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CAPON SPRINGS, WV

Front Porch chatter...




The next generation of Capon kids were in full force this week. Marquez, Bogart, Wooten, Sullivan & Smith families were seen toting their infants all around Capon. It didn't take long for rumors to circulate of more babies to come in 2008?!

Are you a movie star? You could be next year. "An Affair to Remember" videographer Debbie Rhodes came on Monday and Tuesday this week to take some footage for the new Capon DVD. It was 10 years since the first Capon movie came out on VHS. That audio track featured some quotes from this weeks guests, including John & Cathy Fisher.

As a representation of summer fun at Capon, this weeks' guests were caught in their normal enjoyment of activities as well as sharing their personal stories about family trips here. Look for the final edited copy to share with your family and friends sometime around January '08.

75th anniversary notes

 75th anniversary guests who were honored this week included Dick & Agnes Cantwell, Annabelle Kindred and Jim & Nancy Van Metre. This distinction goes to guests who have made at least 75 separate visits to Capon or have accumulated over 365 days at Capon (as best as the official records allow). Chace & Helen Davis, John & Cathy Fisher and Steve Larsen also were recognized for their professional assistance over the years.

This week in history...

This week, 25 years ago at Capon, another member of the fourth generation was added. Chris Dorsey, son of John & Robin Dorsey and grandson of Ted & Lyn Austin joined the extended Capon family. Chris graduated from William & Mary Law School this May and is moving to Arlington with his wife, Lisa, where both have jobs in the Northern Virginia area. They are currently in the midst of a month long cross-country road-trip to see many of the nation's famous sites.

Also this week in 1982, Capon guest Stephen Wilcoxson landed his plane at the Hilltop airstrip, marking the last time that a guest has flown to Capon and landed at Hilltop. Fifteen years ago, Gil Creutzer made a hole in one on number 8. Then in 2000, he became one of the few golfers who made a second ace at Capon when he hit his tee shot into hole #4 from the alternate tee.



Art Awards



An artist for most of his life, Kevin Teare was selected to receive the Joan Mitchell Foundation Award for abstract painting. Unlike most grant and award programs in which the artist applies to win, for this prize an artist must be nominated by a museum director, critic or historian.

Kevin also won "high honors" at Guild Hall in East Hampton, NY. The show was juried by Faye Hirsch of Art in America. That designation earned him his own one person show in November 2008. For this event, he will focus on abstract expression of the Beatles music and album covers.


Using specially shaped canvas with hand built circular frames, Kevin spends as much time preparing to paint as he does the actual oil paintings. "I usually use 70" x 70" size and a linen material instead of the usual canvas," explained Kevin, who started his stylized pieces after making personal valentines for his wife Mary Boochever.



Mary, an artist in her own right, had her own art show last fall at the Genovese Sullivan Gallery in Boston, MA. Her paintings for this event focused on themes from Tibetan religious art.

Bingo Bash...



With an added twist of a 75th anniversary token at stake, Andrew Smith (who just arrived earlier that day) was even more excited than usual when he yelled BINGO at Wednesday night's card party. Not only did he have the winning combination of numbers, but one of them was the designated 0-75, earning him the commemorative coin! For his regular prize, Andrew made the executive decision for the surprise box instead of the postcards and received a print of the "Magic Pool"- an artwork which shows the healing powers of water. Coincidentally, the next day when he turned his token in (along with 12 others who found them the day before in their hiding places around the grounds), the prize he drew out of the old fashion chamber pot was a soaking bath at the Hygeia Spa! 

Later during Bingo, Sam Nicoll won the "Red Cross" game twice! Well, the first time he yelled Bingo he was really one number short. So when 4th generation caller Jerry Dorsey shouted the next number and it was the very one Sam needed, he officially claimed the blueberry jelly prize. Owen Boochever proved he could stand up longer than anyone else by winning the worst card game and the Capon jigsaw puzzle. Lily Walters was the only double winner after she yelled "screwball". Chris Taylor served as guest caller for this special game in which you need 8 numbers anywhere on your card to win. Avery Davis and Mary Boochever closed the evening out by winning a cover-all "blackout" game, snatching the coveted bag of homemade cookies.

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

8/12 Katherine Joy
8/15 Mort Silverman
8/16 Julia Brinker
8/17 Judy Allen
8/17 Selah Guerrant
8/19 Peter Schmidt




ANNIVERSARIES

8/17 Winston & Astrid Sutter—
50th celebration

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Last Summer Fling and Fall Update

For a final summer fling, come stay with us beginning Sunday, August 26. If clear skies are available, enjoy some rare astrological phenomena. Besides the usual Persoid meteor showers, the moon will provide an exciting show. After enjoying the Starlight Dance on Tuesday, August 28, head to the golf course to see a rare lunar eclipse which will produce an unusual orange moon. 

