



# The Capon Weekly

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## Front Porch Chatter...

This week last year, the new "Ka-pin" T-shirts sparked controversy. A year later, some have made the transition and some have not. Also in 2008, three families (Hallinans, Heims and Tulls) were not here in full force because of new babies. However, in 2009 all three little ones made their first trip to Capon this week. While grandparents Mildred Hallinan and Don & Jean Heim first came to Capon over 25 years ago, Bob and Dorothy Tull date their Capon stays back half a century. *(In fact, Bob came in the late 1940s as a GW college student. Joining Bob's family this week, Sidney Seidenman remembers being at Capon 65 years ago.)*

Meanwhile, teenagers Olivia Hallinan and Megan Burgess were worried about getting in all their Capon activities this week. "We usually get to the end of the week and have to rush around to cram them all in," explained an exasperated Megan. So to remedy the situation, they took their lead from a Capon guest who comes two weeks earlier in the summer and had already dealt with the same problem several years ago. Create a list and stick with it. So they wrote down all the things they wanted to do. By mid-day Tuesday, almost half of their items were completed. Some of the more popular activities received multiple checks (playing cards, eating ice, pool time). Some very unusual events turned up as well, like "Green Day"- Thursday and "making new friends". By Saturday morning they had checked everything off their list so they had the rest of the day to relax at the pool and do nothing.

One activity NOT on their list was Kubb. The Swedish lawn game was brought out for the Czirjak and Murphy families to enjoy, thanks to Petrus & Helena Linge. Kubb can be simply described as a combination of bowling and horseshoes, where the object is to knock over wooden blocks by throwing wooden sticks at them.  The ultimate purpose of the game is to knock the "King" over, before your opponent does. This, combined with the fact that there is a certain level of strategy that can be used by players, has led some players and Kubb fans to nickname the game "Viking Chess." After Thursday and Friday early afternoon downpours, Michelle and Debbie Czirjak headed out to the main lawn to try and knock down some wooden blocks.

All week long the Czirjaks and Murphys have celebrated Judge Tim Murphy's 80th birthday, as he carried on his tradition of donning a different goofy headgear at every meal. Grandkids enjoyed the silly animal "hats" like the frog, cow and bear. The birthday boy's second son T. J. did his own celebrating Wednesday night at Bingo when he notched another year in his now 32-year "non-winning" streak.

 "In one game, I only needed one more. But the numbers never go my way," explained a dejected T.J. *(Editors note: Half of all the prizes that night went to others member of his extended family.)*



## FOUNDER'S THOUGHTS:

"You learn to see God in everything, making life a great adventure. You see Him playing with your children and with their children. You see Him drifting with the clouds, outstretching His arms in the lightning, descending upon you in the rain. You see Him in every human being, transcending the superficial ugliness of egotism."

Capon founder, Lou Austin  
*You Are Greater Than You Know*, p. 130

## RETRO RATES:

Since you have already made AT LEAST one visit this year, just return anytime between **Sunday, Aug. 23 and Friday, Sept. 4** when all rooms with private bath are just **\$99** per person per night. You are welcome to include any of your family and friends when you make the reservations for them to join you! (Just \$79 in the Main House!)

## FALL FEATURES:

**Labor Day** weekend still has some excellent room openings for 2 and 3 night reservations. If you can only join us for one night over a weekend, consider a **Saturday** night this Fall. Come **Sept. 12th OR Sept. 19th** and enjoy the Spring tour, campfire sing-a-long & doggie roast and Sunday morning sticky buns. Looking for just a **Sunday** night? Come **Oct. 11** and enjoy the annual Film Festival.

# CAPON'S GOT TALENT

Friday night's stage show opened with the Capon Chorus singing two new songs, thanks to choirmaster Patty Austin. Few solo acts took the stage as duets ruled the evening's entertainment. First up were the brother/sister combo on the piano. John Paul and Christine Wehner offered "How Great Thou Art" in four hand style. Next, sisters Maggie & Abby Murphy sang a song about their 15 animals all named Bob (except the last one). Ballet moves came next as friends Katie Bellingham and Eliza Hoover tip-toed across the stage to a Barbie Diamond Castle song. Brothers Cooper and Jackson Ronald were the only single



acts in the kids field each offering feats of dexterity—Cooper with his hand and Jackson with his feet. (Cooper juggled apples and Jackson displayed his soccer skills). Then Thompson Ross and Jake Millard shared a punk Celtic tune called "Green Fields of France" with Thompson providing guitar accompaniment to Jake's vocals. Mother and daughter piano players Debra & Megan Burgess then shared a stirring piano duet. Ora Ermold sang about the good old days before doing a rap song in full street gear. To end the evening, Patty Austin provided an audio/video tribute to this week's events which featured guests enjoying Capon and three rascally chipmunks having fun in various places around the grounds.



