



Gerald "Gerry" Thompson ran into old friends when he arrived Sunday. Bill & Joan Hopke were just leaving, having spent the night before with their extended family. Gerry and Bill were former business associates and have been friends for almost 40 years. The Hopkes returned to Capon after a long hiatus to celebrate their 80th birthdays.

When Ike & Julie Broaddus checked in on Sunday, they just missed their business partners Paul & Penny Hill, who were leaving after their traditional July 4th week. They worked together for two years before a chance discussion about vacations led to the discovery of their mutual love for Capon.

IN HONOR OF A TRUE CAPONEER...



A memorial shelter is under construction to honor Rob Deaton who passed away this winter. The idea started when Rob's family who approached Pete Budynk about its construction. A green and white gazebo shelter bearing Rob's name was decided upon. It is located near the tee on the sixth hole, Rob's favorite on the Capon golf course. Wooden awnings will allow guests to enjoy refreshing summer breezes, yet also serve as a shelter from the rain. Richard Anderson and other members of the maintenance staff are helping the shelter to take shape. The Maxwell clan has also dedicated their annual green and white shirts to the memory of Rob Deaton, a true Caponeer.

MAXIMIZE YOUR FUN...



If you want to make sure you get in all your favorite activities with all your Capon friends, take a lesson from Paige Wolf. After missing out on golf outings and trail hikes with family and friends several years ago, she developed a spreadsheet to keep her family activities coordinated with the Lobl, Whittier & Sweeney families. After not making the chart in 2006, Sam & Boo Busey requested a time slot for this year's vacation planning.

Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS



7/9 Bob Woltz
 7/10 Julie Broaddus, Isabelle Burden
 7/11 Tim Lobl
 7/13 Leslie Warren
 7/14 Mike Rudolph
 7/14 Gordon Moffatt
 7/15 Margaret Muntzing

ANNIVERSARIES

7/10 Dallas & Tammy Maxwell
 7/12 Mike & Debby King
 7/14 Bert & Karen Dalby

Big Sunday Birthdays!

Wayne Smithey hit the big "85" on the first day of this week, while Margaret Muntzing reached the 99 mark on the last day of this week. Both groups celebrated with special parties and tributes to these family leaders.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

THE BOOK : THE LITTLE ME AND THE GREAT ME

"Everyone is happy because the Little Me is changed into THE GREAT ME. THE GREAT ME thinks of others. THER GREAT ME shares with others. Everyone loves THE GREAT ME.

Lou Austin

"The Little Me and The Great Me" P. 15

Pick up a copy of this timeless children's classic in the Food Shop and help us celebrate 50 years of being THE GREAT ME.

MILER'S MOMENT



Thirty-two hearty milers braved the summer heat to navigate the Capon course Tuesday afternoon. Erin Richmond's past performances made her the early favorite but she had no way of knowing that she would not only have to set the pace but also time the race. When the less than trusty stick man forgot the stop watch, it was left to Erin to supply her running watch to preserve times for all the runners. Her 5:16 was 14 seconds short of last year's record but still good enough to pace the field. Marc Gorelick's 5:37 was good enough for second overall and first among the men. Age group winners joining Marc were John Nespeca, Girard Gorelick, Phil Wolf, and Bert Dalby. The ladies who were crowned age group winners were Meghan Knotts, Lily Muntzing, Shelby Whittier and Lynn Broaddus. Erin and Marc won 75th anniversary hats while the rest of the winners got a Capon water bottle. The best effort award went to Larry Lobl and Max Whittier and each of them won a jar of peach jam.

75th Anniversary for Kids

Several activities at Capon this year are encouraging the younger guests to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the resort. Gwen Schoolcraft and Angie Hewitt, Kid's Kamp coordinators, have put together a scavenger hunt, which allows kids to learn Capon's history in a fun, exciting way. The Kampers work their way from building to building searching for special objects, which directly pertain to Capon's rich history. For example, the kids looked for a quarter around the pool area, as admission to the pool used to be 25 cents. Also, Gwen and Angie have planned a Kid's Kamp water fun day each week, in an effort to beat the summer heat. A dual racer slip-'n-slide and water balloons highlight this cool activity.