Or come for a portion of the Labor Day weekend when Sunday night, Sept 2 is available. Continue on Monday night, Sept 3rd when the four night special begins, and then runs until Friday the 7th. Off season rates start in September and run for the rest of the season. Discounted weekday rates also return in September and are just \$100/night/person anywhere with a private bath. (Main building rooms without bath are only \$80/night/person.)



If you like the sounds of the Big Band era, join Red Arwood's Jazz band Tuesday, October 16th, right in the middle of the last 4 night special of 2007.

Thinking about next year already? The leap year helps create some opening blips in the reservation calendar. Besides the early May weekday time periods, exclusive use can still be yours on the weekend of May 30-June 1.

This week's quote to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first printing of the book "The little Me and the Great Me", written by Capon co-founder Lou Austin, "I know that I will have some unhappy times. THE GREAT ME knows what to do when things are sad. THE GREAT ME does not cry or worry. When things are sad, THE GREAT ME looks around to help somebody else. When THE GREAT ME helps somebody else, THE GREAT ME feels good from the inside out." pg 22-23



Tennis Court Action

Once again, Margaret Dell was almost called up as a last minute player in Wednesday's mixed doubles tennis tourney. At 99, she is still the belle of the court. Instead, Lauren Trussell filled in the missing female slot and took her partner Bill Taylor to the semis as winners of Har-Tru flight. They just edged out John & Audrey Boochever who had a 6-4 lead in the tie breaker.

Still, John & Audrey advanced to the semis as a wild card team because they won the most number of games without winning their flight. Their reward was meeting the number one seed, Merrick & Michelle Matricardi, who won all 16 of their first round games. Coming off the disappointing loss to Bill & Lauren, John & Audrey handed Merrick & Michelle not only their first loss, but three of them, and came out winners.

Meanwhile, Bill & Lauren faced Bill's son Chris with his partner Katherine Joy. In a back and forth match, Chris & Katherine advanced 3-1 to face the Boochevers in the finals. The full set took all the way into early lunch. A big crowd of spectators were treated to some awesome rallies as John & Audrey used their great teamwork to take an early 3-0 lead. Not ready to give up, Chris & Katherine fought back to tie it 3-3, before John & Audrey edged ahead 5-4. In a dramatic final game of the set, the Boochevers broke serve and walked off the court as champions.

Table Tennis Tourney



Heavy rains and thunderstorms forced the ping pong tourney to be flip flopped with the kids shuffleboard tournament and therefore, was held on Thursday morning. David Socolar cruised through his first two matches in the 16 & under division, but carefully kept his eye on the other end of the bracket and arch rival, Ali Boochever. Ali dispatched her first few opponents and punched her ticket to the inevitable showdown with David. In the final, David jumped out to a quick 10-1 lead and held off a late rally by Ali, to take the match 21-11 and 75th anniversary t-shirt.

In the adult division, defending champion John Boochever had his hands full with David Boochever and Ethan Silverman, but was able to weave his way into the semifinals. On the opposite end of the bracket, Merrick Matricardi and Jeremy Pinkerton powered through their first two opponents to set up a match of ping pong titans. Merrick was able to narrowly slip by Jeremy 22-20, with timely power and finesse shots, in a match that did not disappoint the large spectator crowd. That left John to defend his title on center court, against Merrick. Merrick jumped out to a huge 14-2 early lead and was able to withstand well-played points and a late rally to win 21-8.

TALENT SHOW

With some of the big names back in the line up, Friday night's talent show packed some real star power. Avery Davis got things started off right with her hula hoop hip action, accompanied by the whimsical blues tunes from the electric guitars of her father Ham, along with Ken Cantwell. Interpretive dancers Kendal Marking & Maggie McCutcheon brought an avant garde approach to "Dancing in the Rain" as Julia Cruetzer played an improvised melody on the old grand piano at the back of the auditorium.



Then the singing started. First Julia Cruetzer pined about not taking someone's boyfriend and Chace Correll crooned about the flower she held sweetly in her hands. The Three A's (Alison, Alison and Abigail) contributed their version of "I'll Fly Away" with Ken Cantwell on guitar. With the Latin flair of her Columbian roots, Annie Myers & the Gang, swiveled to a South American dance rhythm. Ken Cantwell returned to the stage with his guitar, this time to accompany his son Josh in a Stevie Wonder hit. Half way through the program, the Capon players offered an infomercial about the benefits of Capon water. The Corky Chorale returned (plus Andrew Recinos on piano) for two old time love ballads.

