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CAPON SPRINGS, WV

End of summer comebacks:

Since you have already made at LEAST one visit this year, just return anytime between **Sunday, August 23 and Friday, September 4** when all rooms with private bath are just \$99 per person per night. Prefer the Main Building? Then rates are only \$79 per person. You are welcome to include any of your family and friends when you make the reservations for them to join you!

FALL FEATURES:

Labor Day weekend still has some excellent room openings for two and three night reservations.



If you can only join us for one night over a weekend, consider a Saturday night this Fall. Come **September 12th OR September 19th** and enjoy the Spring tour, campfire sing-a-long & doggie roast and Sunday morning sticky buns.

Looking for just a Sunday night? Come October 11 and enjoy the annual Film Festival that evening.

WEEKNIGHT OPENINGS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER. COME FOR SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND/OR WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND ENJOY REDUCED RATES!

FRONT PORCH CHATTER....

HIDING HUTZLERS:

After being treated to a surprise party last year by his wife Rylan, Carl Hutzler had been plotting for almost a year just what to do in return for her 40th birthday. So he organized and treated about two dozen of their relatives to join them for a Capon reunion. (As far as Rylan knew, she and the kids were just making their usual two-day Capon trip with Carl's parents, David & Harriet. The Sr. Hutzlers first came to Capon 35 years ago and started returning regularly the last 10 years or so.)



To create an even bigger surprise, Carl had not only added all the extra family, but two more days onto their stay. In order to keep that part secret, he had to pack extra clothes for his wife and kids without them knowing. "I hid them in my camera cases so they wouldn't suspect anything," reported Carl. To keep the secret until the birthday girl arrived, everyone else arrived early and hid on the front porch of the Poe. When Carl dropped his family off at the back, Rylan was summoned to the front by her kids and after 11 months of planning, the secret was revealed!

DEATON DECORATORS

Guests who know the Deatons were looking forward to their Thursday night T-shirt parade at the steak dinner feast on the hill. Over the years, Robbie Deaton has designed festive wear for their family photo with poetic musings. This year's version read: "How do you cope with an arduously stressful year? You put some Capon spring in your step."

Some of the family was unable to make the trip, including Cameron Maxwell who is currently serving in the military in Afghanistan. For Saturday's mail drop, a letter writing campaign was organized to give Cameron a taste of Capon.

This Wednesday made History



It was a once in a century occurrence. All nine single digits lined up in a row. That's right, 12345789 never looked so good! At 12:34:56pm, during the 7th month on the 8th day in the 9th year of this century, all the digits aligned for a perfect numerical string. Does anyone remember anything unusual happening at that precise moment?

Hunter William Sankovich just missed emerging into the world during this numbers game by less than 5 minutes. Born at 12:30pm and weighing in at 8 lbs and 12 ounces and 20" long, Hunter will provide yet another Capon birthday cake for the extended Hopkins/Maxwell family. Parents Heather and Damion and sister Sophia missed this year to welcome young Hunter into their family.



Celebrations



BIRTHDAYS

- 7/6 Marjie Ripsom
- 7/7 Rylan Hutzler– 40th celebration
- 7/7 Joanna Henderson- 80th celebration
- 7/8 Wayne Smithey
- 7/10 Rick Tanenbaum
- 7/11 Tim Lobl

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

- 7/5 Ken & Leah Rudolph
- 7/10 Dallas & TK Maxwell
- 7/12 Mike & Debby King

INSPIRING WORDS TO LIVE BY:



“When someone reminds me that I am acting like the Little Me, I will quickly blow out the Little Me. But I will not always wait for someone to remind me. I myself, will know when I’m acting like the Little Me. I will know because I will be making someone unhappy.”

Capon Founder Lou Austin

From his book

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RUNNING TIMES



The biggest field of 2009 competed in this week’s mile road race. All the runners started off in a large group, but after the first uphill section, the runners quickly began to spread out. Stalker Henderson had the lead until the beginning of the second large loop. At that point, Girard Gorelick took over and maintained it all the rest of the way, winning in the fastest time of the season: 5:31. His mother Lynn Broaddus was the fastest female this week with a time of 7:07.

Those who bested their age group rivals included: Max Whitter, Robby Kuster, Evan Gorelick, Stalker Henderson, Jim Kuster, Sam Graver, Paige Stover, Lee Crain and Cindy Kuster. This weeks best effort award was given to Liam Wilkie, who at three years old was one of the youngest finishers in the 26-year history of the one mile competition.

