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Front Porch chatter...

 This week's guests finally got a chance to see themselves up on the big screen, as the featured players in the new Capon DVD. Filmed over the course of the entire 2007 season, most of the summer shots that made the final cut came from this week's photogenic crowd. The new Capon movie was revealed Wednesday night before Bingo, and final copies were available on Saturday for guests to share with family and friends. Ask for your copy at the Front Desk!

Both Steve and Sharon Larsen have a lot less of themselves to share, thanks to a Weight Watchers program started at Steve's work. Within the office competition, Steve lost the most (34 lbs). A "before and after" photo showed up in the local Carroll County, MD newspaper about the success of their combined efforts. On Saturday, Larsen family members relabeled the photographs as before and after Capon.


To help this week's guests enjoy eating even more Capon desserts, Bonnie Van Metre led some Wellness Room workouts. On both Wednesday and Thursday, she focused on core strength exercises, mainly through stretching and abdominal work, using the equipment provided at the spa. 


Other guests stayed active with daily pick-up soccer games, including all the members of the Pinkerton family.

 Then there were the armchair athletes who stayed "busy" by watching the Olympic swimming, gymnastics and volleyball contests via satellite from Beijing. Some of the Boochevers prepared by studying Chinese this year. In fact, Audrey just returned from the Olympic City 3 weeks ago after a month long internship there. This was her third trip to China since beginning her studies 5 years ago in 7th grade. Meanwhile, her cousin Owen is planning to spend a semester abroad in China in 2009. To stay up with the family, Owen's dad David is brushing up on his Mandarin. 


The most active and popular 100 year old around, Margaret Dell, had hoped to make an appearance at Capon on Wednesday, but was unable to join her regular Capon friends this year. Let's hope she's back with us in 2009!

Capon code crackers

 Alison Larsen has been keeping up with the Capon Weekly newsletters from other summer weeks, so she was all ready to find out about the "code crackers" when she arrived on Sunday. Her grandparents joined in the hunt when they arrived on Thursday.

While several Fisher family teams scoured the grounds relentlessly looking for the hidden tokens, Jon Berenson stumbled upon one on Monday purely by accident. Out and about with daughter Sydney, he assumed the coin was a leftover from last season's 75th anniversary hunt so he took it with him to redeem later. Only after watching team Nicoll stumbling around the campus did he figure out that the token may be part of some new hide and seek adventure. 

Just to make sure, Game Master Jonathan Bellingham restocked the location and rechecked the others in case someone else miraculously discovered one of the other commemorative coins. Meanwhile, while looking for this year's token, Joan Fox actually found one of last year's coins. She turned in the weathered anniversary item for a jar of Apple Butter.

Due to the large turnout of teams this week, extra sets of clues were ordered and arrived on Wednesday. By Friday afternoon, six teams had cracked the code and discovered the final answer while four others were still in the hunt. Come to the campfire Saturday to see who wins the special backpacks. 

Bingo Banter



The auditorium was 15 feet shorter than last year, yet everyone piled into the smaller space for some high energy Bingo. Laura Sozio started off the prize race with Apple Butter. Lucy Diekmann followed next, before the boys took over. Robert Schofield and Chris Tully grabbed treats. Then Hank Allen shared his calling skills with a special "T" game, won by Cam McCutcheon. In both stand up games, it came down to two females duking it out for the goodies. Audrey Larsen won the first one and Maddie Socolar won the second. Mary Schofield served as guest caller for this special game in which you need 8 numbers anywhere on your card to win. Marie Souder was the last winner in the "X" marks the spot game, taking the coveted bag of homemade cookies.



INSPIRING WORDS...

" You learn how badly the world needs laughter– hearty, joyous, barbless laughter. Our minds are harassed by uncertainty and fear of sudden destruction; the relaxing and healing medicine of laughter reaches to all parts of the body and mind. Laughter is the Creative Spirit bubbling over with joy. "

p. 151 "You Are Greater Than You Know", Capon Founder Lou Austin

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

8/10 Sally Recinos
8/12 Katherine Joy
8/14 Aubrey Fisher
8/15 Mort Silverman
8/16 Julia Brinker
8/17 Judy Allen
8/17 Sarah Robinson



ANNIVERSARIES

8/10 John & Cathy Fisher–
50th celebration
8/10 Serge & Martha Socolar
8/13 Dory & Francie Sozio–
50th celebration
8/15 Jim & Evelyn Larsen–
50th celebration

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TALENT NIGHT

The Meeting House auditorium was filled with the sound of music Friday night. Patty Austin led the Capon chorus with three tunes they rehearsed several mornings this week. Then piano players took over evening with Avery Davis and Maggie McCutcheon and Abby Van Metre tickling the ivories. Later Julia Creutzer sang while Juliana Sozio and Annie Myers danced in the background. Then it was Annie's turn to sing a Latin number while the other two danced. Young Chace Correll needed two attempts to sing her two songs. The first try dissolved into giggles as she, with mom Lisa, took center stage. When she did find her voice later in the evening, the first tune she completed in perfect Italian and the other was about the magic of love.



