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This week in history...

Ten years ago, guests were treated to an outdoor movie featuring the new Capon video. (The new Capon DVD will be available soon!). During that same week Bill Burton managed an ace on hole #2,

 forever placing him in the Capon history books. Another best ball golf tourney was captured in an enlarged photo and was on display at the food shop counter this Friday.

Many of the same people appearing in the snap shot are here now even though the photo was taken 25 years ago!



Treasure Hunters

Teams of as many as 6 took off around the grounds on Wednesday searching for the four hidden tokens. Yet it was the mother/daughter combo of Toni Pepe and Mara Bishop that unlocked all the mysteries and completed the final answer first. Eight other family and friend combos scoured the grounds on Thursday, with most of them cracking the codes to the coin locations, but not able to find the hidden treasures. When it seemed all the teams were having difficulty, gamemaster Jonathan Bellingham revisited all the sights to ensure they were still in place and that no one had mistakenly picked any of them up. Finding that so, he informed the teams to **KEEP LOOKING!** By Friday dinner, since many teams were still unable to find one token, Jonathan made it more visible. The result: within 20 minutes, four teams found the last coin and solved the final riddle.



Front Porch chatter....



After years of being on the receiving end of crazy cuts, it was finally Ben Walen's turn to pass the baton to someone else. The new volunteer: Hugh Ward. On Thursday night, Ben and Hugh left hurriedly in the middle of the softball game to meet hair stylist Katie Katterman for the chop job. Using Ben's dad Dean's mustache trimmer, they created the "triple mohawk"- a variation on the Mr. T look. "It feels great," reported the "interesting looking" Hugh.

Everyone has enjoyed Judge Tim Murphy's silly headwear again this week, as hats of all kinds appeared on his head at meal time. "He has 25 in the collection, one for each meal and a few extra, just in case," reported wife Barbara. Wednesday night featured a Goofy topping complete with floppy ears. On Thursday night's dinner on the hill, Tim sported a cap in the shape of a large ear of corn to celebrate the return of the yellow & white vegetable picked directly from Capon's Rivermeadow Farm. The crop was so bountiful, that next Monday's guests will also have the chance to feast on this organically home grown tasty treat.



Bobbi Shulman really believes that nothing helps you remember your summer vacation like a good photo album. She shared her family reunion momento from their 2007 Capon trip with guests and the Austin family. The 15 inch square hard bound book features large and small snapshots of their three generations playground, meal time and porch time fun. This week, Bobbi & husband Larry have two new grandchildren to photograph and enjoy. At dinner on Friday, the entire clan was adorned with bright yellow T-shirts



On Wednesday night, Bingo was a kid's affair as 8 of the 11 prizes went to the under 13 set. Two guest callers lent their voices as both Mike Golden and Sandy Butler "volunteered" to host special games. Sandy seemed the most stunned as her dream came true to call "Screwball". For a good part of the game, her son Kole only needed one number to take home the strawberry preserves. Katie McGee who has served as a waitress all summer, was served her only dessert to end the evening. She made the first "X" to claim the last prize: a bag of homemade cookies.



Louise Anderson led a brigade of hikers to "climb every mountain" as they traveled every Capon trail this week. They even ventured off campus to scale nearby mountains, including a Saturday morning jaunt to Ice Mountain. This Nature Conservancy preserve was devastated by a spring wind and rain storm and only just reopened to the public this weekend.



Golf Digest

A five under par score of 29 led the way in Tuesday morning's Pot Luck Best Ball Golf Tourney. The winners recorded an impressive seven 3's in their nine hole round. This provided the team of Bryan Burke, Charles Parlato, Jim Heim Sr., and Rob Sprague with a one stroke victory over their closest rivals. The two teams that tied for the runner-up distinction consisted of: Mike Durrwachter, Matt Trasatti, Doug Robertson, Bill Kelley, and Kristi Oettinger; Bob Nunnally, Mike Golden, Joe Baker, Paul Robertson, and Sharon Helbert.

Three sixsomes finished in the lead with a 5 under par score of 30 in Friday's Pot Luck Best Ball Golf Tourney. With the lunch bell calling, a tie was declared and all three teams went home with Apple Butter! Members of the winning groups included: Joe Trasatti, T.J. Murphy, Roy Burrows, Carlton Green, Meaghan Slattery, and Fran Johnson; Lee Ozley, Dennis Johnson, Matt J. Burke, Ben Walen, Kenny Murphy, and Cortney Golden; Buzz Burke, Stephen Brooks, Jamie Robertson, Andy Shulman, Chris Murphy, and Peggy Ward.