Also, Patty Austin has been heading up a new kids' arts program. This program features dance and karaoke activities, along with the newly formed Capon Chorus. Patty seeks to offer the children a chance to experience the arts during their stay at Capon. Different sessions offer the opportunity to learn and practice singing and dancing, with an encore performance at the Friday night talent show and/or the Saturday night campfire.



Capon Trivia Answer:
 How many poles are there in the Dining Room? 17!

Tennis ties

Wednesdays tennis tournament ran into Thursday due to intermittent showers, and then ran into ping pong time due to intermittent tie breakers. The teams of Phil Wolf and Stacie Lobl, Robby and Cindy Kuster, and Bert and Karen Dalby won their brackets, but the chase for the coveted wildcard was more complicated. The team of Erin Richmond and Early Muntzing won three out of four against the bracket winning Dalbys to forge a tie with Sarah Wolk and Damion Sankovich. Sarah and Damian jumped out to a commanding lead and claimed their spot in the semis with a 7-2 win. Sarah and Damian moved to the upper court where they were subdued by Bert and Karen. Meanwhile, on the lower court, the mother and son Kusters were locked in a tie with Phil and Stacie. Young Robby gave the courtsiders a glimpse of the future with crisp ground strokes and youthful legs to run down balls in the corners. This tie breaker went overtime before Robby and Cindy prevailed 8-6. In the finals, the Kusters and Dalbys split the first two games before the mother-son team won the pivotal third game after several deuces. They went on to win the fourth game and the match. The Kusters will be munching on homemade cookies while the Dalbys will be setting fashion trends with matching 75th anniversary hats.



Tees, Fairways and Greens



A playoff was needed to settle the score in Tuesday's Pot Luck Best Ball Tourney. Two fivesomes finished regulation play at 4 under par 30. Playing a shortened hole #9, Ken Rudolph, Steve Armbruster, Roy Prescott, Ellen Scott and Jocelyn Lang quickly ended it with a birdie putt to claim victory. Derek Scott, Early Muntzing, Kevin Hanley, Dania Rudolph and Ashley Thompson had to settle for the runners up spot.

A strong, impressive six under par round of 29 carried the sixsome of Dallas Maxwell, Tom Armbruster, Greg Knotts, Justin Durham, Donna Ducato, and Sarah Wolk to the top of the leaderboard in Friday's golf tournament. Their round was good for a 75th anniversary Capon hat. There was no room for error, however, as four rival teams finished just one stroke behind the leaders. Teams of Derek Scott, Hal Durham, Robin Warrington, Evan Gorelick, Ardie Gackle, and Heather Sankovich; Robbie Deaton, Bob Graver, Doug Sweeney, Ian Hartney and Penny Cook; Bert Dalby, Dave Keim, Kevin Hanley, Cameron Maxwell, Leah Rudolph and Barbara Mack; Dan Thompson, John Speer, Dick Hamilton, Jack Frisbee, Courtney Durham, and Dorothy Smithey all received honey bears for their performance.



FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

The 31 years of teaching music came in handy for Patty Austin as she led a parade of singers in this year's stage show. After four morning practices this week, the Capon Chorus shared "Zipitty Do Da", "A Bushel and a Peck" and the "Great Me" song to start the evening off right. Samantha Graver offered her piano skills and John Nespeca gave a stirring tribute to Yankee Doodle on electric guitar. Chase Crain offered his encore performance of the theme song to "Pokemon" and Claudia Hanley vocalized a song from "Wicked". Preteen sensation and Capon newcomer Jack Burden encouraged the crowd to "Lean on Me" with his soulful crooning. Sister tap dancers Jayna & Rebecca Lobl did a synchronized performance to "Cotton-eyed Joe". Newlywed Jocelyn Lang shared two songs, including "My Guy" a tribute to her husband Nat.



Back in action on the piano was Joanne Wheeler who offered several inspirational pieces. Betty Busey led a three generational chorus of her family in an original song* she had written just for Friday's show. To end the evening, Patty Austin presented the first, "Capon week in review"- a photo/musical tribute to this week's people and activities.

However, the singing didn't stop on Friday night. Paige Stover offered her vocal gift Saturday morning by singing the National Anthem.


