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Token Glenn



The great mystery of the hidden 75th tokens was seriously challenged this week. Instead of asking the general question of **where** the tokens were placed, guests instead have turned their attention to finding out **who** is doing the hiding. For the first several weeks of dispensing the tokens, the designated hider had enjoyed the peace of anonymity. Unfortunately the word got out early in the week and Glenn Austin has been hounded for hints ever since as to the whereabouts of these cherished coins. Teenagers Mary Elizabeth Herndon, Sarah Crinkley and Emily Neyhart weren't sure who Glenn was so they went to the picture board in the Main card room to ID him. Since then, whether he is up on the tee, calling Bingo or behind the front desk before breakfast, Glenn has received a lot of attention. John Joncas resorted to a different tactic when he saw his probing and prying wasn't getting him anywhere. On Thursday



morning before playing a round of golf, he offered Glenn \$50 to be paid in several installments. When that didn't work, Cathy Spencer tried her womanly charms but got the same negative result. However, as it turned out, neither one of them needed to work that hard to obtain the prize. By the end of the round of golf that morning, both of John & Cathy had the coveted token in hand after finding them by accident on the 4th and 9th holes.

Front Porch Chatter...



The seventh and final Harry Potter book was scheduled to hit store shelves at 12:01 am Saturday, July 21st. Some Harry Potter fans at Capon just couldn't wait to get home and get their hands on a copy of the lasted wizard adventure. When Ryan Kelley learned that the book was coming out during their Capon vacation, he had it shipped overnight here so that it would arrive Saturday morning in the mail.

Still, he joined Claire Ravenscroft and Jeralyn Tattano who were heading to Border Books in Winchester Friday night to get a jumpstart on the 784 page series-ending book. When they arrived at 11:30pm, another Capon guest, Dana Woodward, was already there and with one of the highest presale positions in line. "There was quite a crowd and they only had 300 books," explained Claire's mom Elise. Claire, who works in a bookstore at home, has been counting down the days until the release and has prepared herself for the big moment. Throughout her stay at Capon, she has been rereading all of the previous six Harry Potter books in an effort to fully appreciate the work. The 4th and 5th books are the two favorite of these Harry Potter fanatics. While Hermine, who is one of Harry's close wizard friends, is Jeralyn's favorite, Claire prefers the mystery of Snape, a wizard professor at the Hogwarts school. However, both whole-heartedly agree that the books easily triumph the movies (they haven't even seen all of the movies!). A long Saturday awaits the girls, as both of them will attempt to read the entire book in the wee hours of Saturday morning before they surrender to sleep. Claire summed it up saying "finishing the last Harry Potter book and leaving Capon makes for a really tough day".

CAPON WEEKLY ARCHIVES.....

During this week ten years ago, the Capon weekly reported several exciting events. It was in 1997 that Capon Springs sent its first group email to a little more than one hundred recipients. Today, the email list has swelled to nearly six thousand who receive monthly news and last-minute reservation updates. Also, Doug Amstberg teamed up with a mysterious "Erika", who, despite hot-pink hair, showed a stunning resemblance to Eric Sanders, in an effort to capture the elusive tennis title. After his departure from Capon, Doug was heading west for a 2 week trip to visit several national parks in California, including Yosemite.





Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

- 7/17 Jack Krommer
 7/18 Greg Marsh
 7/19 Jonathan Bellingham
 7/20 Patty Austin
 7/22 Louisa Noonan
 7/22 Grace Guffey

ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/17 Ed & Lee Rowell—
 50th celebration
 7/21 Ken & Karen Kennedy

CELEBRATING

50 YEARS

THE BOOK : THE LITTLE ME AND THE GREAT ME

“Sometimes when you look at me, you see what I call the Little Me. But there is really *another* me. I *know* there is *another* me. And this *other* me is the one I want you to see. This other me is a better me than the Little Me. It is a *greater* me. I call it THE GREAT ME. THE GREAT ME is always kind and loving. THE GREAT ME does only kind and loving things. Capon Founder, Lou Austin, p.8-9, The Little Me and the Great Me.

Pick up a copy of this timeless children’s classic in the Food Shop and help us celebrate 50 years of being THE GREAT ME.

Road Mile

A small but hearty field of 22 runners and



three strollers turned out for Tuesday’s Capon mile. Jeff Bratz opened up an early lead and finished strong to record a 5:14 and best second place Jack Pickler by 33 seconds. Joining Pickler as age group winners were Tristan Boyd, Everett Kennedy, Ronnie DeFrancis, and Calvin Carstensen. Young Lauren Barker led a small women’s field with a time of 8:53. Age group winners were Cathee Hughes and Emily Barker. Youth and experience served them well as five year old Joey Dvorscak sprinted home to secure 21st place, while 75 year old Bob Jentsch finished right behind in 22nd as they both claimed the best effort recognition.