Then it was time for musical improv. First, Clayton Emory blasted out the first two rows of the audience with his energetic full drum set solo. Then Chris Taylor offered a melancholy piano piece that put everyone in a contemplative mood. That was a perfect set up for Maddie Socolar and Sean Walters who shared their reflections on why Capon was so special to them. Nicole Walters brought along original lyrics and piano score she composed since her last Capon visit. And Jo & Bro Pinkerton, after organizing and playing in a pick up game of soccer after dinner, still had enough energy to contribute two banjo and mandolin pieces. Andrew Recinos closed out the soulful stage show with a haunting piano piece he wrote for an original Broadway play.

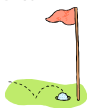


Golfing Fivesomes

Seven teams shot either four or three par under in Tuesday's Best Ball Tourney to create a logjam at the top. Three of those teams took their four under score to the playoff hole where Ann Markel took the wind out of her opponents' sails by knocking the pill from 100 yards out to within five feet of the pin. That shot carried her to victory with teammates Ham Davis, Craig Woodberry, Corky Sutter, and Austin Kindred.

Jeff Creutzer, Andy Sozio, Bob Bair, Artie Walters & Lauren Trussell had to settle for runners-up honors, along with Chris Sullivan, John Fisher, Clayton Emory, Merrick Matricardi and Christine Poulos.

On Friday, the Pot Luck Best Ball Golf Tourney was not decided until the last group turned in their scorecard. A team of Keats Nicoll, John Fisher, Marty Healy, George Hope, and Lauren Trussell carded a 5 under par 30 to beat five other fivesomes tied at 4 under. Those teams included: Arthur Spring, Jim Van Metre, Mike Marquez, Austin Kindred, Becky Allen; Hank Allen, Andy Sozio, Jonathan Myers, Dan Cregger, Anna Spring; Chris Sullivan, Craig Markel, Chris Tully, Art Walters, Jr., Linda Kindred; Jeff Creutzer, Bob Blankenship, Andrew Smith, Jack Hannan, Juliana Poulos; Rick Allen, John Steele, Craig Woodberry, Eric Marking and Emmy McArver.



Runner's Results

With the defending champion nowhere in sight, the field promised a new champion and Tim McCutcheon was more than up to filling that role on Tuesday afternoon. His time of 5:37 bested second place finisher Clayton Emory by the narrowest one second margin. Emory consoled himself with being an age group winner along with the "Double L Gang", Jake Nicoll, Sam Nicoll and Kent Corell. Melissa DeFries proved herself to be the model of consistency by duplicating last year's 6:26 mile. This year, that was good enough for 5th overall and the first place lady. Her time was 5 seconds faster than Lucy Diekmann who finished 8th overall and 2nd among the ladies. Joining Lucy as age group winners were Maggie McCutcheon, Alissa Boochever, and Lisa Correll. JoAnn Pinkerton was cited for best effort having trained all year for the event.



SHUFFLE ACMTICS



A light crowd of kid's shufflers were treated to bright sunshine and hot, humid conditions for the shuffleboard tournament Thursday afternoon after rains had postponed it from the morning. Annie Myers and Jake Nicoll partnered up to make a formidable team, as both had excellent finesse and power games. They were able to slide past the team of Alison Larsen and Adam Cantwell in the first round, and then powered through the second round against Robert Schofield and Abigail Pytlewski. Waiting for them in the final was the pair of talented shufflers, Tim Recinos and Juliana Sozio, who were able to grind their way through two tough matches to make it to the big dance. Tim and Juliana saved their best game for last as they quickly took care of business, nabbing the cookies and the shuffleboard title.

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 get to the semis. Despite a possibility of splitting their matches and thus creating an Allen/Fisher final, both John & Cathy Fisher and Chris & Annie Fox dispatched their Allen family opponents in two games. So, instead of watching the Allens go for the title like last year, come see who will be "King Fisher" after dinner tonight.

FREE THROW CONTEST

A small, but spirited crowd gathered for Friday afternoon's free throw contest. The tournament was filled with Sozios, Recinoses, and Boochevers. Andy Sozio was the first to shoot and knocked down a solid seven out of ten. He anxiously watched to see if his score would hold up. Tim Recinos stepped to the line and nearly took the lead, after making six in a row during his sequence, but settled for a tying seven out of ten. A shootout proceeded between Tim & Andy. Andy's two out of five bested Tim's one, so Andy took home the title and the 75th anniversary shirt.