This year the Three A's (Alison, Alison and Abigail) were joined by Juliana Sozio for a Capon rap song. Then the Three A's sang about sunshine with Ken Cantwell providing support on guitar. Alison & Abigail also shared a song and dance about Wilbur the pig. A late edition put Clayton & Ashley Emory on the stage for dueling Rubik's cubes set to classic rock and roll music. Clayton explained that it took 2 months to learn how to put all nine squares the same color on each side. Then Sean Walters shared some inspired poetry followed by Maddie Socolar offering her own original composition. She was joined by her uncle Ham Davis on guitar for her yet untitled song. The Corky Chorale returned (plus Andrew Recinos on piano) for a harmonized "Blackbird" rendition.



For some bluegrass magic, Jo & Bro Pinkerton contributed two banjo and mandolin pieces. Andrew Recinos anchored the program with a little known Chopin piece and an original tune from his Broadway play. The evening ended with a visual and audio treat produced by Patty Austin. Using photographs taken of this week's guests, she wove a montage of images of happy times enjoyed by one and all.



Table Tennis Tourney



Ali Boochever and David Socolar renewed their rivalry in the finals of the ping pong tournament Thursday afternoon, but the path to the final for Ali was fraught with peril. That peril came in the form of nine year old Jake Nicoll. After taking Chris Recinos 22-20, Jake forged a 22 all tie with Ali before she took two straight points for the win. David was also tested in his semifinal before defeating Oscar Boochever 21-17. In the finals, there were some exciting rallies; but David found more winners at the end of those rallies and won 21-14.

In the adult tournament, last year's champion Merrick Matricardi decided to sit this one out, so the tournament was as wide open as one could expect it to be. Owen Boochever won three very close games with Mike Marquez, Keats Nicoll, and David Boochever to advance to the final game. Serge Socolar needed four wins to make his way to the battle for the hat or t-shirt. Serge used a consistent offensive style and wall like defense to overcome Andy Sozio, Daigo Kawasocki, John Boochever, and Clayton Emory. In the final game, Owen put up a valiant effort, but was done in by a couple of unforced errors at crucial times and by his opponent's consistency. When Owen was long with one more forehand, Serge emerged victorious 21-14 and the Socolar sweep was complete.

Badminton Bash



Friday's shuttlecock shenanigans began beneath an overcast sky but the spirits of the players and spectators were anything but dim. The team of Keats Nicoll and Wayt Timberlake combined for two impressive wins to vault them into the semi-finals where Chris Taylor and Maddie Socolar awaited them. This foursome provided courtsiders the match of the day. Even on a game foot, Maddie was able to patrol the back of the court while Chris lurked at the net. This up and back style was contrasted by the side by side strategy of Keats and young Wayt. With Nicoll and Timberlake leading 9-7, Taylor gained the serve and scored four straight points to move to the finals. Sam Nicoll and Sam Cregger emerged from the other bracket with a victory over Chris Recinos and Andy Sozio. Chris shed one shoe for the final match in a show of team unity. With Maddie serving, they jumped out to a 3-0 lead. The two Sams put up a valiant effort but in the end, Maddie's experience and Chris's athleticism proved too much in the 11-4 final.

Tennis Court Action



As lunch time approached on Wednesday, the courtside observers at the tennis finals were abuzz at the prospect of beef barbecue and deviled eggs. But before they got to the goodies on the hill, they were treated to a tasty appetizer, courtesy of the Matricardis and the Boochevers. Merrick and Michelle reclaimed the tennis championship from the defending champions, Audrey and John, in an abbreviated but scintillating final four-game match. The Boochevers' march to the finals was fairly uneventful as they amassed 15 wins out of 16 games to run away with the lower court bracket. Despite their seeming dominance, the bracket was very competitive and most of the games played there were very close. Things were a little tighter on the upper court.

