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Front Porch Chatter...



The new “K-pin” T-shirts sparked controversy with this week’s guests as some struggled to adjust to a different way of talking about their favorite vacation spot. Chad Heiges and his sister Kelly Theis refused to change, so their uncle Bob bought them the new T-shirts, which they disgruntly wore on Saturday. “After many many years of saying ‘K-PON’, I switched over to ‘K-pin’ 5 years ago after getting so much grief from Capon family members,” reported Dan Hallinan, Jr. Dan teased his unconverted brother Joe by transposing each “on” in words with each “in”. For example, “Lets play some ping ping.” While Dan didn’t have much luck switching his family to the K-pin way of saying things, he did receive some rhyming confirmation during Bingo Wednesday when a prize was a “Capon apron”. Debra Burgess didn’t see what all the fuss was about. For the 25 years she has been coming, she’s always thought it was pronounced “K-pin”. In sharp contrast, Ora Ermold was in denial that she had been saying it wrong all these years.

Brian Jacobs thought he was getting away from school when he came to Capon. Instead, coming down from Wednesday lunch on the Hill, he ran into his high school English teacher, Keith Klein. As it turned out, English was the only subject Brian received a B during his senior year and he had emailed his teacher recently contesting the grade. (When Keith showed up later for the ping pong tourney, Brian was hoping to play him for the “A”. Instead, Keith was knocked out in the first round and Brian won the whole thing.) The Kleins were visiting the Fitzpatrick family to celebrate his mother Ann’s birthday. For the first time in a long time all six of the Fitzpatrick siblings (Wim, Carol, Hennie, Dirk, Martha and Tommy) enjoyed a Capon vacation for parts of this week.



The guest list had an unusual listing within the James Family reunion this week: One of them was described as “Soon to be Mr. Megan Brill”. This was a teasing nod to Brian James who earlier this year proposed marriage to 4th generation family member Megan Brill. After 18 years straight of Capon visits, it wasn’t until 2006, thanks to an introduction by Matt Severns, that Megan & Brian met. After dating for almost 2 years, they became engaged on a Caribbean Cruise this spring. They are thinking about a 2009 Capon wedding.

MOTIVATIONAL WORDS TO LIVE BY:

“You learn that the things you love most in your loved ones may be clearer in their absence, as the mountain is clearer to the climber from the plain. You learn proof of your originality. No one is like you—the whole world over. No one has your job to do. Look at the billions of snow flakes—none are alike. Each has its own originality. Does your Maker hold you in less respect than a snowflake? Look at the billions of leaves as they fall to the earth. No two are alike. You learn that it is not enough to look upon your past mistakes with remorse and to consider this sufficient.

Capon founder Lou Austin,
You Are Greater Than You Know, p. 200

This Week in History

The Capon Weekly Archives revealed that things were happening ten years ago here at Capon. Five year old and ten year old Emily Ross, who both shared the same first and last name, finally met—resolving the confusion on many activity sheets!

Bob & Dorothy Tull became great grandparents on Friday morning with the birth of Cameron Jonas Bowen. Don & Jean Heim are still waiting to hear about the birth of Sarah & Chris O’Connor’s baby, due any day now.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

Friday night's stage show opened with the Capon chorus singing three new songs, thanks to choirmaster Patty Austin.

Then, David Fitzpatrick demonstrated what a hunting lion looks like. Brother/sister team of John Paul and Christine Wehner and mother/daughter duo Debra & Megan Burgess each shared their



piano skills.. Trevor & Graham Bishai and cousin Robbie Fitzpatrick offered a skit about ice cold water. Next their

cousins Grace and Micaela Reininga each demonstrated dance moves. But it was vocals that



dominated the evening with Jake Millard, Thompson Ross,

Ganga Braun, Ora Ermold and Megan Kindt all sharing their singing talents. Sammie Heffron was so inspired by their efforts that she joined the show by singing a song from



"High School Musical II". Groups took over the night when "The Hampshire House Singers" filled the stage with kids from 2 to 20.

Then Debra Burgess brought her Caponized version of the "Beverly Hillbillies" chocked full of Capon references

sung by a dozen adults. The Hutton and Kindt families finished off the talent portion of the evening with several



inspiring spirituals including a barbershop treat. To

conclude the evening, Patty Austin prepared a musical slide

show of this week's guests enjoying their Capon family vacation.

