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Caponchase Adventures

A record number of adventurers took part in this week's edition of the Capon token treasure hunt. Teen girlfriends, Sarah Crinkley, Emily Neyhart, Mary Elizabeth Herndon, Katie Lachut and Ellie Lachut were the first ones to crack the codes and solve the final mystery.

Shortly after, Team "The Mighty Lobsters" followed suit (Kim Tryka, Wendell Piez, Abby Carlstad, Melanie Carlstad). The all boy squad of Matt Woodard, Ian Napier, Daniel Schuler and Andrew Schuler took less than two days to piece together the clues and discover the final answer. Mike Dvorscak, along with sons Joey & Jason and their cousin Michael Wagner also completed the treasure hunt. The Barker and Schmidt families took their time and enjoyed the game all week before turning in the right answer on Friday morning. All but one of the nine teams who took the game on completed it. At the campfire Saturday night, one of the teams will be drawn to win commemorative Caponchase gear!



Capon Nuptials/Saving Lives

It took 15 years to arrive at this important day, but Saturday after dinner Chris Woodard will say her wedding vows to Daryl Louder. They first met while teaching at the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Academy when Chris briefly outranked Daryl. Chris lead the instruction on all things medical, while Daryl taught classes for the firemen. They both have dedicated their working lives for over a quarter of a century to helping people in emergency situations.



Their perfect blending of fire and rescue took seven more years to spill over into their personal relationship. It wasn't until March 2000 at Chris's son Matt's birthday party that Chris agreed to see Daryl socially. Later that summer, Daryl made his first trip to Capon as a visitor for a meal. Keeping pace with the rhythm of the relationship, Daryl spent his first night at Capon the following summer. Finally in 2005, Chris agreed to an engagement with no wedding date. Three months ago, while thinking about actually getting married, Chris proposed the idea to Daryl about having a private affair at Capon. Her family would already be here, his was close by and could come up for the event. They could do it under the big tree next to the first green on the golf course. Simple, private and in a place with family history; Daryl agreed.

After contacting local Methodist minister Michael Funkhouser, who is this week's kids' softball, hayride, tennis, and ping pong tourney leader, to perform the ceremony, they decided on a 7:00pm Saturday evening event. The timing would be perfect because everyone would be busy watching the shuffleboard finals during the ceremony. However, Chris fouled up her own plans by making the finals herself! Though they tried to keep their wedding plans a secret to other guests, word leaked out early and made its way around the Capon gossip mill. If guests want to congratulate the couple, they are welcome to come up to sunset lodge after 7:30pm. *(Bobby Anderson might miss the event because she could be enjoying an extended power nap.)*

CAPON WEEKLY ARCHIVES...

Five years ago at Capon this week, Jim Napier shot a course-record-tying 28 in an afternoon round following Tuesday's Pot Luck Best Ball Tourney. With birdies on holes #1, #4, #5, #6, and an eagle on #7, Jim earned a place in the Capon golfing record books, putting his name next to Kenny Gude and Charlie Martin.

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INSPIRING WORDS TO LIVE BY:

“You learn that your Partner will give you the strength and poise to bear your joys and sorrows lightly; to make your love fruitful in service; never to disown the poor or bend the knee before mortal might, but rather to raise your mind high above daily trifles and lovingly to surrender your strength to your Partner. You learn that any desire which distracts you from your Partner is false or hollow. When desires or ambitions cloud your mind with delusions and dust, ask your Partner to come with the Light.



Capon Founder, Lou Austin, p.133, You Are Greater Than You Know.

Road Mile



An enthusiastic field of 35 runners braved Tuesday's heat to compete for the title in the Capon One Mile Race's 25th anniversary edition. Jeff Bratz distanced himself from the field early on in the contest. His strong finishing time of 5:50 was more than enough to hold off his competitors and to register 1st place in the overall race. Andrea Larson easily led the way on the women's side with a swift time of 6:25, besting the closest female runner by almost a minute. Age group winners included: James Ravenscroft, Ian Napier, Everett Kennedy, Jack Pickler, Lillia Larson, Cathee Hughes, and Mary-Kathryn Fout. Young John Gottschalk earned a honey bear as he claimed the best effort recognition in the race.