The Matricardis swept through to game six where last year's semi-finalists, Chris Taylor and Katherine Joy, were waiting and the two teams slugged it out to a 2-2 tie. Since the Matricardis swept their other three matches and Chris and Katherine had dropped two other games along the way, it was Michelle and Merrick who moved down the hill to challenge the Boochevers. After the four game format was agreed upon, the Boochevers jumped out to the early lead by breaking Michelle's serve. She and Merrick came back to break Katherine's, and then held Merrick's serve, leaving the match up to John. Then the fun began. After at least ten deuces and some very good saves. an overhead by Audrey fell harmlessly into the net and game and match were over.



Golfing Fivesomes



Arthur Spring, Marty Healy, Steve Larsen, Craig Markel, Jack Hannan and Linda Kindred probably felt pretty good about their best ball round of 29 in Tuesday's golf tournament. A five under score on nine holes is a winner most weeks but this in not most weeks. That 29 was good for a Capon logo golf ball but it couldn't get them into Pearle's apple butter. That morsel went instead to Jeff Creutzer, Merrick Matricardi, Paul Fischer, Bob Blankenship, Clayton Emory, and Nancy Pytlewski with a six under 28. The winners birdied both nine and one to finish the round on a high note.

When Friday morning turned soggy, the 2nd best ball tourney of the week was postponed until Saturday. A chilly but clear morning provided the perfect backdrop for the traditional pot luck affair. Birdies filled the air (and the holes) as the entire field finished a total of 40 strokes under par. Keats Nicoll, Corky Sutter, Eric Marking, Jim Van Metre & Kristin Sullivan led the way by starting birdie-eagle, then finishing birdie-birdie on their way to a seven under par round of 28. That score was good enough for a one shot victory over Ken Gude, Dick Cantwell, Tom Bogart, David Socolar and Ann Markel, who just missed shooting their own 28 by making a four on the "Easy Bogey".

FREE THROW CONTEST

A small, but spirited crowd gathered for Friday afternoon's free throw contest. Chris Recinos started the contest by sinking 2 shots, then brother Tim followed with 7 out of 10. Several people were able to mount a challenge to that number on the unforgiving rim. Ben Sozio stood in at 5 for awhile, and that looked like it might hold second, when defending champion Andy Sozio finished with 4. Then Dan Webster wandered in and the late entry posted a 6, which stood alone until Wayt Timberlake wrapped up the round with a half dozen of his own. In a shootout of five, Wayt went first and tallied 3, while Dan was only able to can 2.

Runner's Results



Clayton Emory and Tim McCutcheon led the way in the Capon mile on Tuesday afternoon just like last year. except they traded places up front. Emory ran a 5:45 to edge the defending champion who finished second overall and first in his age group with a time of 5:47. Other age group winners on the men's side were Jake Nicoll, Sam Nicoll and Mike Marquez. In the ladies' race. the ever consistent Lissa DeFries picked up her third straight Capon mile win with a time of 6:22. Carrie Marquez finished second with a time of 6:36 and this designated her as an age group winner. Joining Carrie as age group winners were Juliana Sozio, Ali Boochever, and Laura Sozio. Young Chase Davis supplied the front porch crowd with a true Capon moment as he fought back tears and overcame a fall to finish upright with Mom's help. He gets an Olympic pin for this effort.

SHUFFLEBOARD ACTIVITIES



A cool morning meant cool shuffling at Thursday's kids' tourney. To help fill out the field, Alison Cantwell and Adam Larsen teamed up for some fun and high scoring. Alison scored 23 points on her first attempt and Adam scored 8 on his, so they went immediately to the semis. In the other bracket, Tim Recinos and Abby Van Metre battled back from a 40 point deficit against Ben Sozio and a spirited Cam McCutcheon. Yet with the score 26-22, Cam made 15 points for the win. Waiting for them in their semi-final match was the stacked pairing of Robert Schofield and Ty Marking. When Robert had placed all four of his pucks in the seven area, Ben made a double combination hit that saved the day: temporarily. Robert & Ty would not be denied, winning the match to meet Alison & Adam in the final. There they used Robert's high scoring and Ty's steady play to win the top game after only two pushes.

Once again, despite some gentle prodding, some pairs in the adult division didn't get started until Friday afternoon. That meant the top seeds (*meaning Fishers & Allens*) had to wait until Saturday morning to play the semis. However, on this go around, one team provided the spoiler knocking out John & Cathy Fisher in the quarter finals. Ken & Betty Kay Cantwell advanced and are set to play the sole remaining Allen team (Chris & Kristin Sullivan) in the semis. Meanwhile, a Fisher family representative was guaranteed a slot in the final with a sister battle of Lynn vs. Anna (with husbands, Tom and James) set to square off in the other semi-final.