Caponchase code crackers!

Ten teams set out this week to join the puzzle solvers from other weeks in finding the four tokens and solving the mystery that leads to the final answer. By Friday, six teams had made the rounds and came to the same correct conclusion. One of those teams will be chosen at the campfire in a random drawing to receive special Caponchase backpacks. These commemorative totes arrived on Thursday, so this week's winners will be the first to take home their hard earned prizes.



Softball report



You would think that the youngsters would get their chance for victory after leading the last three years going into the last innings. However, tied in the ninth, it took two extra innings for the over 20 year old gang to break the deadlock and win again, this time 5-4.

Guest



Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

7/20 CHARLES KINDT

7/23 ANN KLEIN

7/24 MILDRED HALLINAN

7/24 STEPHANIE BRAUN

7/24 BILL HOLLOMAN

7/26 CLAY HILDRETH

ANNIVERSARIES

7/20 Paul & Rita Quinn

7/22 David & June

Dryfoos-- 50th

celebration

7/24 Mike & Sophie

Schubert

7/25 Charles & Janet
Kindt—50th celebration

BINGO BANTER

David Fitzpatrick and Will Meadows each found 75th anniversary tokens last year and both cashed in their prizes on Wednesday: calling a game of Capon Bingo.

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Nothing But Net



Twenty one shooters made their way to the court to try their hand at free throws in Friday's competition. Jake Millard made a statement after several low scores, notching an impressive 8 out of 10 free throws and wowing the large gallery. Steve Kindt looked like he might be able to challenge Jake, but he came up just short at 7 out of 10. Despite Blake Burgess's late effort, he was unable to unseat Jake as the winner and Steve as the runner-up in an entertaining contest.



BADMINTON BUDDIES

Fifteen teams filled the badminton courts on Friday after lunch to try their hand at the first pot luck doubles tourney. The only team with a bye was the only all girl team of Martha Bishai and Catherine Jacobs. They earned their number one seeding as they easily knocked out their first opponent before dispatching Dan Holloman and Bhagavati Braun. Meanwhile, the dominant teams of Sal Zambri and Lily Fitzpatrick and Mike Schubert and Stephen Hott-Bellingham breezed through early matches to set up a showdown in the semifinals. Mike and Stephen fended off their challengers in a marathon match to advance to the finals.

Both the wind and the sun played a part on the road to shuttlecock glory as choosing a side that worked toward your strength became part of the strategy. In an exciting final match, both teams decided to keep things fair by switching sides every five points. In the end, Martha and Catherine proved the better of Mike and Stephen and took home the crown. *(Rumors circulated later of Martha's earlier high school badminton skills when she made the varsity traveling squad.)*

PF Flyers



A very large and competitive crowd turned out for the title in Tuesday afternoon's run in the Capon One Mile 25th Anniversary edition. Though women outnumbered the males almost 2 to 1, it was Will Meadows "wearing" his PF Flyers who blazed a time of 5:16, one of the fastest of the season, to win the race. Dan Hallinan Jr. and Thompson Ross were hot on his heels, but came up just short with impressive times under six minutes. On the ladies side, Kelly DeMeester made it back to back titles with a speedy time of 6:18 to pace the large female field. Age group winners among the men were Sean Pili, Dan Hallinan Jr., Wade Meadows, and Volney Hildreth IV. Female age group winners included: Sophia Zambri, Jessica Butterfield, Julie Lindenberg, Mary Zambri, and Nancy Meadows. The best effort prize was awarded to Bob Jentsch for proving that 79 is still young! He was rewarded with a honey bear for his efforts.

Golf Digest



On Tuesday, morning rains pushed the start of the Pot Luck Best Ball Golf Tourney back until nearly 10:30. The sun soon came to the rescue for the golfers who hoped to avoid conditions similar to last week's British Open at Royal Birkdale. A small crowd, consisting of nine fivesomes, played quickly to beat the lunch bell and in search of the apple butter. In the end, two teams ended up tying with solid 3-under par rounds of 31. Due to the delayed start, a playoff was not feasible and the two teams were declared co-winners. Members of each included: Clark Geddis, Blake Burgess, Mark Davis, Julie DeMeester, and Jean Heim; Mike Maguire, Bob Jentsch, Brian Jacobs, Cathy Pili, and Gerry Johnson.