**Excerpt from original song by Betty Busey from Friday night's talent show:*

Capon's like home for us
We play and never fuss
God Bless America
It's Capon Springs for us


We come back every year
Old and new friends are here
'Cause Capon's like home for us

Safe, loving place we trust
It's Capon Springs for us!

Basket Cases

 Several shooters had hot hands despite the looming dark clouds at Friday's free-throw contest. With several shooters knocking down six out of ten, Kyle Graver, Steven Mobley, and T Allan stepped up to sink seven out of ten shots. However, latecomer Bryan Moffatt didn't let his youth get the best of him, as he connected on eight out of ten shots from the charity stripe to take home the 75th anniversary hat. That left Kyle, Steven, and T to vie for runner up. Steven eventually emerged after a triple shootout, walking off with second place.

STOVER STUMBLES

When he fell on the tennis court on Monday,  Mike Stover kept up his family reunion streak of emergency room visits while on vacation at Capon. Thinking he could cure it himself with some extra rounds of golf, Mike was barely hobbling by Wednesday dinner.

Ever the sunny disposition, Mike turned his ER trip into a marketing opportunity by letting his nurse know about Capon. She was so impressed, the next day she drove out to Capon and made reservations for next month.

Mike and his wife Ellen are no strangers to introducing new guests to Capon. At a local charity auction, they were the highest bidder on a tour bus for the day and brought 26 people to



TABLE TENNIS TURNAROUND...

Many guests signed up for the ping pong tournament on Thursday, but after the no-shows, seedings were weeded out and the first round got pretty exciting. When Tom and Bob Armbruster were eliminated in the first round by Jay Speer and Kevin Hanley, the honor of the Armbruster ping pong playing family was left in the hands of defending champion Stephen. Stephen topped Steven Mobley before knocking off the aforementioned Speer and Hanley to become the winner of his bracket and secure a spot in the finals. However, most of the excitement was generated by the other bracket, which was of course played on center court. Sarah Wolk slipped past Ardie Gackle and Lily Muntzing to become a bracket finalist. In the bottom half of the bracket Robby Kuster started off with a 21-16 win over Josh Reeder in a match that featured many hard hit balls, some that found the table and some that didn't. Robby's next game with Eric Croak paused play on the other table as everyone stopped to watch them battle through several deuce points. When Robby's shot went just long at 25-26, he was eliminated. Eric went on to play Sarah Wolk for the right to face Armbruster in another game that wouldn't end. Eric forged several ties before Sarah put him away at 25-23. The final looked to be anticlimactic when Stephen put his own serve into the net to fall behind 14-4. But he put on several mini-streaks of three and four points and the next thing we knew the score was knotted at 19. Once again the customary 21 points were not enough for victory and Stephen and Sarah fought through ties at 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23. Sarah played defensively, keeping the ball in play, while Stephen was aggressive early on and his mistakes led to his ten point deficit. When he seemed to begin to play Sarah's game the rallies were long and nerve racking but in the end Stephen won. In the twelve and under tournament, cousins Jack Burden and Logan Mendenhall were head and shoulders above the pack. In the finals Jack bested Logan.

PACKED PUCK POWER

Thursday morning brought abundant sunshine and cool temperatures, which provided picture perfect weather for the kids' shuffleboard tournament. Kids of all ages, veterans and rookies, made up the large field of ten teams for the tournament. Logan Mendenhall and Max Whittier used rapid scoring surges to navigate their way through their first three matches and land in the finals. On the opposite end of the bracket, Meghan Knotts and Tim Lobl fought off tough matches from the team of Greg Busey and Ben Kuster and the talented pair of Brett Lane and Jayna Lobl to punch their ticket to the kids' shuffleboard final. The showdown between the two powerful teams did not disappoint, as both teams grappled to reach the majestic thirty points. Meghan and Tim eventually outlasted Logan and Max to win the tightly contested final and the 75th anniversary T-shirt.

The adults did not have any trouble filling two brackets despite not having two past champions compete. Defending champions Robbie Deaton & Anna Wolk used their later matches to their advantage yet again with a strong push into the finals. Despite being behind schedule on Thursday morning, a flurry of matches by that evening put everything back on track. The semis featured family against family as Deaton and Muntzing clans each battled for the top spot. Come see the exciting conclusion as Kevin Hanley & Sarah Munzting try to dethrone Robbie Deaton & Anna Wolk!

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