



# The Capon Weekly

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CAPON SPRINGS, WV

**CREATE YOUR OWN SPECIAL THIS FALL!**  
Sunday, September 7 until  
Friday, September 12

So read the headline of the Capon mailing sent to guests on Monday. The oversized postcard lets all guests know that we have an extra week in September this year, so we are trying a new twist on a recent Capon tradition.

Come for two, three, four, or even five nights and take advantage of our very popular "Four Night Special" rates. In other words, come for any two nights between September 7 and September 12, and pay just half of the Four Night Special Rate.

The calendar shifts again in 2009, so this offer may not be repeated. UNLESS you make it so popular, we decide to make it permanent! Make your September plans now while there are still lots of options to choose from!

**WEEKNIGHT OPENINGS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER. COME FOR SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND/OR WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND ENJOY REDUCED RATES AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE, REGARDLESS OF AGE!**

If you can only join us on a weekend, consider a Saturday night this Fall. Come September 13th and enjoy the Spring tour, campfire sing-a-long & doggie roast and Sunday morning sticky buns!

## HEXAGONAL RESPITE



The six-sided memorial shelter near the sixth tee on the golf course became a reality this week thanks to the generous donations of Capon guests. Their contributions were inspired by Rob Deaton whose memory it was created to honor. Richard Anderson and other members of the maintenance staff helped the shelter to take shape. Eventually it will house a new cooler for apple juice and ginger ale. The site was selected because Rob loved the 6th hole; his "fade" (not slice) fit the hole perfectly as the fairway bends to the right.

On Thursday night after the steak dinner, the Deaton family hosted a dedication of the new resting place. Pete Budnyk spoke about the history of the "half-way house" that stood near there in the 1940s. Then Robbie Deaton thanked everyone for their part and spoke of his Dad's love for Capon. This year, the Deaton clan was decked in neon green family T-shirts with a whimsical tribute to Capon which read: *"An angelic abode, A food connoisseur's fancy, A languisher's loll, And golf duffers' dreams CAPON SPRINGS"*

## This Week in History



Eight years ago, Sam Busey came across a birdie on the golf course—only it wasn't a low score, but a real-live bird in his golf bag! In adult softball, Tom Armbruster was robbed of a game-winning hit for the "youngsters" in adult softball on a diving catch by Bill Coale.

## Mothra loves golf:



Jeff Lobl had a "little buddy" join him on his golf round Wednesday morning before breakfast. His foursome partner Doug Sweeney had the same companion on the round after the first meal of the day, but a little more up close and personal. With Dave Keim and Phil Wolf along as witnesses, Jeff "carried" around a large camouflage moth which perched upon the golf towel on his bag, for the entire nine holes. When they returned after breakfast for the next round, the bug was still on Jeff's towel.... until hole #3 when it proved it was still alive by alighting onto Doug's pants. Half way down the third fairway the moth disappeared so the foursome thought they were finally free of the winged mascot. However, a few minutes later, Phil spotted it on Doug's back. Despite all his golf swings, it remained there the remaining six holes. The story didn't end on the golf course. Later that day, Doug took his shirt to be laundered after he noticed moth residue on the back of it. There in the Capon laundry, he spotted an identical creature staring at him from atop a pair of underwear.

# Celebrations

## BIRTHDAYS



7/6 Marjie Ripsom  
 7/8 Alex Kendrick 7/8 Wayne Smithey  
 7/8 Lenore Schwager  
 7/9 Bob Woltz 7/11 Tim Lobl  
 7/13 Leslie Deaton  
 7/15 Margaret Muntzing– 100th!

## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

7/6 Robert & Courtney Dodson  
 7/8 Derek & Ruth Singer-54th  
 7/9 Roy & Gail Prescott-50th  
 7/11 Paul & Ruth Chandeysson-50th  
 7/12 Mike & Debby King

## INSPIRING WORDS

### TO LIVE BY:



“You learn that a better sermon can be preached by your life than by your lips. You learn to become a good listener, for often where it is least expected, the voice of your Partner comes to you. You learn, *unmindful* of what another’s sins may be, to **stretch out a hand to help him.**”

Capon Founder Lou Austin

*From his book*

*“You are Greater Than You Know” P. 127, 129, 148*

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# RUNNING TIMES



A large group of forty-eight runners braved the high humidity in an attempt to take home the 4th title of the Capon One Mile 25th Anniversary season. Girard Gorelick led start to finish and was able to outdistance his father, Marc, and take home the Capon hat with a speedy time of 5:28.