## Code cracking comrades!



Eight puzzle solving teams started out under sunny skies and with sunny dispositions Wednesday after lunch with great excitement for this year's edition of the Caponchase adventure. However, almost half way through their allotted 4 hour time period, those same skies opened up and dumped a lot of water on all of the competitors. The wetness didn't affect Team Dancing Dolphin as they knocked off Clue # 1 & Clue #2 right away. After getting a little nudge from Caponchase master Jonathan Bellingham, they swam to a first place finish, turning in the correct answer at 4:22pm. Congratulations to Sue & Ellie O'Reilly, Julia Bowen and Kathy Tull for their quick thinking and great teamwork. Three other teams were right on their heels, cracking the code within 20 minutes of the leaders. The remaining three teams limped in just under the wire at the 5:45pm deadline.

## Guest Celebrations

### BIRTHDAYS

7/20 PATTY AUSTIN

7/21 TIM MURPHY

7/21 RACHEL HERSH

7/21 Frances Tonkin

7/24 MILDRED HALLINAN

7/24 STEPHANIE BRAUN

7/24 BILL HOLLOMAN

7/26 ED HALLINAN, JR



### ANNIVERSARIES

7/20 Marvin & Irene Winston

## Softball report

Thursday evening provided perfect cool temperatures and puffy clouds for the adult softball game on the hill. The age split this week stopped at the teens as everyone 20 and over formed the "oldies but goodies" squad. The young team started off strong, but the oldies took the lead away from them after a couple of innings. Youth persevered but could not hold on to any lead. In the ninth inning the oldies put the game away by scoring two runs for a final score of 15 to 12.



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## HOOP DREAMS



With an unforgiving rim, It has been a long time since anyone at Friday's Free Throw contest has been perfect from the "charity stripe". So far this year, 6 or 7 out of ten buckets have been enough to take home glory, but two people actually made 8 and walked away empty-handed. Jake Millard, Kevin Sweeney and Chris O'Connor all made 8 out of 10 to tie for second place. In the tie breaker round, Kevin Sweeney made more than the other two to claim the second place trophy. Meanwhile, Blake Burgess was the real hoopster sinking an amazing 9 out of 10 baskets to claim undisputed first place!

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## BADMINTON BOUNTY



Just like last year at the inaugural event, fifteen teams filled the badminton courts on Friday after lunch. Despite the occasional sprinkle, the heat of the action meant the first two matches both had to go to overtime to reach a winner. The close matches continued throughout the entire tournament. In the semi-finals, the team of Jennifer Watson and Connor Callaghan played a very close match against the team of Pete Wehner and Megan Burgess. Jennifer and Connor looked like they were going to win, but Pete and Megan came back and won in an extended overtime with a score of 15 to 13.

In the finals, Pete and Megan faced off against the team of Jake Millard and Ora Ermold. The teams were very evenly matched, but Jake and Ora were just playing a lot better this game. They took the match away with a score of 11 to 6.

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## Five Minute Mile Broken



Records were made to be broken and this week's race did that both in quantity and quality. For the 2009 season, 55 starters was tops for size and the first runner across the finish line posted the fastest time. Will Meadows took the lead early and increased the gap throughout the race. He not only ran faster than anyone in 2009, but he broke the 5-minute barrier by one second, improving his winning time from last year by 17 seconds.

The fastest female of the week was Kelly DeMeester who crossed the line in 6:35. The eight age group winners included: John Paul Wehner, Jamie Harper, Chad Heiges, Rick Ronald, Frances Harper, Morgan Butterfield, Lisa Lyon and Nancy Meadows. At just five years old, Eliza Hoover got the best effort award because she was a good sport about having to redo part of the race that she had missed the first time through.