BIRTHDAYS

8/3 T.J. Murphy
8/6 Dan Slattery
8/6 Carol LaFon
8/8 Laura Trasatti
8/10 Steve Brooks
8/10 Stephanie Summers
8/10 Michael Trasatti



ANNIVERSARIES

8/5 TJ & Katherine Murphy
86 Larry & Bobbi Shulman
8/8 Joe & Cora Sue Spruill—
50th celebration

Last Summer Fling and Fall Update

For a final summer fling, come stay with us beginning Sunday, August 24. When clear skies are available, enjoy the traditional Persoid meteor showers. Or come for a portion of the Labor Day weekend when Sunday night, August 31st is available. Continue on Monday night, Sept 1st when the four night special begins, and then runs until Friday the 5th. Off season rates start in September and run for the rest of the season. Discounted weeknight rates also return in September and are just \$103/night/person anywhere with a private bath. (Main building rooms without bath are only \$83/night/person.) The weekday programs begin with an introduction to Tai Chi on Sept 1 followed by offerings in rug hooking, wellness, water color and bridge.



If you like the sounds of the Big Band era, join Red Arwood's Jazz band Tuesday, October 21st, right in the middle of the last 4 night special of 2008.

Thinking about next year already? Besides the early May weekday time periods, exclusive use can still be yours on the weekend of April 24 to April 26.

Softball sensations



The age break for this week's adult softball was the lowest in recent record: 19 years old. Seeing the small but capable mass of 13-15 year olds covering the field left the oldies but goodies to wonder if they would have an easy lopsided win. Scoring 4 runs in the first at bat, the 20+ were well on their way to a dominant victory. Still up 6-2 in the third, they had the game well in hand. Then the scoring machine cranked up when the three Matts at bat rallied the youngsters to pull ahead 10-8. With spectacular defense, including a double play, the young gang kept the lead and took home the win as the sun set on the 9th fairway.

Shuttlecock Sensations



A beautiful Friday afternoon translated into a whopping 17 teams vying for the title in the Pot Luck Doubles Badminton Tournament. The juggernaut team of Ben Walen and Nathan Tumperi cruised through their first two matches to set up a semifinal showdown with Marty Burke and Lauren Petrillo. Ben and Nathan were able to effectively balance power and accuracy, as well as play through the sometimes gusty winds, to advance to the finals. On the opposite end of the bracket, Matt Trasatti and Mikey Durrwachter teamed up to create a formidable force for their opponents. They weathered through a tough match with John Machulak and Pauline Ferraro to advance to the semifinals, where Paddy Burke and Peyton Helbert awaited them. Matt and Mikey made quick work of the semifinal match, but had no such luck in the finals. Ben and Nathan dictated the tempo, securing the 15-10 victory and treating the audience to a well played match.

WORDS TO LIVE BY

"Prosperity and blessings have been showered upon our place and our family. I am not speaking of material prosperity. Our wealth is in our relationships—those with our coworkers, our neighbors, and our guests. Far above the material prosperity and the good will that is a part of it is the great joy that stems from the friendliness and affection shown us by the several thousand folk who come to our place each year."

Lou Austin, Capon co-founder
You Are Greater Than You Know, pg 45.

Use the Net!...



. Joe McGee wrestled a large fish up at Hilltop Farm pond on Wednesday before lunch. With the help of Dylan Butler and his net, they hauled it to shore only to have it unhook itself and wiggle back into the water and escape. Bobbie Butler was convinced it was the same monster carp she battled last year. Joe went back several times this week to try again but only landed catfish, blue gill and bass.

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Friday Night Live

Toni Pepe started off the night with a dramatic rendition of the Edgar Allen Poe poem, "The Raven", in full costume and stage set up. Then Maggie Murphy, Marc Shulman and Philip Kenner each offered their violin skills. Next, giggling friends Madison Oglesby and Katie Bellingham sang "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star". Dancers Grace & Erin Heim showed off their gymnastics skills while Maggie and Annie Mihm joined Kathleen Slattery for some high stepping Irish dancing. Next, Philip Kenner, Gatsby Rider and Peyton Helbert brought back the "Ghosty & Panter" characters for part four: "Gone Hollywood". This time, they taught all of us the effects of advertising and how a little silliness goes a long way.

All the female Heim grandkids shared their version of "Trolley Song" with Jim Heim making a cameo as the object of their affection. Christie Brooks crafted a Capon version of an old Bruce Springsteen song. The last performer, John Ward brought his guitar for a singalong trio of fun tunes, including a Joe Trasatti requested "Home Grown Tomatoes". To end the evening, guests enjoyed a sight and sound montage (produced by Patty Austin in only two days) projected on the new big screen.