On the ladies side, a young Sam Graver maintained a strong pace throughout, despite a hard charging Lynn Broaddus to secure the overall win for females, with a time of 7:05. Age group winners included: Max Whittier, Joe Nespeca, Phil Wolf, Marc Gorelick, Rebecca Froling, Karey Whittier, Shelby Whittier, and Lynn Broaddus. Young Cal Sweeney took home peach jam for receiving the best effort award in the race.

## Caponchase Adventures

Team Ox, Team Ducato and Team Flip-Flop all completed the new Capon token treasure hunt by Wednesday this week. Team “Ox” used a combination of youth and experience as Caroline Taylor and Chris Kendrick and their children ages 12, 12 & 9 worked hard to find all four commemorative coins. Their team name came from the mascot, a stuffed animal whose stitched eyes resembled an “O” and an “X”. Team Ducato also employed parent-child combinations to unscramble the letter/number codes. “It was a fantastic experience,” exclaimed Team Ducato captain Leah Rudolph. Team Flip Flop captain Tom Armbruster echoed her sentiments: “We can’t wait for next year’s installment,” he said. Team Flip Flop derived their name from the fact that all four members completed the adventure wearing flip flops– no small feat considering some of the locations they had to investigate. Three other families started but did not complete the adventure. One of the teams that found the final answer will be selected at the campfire Saturday night to win a fabulous Capon prize!



## Court Action

The joy and fellowship of the tennis tournament took a backseat to the concern for Capon guest Leslie Schwager, who was injured in the ninth game on court one. Leslie and her partner/husband Stuart were sitting in the driver's seat for a ticket to the finals when she went down in the third game of the set. The true Capon spirit was evident as everyone jumped in to assist getting Leslie to safety. *(Leslie called on Friday after surgery to repair her torn achilles tendon. She said they expect full recovery after 12 weeks of therapy.)*

In less important matters, the teams of Karen and Bert Dalby, and Sam and Boo Busey each won 11 games on the lower court and faced off in a tiebreaker, which the Dalby's won 7-2 to secure a spot in the finals. Their opponents were the defending champions Robby and Cindy Kuster who breezed through the court 2 bracket with a record of 15-1. In this rematch of last year's final set, the Kusters moved out to a 3-1 lead and seemed to be headed for a repeat. The Dalby's caught fire and won the next four games and had a 40-love lead in the ninth game with Bert serving. The Kusters staved off three set points to get to deuce and fought off three more set points before succumbing. The Dalbys grabbed the cookies and the Kusters took runners-up honors.

## Golfers Review

The field was very closely bunched during Tuesday's Pot Luck Best Ball Tourney, as nine foursomes finished within two shots of one another. After three teams entered the clubhouse tied at 33, talk of a playoff ensued. However, the last team to finish, coming in from hole #7, managed to card a 32 to send all the other teams down the hill. The 2-under par winning team consisted of Stuart Schwager, Bob Graver, Steven Mobley, and Paige Wolf. Runners up included Dan Thompson, Leah Rudolph, Sam Busey, Chip Whittier, Tim Whittier Jr., Brian Dalby, Steve Prescott, Barbara Mack, Steve Froling, Bev Armbruster, David King, and Leslie Schwager.

While a playoff never materialized in Tuesday's golf tournament, Friday was a different story. Four sixsomes finished regulation play tied at 5-under par in Friday's Pot Luck Best Ball Golf Tourney. The last group in regulation had a potential winning putt by Steve Armbruster that lipped-out and rested on the edge of the hole—to the amazement of the gallery. A playoff shootout followed, where Lee Crain's 75 yard shot on hole #9 landed within 5 inches of the cup! The winning team included Ken Rudolph, Jeff Lobl, Lee Crain, Billy Coale, Robby Kuster, and Ben Armbruster. Runners up included: Tim Whittier Jr., Peter Warrington, Gerry Thompson, Dania Rudolph, Stacy Lobl, Morgan Busey, Phil Wolf, Steven Mobley, Chip Whittier, Adam Rosen, Leah Rudolph, Betty Busey, Robbie Deaton, Chris Cook, Steve Armbruster, Karen Dalby, and Dorothy Smithy.



## FRIDAY STAGE SHOW

The 2008 edition of the Capon chorus was the first to try out the new 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 "God Bless America", "Skinny Marinky Dink" and "Blow out the Great Me". Anna Heim was the first to sign up for the show, contributing her violin act. Then brother combinations Cal & Jack Sweeney and Brian & Dylan Wolf added their name to the list of entertainers. The Sweeney boys sang "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" while The Wolf brothers were joined by Chase Crain for an "Alvin and the Chipmunks" dance number. Later, Emma Heavey sang a silly song and Jocelyn Lang whistled a "Fiddler on the Roof" tune. Jim & Mike Pierson lost a golf match to their teenage children so they provided a Caponized version of "Take Me out to the Ball Game", singing the virtues of not gambling with family. CeCe Terry finished the performances with the silly skit Bouderaux's Candy Store. To end the evening, Patty Austin presented the new and improved, "Capon Week in Review"- a photo/musical tribute to this week's people and activities, all projected onto a new 10' by 13' retractable screen..