Caponchase Adventures

Eight teams lingered after lunch on the hill Wednesday to participate in the 2009 version of the Caponchase adventure. Guests got creative with their team names like Puppy Dog, Cheesy Things, Budolph and Teacher’s Pet. Some returned from last year like Ox and Flip Flop. Halfway through, chasemaster Jonathan Bellingham provided guidance to each team to either affirm they were on the right track or steer them back in the right direction. Once all three clues were solved, long time guests had no trouble using what they learned to find the final answer. Two teams turned in their results at about the same time even though one never found the super secret clue. Still, because it was so close, a tie was determined. Congratulations to the Prescott and Rudolph (plus Greg Busey) families for their attention to detail and ability to crack the code. They each won the new stylish Caponchase logo-ed water bottles which arrived just in time via UPS on Thursday afternoon. Treasure hunters are already dreaming about the quest in 2010!



Tennis Triumphs

Clear skies and cool breezes made for perfect court action in Wednesday's mixed doubles tennis tourney. On the upper court Jim and Cindy Kuster did a great job of wrapping up the competition. They almost had a perfect record, but they lost one game to Sam and Boo Busey who came in second place. Meanwhile, on the lower court it was a lot closer. Bert and Karen Dalby were tied with Robby Kuster and Simone Scanga for most games won in their flight. Although Bert and Karen had strength and experience, they were no match for the youth and athleticism of Robby and Simone who took them with ease in the tie breaker round.

In the finals, it was a family affair with Jim and Cindy Kuster versus their son Robby and his teammate Simone. Robby and Simone started out with a good lead of 2 games to none. Jim and Cindy didn't like that so they put their best effort in and started taking some games. Playing a full set wasn't enough. Overtime occurred when the score was 6 to 6. But this was just the beginning of the ties, as neither side could get two games ahead. Eventually Robby and Simone earned enough for the win to start another generation of tennis champions.



Golfers Review

.In Tuesday's Pot Luck Best Ball Golf Tourney the team of Derek Scott, Jason Blomstrom, Cindy Kuster, Gerry Thompson, and Stacie Lobl took first place and each received a jar of Pearle's Apple Butter. Jason proved the unknown ringer, helping his team to a remarkable six under par score to leave the rest of the field behind. Their score card showed threes on every hole except number 7 in which they still earned a birdie 4 on the Monster par 5. The teams of Sam Busey Tim Whittier Sr., Karen Dalby, Jeff Lobl, and Beverly Armbruster tied the team of Robbie Deaton, Bob Graver, Gail Prescott, Steve Armbruster, and Boo Busey for the runners-up position.

Before Friday's action was underway, seven gentlemen paraded late into breakfast in full duffer attire: white knickers and caps, varying pastel polo tops and argyle socks. Stephen & Tom Armbruster, Steve Mobley, David & Jason King, Michael Rudolph and the newly eligible 13 year old Greg Busey treated the morning feasters to a rainbow of color fashion show. When it came time to play ball, two teams putted their way to the top in a six under tie after 9-hole regulation play. Playing in front of a large gallery, both teams provided plenty of cheers until one team sank their birdie putt on #9 to claim the victory. The winning team was Sam Busey, Stephen Armbruster, Chris Bourassa, Matt Heaton, T.K. Maxwell, and Donna Ducato. Phil Wolf, Kevin Hanley, Matt Graver, Wayne Parrish, Leslie Deaton, and Dorothy Smithey had to settled for second, walking away with a Capon logo golf ball.



FRIDAY STAGE SHOW SHINES

The 2009 edition of the Capon Chorus was the first to take the Capon stage at Friday night's Talent show. Once again choirmaster Patty Austin held practices after breakfast all week to prepare the three songs. This year's tunes included "Yankee Doodle Dandy", "This Little Light of Mine" and "Make New Friends".



Then Brian Wolf brought some magic with a floating cup, card trick and hypnotist act. Later, Jack Sweeney belted out his own version of "Take Me out to the Ball Game". Brother/sister duet Stephen & Sydney Graver shared the "Scooby Doo" theme song. When it came to dancing, Calvin Sweeney had all

energy and moves. After he was done, Katie Bellingham displayed grace and a big smile with her ballet to a



Barbie rainbow song. Both Ben Kuster and Truman Davenport offered their piano skills while Anya and Kylie Smith tumbled their way along the foam mats in full gymnastic gear. The Capon players brought their own rhythm and energy in their "Showdown Throw Down". Female songbirds Morgan Davenport, Ryan Wilson and Natalie Smith all brought great vocals to their music.