A solid 6-under par score of 29 led the way in Friday's Pot Luck Best Ball Golf Tourney. The winners notched par on all three par 3 holes, but capitalized for birdies on the six longer holes. The birdie on their final hole, #3, secured the tournament victory and the apple butter. The winning team included: Ray Meeker Jr., Joe Conlan, Bob Webster, Marcia Price, and Julie DeMeester. The runner-up team came up just short with a 5-under par round of 30. Mike Maguire, Ben James, Joe Hallinan, Jean Heim, and Kelly DeMeester were members of that team, which received a Capon logo golf ball for their efforts.



Tennis Tumbles

When an all day rain forced a postponement of Wednesday's mixed doubles tennis tourney to Thursday, several families who arrived later on Wednesday took advantage and swelled the ranks to 15 teams. With the Har-Tru court out of commission, one flight of five had to wait until almost noon to kick off their first matches. As they did, a string of injuries turned the leader board upside down. Flight II winners and defending champions Bill & Dianne Butterfield were forced to bow out when Dianne suffered a pulled leg muscle. That paved the way for runners up Russ & Betsy Tonkin to reach the semis. Shortly after their decision, Mike Maguire hurt a muscle before his first match, turning the final flight into a 4 team round robin. The result: the wild card team, Volney Hildreth IV teamed with daughter Sara, came from the first flight. (They were bested by Mike & Sophie Schubert who advanced to the semis as well.) Time ran out before lunch, so the semis resumed at 2pm. Volney & Sara needed a seven point tie breaker to get past Sal Zambri & Pat Ewing to advance to the championship. Mike & Sophie cruised in with a 4-0 win over Russ & Betsy. As the Schuberts were warming up for the finals, Sophie twisted her ankle sending Volney & Sara to the winner's circle without firing a single volley.

Ping Pong Patter

When the two finalists in the 17 and under tournament looked across the table Wednesday afternoon, each saw a very familiar face. Sisters Emily and Annie Bishai worked their way into the finals and played evenly to 10-10. At this point Annie took five straight points on Emily's serve and this deficit proved too much to overcome. Annie won the sibling rivalry 21-12 Both tournaments featured close games and long points.



In the 18 and over tournament, Brian Jacobs started with a hard fought 21-12 win over Mike McGuire that was closer than the score indicated. John Pili proved to be a formidable opponent for Brian in the second round, before succumbing 21-15, While the Bishai sisters were settling the younger tourney, their mother and aunt were playing for a semifinal spot. Martha Bishai beat sister Hennie 21-19 to move into the semis against Brian. Brian fought Martha off 21-16 to meet last year's champ, Sal Zambri, who had just defeated Blake Burgess 21-18. Brian turned the tables on the defending champ, 21-16.

Court Shufflers



For the second straight year, a "Great Me" was needed to fill out the uneven kids' shuffleboard tournament. This time, at the eleventh hour, just shy of six years old, David Fitzpatrick volunteered to fill out the 8-team bracket. He used that good will and enthusiasm (as well as some expert puck placement) to take his partner Maggie Doyle all the way to the finals. Waiting for them was the high scoring team of Jessica Butterfield and Kate Loren, who came off a semi-final win against Stephen Hott-Bellingham and Ally Zambri. After some back and forth scoring rounds, David's ability to get 10's and not 10 offs proved the difference as he and Maggie claimed the top prize.

Unlike most years, this week's adult shufflers got off to slow start with many first round matches left unplayed by Thursday evening. (The rainy days on Tuesday and Wednesday didn't help.) A flurry of games on Friday afternoon enabled things to get back on track. After all the shuffling to get to the quarterfinals, the older generation was replaced by the under twenty set. Only the defending champions Sal & Mary survived the preliminary rounds. They faced brother/sister powerhouse Mike & Erika Maguire. On the other side of the line up, another brother/sister dynamo, Nate & Grace Reininga matched up against Blake Burgess & Olivia Hallinan. Come see the exciting conclusion after dinner Saturday night.