Family Ping Pong Affair



Last year Doug Amtsberg lost in the first round of the ping pong tournament. This year he almost missed it. When another guest decided not to participate Doug was plugged back into the tournament and he made the most of that opportunity. He started with a win over Clara Neyhart then topped Gus Buonviri. Mike Schubert put up a good game before falling 21-13 and Ronnie DeFrancis used a couple of well placed net skimmers to make things interesting before falling 21-10. That win vaulted Doug into the finals. Waiting there was Tim Ravenscroft. Tim’s road to the championship started with a 21-13 win over Darryl Barker. Tim then bested John Pilli 21-11 before beating Greg Neyhart 21-15. This put him across the table from last year’s champion, Rob Jentsch. This one went the distance with Tim pulling out a 21-19 nail biter. The championship game with Amtsberg seemed like two separate matches. In the first, Amtsberg controlled the action and jumped out to a commanding 12-6 advantage. Then Ravenscroft turned the tables with a 13-2 run and he took a commanding 19-14 lead. Amtsberg fought back to 20-17 before Ravenscroft claimed the game and the tournament.



Summer 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 during the week, **Sunday to Wednesday** nights in July are open in a variety of locations. Weekly spots still exist beginning **July 22 and 29th**. Can only come **on weekends**? No problem. There are a few openings each of the **next two Friday & Saturday nights!** Not going **back to school until after Labor Day?** Get your choice of prime Capon locations anytime **August 26-31**.

Golf news

On Tuesday, Jim Napier, Everett Kennedy, Greg Peete, and Ilene McCaffery used an average of three shots over the first six holes to establish an early lead then finished with a score of 29 for a two stroke victory. Two teams carded 31s for second place and the members of those teams were Ty Joncas, Tony Simmons, Greg Neyhart, Bobbie Anderson, Dana Woodard; and John Joncas, Ronnie DeFrancis, Atlee Wampler, Kathy Reese and Michael Wagner.

The raging wind and the chilly temperatures for July were the only things that could cool off the sizzling scores posted in Friday's best ball tournament. The team of Joe Napier, Paul Hetmanek, Bob Herndon, Tim Ravenscroft, Jeanna Bratz, and Colleen Tatano carded an 8-under par score of 27 to take home the apple butter. Michael Joncas, Michael Napier, Ronnie DeFrancis, Tyler Hetmanek, John Titus, and Wendy Bratz made up the runner-up team which nabbed honey

Friday Night Live

Ryan Kelley provided an unusual start to this week's talent show. His two minute video, entitled "Firehead" took his over 10 hours to edit and produce. Starring Jason Dvorskat and Colin McCaffrey (with a cameo by Michael Wagner) and shot on location on the Capon Golf Course, Ryan showed how special effects can turn ordinary theatrics into amazing videography. After the movie, instrumentalists took over including Jeralyn Tatano, Ethan & Lauren Barker on piano; Cathee Hughes on clarinet and Garret Tatano on accordion. Crooner Jane Joncas showed great enthusiasm singing "Will You Return" with her uncle Michael on guitar. Last minute entrants brother/sister combo Callan & Kylie Logan also shared the singing spotlight. Stuart Crinkly represented the male vocalists well with his rocking voice. Later in the show, twin singing sisters Katie & Ellie Lachut tried to outdo each other in "Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better".

Joey Dvorscak had practiced his gymnastic talents earlier at rehearsal but he was so inspired by the singing that he changed his act to half a song. Still, dancing produced some memorable moments such as Brianna and Julia's country jamboree moves with Tim on guitar. Carson Barnes offered an original silent twirling dance while Emily Neyhart, in her striking pink toe shoes, presented her ballet interpretation of "Sleeping Beauty".

A commercial break was offered by Ryan Kelley, Preston Boxley, Garrett & Jeralyn Tatano and Colin McCaffrey. "The Chase" involved an art museum statue that came to life and led a mad capped romp around the stage that finished as a dancing ad for Geico. Stacey Lachut ended the show with her melodic tribute to an old Carly Simon country tune.