This same new viewing equipment was enjoyed before the show for the premier of the newly produced Capon movie. Two years in the making, this epic digital version of Capon's story includes a Groups & Special Events section and a Bonus Features module. Copies of the DVD will be available soon. Look for it to be posted on the website before the end of the season.



## Basket Cases

High temperatures and a competitive badminton tournament meant only a handful of shooters in Friday's free throw contest. Charlie Hazard and Tom Armbruster set the tone early nailing 6 out of 10. Steven Mobley then stepped to the line and tied them to force what seemed to be a three way playoff. However, Chris Cook calmly stepped to the line and connected on 8 out 10 shots, swishing nearly every one to ensure the win and the Capon hat. In a playoff for the runner-up distinction, Charlie made 4 out 5 to take home the runner up water bottle.

## BADMINTON NOTES

An enthusiastic sign up for Friday's badminton tourney turned the individual event into a pot luck doubles match up. Thirty participants ages 7 to 55, male and female joined the inaugural event. The team of Andrew Pierson and Drew Cot breezed through their first three matches to set up a semifinal match with Josh Reeder and the young, but skilled Max Whittier. Josh and Max prevailed in a back and forth match to reach the finals. Meanwhile on the other side of the bracket, top seed Tim Whittier Jr. (Max's dad) and Madalyn Stover received a first round bye. However, they used precision and power to dispatch their first two opponents and head into the finals. The father-son battle between Max and Tim did not disappoint. Josh and Max capitalized on their serves and outpaced Tim and Madalyn 11-5 to snag the Capon t-shirt.

## PONG-A-THON

The ping pong house hosted an overflow crowd Thursday afternoon and the throng enjoyed some fine play. In the fourteen and under tournament, Drew Kot and Mitchell Pierson set the pace for action with a 22-20 thriller won by Drew. Drew then defeated Brooke Dalby in the quarterfinals and Greg Busey in the semifinals to punch a reservation in the finals against Robby Kuster. Robby dispatched John Nespeca, Zach Hudson, and Tim Lobl on his way to the championship game. Drew battled Robby well, but went down 21-10.

On the adult side, Bob Armbruster and Charlie Hazard started their match later because they got held up on the golf course. After a close back and forth for the first 20 points, Charlie took command and moved to a 20-15 lead. Needing only one point to win, he was unable to put Bob away. Bob won the next 5 five points and 3 out of the next four to eek out the win. Bob then moved on to the semifinals where he was quickly eliminated by his son Tom. Tom's finals opponent was his brother Stephen who was the defending champion. Tom led most of the way, but Stephen charged back to take another victory. Afterwards, Stephen granted junior champion Robby Kuster a game, and the prodigy gave the older player a tussle before falling 21-14.

## PUCK POWER

Thursday morning brought abundant sunshine and warm summer temperatures for the kids' shuffleboard tournament. Kids of all ages, veterans and rookies, made up the large field of ten teams for the tournament. John Nespeca & Jayna Lobl advanced to meet Jack McKeon and Nicholas Wagner in the finals. In a tight match, Jack & Nicholas scored 15 points in one round to win.

The story of the adults was that they usually fill two brackets and this time they just barely made one. Defending champions Robbie Deaton & Anna Wolk advanced easily through the beginning rounds early in the week and then waited for the other teams to catch up. In the other side of the pairings, Justin Maxwell and Ann Deaton had a harder time moving on to the championship, getting their semi-final match in Saturday morning.

## Softball Antics: The cutoff age



at Thursday evening's ball game was 26, one of the oldest in recent memories and the game itself proved memorable. The oldies got out to a 1-0 lead early and seemed to have the game in hand. The youngins came back in the 3rd inning to tie it at 1-1, and in the 4th, they opened up a big lead, 4-1. The pine tree just right of center field provided a great target for their base hitting. The youth increased their lead in the 6th, 5-2 before experience brought the game closer at 5-4 in the 7th. In the 8th, the younger set went up another run. However, in the top of the 9th, the oldies rallied hard. With 2 outs and the bases loaded, Holly Hazard nailed a hit over second base to knock two runners in and tie the game. A pop up third out gave the younger group one last chance to break the tie. With the sky losing light to a beautiful sunset, the oldies played great defense and held the score tied at 6-6. An even 17 players per team took the field including 13 year old sensation Drew Kot who made some dramatic plays at second base.