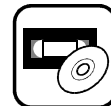


Table tennis repeats

It was déjà vu all over again for the first few rounds of the 14 and over ping pong tournament Thursday afternoon. Just like last year, John Burke was a last minute entry as he came off the golf course just in the nick of time. And just like last year, he had to get past Jon Shulman and Eric Tumperi to advance in the tournament. He also knocked off Paulette Shulman and Joe Baker on his march to the final. And just like last year, his brother awaited him there. Conor defeated another late entry, Simien Parr in the first round, then dispatched Erica Maynard and John Machulak. John got to the semifinals by winning the match of the day, a 25-23 win over Paddy Burke. John and Conor agreed to play two out of three. After Conor lost the first game, he took a 20-15 lead in the second. But with his back to the wall, John reeled off seven straight points to win the game, match and tournament. The unluckiest player of the day was Marshall Tumperi who went from advancing in both tournaments to out of both in a matter of minutes. When his turn to play his second round match in the adult tourney came up, he was already in the middle of a match with Matt Trasatti. The director eliminated Marshall from the adult tourney, and then Matt eliminated him from the other in a scintillating 21-19 game. Matt advanced to the finals where he met and bested Matt Heim.



Net Play



Wednesday's tennis tournament was played in some very comfortable weather and featured the best tennis this observer has seen this summer. On the upper court Thomas and Jennifer Pablo advanced with 11 wins, just ahead of John Burke and Erika Maynard with ten. The teams of Buz Burke and Eva McGee and Zach and Kim Ruppert each had nine wins. The Pablos defeated John and Erika 3-1 to advance and avenge last year's sweep by the same team. On the lower court Doc and Paivi Burke repeated last year's march to the finals with 14 wins. With championship play beginning at 12 noon the teams agreed to play a full set with minor objections from Jennifer. At 4-4 and 12:30 the four fell victim to the smell of cherry pie and afternoon plans and decided to play one game for the cookies. The Pablos broke Paivi's serve and were declared winners.

Hoop News



A season-high thirty-seven shooters turned out in the cool temperatures for Friday afternoon's free throw contest. Despite shooting early on, Paul Townsley calmly sank 7 out of 10 shots and anxiously waited to see if his score would hold up. Keegan Johnson, Natalie Durrwachter, and Matthew Trasatti fell just short in their valiant attempts to catch Paul. The young, but skilled Mikey Durrwachter, fresh off a badminton finals appearance, found his stroke and tied Paul's mark of 7 shots. In the ensuing shootout, Paul was able to sneak by Mikey and claim the victory. Finally, Chris Murphy entertained the crowd with his unique shooting approach, emphasizing the use of the backboard!



Runners Road Race

Thirty-seven runners took advantage of the fair temperatures for the one mile run in its 25th Anniversary Season. The large gallery on the Main House porch was treated to a fantastic finish. Conor Burke and Sam Ward stayed neck and neck for the whole race, including the sprint to the finish. With the spectators closely watching, Conor broke through the orange finish line just inches before Sam, in a sizzling time of 5:28. Lindsey Tumperi took home the crown in the female division with a speedy 7:04. Joining Sam as age group winners were: Nathan Tumperi, Matthew Trasatti, Richard Rosenthal, Grace Heim, Natalie Durrwachter, Hannah Brown, and Linda Tumperi. Logan Summers scored a honey bear for the best effort award.

Pushing pucks

This year, ten pairs of shufflers hit the courts Thursday morning. A strong pack of 10 year olds on both the boys and girls side meant even teams. Previous champions Lana McGee and Stephen Hott-Bellingham teamed up with matching broken right arms in bright colored casts (Stephen- green, Lana-pink). They made it past the first round using their left hands until Natalie Durrwachter & Owen Tumperi knocked them out on their march to the finals. Eventually, Natalie's brother Mikey with teammate Peyton Helbert advanced as well to set up another brother/sister battle in the championship game. Natalie & Owen surged ahead after Mike & Peyton got to within one point of winning and then landed two ten-offs forcing a negative score. With 15 more points in one round, Natalie & Owen took the title.



In adult action, a later posting of the pairings meant a later start of the early round action. By Thursday night, only one of the quarterfinalists were determined, Pete & Kristi Oettinger. They had to wait until Saturday afternoon to complete their semi-final with Stan & Paulette Shulman. Upsets ruled as Sandy Butler, this time teamed with her just 13 year old son Dylan, was knocked out in her first match by Adam & Sarah Kenner. Past winners Joe Baker & Peggy O'Connor left in the quarterfinals.

Meanwhile in the other bracket, past champions, Adam Green and Hannah Brown didn't play their first match until Friday. This could have been the reason for their downfall as teenage upstarts Lindsey & Marshall Tumperi surged past them in two quick games. The Tumperis took that momentum Saturday morning to easily knock off another past champion team (and another brother/sister combo) Shannon Petrillo & Scott Burton to reach the finals. Come to the championship match after dinner Saturday to see if Marshall & Lindsey win the homemade Capon goodies!