Family Ping Pong Affair



When Doug Amtsberg learned that the star beside his name on the bracket for Thursday's ping pong tournament designated him as the favorite, he looked across the room to where Mike Larson was sitting and said, “my money's on him”. Last year's champion was this year's prophet. Larson marched through the semifinals and had but one obstacle left in making Amtsberg prophesy a reality. That obstacle was Doug Amtsberg. Amtsberg also advanced quickly to the finals and the Doug and Mike show was one for the ages. Larson broke from a 7-7 tie to take a four point lead and then he stretched it out to a commanding 20-16 lead. With the serve in his hand and four match points, Mike found himself unable to close the door as Doug battled to a 20 all tie. The two then took turns scoring on each other's serves until Larson got the ball with a 23-22 lead and sealed the deal.

In the 15 and under tourney two cousins, Mary Elizabeth Herndon and Everett Kennedy worked their way into the finals. Mary Elizabeth had used a wicked serve to get to the finals but when she needed it against the spin shots of her wily cousin it was not there. Everett won 21-9.

Summer & Fall Getaways!



Is it still possible for your family and friends to enjoy a few days summer vacation at Capon in **July and August**? Of course it is! If you can come **Sunday through Wednesday** night next week, there is still some space. Otherwise, openings become available again **August 24-29**. Thinking about coming this Fall over a weekend? **September 12-14** and **19-21** still have a few options. Don't forget about weekday programs in watercolor, bridge, wellness, rug making and tai chi! Enjoy off-season weekday discounts including the four-night specials beginning September 1 and October 19!

Golf news

Two fivesomes overcame slow starts by making six

birdies to charge to the top in Tuesday's Pot Luck Best Ball Golf

Tourney. The eventual

winning team of Andy

Haggard, Greg Neyhart,

Daniel Schuler, Chris

Woodard, and Ruth Russell

began with a bogey on #8,

but surged late to finish with a

5-under par round of 29. The

runner-up team began with

bogies on #8 and #9, but also

came alive late to finish just

one stroke behind the winners

with a 4-under par round of

30. Members of the team

included: Bob Fout, Herb

Bartlett, Rob Preston, Karen

Boxley, and Mary Roderick.

The entire field scored

well, as all sixsomes finished

under par in Friday's Pot Luck

Best Ball Golf Tournament. A

7-under par score of 28 led

the way, as the winners

surged ahead of the field with

5 birdies, plus an eagle on

"The Monster" (hole #7). The

winning team included: Jim

Napier, Darryl Barker, Alan

Boxley, Harris Vazquez, Pat

Reese, and Kathy Kennedy.

The runner-up team: Michael

Joncas, Rob Preston, Fred

Hessick, Herb Bartlett, Ian

Napier, and Colleen Tatano

came up just short, while

carding a 5-under par round

of 30.



Friday Night Live

The Capon chorus led all the singing Friday night at the Talent Show. Then Riley & Jack Joncas warmed up the audience with a few jokes. Then the piano players took over. First, James Ravenscroft did a blues number, then his father Kit and brother Eric shared a duet. Brother/sister team of Ethan & Lauren Barker added their own ivory pieces, as did Andrew Phillips and Lillia Larson. The Schmidt family actors presented two skits about the power of Capon water. Then the dancers took center stage. Emma & Wesley Barnes tip toed a ballet to "Kiss the Girl", while Carson Barnes did one to "Just beyond the Riverbend". Kylie Logan tapped an "Animal Crackers" number and Tristan Boyd had his own body movements with a undulating belly dance. Jason Dvorscak showed how fast his arms could move with a hand tapping demonstration. Emily Neyhart, in her striking pink toe shoes, presented her ballet interpretation of "Speeding Cars".

Before the musical instruments returned, singers Jane Joncas, Jordan Braganca and Julia Ravenscroft each offered stirring melodic voices. Then Cathee Hughes played clarinet and later Garrett Tatano did two tunes on his accordion. Jeralyn Tatano and Kit Ravenscroft also shared piano pieces. Later in the show, twin singing sisters Katie & Ellie Lachut were joined by their mom Stacey for a Latin hymn. The show ended with a photo and musical tribute to this week's guests captured by Patty Austin.

Expanding on his video contribution from last year, Ryan Kelley's sequel to the 2007 premier of "Firehead" is five times as long, so this year it was not shown at the talent show. Once again, Jason Dvorscak returned to his starring role with another cameo by Michael Wagner and a cast of about two dozen Capon kids. With extra time involved in production and editing, the DVD will be completed after this week is over.