## Golf Digest



A score of 3 under par led the field of foursomes in Tuesday's Pot Luck Best Ball Golf Tourney. The members of the winning team were: Clark Geddis, Jim Severns, Blake Burgess and Winne Hersh. Two teams finished up only one stroke back, which prompted discussion about the putt that got away. Those two teams consisted of Corby Talton, Julie DeMeester, Chris Murphy and Cathy Pili; Chad Heiges, Debra Burgess, Greg Sweeney and Marcia Price.

In Friday's action, two teams broke away from the field to lead all others by at least two strokes. Corby Talton, Chris O'Connor, Bill Johnson, Marcia Price and Alan Kapust made three consecutive birdies on their last three holes to finish 6 under par and take the top prize of Apple Butter. One stroke back, Bob Heiges, Matt Severns, Graham Callaghan, Dot Tull and Judy Geddis took home runners-up honors and the Capon logo golf ball.

# Tennis Teams Tough it Out



An even three flights of four teams took over all available courts for Wednesday's mixed doubles tennis tourney. . Usually the three court winners and a wild card team would all move on to the semi-finals, but since there was a tie for first place on one of the courts, the two teams that were tied and the winners from the other two courts advanced. Pat Garvey and Catherine Jacobs, the winners from the bottom all weather court, were matched against Chad Heiges and Julie DeMeester, one of the teams that was tied on the upper all weather court. It was a very close contest, but after Chad and Julie won the third game, it was evident that they would take that semi-final round.

Meanwhile, the father/daughter duo of Bill and Shannon Butterfield, the winners from the Har-tru court, played against Jamie and Margaret Harper, the other team from the upper all weather court. After the four game set, it was tied two games each, so they had to play a tie breaker to settle the matter. When the dust settled, Bill and Shannon endured to face off against Chad & Julie in the championship. The final was a full 6 game set played on the lower all weather court. Chad and Julie had some awesome points, but they just could not hang with Bill and Shannon. Team Butterfield took the first five games, winning it all 6-2.

## Table Triumphs

As always, the Thursday's ping pong tournament provided plenty of exciting matches. Usually the participants are split up into two leagues according to age, but because of the smaller turnout and the limited number of younger players, everyone was grouped together. With some last minute drop outs and additions, a complete 32 player field started off in the tournament.



As the rounds progressed, the games got closer and the competition became more fierce. In the quarter-finals, 13 year old Connor Callaghan defeated his dad Colin to advance to the semi-finals. In the semi's, Connor played Tom Webster, who was just too much for him. Tom ended up winning 21 to 12.

On the other side of the bracket, another 13 year old, Jamie Harper, played Chris O'Connor in a very close match up. After a long game and a lot of good rallies, Chris won 21 to 18. In the finals, Chris and Tom played a very close and intense game to determine who was the best ping pong player for this week. Chris eventually won in overtime, 22 to 20, in a game that was incredibly even.

## Court Shufflers

For the third straight year, a "Great Me" was needed to fill out the uneven kids' shuffleboard tournament. This time, at the eleventh hour, two young ladies, Regina Sweeney and Emma Poehler volunteered to fill out the brackets. After the brackets were filled, the tournament got on its way very quickly. Team after team fell until it was down to the final four. In the semi-finals Jessica Butterfield and Jackson Ronald defeated the only all boys team of Graham Bishai and Taylor West. In the other semi-final match up, Jessica's sister Morgan and her partner Vincent Campbell conquered Ben and Abby Murphy.



In the finals, it was Jessica and Jackson matched against Morgan and Vincent. Jessica and Jackson started off poorly with a 10 off in the first round, and that 10 off kept them behind the rest of the match. Morgan and Vincent won in the sixth round with a score of 32 to 15.

Just like last year, this week's adult shufflers got off to a slow start with many first round matches left unplayed by Thursday evening. (Sudden thunderstorms on Wednesday and Thursday didn't help.) The delays allowed the late-arriving Theresa Sweeney, paired with brother Brendan, to be one of the first teams to reach the semis. They had to wait until after lunch Saturday to face off against Kevin & Marcia Price to advance to the top match. Waiting for one of them is Alana Kapust and Ayron Strauch who came from behind to edge out Jeff & Kate Harper. Come to the exciting final after dinner Saturday night to see who wins.