To bring the show to a close, Wally Heaton, using his guitar and song sheets, led the entire assembly in singing "Country Roads". Then the lights went off and the DVD "This Week at Capon", produced by Patty Austin, ended the evening show.





PUCK POWER

Ten teams of two displayed their impressive skills during the Thursday morning kids shuffleboard tournament. From the beginning, scoring fast and often proved the winning strategy as Tim Lobl and Hannah McKeon finished their matches with unparalleled speed to advance to the top spot.

On the other side of the bracket, there was an extremely close match in the semi-finals between the team of Ben Kuster and Emma Stover and the team of Anya Smith and Dylan Wolf. Ben and Emma looked like they were going to win by scoring 7 to bring their score up to 32, but Anya got a miraculous 16 points for a total of 35, allowing them to move on to the finals to meet Tim & Hannah. Again, Tim scored quickly and often putting his team way ahead 25 to 0. With Hannah's help, they marched on to victory.

For the adults, teams found each other early, so by Wednesday night, two of the four quarterfinalists were already determined. The other two caught up and even played a semi-final match before dinner on Thursday. Playing with his mom Ann, instead of reigning co-champion Anna Wolk, Robbie Deaton continued his string of advancing to the finals. Waiting for him were upstarts Morgan Busey with cousin Steve Mobley. Morgan had to leave Friday afternoon for a horse show, but she returned Saturday for the title match.

PONG-A-THON

A total of 37 prepared ping-pong players paddled for the perpetual titles of ping-pong champion during Thursday's all comers event. In the 13 and under set, Caleb Pierson seemed to be an unstoppable force. In the first round he easily passed a finalist from last year. On the other end of the bracket, Tim Lobl seemed to be an immovable object. Whoever he went up against, he defeated with grace and precision. So, in the finals it all came down to Caleb the unstoppable force and Tim the immovable object. After a long battle, Tim finally came out on top defeating Caleb 21 to 17.

The adult league had their own share of dramatic matches. Right off the bat Wayne Parrish, an all-around player, and Robby Kuster, a table tennis prodigy had a fantastic back and forth match before Wayne won that contest.

A little later in the afternoon an epic battle between 3-peat champion Stephen Armbruster and Jenny Wheeler developed. "She had no weaknesses," admired Stephen who had to come from behind to win. In the semi-finals, Stephen edged out Wayne 21 to 17 to move on to face Tim Croak in the final. Although Tim was good he was no match for Stephen who defeated him 21 to 13 and kept his crown for a fourth time.



BADMINTON NOTES

On Friday right after the last lemon meringue pie was served, over 2 dozen netters used the special rackets in this week's mixed doubles badminton tourney. Early on, Jack McKeon and Josh Reeder were on fire until they met and were defeated by Max Whittier and Mike Stover in the semi-finals. Recreating the championship bout of 2008 but with different partners, the father/son battle of Max vs. his dad Tim, Jr. ensued. This time William Davenport paired with Tim to create a dramatic final. Tim and William started off strong by taking a quick lead. However, needing only one point to win, Tim & William couldn't close the deal as Max & Mike fought back three break points to force the match into overtime. Two quick points during Mike's serve and "M & M" had the win. Tim, Jr. will now have to wait for 2010 for a chance to best his son Max.

Softball Antics:



In a classic competition between the vigor of youth and the skill of age, Thursday's adult softball game had plenty of action. The youth started off strong and looked like they were to win with ease, but after a few innings the ancients began to make a remarkable comeback. At the end of the seventh inning the score was 11 to 10 with the kids still in the lead. In the top of the eighth and final inning the young people only scored one to make it 12 to 10. With one more chance to take the crown, the elderly team proved their talent by scoring 3 runs to end the game.



Basket Cases

Worn out by badminton, only 12 contestants competed in the 4:00pm shootout on Friday. Todd Dawson started off with a fantastic score of 7 out of 10, but he wasn't the only one shooting 70 percent from the line. Bob Graver and Steve Mobley matched him to force a three way tie breaker. By hitting all five in the extra round, Steve claimed undisputed first place. Still, the runner ups needed to be determined when both Bob and Todd tied at 3. Bob settled the matter for second by making more the next time.