BINGO BASH

The first four guests to yell Bingo and take the stage to claim their prize at Wednesday night's Bash were all first time winners. Grace Ravenscroft led the newbie parade, followed by Ethan Barker. It was the first opportunity for Reece Devenney to win, because he was enjoying his first Capon vacation. He made winning look easy by having four of the first five numbers called. Conversely, the next champion, Jo Sanders, who hasn't missed a year since her first visit in 1980, couldn't remember the first time she had won. Mike Larson, who returned for the first time after coming as a child over 25 years, fulfilled his ultimate dream of calling Bingo. (*The winner, Wayne Edmunds, just happened to be a member of Mike's party.*)

Later in the evening, James Ravenscroft won the Special "T" game called by guest announcer Amanda Woodard. She returned to the stage later as a double winner with Jack Pickler. Keeping the family luck going, Jack's grandson Garrett won the very next game. Brother/sister combo Jeff Bratz and Jenna Preston each took home Capon goodies. The worst card game went to the youngest Ravenscroft sibling, Eric. Emily Neyhart ended the evening by taking home the coveted homemade cookies.



Tennis: All in the Family



With some last minute entries the tennis tournament began with ten hopeful teams looking for some good old Capon family friendly fun. In that spirit Sarah Crinkley agreed to participate even though she learned the rules of the game as she went. She and partner Matt Woodard accounted for themselves well with four wins. Michael and Courtney Joncas moved through that same upper court bracket with 14 wins followed by Daniel and Karen Schuler with 9, Everett and Kari Kennedy with 8 and Jason and Cathy Spencer with 7. On the lower court Ellsworth and Jeri Cottom also accumulated 14 wins followed by two teams with ten each; Mike Larson and Amanda Woodard, and Doug Amtsberg and Sarah Haggard. Ed and Le Rowell and Jeff Bratz and Mary Kathryn Fout rounded out the bracket. In the full set final match, each team pushed the other with a variety of smashes and drop shots. When the dust had cleared the Cottoms triumphed over team Joncas in a 6-2 set that was closer than the score indicated. Ellsworth held serve in a game one that had several deuces in it. This set the tone for the match. When the two teams came to deuce, the Cottoms usually found a way to capture the big points. Ellsworth's remarkable return to the game comes a year after major back surgery.



Basketball Toss

A light, but enthusiastic crowd braved the hot conditions to take part in Friday's free throw contest. Reuben Weisberger set the tone early with an impressive 8 out of 10 shots, including 6 in a row, after being "egged on" by Harris Vazquez. Trent Cottom was able to knock down 6 out 10 from the charity stripe, but not enough for second. Jeff Bratz couldn't keep up his scorching start, but rattled in 7 shots to secure the runner up position.

Shuffleboard Report

Last minute entrants sometimes make all the difference in sporting events at Capon. When Chris Neyhart was left without a partner, John Gottschalk stepped up and volunteered (*he was recruited by Chris's mother*). With a bye to the semis, John & Chris only had to win one game to vie for the championship.



Meanwhile, on the other side of the bracket, Jason Dvorscak and Jacqui Barnes had to shuffle past Jason's brother Joey who was teamed with Tristan Boyd, and then overcome the double team of Garretts (Boyd and Tatano) to advance. The championship proved an epic battle as points were scored and knocked off in the early rounds. Finally, with the score 31-30 in favor of Jason & Jacqui, Jason had one last puck to push. Instead of throwing it away, Jason ended up with a 10 off, giving Chris & John the title and the bag of homemade cookies.

For those 13 years and older, a full sixteen team field swelled to 20, as last minute teams wanted their chance to knock out the early favorites. Still, as pairs progressed to the quarterfinals, all the early favorites emerged, except for the defending champions Doug Amtsberg & Dana Woodard. They were knocked off by newlyweds Rob & Jenna Preston who marched all the way to the finals. Soon to be a newly wed Chris Woodard with son Matt advanced to the semis to meet last year's runner's up, Jim & Colleen Tatano. They won that match to set up a title bout with Rob & Jenna scheduled on Saturday morning.

Shuttlecock show



Lots of folks decided to try Friday's Pot Luck Doubles Badminton Tourney. Warm temperatures and high humidity resulted in teams racing to claim the shaded side of the court before a match. The duo of Daniel Schuler and Preston Boxley dispatched their first two opponents quickly, setting up a semifinal matchup with the talented duo of Jeff Bratz and Claire Ravenscroft. Daniel and Preston used timely serves and precision accuracy to outlast Jeff and Claire 11-7 and reserve a spot in the finals. On the other end of the bracket, the veteran pair, Darryl Barker and Karen Boxley took care of several tough opponents, including the team of Ian Napier and Emily Neyhart, to earn their way to the finals. In a back and forth match, Daniel and Preston finally emerged victorious; nailing down an 11-5 victory with the help of a few well-placed service aces by Preston.