BINGO BASH

On Wednesday night, O-70 finally came during the 4-corners special game requested by the DeFrancis family but took them until the second half of the evening for one of their own (Robert) to win a game. The proper documentation of the results was provided by Stephen Hott-Bellingham. When it came to winning prizes, it was a sea of purple tie-dyed Capon T-shirts in the front row which collected the most booty. Kathryn Schubert took the first game and her father Mike won not only the advertised prize but a 75th anniversary token. He earned the wooden coin by winning the game in which O-75 was called. Later on in the evening, Mike's father in law Col. Bowen also won.

After missing a few years, Ilene McCaffrey made it worth the trip back by winning her first Bingo game. Her husband Joe proved his calling ability by hosting a special game in the shape of "T". While some left the evening winless after 20 or more years of playing Bingo at Capon, six year old Riley Joncas won 3 golf balls and two year old Sam Jones took home the tasty apple sauce.. Sarah Crinkley took the surprise box instead of the postcards but thought twice about it when her prize was the 10 stamps for the postcards she passed up. Sarah's dad Jim was the only one left to try and outlast Andrew Schuler for the worst card game, but he was unsuccessful. Andrew's mom Karen led a spirited game of Screwball fulfilling her dream of calling Bingo. Her dad Ed Rowell ended the evening with taking home the coveted homemade cookies.



Tennis: All in the Family

Wednesday's tennis tournament featured ten teams and a late start. The start was delayed because an over-night shower had the games committee scurrying to get the courts playable. The Har-tru court and the lower all weather court were playable by 10:00 am and the fun commenced. On the Har-tru surface the team of Robert and Dottie DeFrancis used a sweep of the defending champions, Courtney and Mike Joncas, as a spring-board into the finals. The Joncas team rallied to pick up ten wins which was good for second place on that court.

On the lower all weather court it took ten games to determine a winner. In game number ten, Ronnie DeFrancis and his sister Michelle earned a 2-2 tie with Daniel and Karen Schuler which gave them 12 wins to the Schuler's 10. The siblings advanced to the finals where their older brother and mother were waiting with a gaudy 15-1 mark. With thoughts of barbecue running through their heads, Ronnie and Michelle jumped out to a 2-0 lead with Ronnie serving for the match. Mom and Robert broke through then Dottie held serve to force a seven point tiebreaker. Dottie and Robert moved out to a 4-3 lead. The match turned when Michelle held serve then she and Ronnie broke their older brother serve twice for the championship and cookies.



Basketball Toss

Keith Bratz knocked down eight of ten free throws in Friday's free throw tournament. He was confident of taking the winning prize of the 75th anniversary hat, until late entry Ronnie DeFrancis stepped up and tied his mark. Jeff Bratz and Tim Ravenscroft tried to match their 80% but came up one short of the shootout. In the extra round, Keith calmly knocked 3 shots out of 5, while Ronnie's unfortunate bagel left him as runner up.

Shuffleboard Report

A drenching rain Thursday morning forced the kid's shuffleboard tourney to be moved back two hours to 11:30. The postponement was rewarded as bright sunshine and fast flying pucks helped to quickly dry the four tournament courts. Unlike some weeks when teams struggled to reach the needed 30 points, first round matches were over within a matter of minutes. The team of Jason Dvorscak and Garrett Tatano and the pair of Stephen Hott-Bellingham and Dylan Stengel breezed through their initial matches, with a semifinal showdown looming. In a grueling, back and forth match up, Jason and Garrett used a double digit outburst to finally seal the victory and land in the finals.

On the other side of the bracket, Michael Wagner and Jacqui Barnes teamed up to wreak havoc on their opponents using their high scoring and mistake free approach. They defeated two opponents quickly, before heading to the semis against the talented team of Mikey Reese and Kohlton Sherman. Michael and Jacqui moved on with well-timed defensive shots and a points-first mentality. In the final, Jacqui and Michael buried themselves in an early hole, providing a clear victory for Jason and Garrett.

For those 13 years and older, athletic families from other summer weeks swelled the ranks of the adult tourney overflowing the usual 16 team bracket for the first time in recent years. A slow start followed by a soaking rain forced a flurry of matches on Friday just to get to the quarterfinals. After being eliminated in the semis last year, Doug Amtsberg and Amanda Woodard pushed past Ken & Karen Kennedy to advance to the finals. In the other bracket, Colleen & Jim Tatano battled past Jason & Brittany Tomichek to arrive at the title match. "This is our year!", announced Colleen after acknowledging that this was the first time they had made it past the first round. *The finals were played after lunch instead of after dinner Saturday since both teams were more interested in rescheduling the rained out adult softball game from Thursday night. So come join them up on the hill after dinner tonight!*

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